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## Everett nominated for national award

Mrs. Jessie Everett, business instructor at East Central, has recently been nominated for the National Business Education Association Teacher of the Year Award by the Mississippi Business Education Association. She was nominated for her outstanding work in the field of business education. She has taught business at East Central for the past twenty-seven years.

Mrs. Everett is a member of the ECJC Faculty Club, the Miss. Association of Educators, the Miss. Business Education Association, Miss. Junior College Faculty Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and Delta Phi Epsilon. Having received her education from several schools, her Master of Business Education Degree was attained at the University of Mississippi.

Mrs. Everett has received many honors, including: Miss. Federation of Women's Clubs' Teacher of the Year, and District President of the Year; ECJC Alumni Association's President's Plaque. She has also appointed and directed a state committee on data processing.

Mrs. Everett, a former Neshoba Countian, is married to Decatur attorney, Bobby Everett. They have two children.

This award will be presented at the NBEA Convention in Chicago. Congratulations to Mrs. Everett on her fine work and on her nomination. The Tom-Tom staff wishes her well as she attends the NBEA Convention.



## SPRING MUSICAL CAST

The cast for East Central Junior College's Spring Musical was chosen February 1. Those chosen for parts are: (first row, left to right) Robbie Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phariest Childress of Louisville; Denise Dobson, daughter of Mrs. Jeanette Dobson of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; Pete Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Bailey of Philadelphia; (second row, left to right) Richard Warren, son of Mrs. Laverne Warren of Morton; Cindy Haralson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Haralson of Forest; Brooks McElhenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry McElhenney of Decatur; Diane Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Griffin of Decatur; Wayne Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Bishop of Union; Harriet Vickers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vickers of Decatur; (third row, left to right) Kerry Winstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Winstead of Union; Ada Moreau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moreau of Decatur; David Gressett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gressett of Chunky; Kay Fulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Fulton of Philadelphia; Scott Bounds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Bounds of Philadelphia; and (not pictured) Lee Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Weeks of Noxapater.

March 27...

## Curtain to open on musical comedy

By HARRIET VICKERS

On March 27th, the curtain will open on East Central's production of the musical comedy, **The Pajama Game**. This will be the fifteenth musical under the direction of Mr. Bruce Peterson.

Based on the book by Abbott and Bissell, the play centers around a labor dispute in a pajama factory in Iowa. The old saying, "opposites attract" certainly holds true in this play when the leaders of the opposing forces fall in love. The workers strike for 7½ cents raise and prove that they can stand up for what they believe in.

Practice for the musical is underway and going smoothly according to Mr. Peterson. The cast rehearses on Monday and Wednesday at 3:30 and Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

A large group of students from the five-county area is involved with the production, both on stage and behind stage. Cast members include: Brooks McElhenney, Diane Griffin, Wayne

Bishop, Harriet Vickers, Richard Warren, Cindy Haralson, Robbie Childress, Ada Moreau, Pete Bailey, Denise Dobson, Lee Weeks, Kay Fulton, Scott Bounds, David Gressett, Kerry Winstead.

Chorus members are: Amy Cox, Cindy Bane, Eliza Harkins, Mary Matlock, Carol Parker, Jeff Pennington, Johnny Walker, and Andy Thaggard.

Dancers are; Rory Trapp, Melesia Spence, Teresa Freeny, Kerry Winstead, Mary Matlock and Wanda Ezell.

Assisting Mr. Peterson as Assistant Director is Vicky Haralson. Music is directed by Mr. Tom Carson and Mrs. Marion Thornton, with Mr. Ovid Vickers as choreographer.

Tickets for **The Pajama Game** will go on sale March 20. General admission will be \$4.00 and East Central students may purchase their tickets for \$1.00 with their student I.D.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. each night.

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## —NOTICE—



The East Central Junior College Beauty Pageant is coming up soon. This pageant is a Miss America Local Pageant.

Girls who enter the pageant must be between the ages of 18 and 26 and must be a high school graduate.

The girls will compete in four different areas. They are: private interview, swimsuit, evening gown and talent competition.

The private interview and the swimsuit will only be seen by the judges, with the rest of the pageant open to the public. The talent competition counts for 50% of the total score.

The winner of the East Central pageant will receive a \$500 scholarship and an opportunity to compete in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg during the summer.

Any girl interested in entering the pageant should contact Mrs. Martha Graham for more information.

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## Spring Fashion Show to be held March 6

The East Central Junior College Spring Fashion Show will be held March 6. This show will be presented by the East Central Modeling Squad.

The girls will be modeling merchandise from different stores in this area. Many squad members plan to be accompanied by children modeling children's wear from area department stores.

The Fashion Squad members for this semester

include: Teresa Lepard, Stephanie McDaughn, Sissy Johnston, Harriet Vickers, Kim Parker, Teresa Freeny, Karpinos Darden, Karen Creekmore, Melissa Gray, Marie Thames, Melesia Spence, Dianne Griffin, Linda Jones, Mattie McDougale, Sandy Griffin, Jeridean White, Jill McLaurin, Stacy Sanders, Lee Ann Hartness.

The narrator for the squad is Linda Jones.

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# Student Body selects '83-'84 Who's Who

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## SOPHOMORE FAVORITES

Selected by their classmates as Sophomore Favorites were: (seated, left to right) Belynda Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kemp of Louisville; Melissa Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Bates of Philadelphia; Kerry Winstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Winstead of Union; Dayna Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Williamson of Philadelphia; (standing, left to right) Dan Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby S. Sullivan of Louisville; and Wes Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tillman of Philadelphia.



## FRESHMAN FAVORITES

Selected by their classmates as Freshman Favorites were: (seated, left to right) Melissa Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gray of Union; Wanda Cooksey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cooksey of Lake; Lisa LaBarbera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent LaBarbera of Amite, Louisiana; Billy Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Johnson of Philadelphia; (standing, left to right) Keith Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arnold Rogers of Louisville; and Joey Blount, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blount of Philadelphia.

# WHO'S WHO WI

The 1984 edition of *Who's Who* among American Junior Colleges will include the names of 25 students from East Central Junior College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.



Students named from Neshoba County this year are: Dayna Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williamson of Philadelphia and (not pictured) Melanie Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bishop of Union.



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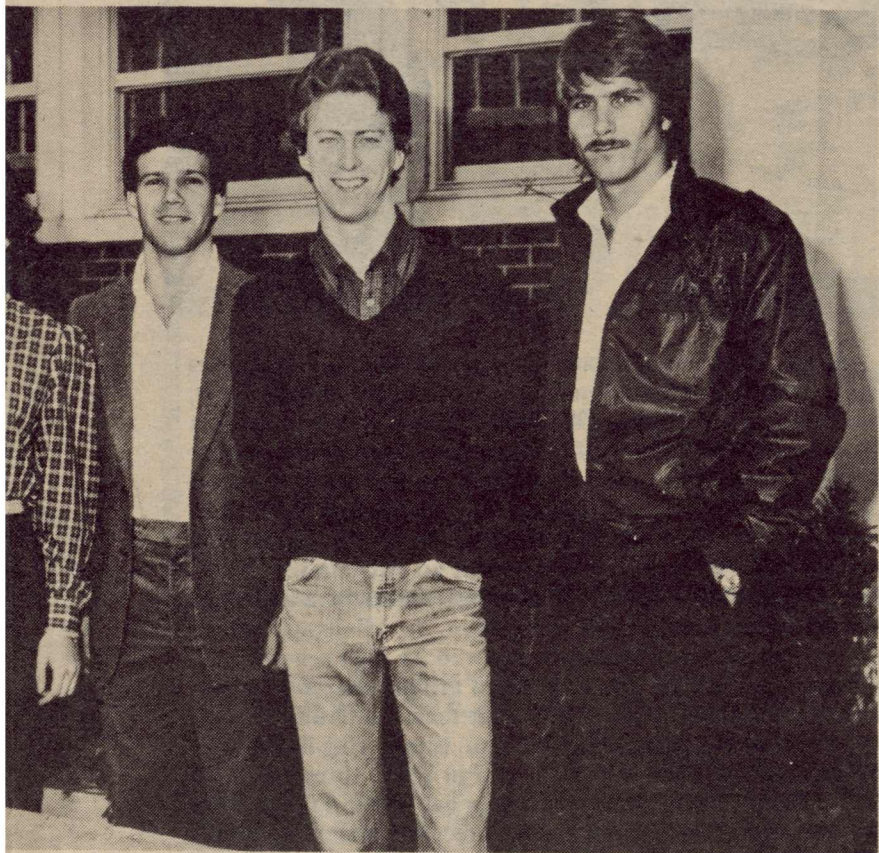
Students from Newton County named this year include: (seated, left to right) Melesia Spence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spence of Decatur; Mary Matlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Matlock of Little Rock; Diane Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Griffin of Decatur; Pam Savell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clif-

ton Savell of Union; (standing, left to right) Darryl Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Meador of Decatur; Harriet Vickers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Vickers of Decatur; Wayne Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Bishop of Union; and (not pictured) Mike Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gibbs of Newton.



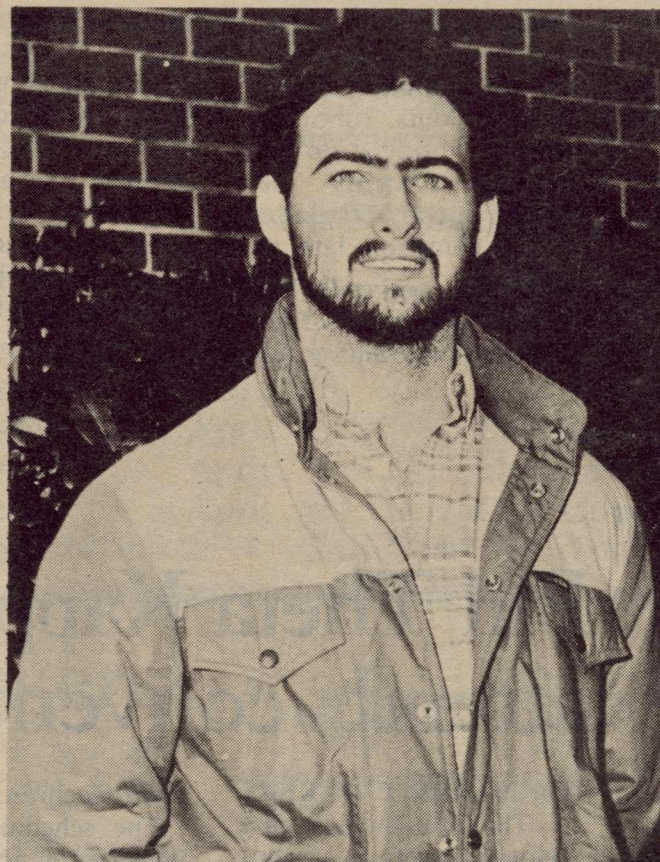
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# WINNERS AT ECJC



Winston County: (left to right) Mike Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Belynda Kemp, and Mrs. Jerry Kemp of

Louisville; David Boydston, son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Boydston of Louisville; Tim Triplett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Triplett of Preston; and Doug McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKay of Louisville.



Named this year from Quitman County was Ronald S. Partain, son of Mrs. Dottie Rea Murray of Marks and Mr. Robert Partain.



Quitman County named this year (left to right) Mike Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Belynda Kemp, and Mrs. Jerry Kemp of



Students from Scott County named this year include: (seated, left to right) Cindy Haralson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Haralson of Forest; Stephanie McCaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCaughn of Morton; Charmaine McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McMillan of Forest; Mrs. Gayle Harrell of Pelahatchie; (standing, left to right) Richard Warren, son of Mrs. Laverne Warren of Morton; Rodney Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gunn of Forest; and David Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herring of Forkville.

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At ECJC...

## Closed-circuit T.V.s obtained

By WINSTON KIDD

East Central Junior College has obtained new closed-circuit televisions in order to extend their instructional use from the library to the classroom. This program was funded by Title III of the Higher Education Act.

The closed-circuit televisions which are not being operated in the library are very limited and are used for supplementary purposes only. The new system will allow better utilization of material. A greater number of students will be allowed to view the same program at the same time.

The Title III grant will provide a closed-circuit television for every classroom building. Double level classroom buildings will have a television on each floor. The buildings which are not in the process of getting these new televisions are Cross Hall, Newton Hall, the Vocational Building, and the Fine Arts Building. Televisions for the Physical Education and the Vocational Annex Buildings are being delayed because there are fewer classes and because they are farther away. Televisions for these two buildings will be added at a later date.

The televisions that have been purchased are the latest 25 inch color

design from RCA. They have remote control digital channel selection. The closed circuit channels are limited to four. These channels are two, five, seven, and nine. The sets will copy off air for up to six hours. Time controls are installed on the copier, allowing the school to copy programs which come on late at night or on weekends. The system will operate four different programs at the

same time.

The equipment budget for this new program is \$20,000. The additional two sets needed will cost another \$4,000.

The central system for the closed-circuit sets is being installed in the library. Tapes will be selected through the library. The librarians will operate the system, which should be completely installed by mid-semester.

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## Phi Theta Kappa to attend convention

By HARRIET VICKERS

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on campus is making plans for their trip to Washington, D.C., where the national convention is being held this year.

Mrs. Burkes states that while traveling to Washington the group will be making some stops at historical points of interest. While in Washington, they will visit the offices of Congressman G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Senator John Stennis, and Senator

Thad Cochran.

The schedule for the Washington convention includes four general sessions, guest speaker Arkady Sheuchenko, former Soviet Ambassador, and a nighttime tour of the Federal City.

Accompanying the society members to the convention will be their sponsors, Mrs. Anne Burkes and Mr. Rudolph Mayes. The group will leave East Central on March 21 and return on March 25.

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Stanley Mack Parkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Parkes of Louisville and a Sophomore at East Central Junior College, was recently awarded the 1984 ROTC Medal by the Bobashela Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Presenting the award is Mrs. Katherine Walters, Bobashela Chapter Chairman of the National Defense Committee and DAR State Chairman of the Rosalie Committee. The award is presented each year by the Bobashela Chapter of an outstanding ROTC student who has excelled academically and in leadership, military performance, and citizenship. In Mississippi seven universities, eleven junior colleges, and 23 high schools participate in the ROTC program. Each of the schools are sponsored by a chapter of the DAR in the local community. Stan, a graduate of Noxapater High School, is majoring in Geology at East Central. He is President of Phi Theta Kappa and the ROTC Cadet Association and a member of the French Club and Mu Alpha Theta. Stan was also recently named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

## EMT class to be taught

By WINSTON KIDD

An Emergency Medical Technician Class is being taught at East Central Junior College's campus two nights a week in the Vocational Annex. The instructors of the class are Doyle and June Gordon, operators of the Newton Ambulance Service, and Mary Massengale, R.N., who is the campus nurse here at East Central.

Students in the class learn to handle many different types of emergencies. Among the techniques taught are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, extrication from buildings, and emergency childbirth.

A major emphasis is placed on the use of Mast Trousers which are used to combat shock. Students also learn how to treat spinal injuries, head injuries, and fractures. They learn what to do to a person who has been poisoned and how to stop bleeding.

The students who participate in the class have to be sponsored by some type of emergency organization such as an ambulance service, fire department, or hospital emergency room. Two of the students are being sponsored by factories for insurance purposes. There are a total of eleven students in the class. They are from Newton, Union, Carthage, Philadelphia, and Enterprise.

The Emergency Medical Technician class began on January 10 and will end on April 19. During the process of the course, each student is required to spend ten hours in an emergency room.

Upon completion of the program with a passing grade, the student is eligible to take the National Registry Exam to become a Certified Emergency Technician.

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Roberta Holt, accounting instructor at East Central Junior College, has passed the examination to become a Certified Public Accountant. Holt has served in her present position at East Central since 1981. Prior to joining the East Central faculty, she was employed as an accountant for W.T. Blackwell in Philadelphia and at Ergon, Inc. in Jackson. Holt received a bachelor of science degree in Accounting and a master's degree in Business Administration from Mississippi University for Women and has done additional graduate work at Mississippi State University and Mississippi University for Women. While at MUW, she was a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Kappa Mu Epsilon, the Committee of 82, and the Rosette Social Club.



## 1984 TENNIS SCHEDULE

Monday	March 5	Jones	There
Thursday	March 8	Meridian	Here
Wednesday	March 21	Jones	Here
Monday	March 26	Holmes	There
Thursday	March 29	Delta	Here
Monday	April 2	Holmes	Here
Tuesday	April 10	Delta	There
Wednesday	April 18	Meridian	There
April 25, 26, 27			Meridian (St. Tourney)

## 1984 GOLF SCHEDULE

Thursday	March 1	Hinds
Wednesday	March 7	East Central
Monday	March 19	Southwest
Tuesday	March 27	Pearl River
Tuesday	April 3	Co-Lin
Monday	April 9	Meridian
Monday	April 16	Gulf Coast
April 24 and 25		Gulf Coast (St. Tourney)

## Intramural BB season to end

The ECJC Intramural basketball season is coming to a close. The final standings of the men's season as they went into the tournament were: Lawmen, 11-0; Road Warriors, 11-1; Phi Slamma Jamma, 9-3; Invaders,

8-3; Krunch Bunch, 8-4; String Music, 7-5; Hit Squad, 6-6; Night Hawks, 6-6; Devil Babies, 5-7; Love Bugs, 4-8; Time Bombs, 2-9; and Last Resort, 1-12.

The ladies' standings were: The Snakes, 7-1;

Bandits, 6-3; New Edition, 3-6; and Cheap Shots, 1-7.

The tournaments began Wednesday, February 22. Men will play single elimination while the women will play double elimination.

## Support Spring Sports!

### Warriorettes Basketball...

## Win-Loss Average disappoints coach

By DOUG McKAY

The 1983-84 basketball season for the ECJC Warriorettes has not been all that the team had hoped it would be. Yet one must consider the factors which have affected this year's team. Height depth has been a paramount problem when rebounding was a key factor. The inexperience of a team consisting primarily of freshmen has contributed to this year's disappointing showing. "Dayna Williamson, a sophomore, alternates with Gina McCoy, but other than that, five freshmen start," Coach Lucille Wood noted on the issue of inexperience. Other problems have been injuries, illness (flu), and key persons missing in key games.

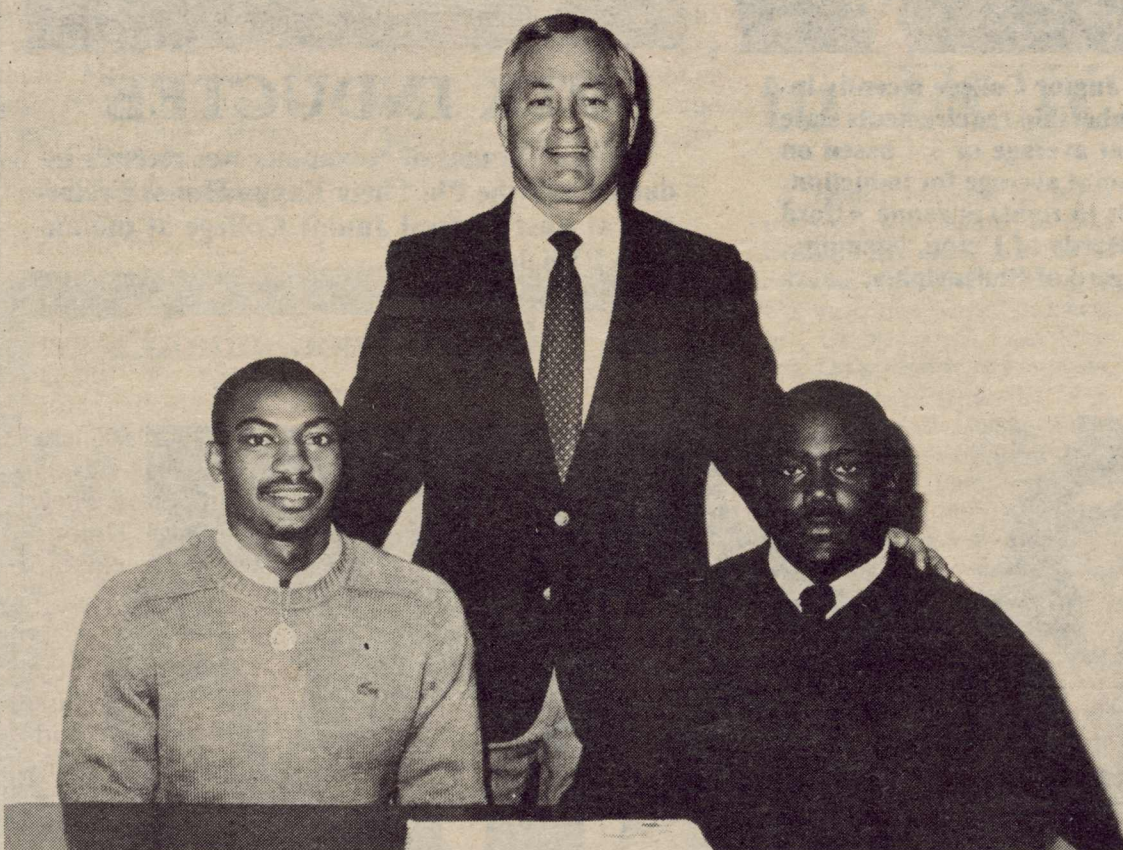
"I am disappointed in the won-loss record, for the team, but their desire and hustle and attitude are unquestioned. They have been a very fine, hard-working group, and if next year we can add some

recruits in key positions, we could have a real competitive team," said Coach Wood.

Coach Wood also mentioned that despite the frustration that comes with a season like this the team has not quit, but rather all original team members are still on the team and they have stuck together as a team. They have the satisfaction of knowing they participated, they competed, and they have given their all and have done the best they could. "Discipline has not been any problem, and this has been a good group of well-rounded people with whom I have enjoyed working," said Coach Wood.

Highlighting the season in double-digit scoring have been Dayna Williamson, Beverly Chambers, and Joy Eichelberger. Joy has a team high average of 21.9 points per game, and both Chambers and Eichelberger will be returning.

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Two members of the East Central Junior College Warriors football team have been recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Percy Johnson (left) of Harvey, Louisiana has been named to the First Team of the NJCAA, All-Star, All-State, and All-Region 23. Thomas Russell (right) of Oakdale, Louisiana has been named Honorable Mention by the NJCAA, All-Star, All-State, and All-Region 23. Johnson, a 172-lbs. wide receiver and Sophomore at East Central, led the team in pass receptions with 42 receptions for 663 yards (an average of 15.5). Russell, a 230-lbs. defensive end and Sophomore at ECJC, led the Warrior defense with 71 solos and 64 assists, covered two fumbles, and had 11 sacks and one interception. Russell has signed with transferred to Murray State, Murray, Kentucky. Picture above with Johnson and Russell is A.J. Kilpatrick, head football coach at East Central Junior College.

# Twenty PTK Initiates

Recently at the Phi Theta Kappa banquet, twenty new members were initiated. New members, old members, and guests were treated to a delicious meal prepared by Leonard Lee and his staff. After the meal, the group was

entertained by Dr. Shelby Harris, math instructor at East Central and a Phi Theta Kappa Alumnus.

The banquet then became a bit more serious as the new members were given the oath of membership and presented with

their certificates of membership. The new members then lit symbolic candles, and photographs were made for the newspapers.

New members initiated include: Suzanne Alford, Elaine Bates, Annette

Dolan, Laura Fulton, Chris Gilmer, Rodney Gunn, Tina Guthrie, Shelia Hardy, Tina Hollingsworth, Charmaine McMillan, Dessa Mercer, Alesia Rigdon, Laurie Risher, Debbie Russell, Andy Thaggard, Ginger

Thomas, Pam Tune, Vicky Wyatt, Alan Rhea, and Teresa Hoyt.

Mrs. Burkes, Mr. Mayes and the members of the Phi Theta Kappa look forward to a productive and enjoyable semester.



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity at East Central Junior College recently inducted new members at the annual PTK banquet. Membership requirements state that a Freshman must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 based on a 4.0 system and a Sophomore must have a 3.3 grade point average for induction. New members from Neshoba County are: (seated, left to right) Suzanne Alford of Philadelphia, Elaine Bates of Philadelphia, Sheila Hardy of Union, (standing, left to right) Laurie Risher of Philadelphia, Andy Thaggard of Philadelphia, Laura Fulton of Philadelphia and Pam Tune of Union.



## PTK INDUCTEE

Ginger Thomas of Noxapater was recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity at East Central Junior College at the annual PTK banquet.



## NEWTON INITIATES

Initiates to PTK from Newton County are: Debbie Russell, Vickie Wyatt, Alesia Rigdon, and



## SCOTT INITIATES

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At close of theatre season...

## ECJC Players hold annual banquet

By HARRIET VICKERS

The ECJC Players celebrated the conclusion of a successful theatre season with their annual banquet in the Gold Room of Mabry Cafeteria recently. The theme of the awards banquet was "Memories", with decorations depicting the fifteen musicals which the Players have presented under the direction of Bruce Peterson.

As a surprise for Mr. Peterson, the Players had arranged for members of the casts from most of the fifteen musicals to appear at the banquet. These included current teachers, students, and professional people who reminisced about their participation in different musicals through the years.

Following the meal, the awards segment of the program took place with the following awards being presented: Best Song- Marion Thornton; Best Chorus Members- Eliza Harkins and Andy Thaggard; Most Congenial- Cindy Haralson; and Best Walk-on (Dinner Theatre)-Scott Bounds.

Other awards included: Best Walk-On (Musical) - Kay Fulton; Best Orchestra Member - Phillip Sistrunk; Best Small Parts - Denise Dobson and Robbie Childress; Best Dancer - Teresa Freeny; Best Line (Dinner Theatre) - Kerry Winstead; Best Line (Musical) - Denise Dobson; Best Crew Member - Tonya Hillman; Best Character Role - Ada Moreau.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Mr. Peterson presented Acting Awards to Diane Griffin, Richard Warren, Harriet Vickers, and Wayne Bishop. He also presented "Outstanding Players" Awards to the following students: Kara Craig, Rory Trapp, Pete Bailey, Scott Bounds, Melesia Spence, Teresa Freeny, Vicky Haralson, Darlene McClendon, Sharon Mills, and Mary Matlock.

Special entertainment for the banquet was provided by Marie Henson, Diane Griffin, Johnny Walker, Cindy Bane, and "Ken's Chorus", a group put together by Ken Smith.

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Individual Awards went to (left to right, standing), Phillip Sistrunk, Robbie Childress, Cindy Haralson, Scott Bounds, Ada Moreau, and Kerry Winstead; (seated) Tanya Hillman, Teresa Freeny, Kay Fulton, Denise Dobson, Eliza Harkens.

## Seven members are elected to ECJC's Hall of Fame

A record number of seven members were named to East Central's Hall of Fame for 1984. Selected were Wayne Bishop of Union, Diane Griffin of Decatur, Gayle Harrell from Morton, Doug McKay of Louisville, Stan Parkes of Louisville, Harriet Vickers of Decatur, and Richard Warren from Morton.

The Hall of Fame is one of East Central's highest honors. Selection is made by a faculty committee after nominations have been made by students and faculty. Criteria for selection are contribution to the school, scholarship, and citizenship.

Wayne Bishop has been active in band and theater for two years. He has been drum major, first chair trumpet, pianist for the jazz band, trumpet accompanist for the Collegians, and a member of the Junior College All-State Band for two years. He is active in the ECJC Players, serving as president this year. He had the lead in last year's musical "The Man of La Mancha" and had a supporting role in "Pajama Game." For two years he had parts in the dinner theatre. His other activities include Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta, and Alpha

Alpha Epsilon. His grade point average is 3.3.

Diane Griffin has been active in the Collegians, the Warrior Corps, the fashion squad, and the choir. Last year she served as freshman class president and prom chairman. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, which she serves as secretary-treasurer, and the Wesley Foundation. Active in theatre, she was in last year's dinner theatre and had the lead in this year's musical. She has a 3.7 average.

Gayle Harrell is a married commuting student who has maintained a 3.8 average while participating in several activities on campus. A mother of two, Gayle drives the commuter bus from Morton each day. She is vice-president of Mu Alpha Theta, a member of the Student Education Association, and Phi Theta Kappa. One of her primary activities on campus is helping her classmates with homework problems.

Doug McKay has served as Sports Editor of the TOM-TOM and president of the sophomore class. He is also a member of the Warrior Corps

and is active in intramural activities. Last year Doug was selected freshman class favorite. His GPA is 3.7.

Stan Parks serves as president of both Phi Theta Kappa and the ROTC Cadet Association. He received this year's ROTC Award. His other activities include Mu Alpha Theta and the French Club. Stan's GPA is 3.7.

Harriet Vickers has been active in all phases of campus life. She is editor of the TOM-TOM, vice-president of the Student Body Association, sophomore class treasurer, and Phi Theta Kappa secretary. She also participates in the Fashion Squad, the Warrior Corps, intramurals, the varsity tennis team, and the ECJC Players. Active in theatre, Harriet has participated in the dinner theatre and the musicals for two years. She has an overall average of 3.9.

Richard Warren has been active in the plays on campus, participating in both musicals and the dinner theatre. He is treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa, program chairman of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and an officer of the ECJC Players. He is a member of the ECJC band. Richard's GPA is 3.5.

### Examination Schedule Spring 1984

Period	Time
Thursday, April 26, 1984	
B	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
C	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 27, 1984	
2	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
7	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, April 30, 1984	
3	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
4	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1, 1984	
6	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
A	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
D	1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2, 1984	
5	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
E	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All Vocational course exams will be given Wednesday, May 2, 1984 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

All grades are due by Wednesday, May 2, 1984 at 2:00 P.M.



1984 ECJC Beauties, left to right, are: Nancy Joe Buntyn; Jill McLaurin; Melesia Spence, Most Beautiful, Kim Parker, and Hatcher.

## ECJC Scholarship Pageant is held Friday, April 6

The Miss East Central Junior College Scholarship Pageant was recently held in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Friday, April 6, 1984. Nine girls from the five-county area participated in the various areas of competition. They competed in interview, swimsuit, talent, and evening gown competition. The interview and swimsuit competitions were held Friday afternoon and were closed to the public. The talent and evening gown competitions began at 7:00 Friday evening.

To enter an official Miss America Preliminary Pageant, the girls must meet certain basic requirement and agree to abide by all rules of the local, state and national Miss America Pageants. A contestant must be a female between the ages of 17 and 26. She must be a high school graduate, never have been married or had a marriage annulled, be of good moral character, and be a citizen of the United States. The lucky

young lady who wins the Miss America crown also wins a \$25,000.00 scholarship.

The nine young ladies who competed for the title of Miss ECJC were Jill McLaurin of Decatur, Kim Parker of Lawrence, Amy Cox of Lake, Nancy Buntyn of Union, Melesia Spence of Decatur, Lisa Dooley of Louisville, Wanda Latham of Forest, Jennifer Hatcher of Louisville, and Cindy Bane also of Louisville.

The four girls who were named as beauties were Nancy Buntyn, Jennifer Hatcher, Kim Parker, and Jill McLaurin. Melesia Spence was crowned as Miss ECJC by Miss ECJC 1983, Teresa Freeny.

Entertainment for the pageant was furnished by Teresa Freeny, who performed two free-style, jazz dances, and The Collegians who sang several songs. Alicia Pouncey, Decatur's Junior Miss, sang "Send In The Clowns".

Judges for the event were Mr.

and Mrs. Sy Williams and Mrs. Dorothy Akin Little. Mr. Bruce Peterson served as Master of Ceremonies. Martha Graham was the pageant director, and Chris Gilmer was the assistant pageant director. The Collegians are under the direction of Mr. Tom Carson, and Cindy Haralson serves as their accompanist. Mrs. Graham thanks everyone who participated or in anyway contributed to the production of the pageant. A special thanks goes to the Fundamentals of Theatre class.

For winning the pageant, Melesia received a \$500.00 scholarship. As first alternate, Nancy Buntyn received a \$100.00 scholarship. Congratulations to Teresa Freeny for a wonderful reign as Miss ECJC 1983, and congratulations to all of the winners in this year's pageant. A special congratulations to Melesia Spence, Miss ECJC 1984. And from the TOM-TOM staff and the entire ECJC Student Body, best wishes in Vicksburg at the state pageant.

### ECJC Scholarship Pageant...

## Miss Spence chosen 1984's Miss ECJC

Crowned as 1984's Miss ECJC last Friday night was Melesia Spence of Decatur. The new Miss ECJC, who will represent the college in the Miss Mississippi pageant in Vicksburg this summer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spence and is a graduate of Decatur High School.

The TOM-TOM interviewed Melesia shortly after the pressures of competition day had subsided. When asked how she felt after such a hectic day, Melesia replied, "I'm relieved that the tension and nervousness are over, but I'm delighted to have been chosen to represent East Central in Vicksburg."

Melesia, a brown-haired, brown-eyed beauty, has been a popular and active student during her two years here at East Central, participating in a number of extracurricular activities while maintaining an outstanding academic record.

For her talent, Melesia performed the song, "My Guy." In the swimsuit competition, she modeled a black one-piece swimsuit while in the evening gown competition she wore a red chiffon dress cut along empire lines.

In reply to a question about adjusting to her new title, Melesia commented that she is already enjoying being able to represent East Central Junior College and added, "I am deeply humbled by this honor, and I shall certainly try to live up to the standards which the title of Miss ECJC carries with it."

Melesia has already begun preparing for the Miss Mississippi Pageant which will be held in July. Having participated in the State Junior Miss Pageant two years ago, she looks forward to meeting the other contestants and making new friends.

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Amy Cox--Miss Congeniality

## 1984-85 SBA Officers are elected

Rory Trapp of Union was elected to serve as Student Body Association President of the 1984-85 school year. Other officers to serve with him are Melissa Gray of Union, Vice-President; Lisa Gardner, secre-

tary; and Janet Jackson of Philadelphia, treasurer.

When asked what he planned to accomplish or change next fall, Rory stated that he hoped to have a successful 84-85 school year. He also stated that he

was pleased with this year's SBA's accomplishment and that he hopes to continue the success. He is looking forward to working with the other newly elected officers and with Dean Brackeen, SBA sponsor.



## Eichelberger wins high BB honors

By DOUG McKAY

East Central freshman Joy Eichelberger of Louisville had an outstanding year on the basketball court. In recognition of various achievements, Joy has been chosen to the All-State Junior College team and to the All-Region 23 Team. Region 23 is composed of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Among Joy's notable accomplishments this year is the fact that she scored 594 points for a game average of 22. She attempted 217 free throws for 137 points, averaging 12.76 free throws per game. Her free throw shooting average was 63%. She broke the school record of attempted free throws, which had been held by another Louisville star Esther Thomas. Thomas' record fell when Eichelberger attempted 25 free throws against Hinds Junior College.

Joy scored in double figures in every game but one. She played in 13 games with 20 plus points, 5 games with 30 or more points, and an incredible high of 41 points in one game against Clarke College. The one game in which she failed to reach double figures was when she sprained her ankle against Co-Lin and played only the first part of the game.

Commenting on Joy's excellent caliber of play, Coach Lucille Wood stated, "Joy is one in a long list of surprises who have made good in college sports. She is a true athlete, and I noticed her when she was playing at Louisville. Let's just say I took a chance and signed her. Now, I'm happy I did. I am looking forward to her playing next year along with our returning sophomores who made excellent contributions to our team."

### Williamson Selected All-State

Dayna Williamson, who had a good year on the basketball court as part of the Warriorette team, was selected to the Mississippi Junior College Association South State All-Star team. She represented East Central in the All-Star game that was held at Holmes Junior College on April 9. Although her team lost, Dayna had these comments, "It was a tough and challenging experience. I consider it to be one of the highlights of my basketball career."

For the 1984-1984 season...

## Three sign to play Warrior basketball; more expected

By DOUG McKAY

Coach Steve Rives announced the following signees for the 1984-85 ECJC men's basketball team: Kenny Morgan of Morton; George Watkins of Lake; and Bernard Mason of South Leake.

Coach Rives also stated that

two other young men from our area have scholarship offers but have yet to decide. Rives said that the basketball program has been active in looking at out-of-state players also. He said he hoped that a number of these young men will be here within the next two weeks.

"This has been a good year for talent," Coach Rives stated. "We feel that with these three who have signed, and if the other two from our district sign, we will have taken some good junior college and perimeter players. We must emphasize size in our out-of-state recruiting."

## Baseball team shows much improvement

The ECJC Warrior baseball squad has been quite active and productive, although much rain has caused many forfeits. Still, the team is much improved over last year's dismal season. The Warriors, as of April 10, have a record of 4 - 20. The four wins have all been very impressive.

The Warriors defeated Jones 3-2, Holmes 10-0, Itawamba 10-0, and Pearl River 7-6. This last victory for ECJC was espe-

cially sweet from Pearl River, the division leader. It was a good game that saw David Boydston pitching for the Warriors, and Grand Abercrombie hitting a three-run homer for the go-ahead runs.

The four victories are examples of good teamwork. They have had to be since there are only nine men on the squad, leaving no depth at any position and a great deal of pitcher rotation. Highlighting these team efforts

are David Boydston, Ricky Goss, and Dan Sullivan who are all hitting better than 300.

Leading in homeruns are Grand Abercrombie, 3; Goss, 2; and Sullivan, 2. In the pitching department, Abercrombie has three victories and Boydston has 1. Abercrombie pitched a no-hitter in the victory over Itawamba.

Commenting on the season, Coach Steve Rives remarked, "Even though the record is disappointing, in the last few weeks, we have improved. We are closer to playing solid baseball, our pitching has much improved, and our defense has gotten stronger."

"There are very few players who will be back," Rives continued, "and there will be recruiting in baseball as in other sports. We hope to get all the good players in our area, but we will have to get some out-of-state players also. If we do, we should be able to compete with teams of the caliber of Pearl River and Gulf Coast."

The season closes at Gulf Coast on April 14.



## Warriorettes sign '84-'85 BB players

By DOUG McKAY

The following women athletes have been recruited and signed to play basketball at East Central next fall:

Necie White-Morton; Sethia Townsend-Lake; Karen Miller-Louisville; Thira Hufferman-Louisville; Kathy Clemons-Philadelphia; Alice Dawkins-Hickory; Beverly Bowie-Morton; Angie Smith-Leake Academy; Anita Union-T.R. Miller High, Brewton, Alabama.



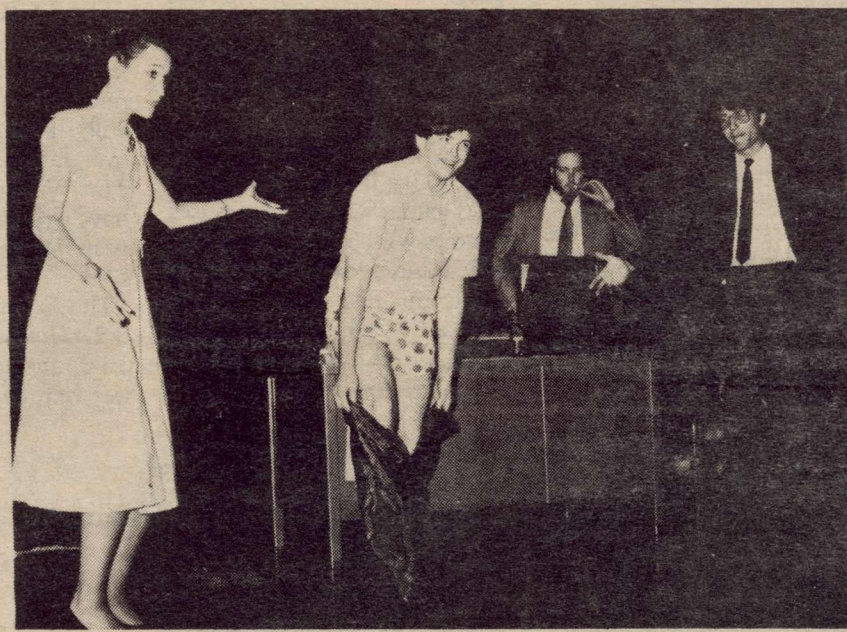
Outstanding Players Awards went to (standing) Scott Bounds, Mary Matlock, Teresa Freeny, Pete Bailey. Seated are: Darlene McLendon, Vicki Harralson, Sharon Mills, and Melesia Spence.



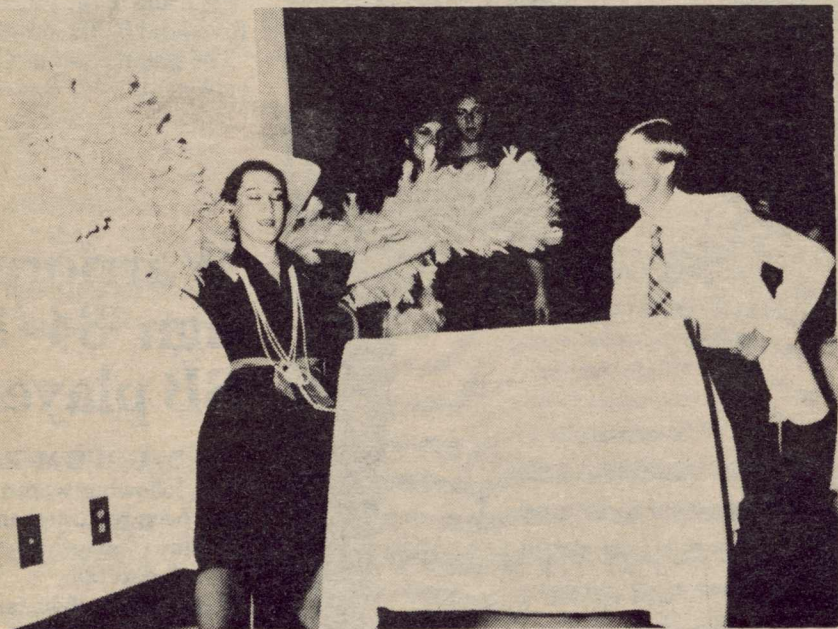
Outstanding Actor's Awards were given to (seated) Harriet Vickers, Diane Griffin, Cindy Haralson, Brooks McElhenny, Wayne Bishop, and Richard Warren.



Showing the pajama factory fashions are: Richard Warren, Harriet Vickers, Diane Griffin, Brooks McElhenny, Cindy Haralson, Wayne Bishop and Ada Moreau.



In the "Pajama Game" Richard Warren dropped his drawers, much to the amusement of Harriet Vickers, Robbie Childress, and David Gresset (and the audience).



Harriet Vickers highlighted "Pajama Game" with her portrayal of a drunk. Amused by her antics are Linda Hardy, Richie Adair, and Brooks McElhenny.



Dancers in "Pajama Game" were: Rory Trapp, Richie Adair, and Linda Hardy with stars Harriet Vickers and Brooks McElhenny.

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## Graduation is May 4th

By **DESSA MERCER**

The 1984 graduation ceremonies for East Central Junior College will be held on May 4th at 8:00 p.m. The graduation will be held in Warrior Stadium, weather permitting. In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held in Huff Auditorium.

There will not be a guest speaker at this year's graduation. The two students

graduating with highest honors will speak briefly. Each honor student will receive a gold tassel to wear during the ceremonies, and these students will be allowed to keep the tassel. To qualify for the honor of wearing a gold tassel a student must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. Due to the difference of construction of the Vocational classes, these students must have a 3.5

average; and the Cosmetology students, due to the very high standards required to take the State Board examination, must have at least a 95 average on all work.

Of the 195 students graduating this semester, there will be 22 candidates from the One-Year Intensive Business Course, 22 current and 21 mid-term graduates from the Vocational divisions, and in the

Academic division 26 will receive an Associate in Science degree, and 33 will receive an Associate in Applied Science. This is the largest number of graduates to receive an A.A.S. in the history of East Central. The increase is due to the increased interest in the technical computer operations class. Associate of Arts degrees will be awarded to 71 candidates. The majority of these degrees will be awarded to students

with a major in business and liberal arts.

The candidates for graduation will be presented by Dr. B.J. Tucker, the Academic Dean of the college, and diplomas will be awarded by Dr. Charles Wright, the President of East Central. In speaking about the graduation, Dr. Tucker said, "I can only say that I wish for each and every graduate the best of luck in their chosen fields."

## Candidates For Graduation

Richard McAuley Adair  
Quanita Demetria Anderson  
John Michael Baggett  
Charles Boyd Bailey  
David Earl Bane  
Melissa Kay Bates  
Charles Wayne Bell  
Melanie Sue Bishop  
Prentiss Wayne Bishop  
Virginia Mae Boozer  
Kenneth Brian Boswell  
Winfred Scott Bounds  
David Karl Boydston  
Jean Ann Brewer  
James Roy Brooks  
Terri Elizabeth Brooks  
Sandra M. Brown  
Hugh Brian Burrage  
Burt Cade  
Kenneth G. Cager  
Joe Alan Clay  
Jerry Don Cook  
Kara Lynn Craig  
Ronald Charles Craig  
Mary Denise Dobson  
Monica Lynn Donovan  
Keefe M. Easton  
John Michael Ellis  
Michael Fredrick Ezelle  
Marty Farrell  
Liz Fortenberry  
Terry C. Franklin  
Mark N. Frederick  
Teresa Diane Freeny  
William Ransom Gatewood  
Donald Selby Germany  
Vivian Dawn Gilmore  
Gary W. Goodin  
Melissa Kaye Goodman  
Deborah Jean Graham  
John Robin Gray

David G. Gressett  
Sara Diane Griffin  
Joseph E. Griffin  
Alison Leigh Gross  
Betty Gunn  
James Rodney Gunn  
Malcolm Wade Hailey  
Jimmy Lenn Hamilton  
Cynthia Ann Haralson  
Linda M. Hardy  
Gayle P. Harrell  
Terry M. Hartness  
Saïd N. Hashimi  
Jennifer Kaye Hatcher  
William David Herring  
Karen Elaine Hillman  
Marie Gainey Hinson  
Michael Brad Hodges  
Tommy Lamar Hollingsworth  
Laura L. Hosey  
Kevin Ward Hudson  
Robert Thomas Ivy  
Emily Ann Johnston  
Susan W. Kea  
Belynda Dawn Kemp  
Winston Lee Kidd  
Daniel Wesley Kight  
Robert Howard Kilpatrick  
Linda F. Leonard  
Kevin Dewayne McAdory  
Timothy Douglas McAdory  
Stephanie McCaughn  
Milton McClendon  
Robert Calvin McCool  
James Douglas McKay  
Charmaine McMillan  
Mary Melissa Matlock  
Steven Lee Mayes  
Diana Faye Mayo  
Darryl Scott Meader  
Mark Dewayne Milling

Sharon Lea Mills  
Ronald Steven Partain  
Randy Kern Peoples  
Charlene Sabrina Perry  
Johnny Ray Phillips  
Lori Ann Pierce  
Julie Rene Pugh  
James Darrell Quick  
Ladd Harlan Reynolds  
Alan Dale Rhea  
Evelyn Amanda Rhodes  
Kimberly Dian Rook  
Joseph Marlin Savell  
Pamela Carole Savell  
Austin C. Scoggin  
Lisa Anne Sessions  
Joy Clarice Sheely  
Robert Michael Sinclair  
Becky Suzanne Smith

Rita Renee Smith  
Arthur Mike Spence  
Melesia Renae Spence  
Larry Harmon Strebeck  
Jeffrey Dan Sullivan  
Kristiane Marie Tatum  
Marie Thames  
Ginger Carol Thomas  
Pamela Annette Thompson  
David Lavelle Tidwell  
Timothy Allen Triplett  
Pamela Renee Tune  
Jamie Ann Turner  
Paula Gail Valentine  
Harriet Sue Vickers  
Pat G. Waldrup  
Sarah Joyce Ware  
Richard Evans Warren  
David Hal Watts  
David Lewis White  
Ivory Rusha Whitten  
Dayna Renee Williamson

Kerry Wynn Winstead

### Intensive Business

Cindy Bane  
Chestean Bounds  
Lisa Ann Brewer  
Melissa Ann Burroughs  
Teresa Lynn Cobb  
Debbie Carol Croxton  
Regina Denise Dubose  
Ellee Vee Gilmore  
Kristie Jo Hurst  
Kimberly Elaine Jones  
Linda Jordan  
Donna Sue McCraw  
Lisa Ann McGee  
Melissa Denise Milling  
Kimberly Moorehead  
Iris Gay Perry  
Tina Lou Sharp  
Brenda Joyce Sharplin  
Vicki Lynn Smith  
Gail Ann Winstead  
Romona Lynn Wright  
Beverly Marie Youngblood

### Vocational

James Randy Banning  
William D. Bell  
Charles Brown  
Terry Steven Bufkin  
Shirley L. Davidson  
Christopher Alan Fairchild  
Terry Fortune  
Scotty Ray Gibson  
Teresa Deloris Gordon  
Tyrone Hardy  
Paul Higgins  
Anita Marie Kirkland  
James Lewis

Timothy Dean Moore  
James Russell Morrow  
Timothy H. Moore  
Beverly Kaye Moss  
Pamela Faye Mowdy  
Kathie Lynn Ozbourn  
Carol Jean Parker  
Kimberly Dianne Parker  
Susan Lynn Parker  
Stanley Mack Parkes  
Tarpley W. Oxner  
Richard Prestage  
Burlyn C. Rigdon  
Greg Rigdon  
James Steven Stewart  
David Keith Williamson

### Mid-Term Vocational

Robert Darrell Bogan  
William Gary Champion  
Dawn Ann Dathan  
John Bure Everett  
Carl Andrew Ezell  
Perry Lee Jones, Jr.  
Scott O'Neal Miley  
James Arthur Moffitt  
Walter Wade Moss  
Donald Lee Nicholas  
Raymond Mack Pullin  
Jimmy Kevin Rash  
Jessie Lee Roberts  
Gregory Miller Sanders  
Leonard Shumake  
Faye M. Thomas  
John E. Thomas  
Karen Lee Todd  
Glenn Willis  
Tommy R. Windham

Classes already planned...

## Summer semester to begin with two five-week sessions

By RICHARD BELK

As the spring semester comes to a close, East Central Junior College has begun to make plans for the 1984 summer school. There will be two five-week sessions consisting of two periods a day, five days per week.

First period classes will be from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., while second period classes will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

During the first summer session (May 21 through June 22), General Psychology, English Composition, English Literature, College Algebra, General Biology, Physical Science Survey I, and American National Government will be offered during first period.

Second period classes will consist of Child Psychology, English Composition, English Literature, College Algebra, General Biology, Physical Science Survey I, and American History. There will also be a course in Advanced Data Processing Operations from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

The second summer session (June 25 through July 27) will offer General Psychology, English Composition II, English Literature, Oral Communications, College Algebra, General Biology II, Physical Science Survey II, and American National Government as first period classes. Classes offered during the second period are Adolescent Psychology, English Composition II, English Literature, Trigonometry, General Biology II, Physical Science Survey II, and American State and Local Government. There will also be

an RPC II Programming I class from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

All first period biology classes will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. and second period biology classes will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 12:45 p.m. so as to include laboratory time.

Registration for summer school at East Central will be held on the first day of each session.

Vocational classes will consist of Suspension and Steering and Air Conditioning and Heating (in the field of Auto Mechanics); Glass Replacement and Refinishing and Advanced Panel and Fender Straightening (in the field of Auto Body and Fender Repair); Industrial Motor Controls, Electric Motors (A/C), Electric Motors (D/C), and Shop Safety (in the field of Electricity); Arches, Estimating and Cleaning of Masonry in the Masonry Field; and Inert Gas, Advanced Arc Welding, and Short Arc Welding (in the field of Welding). These vocational classes will meet daily Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. beginning Monday, May 21.

In addition to these classes, Cosmetology Theory, Cosmetology Practical V, and Cosmetology Practical VI will be offered beginning May 11. The cosmetology classes will meet Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a 12:00 to 12:30 break for lunch.

Night classes being offered at East Central are English Composition, English Composition II, Introduction to Business, Business Law, Basic Computer

Programming, Art Appreciation, American National Government, and RPGII Programming I. Other classes could be available at night upon demand with twelve or more students. Registration will be Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Newton Hall.

In addition to on-campus night classes, night classes will also be offered at Philadelphia and Carthage. English Composition and Introduction to Sociology will be offered at Carthage, while English Composition and College Algebra will be offered at Philadelphia. Registration for night classes offered at Carthage will be held at Carthage High School on Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the Philadelphia classes will be held at East Central Junior College Vocational-Technical Center in Philadelphia on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

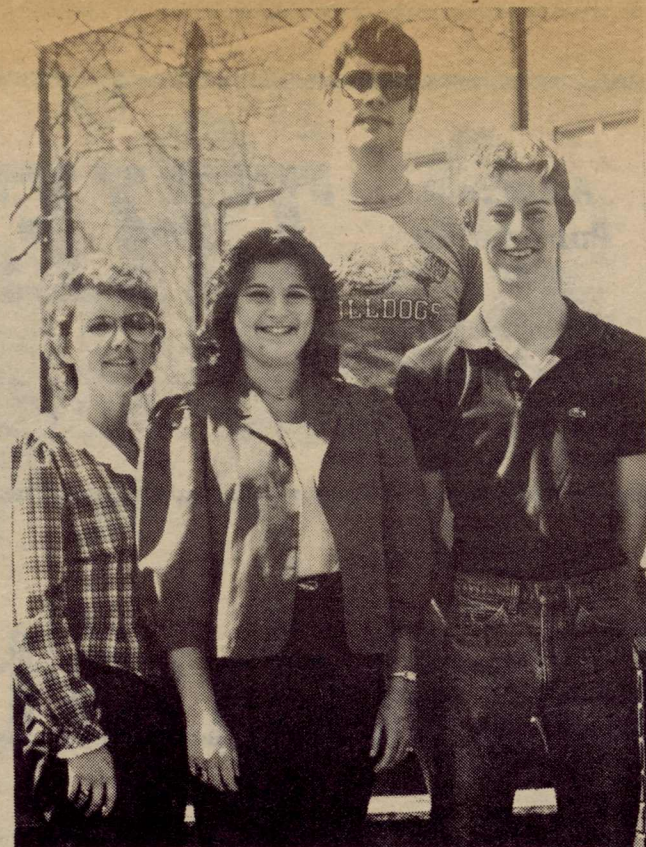
All night classes will meet the week of Monday, May 21 through the week ending July 27. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

Cost for academic students will be \$20.00 per semester hour for summer school. Vocational fees are \$240.00 for the summer session with an additional fee of \$120.00 for first-time cosmetology students.

In addition to academic and vocational classes, a two-week computer workshop will be offered in July. For more information, contact the Dean of Admissions at East Central.

The dormitories will not be open during the summer session, and no busses will be operating.

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**Mu Alpha Theta Officers for 1984-1985 are Gayle Harrell, Vice-President; Melesia Spence, Secretary; Tim Triplett, President; and Donald Germany, Social Chairman.**

## Phi Theta Kappa elects new officers

By JOHNNY BELL

As the school year finally draws to an end, Phi Theta Kappa is also closing out another very active year. Having a total of forty-eight members, the officers for the 1983-84 school year included: Stan Parkes, President; Carol Parker, Vice-President; Harriet Vickers, Secretary; Richard Warren, Treasurer; and Pam Sable, Historian. The club recently elected officers for next year and they are as follows: Tina Hollingsworth, President; Andy Thaggard, Vice-President; Chris Gilmer, Secretary; Vicky Wyatt, Treasurer; and Laurie Risher, Historian.

Phi Theta Kappa meets approximately once a month during the school year. Requirements for invitation to the club are that one must have completed at least twelve hours of college courses and have at least a 3.3 grade point average for sophomores or a 3.4 for freshmen. The club selects an honors theme each year and their meetings are centered around this theme. This year the theme was "American First Class Citizen: Image and Reality." To correspond with the theme, they had such guests as Dr. Fisher, who spoke of America's image from the British point of view, and

others present at their meetings.

The club was indeed very active this year. Each year they sell mums for homecoming and serve as monitors when the ACT test is given on campus. They hosted the regional leadership conference, for officers only, here at E.C.J.C. in September. Seven members and two sponsors attended the regional convention in New Orleans in February, and four members and two sponsors attended the National convention in Washington, D.C., during March.

Phi Theta Kappa is looking forward to another very exciting time next year also. Their honors theme will be titled "1984" which is taken from a book by George Orwell. They plan to attend the leadership conference at Millsaps College and hosted by Hinds Junior College. They also plan to attend the regional convention in Meridian during the month of October, and will take part in hosting the convention along with E.M.J.C. and M.J.C. Their plans also include attending the National convention which will be held in St. Louis during March. Along with these, the majority of the new members will be initiated in February. So as one can see, the club will be pretty busy during the upcoming year also.

## Music Department is very active: 3 concerts, 1 recital

By ANDY THAGGARD

April has been quite an active month for the East Central Music Department. Three concerts and one recital have been given.

On April 9th, the Collegians held a spring concert in Huff Auditorium. This concert was well attended by both students and local residents of the town of Decatur.

On April 12, the East Central Jazz Band presented a concert in the Fine Arts Building. The jazz band is composed of members of the concert band

and the marching band. The music presented at this concert ranged all the way from progressive jazz to swing to ballads. Everyone enjoyed such numbers as "Mr. Intense," "Lionelville," and the ballad, "Vera Cruz Love."

The Studio Recital for music majors was held on April 16th. This recital was held in the Fine Arts Auditorium also. Those participating were: Bob Ivy, Ross Denham, Robin Gray and Tommy Hollingsworth. These four students are sophomores. The freshmen were Ken Smith,

and Brooks McElhenney. Each student presented either a vocal or an instrumental solo.

On April 23rd, the Concert Band gave their spring concert in the Fine Arts Building. This was the final activity for the band. The college choir will perform at the graduation exercises on May 7th.

Mr. Carson states that he is pleased with this semester's activities, and he wishes to express his appreciation to all the students who participated in and all the students who attended these activities.

# Annual Athletic Banquet is held Wed., April 18

By PAUL HINES

The annual East Central Junior College Athletic Awards Banquet was held in the Gold Room of the college cafeteria on Wednesday, April 18. Football, basketball, and baseball awards were presented by the various coaches.

The awards and winners in football were as follows: Most Valuable Player, Percy Johnson of New Orleans, Louisiana; Best Offensive Back, Stacy Powell of New Orleans, Louisiana; Best Offensive Lineman, Paul Scelfo of New Iberia, Louisiana; Best Defensive Back, Wayne Suttle of Centerville, Alabama; Best Defensive Lineman, Thomas Russell of Oakdale, Louisiana. Percy Johnson and Thomas Russell were honored as team captains and also for being selected to the N.J.C.A.A. All-American team.

Awards for men's and women's basketball were also presented. In women's basketball the awards and winners included: Best Offensive Player, Joy Eichelberger of Louisville; Best Defensive Player, Regina

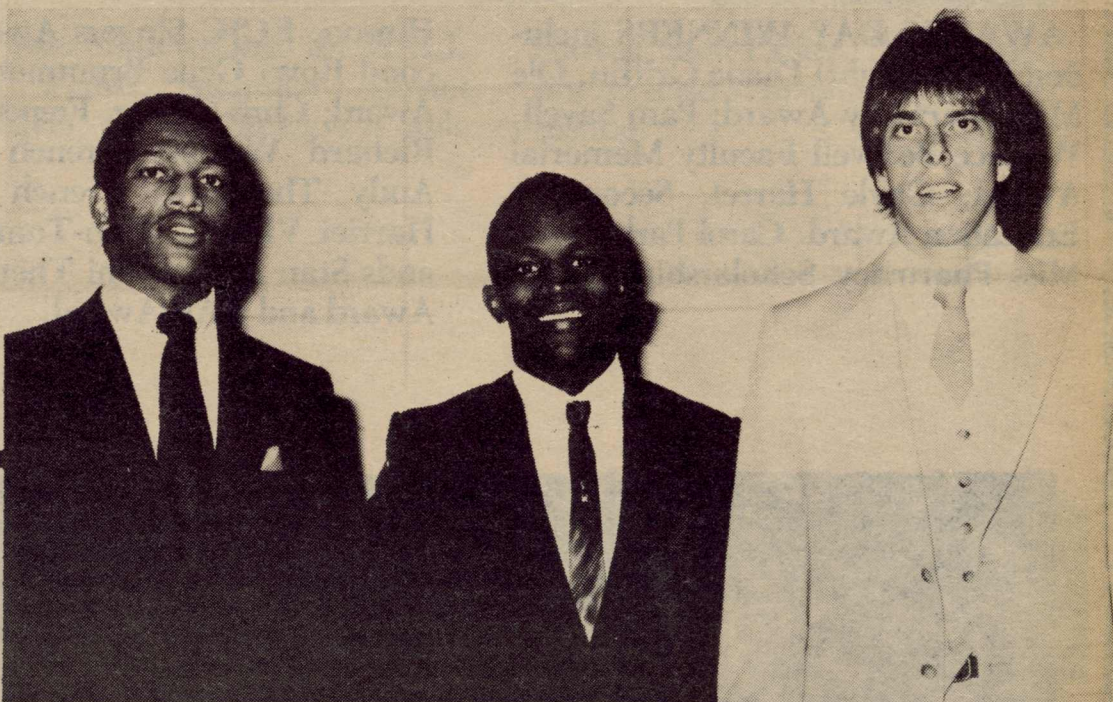
McCoy of Morton; and Most Improved Player, Carolyn Washington of Reform, Alabama. Regina McCoy was presented the Warriorette Award and Jennifer Hatcher from Nanih Waiya was awarded the Alumni Memorial Award. Joy Eichelberger was honored as an All-State and All-Region 23 player, while Dana Williamson was recognized for having played in the state All-Star game. Jennifer Hatcher and Regina McCoy were honored as team captains.

In the men's division the award winners were: Best Offensive Player, Ricky Griffith of Ashland, Kentucky; Best Defensive Player, Johnny Gill of Walnut Grove; Best Rebounder, Ricky Griffith; and Most Improved Player, Dexter Myrick of Carthage. Johnny Gill was honored as the team captain.

Only two awards were presented in baseball. Ricky Goss of Union won the Most Valuable Player award, and David Boydston of Louisville won the Spirit and Desire award.



**Football winners were: Wayne Suttle, Percy Johnson, and Stacy Powell.**



**Basketball award winners were: Dexter Myrick, Most Improved; Johnny Gill, team captain; and Ricky Griffith, Best Offensive Player.**



**Winners in Women's Basketball were: Carolyn Washington, Jennifer Hatcher, Joy Eichelberger, and Regina McCoy.**



**Baseball award winners at the recently held Athletic Banquet were: David Boydston, and Ricky Dale Goss.**

# AWARDS DAY PR



**AWARDS DAY WINNERS** included (left to right) Diane Griffin, Ole Miss Pharmacy Award; Pam Savell, Wallace Bedwell Faculty Memorial Award; Gayle Harrel, Secondary Education Award, Carol Parker, Ole Miss Pharmacy Scholarship; Marie

Hinson, ECJC Singers Award. (Second Row) Gene Brummet, ROTC Award; Chris Gilmer, French Award; Richard Warren, French Award; Andy Thaggard, French Award; Harriet Vickers, Tom-Tom Award; and Stan Parkes, Phi Theta Kappa Award and DAR Award.



**ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS** were (left to right, 1st row) Mary Matlock, Danny R. Killens Award; Carol Parker, Jack B. Mayo Award; Melesia Spence, Opal McMullan Dickinson Award; Jennifer Hatcher, Earline Wood Award, Laura Hosey, Sara Carr Deaton Award; (2nd Row) Wayne Bishop,

Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Award; Rodney Gunn, W.A. Coursey, Jr.; David Bane, Billy Wayne Baucum Award; Arthur McMullan, Andrew F. Webb Award; (3rd Row) Darrel Quick, William S. Griffin Award; Stan Parkes, Jack B. Mayo Award; and Ricky Griffith, Howard Sessums Award.

By **CHRIS GILMER**

The culminating activity at East Central each spring is the annual Awards Day Program which is held to recognize those students who have made outstanding contributions to the college. Students are honored for academic, vocational, technical, and extracurricular activities which have enriched the quality of education at the college.

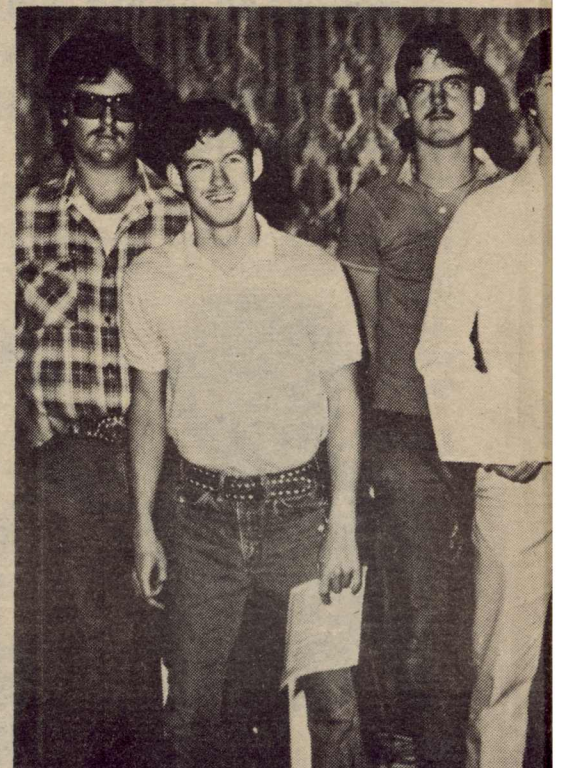
Dr. Charles Wright, president of the college, served as Master of Ceremonies, with instructors presenting awards in their individual areas of work.

Among the awards presented are the twelve Alumni Memorial Awards. This year's recipients are: William S. Griffin Memorial Award -- Darrell Quick of Carthage; Jack B. Mayo Memorial Award -- Stan Parkes of Louisville; Dr. Edwin Miller Memorial Award -- Carol Parker of Philadelphia; W.A. Coursey Memorial Award -- Rodney Gunn of Forest; Erlene Wood Memorial Award -- Jennifer Hatcher of Louisville; Opal McMullan Dickinson Memorial Award -- Melesia Spence of Decatur; Billy Wayne Baucum Memorial Award -- David Bane of Louisville; Sara Carr Deaton Memorial Award -- Laura Hosey of Newton; Andrew F.

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and Air-Conditioning -- Burlyn  
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Faculty Memorial Awards  
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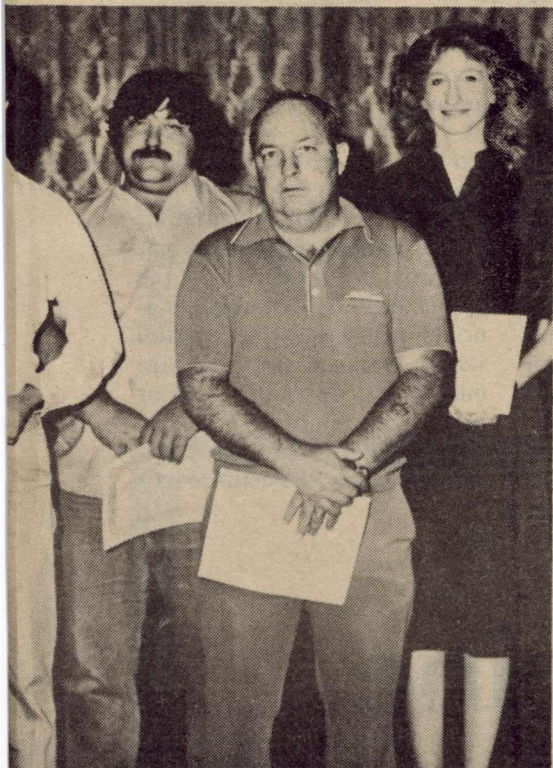
Harriet Vickers of Decatur  
received the Citizenship Award.  
Mrs. Burkes, Mr. Mayes and  
Phi Theta Kappa presented an  
American flag to the school in  
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The 1984 Awards Day serv-  
ed as a time of reward to those  
students who had pursued  
academic excellence and leader-  
ship roles on the campus. The  
**Tom-Tom** staff would like to  
extend congratulations to each  
award recipient.



Those inducted into the **HALL OF FAME** included Harriet Vickers, Doug McKay, Gayle

Harrell, Stan Parkes, Diane Griffin, Richard Warren, and Wayne Bishop.



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**WINNERS OF FACULTY  
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Award; Andy Thaggard, Frank  
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Bell, J. Andy Miller Award;  
and Harriet Vickers, Citizenship  
Award.

Wednesday, April 18...

## Warrior Corps hold annual dinner

By JOE WILLIAMS

The East Central Junior College Warrior Corps held its annual banquet on Wednesday, April 18, 1984, in the Gordon Room of the cafeteria. The guest speaker at the event was Dr. Charles Wright, president of East Central. Dr. Wright commended the members of the Warrior Corps for their time and effort spent in recruiting prospective students for the college. Raymond McMullan, sponsor of the Warrior Corps, also spoke. He gave a review of the year's activities and told the members of the corps what a great service

they had rendered to the college.

Steak, potatoes, rolls, salad, and pie were served at the banquet. After the meal each member was presented with a picture of the 1984 Warrior Corps. Members of the corps are: Suzanne Alford, David Boydston, Mike Callahan, Amy Cox, Debbie Croxton, Charles Edwards, Johnny Gill, Melissa Gray, Dianne Griffin, Belynda Kemp, Mattie McDougale, Doug McKay, Andre Mosley, David Pleasants, Alan Rhea, Lisa Roper, Melisia Spence, Keli Swinson, Ken Thompson, and Harriet Vickers.



**ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON OFFICERS for 1984-1985 are Darryl Meador, Secretary-Treasurer; James Brooks, Vice-President; and Rodney Gunn, President.**

According to Extension Service...

## GSLs are best financial aid

By BEVERLY RIGGS

Family Economics and Management Specialist

MS Cooperative Ext. Service

Education after high school is time consuming, costs money and demands effort. Education is a big investment.

Prospective students and new consumers should carefully evaluate the education or training being considered. To help make a good choice, students need information on a school's academic programs, facilities, costs, refund policy, financial aid programs and other information needed to make a good decision.

A variety of financial aid programs exist, but one of the best known are the Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL). A GSL is a low interest loan made by a lender such as a bank, credit union or savings and loan association to help you pay for education after high school. These loans are insured by a

guarantee agency and reinsured by the federal government.

The guarantee agency in this state is the Mississippi Guarantee Student Loan Agency, located in Jackson.

For new borrowers, the interest rate is 9 percent. For students who currently have a 7 percent GSL, the interest rate on additional GSLs will continue to be 7 percent.

An undergraduate student can borrow up to \$2,500 a year. A graduate student can borrow up to \$5,000 a year.

The total GSL debt allowed to be outstanding for an undergraduate is \$12,500. The total for graduate or professional study is \$25,000, including any loans made at the undergraduate level.

Students can't borrow more than the cost of education at the chosen school, less any other financial aid received.

Depending on family income in 1982, students may have to

show financial need, and the amount of that need may limit the size of a GSL. Schools have full details about how need is determined for the GSL program.

A GSL application is available from a lender, school or state guarantee agency. After the student part of the application is filled out, the prospective school must complete the part of it that certifies the enrollment, the cost of education, the academic standing, any other financial aid received and need. The application is then taken to a lender who takes part in the GSL program.

If the lender agrees to make the loan, that organization gets the approval of the guarantee agency and the Department of Education gives the student the loan in one or more payments.

A search for a lender should begin as soon as the student is accepted by the school. After submitting an application to a

lender and the lender agrees to make the loan, it usually takes four to six weeks to get a student loan approved by a guarantee agency.

The loan repayments begin six months after the student leaves school if the interest rate is 9 percent and nine to 12 months after the student leaves school if the interest rate is 7 percent. The lender generally must allow students at least five years to repay the loan, and may allow up to ten years. A student is considered to have left school if he or she falls below half-time status, as the school defines it.

When school is left, the student must contact a lender to establish a repayment schedule. The amount of payment depends on the size of the debt. A student should ask a lender what the monthly payments will be before they take out the loan. The more a student borrows, the higher the payments

will be.

If a loan is not paid, the guarantee agency or the federal government can sue the student to collect the loan. Also, credit bureaus will be notified of the default.

Experience has shown that if students actually visit lenders, they may be more successful in getting a loan than if they just inquire by telephone.

Banks and other lenders take part voluntarily in the GSL program and lend their own money. While the Department of Education encourages lenders to provide student loans, it cannot dictate the policies of a lending institution, as long as those policies do not discriminate on the basis of the applicant's race, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, because the applicant may be getting public help or because the applicant has exercised any rights under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

Studies show results...

## Students should avoid caffeine

Coffee nerves are a symptom of too much caffeine. College students often experience that jittery feeling after too much late night coffee drinking while hitting the books.

A food technologist with Mississippi State University said for some people certain amounts of caffeine can increase heartbeat, promote secretion of stomach acid, step up urine production and increase basal metabolic rates.

Dr. Charles Shannon, a Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service food technologist, said coffee dilates blood vessels in some people and causes vessels to contract in others.

"There is no persuasive evidence that moderate amounts of caffeine are harmful to the average healthy adult," Shannon said.

He said a recent status summary from the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) also

supports the idea that moderate caffeine is not harmful.

"Many questions are still unanswered concerning the safety of caffeine, but in general, moderate consumption presents little, if any, threat to human health," Shannon said.

Although caffeine is generally associated with coffee, it is also found in tea, chocolate, cocoa and colas, all favorites of college students.

The IFT reports that the amount of caffeine in any

single serving of these beverages varies, but generally the average serving of coffee contains the most.

Caffeine as found in cola-type drinks does not present a hazard to the public health. However, enough questions still exist to prompt more studies.

"Caffeine is also found in some over-the-counter drugs as well as some prescription drugs," Shannon said.

He notes that too much use of caffeine in some people in a

short period of time will lead not only to coffee nerves, but also to anxiety, restlessness, headaches and heart palpitations.

The effect of caffeine is described as a lift and a feeling of being wide-awake with the ability to concentrate on physical and mental tasks such as studying.

"The feeling, however, is temporary, and soon a person will find himself back to his original state," Shannon said.

After 17 years at ECJC...

# Mrs. Rowell retires from teaching

By CHRIS GILMER

Quite a few years ago, thirty-eight to be exact, Elisabeth Rowell emigrated from France to the United States. Much different from her native France, Decatur, Mississippi, became her new home. During World War II, Mrs. Rowell met and married an American soldier and thus she came to the United States.

Having an advantage over many newcomers to this country, Mrs. Rowell already spoke and understood English. Already having a French degree, Mrs. Rowell decided to attend East Central Junior College. She also began teaching French I and French II and has been teaching these courses for the past seventeen years.

When asked what she felt was the biggest change at East Central in these seventeen years, Mrs. Rowell said, "I feel that the students have much more freedom than they once did." Mrs. Rowell remembers a time when sophomores could date only on Tuesday and Thursday and freshmen could choose either on or the other. All girls had to be in the dorms by 7:30 p.m. This is a big change from current policy.

Mrs. Rowell believes that attending ECJC helped her to relate

to her students. About her teaching she commented, "It keeps me young." In her classes, students learn not only the French language but also about French culture. Mrs. Rowell enjoys teaching students who really want to learn, and she returns to France every four or five years to "refresh" herself.

Mrs. Rowell is married to Mr. Olen Rowell, and they reside in Newton. They have two sons, Michel and Christopher; and they have five grandchildren. Mrs. Rowell plans to make some improvements in her home and have more time to spoil her grandchildren after she retires. She also hopes to spend time traveling, including plans to return to France more often.

Mrs. Rowell stated, "It has truly been a pleasure to teach here at East Central. I have made many good friends, and I hope to visit with them often."

Mrs. Rowell has made a lasting impression on East Central Junior College, and she has made for herself a place in the hearts of many East Central students and teachers. Truly a devoted and inspiring person, she has utilized the teaching profession to benefit others who have profited from her contributions.



Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell was honored on her retirement by the French Club with a tea. Mrs. Rowell will be missed by all.

Goes to USM...

## Coach Horton to leave ECJC in May

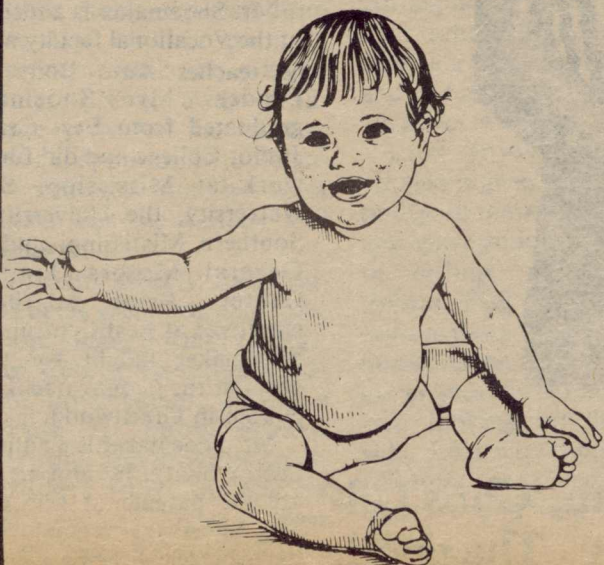
East Central Defensive Coach Freeman Horton will be leaving in May to join the coaching staff of the University of Southern Mississippi. The appointment was announced by USM Head Coach Jim Carmody.

Horton has coached for the past four years at ECJC. His first year as a coach was spent at Newton High School,

where he was an assistant.

A former standout linebacker at USM, Horton graduated from Southern in 1979. His high school career was at Lake High School.

Coach Horton's wife, Alfreda, is also employed by the college as a Secretary. The Hortons have two children, Michelle, age 5, and Crystal, 21 months.



## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carson and their son, Chris, welcome a six pound twelve ounce baby girl, Jennifer Lynn. This young lady was born April 16, at 12:30 a.m. in Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital in Meridian. She has blue eyes and brown hair.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson are both employees of East Central. Mr. Carson is the band director, and Mrs. Carson is the Financial Aid Director.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Branning of Philadelphia. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson of Conehatta.

Congratulations,  
Graduates!!

# Prom yields mixed emotions



For the freshman-sophomore prom, which was held on April 6, the old gymnasium was, for one night, turned into a wonderland of pastel colors of light blue, dark blue, and silver and soft lights. Students entered the dance floor through an arch of vines and flowers. The wall opposite the entrance glittered with pink and silver streamers that formed a background for a gazebo built

on a silver frame and hung with gauze and netting used for picture taking. Giant kissing balls constructed of pastel flowers were suspended from the ceiling, and swags of pink and silver bunting were draped from the east and west walls.

Music for the evening was furnished by the Toys, a pop-rock group from Philadelphia. Refreshments were catered by Mr. Lee and were served in the student center. They consisted

of punch and a wide assortment of cheeses and crackers.

The **Tom-Tom** thought it might be interesting to discover student reactions to the prom since a great deal of time, money and effort went into the arrangements and decorations for the occasion.

When asked if the freshman-sophomore prom was worth the effort put into it, Wanda Ezelle replied, "Yes, because it is traditional and people enjoy

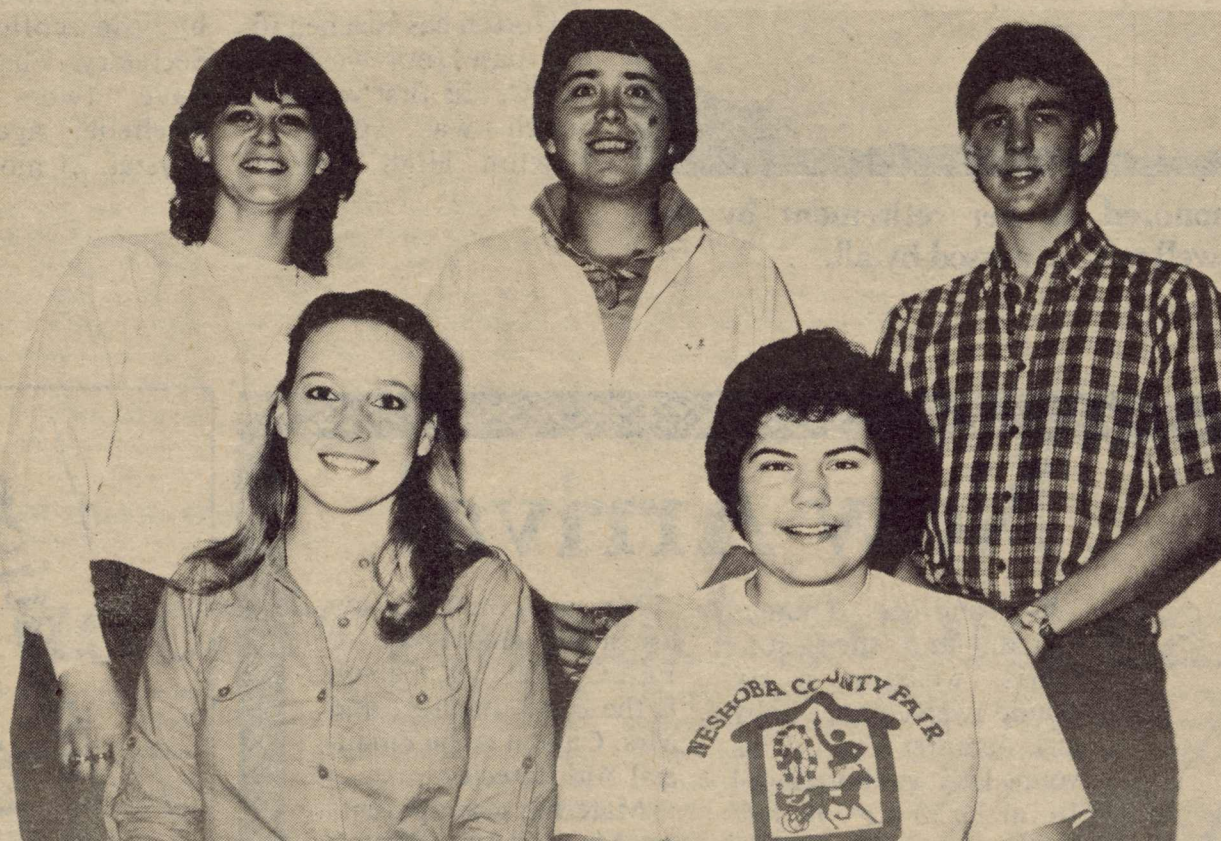
it." Cindy Russell voiced disappointment that some students did not stay for the entire evening after so much work was put into decorating and preparing for the prom.

Charles Bell said that he didn't think the prom was worth the effort because there were other places to go.

Lori Pierce, Ray Greenwood, and Alton Evans agreed that they thought the prom was worth everything put into it.

Scott Bounds would not make a reply because he didn't go, but Jeff Pedigo thought the whole evening was "a gas." Dessa Mercer replied, "I guess it really is for the younger ones."

One can conclude that students were about evenly divided on the question. This does not mean that next year's freshman class will not make every effort to provide a memorable prom.



## PHI THETA KAPPA OFFICERS

1984-1985 officers of Phi Theta Kappa are: Vickie Wild, Treasurer; Tina Hollingsworth, President; Laurie Risher, Historian; Chris Gilmer, Secretary; Andy Thaggard, Vice-President.

## Shoemaker honored at Teacher Tea

By WENDY THOMPSON

This year The Apple for the Teacher Tea, which was held on April 18th in the Home Economics Department, honored Mr. Grover Shoemaker for his twenty years of service as a member of the faculty at East Central.

Mr. Shoemaker is a member of the Vocational faculty where he teaches Auto Body and Fender. Mr. Shoemaker graduated from East Central Junior College and did further work at Mississippi State University, the University of Southern Mississippi and the General Motors Training Center. Prior to being employed at East Central, Mr. Shoemaker taught for three years at the Greenwood Trade School in Greenwood.

Mr. Shoemaker is a native of Scott County. He and his wife are the parents of five sons. Mrs. Shoemaker is employed as the manager of the East Central bookstore.

East Central is fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher as Mr. Shoemaker.

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REGISTERING AT E.C.J.C.

Shown above in the recent registration process at East Central Junior College are: Teresa Hoyt (left) of Union, Marcus Herrington (center) of Union, and Kim Jones (right) of Walnut Grove.

## East Central Junior College:

# A great place to begin

By DARRELL MANGRUM

The time of transition between high school and college is a time of mixed emotions for those involved. Among the major differences are living away from home and the class schedule. The greatest difference, however, is that the student must "grow up" and assume many responsibilities that lay on his parent's shoulders while he was at home. Living away from home provides the student with the opportunity to "do as he pleases," but he must answer for his actions and mistakes.

In many aspects, East Central helps greatly in this transition. Being a small college, East Central encourages student involvement, allows a person to know almost everyone, and provides an atmosphere where the student and teacher develop close friendships. A student at East Central is somebody and not just a number.

Beginning freshmen at East Central are experiencing college life for the first time, and most are enjoying this "new life" very much. One of the things freshmen like most about East Central is dorm life. In the words of Lori Harrell, a freshman from Decatur, "E.C. provides an atmosphere where, unlike high school, we can go to class, leave when class is over, and go back to the dorm to do whatever we want to do."

Lori enjoys dorm life because it gives her the opportunity to make new friends and more actively participate in various on-campus activities. Flag football is one such activity she enjoys very much. Along with living in the dorm goes the cafeteria lines, but, looking on the bright side, Lori sees the lines and cafeteria as places to get together and talk with her friends.

Lori remembers the days of orientation as hot and

somewhat boring, but she did learn many things that will be helpful to her while at East Central. "The teachers," Lori says, "are very willing to help if I'll only ask. They don't try to force anything on you."

Lori does enjoy many aspects of life at East Central, but she says, "The things I enjoy most are meeting new friends, cruisin' with them, and just hangin' loose."

Alicia Williamson, a freshman from Philadelphia, began her year at East Central confused and having fun. The night she arrived she became lost on campus while cruising and being chased by a group of "wild" boys.

Alicia also enjoys living in the dorm. "Living in the dorm gives me the chance to live away from home without really being away from home," Alicia says, "Maybe it's because I'm only about thirty minutes from home."

Alicia, the statistician for

the Warriorettes, says, "College life is as I had expected it, but the opportunities to participate in so many activities is not as I had expected."

Randy Hayes, a freshman from Forest, enjoys the class schedule very much. Randy, an engineering student, says, "The thing I like most about East Central is the class schedule, meeting every other day."

Randy also enjoys the classes themselves. He thinks the teachers are tough, but believes this is very good. He also likes the teachers because they are willing to help if the student needs help.

Randy says that there are not many opportunities at night around Decatur, but he believes that is good because there are fewer distractions. He likes the girls who do provide some fun distractions.

Randy has gotten homesick at times, but has made many friends who help him through

Winston, 89. Three hundred eighty-eight students live in the dormitories, while three hundred sixty-eight commute by bus or by other means.

Aside from the regular class schedule, East Central is offering a day class at Choctaw Central in computer science. Four night classes are also being offered, three at Choctaw Central and one on the ECJC campus. The night class on campus is Algebra, and those offered at Choctaw Central are computer science, math, and English. Educational Television courses are being offered in psychology and introduction to computers, while Continuing Education classes are being taught in microcomputers and art. All of the special classes combined are expected to involve about one hundred people.

For more information about these classes or about enrollment, admissions, or records, go by the office of the Dean of Admissions and Records.

Welcome  
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November 26...

## Collegians to hold special

On November 26, Huff Auditorium will enter a new dimension of sight and sound. The Collegians will invade the stage and dazzle the student body with hits such as "Let's Hear It For The Boy," "The Warrior," and "Heart of Rock and Roll."

The Collegians, which originated ten years ago, is a pop group made up of students at East Central. Membership is based on tryouts held at the beginning of each school year. Tryouts for this year's group were held on August 27th. Those selected are as follows: Amy Cox, vocalist; Lisa

Dooley, vocalist; Michelle Chaney, vocalist; Debra Thompson, vocalist; Perry Smith, vocalist; Lawrence White, vocalist; Brooks McElehenney, vocalist; Chris Adair, vocalist; Ross Denham, drums; Lee Weeks, bass guitar; Andy Thaggard, piano; Boyd Germany, tenor saxophone; Danny Bryant, French horn; Stan Davis, trumpet; Mike Johnson, trumpet; Phillip Pinter, Mixing boards; Julian Greer, stage manager; Edward McGowen, equipment manager.

Tom Carson, director of the Collegians, says that the group

will be trying a new twist for costumes. This year the musicians will be outfitted by the Merry Go Round of Meridian for an informal, yet flashly look.

The 1984-85 Collegians have a year of challenging but very rewarding work ahead of them. They will be performing for Senior Day, will visit local high schools and will entertain at school functions throughout the year. Students are encouraged to attend both of their major concerts in November and April.

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## Agriculture Day to be held

By BILL VAUGHN

The Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 6th Annual Agriculture Day on September 22, 1984. Free prizes will be given away on the hour and registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. There will be many agricultural exhibits and activities that the youth may participate in. There will be prepared food that you may sample free. For any of you cooks out there, the Boy Scouts will be sponsoring cooking demonstrations. If you like live entertainment, then get set

for a day of it. There will be gospel singing, country music, blue grass music, singing and dancing, and free pony and wagon rides. Newton County's Farmer of the Year will be named and politicians will be speaking. The Lion's sight van will be available for anyone who wants their vision checked. Laird Hospital will be testing blood pressure for anyone interested.

An Arts and Crafts exhibit will be going on all day. Exhibit space is available for a fee of \$10.00. If an electrical outlet is needed, there will be an addi-

tional fee of \$5.00. You will be able to set up your exhibits anytime after 8:00 a.m. the morning of the 22nd. You will be responsible for your exhibits and for supplying your own display set-ups. You must pick up a form to register your exhibit. Forms may be picked up at the office of Dr. Harris located in Newton Hall at ECJC.

If you like fun and festivities, then don't miss the 6th Annual Agriculture Day in Decatur, Mississippi.

## Peer-Tutoring is available

By ADA MOREAU

A hit song of yesteryear says, "I can get by with a little help from my friends." Sometimes in the daily run of classes and studying students find themselves faced with a difficult class and could use some "friendly" assistance. People in this situation can get by with a little help from their friends by visiting the Peer-Tutoring Service.

The Peer-Tutoring program is designed to allow students who successfully completed a course to aid their fellow students in doing the same. Tutors are recommended by their teachers and are available at no cost to the tutee.

A person needing a tutor should simply go to the Special Services office located in the Cosmetology Building and request one. Mrs. Tingle will help

to find a tutor who can work effectively with the student in his spare time.

The best time to cure an academic problem is before it gets too major. If a student has any indication that a class is going to give him trouble, he should seek out a tutor. It costs him nothing, but he has much to gain. One might be surprised to find what he can do "with a little help from his friends."

## 5K run to be held

By BILL VAUGHN

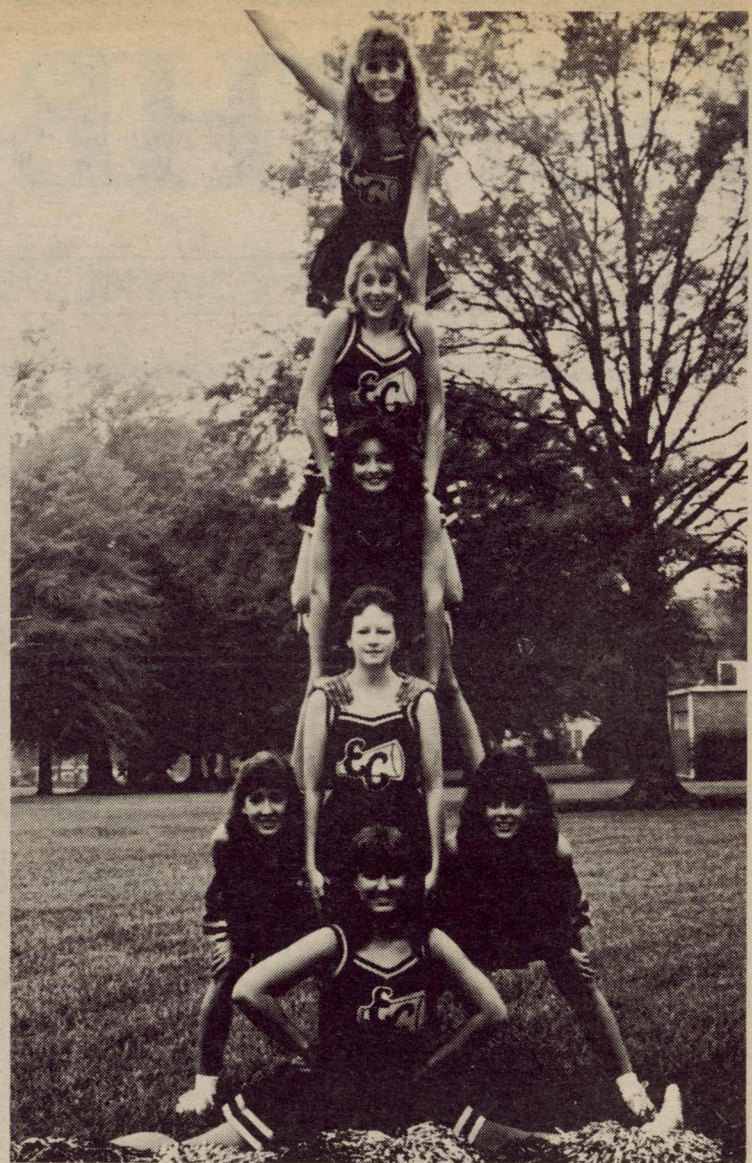
The Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a 5K run at Turkey Creek Water Park on September 22, 1984. The run is scheduled to begin at 7:00 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. there will be a one-

mile fun run at the ECJC Warrior Field.

To be eligible for the 5K run and the fun run, one must pre-register by September 15, 1984. There will be a fee of \$1.00 for the participation ribbon and a fee of \$6.00 for the ribbon and

shirt.

Forms may be picked up at Dr. Harris' office located in Newton Hall at ECJC. A person who wants to tone up leg muscles, or who just likes to run, can pick up a form today and register!



### ECJC CHEERLEADERS

The East Central Junior College Cheerleaders began another year of boosting the spirit of ECJC at their first game of the season last Saturday night when EC was defeated by Itawamba Junior College. Performing at pep rallies, ballgames, and other campus activities this year are: (top to bottom) Cindy Bridges of Philadelphia, Summer Nolen of Louisville, Tracy Williams of Newton, Wanda Ezell of Decatur, Susan Wall (left) of Union, Donna Miller (right) of Philadelphia, and Kim Hamil of Philadelphia. Not pictured is Patty Wilson of Collinsville.

## Cheerleaders promise exciting activities

By CHRIS GILMER

Participating in a triathlon, attending camp at the University of Southern Mississippi, and practicing once a week throughout the summer is how a select group of young ladies, namely the East Central Junior College cheerleaders, have spent much of their last few months. Many hours of preparation go into everything that the cheerleaders do. When we see them at a pep rally or a football game, we see the final results of their effort; but much work goes into making this possible.

This year's cheerleaders represent six high schools throughout the five-county area. The head cheerleader, Susan Wall, is from Union High School. Patty Wilson, Cindy Bridges, and Donna Miller graduated at Neshoba Central High School. Also hailing from Neshoba County is Kim Hamil of Philadelphia. From Louisville comes Summer Nolen, who graduated from Winston Academy. Also cheering for East Central are two

Newton countians, Wanda Ezelle from Decatur High School and Tracy Williams from Newton County Academy.

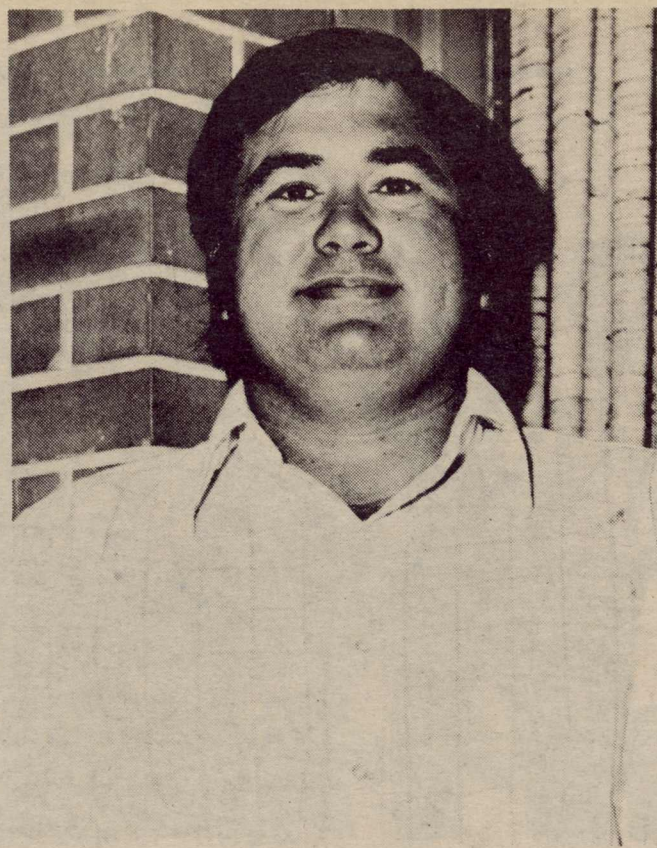
When asked about her goals for this year, Susan stated, "I am very excited about this year at East Central. We have an energetic group of cheerleaders, a fun-loving student body, and a promising football team. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the students to come to the games and support us. With everyone's help, I think that we will have a very productive year."

The cheerleaders promise many exciting activities for this season such as bonfires during Homecoming week and a souvenir pom-pom sale coming up very soon. A team can only be as good as the people who support it, so let's support our team and our cheerleaders. Support the football team by coming to the games, and support the cheerleaders by showing enthusiasm and school spirit when you get there.

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**Tony Triplett**



**Lester Miles**

## Two new additions to the East Central faculty

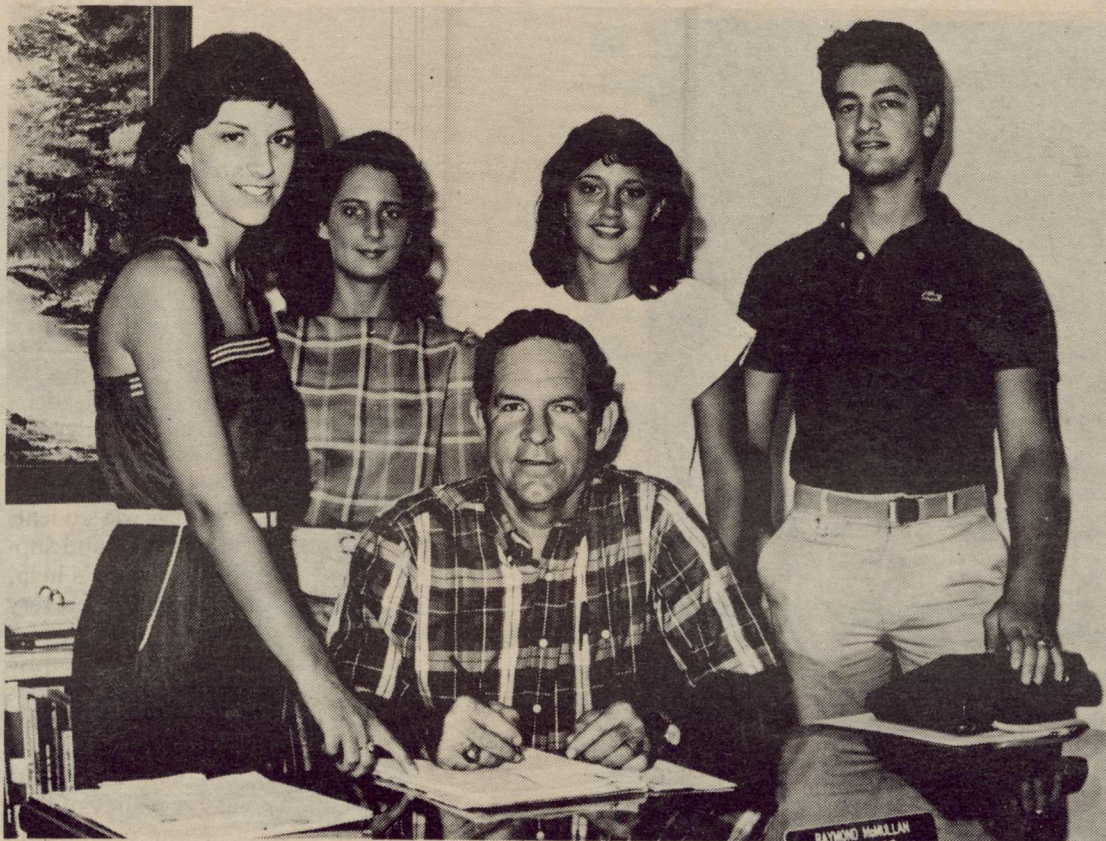
By CECILIA WAGGONER

Faculty at East Central Junior College are always ready and willing to help students during the year, as well as at the beginning of the year. This year ECJC is proud to announce two additions to the faculty, Mr. Lester Miles and Coach Tony Triplett.

Mr. Miles is the instructor of the refrigeration and air conditioning department in the vocational system. "I think that

teaching students a trade is very important to the state of Mississippi," said Miles when asked why he decided to teach at East Central.

Coach Triplett teaches the VID-Reading Program and is also the instructor and assistant football coach. Triplett states that developing young men's athletic skills are important, but on the other hand, he has the same responsibilities for aiding students in academic skills.



The East Central Junior College Student Body Association officers have planned student activities for the upcoming year. Students serving as SBA officers for the 1984-85 year are: (left to right) Janet Jackson of Philadelphia - Treasurer, Lisa Gardner of Carthage - Secretary, Melissa Gray of Union - Vice-President, and Rory Trapp of Union - President. Raymond McMullan (seated) is the sponsor of the group.

## SBA officers begin projects

Leading the SBA during the 1984-85 school year will be Rory Trapp of Sebastopol. A graduate of Union High School, Rory was selected in elections at the end of school last year. He will be assisted by Melissa Gray, also a graduate of Union High School, as vice-president. Other officers are Lisa Gardner of Edinburg, secretary, and Janet Jackson of Neshoba Central, treasurer.

When class elections are held early in October, freshman and sophomore representatives will be chosen to complete the student government.

Contrary to what some may think, being a student body officer involves a great deal. This year before school started, the four officers met with Mr. McMullan to make the initial plans for the 1984-85 school year. From these early meetings,

developed such things as the Ed Wallington Hypnotist Show, the Mack Jackson Show, the Student-Faculty Cookout, and the talent show.

In addition, a class competition day, the freshman-sophomore prom, and another talent show are future SBA sponsored events.

On September 27 and 28, the SBA officers will attend the SCAM (Student Council Association Meeting) in Jackson.

Despite all the plans the SBA has made, their duties do not end. Their main job is to work for the students. But this takes participation from the EC students. Each SBA officer is available to talk about any problems, complaints, or even to give approval. Students should feel free to talk to the officers about suggestions and comments about the school.

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# ★ SCHOOL ★ ★ SPIRIT ★

**By CHRIS GILMER**

The right to higher education that we enjoy as Americans carries with it responsibilities, and one of the main responsibilities is to make a contribution. School spirit reached an alarming low last year, and the main reason was lack of student involvement. There are many activities here at East Central that

combine with experience to make adolescents.

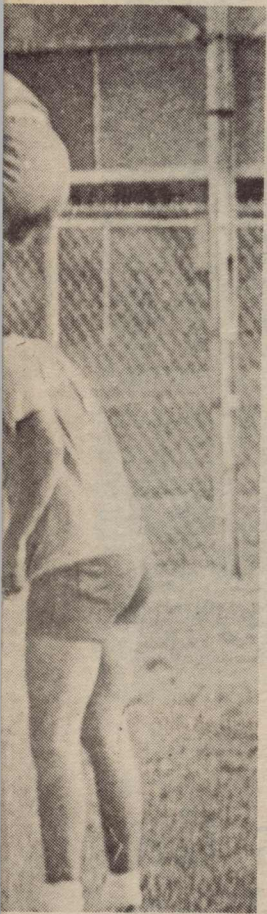
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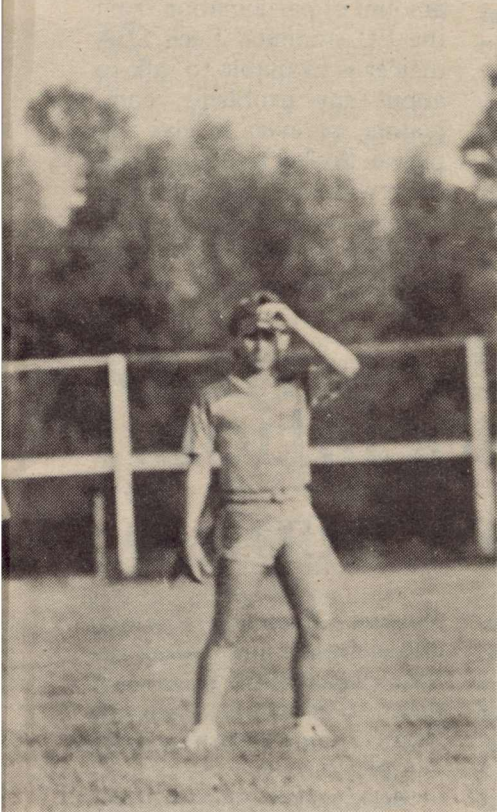
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Faculty - Student Cookout

## CENTRALETTES

The East Central Junior College Centralettes, the dance line which performs with the ECJC Band, started the year off with their first performance at the ECJC-Itawamba game on September 1. Members of the group this year are: (seated, left to right) Teresa Perry of Carthage, Lisa Kelly of Lawrence, Dianne Walker of Decatur, Cynthia Adams of Carthage, Melanie McMullan of Houston, Texas; (standing, left to right) Joycelynn Gunter of Newton, Amy Hedrick of Newton, Zeporah Hodge of Union, Jennifer Caron of Forest and Alice Thames of Union.



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## 20 member team known as the "Warrior Corp" recruits students

By MELISSA GRAY

On the East Central Junior College campus there is one organization that is younger than any other. Despite its newness, though, it has made a name for itself as being one of the most worthy groups on campus of which to belong. This organization is known as the Warrior Corp, who most know as the campus recruiters. It is the responsibility of this group of students, led by Mr. McMullan and Mr. Adcock, to spread the enthusiasm and

pride for this institution to other prospective students and display the general honor held for the school in any functions representing the EC name.

Although the organization itself was not established un-

til 1982, much thought and preparation was put into what this group's responsibilities would be, and what would distinguish it from others. To begin with the group is limited to only 20 members each year with no regulations on how many sophomores or freshmen there are. Then these 20 members are chosen, not volunteered.

First of all the teachers initiate the process by recommending students they feel would contribute best to the group. Then those students nominated are interviewed individually by a group composed of teachers, administrators, and even to these, a class competition day, the Freshman-Sophomore Prom, and

possibly even another talent show are to look forward to throughout the remainder of the school year. Also, on September 27 and 28 the SBA officers will attend SCAM (Student Council Association Meeting) in Jackson where the emphasis will be on leadership.

Despite all the plans the SBA have made, their duties do not end. Their main job is to work for the students in whatever way they can. But this takes at least a minimal amount of participation from the EC students. Each SBA officer is available to talk to about any problems, complaints, or even to give approval. So feel free to come to them with any suggestions or comments about the school so they can do their jobs in the best possible way for you.

## Student Body Association sponsors talent show Sept. 5

By ADA MOREAU

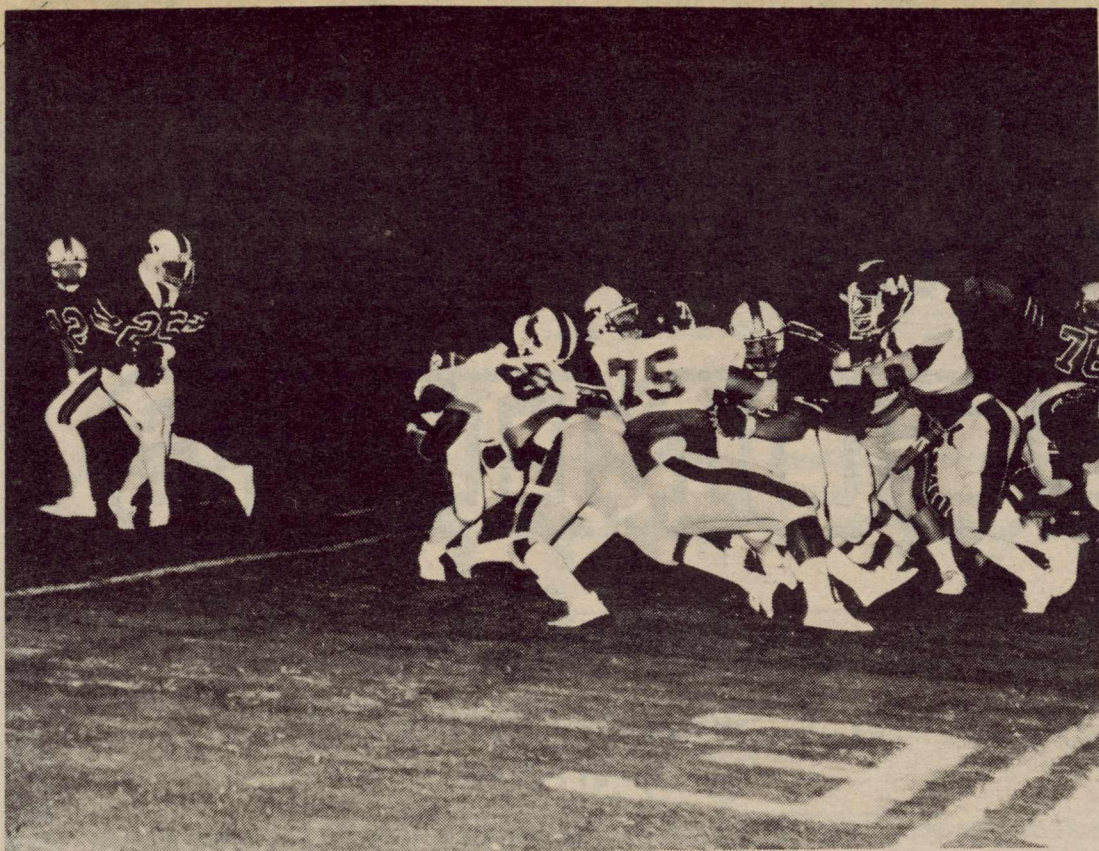
East Central may not be the school of fine arts, but it has some terrific talent. In the SBA sponsored talent show held on September 5, Debra Thompson and Tobias Pace sang their way into the hearts of the audience and the judges with their rendition of "You, Me and Him" and walked away with the \$20 first prize.

The Student Body Association sponsored the show, which was open to all students. Though the number of participants was not large, the show was filled with a variety of acts and was entertaining.

Jimmy Tingle, who sang "Endless Love", won second prize. "Mississippi", a rock band composed of Lee

Weeks, Annette Hurley, Julian Greer, and Tony Collins, earned third prize with their versions of "Feels So Right" and "Johnny B. Goode."

Melissa Gray, Student Body Vice-President, hosted the event. If enough student interest is shown, then the association will sponsor another show second semester.



East Central's Charles Ray takes a hand-off from David Pleasants as the Warriors move on Itawamba in the season's opener.

## Indians dominate game; win 17-0

East Central opens season on a down note when the Itawamba Indians defeated the Warriors by a score of 17-0 Saturday night at Warrior Stadium.

First quarter found both teams invading each other's territory without success.

Indian Mitch Eubanks led his team in the second quarter with a 25 yard drive. The big play coming from Mike Smith to tight-end Calvin Thompson for 23 yards. Glen Ivy scored from one yard out. Extra point kicked by Indian Anthony Berry was good. The

only other scoring attempt came when Itawamba attempted a 20 yard field goal leaving the score at half-time 7-0.

Itawamba's second touchdown came late in the third quarter. The drive followed an interception of a David Pleasant pass with Glen Ivy scoring on a 25 yard run. Berry kicked the extra point with .39 seconds left in the third quarter.

The score stayed 14 to 0 till late in the fourth quarter when Berry kicked a twenty yard field goal.

## Warriors lose their 1st game of season

By AMY WILLIAMS

The Warriors came away with a disappointing loss of 17-0 for their season opener with Itawamba Junior College. Coach A.J. Kilpatrick, however, said that "we have a better team than we showed." The football team was plagued with penalties, and sophomore quarterback David Pleasants of Riverdale, Georgia, completed a low percentage point of passes which was largely due to poor pass protection.

The coach emphasized a fact that the team has a majority of starting freshmen. "We're not making excuses for the loss.

Basically, we were pleased with defensive secondary play, and we did a 'good job' in covering passes with Greg Sanders, Andreall Tabb, Paul Gallaspy, Stanley Mitchell, and Billy Walker. Yogi Johnson and Charles Ray did an 'adequate job' at the tailback positions, and Ricky Goss was the leading ground gainer for the team."

The Warriors had a 6-3-1 record last year, and with the freshmen's talent this year, Coach Kilpatrick looks forward to the season with optimism. So, look out people, because the team is putting on their war paint!

**SUPPORT  
THE  
WARRIORS**

## EC Warriors are young but tough

Last season, East Central Junior College came just short of making the state playoffs.

It now appears it may be a long way from "just short."

"Truthfully, it will be hard for us to play as well as last year," head coach A.J. Kilpatrick said. "We're a long ways from being as good a football team as we were last season."

"We will be young. The freshmen will need to come through to have a good team."

Last season, the Warriors finished with a 6-3-1 record in the South Division and was a definite playoff contender through most of the season. However, their record only netted them a third-place spot in the division.

ECJC lost 28 lettermen from the '83 team and return only 16. The ones who return will be at key positions.

The big returner will be a quarterback where David Pleasants will start once more. Pleasants will be joined in the backfield with returning

fullback Ricky Goss.

Other key people returning to the offense includes guards Michael Nunn and Mike Stojkovic and tackle Joey Freeny.

Back to the defense this season will be a familiar linebacker duo. Willie Sangster will be at one linebacker while Greg Carben, a player Kilpatrick said "is the leader on the defense," will be at the other spot.

"We look good but we're mostly freshmen," Kilpatrick said. "We're pretty young but we're pleased with the progress we've made."

Although his personnel could be better, Kilpatrick also considers the ECJC schedule a factor which may hold them back."

"Our schedule is as tough as you can make it," the coach said. "We have to play all the South (Division) teams plus Itawamba and Northwest."

East Central's record stands at 0-2 after losses to Itawamba and Co-Lin.

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## EC loses heartbreaker

The Warriors faced a tough Co-Lin team and fell just short. The 14-13 loss to Co-Lin was a heartbreaker for the young Warriors.

In an interview last week Coach Kilpatrick called Co-Lin "one of the best teams in the state."

Scoring for the Warriors

were David Ray and Mike Hawkins. Ray scored on a 16-yard run. Hawkins scored on two field goals and a PAT.

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Taking time to regroup on the bench, the Warriors rested on the side lines.

*Make your plans to attend....*

# **East Central's HOMECOMING**

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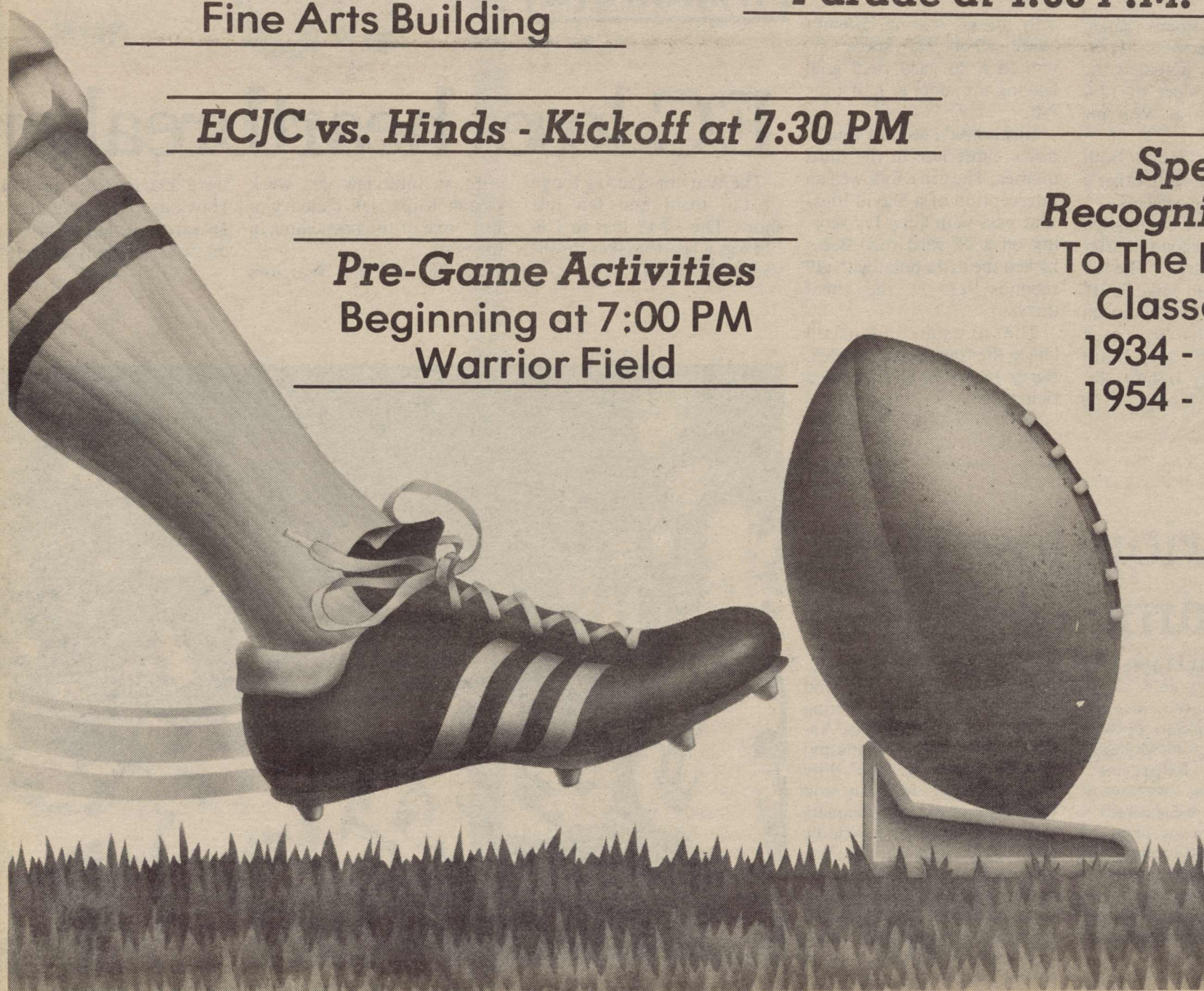
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### The Queen....



### Joy Eichelberger reigns over 1984 Homecoming

### ....and her Court



By ADA MOREAU

Probably the highlight of every school's football season is homecoming. One of the most exciting parts is finding out who will represent the school in the homecoming court.

This year's court will be presided over by the Joy Eichelberger of Louisville. A sophomore majoring in Business Administration, Joy is active in many phases of college life.

Maid of Honor to the queen is Melissa Gray of Union. Melissa is vice-president of the SBA, a member of the Warrior Corps, and assistant editor of the **Tom-Tom**. "Because East Central has great pride in all that it represents, I feel a great sense of pride in representing it," said Melissa.

Representing the sophomore class as maids are Janet Jackson, Lynda Jones, and Patty Wilson. All three are graduates of Neshoba Central. Janet, a Retail Floristry major, is secretary of the SBA. Patty, who is majoring in elementary education, is a cheerleader. She expressed her feelings about the honor by saying, "I'm proud to be able to represent my class. I want to represent honesty, integrity, and school spirit." Lynda Jones is a sophomore majoring in Cosmetology.

Freshmen class maids are Donna Miller, a graduate of Neshoba Central; Alice Thames, from Beulah Hubbard; and Tracy Williams, a Newton Academy graduate. Tracy and Donna are East Central cheerleaders, and Alice is a Centralette.

Reigning over homecoming will be this lovely court: (seated, left to right) Lynda Jones, Queen Joy Eichelberger, Melissa Gray, and Janet Jackson; (standing, left to right) Patty Wilson, Alice Thames, Tracy Williams, and Donna Miller.

# Theta Xi chapter to co-host regional PTK conference

By CHRIS GILMER

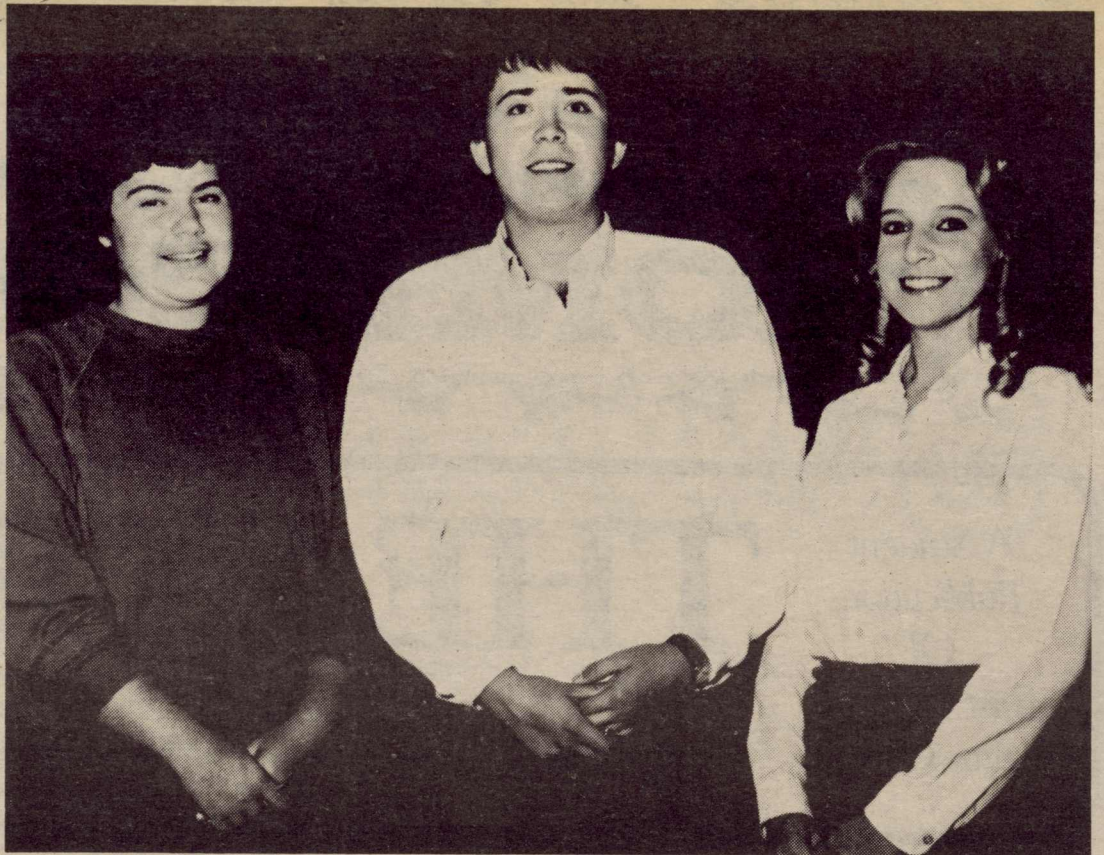
Attending the recent Phi Theta Kappa conference in Jackson were Theta Xi officers Tina Hollingsworth of Lake, Chris Gilmer of Forest, and Vicki Wyatt of Decatur. Sponsors of the group were Mrs. Ann Burkes and Mr. Rudolph Mayes.

Plans were discussed for the Honors Institute, the national convention, and the regional convention. This year Theta Xi will co-host the regional convention along with the Phi Theta Kappa chapters of Meridian Junior College and East Mississippi Junior College. The

convention will be held in Meridian.

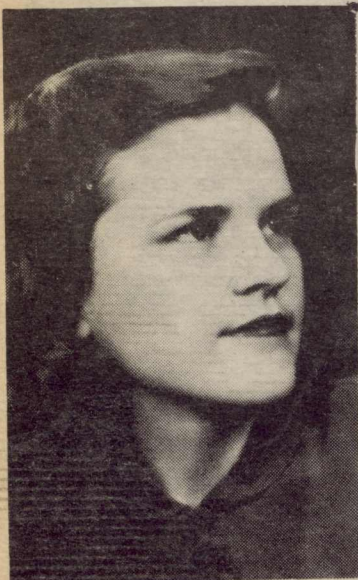
Phi Theta Kappa has been selling mums for homecoming at a cost of four dollars (\$4) each. It is possible that there will be some extras at the same price, so anyone interested in purchasing one should contact Mrs. Burkes.

At the last meeting, it was decided that members must attend a minimum of five meetings during the year to qualify for a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship. Dues for returning members were set at five dollars, and they should be paid as soon as possible.



# Mrs. Jessie Everett is tapped for 1984 'Distinguished Faculty Award'

Jessie Everett, a member of the business faculty at East Central Junior College for the past 28 consecutive years, has been selected by the Alumni Association to receive this year's "Distinguished Faculty Award". Several years ago the same organization honored her with its "Alumnus of the Year Award." In addition to fulltime teaching in the traditional secretarial courses, Mrs. Everett has served the college in a number of committees and special assignments. In recent years she has served on the scholarship, senior day, social, legislative, and homecoming committees. She has been chairperson for her educational division, president of the faculty club, and has served as sponsor for classes and student clubs.



Jessie Mae Everett while a student at EC.

Professional activities and associations on a state, regional, and national level have benefited from Mrs. Everett's years of membership, committee work and leadership. They include the State, Southern, and National Business Education Associations, the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association, the Mississippi Association of Educators, Delta Pi Epsilon, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She is past president of the Mississippi Business Education Association, and last year was nominated by MBEA for the National Teacher of the Year. The honoree holds the AA degree from East Central Junior College in Secretarial Science, the Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree and the Master of Business Education degree from the University of Mississippi. She has completed 30 semester hours above the masters degree in the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Georgia State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

As an active participant in community, church and other volunteer organizations, Mrs. Everett has received many honors and awards outside her school and teachers organizations. They include: Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs awards as (1) Teacher of the Year, (2) Clubwoman of the Year, (3) District President of the Year, and (4) Volunteer Activist of the Year for the state of Mississippi; Golden Deeds Award from the Decatur Exchange Club; and a summer scholarship from Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Mrs. Everett, the former Jessie Stewart of Neshoba County, is married to Bobby Everett, Attorney-At-Law, and they have two children, Keith, an ophthalmologist, and Lisa (Mrs. Andy Lucovich), a pharmacist, both of Meridian, and one grandson, Stewart Everett.

The East Central Junior College Alumni Association will honor both the Distinguished Faculty Member and the Alumnus of the Year at a reception in the Fine Arts Center on cam-

pus at 4:30 p.m. October 13, 1984, and present the awards at the banquet later (5:30 p.m.) in W.C. Mabry Cafeteria.



Jessie Everett

# BSU helps raise money for missions

Recently members of the BSU participated in a Walk-A-Thon to Newton to raise money for Student Summer Missions.

The students participating were: Andy Thaggard, Robbie May, Chuck Robertson, Charles Edwards, Phillip

Pinter, Greg Beard, Pam Chamblee, Tina Hollingsworth, Anna Wolverton, Phoebe Gray, and Ceilia Waggoner.

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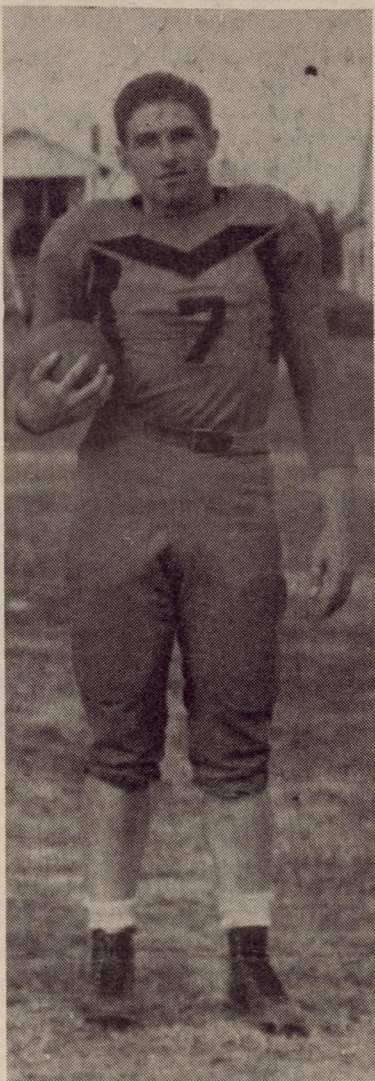
participants. Approximately \$250 was raised for the Summer Missions.

BSU will sponsor a special emphasis on caring and sharing during the week of November 5-8. Rev. Joe Cobb, Director of Baptist Student work at North-

east Junior College, will be leading the conference. Sessions will be held each night at 6:00 p.m. with special sessions in the afternoon. A luncheon for interested students will be held on campus Wednesday, Nov. 7.

At EC 1934 to 1936.....

# Alford is EC 'Alumnus of the Year'



**HERMAN ALFORD** was a star football player at East Central before going on to play for Mississippi College.

Herman Alford of Philadelphia has been selected as the 1984 "Alumnus of the Year" by the East Central Junior College Alumni Association. Alford will be honored at Homecoming activities on Saturday, October 13. A reception will be held in his honor in the Fine Arts Building at 4:30 p.m. He will also be recognized at the Alumni Banquet in W.C. Mabry Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. and during the half-time ceremonies of the East Central-Hinds game.

Born September 16, 1915, in Philadelphia, Alford is the son of Benjamin Warren Alford and Phronettie Davidson Alford. After graduating as Salutatorian of his class at Philadelphia High School in 1934, Alford came to East Central Junior College where he played football and served as President of the Sophomore Class. After graduating from ECJC in 1936, he went on to play football at Mississippi College and graduated in 1938 with a BA Degree with distinction.

Following graduation at MC, Alford went to Clinton High School as Assistant Coach in 1938 and then accepted a job with the Mississippi State Board of Health in Bolivar county in 1939. In 1940, he attended law school at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and was admitted to practice law after he passed the Mississippi State Bar in July, 1941. Alford received a Bachelor of Law Degree from Cumberland in

May, 1946 and entered the active practice of law in Philadelphia in May, 1946 where he has continued to date. He has been actively engaged in the practice of law in all courts of law in the county, state, and Federal Courts, the US Court of Appeals for the 5th District, and the United States Supreme Court.

Alford voluntarily entered the Army in 1941, attended Infantry Officers Candidate School in 1942, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the infantry. He served with the 100th Infantry Division, the 17th Airborne Division, and the 82nd Airborne Division. After completing parachute training school, he served in the European Theater of Operations receiving three battle stars during the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns. Alford was also awarded the Bronze Star medal and received an honorable discharge from the service in February, 1946. He then served in the Mississippi National Guard as Brigadier General until his retirement in 1969.

Serving as city attorney for 28 years (1953-1981), Alford is a member of the Board of Directors and Vice-President of the Neshoba County Fair Association, Inc., the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank (Philadelphia), and the Board of Directors of East Mississippi Farmers Livestock Company. He has served as chairman of the Industrial Commit-

tee of the Chamber of Commerce for eight years and as a member of the Board of Trustees of East Central Junior College.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, he and his wife, the former Gwendolyn Thomas, have three children, Mrs. Janne Alford Thomas, Patrick Thomas

Alford, and Herman Woodrow Alford, Jr., all of whom attended East Central Junior College. The Alfords have two grandchildren, Anthony Lee Thomas and Melaine Suzanne Alford.

Alford's friends and associates are given a special invitation to attend the Homecoming activities on Saturday, October 13.



**Herman Alford**

The Collegians are preparing for Senior Day activities. Instrumentalists are: (kneeling) Ross Denham, drums; Alvin Ricks, trombone; Stan Davis, trumpet; Boyd Germany, saxophone; Danny Bryant, trumpet; Lee Weeks, bass. Second row includes: Tom Carson, director, and the singers, Chris Adair, Parry Smith, Debria Thompson, Amy Cox, Lisa Dooley, Michael Chaney, Brooks McElhenney, Lawrence White, Mike Thompson, and Andy Thaggard, keyboard.



# Cynthia Adams President Sophomore Class

By BILL VAUGHN

Election for officers in the sophomore class were recently held at East Central Junior Col-

lege. The new officers are as follows: President - Cynthia Adams, Vice-President - Suzanne Alford, Secretary -

Teresa Perry, Treasurer - Chuck Robertson, and SBA Representatives - Lisa Dooley and Tina Hollingsworth.



Sophomore class officers for the coming year are Chuck Robertson, treasurer; Cynthia Adams, president; Suzanne Alford, vice-president; Teresa Perry, treasurer; Lisa Dooley and Tina Hollingsworth, SBA representatives.

Cynthia Adams is a graduate of Edinburg High School where she graduated as Salutatorian of her class. She was a cheerleader for four years and received the Outstanding Cheerleader Award her senior year. She was in the Beta Club for four years, the FHA for 4 years, the Annual Staff for 2 years, and the E Club for 4 years. She was Miss EHS, FHA Sweetheart, Senior Homecoming Maid, and a Senior Beauty. At ECJC, she is a Centralette for the Warrior Band and is involved in intramural football and volleyball. Cynthia is majoring in Nursing.

Suzanne Alford is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. She was a cheerleader and Homecoming Miad, and a class beauty. She was in the Beta Club, the History Club, the Student Council, and played varsity basketball. At ECJC, she is in Phi Theta Kappa, the Warrior Corp, and Who's Who. Suzanne is majoring in liberal arts.

Teresa Perry is a graduate of Edinburg High School. She was a cheerleader for 4 years and received the Outstanding Cheerleader Award her junior year. She was in the Beta Club for 4 years, the FHA for 4

years, and the E Club for 4 years. She was on the annual staff for 2 years and served as editor her senior year. She was selected Most Likely to Succeed and Most Outstanding senior girl. She was a beauty for 2 years and Homecoming Queen her senior year. At ECJC, she is an SBA Representative and Treasurer of the Home Economics Club her freshman year. She is involved in intramural football and volleyball and is a Centralette for the Warrior Band. Teresa is majoring in home economics.

Chuck Robertson is a graduate of Louisville High School. In high school, he was Speech Club President and was a member of the band. At ECJC, he is BSU Mission chairman and Trumpet soloist for the Warrior Band. He also plays baseball. Chuck is majoring in Pre-Law.

Lisa Dooley is a graduate of Louisville High School. She was in the FBLA, the Art Club, and the Speech Club. She was in the band for 4 years, and a member of the flag corp for 3 years. She was also elected Senior Homecoming Maid. At

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# McNair picked to head Freshman class officers

By BILL VAUGHN

The freshman class elected Greg McNair of Neshoba Central to serve as its president for the 1984-85 school year. Other officers are Tywonna Richardson, vice-president; Alice Thames, secretary; Randy Hayes, treasurer; and Karen Miller and Bobby Johnson, SBA representatives.

Greg McNair is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, where he was Salutatorian. He was President of the Student Body and was in the Beta Club for four years. He served as President of the Beta Club his senior year. He played football for 3 years, in which he was all District for 2 years; baseball for 2 years; in which he was all District for 1 year, and basketball for 3 years. At ECJC, he is president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and is a member of the baseball team. Greg is majoring in pre-pharmacy.

Tywonna Richardson is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. She was a member of the Student Council and selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was also a cheerleader and received the National Cheerleader Association Award. At ECJC, she serves as Social Leader in Jackson Hall. Tywonna is ma-

joring in Secretarial Science.

Alice Thames is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School. She was secretary of the FFA for 4 years and Treasurer of the FHA for 4 years. She was a member of the Library Club for 2 years. She was class reporter her senior and junior years and served as co-editor of the school paper. She was a cheerleader, a beauty, and homecoming maid. She was elected Most Typical Teenager. At ECJC, she is Vice-President of the Student Education Association, and serves as Freshman Maid. She is involved in intramural football and volleyball and is a Centralette for the Warrior Band. Alice is majoring in Elementary Education.

Randy Hayes is a graduate of Scott Central High School, where he graduated as valedictorian. He received the Citizenship Award, the Leadership Award, Math Awards, Science Awards, and History Awards. He served as president of his senior class, president of the Student body, president of the FFA, and treasurer of the Beta Club. He was elected Mr. Scott Central High School, Most Intellectual, and Most Likely to Succeed. At ECJC, he is a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon. Randy is majoring in

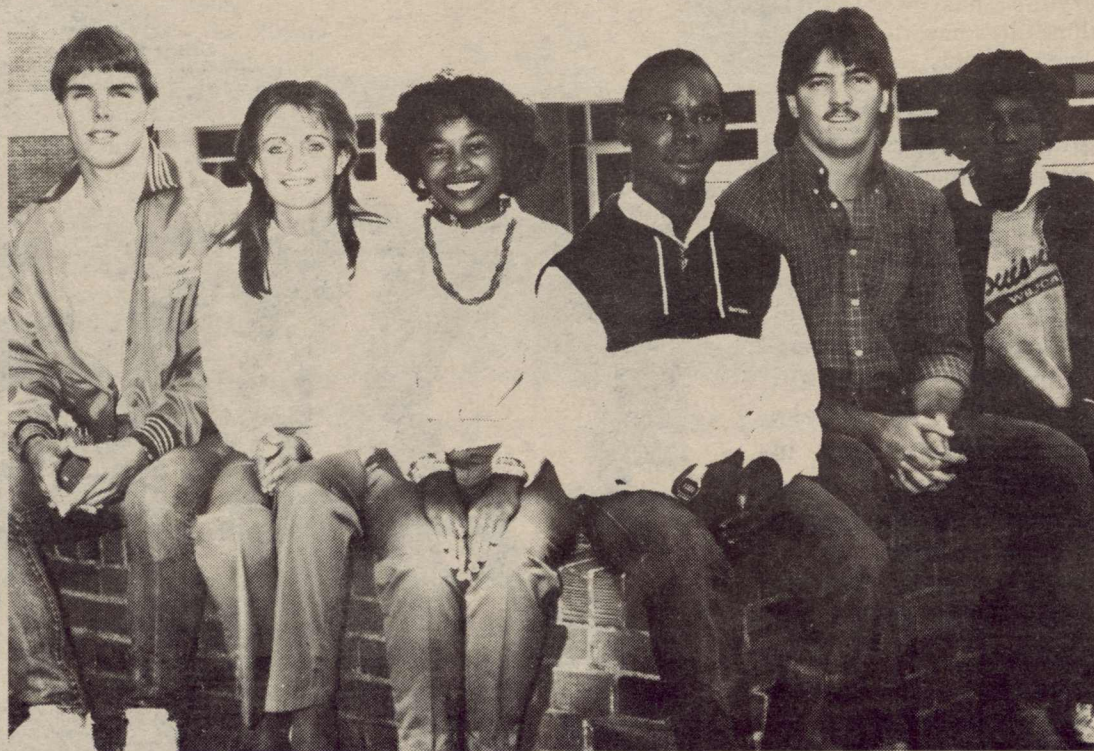
Engineering.

Karen Miller is a graduate of Louisville High School. She was an honor student, a member of the Beta Club, and

was elected Most Athletic Girl. At ECJC, she is participating in Varsity Basketball. Karen is majoring in Data Processing.

Bobby Johnson is a graduate

of Neshoba Central High School. He was elected as Mr. NCHS. At East Central he participates in football.



Leading the freshman class for the 1984-85 school year are: Greg McNair, president; Tywonna Richardson, vice-president; Alice Thames, secretary; Randy Hayes, treasurer; Bobby Johnson and Karen Miller, SBA representatives.

## VICA Club officers....



The East Central Junior College Chapter of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) has selected officers for the coming year. Serving as the 1984-85 officers are: (left to right) Bobby Craig of Pulaski - President, Robbie Childress of Louisville - Secretary, Larry Crimm of Forest - Treasurer, Daniel Simoneau of Louin

- Reporter, Bethany Haralson of Newton - Vice-President, Tim Oswald of Mantee - Chaplin, and William Wilson of Collinsville - Parliamentarian. VICA plans, organizes, and carries out worthwhile activities and projects throughout the year including the upcoming blood drive.

## Homecoming Queen is not Eichelberger's only honor

By CHRIS GILMER

Joy Eichelberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eichelberger, was recently elected Homecoming Queen here at East Central. Joy is a graduate of Louisville High School, and she is majoring in Business Administration. She plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi after graduating from East Central.

While at East Central, Joy has accomplished many things. She is a member of the varsity basketball team, and she serves as the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Joy was elected to serve as house chairperson of her dormitory, and she was recently selected for distinction in Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. In addition to playing basketball, Joy enjoys running and counted cross-stitch.

Joy enjoys the closeness that she feels with her peers and her teachers. She likes the idea of being more than a number or a statistic. She enjoys saying "good morning" to the people that she meets, and she enjoys a warm response to her greeting. Basketball has been Joy's favorite activity at East Central, and she said that she felt a special closeness to Coach Wood and to her fellow players.

When asked how she felt about receiving this honor, she said, "I would like to thank my friends for voting for me, and I will do my best to fulfill their expectations while representing this school as Homecoming Queen."

Joy will be riding in the Homecoming Parade, and she and her court will be presented during the half-time of the football game. She will be wearing a white dress made of satin and lace, and she will be escorted by William Johnson.

Congratulations to Joy and to her court. Make a special effort to come out and support Joy and the football team at the game. A strong showing of school spirit will certainly make WINNING easier.

## Ovid Vickers: "I am not a writer. I have been fortunate."

By DARRELL MANGRUM

Everyone has written something at some time in their lives, possibly to get a job, pass a course, relate thoughts and ideas to others, or just for the fun of it. Writing can do many things for a person and can be very enjoyable as a hobby.

Mr. Ovid Vickers, English instructor at East Central Junior College, has had some articles published in journals and magazines. His most recently published piece is "A Special Place" in *Southern Living*. He also writes weekly columns for the *Union Appeal* and his hometown paper in Georgia. Mr. Vickers has shared some of his thoughts on how a person might pursue writing as a hobby or as a career.

Q: "Why does a person write?"

A: "He has a story to tell, and a desire to get this story down on paper. Often times the writer writes as much for himself as he does for the prospective reader. Writers have

a desire to entertain, and if somebody is pleased with or interested in what is written, then, the writer derives some satisfaction from what he has done. There is no denying that writing is tied up with egotism. It is a part of a striving for recognition."

Q: "Where does a person who writes find his material?"

"The two primary sources are personal experience and imagination. Often times it is easier to write from imagination than from personal experience because readers find the imaginary easier to believe than an incident or experience that is factual. People who write must be good listeners because things to write about are not only triggered by what one experiences, but what one hears. As silly as it seems, in order to write, a person must write -- for some strange reason, writing generates writing."

Q: "Why should a person write?"

A: "I think a person should write for these four reasons.

A person should write for self-satisfaction, to assure preservation of a person's ideas or experiences, to clear the mind of ideas that keep bumping around in one's head trying to get out, and lastly, a person should write with the hope that somebody will read what he has written."

Q: "How should the beginning writer handle disappointment or what should he do when he has 'gone dry'?"

"The main thing to do is to keep writing. Other things to do are to look for new experiences which may lead to ideas, and read, read, read."

Q: "How might a person go about having an article published?"

A: "Write a cover letter and mail it to a magazine, a journal, or a newspaper that might be interested in publishing the type of article that a person has written. There are books and magazines in the library which list the markets for various pieces of writing."

Q: "How did you become a

writer?"

A: "I am not a writer. I have been fortunate enough to have a few poems and pros pieces printed in some magazines and journals. I have had many more pieces rejected than I have had accepted, but that's the name of the game."

If a person has a talent or thinks he might have a talent for writing, these thoughts, ideas, an opinions should help him to realize and/or develop that talent.

## Sophomores Continued from page 4...

ECJC, she has served as a class officer for 2 years, and has been a member of the Collegians for 2 years. She was a Miss ECJC contestant and was in the choir her freshman year. Lisa is majoring in data processing.

Tina Hollingsworth is a graduate of Lake High School where she was Salutatorian of her class. She was reporter of the Beta Club and FFA, and

President of the FHA. She received the Citizenship Award, the American Legion Award, the Science Award, and awards in band and basketball. At ECJC, she is Co-Fellowship Chairman of the BSU, President of Phi Theta Kappa, and Secretary of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. She is a member of the ECJC Warrior Band, the Players, and Mu Alpha Theta. Tina is majoring in Nursing.

# Delta defeats East Central 38 to 14

By GREG BEARD

The Delta Trojans hit the scoreboard early in the 1st quarter when Dennis McNeal made a kickoff return of 30 yards. Three plays later Ronnie Therrell carried the ball over on a 5 yard run. The PAT was no good and the Trojans led 6-0.

The second score of the quarter came following a punt return by Therrell to the Warrior 20. The Trojans were unsuccessful in getting a first down and had to settle for a field goal by Mike Fulgham.

The Trojans' 2nd touchdown came following an intercepted David Pleasant's pass to Greg Nowell, which the Trojans returned to the Warrior 30. Two plays later the Trojans scored on a 24 yard touchdown carry by Chuck Smith.

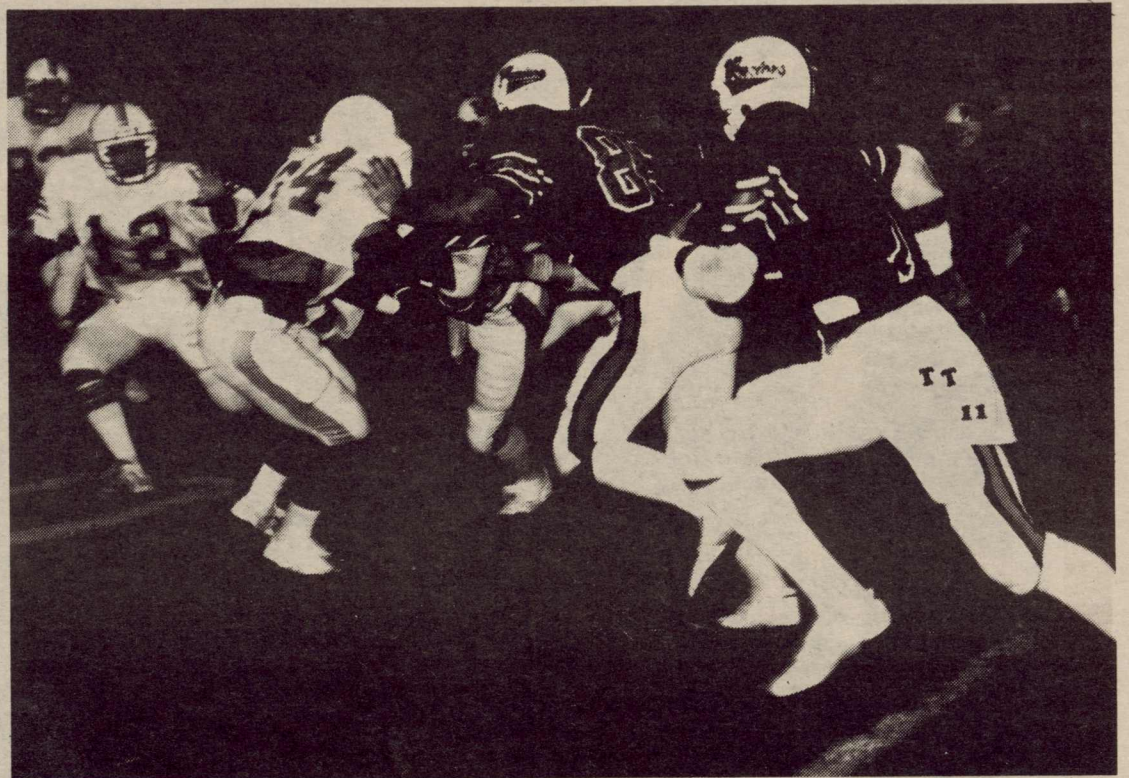
The Trojans' final score of the first half came in the 2nd quarter when Therrell scored

on a 1 yard run.

East Central's first touchdown came on a 5 play drive, the key play being a 3rd and 12 conversion. Pleasant passed to Ricky Goss to put the ball on the 19. Pleasant then passed to Greg Nowell for a 20 yard touchdown. Mike Hawkins was good on the PAT making the score at the half, 31-7.

The final Trojan points came following an interception of a Pleasant pass by Kevin Young. Trojan Carl Hannah scored on a 33 yard run. Fulgham kicked the PAT to make the score 38-7.

The final Warrior score came in less than two minutes left in the game. Trey Holliday scored on a 10 yard pass from John Fulton. Hawkins was good again with the PAT. The final whistle blew finding the Warriors defeated by Delta 38-14.



## Winless Warriors beaten by Holmes

By GREG BEARD

The Warriors, still winless, traveled to Goodman looking for a victory but came back disappointed by the Holmes Bulldogs, 29-8.

The first score of the night occurred when the Warriors rush forced the Bulldogs into the end zone for a two-point safety. After Warrior Randy Burkes intercepted a pass, Mike Hawkins converted on a 41 field goal with the 1st quarter ending with the Warriors on top, 5-0.

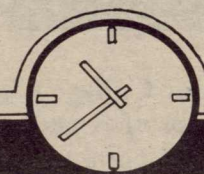
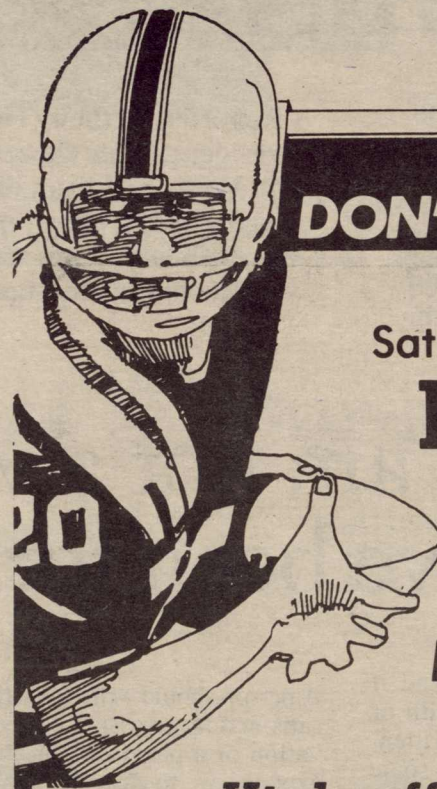
The final score for the Warriors came with 6:52 left in the first half when Hawkins kicked his second field goal of the

night, making the score stand at 8-0.

After a fumble by the Warriors, Bulldog Paul Bennett went on for the touchdown. The PAT was successful which made the score 8-7. The Bulldogs took the half-time lead 14-8, when Paul Bennett returned a punt for a 55 yard touchdown.

The Bulldogs controlled the second half. Bennett carried on the next score on a 30 yard touchdown and the PAT was good, making the score 21-8.

The final score came when quarterback Wasden kept for the 40 yard touchdown. The Bulldogs went on to victory, 29-8.



**DON'T MISS THE ACTION!**

Saturday, October 13....

**East Central  
vs.  
Hinds**

**Pre-game activities  
Begin at 7:00 P.M.**

**Kick-off at 7:30 P.M.!**



## Gulf Coast rallies for 16-6 victory over EC

By GREG BEARD

The Warriors didn't have much success when they met up with the Bulldogs from the Gulf Coast. The Bulldogs waved to 16-6 victory.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring on its initial possession with John McNeil kicking a 21 yard field goal with 8:39 left in the 1st quarter. The Bulldogs used 15 plays to drive 65 yards before stalling on the 4.

The next Bulldogs score followed a Warrior fumble at the Bulldog's 43. The Bulldogs used 12 plays to drive 57 yards. The score at the half was 10-0.

After a bad field goal at-

tempt by John McNeil, the Warriors took over on their own 22 and drove to the Bulldogs 18. Where 4th down found Warrior Mike Hawkins kicking a 37 yard field goal making the score 10-3.

After a turnover by the Bulldogs, Hawkins was good on a 47 yard field goal. Putting the score at, EC 6, Bulldogs 10.

The final score occurred when Allen Williams carried the ball over on a 2 yard touchdown. The PAT by McNeil was no good, making the final score Gulf Coast 16 and East Central 6.



# The Centralettes

It takes hard work  
& practice to perform

By CHRIS GILMER

Whether they are "Putting on the Ritz" or "Working Hard for Their Money", a group of young ladies called the Centralettes deserves a great measure of praise.

While everyone else is taking a nap, participating in intramurals, or just sitting around the dorm, this group is practicing; and practice does not mean for fifteen minutes.

It means stretching and warming up, and then practicing their dance routines to perfection.

Diane Walker, who serves as captain of the group, is pleased with the group's past performances; and she promises many exciting things in the near future. The Centralettes perform with the East Central Junior College Marching Band, and they have danced to many other songs besides the ones mentioned earlier.

Members of the group are: Dianne Walker of Decatur, captain; Amy Hedrick of Newton; Joycelyn Gunter of Newton; Cynthia Adams of Edinburg; Teresa Perry of Edinburg; Jennifer Caron of Forest; Alice Thames of Decatur; Lisa Kelly of Newton; Zeporah Hodges of Union; and Melany McMullan of Houston, Texas.

During practices, Dianne expects the girls to give their best efforts. When asked how she felt about the group, Dianne stated, "I really enjoy working with them. Everybody really cooperates, and that makes my job easier."

Pictured on this page are the Centralettes in various stages of practice, and also costume. The Centralettes have proven to be a dynamic addition to the band and to the school.

The student body looks forward to seeing them in the remainder of their performances.



# Seventeen added to 'Who's Who'

Honored for leadership, achievement and service

The 1985 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" will include the names of 17 students from East Central Junior College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.



Members of the 1984 Who's Who in American Junior Colleges are: (front row, left to right) Suzanne Alford, Tina Hollingsworth, Susan Wall, Melissa Gray, Vicky Wyatt, Amy Cox, Dessa Mercer, Laurie Risher, and Joy

Eichelberger; (back row, left to right) Charles Edwards, Rory Trapp, Robbie Childress, Andy Thaggard, Johnny Bell, Johnny Gill, Jeff Hand, and David Pleasants.

## Alcohol: a serious problem

By ADA MOREAU

It is hard for most people to get through a month without hearing some sort of horror story about alcohol.

Alcohol is a serious problem for approximately nine million Americans, and teens are making up a growing percentage of the millions.

As with many other problems, many would rather think of the alcohol dilemma as one that belongs to someone else.

However, an East Central survey, taken in psychology class, brings the statistics a little closer to home.

According to a survey of 81 East Central students, 54 said they drink, while 27 said they do not. One fourth of the drinkers, drink only on special occasions.

Ten percent of the drinkers drink once a week or more. One fourth admit they drink despite parental rules.

Surprisingly, more parents chose to have their children drink outside the home rather than in the home.

Parents' drinking was also surveyed, and five percent have fathers who drink

excessively. Others expressed the feeling that alcohol was abused in their home in some form.

A majority have friends who have a problem with alcohol.

One alarming fact is that 40 percent admitted to drinking and driving. Twenty-five percent admitted to suffering family problems or car accidents as a result of drinking, but less than half said that their drinking had ever gotten them into trouble.

The main reasons given for drinking were depression, rejection, and peer pressure.

It is hard to get an overall view of the alcohol problem from one survey, but it can provide some answers. The fact that alcohol has gotten few of those surveyed into trouble could be encouraging; however, it could also mean that there is just a lot of potential trouble out there somewhere.

Anyway you look at it, one person destroyed by alcohol is alarming enough to give the problem serious consideration.

