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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On the Cover:

ECCC Alumnus Randy Houser will headline a benefit concert for College Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson on November 12, 2011, at the Neshoba County Coliseum. For more information, see the article on page 14.
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The President's Message

Homecoming is a special time at East Central. Each fall the College prepares to welcome alumni and friends to the campus to renew old friendships. We also want show the many changes that have been made to the campus over time. It is a particularly special time for reunion groups from 50 and 60 years ago.

We want to particularly celebrate the fact that the College's enrollment surpassed 3,000 for the first time by setting a new record of 3,223 students registered for the first day of class.

This is a milestone in the College's growth and reflects the hard work of every employee and many alumni of the College.

This homecoming we also hope to provide tours of the new state-of-the-art science lab building; the Ronald Davis Science Hall. Final completion is scheduled around the time of homecoming and the contractor has promised to have it clean and available for tours on Saturday morning. This new addition to our campus is designed in the architectural vein of Founders' Gym and Huff Auditorium but with modern instructional facilities for students.

In addition, the College's Memorabilia Room will be open for tours. There are many artifacts housed in that room from various decades in the College's history. Miss Lucille Wood and Miss Gloria Johnson were instrumental in pulling together the many



Dr. Phil Sutpin

items that represent the culture and history of East Central.

Other homecoming activities are enumerated in this issue of the Warrior and are similar to those of prior years. However, many of you may be returning to campus for the first time since your time as a student. The reunion groups, luncheon, and football game will be great activities for you to enjoy.

The College's athletic support organization, the Warrior Club, will hold its annual meeting as part of homecoming activities.

You are welcome to join this organiza-

tion and promote Warrior athletics. Most of the upgrades to our athletic facilities have resulted from ideas and activities of the Warrior Club. Improvements to the College's athletic facilities have greatly enhanced the appearance of the North Campus.

Homecoming activities are planned by the Homecoming Steering Committee and all faculty and staff participate in ensuring a great day but Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth and Mr. Bubby Johnston do a fantastic job of coordinating and publicizing this special day. These two, their staffs, and all employees of the College deserve a tremendous word of thanks for their efforts in connection with homecoming and the quality of your college.

Thank you for what you mean to EC and I hope to see you on October 8, 2011.



EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Homecoming 2011 OCTOBER 8

HONOREES

Alumna of the Year

Dr. Tina Nicole Flint Harrison

Class of 1992

Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Frank Bowen, Sr., M.D.

Class of 1941

Athletic Hall of Fame

Harmon Kenneth Dunagin

Class of 1958

James E. "Jimmy" Fisackerly

Class of 1958

SPECIAL EVENTS:

5K RUN/WALK

7 a.m. • North Campus

TOUR OF THE AARON R. DAVIS

SCIENCE BUILDING

9 to 11 a.m.

WARRIOR CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

11 a.m. • Board Room

Vincent Administration Building

Homecoming • October 8, 2011

Schedule of Events

7 a.m.

Registration for Homecoming 5K Run/Walk

North Campus Pavilion • Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bookstore Open-Eddie M. Smith Student Union

9 a.m.

Homecoming Registration Begins

East Mall Patio Near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

Refreshments Available

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Memorabilia Room Open-Burton Library

Tour of the Aaron R. Davis Science Building

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lil' Warrior Kidz Zone

North Campus Pavilion

10 a.m.

Reunion Groups Meet

Class of 1941 • Class of 1951 • Class of 1961 • Class of 1971

Classes of 1979, 1980 and 1981

Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959

1954 Lady Warrior Basketball Team

1970 North Division Championship Warrior Football Team

All Former Warrior Golfers

10:30 a.m.

Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1961

Auditorium, Vickers Fine Arts Center

11 a.m.

Warrior Club Annual Meeting

Board Room, Vincent Administration Building

(All former athletes and current supporters of ECCC athletics.)

Noon

Alumni Luncheon-Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

1 p.m.

Warrior Club Tailgating-Bailey Stadium

2 p.m.

Football Game-ECCC vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast

Recognition of Homecoming Honorees

Halftime Presentation of Queen and Court

Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band

*"Celebrating Our Great Heritage
and Our Promising Future"*



Dr. Nicole Harrison (Class of 1992)

ECCC Alumna of the Year

Nicole Flint Harrison, East Central Community College's 2011 Alumna of the Year, doesn't measure success by one's status in society or the amount of money one makes. She said success to her is "friendships and memories made in life and how one uses the talents God has given them. According to her, much of her success has come from her relationships built at her alma mater.

"My success thus far is very much because of my time spent at East Central Community College," Harrison said. "My time at East Central was priceless. I know, without a doubt, I would not be where I am today had I chosen another college."

Harrison will be honored during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 8, on the Decatur campus.

A member of the ECCC Class of 1992, Harrison is the owner of Nicole Harrison Family Dentistry in Union, which she has operated since 1998. She previously served one year as dentist in the office of Dr. James Hover.

Harrison said, "I am a general dentist in a wonderful town. Everyone knows everyone and there is such a sense of community and love and fellowship. I have a wonderful dental team that includes my mother-in-law Barbara Harrison, Jessica Burns, Kim Watson and Penny Hisaw. They are what make me successful. They are my family."

For Harrison, the business of a dental practice is not just about the physical aspects of one's mouth, but listening to what a person has to say. She said the highlight of her career has been the relationships with her patients.

"I just try to help people any way I can," Harrison said. "Sometimes it is through a new smile, but sometimes it



Dr. Nicole Harrison

is just as helpful to simply lend a caring ear. People just want to be respected and treated fairly. This is certainly what I try to convey, although not always as good as I would like."

Upon being notified of her selection as Alumna of the Year, Harrison said, "I was so very honored and surprised. I know there are so many individuals worthy of this honor and I am very humbled to have even been nominated. I am very fortunate to have many friends, family and patients associated with East Central and I have been blessed to be able to remain so close to so many people at the College. I'm not one who relishes the spotlight, but I am so

very proud to represent the college as Alumna of the Year."

Receiving this award, Harrison added, is bittersweet, as two of the most influential people in her life are no longer alive.

"My mother and father, unfortunately, are not here to celebrate with me. My mother was the main reason for my success. She did most of the child-rearing in our home, sometimes with some tough love, but always with a lesson to be learned. She let us learn from our mistakes without interfering too much. She instilled in me a sense of confidence and challenged me to always strive to achieve greatness. I cannot say enough about the love she unconditionally gave. My father enabled me to pursue my interest. He not only supported me financially, but I always knew he was my biggest fan. How lucky was I to have been blessed with two outstanding parents?"

An accomplished and involved student at East Central, Harrison said the highlight of her college days was her selection to the Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive. Additionally, she was selected HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Towards Academic Excellence) Student of the Year, received the English award, was chosen a class favorite for two years, was named an NJCAA Academic All-American and selected for *Who's Who Among American Community/Junior College Students*.

She served as president of Mu Alpha Theta mathematics club and was a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Lady Warrior Basketball Team.

"East Central was the best two years of my life!" Harrison said. "I met some

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ECCC Plans Annual Homecoming 5K Run/Walk

The fifth annual East Central Community College 5K Run/Walk will once again kick off a full day of homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, on the Decatur campus.

Dr. Phillip Crenshaw, event chairman, anticipates another great response to the early morning event.

"We had approximately 125 participants in the 5K Run/Walk last year and we hope to have even greater turnout in 2011," said Dr. Crenshaw, who teaches social science/history classes at ECCC.

The 5K Run/Walk starts at 7:30 a.m. on the North campus, near the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

Entry fee is \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable

to the ECCC Alumni Association.

Dr. Crenshaw said all participants will receive a T-shirt and medallion.

For more information on the 5K Run/Walk, contact Dr. Phillip Crenshaw at ECCC, 601-635-6281 or e-mail pchrenshaw@eccc.edu.

For information on all homecoming activities, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu. (Entry form located on page 7.)

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lifelong friends and formed such close acquaintances with so many others. I do not think that would have happened if I had chosen another school.

"Some of my fondest memories are really of doing nothing at all. Back then, we could have fun just sitting by a bonfire or going to the truck stop to eat patty melts and French fries with gravy, hence the freshman 15!" she said.

Whether in the dorm or out about town, Harrison said she and her friends had fun.

"We 'room dawgs' would sit for hours just talking or dealing with guy problems!" she said. "Our best times were spent at 'Bully's Barn.'

Bully's Barn was an actual barn owned by the parents of a local college student. It was a favorite hangout for many ECCC students during this time.

"I remember us having a 'Bully's Barn' calendar made to help raise money for the burn center. I sure hope that calendar never resurfaces!" she added.

"Of course, the early 90s would not be the same without mentioning all the hours of 'hair preparation' and the amount of money spent on hairspray."

Harrison added, "Without a doubt, the most important and biggest highlight of East Central was meeting my future husband, Chad (Harrison, Class of 1992). We met the summer right before school, but we were able to experience some wonderful times together."

There were many professors whom Harrison said she admired and respected. The two that stand out most

in her mind are retired English instructor Ovid Vickers and Sammy Pace, who retired as women's basketball coach and athletic director.

"I really enjoyed Mr. Vickers' English Literature class. I never liked English, nor did I think I could ever excel at it. He made the class so interesting and challenging. It was not so much about the literature, but the stories he would tell and the excitement he had for his subject. I was honored to have him as my professor and East Central was very fortunate to have someone of his stature be on campus from day to day.

"The other person who was extremely special to me then, and still is today, is Coach Sammy Pace. I thank him for believing in me and for giving me a second chance to play basketball when I chose not to play my freshman year. He made me and my mother very happy when he let me play my sophomore year. He was not only a great coach and teacher, but I know he was instrumental in me getting some of the honors I received at ECCC. Through his leadership, he gave me the confidence to pursue different paths and helped me grow as a leader also."

Harrison continues to support the college as she and her husband, Chad, are both lifetime members of the Alumni Association and annual donors to the Warrior Club. In addition, she says that she always encourages local high school seniors to make East Central their college choice.

"I tell all my newly graduating seniors that are deciding on a college how

really valuable my time at East Central was. I probably would not have received such honors at a larger school, and might not have had the academic grades and background to get into dental school. I also tell them that East Central is what you make of it and if you sit around and do not try to get involved, then like anything, it might not work for you. But, if you try, there are so many opportunities available at East Central to be involved and excel," she said.

Harrison attended Mississippi State University and received her doctoral degree in dentistry from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1997. She is a member of the American Dental Association, Mississippi Dental Association and the Meridian Area Dental Council and has served on the Board of Directors for the Union Chamber of Commerce.

She and her husband have two children, Dylan (8) and Julia (3). They are members of First Baptist Church in Union, where she has served on various committees and assists with the AWANA program and coaches Upward Basketball.

Additional family members include a sister, Teri Flint Killens and her husband, Joe, of Union; brother Terrell Flint and his wife, Melissa, of Union; sister-in-law Shannon Harrison Posey, and her husband, Pepper; nieces and nephews, Kyle and Allie Killens, Will and Jenna Flint and Chandler and Lauren Gwen Posey; and father and mother-in law Mike and Barbara Harrison.



Dr. Frank Bowen (Class of 1941)

ECCC Alumnus of the Year

For almost six decades, Dr. Frank Bowen has donned his suit and tie, strapped on his stethoscope and reported to work serving the medical needs of the people of Leake County. He said he can not remember a time he wanted to be anything other than a doctor and at age 90, he doesn't seem to be looking towards a career change or retirement any time soon!

Bowen, who will be honored as the 2011 East Central Community College Alumnus of the Year during activities scheduled for Saturday, October 8, on the Decatur campus, has been a practicing physician since 1952 when he completed his internship at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and began his medical practice in Leake County.

"I never wanted to do anything else," he said. "Scholarships were available for physicians who returned to be community doctors in small towns. I had that and the G.I. Bill to pay for medical school. I was happy that I made the choice to be a small town doctor. People have been very good to me."

Bowen's mother died when he was only four years old. For many years he bounced from paternal grandparents to aunts and uncles to maternal grandparents. It was while he was living with his maternal grandparents that he enrolled as a sixth-grader at Sturgis school. The next year was when he made the decision to become a doctor.

"When I was in the seventh grade, I had, more or less, decided that I wanted to be a doctor. It seems that Metropolitan Life Insurance had put out little pamphlets telling about different doctors and what they had discovered and what they had done about different diseases.

"For instance, it was Edward Jenner who discovered that people who had cowpox did not have smallpox. He vaccinated



Dr. Frank Bowen

people with cowpox so they would not have smallpox. It was that idea which had made me kind of want to be a doctor. Another one who had an influence was Albert Schweitzer, who was a physician as well as a musician and a missionary. I wanted to be more like him and had thought I might be a missionary. But, things didn't exactly work out that way."

Bowen excelled in his schoolwork from that point on and said he loved math, English and history. He finished high school as the class valedictorian in 1939. At that time, his Uncle, the late Bill Hamill of Philadelphia, who was a pharmacist, gave him the money to enroll at East Central

Junior College.

"He also had a drug store in Decatur in which I worked part time," Bowen said. "He paid me enough and loaned me enough money to go to school at Decatur for two years. I am thankful to him for letting me do that."

At East Central, Bowen was member of the KALJYC-PEERS, which he said was, at that time, a sort of secret society, although he said their motto was "No secrets to speak of." He was also a member of the Glee Club.

"I remember living just above Coach (Polie) Sullivan and Frank 'Snookum' Cross in the new dormitory," he added. "My favorite class was sophomore literature taught by Mrs. (W.W.) Newsome. I also remember in 1941 we had a big snow. It must have been 12 inches of snow. We had a big time in that!"

Not only did he enjoy classes and activities, but it was at East Central where Bowen met Bobbie McPhail, who he described as "a cute little girl!"

"When I first saw her I wanted to meet her," he said. "I had a history class with the person who roomed with her and I made arrangements to have a date. I had joined the International Relations Club and we were having a party. That was my first date with Bobbie. She really became my best friend from then on."

After graduation in 1941, Bowen took a job at McKesson Robbins Wholesale Drug Company as a stock clerk filling orders for drug stores. He and Bobbie stayed in touch while she went to college at what is now the University of Southern Mississippi.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941 and knowing that he would probably be drafted, Bowen still couldn't get medicine off his

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mind and decided to enlist in the army and become a medic. After enlistment processing at Camp Shelby and basic training at Camp Robinson Army Base in Arkansas, Bowen was shipped to Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., just before Thanksgiving.

"Another soldier and I were invited to have Thanksgiving dinner with Bill Dickie, a catcher for the New York Yankees. Ever since then, I have been a Yankee fan!" Bowen said.

At Drew Field, Bowen was assigned as a clerk to battalion headquarters and was then sent to administrative school at Louisiana State University for eight weeks and promoted to Private 1st Class. Upon his return to Tampa, Bowen was assigned to Signal Corps Company where he was to have operational training as a medic.

After completing operational training, he would have been sent overseas, but in 1944 just as he was about to ship out, his grandfather died.

"The company commander gave me the chance to stay with the unit or go home to my grandfather's funeral, which I chose to do. When I returned to Drew Field, I was assigned to the base hospital. I was able to apply for officer candidate school and went to Medical Administrative School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. While I was there, the war with Germany ended."

After that, Bowen was supposed to go to school to become a surgeon's assistant, which is similar to today's physician's assistant. He would have been sent to the Pacific for work, but the war with Japan ended and the school was stopped. After stops in Joplin, Mo.; Ft. Lewis, Wash.; and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, to train medics, Bowen was separated from the Army in 1946 and placed in the Army Reserves, where he was discharged in 1954 as a First Lieutenant.

In the meantime, Dr. Bowen had married Bobbie McPhail on May 1, 1943, in Tampa, Fla. She had been teaching school at Goodhope at that time. After his discharge from the Army, the Bowens moved to Oxford where he enrolled at the University of Mississippi to complete his pre-med courses. Dr. Bowen received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948.

When he had not been accepted to medical school in September of 1948, he was still interested in medicine and decided to enter graduate school to become a

physiologist under Dr. Arthur Guyton, who is now widely known for his textbook of physiology used throughout the world.

"Things changed in just two weeks," Bowen said. "A medical student changed his mind and quit school because he did not like doing gross anatomy, in which we were dissecting the bodies. I was taking every course the medical students were taking, with the exception of histology, and I had taken this in undergraduate school. The admissions board said if I could pass the test the medical students had taken that I could become a medical student. I took the test and made 100 on it. That is how I got into medical school—actually two weeks after it had begun!"

Dr. Bowen finished the first two years of medical school on March 19, 1950, and was accepted to the University of Tennessee where he entered the junior year. After two short tours of active duty with the military during his summers off, Dr. Bowen completed his last quarter of medical school in September 1951.

"I finished four years of medical school in three years and four days, along with 11 others who came along with me to the University of Tennessee," he added.

Following graduation, Dr. Bowen interned at Methodist Hospital in Memphis and he and his wife welcomed a son, Frank (Sonny) Bowen, Jr., in May, 1952. Later that year, they moved to Walnut Grove, where Dr. Bowen entered the practice of medicine.

"When I opened my office in Walnut Grove, Ruby Henderson was my nurse, receptionist, bookkeeper and kept things going for me. Uncle Bill came to the opening of my office. One thing he told me was that if I was going to be a doctor, to look like one. That's why I dress as I do in a coat and tie. He always wore a tie to work, even as a pharmacist."

Dr. Bowen's practice was thriving in Walnut Grove, but the hospital was in Carthage and he says he couldn't be in two places at once so he moved his office there in 1957 and continues to serve the medical needs of Leake County today. In addition to being a staff member at Leake Memorial Hospital, where he has also served several times as Chief of Staff, he is the medical director for Golden Living Center, a 99-bed nursing home, and Sta-Home Hospice, both of Carthage.

"When practicing medicine in a small town, you become part of the families you care for and they become family to you," he said. "I have some who have been my patients for almost 60 years. They don't want another doctor, so I suppose I'll have to live longer than they do!"

Dr. Bowen and his wife established a scholarship at the College, which was first awarded in 2010, for Leake County students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class and enroll full time at East Central. When talking of establishing the scholarship they said East Central is where they got their start as a couple and they believe a deserving person needs to be provided a good education.

He added, "I delivered the mother of the 2011 Bowen Scholarship recipient, Leake Academy graduate Meghan Johnson."

In addition to providing financial assistance to area students, Dr. Bowen has also served as a preceptor for the Department of Family Medicine, which allows students to observe his medical practice.

"A current student at the University of Mississippi Medical School, whose mother is a nurse, was able to observe and decided that she would go into family medicine," he said.

The Leake County Chamber of Commerce also sponsors a job-shadowing program for high school seniors in which Dr. Bowen takes part.

Dr. Bowen said he has had a wonderful medical practice, though things haven't always been without problems.

He explained, "Bobbie's health began to fail. She had rheumatic fever as a child and spent one summer in bed taking heart medication. The trouble really began when we were in Oxford. We discovered then she had a heart murmur, although it really didn't bother her until she became pregnant. After a while, we went to the Mayo Clinic where they confirmed that she did have heart disease."

After many years of treatment for heart disease, including two valve replacements, Bobbie McPhail Bowen died on February 15, 2007.

"Early in my life, as a child growing up, I could easily have asked, 'Where was God?' Bowen said. "Where was God

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5th Annual Homecoming 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Entry Fee: \$20 Per Participant • T-Shirt and Medallion Presented to all Participants

Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m. on the North Campus near Clark/Gay Baseball Complex and the course runs throughout the campus.
For more information contact Dr. Phillip Crenshaw at 601-635-2111, ext. 281 or e-mail pcrenshaw@eccc.edu

Mail completed form and entry fee to the ECCC Alumni Association, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Sex: _____ Age on Race Day: _____

I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release East Central Community College and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participating in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Date

Signature (Parent or Guardian if Under 18)

Please Circle: 5K Run or 5K Walk

T-Shirt Size: Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

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when I was being moved from one place to another? Where was God when Bobbie was sick and had to have heart surgery? It would have been easy to say that, but now I realize that God was with me all the way and has carried me this far. I have been in reasonably good health all this time and have been able to take care of my wife and family and the people who come to see me. I realize it was God who was always with me and guided me.

"I had many homes, and most of them were good homes, where I was brought up to be a Christian. The Lord made a way for me to be what I am today. And every day I give thanks for his blessings and for having Bobbie for my wife for 63 years, 9 months and 15 days."

A board-certified physician since 1969, Dr. Bowen was a charter member of the American Board of Family Practice and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, where he was a Charter Fellow and Charter Diplomate. He is a member of the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) and was

selected Mississippi Physician of the Year in 1996 and is also a Past President and Program Chairman. Additional memberships include the American Medical Association, Mississippi State Medical Association, Central Medical Society, Mississippi Medical Directors Association and American Medical Directors Association.

Dr. Bowen was selected Sta-Home Health Agency Advisory Board Member of the Year in 1994, received the Central Medical Society Exemplary Physician Award in 2008, Mississippi State Medical Association Community Service Award in 2009 and was named to America's Top Family Doctors-Family and Geriatric Medicine for 2010.

In addition, Dr. Bowen is a member of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, University of Mississippi Loyalty Foundation, served as past-president of the Medical Alumni Chapter at the University of Mississippi and is a member of the of the UM Guardian Society. He is a former member of the Board of Directors for The Heritage Banking Group and First

Heritage Corporation.

He is a member and past president of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce, helped organize and served as the first president of the Leake County Historical Society, was selected Leake County Man of the Year in 1980, Carthage United Methodist Church Father of the Year in 1996, served as president of the Leake County Heart Association and received recognition for 25 years of volunteer service, member and past president of the Carthage Rotary Club, selected 1989 and 2009 Rotarian of the Year and is a member of the Dancing Rabbit Genealogical Society.

Dr. Bowen is also a member of Carthage United Methodist Church, where he serves on the Administration Board, is past chairman of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Council on Ministries, Finance Committee, Health and Welfare Representative and a substitute Sunday school teacher.



Kenneth Dunagin

(Class of 1958)

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

His football coaches at East Central Junior College described him as “one of the best players” and “the most consistent back.”

Kenneth Dunagin of Decatur more than lived up to the praises received by the Warrior coaching staff, as the standout fullback and linebacker earned All-America honors following his sophomore campaign in 1957.

Dunagin, who continued his success on the gridiron at the university level, can now add another honor to his list of accomplishments – selection to the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dunagin and teammate Jim Fissackerly of New Orleans, formerly of Morton, will be enshrined during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, on the Decatur campus.

Regarding his selection for the prestigious honor, Dunagin replied, “It’s an honor and a privilege...and one I will never forget.”

The Athletic Hall of Fame inductee also expressed appreciation “to my former coaches, teammates, classmates and others” for the nomination.

Dunagin added, “It’s a pleasure to be included with a great list of coaches and athletes who are already in the Athletic Hall of Fame...and it is especially an honor to join my high school coach, Jeff Loper, and my junior college coach, Clayton Blount, in this prestigious group.”

Dunagin first starred at Newton County Agricultural High School, part of which (classes for juniors and seniors) was located on the East Central campus due to a fire that destroyed most of the high school. Dunagin said he enjoys telling people he went to school “four years on the hallowed grounds at East Central.”

Dunagin, a four-year member on the



Kenneth Dunagin

Newton County AHS squad, was a three-year letter-winner and served two years as captain. He played fullback in the old “single wing” and often played the role of quarterback and threw passes from the formation.

His most successful season was his senior season in 1955. That year he scored 109 points, which included nine touchdown passes.

Dunagin still recalls one of those TD strikes.

“I threw a long pass to Eddie Blackburn and afterwards got knocked down on my can,” he said with a laugh. “When I got up, I saw everybody celebrating so I

knew we had scored a touchdown! But it was not Eddie who scored... somehow Don Cooper made the touchdown catch! I guess I was little off target but we scored anyhow!”

Dunagin, who stood 6’ and weighed about 175 pounds, helped lead Newton County AHS to a 9-1 record and the Rebel Conference championship. The only defeat was a 14-13 setback to the Forest Bearcats.

Dunagin was an All-Conference selection his senior year and decided to keep his athletic talents in Decatur and play for the Warriors. He recalled starting his first game at age 17!

Highlights of his career mostly involve the Warriors’ rivalry with “Scooba,” as East Mississippi Junior College was referred to in those days. The legendary Bob (Bull) (Cyclone) Sullivan was the Lions’ head football coach.

“We played Scooba twice in 1957...tied the first game 7-7 and lost the second 20-7,” he recalled. “It was a great rivalry but I don’t recall any scuffles or fights...we didn’t go to each other’s campus and cause damage....had we done that, Coach Blount would have killed us! And I doubt Coach Sullivan’s players would have tried anything either!”

Dunagin said he was not a witness to Coach Sullivan’s sometimes “controversial” behavior but did relate one memory about the legendary coach.

“I got blocked in front of Scooba’s bench and fell to the ground one time during a game held at Ray Stadium in Meridian,” said Dunagin. “I was almost knocked out by the hit and grasped for air to breathe while trying to get up. As I was rising, I noticed Coach Sullivan staring down at me. He grabbed me by my jersey, picked me up, slapped me on my fanny

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Mark Your Calendar!

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Classes of 1979, 1980, and 1981 • Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959
1954 Lady Warrior Basketball Team
1970 North Division Championship Warrior Football Team
All Former Warrior Golf Team Members

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and said, 'Get back in there, son!' I replied 'yes sir' and ran back to the huddle!"

Dunagin said EC struggled for success during his two years on the squad, as the Warriors went 4-6 in 1956 and 2-6-2 in 1957.

"The two teams that dominated JUCO football at that time were Pearl River and Hinds," he said. "Hinds was almost a scout team for LSU. If they had a great kid at LSU that had problems, he ended up at Hinds. Jimmy Taylor and Earl Leggett were some of the great athletes who played at Hinds. Hinds and Pearl River got a lot of great athletes from Louisiana."

Although Dunagin was not a member of a winning team at EC, his talents did not go unnoticed, as he and teammate Tommy McCullough of Philadelphia were selected for the All-American Junior College Football Team.

When Dunagin was selected to the All-American Team, EC Coach Clayton Blount remarked, "Dunagin is one of the best players that I have ever coached at East Central." Added Tom Cheney, assistant coach, "He is the most consistent back we have. I have never seen him give up."

In reflecting on his time at EC, Dunagin said he "thoroughly enjoyed" campus life.

"I especially enjoyed my association



Kenneth Dunagin, F.B.

with team members and coaches Blount and Cheney," he said. "I also enjoyed the entire student population, administration and faculty. Mr. (Arno) Vincent was president and some of my favorite

instructors were Mr. (Ovid) Vickers, Mr. (Frank) Cross and Mrs. (Stella) Newsome."

Dunagin left EC in the fall of 1958 to continue his athletic career at Southeastern Louisiana College, where he was awarded a full scholarship. He played fullback and linebacker his junior year and switched to offensive right end and defensive end his senior season. His top weight at Southeastern was 193 pounds!

After graduating from SLC, Dunagin spent the first part of his career at Brookhaven High School as a science and physics teacher, assistant football coach, assistant baseball coach and head tennis coach.

He spent the remainder of his career in work focused on the oil industry, sales and the marine industry, while living in Morgan City, La.

After he retired in 2006, Dunagin returned to Decatur. He spends his "retirement" serving as court bailiff for Circuit Court Judges Marcus Gordon and Vernon Cotton. He also enjoys gardening "especially when talking to my tomatoes and peas!"

Dunagin is married to his bride of 45 years, the former Joanne McBain of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. They have twin boys, Kenneth and Kevin. Kenneth and his wife Leslie have two a son and daughter and live in Morgan City. Kevin and his wife Caroline reside in Vicksburg.



Jim Fisackerly

(Class of 1958)

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

He was a two-sport standout at then East Central Junior College but especially excelled in football, earning National Junior College All-America and first team All-State honors at tackle in 1958.

Jim Fisackerly, a Morton native who successfully continued his athletic career on the university level, is joining teammate Kenneth Dunagin of Decatur as the latest inductees into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. The pair will be enshrined during homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, on the Decatur campus.

Regarding the honor, Fisackerly, who resides in New Orleans, said, "I am indeed humbled by this great achievement but I am also thrilled to be accepted as an entry into the Athletic Hall of Fame at ECCC. Of the many accomplishments I have had, I count this one as the greatest."

Fisackerly came to East Central in 1957 from Morton High School, where he excelled athletically and academically. He played four years of football – capped by his selection to All Little Dixie Conference and honorable mention All-State teams. He was also selected team captain his senior season. In addition, Fisackerly played three years of basketball and two years of baseball. His success in academics was highlighted by his selection as class valedictorian.

When he arrived on the East Central campus to begin his freshman year, the 190-pound Fisackerly admitted it took a while to adjust his new role as a backup, after being a starter for most of his career at Morton.

"After being humbled in my freshman year in 1957 at East Central by playing behind some outstanding tackles, I really enjoyed my sophomore year," he stated.

Although he lettered as a freshman, Fisackerly was elevated to first-team



Jim Fisackerly

status as a sophomore and started at left tackle weighing 210 pounds. He was also elected team co-captain along with Jimmy Livingston of Tuscaloosa.

The 1958 season was a successful campaign and came on the heels of 2-6-2 mark in 1957.

"We won seven games in 1958 and lost four, which was better than the so-called expert sportswriters had predicted for us," he said. "I was also honored to be selected an All-State and All-American."

Fisackerly also has fond memories of playing baseball at ECJC.

"I enjoyed my one year of baseball as a pitcher for Coach Tom Chaney's team

in the spring of 1958," he said of his brief career, highlighted by his selection as the team's most valuable pitcher. He also played third base and was one of the top hitters with a .343 average.

Fisackerly said his athletic experience at East Central was not only a positive one but also sometimes humorous.

"The most unusual and later on humorous event occurred in the fall of 1958 during two-a-day practices in August," he recalled with a smile. "I had worked hard in spring training to earn the starting left tackle job. When we reported to start practice, I was told that a tackle was coming to play at EC that had made the All Service Football All-Star Team (military football). To make a long story short, this All Service Team tackle did not make it through calisthenics during the first day of practice! He packed his bags that night and left Decatur to go home. It was humorous then...after some apprehension on my part!"

Regarding those twice daily practices in August, Fisackerly said he would just soon forget about them!

"I would say that the two-a-day workouts in August for football were the least enjoyed times in my athletic career at East Central," he said. "Those had to be the hottest days ever when we were doing the necessary two-a-day practices to get ready for the upcoming season."

Fisackerly noted the campus atmosphere was the best part about attending East Central.

"The friendly attitudes of the college professors were the things that impressed me most about EC," he stated. "They were always willing to listen to your problems and help you achieve in their classrooms. The professors were also very

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New Items Added to Memorabilia Room

Various new items have been added to the Memorabilia Room in Burton Library. Recent acquisitions include Edwina Breazeale Kish's (Class of 1952) autograph book signed by her friends at EC (all autographs are dated May 1951 and some include little messages and notes which are quite interesting after sixty years); Stella Newsome's Phi Theta Kappa pin (Newsome was the first sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa in 1950); Dee Nicholson Payne's (Class of 1964) workbook from freshman English (Una Harris was her instructor); a DVD of the program and reception honoring Lucille Wood's June 26, 2011, retirement; and a 2011 EC paperweight designed and donated by Lucille Wood (Class of 1951).

East Central Community College is currently accepting additional items for the Memorabilia Room. Those wishing to donate an item should contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth at 601-635-6327 or e-mail sholling@ecccc.edu.

Hollingsworth said, "A committee will determine if we already have the item included. Ann Burkes, retired EC librarian, will be in charge of categorizing the items in the present setup. The College is especially interested in books published by EC alumni to add to our collection. Please sign your book along with the date you were a student at East Central."

Hollingsworth also encourages all alumni and friends to attend Homecoming on October 8, 2011, when the Memorabilia Room will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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supportive in our quest to win athletic games."

Fisackerly was also appreciative of his coaches.

"I thank my ECCC coaches who helped me achieve everything that I was able to achieve. Coach Clayton Blount in my freshman year was a great motivator. Coach Bobby Oswalt and Coach Tom Cheney in my sophomore year motivated and pushed me to be able to achieve what I did in my sophomore year. They were all extremely good coaches and motivators."

Fisackerly's success his sophomore season received national attention, as he was selected a first alternate for the JUCO All-Star Football Game held in California. He did not play in the contest but was later notified that he was chosen on the JUCO All American Team and received a certificate designating the honor.

Fisackerly, whose 6-2 frame now carried 235 pounds, transferred to Memphis State University, where the left tackle enrolled in the second trimester. He was redshirted even though he played in the first five games as a third string left tackle. "I even played half the game that year against Ole Miss when they finished the 1959 year as number one in the country."



Fisackerly said he did not play in the final five games of the 1959 season and became disgruntled with the situation.

He accepted a transfer scholarship to Delta State College (now Delta State University) and played football for two years. He was a defensive tackle in 1960 and

switched to offensive tackle in 1961.

Fisackerly graduated from Delta State in January 1962 with a bachelor's degree in education. His intentions were to begin a career as a teacher and coach soon after graduation but instead he served six months of military active duty through the Mississippi National Guard unit in Morton.

When he completed military duty in Sept. 1962, he said "all the good teaching and coaching jobs had been taken," so he started the job interviewing process through the Rudy Tatum Agency in Jackson. He was soon hired by Lever Brothers Company, a soap and detergent manufacturer, as a sales representative in the Richmond, VA, market. It was during this period when he met his future wife, the former Georgia Crute. They were married in June 1963.

Fisackerly won numerous sales awards and other honors with Lever Brothers throughout his 33-year career, highlighted by his selection as the top district sales manager in the country in 1979. He retired on Jan. 1, 1996.

Fisackerly and Georgia were married for 43 years when she lost her battle with liver cancer in August 2005. They had four children: Linda, James Jr., Kenneth and Michael. Fisackerly has nine grandchildren – seven boys and two girls.

His hobbies are fishing and hunting and spending time with his grandchildren.



State Runners-Up Warriorettes to be Honored

The 1953-54 East Central Community College women's basketball team is among special groups being honored during the 2011 homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8 on the Decatur campus. Members of the Warriorette squad – which finished state tournament runners-up - include (top row, from left) Bobbie Ann Kilpatrick, Nita Castles, Jackie Benner, Madeline McKay, Billie Barnes and Barbara Jo Davidson and (bottom row, from left) Shirley Jones, Billie Ann Mills, Loretta Fox, Jackie Staton and Shirley Fancher. Clayton Blount was head coach.

Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959 Friday Night Reunion – October 7

The East Central Community College Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 will begin homecoming activities on Friday, October 7, with a dinner-reunion for all three classes at 7 p.m. in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Those planning to attend the Friday night reunion should contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth in the Alumni Association Office at 601-635-6327.



Championship Warrior Squad to Receive Special Recognition

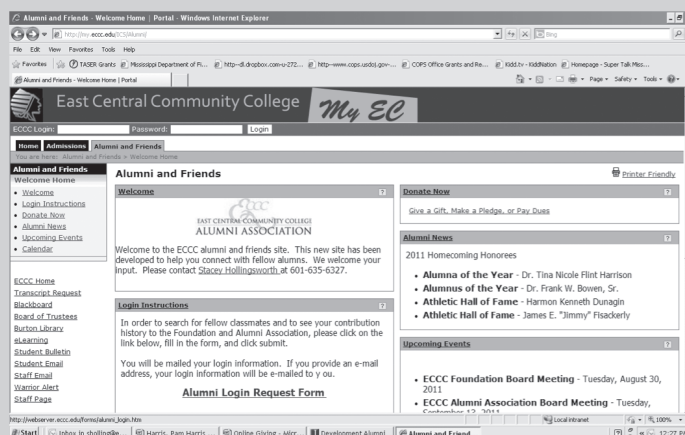
Above are members of the 1970 East Central Community College football squad which captured the MACJC North Division title. The championship team is among special groups being honored during the College's 2011 homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 8 on the Decatur campus. Team members included (first row, from left) Keith Dooley, Malon Reed, (unidentified), Freddie Bagley, Jimmy Kilpatrick, Brooks Cheatham, Perry Willis, Bill Barham, Ty Santmyer, Howard Triplett, Willie Hardy, Horace Sherrod and Floyd Triplett; (middle row, from left) Mickey Sessions, Rex Webb, Barry Bailey, Rusty McMullan, Danny Lindsley, Ralph Brown, (unidentified), Joe Tadlock, Walter Marshall, Benny Cherry, Walter Eiland, Sam Carter, Tommy Williams and David Culpepper; and (top row, from left) Steve Moorhead, Mike Howell, Jimmy Wright, Wade Clark, Wayne Rucker, Tommy Williamson, John Owen Sanders, Larry Hardy, Butch Mason, James Carter, Karvell Howard, Thomas Billups and Tyler Lewis. The Warriors were led by head coach Ken Pouncey and assistant Willie Coats.

New Online Giving Access...

Donors may now make online contributions to The East Central Community College Foundation and the East Central Community College Alumni Association through the new Alumni/Friends web portal.

To donate online, go to <http://my.eccc.edu/ICS/Alumni/>. Then click on the "Donate Now" link and follow the on-screen instructions.

This is a secure site so your personal information will be encrypted.





Houser to Headline Benefit Concert for Tom Carson

Show Dog-Universal Music recording artist Randy Houser will headline a benefit concert for East Central Community College Director of Bands Thomas W. Carson on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Houser, known for his hits “Anything Goes” and “Boots On,” is a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1997 and is a former vocalist for the Collegians, ECCC’s rock-n-roll band, which is led by Carson.

Concert events begin at 4 p.m. and include performances by local bands Remedy, Rico and the Border Patrol, Cotton Row, Southbound and Deluxe Southern Impala. Houser concludes the show with the 9 p.m. feature performance.

Tickets are \$25 each, cash or check only, and the entry fee includes all five local bands as well as Houser. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning October 11 at all Citizens Bank of Philadelphia locations in the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, as well as Mississippi Music in Meridian. They will also be available on campus in the Office of Public Information located on the bottom floor of Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the concert.

All proceeds will go to the Army of Tom Fund, which has been established at The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia, to help defray the cost of medical and other expenses involved in Carson’s treatments. Those who are not able to attend the concert can make donations directly to the account at any Citizens Bank location.

Carson, who has led the ECCC Band Department for 30 years and also serves as Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is currently taking chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

EC alumnus and former Collegian member Grant Morris and Vicki Blaylock, ECCC vocal/choral music director, organized the musical event.

“Grant called me and asked my thoughts about a benefit



Randy Houser
(photo courtesy of Danny Clinch Photography.)

on campus and I already had the same thing on my mind. We began to put our heads together and got things started and then we just ran with it,” Blaylock said. “It’s been the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done in my life. In the 30 years Tom has been Director of Bands at East Central, thousands of students have crossed paths with him. We wanted to do this for him because he has given so much to others-to my child, to other students and to this community. I can’t remember a time he has said no to anyone.”

Morris added, “Each of these bands has at least one former Collegian member in them. They were all very excited about being able to

participate and help Mr. Carson.”

Those wishing to keep up with Carson’s progress can view his page at www.caringbridge.org/visit/thomas-wcarson. Caring Bridge, according to the official website, offers “free, personal and private websites that connect people experiencing a significant health challenge to family and friends, making each health journey easier.”

For more information contact the Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail vblaylock@eccc.edu; or contact the Office of Public Information at 601-635-6242 or 601-635-6303.



Tom Carson



ECCC Student Body Association Leaders

Selected to lead East Central Community College's Student Body Association for 2011-12 are (from left) Nicole Bounds, president, of Newton; Alyse Webb, vice president, of Noxapater; Bailee Viverette, secretary, of Union; and Raychal Reed, treasurer, of Louisville. The slate of officers was chosen following elections held last spring on the Decatur campus. The campus leaders said they look forward "to providing many activities and events for students throughout the year."



Complete Paramedic Technology Program

Above are graduates of East Central Community College's Paramedic Technology program who received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held Aug. 1, 2011, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are Tonya Fortune, Adam Griffin and James Pettis, all of Philadelphia. Standing from left are Jonathan Tullios of Enterprise, Nicole Williamson of Philadelphia and Perry Winford of Meridian. Also pictured is Katrina Bryant Rushford, program director/instructor. For more information about the two-year program, contact Katrina Bryant, 601-635-6425 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 425. The e-mail address is kbryant@eccc.edu.

ECCC 'Lamplighters'



Representing East Central Community College at the annual Lamplighter Conference held on September 28-30, 2011 were Alexei Huguley of Meridian, culinary arts instructor; Vikki McNair of Philadelphia, math instructor; and Katrina Bryant Rushford of Decatur, EMT/Paramedic director/instructor. The annual conference recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. Northeast Community College in Booneville hosted the conference.



ECCC Welcomes New Personnel

The College recently welcomed several new faces to the Decatur campus. New faculty and staff members for the 2011-12 term include George Alexander of Little Rock, biology instructor; Sheri H. Anders of Meridian, Early Childhood Education instructor; Justin Brewer of Meridian, assistant baseball coach; Antwon Courington of Jasper, Ala., assistant football coach; Chris Davis of Louisville, mathematics instructor; Jack Edmonson of Louisville, assistant baseball coach; James Jackson of Brandon, sociology instructor; Jeff Lucas of Philadelphia, Network Administrator; Mitch McCleon, Police Chief; Stacey Slayton Pollock of Meridian, English instructor/theater director; Chris Ryals, drafting and design technology instructor; and Rachel Tyson of Brandon, speech instructor.



George Alexander

Alexander served the past three years as an adjunct biology instructor at the College. He served as biology teacher at Union High School from 2006-2011 and taught eighth-grade science classes at Pilate

Middle School in Newton from 2003-06.

Prior to beginning a career in education, Alexander held a number of positions in private industry, serving mostly as a technical writer.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Newton Theatre Company and has acted in several productions.

Alexander attends First Presbyterian Church in Union.

A 1977 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, Alexander continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1980 and later earned a master's degree in education in 2006.

He is married to the former Cindy Fulton of Little Rock and they have four

children. Beth is a news anchor/reporter with WHLT in Hattiesburg; Laura is a surgical technician at Anderson's Hospital in Meridian; Anna is a junior public relations major at Mississippi State University in Starkville; and William is a homeschooled senior.



Sheri H. Anders

includes serving as an adjunct instructor in the College of Education at Mississippi State University-Meridian from 2008-2010; an adjunct online instructor in child development technology for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College from 2006-08; and child development technology program coordinator from 2001-2005 at Meridian Community College, where she served as an adjunct instructor in child development technology from 1999-2001.

She is also a former program director of the Early Childhood Institute at Mississippi State University in Starkville, a position she held from 2005 to 2009. Her duties included coordinating the CDA Scholarship Program, working with Mississippi Head Start Association, and the U.S. Department of Education as a site coordinator for multi-state research project. In addition, she is the current president of the Mississippi Early Childhood Association.

A 1993 graduate of Madison Central high school, Anders attended Holmes Community College in Ridgeland and continued her education at Mississippi State University in Starkville, where she received a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies with an emphasis in Child Life in 1997.

She moved to Meridian after she com-

Anders previously served since 2009 as the early childhood research coordinator of MS Building Blocks in Jackson, a program promoting early childhood education.

Her teaching experience

pleted an internship at Hasbro's Children's Hospital in Providence, R.I.

Anders continued her studies at MSU-Meridian where she received a master's degree in community counselor education in 2001 and an educational specialist degree in school counselor education in 2007.

Anders is currently working on her dissertation to receive her doctorate of philosophy in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in early childhood education.

She is married to Kevin Anders and they have two sons, Paxton, nine; and Avery, seven.



Justin Brewer

Brewer served the past two years as assistant baseball coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. His duties included working with pitchers and catchers on a daily basis, serving as first

base coach and recruiting coordinator and field maintenance.

Brewer served as head baseball coach at Starkville Academy in 2008-09 and oversaw a pitching staff that compiled a 3.27 earned run average in more than 200 innings worked. Several players received AAA All-North MPSA First- and Second-Team honors following the 2009 campaign. He earlier served as assistant baseball coach in 2006-08.

The new Diamond Warrior assistant is also a former head coach of the Mississippi Prospects summer league squad located in Mathiston. Under his leadership, the Prospects organization finished the season ranked number one in Mississippi and 29th in the nation among summer baseball programs by Perfect Game.

Brewer began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant high school baseball coach at Lamar School in Meridian in

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2004-05.

Brewer was a standout baseball player at Clarkdale High School and Meridian Community College. A left-handed pitcher, Brewer was an All-State and All-District selection his senior year at Clarkdale and helped lead MCC to two consecutive appearances in the College World Series.

Brewer received an associate's degree at MCC in 2005 and continued his education at Mississippi State University in Starkville, where he received a Bachelors of Arts and Sciences with emphasis in history and physical education.

He is currently pursuing an online master's degree in guidance counseling at the University of West Alabama.



Antwon Courington

Courington, whose main responsibility will be coaching wide receivers, previously served as a volunteer coach at his alma mater, Walker High School in Jasper, Ala., where he was an honorable mention All-

State receiver in 2001. His duties included coaching wide receivers and assisting with the passing offense. He is also a former player/coach for the San Angelo Stampede Express.

Courington was a three-year starter at receiver for the University of Southern Mississippi and helped lead the Golden Eagles to the Conference USA title in 2003. He suffered a season-ending injury midway in his senior year. His most productive season was in 2004, when he made 47 catches for 659 yards and five touchdowns.

He continued his career in the Arena Football League in 2007 as a member of the Frisco Thunder and led the team in touchdowns scored with 30. He was chosen for the All-Star Game in 2008.

Courington later joined the Tennessee Valley Vipers but following an injury early in season action he accepted an offer from the San Angelo Stampede Express to

serve as player/coach. He only appeared in seven games at San Angelo but amassed 14 touchdown receptions and two passing scores. His playing career ended following another injury in 2009.

He has an infant daughter, Maysia Courington.



Chris Davis

Davis received a bachelor's degree in math education at Mississippi State University in 2006 and earned a master's degree in school counseling from the University of West Alabama in Livingston in 2009. He has also completed 18 graduate hours in mathematics.

Davis is married to the former Ashley Thomas, a nurse practitioner in Louisville. They are expecting their first child in the spring.



Jack Edmonson

Edmonson attended Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, where he was a starting first baseman for the Delta Devils in 2009-10 and served as a student assistant baseball coach in 2010-11. He received a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation in May 2011.

Davis previously served as mathematics instructor at Nanih Waiya Attendance Center, a position he held for the past five years.

A 2001 graduate of Winston Academy, Davis re-

Edmonson will be responsible for coaching infield players and hitters and will also oversee the team's strength and conditioning program.

Prior to joining the ECCC baseball staff, Edmonson at-

Edmonson also served as an assistant baseball coach at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead from January to May 2011, prior to joining the ECCC baseball staff.

His coaching experience also includes serving as head coach of the Mississippi Prospects Team during the summers of 2010 and 2011. He served as head coach of the Cotton States Performance Sports Team in Jackson during the summer of 2009.

Edmonson was a standout infielder on the ECCC baseball team, earning The Warrior award in 2008-09 and most improved player in 2007-08.

He received an Associate of Arts in Physical Education from ECCC in 2009.

Edmonson is a product of Nanih Waiya High School.



James Jackson

Jackson previously served in the same position the past year at Holmes Community College on the Ridgeland and Grenada campuses. He was an adjunct sociology instructor at Holmes for two years

prior to assuming full-time teaching duties. In addition, he has held several instructional positions over an eight-year period, including a three-year stint at Delta State University in Cleveland, where he was assistant professor of music.

A licensed minister of music, Jackson has also held faith-based positions in church administration, music and youth. He is also a songwriter/composer.

In 1996 he was an AMERICORPS volunteer in the Mississippi Delta. His community service also includes serving as a little league baseball coach for the Northwest Rankin Athletic Association and Jackson-Metro YMCA.

In addition to his teaching duties, Jackson continues to serve as CEO /Owner

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of JimmyTone Records and Productions since 1989.

A 1987 graduate of Greenwood High School, Jackson continued his education at Delta State University, where he received a Bachelor of Administration degree in 1991 and a Master of Education degree in social science education in 1996.

He is married to the former Beverly Reed of Tullahoma, TN. They have two sons, Reed and Logan.



Jeff Lucas

Lucas previously served the College as a Community Based Job Training (CBJT) Technology Specialist since December 2010.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Lucas served as senior

technology support analyst at PACCAR Engine Company in Columbus. He has held similar computer technician positions at Mississippi State University in Starkville and at Premier Election Solutions in Jackson. He is also a former computer instructor at Central Academy in Macon, from 2002-06.

A graduate of Weir High School, Lucas is a magna cum laude graduate of MSU, where he received a bachelor's degree in general business with a concentration in information systems.

He is married to Bethany Lucas, who teaches business and computer technology courses at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC.

Pollock previously served as an adjunct English instructor at ECCC since 2009. She was also a full-time substitute English instructor at the College during the 2011 spring semester.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Pollock was an English instructor at Calvary Christian High School in Meridian from 2009-10 and served as an adjunct English instructor at Meridian Community College in 2007-08. She began her career as a Ca-

reer Discovery Teacher at Meridian Public Schools in 2007-08.



Stacey Slayton Pollock

and served on the organization's Board of Directors from 2002-2004.

A 1991 graduate of Meridian High School, Pollock received a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism—with a minor in English—from the University of Mississippi in 1997 and earned a master's in community college education at Mississippi State University in 2007.

She is married to Britt Pollock, Golf Course Superintendent at Northwood Country Club in Meridian. They have two children, Olivia, 10; and Collins, eight.



Mitch McCleon

McCleon previously served as school resource officer for the Starkville School District. He is a former deputy sheriff with the Oktibeha County and Newton County sheriff's departments and previously served as assistant chief of the Hickory Police Department. He is also a former school resource officer for the Newton County School District.

He is a 1971 graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and completed law enforcement courses at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead in 2004.

Pollock, whose duties also include directing fall dinner theaters and spring musicals, has 25 years of theater experience. She has been a member of the Meridian Little Theater since 1999

McLeone received his law enforcement certification from the Mississippi Board of Minimum Standards and Training and also holds school resource officer certification from the Mississippi Department of Education.

He has also completed training in basic firearms, defensive tactics, survival systems, school violence and taser.



Chris Ryals

Ryals previously served as applications instructor for AutoCAD and a graduate researcher at Mississippi State University in Starkville since 2009. He has served the past two years as adjunct AutoCAD

instructor for ECCC's Workforce Education Division.

In addition to his AutoCAD teaching experience, Ryals has an extensive background in surveying, having served as a surveying lab instructor at MSU from 2008-10 followed by his employment as a survey crew member with Harrison Surveying, LLC in Decatur from 2005-2006 and Engineering Plus, Inc., in Meridian from 2005-06. He also has experience using Geographic Information Science (GIS) technology to develop detailed maps for many different fields.

A DeKalb native, Ryals is a 2004 graduate of Kemper Academy and received an associate's degree in Drafting and Design Technology from ECCC in 2006. He continued his education at Mississippi State University in Starkville, where he received a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering Technology and Business in 2009 and a master's degree in Engineering Technology in 2011.

He also holds the following certifications: ESRI Certificates in ArcGIS Desktop I, ArcGIS Desktop II, Introduction to Geoprocessing Scripts Using Python and Working with ArcGIS Spatial Analyst.

Ryals and his wife, the former Laura

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Several Staffers Receive New Assignments

Several staff members have recently assumed new roles at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

David Case is the new Dean of Admissions, Records and Research; Derek Pace is now Director for Technology Management; and Regena Boykin is serving as Associate Director for Technology Management.



David Case

Case previously served as Assistant to the President for Planning, Institutional Research and Technology and Director for Technology Management.

Case, a Jackson native, joined the ECCC

staff in 1995.

He previously served as assistant professor in technology education at the University of West Alabama in Livingston. He is a former graduate instructor at the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration in Tuscaloosa and Millsaps College School of Management in Jackson. He is also a former assistant vice president for Trustmark National Bank/Unifirst Bank in Jackson.

A graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Case received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University

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Foreman of Little Rock, recently welcomed their first child, Alyssa Cate, who was born on August 1, 2011.

Tyson served the past three years as an adjunct speech instructor at Belhaven University. She is also the former executive director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Flowood, a position she held for the past five years. In addition, she previously served as public information officer for FEMA in Jackson.

A 2000 graduate of East Rankin Academy, Tyson continued her education at

of Mississippi and earned a master's in business administration from Millsaps College. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree.

Case is married to the former Paige Sullivan of Brookhaven. They have three daughters, Elizabeth, 19; Catherine, 17; and Mary Madelon, 14.



Derek Pace

Prior to his promotion, Pace served as Associate Director for Technology Management.

He joined the ECCC staff in 1996 after previously serving as data processing manager at Peco Foods

of Mississippi, LLC, in Sebastopol. He also held similar positions at Hughes Aircraft (now Raytheon Systems, Inc.) of Mississippi, Inc., in Forest; Green Acre Farms, Inc. (now Peco Foods) in Sebastopol; and DataCenter Systems in Jackson.

Pace is a former president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Computer Center Directors' Association.

A 1981 graduate of Lake Attendance Center, Pace attended ECCC in 1981-82 and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in computer science/data processing in 1984.

Pace is married to the former Patty Calvert of Philadelphia, who is employed

with Neshoba County Schools. They have two sons, Benjamin, 15; and Brian, 10; both students at Neshoba Central.

They reside in the Shady Grove community in Neshoba County.



Regena Boykin

Boykin joined the ECCC staff in 2003 and served as Assistant Director for Technology Management prior to her promotion.

She was previously employed as

office assistant at East Central Mississippi Health Care in Sebastopol. She is a former network control technician for World Com/SkyTel, and earlier served as a computer specialist at Maxim Manufacturing Corporation in Sebastopol. She began her career as an inventory clerk at Easom Hardware in Sebastopol.

A 1996 graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center, Boykin received an associate's degree in computer programming from ECCC in 1998 and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in information technology.

She is married to James Boykin, who is employed at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center as Building Trades instructor. They have two children, Wesly, eight; and Samantha, four.

They live in the Prospect Community in Newton County.



Rachel Tyson

ECCC, where she received an associate's degree in 2002. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism – with emphasis in public relations – from William Carey College in Hattiesburg

in 2004, where she served as managing editor of the student newspaper. She continued her education at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she earned a master's degree in public relations in 2006.

She is married to Steven Tyson of Morton.



PBL Students Presented National Honors

East Central Community College in Decatur was well represented at the 2011 National Phi Beta Lambda Conference, as several members of Theta Chi Chapter won honors at the annual competition held June 23-26 in Orlando. Two students received a first-place award in their respective category and another competitor finished in the top 10. Theta Chi, which received the prestigious Gold Seal recognition at the Regional meeting, was the only Mississippi chapter to receive first-place honors at the national contest. Seated from left are business technology instructor Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia, who serves as a PBL sponsor; competitors Mia Claiborne of Newton, Tina Pittman of Forest, Lisa Jay of Newton and Belinda Alexander and Rachel Alexander, both of Philadelphia. Standing from left competitor Caleb Raines, Little Rock; Zach Gibbs of Forest, first place, Network Design; competitors Ryan Gillis and Johnny Jones, both of Newton; Bryan Wiseman of Newton, first place, Network Design and a recipient of a Mississippi Who's Who award; competitors Joseph Morgan of Newton and Chance Hall of Forest; and computer network support technology instructor Thomas Fortenberry of Union, who also serves as a PBL sponsor. Not pictured is Alexis Graham of Philadelphia, a fifth-place winner in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report. Students who placed first or second in their respective categories qualify at state competition qualify for the national contest. (Submitted photo)



ECCC Trustees Honored for Service

Several members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees were honored for their service at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community College Trustees held July 8-10, 2011, on the Gulf Coast. Honorees and current length of service include (second from left) Edsel Cliburn of Union, 20 years; Frank McCurdy of Morton, Scott County Supt. of Education, 15 years; William E. Kitchings of Carthage, 15 years; and Leo Parker of Noxapater, 30 years. The group was also recognized by Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (right) during the Board's August 9 meeting.





ECCC Baseball Assistant Michael Avalon Named MDCC Head Coach

After serving five years as assistant baseball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, Michael Avalon is now in charge of his own program.

Avalon was recently selected head baseball coach at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead.

ECCC head baseball coach Neal Holliman hired Coach Avalon when he took over the Diamond Warrior program in 2006. Holliman praised his former assistant and said Avalon is well prepared to be a head coach.

"I cannot begin to say what Coach Avalon has meant to East Central baseball and East Central as an institution," said Holliman. "I don't know of anyone on campus that didn't hold Coach Avalon in very high regard including myself. There are not many people you run across in this world that are as loyal and willing to sacrifice like Coach Avalon did for the growth of our program. He will always be a close friend and I will always be appreciative of his efforts. This is a great opportunity for Coach Avalon and his family and I know he is ready for this next step in his career and will build a program that MS Delta will be proud to call theirs."

Avalon, whose main duties at East Central included serving as pitching coach, camp coordinator/instructor and recruiter, helped the Diamond Warriors capture the MACJC State Baseball Championship in 2007. The 2010 squad finished state runners-up with a 39-20 mark. The 2011 squad finished third in the MACJC South Division and qualified for post-season play en route to a 28-20 mark.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff in 2006, Avalon was a graduate assistant at the University of West Alabama during the 2006 and 2005 campaigns, serving as pitching coach, recruiter and camp coordinator. His duties also included scouting, field maintenance and preparation, and fundraising. In addition, he



Michael Avalon

was responsible for monitoring the academic progress of student athletes and providing assistance in advising.

Avalon helped lead the 2005 Diamond Tigers to the Gulf South Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional before finishing with a 45-19 record. The squad was also recognized as having one of the top pitching staffs in the conference. UWA finished second in total pitching under Avalon's direction. The 2005 team also achieved a top 25 national ranking all season and was ranked as high as fourth. The Diamond Tigers completed the 2005 season ranked 19th by Collegiate America.

Success continued for the 2006 squad, which finished conference runners-up and participated in the South Central Regional en route to a 42-22 mark.

Avalon's coaching experience also includes stints as head coach of the West Alabama American Senior League team in 2005 and as an assistant of the West Alabama Junior League squad the same year. He led the Forest Hill Senior League team in 2002. He has also worked several baseball camps in Alabama and Mississippi.

A standout pitcher, Avalon was a member of the 2004 UWA squad and played the previous season at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN. He was also a two-year standout at Holmes Community College in Goodman, where he was named to All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State second teams.

A graduate of Forest Hill High School, Avalon received an associate's degree in liberal arts at HCC, where he was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honorary society. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and master's in physical education, both from UWA.

He is married to the former Kayla Cain of Kosciusko. They have two sons, Brooks and Tucker.



Lucille Wood Scholarship

Recipient: Carrie Rushing (right), Newton County

Donor representative: Lucille Wood

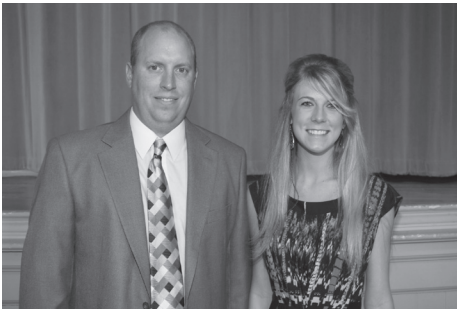
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ECCC Awards Almost \$74,000 in Scholarship Monies

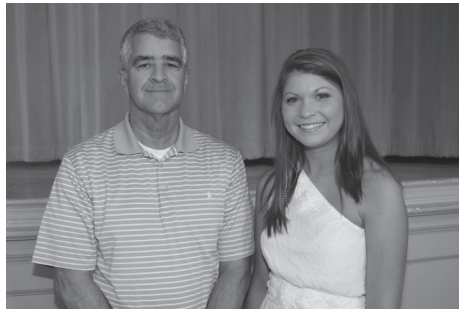
The East Central Community College Foundation awarded \$74,000 in scholarship monies to area students during the AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 16 in Huff Auditorium.

The annual event recognizes the outstanding students and also representatives from the families, businesses and industries who established the scholarships.



AT&T Endowed Scholarship

Recipient: Shelby Parkman (right), Raleigh
Donor representative: Tim Neal



ATCO Loan Scholarship

Recipient: Lacie Sessums (right), Carthage
Donor representative: James McRae



Bank of Morton Scholarship

Recipient: Jordan Grant (center) and Emily Marler (right), both of Morton
Donor representative: Lindsley Keeton



Clayton Blount Scholarship

Recipient: Colby Maner (right), Morton
Donor representative: Lois Cooper



Board of Trustees Scholarship

Recipient: Karri Miller (right), Newton County
Donor representative: Prentice Copeland



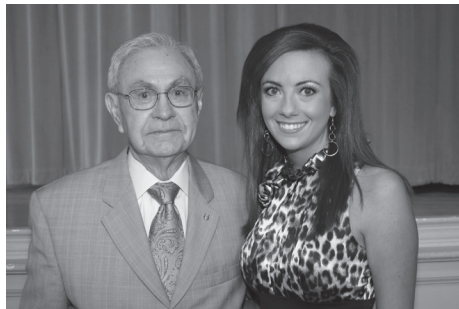
Iris Boggan Scholarship

Recipient: Alyse Webb (center), Noxapater
Donor representatives: Iris Boggan and Ada Boggan McGrevey



Ernest Harrison Boswell Memorial

Recipient: Brock Ward (right), Louisville
Donor representative: Rebecca Boswell



Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship

Recipient: Meghan Johnson (right), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Dr. Frank Bowen



Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Recipient: Dustin Cullen (right), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Ann Burkes



Landon Bryan Burt Memorial

Recipient: Dustin Cullen (center), Leake Academy
Donor representatives: Bryan and Mary Burt



The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship

Recipient: Richard Ainsworth (right), Edinburg
Donor representative: Susan Brown



W.R. Covington Scholarship

Recipient: Brock McDaniel (center), Noxapater
Donor representatives: Charlotte and Dr. Eddie Smith



Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship

Recipient: Rob Parker, Puckett



Jessica Cager Memorial

Recipient: Corie Skinner (third from left), Union
Donor representatives: (from left) Jim Ogletree of Piggly Wiggly-Union; Jessica's brother, Timothy Cager; and her mother, Inez Cager



Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959 Scholarship

Recipient: Kayely Kinard, Winston Academy



Cox and Associates Insurance Scholarship

Recipient: Jenny Wilbanks (right), Leake Academy, and Evan Dowell (not pictured), Carthage
Donor representative: Aubry Cox



Fred and Maudie Dallas Memorial

Recipient: Megan Montgomery (center), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: (from left) Rhodonna Chadwell and Pauline Chadwell



Mable Moore Carr Educational Scholarship

Recipient: Amber McDaniel (left), Forest
Donor representative: Jimmy Carr



EC Class of '64 Scholarship

Recipient: Hannah Clay (center), Lake
Donor representatives: Jerald (left) and Rita Everett



Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing

Recipient: Emily Lucy (right), Newton County
Donor representative: Frances B. Crenshaw



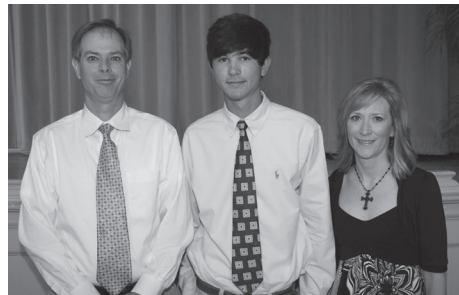
Aaron R. Davis Memorial

Recipient: Bonnie Ann Evans (right), Union
Donor representative: Patti Davis



Opal McMullan Dickerson Scholarship

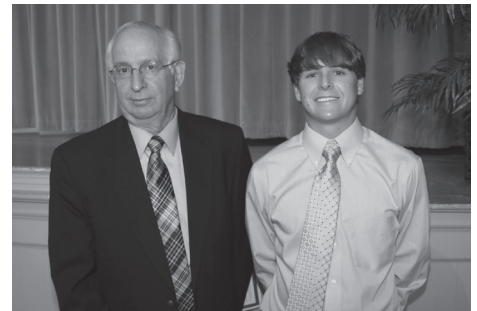
Recipient: Katie Reeves, Newton County



Tony Dobbs Memorial Golf

Recipients: Lee McDill (center), Newton County

Donor representatives: Billy (left) and Tracy Price



EC Scholars Alumni Association

Recipient: Andrew Hanna (right), Newton County Academy

Donor representative: Jerald Everett



EC Scholars James and Luvie Thomas Scholarship

Recipient: Ethan Pendergrass, Neshoba Central



Hubert D. Gilmore Scholarship

Recipient: Beth Mayes, Jacksonville (Alabama)



R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship

Recipient: Megan Everett, Lake



Nancy Auline Hiatt Harris Scholarship

Recipient: Kimberly Round (center), Louisville
Donor representatives: Johnie and Nancy Harris



Richard L. Harris Scholarship

Recipient: Brooke Livingston (right), Union
Donor representative: Richard Harris



Dr. Shelby L. Harris Memorial

Recipient: Dustin Cullen (left), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Sandy Wedgeworth



Harrison Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: (seated, from left) Adam Savell and Alexander Lee, both of Newton County
Donor representatives: (back row, from left) Keith Ramage, Eli Harrison, Janean Harrison and Ricky Harrison



Dan Harrison Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Holly Jones (not pictured), Union
Donor representative: Tim Moore



Sylvia Ann Graham Haywood Scholarship

Recipient: Jamie Elliot, Union



Jeffery G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial

Recipient: Amanda Barnett (third from left), Union

Donor representatives: (from left) Geraldine Dee Hitt, Alethia Hitt Pace and Faye Henley



Hogue-Brantley Scholarship

Recipient: James Colvin, Little Rock



Hudspeth Scholarship

Recipient: Corey Jackson (center), Nanih Waiya

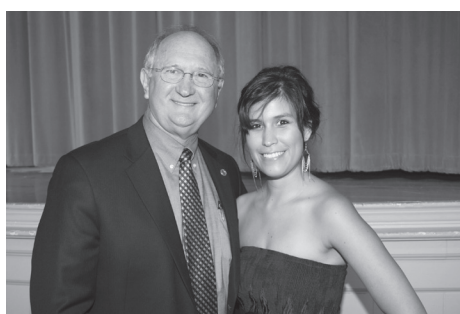
Donor representatives: Henry Bane "Bubba" and Faye McCully Hudspeth



Martha Kate Tullos Hummel Memorial

Recipient: Tyler Reeves (center), Newton County

Donor representatives: Nancy P. Haggard (left) and Don Hummel



Kelley Elizabeth Humphreys Nursing

Recipient: Rachel Ramirez (right), Forest

Donor representative: L. Ray Humphreys



S. Lebrun Hutchison Scholarship

Recipient: James Cumberland, Sebastopol



Frances Aycock Johnson and Jo Ann Aycock Thomas Scholarship

Recipient: Kyle Alexander, Lake



Johnson Family Engineering Scholarship

Recipient: Tyler Gilmore (not pictured), Newton County

Donor representative: Joe Johnson



Johnson-Taylor Memorial

Recipients: Bailey Hartness (center), Winston Academy

Donor representatives: Bruce and Susan Taylor



Ronnie and Michele Jones Scholarship

Recipient: Ouida Meruvia, Neshoba Central



Leon Eubanks KALJYC-Peers Scholarship

Recipient: Nicole Bounds, Newton County



James E. Land Memorial

Recipient: Axie Jones, Newton County



Andrew Wilson Lathem Scholarship
Recipient: Emily Marler, Morton



La-Z-Boy Scholarships
Recipient: Patrick Sistrunk (center), Sebastopol; and Oliva Capetillo, Newton County Academy
Donor representative: Julie Rowzee



Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Scholarships
Recipient: Shelby Powell (fourth from left), West Lauderdale
Donor representatives: (from left) Clark Measels, Nenette L. Measels, Diana L. Turner and Frank E. Leatherwood, II.



Thomas Rudolph Mayes Scholarship
Recipient: Chance Lowery (center), Union
Donor representatives: Jackie and Sid Etie



Russell McCann Memorial
Recipient: Cody Parkes (right), Nanih Waiya
Donor representative: Teresa Williamson Shannon



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Leake
Recipients: (from left) Allie Kirby and Hillary Kitchens, both of Edinburg, and Kati Gill of Sebastopol



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Neshoba
Recipients: (seated, from left) Bailey Goforth, Lauren Daniels and Brandon Anderson, all of Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: Keith Lillis and Kevin Cumberland.



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Newton
Recipients: Jon-Marie Baucum (second from left) and Mica Muex (right), both of Newton County
Donor representative: Jimmy Johnson



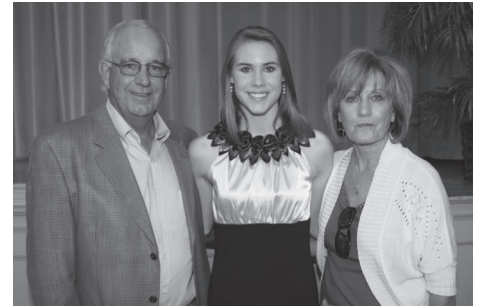
MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Scott
Recipient: Danielle Pettigrew, Scott Central; and (not pictured) Michelle Moore, Sebastopol, and Clell McCurdy, Forest



MS Assoc. of Supervisors-Winston
Recipients: (from left) Brock McDaniel, Noxapater; Jessica Edwards, Nanih Waiya; and Cory Goodin, Louisville



MS Automotive Manufacturers' Assoc. Scholarship
Recipients: Robert Wyatt (left), Newton County; and Steven Strehle, Noxapater



Robert J. Moody, Jr. Special Education Scholarship
Recipient: Brittany Burton (center), Winston Academy
Donor representatives: Bobby and Ann Moody



Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial

Recipient: Dustin Cullen (right), Leake Academy
Donor representative: Sandy Wedgeworth



Ben Myers Memorial

Recipient: Jordan Clearman (left), Neshoba Central; and Blake Gordon (not pictured), Philadelphia
Donor representative: Jewell Parks



Rev. John Lambert Neill Memorial

Recipient: Madison Nowell, Winston Academy



Newton Rotary Club Scholarship

Recipient: Jeremy Carson (right), Newton County; and Claire Griffin (not pictured), Newton County
Donor representative: Chris Phillips



Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship

Recipient: Matt Graham (center), Lake
Donor representatives: Gerald and Reba DeBari



Charles P. and Bonnie S. Phillips Scholarship

Recipient: Jordan Wigington (center), Lake
Donor representatives: Charles and Glenda Malone



Roscoe C. Pugh Memorial

Recipient: Kameron Boulton, Newton County



Shirley Renaud Memorial

Recipient: Kelsey Tadlock (center), Newton County
Donor representatives: Joe and Nona Renaud



Regina Gail Gibbs Rigby Scholarship

Recipients: Amber McDaniel, Forest



Ruth Round Volunteer Scholarship

Recipient: Chelsey Ezell, Newton County



Sam Rush Memorial

Recipient: Carrie McLemore (right), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Brice Richardson



Elva Smith Sigrest Memorial

Recipient: Rachel Ramirez (center), Forest
Donor representatives: Betty Bustin (left) and Ann Williams



Dr. Omar Simmons Memorial
Recipient: Jasmine Pickens, Newton



Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship
Recipient: Darin Hillman, Sebastopol



Willis W. "Bubba" Smith Scholarship
Recipient: Melissa Manues, Newton County



Southern AgCredit Scholarship
Recipient: Malori Jones, Puckett



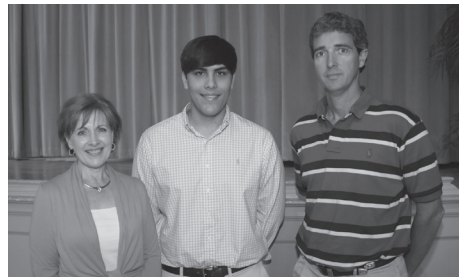
State Farm Insurance Scholarship
Recipient: Kitty Stewart (center), Philadelphia
Donor representatives: Bob Douglas (left) of
Newton and Will Wren (right) of Meridian



Wallace Strickland Rush Health Systems Scholarship
Recipient: Marlee Rhodes (right), Neshoba
Central
Donor representative: Tim Moore



Taylor Advanced Machining and Welding
Recipients: Dillan Warren (center, machining),
Neshoba Central; and Deonta Hawthorn (right,
welding), Louisville High School,
Donor representative: Rod Shealy



Larry B. Therrell Memorial
Recipients: Joshua Peoples (center), Leake
Academy
Donor representatives: Paula and Steve
Therrell.



Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship
Recipient: Lashundra Rush (center), Philadel-
phia
Donor representatives: Charles and Judy Thomas



***Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton
and Emerson Electric Scholarship***
Recipient: Tanner Fortenberry (center), Union
Donor representatives: Kinoth and Ella Mae
Thornton



Thomas W. Thrash Memorial
Recipient: Katie Reeves (right), Newton
County
Donor representative: Jeanette Thrash



Dustan Todd Memorial
Recipient: Chris Morgan (right), Newton
County
Donor representative: Ann Todd



U.S. Electrical Motors Scholarship
 Recipient: Alex Stuart, Neshoba Central



James M. Vance Scholarship
 Recipient: Brian Young (right), Noxapater
 Donor representative: James M. Vance



Ovid and Carol Vickers Scholarship
 Recipient: Claire Tadlock (center), Newton County
 Donor representatives: Carol and Ovid Vickers



Arno and Ruth Vincent Scholarship
 Recipient: Ryan Shotts, Louisville



Lavern and Elizabeth Vowell Memorial
 Recipient: Haleigh Graham, Neshoba Central



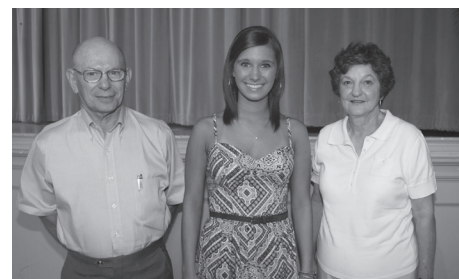
Captain Charles E. Ward Scholarship
 Recipient: Caleb McKee (center), Neshoba Central
 Donor representatives: Nancy Quinn (left) and Gloria Joiner



Warrior Golf Classic Scholarship
 Recipients: Tiana Grover (center), Newton County Academy; and Turner Stevens (right), Carthage
 Donor representative: Jerald Everett



Weems Family Scholarship
 Recipient: Lucas Calvert (right), Neshoba Central
 Donor representative: Martha Weems Cheney



Jack and Mary Jo White Scholarship
 Recipient: Hannah Farmer (center), Newton County
 Donor representatives: Bobby C. Jones (left) and Sandra B. Jones



Bob Wilkerson Memorial
 Recipient: Colton Gibbs (center), Scott Central
 Donor representatives: Richard (left) and Thias Wilkerson



Wilkes-Palmer Scholarship
 Recipient: Taylor Smith, Noxapater



Jones and Carrie Williamson and Bascom and Hattie Chisolm Scholarship
 Recipient: Matt Brown, Newton County Academy



Hundreds Pay Tribute to Retiring Lucille Wood



ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin welcomes the large crowd to Miss Lucille Wood's Retirement Program held Sunday, June 26, 2011, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Also pictured are Miss Wood and program participants (from left) Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Ovid Vickers, Bart Gregory and Dr. Pam Kirk.

With many of her former students and players in attendance, Lucille Wood was honored for her 58-year career in education with a retirement program held before a packed Vickers Fine Center auditorium June 26, 2011, on the East Central Community College campus.

Wood, who served 55 of those years at her alma mater, began her remarks by thanking those who made the special day a reality:

"I know this day did not just happen – Dr. (Phil) Sutphin made the call but there were many others – including Dr. (Stacey) Hollingsworth in the Alumni Office – who planned the program and reception, and I am most grateful," said the Louisville native.

Wood added she was not comfortable talking about her retirement.

"I have been on this side before," she said. "You only get to retire one time from a job that has lasted so long and has been my life's work. I cannot believe all you have come to share in this event."

Wood also expressed appreciation to those providing comments during the program. In addition to Dr. Sutphin, program participants were Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, Chair, Mississippi State Board for Community Colleges and former ECCC Board of

Trustees Chairman; Ovid Vickers, retired ECCC faculty member; Bart Gregory, Assistant Athletic Director, Annual Giving, Mississippi State University; and Dr. Pamela A. Catledge Kirk, retired MSU faculty member, who provided remarks. Also participating in the program were ECCC staff members Natalie Emmons, keyboard/music instructor, prelude/interlude; and Scott Hill, head softball coach, invocation.

During her remarks, Wood mentioned the three individuals "who are responsible for who I am today – Janie Sullivan, Arno Vincent and Dr. Brad Tucker."

"Mrs. Sullivan taught education and psychology and sponsored the education association and many clubs on campus. She loved flowers and we never had an assembly program that she did not have flowers on the stage. She helped many students and was responsible for me attending Mississippi Southern (University of Southern Mississippi). Some say I am a lot like Mrs. Sullivan- she had a humorous side but did not tolerate silliness. One day a boy said, 'Hey, Mrs. Sullivan,' she replied, 'Cows eat hay – when you address me, you say Good Morning, Mrs.



Miss Wood provided many humorous as well as informative comments during her remarks.

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Mrs. Mary Tucker of Decatur offers congratulations to Miss Wood on her retirement during a reception held in the Molly McGee Gold Room. At left is Mrs. Tucker's husband, former Dean of Instruction Dr. Brad Tucker. Also shown are Ollie Fay Woodward Flint of Philadelphia and retired ECCC faculty member Ovid Vickers, who was among participants in Miss Wood's Retirement Program.



Miss Wood is shown with Forest natives Patsy Tadlock Hollingsworth (left) of Morton and her sister, Betty Tadlock Haney of Brandon, who were among "Coach" Wood's many former players who were in attendance to honor the longtime educator on her retirement.



Charlie Waggoner of Starkville congratulates Miss Wood on her retirement, a career that spanned 58 years in education. Sitting next to "Coach" Wood are former players (from left) and fellow ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame members Wanda Blackwell McPhail of Meridian and Lucy Young of Vicksburg.

Sullivan...Good Afternoon, Mrs. Sullivan...and Good Evening, Mrs. Sullivan.”

Regarding Vincent, former ECCC president, coach and teacher, Wood said;

“Arno Vincent hired me to come back to East Central to teach...women’s basketball, which had been discontinued in 1954. There were girls who wanted to play (basketball) outside of intramurals, and Mr. Vincent approved of us playing some independent teams. On that team was Sue Gunter – who could deny Sue Gunter (the late Louisiana State University women’s head basketball coach and former basketball standout) of playing basketball – the only sport she had ever known from high school

“Mr. Vincent was a brilliant man – understood people – and let us use our educational training, said Wood.

Of Dr. Tucker, Wood said, “Dr. Tucker was my dean. He understood me and my program and gave me the opportunity to teach physical education. He knew the difference between athletics and physical education. I thank Dr. Tucker for letting me be the teacher I always wanted to be.”

Wood also provided her views on education.

“Students and teachers are the most important part of education,” she said. “Mr. Vincent said, ‘A good teacher can do more sitting on the end of a log than a poor teacher with all the equipment in the world.’”

Wood, whose list of classes taught include health, introduction to physical education, first aid and recreation, said she worries about the student-teacher relationship.

“When I ask my students who their teachers are – many don’t even know their names,” she said. “We are losing that teacher-student relationship in education.”

On a more positive note, Wood discussed her effort in providing athletic opportunities for women. She and Sue Ross of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College helped lead the way for equality for women athletes.”

“Some of the other junior colleges joined our efforts and we were able to field several teams and have a state tournament,” she recalled.

Wood noted it was in 1975-76 that the first scholarships were provided female athletes, and “the junior colleges led the way,” she added with pride.

Although she is regarded as a pioneer for women’s athletics, Wood said she is “most proud” of her work in establishing the Memorabilia Room, located in Burton Memorial Library.

“With the help of librarians Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood, the Memorabilia Room looks like it should - a museum. These ladies did a great job in accepting only the best furnishings for this very important part of our campus.”

Wood also mentioned the current fundraising project under way – the renovation of Founders Gym.

“It’s going to cost millions to fund the Founders Gym project but it’s going to be worth it...it’s going to be beautiful... and I know you want to be a part of this fundraising effort.”

Wood said she could not close her comments without mentioning the hundreds of students who came her way over the past 58 years.

“I am going to miss my students,” she said with a sigh. “They helped keep me young all these years. Most were good students...many chose education as their career choice...and East Central helped changed their lives...for the better.”

She concluded, “Thank you all for coming today...we ask God’s blessings on this college...may we continue to have strong leadership – those who love this school and her people.”



Athletic Teams Recognized Nationally for Academic Excellence

Athletic teams at East Central Community College in Decatur have once again been recognized for academic excellence by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), according to a news release from the national office in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Approximately 370 NJCAA teams qualified for academic team accolades and more 1,470 student-athletes met the requirements for individual honors, according to Mark Krug, NJCAA Director of Media Relations and Assistant Executive Director.

The Lady Warrior softball and tennis squads were named NJCAA Academic Teams of the Year for 2010-11 for achieving the highest grade point averages in their respective categories.

Earning NJCAA All-Academic Team honors were the College's baseball, golf, women's soccer and men's tennis squads.

"We are very proud of our student-athletes and coaches for this outstanding achievement," said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. "EC stands for academic quality and to have that demonstrated in our athletic program is confirmation of that success."

EC's softball team posted a 3.69 grade point average to claim top honors for a second straight year. The 2011 squad, which was also named MACJC Women's Academic Team of the Year, captured the program's first MACJC State Tournament title and tied for fifth in the NJCAA Division II National Softball Championship en route to a 37-15 record.

Scott Hill serves as head coach and Kristin Chaney is his assistant.

The Lady Warrior tennis team garnered the top spot in the academic competition with a 3.65 grade point average. The squad was a co-recipient of the prestigious honor in 2010.

Dianne and Pat O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches.

The Lady Warrior soccer team compiled a 3.54 grade point average and placed second in the nation behind Sussex County Community College in Newton, New Jersey, which posted a 3.58 GPA.

The women's soccer squad received NJCAA Academic Team of the Year honors in 2010 after posting a 3.45 grade point aver-

age.

Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach.

The men's tennis team finished seventh with a 3.34 grade point average. The Warrior squad earned academic team of the year honors in 2010.

Dianne and Pat O'Neill and Kyle Watson serve as coaches.

The Warrior golf team posted a 3.05 grade point average and the baseball squad compiled a 3.0 GPA.

Chris Clark serves as golf coach and Neal Holliman leads the Diamond Warrior program. His assistants are Michael Avalon, Hunter Vick and Jesus Aleman.

Numerous ECCC student-athletes also qualified as NJCAA Academic All-Americans, as previously announced.

Recognized for Superior Academic Achievement (3.80 to 3.99 GPA) include Anna Alexander (tennis), Summer Alexander (softball) and Kasie Buckley (softball) and Jessica Harrison (soccer), all of Little Rock; Tyler Brant (baseball), Southaven; softball team members Sarah Breland, Abbie Joiner and Lauren Nicholas and tennis player Walt Stinson, all of Philadelphia; Chelsea Jones (softball), Enterprise; and Monica Vincent (soccer), Decatur.

Recipients of Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.60 to 3.79 GPA) include Ashley Boulton (soccer), Newton; Bobby Bryan (baseball), Crossett, Ark.; Vincent Kortbawi (baseball), Moundville, Ala; Joel McKee (baseball), Philadelphia; Polly Vaughn (soccer), Decatur; Joey Walker (soccer), Hickory; and Kathryn White (soccer), Meridian.

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) is the governing body of two-year college athletics, offering endless athletic and academic opportunities to college students.

It is the second largest national intercollegiate athletic organization in the United States with more than 500 member schools in 43 states. Each year approximately 50,000 student-athletes compete in one of 28 different sports and the organization sponsors 48 national championship events and nine bowl games each year.

For more information, visit www.njcaa.org.

New E-Mail Addresses Needed for All Alumni and Friends

If you are an alumni or friend of the college and would like to receive e-mail announcements and newsletters from the Alumni Association, please send your name, class year, and e-mail address to sholling@eccc.edu.



Annual Warrior Golf Classic

Nets Nearly \$8,200 for Scholarships

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Cox and Associates Insurance (54)-Aubry Cox, Jimmie Bell and Larry Waggoner, all of Carthage and Bob Jordan of Kosciusko

Southern Pine Electric Power (56)- Chad Lewis and Jason Mangum, both of Decatur, and Jason Siegfried and Michael Tolbert, both of Brandon

Howard Industries (56)- Rusty Thoms and Craig Robertson, both of Madison, Michael Greene of Birmingham and Mark Power of Pearl

Stifel Nicolaus & Company (57)- Chris Harris and Cole Harris, both of Decatur, and Brian Temple and Barry Boatner, both of Meridian

Community Bank (57) -Steve Gibson and Randy Dilley, both of Forest and Tim Leitaker and Matt Gregory, both of Carthage

Ron Perkins Team (57) -Ron Perkins and John Wright, both of Louisville, Travis Naccarato of Canton and Chris Hallmark of Brandon

The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia (58) -Ken Jones, Rusty Barnett and James Jones, all of Decatur and Trey Davis of Collinsville

FIRST FLIGHT

IN Sports, Inc. (59)- Greg Nowell, Jason Fulton and Jim Eakes, all of Philadelphia, and Wes Kight of Louisville

Van Chancellor Team (60) -Heze Chancellor of Louisville and Nick Shelton, Scott Watkins and Wes Carter, all of Kosciusko

Tyson Foods of Forest (62) -David Mantooth of Fayetteville, AR, Ray Ables of Brandon, Stan Varner of Magee and Eddie McDill of Forest

Newton Junction (62) -Joey Walters and Michael Graham, both of Union, Neil Pettigrew of Philadelphia and Wayne Heilbronner of Kosciusko

First Financial Bank Team 1 (62) -Brad Ogletree and N.L. Carson, both of Carthage, and Jerry Bullard and Chris Hegi, both of El Dorado, AR

Polycom/BT Conferencing (62) - Roger Whitlock and Joseph Knight, both of Union, and Ronnie Westbrook and Chris Clark, both of Decatur

SECOND FLIGHT

First Financial Bank Team 2 (63) - Billy Mack Stuart, Terry Thomas and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage and Steve Cameron of El Dorado, AR

Chahta Enterprise (63) - James Robinson of Choctaw, Dereck Skidmore of Baton Rouge and Mark McKay and Ryan McKay, both of Philadelphia

La-Z-Boy South Team 1 (64) - Ronnie Poythress of Meridian, Randy McDill of Decatur, Brian Waddell of Philadelphia and Danny Simoneau of Louin

Glynn Griffing and Associates (67) - Glynn Griffing of Jackson, Milton Walker and Gage Walker, both of Brandon, and Calvin



Cox and Associates of Carthage captured a third-straight Warrior Golf Classic by recording an 18-under par 54 in the four-person select held June 30 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. The Cox team has won the corporate division for four consecutive years. Team members include (from left) Larry Waggoner and Aubry Cox, both of Carthage; Bob Jordan of Kosciusko; and Jimmie Bell of Carthage.

Twenty-one teams participated in the annual ECCC Alumni Association-sponsored fundraiser for student scholarships, which this year netted nearly \$8,200.

"We want to express a big thank-you to all the golfers and sponsors who helped make the Warrior Golf Classic one of the most successful in its 10-year history," said tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of Foundation and Alumni Relations. "Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends of the College, more than \$35,000 in scholarships has been awarded to area students since the tournament's inception in 2001."

For more information on the ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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Dr. John and Dr. Betsy Mann Team (68) - Dr. John Mann, Dr. Betsy Mann and Dale Joyner, all of Philadelphia and Andy Sharp of Union

Valley Services, Inc. (69) - Tau Iosia of Meridian, Carl Wolf of Pelahatchie and Marty Puckett and Randy Roberts, both of Brandon),

La-Z-Boy South Team 2 (70) - Don Mather and Chris Davis, both of Decatur, Kevin Rigdon of Union and Tom Keith of Decatur

Tyson Foods of Carthage (74) - Carl McCann of Madden and Jarl O'Barr, John Kyker and Mike Smith, all of Brandon



Championship Flight, Runners-Up-The Southern Pine Electric Power team took runner-up honors in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members include (from left) Chad Lewis of Decatur, Michael Tolbert of Brandon, Jason Mangum of Decatur and Jason Seigfried of Brandon.



Championship Flight, Third-Place Winners-The Howard Industries team finished third in the Warrior Golf Classic. Team members include (from left) Rusty Thoms of Madison, Michael Greene of Birmingham, Mark Powers of Pearl and Craig Robertson of Madison.

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La-Z-Boy South (Newton)
Drs. John & Betsy Mann (Philadelphia)
Southern Pine Electric Power Association (Newton)
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TEAM

BT Conferencing/Polycom
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La-Z-Boy, South (Newton)
Dayna Morgan (Philadelphia)
Regions Bank (Philadelphia)
Jeanette B. Thrash (Decatur)



First Flight Winners-The IN Sports, Inc. team took First Flight honors. Team members include (from left) Jim Eakes of Philadelphia, Wes Kight of Louisville, and Greg Nowell and Jason Fulton, both of Philadelphia.



Second Flight Winners- The First Financial Bank Team 2 claimed Second Flight honors. Team members include (from left) Steve Cameron, El Dorado, AR; and Van Ray Bowman, Terry Thomas and Billy Mack Stuart, all of Carthage.



First Flight Runners-Up-The Van Chancellor team finished First Flight runners-up. Team members include (from left) Nick Shelton and Scott Watkins, both of Kosciusko; Heze Chancellor of Louisville; and Wes Carter of Kosciusko.



Second Flight Runners-Up- The Chahta Enterprise team finished Second Flight runners-up. Team members include (from left) James Robinson of Choctaw, Derek Skidmore of Baton Rouge and Ryan McKay and Mark McKay, both of Philadelphia.



First Flight, Third Place-The Tyson Foods of Forest team finished third in the First Flight. Team members include (from left) Eddie McDill of Forest, Ray Ables of Brandon, David Mantooth of Fayetteville, AR; and Stan Varner of Magee.



Second Flight, Third Place-The La-Z-Boy South Team 1 finished third in the Second Flight. Team members include (from left) Randy McDill of Decatur, Ronnie Poythress of Meridian, Brian Waddell of Philadelphia and Danny Simoneau of Louin.



National SkillsUSA Award Winners

These East Central Community College students won honors at the 2011 National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference held June 22-24 in Kansas City, MO. Ashley Dearman (left) of Enterprise and Lauren Breedlove (right) of Philadelphia placed fourth in the Promotional Bulletin Board competition, and Nancy Coats (center) of Philadelphia finished 20th in Culinary Arts. Dearman and Breedlove are cosmetology students and Coats is enrolled in culinary arts technology. Advisers are Wanda Brackeen and Alexei Huguley, respectively. (Submitted photo)



Wood Honored at Louisville Bank

Recently retired East Central Community College faculty member and former coach Lucille Wood (seated) of Louisville was honored by employees at Renasant Bank in Louisville on July 8, 2011, in recognition of her 58 years of service in education. Wood was treated to lunch at the bank and visited with many of her former students and other ECCC alumni during the celebration. Wood is shown with a framed copy of the Warrior magazine cover which was presented to her by alumnus Clarence M. (Buster) McAdory (1966-67). McAdory is shown standing behind Miss Wood. Other EC alumni shown include (first row, from left) David K. Boydstun (1982-84), Mary Margaret Kirk (2009-10), Tonya Trosper (2008-11) and Sherry Rogers Suttle (1976-78); and (back row, from left) Sheila McClure McMillan (1981-83), Linda Popec (1997-98) and Dow Thomas (1994-96), all Renasant Bank staff members. (Photo courtesy Joseph McCain, Winston County Journal).

Renew Your Alumni Association Membership

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July 1 to June 30). Annual dues are \$10 single and \$15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, \$100 single lifetime or \$150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.



Rockin' Into Retirement

Lucille Wood sits comfortably in an engraved Boston Rocker which was presented to the longtime East Central Community College faculty member and former coach at her retirement program Sunday, June 26, 2011, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Wood retired after 58 years service in the state's community and junior college system. The Louisville native began her employment at ECCC in 1956. Participating in the tribute were ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Chair, Mississippi State Board for Community Colleges; Ovid Vickers, retired ECCC Humanities instructor; Bart Gregory, Assistant Athletic Director Annual Giving, Mississippi State University; Dr. Pamela A. Catledge Kirk, retired Mississippi State University faculty member; Scott Hill, ECCC head softball coach; and Natalie Emmons, ECCCC keyboard/music instructor. A reception was held in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria followed the special program.



Hill Receives MACJC Honor

East Central Community College head softball coach Scott Hill displays a plaque he received after being chosen Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Softball Coach of the Year. Coach Hill led the 2011 Lady Diamond Warriors to the program's first state title and a fifth place tie in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship en route to a 37-15 record. It's the second-straight coach of the year honor for Hill, who received Region 23 accolades in 2010 after leading the Lady Diamond Warriors to the program's first region title and a fourth-place finish in the national tournament. The 2010 softball squad finished with a record 47 victories, 11 losses and one tie. Hill has led the ECCC softball program for the past eight years and has compiled an overall 277-108-1 record, which also includes three MACJC Central Division titles. Prior to joining the ECCC coaching staff, Hill successfully led baseball and softball programs at Philadelphia High School. A graduate of Forest High School, Hill received an associate's degree at ECCC and earned bachelor and master's degrees in physical education at Mississippi State University. He is married to the former Melissa Polk of Brandon and they have two sons, Joel and Lee.





‘If I Can Do It, Anybody Can!’

Message from GED Graduate at ECCC Ceremony

It’s been almost 10 years since Nicole Weaver of Forest dropped out of high school as a 17-year-old sophomore.

Weaver, one of four speakers who provided remarks during the annual GED (General Educational Development) Graduation held July 14 at East Central Community College in Decatur, admitted she quit school “because I thought I didn’t need school...I knew everything... and other things were more important.”

Weaver soon realized she needed to have a high school diploma and enrolled in GED- Preparation classes in 2002. She took the exam and passed all sections except math and reading.

Instead of retaking the GED exam, she began a family – her son Alex Weaver was born in 2003 and daughter, Destiny Weaver, in 2007.

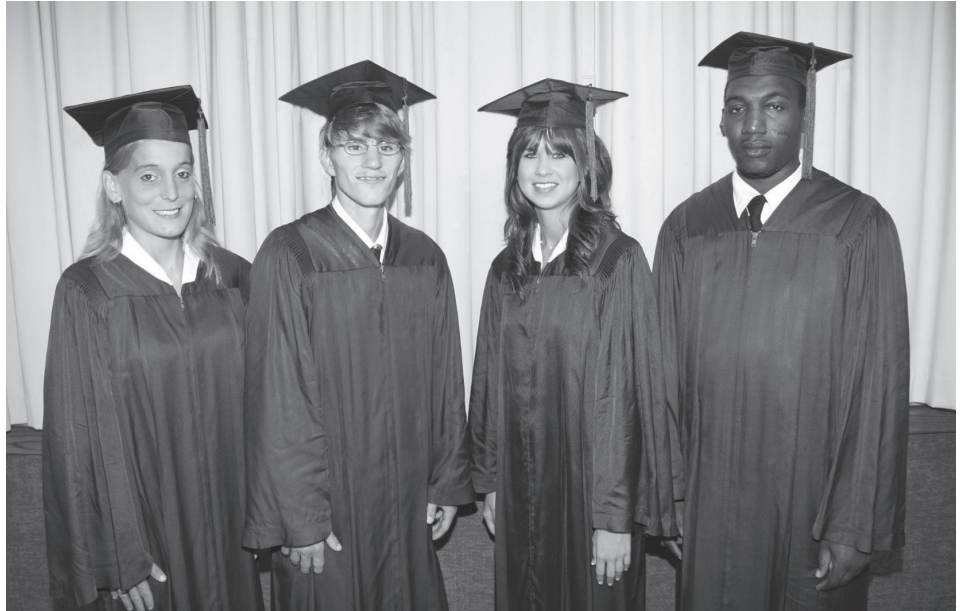
Unable to land a job to support her family, Weaver received assistance from her grandmother (Bobbie Ellis), who moved in with her in 2007.

“She helped me so much. Then on March 20, 2011, our world stood still. My grandmother had a stroke and our lives were changed forever,” Weaver said during her testimonial before a packed Huff Auditorium. “She never gave up on me and I didn’t want to disappoint her or my mother (Teresa Ellis). So I started taking ABE (Adult Basic Education) and GED classes on April 4 at the Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center. I worked really hard and passed the exam on May 21...10 years after quitting school...and here I am...a proud graduate of East Central’s GED Program!” she stated.

Weaver continued, “I’ve made my mom and granny proud of me...and now I can continue my education and make a life for me and my kids.”

Weaver, whose goal is to become a cosmetologist or certified nurse assistant, also expressed appreciation to her instructors for their support.

“Thanks to East Central for providing the GED classes and a very special thanks to my teachers, Teresa Lovett and Elizabeth Nutt. I am finally graduating in



Providing testimonials during East Central Community College’s annual GED Graduation were (from left) Nicole Weaver of Forest, Micah Prather of Carthage, Devyn Hughes of Lake and Wiley McCarter of Lena. The proud graduates are now looking forward to continuing their education and beginning new careers.

cap and gown...and if I can do it, anybody can!”

Also providing testimonials were Micah Prather of Carthage, Devyn Hughes of Lake and Wiley McCarter of Lena.

Prather, 29, said he began working on his GED in 2001.

“I, too, have had obstacles (to overcome) but I did not let them slow me down,” he stated. “I am reminded of a passage of scripture that says, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me’...and do it I did!”

Prather said his inspiration to succeed comes from his mother, Debbie Prather, a registered nurse.

“When my mom was born, she was blind in one eye. She helped rear her brothers and sisters when her dad wasn’t there. Her road was rough and bumpy, but she did not give up or let anybody push her down as she earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing.”

Prather added, “Some people say I take after my dad (Waid), but I think I take after my mom, because I have learned from

her not to give up.”

Prather also expressed appreciation to those who helped him along the path to his GED diploma.

“First, I want to thank the two sweetest ladies I know, Mrs. Carmel Carlisle and Mrs. Modean Cross (GED instructors for classes at Morton Library). They do more than help you with your GED...they share their faith with you and send you out into the world.

“East Central Community College, I thank you for helping folks like me attain our goals. With our GEDs, we are better prepared to go on to school or a career or anything else we need to do.

“I would also like to thank my family and friends for their prayers, and I say ‘thanks’ to Dad for always saying, ‘Try, try again.’

“And to my brother (Pete), I say thanks from the bottom of my heart for what you have done.”

In conclusion, Prather said, “I know that life is not easy; that if we are going to make it, we’re going to have to put God

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FRIENDS OF THE WALL O' SOUND

With the continued growth of the ECCC band, demands for equipment and facilities have created challenges on the financial resources available for the department. Under the direction of Thomas Carson, the band program has developed a tremendous surge in participation and programs. In addition to the 180+ member "Wall O' Sound" marching band, a concert band, jazz band, nationally touring rock and roll band (The Collegians), percussion ensemble, and touring marching drum line round out a very diverse and active program available to the EC students.

The ECCC foundation is making available to all alumni and fans of the band, an opportunity to "help make music" through financial support. These funds will be used to purchase much needed equipment and facilities necessary to maintain a modern, up to date program.

As a member of the "Friends of the Wall O' Sound," you may offer your financial support as follows:

Maestro Level	\$1,000 or more
Conductor Level	\$500
Director Level	\$250
Section Leader Level	\$100
First Chair Level	\$ 50
Band Aide Level	\$ 25

(All contributions are tax deductible when made payable to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc.)

For more information contact the Foundation Office toll free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 or call 601-635-6327 or email us at sholling@eccc.edu or mail to the ECCC Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

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first and let him be in control. Lean not on your own understanding, acknowledge him and let Him direct your path."

Prather is an active member at Trinity Baptist Church, where he is in the choir, plays guitar, serves as treasurer for the Baptist Men and is church training director.

He is undecided about his future plans.

Hughes, 18, of Lake, talked about the unusual path she took in school prior to achieving her GED diploma.

"I am not your traditional high school graduate," she stated. "I went to a public school for three years and was home-schooled for 10 years, which allowed me to include God in my studies and focus on the areas in which I struggled. As a home-schooled student, I was also provided the opportunity to become a more responsible and mature young lady."

Hughes said she knew at an early age what career path she would take.

"I decided at a young age that I wanted to be a cosmetologist. I dressed up in play clothes, fixed my hair and put on too much make-up! The older I got, the better my styling techniques became. For years I always wanted to be a cosmetologist and always imagined what it would be like.

"With the help of my teachers and passing this very important test, I can now live my dream! I never thought this day would come when I could say I have completed my studies and become a high school

graduate!

Hughes said her dream would not have been realized without the College's ABE/GED Program.

"Thanks to East Central Community College for offering a program to assist students with their GED. It has been a rewarding process. I also thank my teachers, Mrs. (Teresa) Lovett and Mrs. (Elizabeth) Nutt. They were so helpful and took their time to help me prepare for this big step in my life."

In closing, Hughes encouraged others to complete their high school education and "never let your dream die. With the help of God and these great teachers, you can accomplish anything!"

Hughes plans to enroll in cosmetology classes this fall at ECCC.

Her parents are Kendall and Debbie Hughes and she attends Goodhope Missionary Baptist Church.

McCarter, 28, resides in Lena and works at Nordic Cold Storage in Forest. He is also a full-time minister at Blutch Church of God in Christ in Lena.

McCarter, who attended GED classes at the Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center, said his inspiration came from unfilled dreams and watching others succeed.

"I can remember as a child I always had dreams in my life. I can remember wanting to be a firefighter...but those dreams never materialized. As I got older,

I learned better. As mistakes came my way, it seems like they pushed my dreams further back. After God called me into the ministry, I began to want to do better.

"But what inspired me to take my education to the next level was when I saw all the people succeeding except me. So I was inspired by lots of people. When my future wife (Phyllis Chisolm) graduated from college, I was also motivated to do better."

McCarter expressed appreciation to the College's ABE/GED instructors for their assistance in helping him succeed.

"So many good people came my way to help, including Mr. David Kerr and Mrs. Paula Kerr, who were a great inspiration to me. They worked with me one-on-one on several occasions. I also want to thank Mrs. (Teresa) Lovett and Mrs. (Elizabeth) Nutt for taking time out for me as well."

McCarter, whose goal is a career in the medical field, encouraged others to get an education and fulfill their dreams.

"No matter how old you are, you can succeed. No matter what you go through in life, you can succeed. Keep God first and everything will work out. To those who need GED, go for it. You will make it! Keep praying and always keep trying. Never give up. You can do it!"

To learn more about the College's ABE/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, director, 601-635-6378 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 387. His e-mail address is rclarke@eccc.edu.



Alumni Weddings

Megan Barfield to Ryan Brister
Heidi Dawn Barrier to Rodney Scott Lowrey
Brittany Jade Cushman to Nicholas Cody Shaw
Lesley JoAnna Daugherty to Aaron Lamar Wade
Mandy Eakes to Justin Clearman
Peggy Ann Haralson to Steven Cox
Britini Leigh Harvey to James Bryan Reeves
Gail Henderson to Richard Rickles, Jr.
Ariel Linnea Hobson to Jacob Titus Tolleson
Jana Nicole Johnson to Clarence Edgar Bowles, III
Kathy Terrelynn Jones to Mitchell Eugene Pierre
Hailey Marie Kilpatrick to Alan Fletcher Flake
Megan Montana Lancaster to Austin Ryan Pullin
Emily Lane Malone to Andrew Ladd
Timeka Morris to Marico Jones

Constance Diane Savell to Matthew Brent Wilkerson
Morgan Michelle Sharp to Dennis Wesley Day
Megan Shoemaker to Trey Sistrunk
Laura Ann Smith to Will Bryant Rouse
Keyhada Nicole Stokes to Bacardi Dewayne Smith
Morgan Nichole Stringer to Jeremy Wayne Joiner
Melanie Lynn Stroud to Joseph Calvin Williamson
Leigh Ann Taylor to William Joel Adkins
Adriana Lyn Thaggard to Charles Andrew Jenkins
Jamie Lynn Truhett to Aaron Bruce Agent
Mary Rollins White to William Tyler Culpepper
Lesley Whitehead to Lenny Ray Boatner
Amanda Williamson to Wade Pierce
Katy Suzanne Witt to Andrew Charles Edgar
Gayla Marie Yates to Dustin Todd Stephens

What I Remember About Attending ECCC

By Estelle Wilcox

My first year 1938-39 was quite a traumatic transition from a small high school, namely Marydell, to a junior college.

Freshman English was taught by Mr. Leon Eubanks, and our first test after six weeks one-half of the class failed. If I had not been taught by an excellent high school teacher, I am sure I would have failed.

My first failure was in the subject of political science. The reason for me was that I was uncomfortable with the instructor. I told myself that this could not continue because it was not acceptable by me and my parents for sure. I was given a chance to make this up.

The first year I worked in the cafeteria to pay some on my tuition and the second year I cleaned the bathrooms in the dormitory which is Jackson Hall. This required less time.

My room in the dormitory was next to our Housemother, Mrs. Jackson. We had to be well-behaved.

The longest time that I stayed away from home was in February of 1940. The reason was a ten-inch snow. Everything was shut down.

I remember Mr. Ray Gipson, the Business Manager. He knew every student by his first name. He was a kind and gracious man.

One other thing that has remained with me was that Dr. Todd, the President, called me into his office my last year and asked me why I did not go to church on Sunday mornings. My answer was that I did not feel comfortable with the clothes that I had to wear. I was comparing mine with the more financially-able girls – or they appeared to be. He seemed to accept my reason and I told him that I had been brought up by my parents to attend church and that I would continue that part of my life when I got a job and was financially able to be better dressed.

I am still thankful for Dr. Todd's interest. My advice to all students is to wear whatever you have because God does not look at what we are wearing. He knows what is in our heart.

I am thankful for being able to attend East Central Community College and that the Class of 1940 was honored this past October during Homecoming Day.

Estelle Burkes Wilcox
203 S. Jordan Street
Carthage, MS 39051
Class of 1940



Alumni News

Arlene Bates Monk (Class of 1995) graduated from Mississippi College in Clinton on May 6, 2011 with a Masters of Business Education. She is the mother of Nicholas and Marty Monk and the daughter of George and Alma Bates of Forest. She presently teaches special education at Forest High School in Forest, Mississippi.

Rev. Larry D. Reed, Sr. and **Abigail Reed (Class of 1990)** of Decatur, MS celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2011.

Ouida E. Barnes (Class of 1950) of Natchez is so proud of her children and grandchildren. This year Erin Whitney Barnes, her granddaughter, graduated from LSU Medical School in Shreveport and begins internship in July at Commonwealth of Virginia Hospital Richmond, Virginia.

Eddie H. Johnson (Class of 1960) of Picayune, MS has a three year old grandson. His son, Justin, went to East Central. Mr. Johnson says Mr. Ovid Vickers is his lifetime most favorite teacher and friend. He reads Mr. Vickers' column every week in The Neshoba Democrat.

Clyde (Class of 1943) and Maud Massey (Class of 1939) Blount celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on March 26, 2011. They were married by the Rev. A. B. Able, pastor of the 15th Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian on March 26, 1945.

Former Diamond Warrior, **Tyler Rogers (Class of 2003)** was named Class 1-A Baseball Coach of the Year after leading his team, the Nanih Waiya Warriors, to their 1st State Championship in the history of the school.

James Edgar Johnston (Class of 1959) and Louise Fortenberry Johnston (Class of 1959) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 25, 2011.

McCaughn Named Newton's 'Man of the Year'



Newton attorney **J. Tyler McCaughn (Attended 1999)** was selected "Man of the Year" by the Newton Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's 59th annual membership banquet held Thursday, June 30, 2011.

McCaughn is the outgoing president of the Newton Chamber of Commerce and incoming president of the Newton Rotary Club.

He was recently named a member of the 2011 Top 40 Under 40 Class by the Mississippi Business Journal.

McCaughn is a partner in the law firm Monroe and McCaughn in Newton. The Morton native also serves as attorney for the City of Hickory and teaches business law courses at ECCC.

Justin Kyle Wilkerson and Allison Leigh Thornton Wilkerson announce the birth of Alexander Reed Wilkerson on May 24, 2011.

Patsy C. Johnston's (Class of 1952) son, James Franklin Johnston, Jr., passed away on March 6, 2011 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer for the past 15 months. Patsy resides in Monroe, LA.

Brian Hardy (Class of 1998) was named head baseball coach at Germantown High School in Madison County after serving 11 years as pitching coach at Madison Central High School.

James R. (Class of 1957) and Bobbie Hardy (Class of 1958) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary (March 23, 1960) with a vacation in Pigeon Forge with family. They had a lot of fun enter-

taining their 7 year old granddaughter, Emma.

Gregory Guy McGarrity (Class of 1993) has been married to Vivian Goss McGarrity since December 4, 2004. He serves as Mayor of Sebastopol and is employed as a school teacher/coach at Sebastopol High School. He and his wife are members of Rocky Hill Church of God and are youth leaders there. Vivian is a registered dietitian at Choctaw Health Center. They have one son, Gregory Luke McGarrity, who is four years old.

Dan W. Lewis (Class of 1956) and his wife, Fay Harthcock Lewis, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 14, 2011.

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Josh Hardy (Class of 2000) is now head baseball coach at Philadelphia High School. After living in Calhoun, Ga., for five years, he and his wife, **Holly (Class of 2000)**, and their four daughters now reside in Philadelphia.

Bill Dansby (Class of 1964) of Philadelphia retired from Weyerhaeuser Co. in 2008 after 40 years with the company.

Kenneth Stidham (Class of 1964) of West Chester, Ohio, retired from GE in February 2009 and is enjoying all that goes with retirement. His youngest son, Steven, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a master's degree in architecture in June 2011.

Brenda W. Kirby (Class of 1962) of Forest is a candidate for the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Brian Roland (Class of 1990) of Morton is the lead teacher for the EXCEL Learning Center after school tutoring program in Morton. The purpose of the program is to assist students in the successful completion of their homework and to build basic skills in reading, language and math.

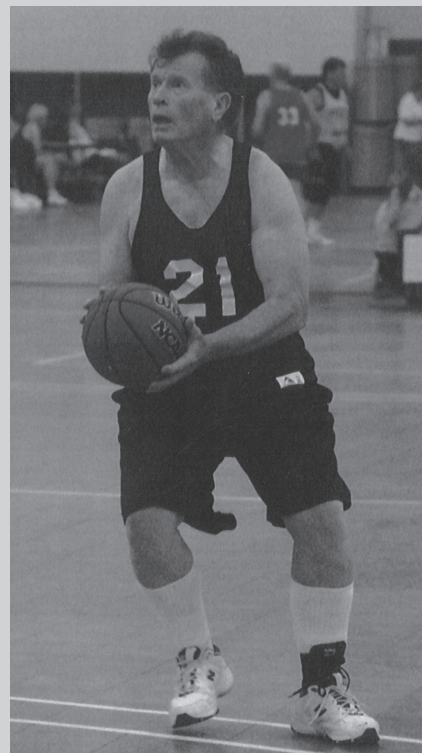
Michael and Kayla Avalon announce the birth of their son, Tucker Paul Avalon. He was born Friday, June 10, 2011. He weighed 6lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long. He was welcomed home by his brother, Brooks.

Russ and Stacy Copeland Holden (Class of 1992) are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Andrew Robert Holden, born June 15, 2011. He is also welcomed by big brother, Jackson.

Bruce (Class of 1993) and Jenni Lee of Louisville announce the birth of their son, Tanner McKinley Lee, born on February 17, 2011. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Brady, and his big sister, Madi. Grandparents are **Virgle and Sharon (Class of 1993) Rodgers** of Louisville and **Bob (Class of 1969) and Debbie (Class of 2004) Lee** of Philadelphia.

‘Senior Olympian’

Larry Hogue (Class of 1961) of Greene County is shown in action while playing on the Eagles of Mississippi basketball team in the National Senior Games tournament held recently in Houston, Texas. His team won a ribbon and placed fourth in their category among 23 teams competing in the 70-plus age group. They lost their last of six games – by eight points – to an Indiana team that was a national champion four years earlier. Some 10,000 athletes from all over the nation and several countries participated in the 20 different sports in Houston. Senior Olympics is open to anyone, male and female, age 50 and above. Hogue said the Eagles practice twice weekly at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. For more information, contact Hogue, 601-953-8349. (Hogue is a former staff member at ECCC and retired in 2001 following five years service as vice president for foundation and alumni relations).



Mike and Amanda Skinner (Class of 1999) of Forest announce the birth of their daughter, Emmalyn Mykal Skinner, born August 24, 2011, weighing 7lbs., 1 oz. and 19 ¾ inches long. She is welcomed by her big sisters, Aubrie and Anna Claire.

Pam Hillman recently had her first novel, *Stealing Jake*, published. Tyndale House published the book through a new model of publishing called “Digital First” with print books to hopefully follow. The book is a historical romance set in the late 1800s in a small fictitious town outside of Chicago.

Hillman's book won the American Christian Fiction Writers Genesis contest and is a 2011 finalist in RWA's Golden Heart contest.

She and her husband, Iran, and two sons, Sean and Darin, live on the family farm outside of Conenatta. She also works for Hardy Manufacturing where she has been employed for 27 years.

For more information, visit her website

at www.pamhillman.com.

Justin Fisher (Class of 1993) signed copies of his new book, “I Can't Even Walk Without You Holding My Hand,” during Union's annual Country Day. His book tells the stories of the everyday life of a man with cerebral palsy, and how God has used his disability to teach Biblical principles from which we can all learn.

Fisher earned bachelor and master's degrees in agricultural economics from Mississippi State University. He has been employed in post-secondary education for more than 12 years. He currently serves as economics instructor at Jefferson State Community College, where in 2004 he received the Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Faculty Member Award and in 2008 was nominated for the college's Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

He has served on the Board of Directors for Special Equestrians, Inc., a thera-

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Huff Auditorium Leaves a Legacy

by Ovid Vickers

For the past 58 years, students at East Central Community College have attended assemblies, convocations, plays, speeches, beauty pageants, talent shows, musical events and (for a time) graduations in Huff Auditorium. The auditorium, which was built in 1951, is named for a Scott County gentleman J. Knox Huff, who served on the College's Board of Trustees for 23 years, from the founding of the college in 1928 until 1951. From 1948 until 1951, he served as President of the Board of Trustees.

Huff Auditorium was built during the administration of Dr. L.O. Todd and served a dual purpose. The College's administrative offices were on the first floor with double stairs leading to an auditorium above. The auditorium will seat 1,001 people.

From the time of its construction until the 1960s, assemblies of the student body were held on Tuesday of each week. Students were assigned a seat number, and a silent roll was taken by monitors who listed the numbers of the vacant seats. Not being present constituted a class absence.



Huff Auditorium

Over the years, enrollment has grown to the point that the auditorium will not seat the student body. Today, the building is chiefly used for concerts and for meetings of campus organizations.

Because the college now has a separate administration building, the first floor of Huff is occupied by the offices of public relations and publications. Some faculty members also have offices on this floor.

From the days of its construction, the auditorium has also been used as a community gathering place. On several occa-

sions, churches in the area have held services in the building.

The only college groups which now perform there are a group of musicians and singers who are known as the Collegians and the band. This group has such a wide following that the smaller auditorium in the Fine Arts Center cannot accommodate them.

For years, the College celebrated what was known as Religious Emphasis Week. During the five-day period, local ministers from the five supporting counties and well-known evangelists from across the state delivered sermons or messages of encouragement each day for

a week.

Many well-known figures have either performed or spoken in this auditorium. During his long period of service to the nation as a member of the United States Senate, John C. Stennis spoke several times in Huff Auditorium. Governor William Winter also spoke as did Mississippi author Thomas Hal Phillips.

Probably the best-known performer to present a program was B.B. King.

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peutic horseback riding facility.

He and his wife, Kelly, are members of Valleydale Church in Birmingham, Ala., where they serve in the children's ministry as well as leadership roles in their Life Connection Group. They have two children, Will and Anna Morgan.

Joseph Kyle Barrett was presented with the Sam and Wilda Williams Scholarship during Honors Convocation at Mississippi College. The award recipient is selected by the Department of Music faculty.

Beverly Ballard was selected STAR Teacher at Winston Academy in Louisville.

Dwayne Warwick of Springfield, Tenn., won the Tennessee Art League's Memorial Award in a juried exhibition in Nashville with his entry "Casual Glance."

Arthur McMillan was recently named Superintendent of the Biloxi School District. He previously served 10 years as superintendent of the Enterprise School District.

Forest Mayor **Nancy Chambers** currently serves as president of the Mississippi Municipal League. In 2009, Chambers became only the third woman elected to the League's leadership and she was the first municipal official from Forest to be elected as an officer in the League.

Dale Rogers of Walnut Grove recently published a book titled "Breakfast Will Never Be the Same."



Donald Triplett Makes Medical History



Don Triplett, shown as he is about to begin his favorite pastime—playing golf at Forest Country Club.

Playing golf, traveling the world and attending East Central Community College homecomings are all part of the highlights of Donald “Don” Triplett’s life. The 1955 graduate of East Central Junior College said he grew up always knowing he was “different.” But what he might not have realized was that his being “different” would be recorded as a timestamp in medical history as the first child of autism.

This title came to light in October 2010 when Triplett was interviewed by John Donovan and Caren Zucker and featured on ABC’s “Nightline” and in *The Atlantic* magazine. Donovan and Zucker have researched autism for years and sought Triplett after reviewing medical documents of the first reported case of diagnosed autism, the case of the child noted as Case 1... Donald T. from Forest, Mississippi.

“The people came from up East to interview me,” Triplett said. “They followed me around town and watched me play golf and do my normal daily routine.”

Triplett said although he enjoyed meeting Donovan and Zucker, the experience was exciting, yet somewhat odd for him.

He said he did not know prior to the time of their interview that he could possibly be the first child of autism in medical history.

“I had heard the term autistic, I believe from Dr. (Leo) Kanner years ago,” Triplett said in regards to his condition.

The *Atlantic* cited that Triplett was “Identified in the annals of autism ... is the initial subject described in a 1943 medical article that announced the discovery of a condition unlike ‘anything reported so far,’ the complex neurological ailment now most often called an autism spectrum disorder, or ASD. At the time, the condition was considered exceedingly rare, limited to Donald and 10 other children — Cases 2 through 11 — also cited in that first article.”

Born in September of 1933 to Mary McCravey Triplett and Oliver Triplett Jr., from an early age his parents knew something was “different” about him. They therefore sought the best medical advice and help for their son possible, including multiple consultations and correspondence with the nation’s top child psychiatrist at the time, a Johns Hopkins professor named Dr. Kanner.

Triplett said he and his parents made three trips to Baltimore during his childhood to see Dr. Kanner.

“We went once when I was five years old, again when I was seven and in 1943 when I was nine and a half,” Triplett said. “Dr. Kanner came to see me in Forest when I was 11. I had no further contact with him.”

The visits with Dr. Kanner and his documentation of the behaviors of Triplett was the foundation of the mold created to assist psychiatrists in diagnosing patients

with similar symptoms and eventually defining the condition known today as autism.

Autism Speaks, North America’s largest autism science and advocacy organization, defines autism as a complex neurobiological disorder that affects a person’s ability to communicate and develop social relationships, and is often accompanied by behavioral challenges.

A man of few words, Triplett lives his life happy. The 78-year-old spends his mornings visiting with friends having coffee, doing puzzles, watching television, exercising and traveling; but one of the top entertainments in Triplett’s life is golfing.

“I have been golfing since 1958, the last 53 years,” he said. “I golf just about every day at the Forest Country Club.”

Although Triplett is officially retired, he said he also enjoys “doing a little work at the bank.”

“Since 1958, I have worked at the Bank of Forest,” Triplett said of his career at the bank his maternal grandfather founded. “I started working as a teller, but right now I am retired and now I only work two days a week.”

Of course, working at a bank or anything dealing with money was fitting for Triplett because of his impeccable skills with numbers. He said he considers his ability to calculate and count to be a hobby. Sometime during his life, Triplett developed a habit of assigning a number to anyone he met.

He lives in the house where his mother and father once resided, using funds from a trust set up by his parents.

He is also an avid traveler, having visited 36 foreign countries and 28 states, most recently taking a cruise in August to Mexico. He’s been on an African safari, numerous other cruises, and he has attended many professional golf tournaments.

Triplett said he has created many fond memories throughout his life, some of which were on the ECJC campus in Decatur, where he joined the Concert Choir and the Drama Club.

He still recalls his first accounting instructor, William Haywood his Trigo-

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The singer John Rait, who is best known as the father of musical star Bonnie Rait, appeared in the auditorium when it served as a venue for the now extinct Newton County Concert series. Several Elvis impersonators have also appeared.

A celebration known as Veterans Day or Armed Forces Day took place in this facility for many years. The program was always inspirational. Both the American and Mississippi flags were brought down the aisles, a salute was given and the national anthem played. A retired veteran usually spoke and recounted his time in the service and his ideas on American patriotism.

An event which continues to be held each year is the annual East Central beauty pageant. A large crowd always attends this event where a "Most Beautiful" is selected from a bevy of attractive young women. A "Most Handsome" is elected by a popular

vote prior to the pageant and introduced when the Most Beautiful is announced.

Perhaps the most unusual program ever staged was a "womanless wedding," sponsored by one of the town's civic organizations. A quartet of men dressed as women sang at the wedding in high falsetto voices as the "wedding party" was introduced.

Until the completion of the Fine Arts Building, two plays were presented each year on the Huff stage. Included were memorable performances of playwright Tennessee Williams' play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder.

There was a time when the weekly assembly program was presented by a different class or one of the College's clubs. These programs were supplemented by traveling actors and musicians who were contract players provided by an agency in Memphis.

Huff Auditorium has witnessed outstanding programs, or accompaniment, by faculty members Marion Thornton, Leesa Lee Wilkinson, Vicki Blaylock, Natalie Emmons and Len Bobo.

Although the auditorium was refurbished during the administration of Dr. Eddie Smith, it is once again showing signs of age and use. It has been in use for 58 years and remains a viable place to hold academic and public meetings.

Today, there are people residing not only in Mississippi but across the nation who were once presented a diploma when East Central graduations were held in Huff Auditorium. Others have memories of acting in a play on the Huff stage or performing during a concert. Huff Auditorium was, and is, the centerpiece of the East Central campus.

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nometry instructor, Frank Reeves; and his Algebra instructor, L.D. Ferguson. During his time at ECJC, he completed his basic courses, including freshmen and sophomore English, Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus and lived in Scott Hall.

Retired ECCC faculty member Ovid Vickers said faculty and staff of the then ECJC always spoke well of Triplett.

"He did really well as a student," Vickers said. "People remembered him with great fondness, particularly Mrs. Frank Cross, who managed the student center."

Vickers said while Triplett was at ECJC, he calculated the exact number of bricks needed to build Neshoba Hall.

"He took the length and the height measurements and calculated the correct number," Vickers said of Triplett's process.

As an adult, Triplett returns to his alma mater to attend homecoming most every year.

"I have attended probably over one-third of the Homecomings since I attended school at East Central," Triplett said. "Probably around 15 or 20 homecomings all together. I always enjoy going to the ball game and the tailgating festivities are a lot of fun."

He said he enjoys returning for the special day to reconnect with old and new friends.

"I come each year to see if any of my

old school mates come to Homecoming," Triplett said. "There are always some there that I know and have learned to know throughout the years, but I always hope to see someone I haven't seen since college."

A 1953 graduate of Forest High School and 1958 graduate of Millsaps, Triplett said he had an enjoyable upbringing.

"I didn't face a whole lot of challenges," he said in regards to his autism. "I always knew I was different than some people."

The lack of challenges as an autistic person, could be credited to the community where he was reared, the city of Forest.

Donvan and Zucker reported in The Atlantic article, "Still, it's clear that Donald reached his potential thanks, in large part, to the world he occupied—the world of Forest, Mississippi—and how it decided to respond to the odd child in its midst... In Forest, it appears, Donald was showered with acceptance, starting with the mother who defied experts to bring him back home from a trial period of hospitalization for his autism, and continuing on to classmates from his childhood and golfing partners today. Donald's neighbors not only shrug off his oddities, but openly admire his strengths—while taking a protective stance with any outsider whose intentions toward Donald may not have been sufficiently spelled out. On three



An avid golfer known for his "short" game, Don easily sinks this putt for the photographer.

occasions, while talking with townspeople who know Donald, we were advised, in strikingly similar language each time: "If what you're doing hurts Don, I know where to find you." We took the point: in Forest, Donald is 'one of us.'"



Former Warrior Ronnie Parker Stays Fit and Helps Others Do the Same

Staying fit and helping others do the same is the mission of Decatur native Ronnie Parker of Haymarket, Virginia, who was a standout football player at East Central Community College during the 1980 and 1981 seasons.

Parker, 48, has worked independently as a fitness trainer since 1991 following a brief career in law enforcement with the Arlington (Virginia) County Police Department. Parker sustained a career-ending injury in the line of duty and retired with honors.

He was a highly recruited student athlete following a stellar career at Decatur High School, where he earned All-State honors in football and basketball and won state titles in track in the long jump and as a member of the 440- and 880-yard relay teams.

At 5-9, 164 pounds, the speedy running back led the team in rushing and touchdowns his senior year. He had his choice of colleges to attend, but he explains why he chose East Central:

"My key to coming to East Central was Coach Ken Pouncey," Parker said of the longtime former head football coach who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. "I remember Coach Pouncey telling me on a campus visit that if I really wanted to play football to stay close at home. I did not pay that much attention to what he said because I did not know what I was going to do. But what he said stuck in my mind."

Parker, who admitted to being a "home" boy, also wanted to stay close to home so friends and family – especially his mother (Eunice Jackson) – could watch him play football.

"Playing at East Central meant I was just 40 seconds from home," Parker said with a smile. "I could jump out of Neshoba Hall and run to my house to see Momma in 40 seconds flat...I timed it! That's how close we lived to campus – at 32 9th Avenue. I could stand on the balcony of Neshoba Hall...whistle....and Mom knew I was on the way home. That was cool..."

But Parker also wanted to attend EC because he knew he would have an opportunity to play football as a freshman.

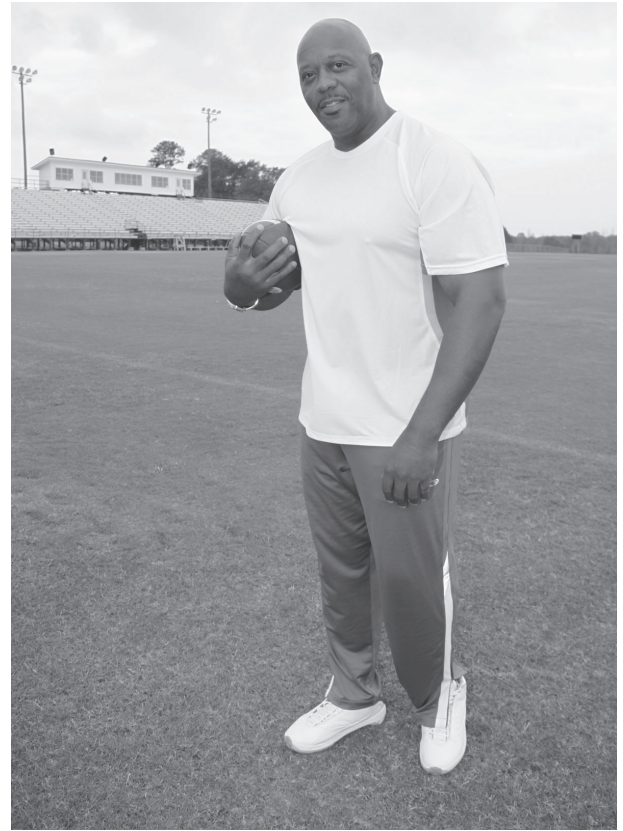
"Big-time college football offered me scholarships but I knew I would not play a lot because the coaches are usually committed to playing the older guys," Parker stated. "So I chose EC and did not make a mistake. It was the best choice for me to play football and get an education."

Parker said he was well prepared for JUCO football under Coach Pouncey after playing for Coach Tenny Coats at Decatur High School. Coach Coats is a former ECCC head football and was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. Coach Pouncey joined the elite group in 2004.

"I knew Coach Coats was going to be a tough coach," he said, "especially when I saw him get the attention of his son, Timmy, who was the quarterback. Coach Coats was a screamer and would get on you pretty good if you made a mistake. I remember standing next to Timmy in practice and thinking, 'Oh, my goodness... I got to get this right...but sometimes I would fumble the ball and Coach Coats would get right in my face! He would scare me for two or three series by not letting me run the ball....but then he would put me back in and I would make sure I held on to the ball! Coach Coats loved perfection....and really drove home that you've got to practice hard and play hard to be successful. Football is a mental game...he would say it's not the best team that is going to win...the best team does not always win...but the team that is best prepared is going to win the game....and I've thought about that a lot of times....and told my kids the same thing!"

Parker said when he got to East Central, he quickly received a new nickname from Coach Pouncey.

"Coach Pouncey called me Flip," Parker said with a laugh, referring to his



Decatur native Ronnie Parker poses on Warrior Field where he was a standout running back during the 1980 and 1981 campaigns for head coach Ken Pouncey, who lost his battle to cancer earlier this year.

likeness to the popular comedian Flip Wilson, now deceased. "Everybody called me 'Flip' because of Coach Pouncey. He would say, 'Flip, get here and run the play right....and run North and South....not East and West...you going to a dance or a ball game tonight? Run the play right!'"

In addition to nicknaming Parker "Flip," Coach Pouncey had unique words to describe some of his star players.

"He often referred to several of us as 'stud buzzards,'" Parker said, again with a laugh. "I know you all think you are stud buzzards," he would say...that was his main word....and he would continue, 'you all prance around here like you are stud buzzards...you really think you are something.'"

Parker said Pouncey got the players' at-

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tention with his coaching technique.

"He would let you have it then come around later and tell you why he got on you...he was just trying to get you to understand what he was trying to do to get your attention...it was a learning experience....and it worked," Parker said.

Parker said the toughest part of football practice at EC were those twice daily workouts in August.

"The heat was the worst thing about the two-a-day practices," he stated. "The hot weather was really something in Mississippi. We'd get up early in the morning and practice...get really sore...then practice again in the afternoon....the same routine...over and over!"

Parker said the best part of those two-a-day practices was the time spent in the whirlpool.

"Thank God for the whirlpool," Parker said. "If anything was wrong with you, it was to the whirlpool.... 'Coach, I think I broke my leg... 'Go to the whirlpool, son.' It was either the icy cold whirlpool or the hot water whirl pool....whatever...it got you ready to play whether you wanted it to or not!"

Parker also recalls game preparations especially for the rival teams, such as Holmes, Jones County, Gulf Coast, Pearl River and Copiah-Lincoln. One game with

Co-Lin stands out to Parker, even today.

"We won the game (20-17) but what I remember most is the hard lick I received from the Co-Lin defensive back...#37. He was probably no bigger than 5-5, 150 pounds....but he gave me the hardest lick I have ever received. He hit me in the right thigh....and I still have problems with my thigh today. I really think he broke it! I'll never forget it...he shook me up pretty good. I never got hit like that before or after! Coach Pouncey told me that guys would hit you in this league....and he was right!"

Parker withstood the injury to lead the team in rushing. He was also named Best Back in the MACJC South Division and received All-State and All-Star honors.

Parker, who graduated from EC in 1982 after completing the College's carpentry and cabinetmaking program under instructor and "good friend" Larry Blackburn, carried his football talents to Delta State University, where he again excelled in athletics and academics.

"I went to Delta State because of Coach Coats," Parker said. Coats left Decatur to become an assistant at DSU, primarily working with defensive backs.

"Coach Coats was like a father figure... he watched over me...kept me straight," Parker said.

Parker had two standout seasons at Delta State and led the team in rushing. He entertained offers to play in the National Football League and participated in try-outs in the Canadian League. He injured his ankle as a free agent in New York, thus ending hopes for a professional career.

"Thank goodness I did not count on making a living playing professional football. Parker said, referring to his degree in criminal justice and minor in sociology from DSU.

"Coach Coats pushed me to get my degree....and reminded me that only a few make it to the NFL...but with a degree...I can make it."

Parker began his career in law enforcement in 1988, soon after his marriage to the former Phyllis Mallard of Georgetown. The two met while students at Delta State. ("Besides marrying me, of course, her other claim to fame is that she is an aunt to professional basketball player Erik Dampier!")

Parker started his fitness training busi-

ness in 1987 on a part-time basis. When he retired from law enforcement in 1991, he became a full-time private contractor and fitness trainer.

Parker operates his business under the name "Fitness First" and utilizes four gyms.

"The business has grown bigger than I ever dreamed," he stated. "God has truly blessed me, my family and my business."

Parker sets up fitness programs for a lot of companies and individuals and also keeps himself in good shape.

"My weight was up and down like a yo-yo for a long time until I learned a lot about nutrition....and it made a difference. I don't diet anymore....I follow a weight management program that I also provide for my clients. I also exercise on a regular basis, which is very important to maintaining weight as well as good health."

Parker said his youngest client is seven years old the oldest....is 87!

"Are there different programs for different ages? Of course," Parker said. "But the key to good health for any age is to not only maintain a healthy diet but to always keep moving...stay active!"

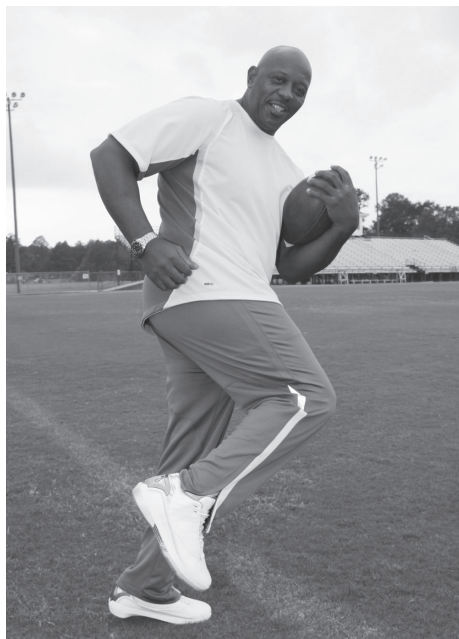
Parker is also a motivational speaker and uses his speaking abilities to help people understand the importance of proper nutrition and exercise.

He said he emphasizes that a diet "never works" and that getting and being fit is a "life-style change."

When he is not helping others with their fitness goals, Parker spends as much time as possible with his family.

He and Phyllis have a son, Rex, and a daughter, Bristy. Rex is a senior communications major at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he is also a track standout, excelling in the triple jump and long jump in Big 10 Conference competition. Bristy is a junior at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mountain, N.C., where she is pursuing a major in exercise science and a minor in journalism. She also excels in athletics as a member of the tennis and cross country teams and received conference "Sportsmanship of the Year" awards in both sports.

"Rex and Bristy both received scholarships to attend college, which is saving Dad lots of money," Parker said with a big



Still in shape after all these years, Parker shows how he can still tote the pigskin if needed!

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Freeman's Historical Year at Lake Recalled by Clarion-Ledger

Special to The Warrior by Rick Cleveland

(Note: The remarkable season by Coach Granville Freeman's 1974 Lake High School football team was featured by Clarion-Ledger columnist Rick Cleveland in the Sunday, July 3, 2011, issue. Coach Freeman (ECCC Class of 1967) led the Hornets to a perfect season: undefeated, unscored upon, unchallenged...thus the fitting nickname...the "Un Team!")

1974 Lake Hornets did it Freeman's way - perfectly. In the tiny town of Lake, they are known and revered simply as the UN-team. They were the 1974 Lake High School football Hornets, UNdefeated, UNTied, UNchallenged and UNScored upon.

That's right. Thirty-seven years ago, a band of 29 mostly lean, raw-boned, rough-as-a-corn-cob country boys - led and inspired by a bright, cocky and maniacally demanding 26-year-old coach, Granville Freeman - finished 11-0. They scored 321 points, allowed zero. None. Nada. Null set.

The Hornets trounced 10 straight opponents and then discretion won out over valor and the 11th opponent, French Camp, opted not to play. Can you blame them?

"When I went to Lake in 1973, I told them we were going to have a team that when opponents got ready to play us, they were going to be shaking in their shoes," Freeman says. "I'd say we accomplished that in 1974."

That Lake team was led by linebacker/offensive tackle Freeman Horton, recruited by every college in the state and Alabama and Bear Bryant, as well. And this will tell you something about Granville Freeman. Ken Donahue, Bryant's right-hand man and defensive coordinator, stopped by Freeman's office one day to watch film on Horton, who played right outside linebacker, and later started four years at Southern Miss.

"Coach, I have one question," Donahue said. "Why would you not take your best and biggest athlete and put him at middle



Former Lake High School head football coach Granville Freeman displays the trophy his 1974 Hornets received following their historic season.

linebacker instead of on the outside?"

Answered Granville Freeman, now a State Farm insurance agent in Forest: "Well, Coach, I'll tell you why. If I put Horton in the middle, I got no idea which way the other team is gonna run. But if I put him on the right side, I know for damned sure which way they ain't about to run. This way we only have to defend half the field."

Plus, Freeman might have added, he knew Freeman Horton could run the play down from the backside anyway.

Old school? Yes

Perhaps there has been another team in Mississippi history to go through a season without allowing a point. If so, there's no record of it. But this is not only a story of that impeccable team but of a coach

who was 30 years ahead of his time in many ways, but so perfect for his time and place in others. Let's put it this way: Any coach who uses some of Granville Freeman's methods today will need a really good lawyer and a jury of strictly Lake football fans.

Huey Stone, the Lake High principal for more than 40 years, brought Freeman, the son of Scott County sharecroppers, to Lake in 1973. Freeman, who had played running back at Morton and East Central Community College, was a defensive coach at Amite, La., at the time. Freeman wanted to get back near his home and went to Lake for the interview.

The story goes that the interview finished like this:

"Well, it's up to you Mr. Stone," Freeman said. "If you want a championship football program at Lake, you'll hire me. If you don't, go ahead and hire somebody else."

Stone hired Freeman and then might have wondered what the devil he had gotten himself into. By the time school started in September of 1973 after three weeks of three-a-day practices, Lake was down to nine football players. Nine.

Harry Vance was one of those nine.

"Let me tell you, if you were one of those nine, you loved football, and, buddy, you were in shape," Vance, now 53, says. "That was the one year Coach let people come out after school started. We ended up with 22 players."

In those days, Lake's football team dressed for practice at the high school, then took a 5.3-mile bus ride to practice at the middle school. If Freeman wasn't happy with the way the team practiced, they ran the 5-plus miles back to their locker room. That was after running sprints, says Vance, "until our eyes rolled back in our heads." Practices normally lasted until the sun was going down behind the trees, so that run home was in the dark with Free-

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man following in the bus with the lights on. Yes, and if one player lagged behind, Freeman might rev his motor or even bump him.

"I don't 'spect you could do that today, could you?" Freeman says, laughing.

That first Lake team - "The Magnificent 22" Freeman calls them - lost only one game, on the road, to much larger Raymond High on a late, 43-yard field goal.

"That was the longest bus ride home you can imagine," fullback/linebacker Randy Bryant says. "I will never forget what it was like to lose."

The wonder is Freeman didn't make them jog home.

Lake didn't lose again that year - and certainly not the next - or the next.

"Coach was 25 years ahead of everybody else in the way he used film and developed scouting reports," Vance said. "By the time we met as a team on Sunday night after church, he had graded the film and printed a 20-page scouting report on the next team. It was only Sunday and we already knew everything they were going to do."

There was never any question what Lake was going to do. They were going run out of a straight T-formation, offensively, and they were going to play Freeman's 4-5-2 defense. Freeman's philosophy: Keep it simple, stupid. Lake didn't do much, but what the Hornets did they did over and over and over and over and. ...

"We did it until we got it perfect, and then we did it again," Vance, the quarterback, said.

'Crazy smart'

These days, college and professional teams often hire sports psychologists. Granville Freeman served as his own.

Says Mike Stone, the principal's son who later played for Freeman, "The man was crazy, but he was crazy smart."

There was the time in Hickory when Lake led only 7-0 at halftime and Freeman was beside himself. He ranted, he raved and then he jerked the helmet off one of his players and threw it through a window.

"I kind of surprised myself," Freeman said. "And then I thought, well, 'I've done it now. A few more windows won't make any difference.'"

So he grabbed more helmets and broke more windows, about 10 in all.



Coach Freeman (right) is shown offering words of wisdom to Jeff Breland, who took over the Lake football program prior to the 2011 season. Breland is a 1983 ECCC graduate.

Lake won the game 42-0. "We had tears coming out of our eyes, we wanted to hit people so bad," Vance said.

On Monday, the Lake principal got a call from Hickory asking for money to replace the broken windows. Word got around Lake and Hornet fans raised the money. Says Freeman, "I guess they figured, 'Hey, if that's what it takes...'"

And then there was the time, also in '74, when Stringer played Lake to a 0-0 halftime tie. Lake players went to the locker room in fear of the lashing they were about to face. Instead, Granville Freeman walked in and told them he was so disgusted, he was just going to quit, on the spot. And he walked out and took a seat in the stands. No, really, you could not make this up. He went and sat in the stands.

Long story, short: Final score, Lake 42, Stringer 0.

And if all that sounds crazy, consider this: In the summer before that 1974 season Freeman called his team together and told them that their summer training program was going to be different. Yes, they were going to take ballet lessons. You read right: ballet. What's more, each player was going to pay for it himself. The

school didn't have the money.

"These were country boys that didn't have a lot," Freeman said. "Some of them picked up aluminum cans to raise the money."

Lake players did as they were told. Twice a week, a ballet teacher came to the Lake gym and taught them the fundamentals.

"It's all about balance, about footwork, about flexibility and core strength," Freeman said. "I thought it was perfect training for a football player. We called ourselves the twinkletoes Hornets."

"People laughed at us before the season," Bryant said. "They weren't laughing after it. It made us better football players."

Says Freeman: "Those players are in their 50s now and they'll still come up to me and say, 'Coach, I can still do it.' And then they'll do a perfect plie."

17 cents an hour

You may wonder, as I, why a coach, so successful, would give up his profession after six years and a 57-2-1 record. That's what Freeman did.

Freeman was asked about it at his State

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smile!

Parker took time away from his busy schedule to visit his former coach, Ken Pouncey in Nov. 2010.

"I'm so glad I was able to spend some quality time with Coach Pouncey," Parker said. "I remember sitting in the living room of his home and while sitting there with him and his lovely wife Alice, we went down the memory of football games, teammates and just how much fun it was. Although Coach Pouncey has passed, his teaching and coaching lives on in the lives of many. He was a great husband, dad, coach and friend."

Before he lost his battle with cancer on Feb. 12, 2011, Pouncey provided the following comment about his star running back:

"Ronnie was a very 'coachable' and had lots of natural ability. He always took

instructions well without hesitation or without questioning his coaches. Ronnie took his studies seriously, too, and this helped him to further his education with a scholarship to Delta State where he was also an outstanding football player. I'm so proud of Ronnie and the success he is having with his business."

Parker said he hopes to return to his hometown whenever possible, even though his mother passed away in 2005.

"My mother was a very special woman," Parker said. "She was a very hard-working individual. Her career was housekeeping right there in Decatur, She worked long hours to provide for her children. I can remember waking up in the early morning to the sounds of pots and pans and shortly after that, the aroma of the best breakfast you would ever eat. 'Yes' Mama could cook! My mother was

known by most folks as Mama, too – she was a mama to all! She instilled the importance of family value. She taught us the Bible and everyday living. I can remember her saying, 'Dutney, Dutney (that's the nicknamed she called me), I ain't gonna be here always, so you better pay attention to what I am saying.' That little phrase has stuck with me my entire life. I thank Mama for the love and the teaching and the example she set for her children. Yes, there is a little bit of Mama in everything that I do. Thank you, Mama!"

Parker said although his mother is deceased and he lives hundreds of miles from Newton County, he will always have special feelings for Decatur and ECCC.

"No matter where I live now, or where I go," Parker said. "My ground will always be Decatur, MS 39327....that's home for me!"

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Farm office, just as two women walked up, smiled and slipped payments underneath his door.

"In coaching," he said, chuckling, and glancing toward the women, "that never happened.

"Seriously, I sat down and figured it out what I was making as a coach," Freeman said. "My last check at Lake High was for \$485 for a month's pay. I did the math and what I figured out was that I was making 17 cents an hour. I was coaching the junior high and high school teams, mowing and lining the fields, watching film, carrying it to Jackson to be developed, doing scouting reports, washing uniforms, running the summer program, teaching, driving the bus. It came out to 17 cents an hour. I wasn't sleeping much."

Says Harry Vance, the quarterback, "He was so intense. He coached 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I just think, physically, it wore him out."

Freeman, successful in the insurance business, says he has turned down coaching offers nearly every year since he retired from coaching in 1977. He hunts and fishes and raises competing show horses. He says he rarely watches football.

Moochie's block

Only one team ever came close to scoring on the mighty Hornets of 1974. It was the last game. Edinburg, trailing 38-0 with 2 minutes to play, recovered a muffed punt

inside the Hornets' 10-yard line. Three players later, Edinburg was still at the 8.

So, Edinburg lined up for a field goal. What Edinburg didn't know was that Lake worked daily on blocking field goals, even though few opponents ever got close enough to try one. Once, during a practice, Freeman got mad because the holder kept dropping the snap. So he took the kid's place, took the snap, placed the ball down and here came big, strong Freeman Horton flying through the air to block the kick and accidentally slam his helmet into Freeman's head. Granville Freeman was knocked out.

Initial attempts to revive him with ammonia didn't work. Somebody threw water over his face. That didn't work.

Somebody said, "Go get Mrs. Freeman. I think he's dead."

Chimed in a manager, a high-pitched, 12-year-old: "Y'all better hope he's dead, 'cause if he ain't, he's gonna kill all y'all."

"That's what I remember hearing as I was coming to," Freeman said.

So what'd he do then? Why, he told them to do it again, of course. Repetition. Do it, over and over and over until you get it perfect. Eventually, it pays off.

And so Edinburg lined up for that field goal and little 140-pound nose guard Willie Weidman - "Moochie," to his teammates - broke through the line so quickly

he blocked the kick - SPLAT! - with his stomach.

"How'd it feel?" somebody asked Moochie later.

"It hurt so good," he answered.

Willie Weidman, down on his luck and drinking far too much, died a few years ago, still a hero in Lake. He went to his grave knowing he preserved the unseason.

"Moochie wasn't very big, but he was one hell of a football player," Granville Freeman says. "Hell, they all were."

The 'un' team

A fitting nickname for Lake's 1974 football team: Undefeated, unscored upon, unchallenged...

Score	Opponent
18-0	Choctaw Central
20-0	West Lauderdale
40-0	Stringer
30-0	Beulah Hubbard
54-0	Sebastopol
42-0	Hickory
20-0	Scott Central
30-0	Nanih Waiya
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38-0	Edinburg
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Given in honor of Ovid and Carol Vickers '58

Dr. Harlon Crimm '59

James E. Fisackerly '58

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Nancy P. Haggard '58

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Given in honor of Ovid Vickers and in memory of R. L. McCullough

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CLASS OF 1964 SCHOLARSHIP

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Contributions Given in Memory of

Mrs. Ruth Round '38

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Friendship Sunday School Class

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Jeanette B. Thrash '58

JAMES M. VANCE SCHOLARSHIP

James M. '57 and Patsy Vance '57

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Raymond '57 and Lois McMullan '60

Linda C. Shaw '64

Bobby A. Thames '62

HARVEY WHEELER PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

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BOB WILKERSON MEMORIAL VO-TECH SCHOLARSHIP

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Given in memory of Peggy Esta Johnson

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LUCILLE WOOD SCHOLARSHIP

Given in Honor of Miss Lucille Wood's

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Hallie J. Blalock '58

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PARTIALLY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

(\$10,000 GOAL)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

(\$9,400 Raised)

Dr. J. G. Alexander

Bank of Walnut Grove

Brent A. Barton '10

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SCHOLARSHIP: Continued from Previous Page

Jill E. Bishop '82
John C. Calhoun '76
Sandra Cieloncki '78
Ella Carol M. Clark '75
Pat '68 and Martha Cleveland '69
Larry '70 and Wanda Cooper '72
Steven E. '75 and Peggy A. Cox '79
Jerry Culwell '70
Barry '98 and Samantha Denson '05
Terri Donald '82
Bill Dansby '64
James and Rebecca Farris
Ollie Fay W. Flint '48
Adj. Gen. Bill Freeman, Jr. '64
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January 2011 - August 2011

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Annie B. Stowers
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Papoose
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WINSTON COUNTY

Super Brave

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James T. "Jim" Wood '49
Brave
Charles and Rhonda Shotts
Bancorp South (Louisville)
Lucille Wood '51
Young Brave
William E. Donald '53

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Papoose

Don and Rebecca Rogers '75

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\$1,000 or more	Super Chief
\$500	Chief
\$250	Super Brave
\$100	Brave
\$50	Young Brave
\$25	Papoose

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Papoose

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Given in memory of Sib Hutchison and

A. J. Kilpatrick

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Help Preserve Our Athletic History!

The ECCC Foundation is relying on alumni and friends to help the College honor and preserve the legacy of the student-athlete at East Central for the education and enjoyment of future generations and to prepare for the future Athletic Museum that will be housed in the Founders' Gymnasium.

The Foundation is collecting athletic memorabilia including jackets, jerseys, photographs, programs, and other items that are significant to the history of East Central athletics. All memorabilia submitted will be reviewed by members of the Athletic Museum Collections Committee, which is charged with accepting only those items of historic significance. Once the committee approves the submitted item(s), the item will be housed in the Burton Library until the completion of the Athletic Museum in Founders' Gymnasium.

To assist the Collections Committee in assessing potential memorabilia, the Foundation asks that the following be submitted: the donor's name, address, phone number, & e-mail; a photograph of the item; a brief description of the piece, including dimensions; and all available information regarding the item's age and origin.

If you are interested in donating athletic memorabilia, please contact the ECCC Foundation at 601-635-6327 or e-mail to sholling@eccc.edu.



Please Help Find These Alumni and Friends!

*The Alumni Office does not have a current mailing address for the following alumni and friends of the College.
If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail the Alumni Office at sholling@eccc.edu
or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or telephone 601-635-6327. Thank you for your help!*

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Pledge Information: (Check All That May Apply)

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**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2012 NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR ***

Name: _____ Maiden _____

Years Attended, Graduated EC: _____

Address: _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____ (c) _____

High School Graduated From: _____ County _____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From _____ Years _____

Work Experience:

Place

Position

Dates

Place	Position	Dates

Contributions to College/and to Community: _____

Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

Family: _____

Spouse: _____ Maiden Name _____

Did spouse attend EC ____ Yes ____ No, If yes, Years Attended/Graduated _____

Children & Ages: _____

Attach additional information, if needed.

Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 327

Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)

_____ Maiden _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Years attended/graduated EC _____

Deadline: July 01, 2012 (By 12 Noon)

**Please type all information submitted on this form.*

**Applications are good for two consecutive years.*

**Additional information about nominees is encouraged. Attach information to this form. Selection is based primarily on print materials submitted.*



**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2012 NOMINATION FOR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ***

Name: _____ Maiden _____

Years Attended, Graduate EC _____

Address: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h) _____ (c) _____

High School: _____ County _____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From: _____

Sports Lettered In & Honors Received In Community College: _____

Sports Lettered In and Honors Received At Senior College/University Level: _____

Work Experience:
Place

Position

Dates

Contributions to College/and to Community: _____

Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

Attach additional information if needed.

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Decatur, MS 39327-0129
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Name (of person submitting nomination)
_____/Maiden _____
Address _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
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Alumni Enjoy Neshoba County Fair Reunion!

These alumni enjoyed a reunion during the 2011 Neshoba County Fair at the cabin of Patsy Dunigan Clark (Class of 1960) of Louisville. Pictured are (front row, from left) Linda Lea Glasgow (Class of 1961) of Utica, Elizabeth Smith Hill (Class of 1960) of Forest, Martha Lynn Lyle Hunter (Class of 1960) of Southaven and Jo Lynn Parker (Class of 1960) of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Dinkey Morris Austin (Class of 1960) of Philadelphia, Clark and Gaynell Rae White (Class of 1961) of Philadelphia.



Sisters Take in 2011 Fair

Alumni Ollie Fay Wood Flint (right) (Class of 1948) of Philadelphia and Shalimar, Fla., and her sister, Sonya Elinor Wood Marcase (Class of 1951) of Pineville, La., wait for the program to start at Founders Square during the 2011 Neshoba County Fair.

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Obituaries

Holly Sharp Arthur

Holly Elizabeth Sharp Arthur (Class of 1995) of Union died August 8, 2011. She was a 1993 honors graduate of Union High School and attended East Central Community College and Mississippi State University, where she received her degree in elementary education. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Union.

Bessie M. Bane

Bessie Mills Bane, 92, went home to be with her Lord on July 22, 2011. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 24, 2011 at Nowell-Massey Chapel. Burial was in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery. She was a 1937 graduate of Louisville High School. She received an associate's degree from the East Central Community College, a bachelor's degree from University of Southern Mississippi, and master's degree from Mississippi State University. While attending East Central she was a member of the women's basketball team and coached the Decatur high school girls' team. She was a devoted teacher, coach, and principal in the Bond, Lobutcha, Ford and Louisville school districts for 42 years.

Ann Carleton

Ann Graham McWhorter Carleton (Class of 1951) of Union died August 24, 2011.

Wade Eichelberger Jr.

Wade C. Eichelberger, Jr., age 73 died July 12, 2011 at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. Funeral services were held Friday, July 15, 2011, from the Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Forest. Eichelberger graduated from Forest High School and East Central Community College. He was a member of High Hill Methodist Church. He retired from Riverwood International in Clinton after 34 Years.

James Fletcher

James Fletcher (Class of 1947) of Florence died June 26, 2011. Fletcher was born in Good Hope. He served in the U.S.

Army Medical Corps in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He attended East Central Junior College and Mississippi State. Fletcher retired from the Mississippi State Highway Department after 34 years. He was an active member of Briarwood Drive Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon.

Bonny Gordon

Bonny Pope Gordon, 50, of Morton died Thursday, June 2, 2011 after a brief battle with cancer. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 4 at First Baptist Church in Morton. Interment was at Morton Memorial Gardens. She attended East Central Community College and Mississippi College. She was employed as a teacher with Scott County Public Schools.

Lottie Humphries

Lottie Chamblee Humphries (Class of 1945), 85, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at Louisville Healthcare in Louisville. Graveside services were held at Louisville Memorial Cemetery. She was a graduate of East Central Junior College and Mississippi State College for Women. She taught English for many years and retired from Noxapater High School. She was a member of Camp Ground United Methodist Church.

Thelma Lewis

Thelma Avis Lewis, 95, of Brandon died August 17, 2011 at St. Catherine's Village. She was a graduate of Laurel Hill High School and attended East Central Junior College. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Brandon.

Jane Luke

Jane Lee Luke, 64, died Sunday, September 4, 2011, following a sudden illness. Services were held Friday, September 9 in Union United Methodist Church with burial in Union Cemetery. She was a graduate of Union High School and East Central Community College, where she was selected a cheerleader and Homecoming Queen. She received her bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University

and taught school for many years. She was currently employed with Methodist Rehabilitation Center, where she was twice chosen "Employee of the Year."

William Edward Milner

William Edward Milner, 85, died Monday, June 6, 2011. A graveside service was held at Clifton Baptist Cemetery in rural Scott County. He graduated from Clifton High School, East Central Junior College and Mississippi Southern College (now known as the University of Southern Mississippi). A life-long educator, he served as principal of Galloway Elementary School, Wilkins Elementary School and Peebles Junior High School in the Jackson Public School system. He completed his 43-year career as Deputy Superintendent of Services of JPS, retiring in 1989.

Ruth J. Round

Services for Ruth J. Round (Class of 1938) were held Monday, June 27, 2011, at Newton County North Chapel. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery. Round, 94, of Newton, died Sunday, June 19, at Pioneer Community Hospital. She was a graduate of Hickory High School and East Central Junior College. She was longtime director of the Newton Regional Hospital Pink Ladies Auxillary, now known as Pioneer Community Hospital, for over 25 years.

Billy Ray Smith

Billy Ray Smith, 84, died August 27, 2011 at St. Dominic Hospital. Services were held August 30 in First Baptist Church of Clinton with burial in Lake-wood Memorial Park. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Clinton and was a former mayor of Clinton. He was also a former teacher, coach and principal in the Clinton Public School System and was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Mississippi Army National Guard and was a Navy Veteran of WWII.

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ECCC Enrollment Reaches Record 3,223 Students

Student enrollment has reached an all-time high at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to David Case, Dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

Case said 3,223 students registered for the 2011 fall semester, a 7.7 percent increase compared to the previous record of 2,992 students who signed up for classes in the 2010 fall term.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the record enrollment is reflective of the College's mission "of serving students."

"East Central continues to grow," said Dr. Sutphin, now in his 12th year leading the two-year institution. "I think this is testament to the quality of our programs and the success of our students as they continue to pursue their goals."

Randall E. Lee, who serves as vice president of student services and leads the College's recruiting effort, added:

"East Central Community College is one of the best colleges in the state and we offer an outstanding product. Our enrollment continues to grow because of the combination of low, low costs and a very high-quality education."

Case said the record enrollment includes 2,667 students who reside in the College's support district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

The largest number of students (752) comes from Neshoba County followed by Newton, 680; Scott, 499; Winston, 373; and Leake, 363.

Case said 556 students are from out-of-district schools in Mississippi and 92 students are from other states.

For more information, contact David Case at ECCC, 601-635-6406 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 406. His e-mail address is dcase@eccc.edu.

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Grady Parker Taylor

Grady Parker Taylor (Class of 1954) of West died December 4, 2010 at Baptist Hospital in Jackson. He had lung cancer which was discovered in June of 2010.

Jimmye Williamson Standford

Services for Jimmye Williamson Standford were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Newton County Funeral Home North Chapel. Burial was in Newton Masonic Cemetery. Jimmye was May Queen at East Central before transferring to Mississippi State in the first year women were allowed to enroll.

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ECCC Alumna Phyllis Anderson Elected to Lead Choctaw Indians

East Central Community College alumna Phyllis J. Anderson (Class of 1994) will become the first female to lead the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as she takes office this month. Her inauguration is set for Tuesday, Oct. 4, and an inaugural parade will kick off the festivities followed by the swearing-in ceremony.

Anderson unseated incumbent Beasley Denson with 56 percent of the vote on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Anderson told the Neshoba Democrat in a post-election interview that her No. 1 priority when she takes office next month will be to ensure that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is financially stable.

"That is very important to the Tribe," she said. "That is what I am going to be looking at first, to see the level where we are at so the Choctaw people will know where we stand as we move forward."

During the press conference, Anderson thanked her supporters, and pledged to work every day to "restore integrity and respect to the office of Tribal Chief."

She said her focus as chief would be jobs growth on the Reservation, improving the healthcare facility, offering more educational opportunities and strengthening economic development.

(Photo and information courtesy of The Neshoba Democrat in Philadelphia.)

