

School were a part of the college until 1958 when they moved to the Decatur Attendance Center.

In March of 1939, East Central Junior College was accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It has been reaffirmed each decade since. Today the College holds membership in the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, The Mississippi Association of Colleges, and The Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges Association.

Originally the institution was supported by three counties – Newton, Neshoba and Scott. Later they were joined by Leake and Winston.

From the two members of the original faculty of East Central Community College, Mrs. W.W. Newsome and Mr. Robert Marshall, the number of full and part-time personnel has increased to over 240 for the current year. Since its founding, seven presidents have served the institution.

COLLEGE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Through the cooperative efforts of the district and the state legislature, the College has experienced growth in buildings and facilities during the past several years. The College plant consists of approximately 150 acres with buildings and facilities now valued at over ten and one-half million dollars. There are twenty-six main brick buildings. All residence halls, classrooms and offices are air-conditioned. In addition to facilities sufficient to sustain the general education program, laboratories are provided for art, engineering drawing, audio visual education, applied music, dramatics, reading, athletic and recreation activities, and scientific and vocational education.

WALTER ARNO VINCENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Occupied at the beginning of the 1978-79 school year, the administration building houses the offices of the president, vice president for instruction, vice president for business operations, vice president for foundation and alumni relations, dean of adult and continuing education, director for technology management, and the Board of Trustees' room. Proper vault facilities for the business office and adequate storage for all offices are provided in the building. The 7,995 square foot facility was built in 1962 as the library for the College but was renovated for administrative use when the Burton Library was occupied. It is modern, spacious, and comfortable and is located on the front of the campus adjacent to Huff Auditorium.

ERMA LEE BARBER HALL

With over 26,500 square feet, this dormitory houses approximately 128 women. This welcome addition to the campus was opened in the fall of 1999. The building is both aesthetically pleasing and very functional in design. It is equipped with all modern conveniences and meets all standards for fire safety and energy conservation.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING/CHILDCARE BUILDING

Containing over 20,000 square feet of floor space, this facility opened in 1996 and houses the associate degree and practical nursing and child care programs. This modern facility contains classrooms, lecture rooms, computer labs, and laboratories.

BRACKEEN-WOOD PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

This building was constructed in 1970 and is located near the football stadium. Offices for football, baseball, basketball, soccer, and softball are housed in this facility in addition to dressing facilities, the varsity basketball court, and the weight room.

BRADFORD J. TUCKER APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Containing over 58,000 square feet of floor space, this facility opened in 1969 and houses automotive technology, collision repair technology, business and office technology, computer technology, drafting and design technology, electrical technology, electronic technology, heating and air conditioning technology, machine shop technology, and welding.

BURTON LIBRARY

Occupied during the 1976-77 academic year, Burton Library is located near the center of the campus and contains a large reading/research area, a spacious lobby, librarians' offices, a workroom, study room and two special collections (The Mississippi Room and the Memorabilia Room). Burton Library also house the Conference Room for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Total seating capacity for 250 patrons is strategically located in mostly individual and group carrels. Shelving is provided for the housing of approximately 50,000 volumes. Provisions are made for non-book materials, including audiovisual resources in variety of formats and technologies. Burton Library system is fully automated, manned by SirsiDynix.

CROSS HALL

The science building contains the classrooms and laboratories for the biological and chemical sciences. In 1990, the chemistry laboratory was completely renovated with modern laboratory tables, equipment, and controlled, vented chemical storage areas added.

FACULTY HOUSES

There are twelve of these houses located at various sites on the college property.

FOUNDERS GYMNASIUM

One of the original college facilities, the gymnasium has hosted many regional and state basketball events in addition to regular East Central games. The building constructed in 1930, was dedicated as part of Homecoming activities held Oct. 10, 1998 in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, Mr. James "Jim" McDonald Thames and the many others who were instrumental in the establishment of East Central Junior College in 1928.

RICHARD C. ETHRIDGE HALL

Part of the old Newton County High School property purchased by the College in 1995, this facility is currently used by the College for the Gerontology Technology Program, academic classes, ABE/GED classes, and office space. The Decatur Public Library is also housed in this facility. This facility is located on South Campus.

HUFF AUDITORIUM

Located in the center of the front campus, Huff Auditorium is the most prominent building at East Central Community College. The auditorium was constructed in 1953 and named for J. Knox Huff who served as a member of the Board of Trustees of East Central Junior College for twenty-three years. He served as Chairman of the Board from 1948 through 1952. This structure has a seating capacity of one thousand and is conveniently located at the front of the campus. The auditorium has excellent acoustics and equipment and is used by the College and community for a variety of activities. Located on the ground floor are faculty offices and the office of Public Information. A major refurbishing of Huff Auditorium was funded by donations to the East Central Community College Development Foundation, Inc.

JACKSON HALL

The freshman women's dormitory was remodeled in 1963, 1978 and again in 1989. It houses 125 women and contains the office and apartment of the dormitory supervisor.

LEAKE HALL

This two-story building containing sixteen apartments was originally constructed for married students. Today it is occupied by both faculty, honor students, and married students. A major renovation of this building was completed during the 1994 spring semester.

MABRY DINING HALL

Remodeled in 1979, this facility contains four dining rooms. The main dining room has a seating capacity of 300. Other dining rooms are the Gold Room, which seats 120; the Gordon Room, which seats 50; and the Magnolia Room, which seats 20.

NESHOBA COUNTY HALL

This two-story dormitory for men was constructed in 1971. It consists of thirty-one rooms which house sixty-two students.

NEWSOME HALL

Completed in 1957, and renovated in 1989, the dormitory is equipped with modern furniture and appliances and accommodates fifty to sixty men and the dormitory supervisor. New p-tac units were installed in 2004.

NEWTON HALL

This two-story classroom building was constructed in 1975 and houses the English, Social Science, History, Education, and Psychology departments. Also, sixteen faculty offices are located in this building along with several support facilities.

FRANK T. RIVES EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

Part of the old Newton County High School property purchased by the College in 1995, this facility is currently used by the College for the Surgical Technology Program, the EMT-Paramedic Program, a Ceramics Lab, a Computer Science Lab, a Physics Lab, academic classes, and office space. This facility is located on South Campus.

F. CLINTON RUSSELL MAINTENANCE COMPLEX

This facility was constructed in 1947 and was utilized by the Mississippi Army National Guard from that date until 2006, by virtue of a 99 year lease agreement with the College. In 2006, the lease was terminated reverted back to the College. This facility houses the office of the physical plant director and also provides space for the various maintenance operations of the College.

At the time of construction, the main building of the complex was dedicated and named for General W. P. "Pat" Wilson who served the College as teacher, coach, and athletic director from 1933 until 1940. In 1947 he was appointed Adjutant General for the State of Mississippi.

In 2006, the complex was named in honor of Mr. F. Clinton Russell who served the College as Physical Plant Director from 1964 until his retirement in 1992.

SCOTT COUNTY HALL

This two-story dormitory for men was constructed in 1972. It consists of an apartment for the director of housing and thirty-one rooms which house sixty-two students.

SOUTH CAMPUS GYMNASIUM

Part of the old Newton County High School property purchased by the College in the fall of 1995, this facility is currently being used by the College for overflow athletic events and camps.

EDDIE M. SMITH STUDENT UNION

Student Services moved into this modern 12,500 square foot complex in the summer of 1999. This ultra modern building houses Student Services, Financial Aid, the Student Nurse, Admissions, Records, and Research, and the Career Center. This complex also contains conference rooms and counselors' offices. Phase II of the Student Union opened during the

spring of 2006. This 20,749 square foot addition to the Student Union houses the Office of Admissions, Records, and Research, the Student Grill, Bookstore, Activity Center, Fitness Center, a computer lab, and a student lounge area.

TODD HALL

This dormitory for men was completed in 1957. It is arranged in suites rather than conventional halls found in most men's dormitories. Seventy two men are housed in this dormitory. A total renovation was completed in 1989 to bring this dormitory to present day standards for fire safety and energy conservation.

THE OVID S. VICKERS FINE ARTS CENTER

Occupied in 1969, this facility contains a 212 seat auditorium, a choral room, a band room, a music library, a listening room, classrooms, and art studios.

THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL ANNEX BUILDING

Completed in 1969, this building is located on the north side of the campus and contains classrooms, offices, and laboratories for several vocational-technical programs.

WINSTON HALL

This residence hall was completely renovated in 1989 and 1990 with structural changes to bring it up to modern standards for housing students. This renovation provided an energy efficient, attractive facility for men. It consists of forty-one rooms which house eighty-two students.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Completed in 1995, this modern building has over 2,700 square feet. Its nine offices and conference room provide space for the industrial and economic development activities of the College.

ATHLETIC FIELDS/PRACTICE FIELDS

BILL AND LOUISE BAILEY STADIUM

This facility anchors the North Campus Athletic complex, and is the home of the Warrior football team. In addition to college football home games, the facility is utilized for other athletic, community, and institutional events.

Severely damaged by hurricane Katrina in 2005, the stadium was refurbished with federal and private funds.

BAND PRACTICE FIELD

This field is located south of the baseball field and includes a director's tower.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELD

This practice field is located west of the football stadium.

INTRAMURAL FIELD

This playing field is located north of the baseball field and contains an area for intramural sports.

CHRIS GAY IV MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD/JAMIE CLARK MEMORIAL STADIUM

Situated near the football stadium this well located facility was completed with a gift from the family of former student Chris Gay IV. It has up-to-date lighting, a press box, and aluminum seating.

SOCCER FIELD

The soccer field is located on the College's North Campus next to the women's softball field. This facility was completed in the summer of 1999.

TENNIS COURTS

Located north of Newsome Hall, this facility contains four lighted tennis courts.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL FIELD

This lighted playing field is located north of the baseball field. Construction of this field was completed during the 1994 spring semester.

GARDENS, PARKS, RECREATION

THE DAY ARBORETUM

Established as a memorial to the Day family and the wife of the second president of the College, the arboretum is a campus teaching laboratory. The arboretum contains a variety of tree specimens that have been catalogued and published for students and groups to learn about various trees native to this area.

THE EAST MALL

This area is the living room of the campus and includes a patio and stage area for various events on campus. The mall also serves as the focal point of the Day Arboretum and is located between the Vincent Administration Building, Mabry Memorial Cafeteria, Newton Hall, and Huff Auditorium.

FITNESS TRAIL

Located on the north side of the campus, this one-half mile trail is lighted, landscaped, equipped with exercise stations, and is handicapped accessible.

HARRISON MEMORIAL GARDEN

This park is dedicated to the memory of Crystal and C. J. Harrison, children of Mr. Ricky and Mrs. Jeanine Harrison. The garden is centrally located.

DICK LIVINGSTON RECREATIONAL/STUDY TRAIL

Located on the north side of the campus, this trail is an extension of the one-half mile fitness trail and follows the contour of the College pond. This three-fourths mile trail is lighted, landscaped, and handicapped accessible. The trail is named in memory of Representative Richard L. "Dick" Livingston.

PAVILION

Located on the north campus, this structure is situated to provide a scenic view of the College Pond and the Dick Livingston Memorial Study/Recreational Trail. This structure is utilized by the College for various functions and is also available for use by the community.

SULLIVAN PARK

Located on the east side of campus adjacent to the College's tennis courts, this park was dedicated in memory of Ms. Janie Sullivan and was provided for by private donations. It has various plant life, modern lighting, and park benches/tables providing enjoyment for the student body and the public.