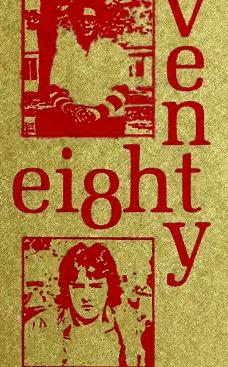
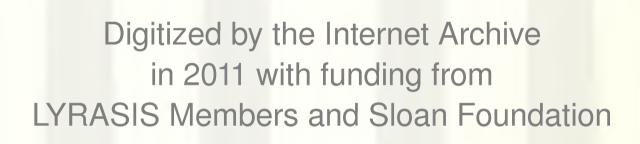
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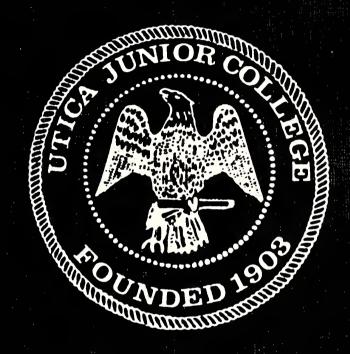








# THE UTICANITE VOLUME 23



1978

UTICA JUNIOR COLLEGE
UTICA, MISSISSIPPI 39175

THE FRONTIERS ARE NOT EAST OR WEST,
NORTH OR SOUTH, BUT WHEREVER A
MAN FRONTS A FACT.
THOREAU

#### REGISTRATION

The initial fact fronting returning sophomores and new freshmen is one of registration for a new term! It is a necessary but hectic—and often frustrating—experience. But as a result of this initial ordeal, they stand on the threshold of the frontier of knowledge.

PAYMENT OF FEES







#### A NEW YEAR BEGINS .....

10 CARDS

MADE HERE











Pamela Chess receives an individual demonstration in drawing the human figure.

Shirley Barnes peers at a microscropic slide in Biology Lab.



TRUE FRONTIERS MARCH WITH THOSE IN THE MIND'S EYE.

ROBERT CONQUEST



Classes require notes.



Joe Perkins-All-State drummer

- U nity of the brother-hood of mankind.
- T echnical advancement.
- I nstitution of higher learning.
- onductor of knowledge from one mind to another.
- A cademic and vocational fields of study.
- ustice for one and for all.
- U nexcelled standards of higher education.
- N atural environment for to take place.
- I mmovable goal for the betterment of mankind.
- O ptimism in social, political and religious atmospheres.
- $R \quad {\rm esponsibility \ shared \ throughout \ the \ institution.}$
- ommemoration for those founding fore-fathers.
- O rganization of both mind and spirit.
- L eadership qualities developed.
- L iberty of education given to all.
- E quality throughout the institution and each organization.
- G ood will toward each and everyone.
- E ducation sought and found.

UJC adds education to everything that makes your schooling right!

Gail Moncure

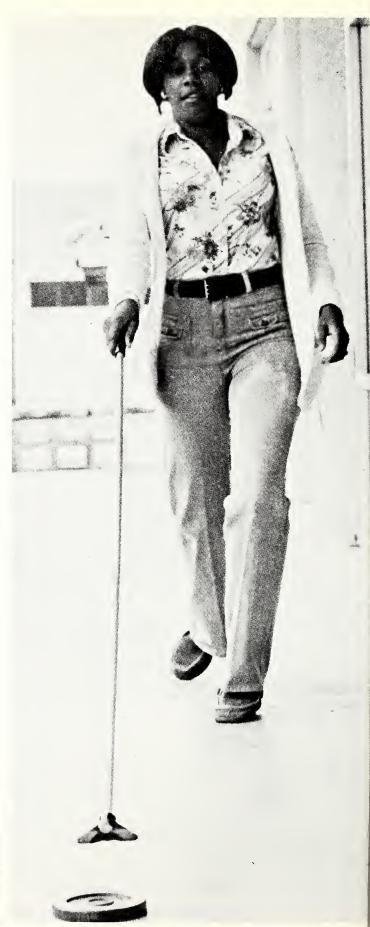
THE EYE MAY SEE FOR THE HAND, BUT NOT FOR THE MIND. THOREAU

Glen Collins takes aim!





Dominoes are a favorite pastime.



Helen Neal enjoys shuffleboard.









Chess action requires contemplation.

Jerry Jones concentrates on a shot to the side pocket in a game of pool.

SGO Vice-President Lisa Ross and Secretary Rachel Kelly make preparations for SCAM meetings.





Carpentry student Eddie Hunt installs drawer guides on a cabinet.





Charles McDonald inquires about job opportunities during Career Day at UJC.

Verlene Tory models an original creation.







Brent Mitchell makes the sparks fly!





President Stokes unveils the Ples McCadney Building during UJC's annual Founder's Day ceremonies.

BUT MAN MUST LIGHT FOR MAN THE FIRES NO OTHER CAN, AND FIND IN HIS OWN EYE WHERE THE STRANGE CROSSROADS LIE. DAVID McCORD

Teresa Brookshire has her hair styled by cosmetology student Earl Cage.

Lorene Allen, Jacqueline Gary, Amelia Brown, and Tracy Jefferson try using rhythm instruments.

#### A NEW MAJOR IN MUSIC

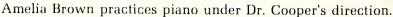
The Humanities Division continued to expand its curricular offferings with the introduction of a Music Education major in the Department of Music this fall. Dr. Cooper reported he was pleased with an initial enrollment of seven students in the new program.

The new curriculum has been designed to prepare majors with the first two years toward a degree in Music Education. Although initial concentration is being placed upon the voice as a performing instrument, practice rooms have been built also for piano. Once the new pianos arrive on campus, a major concentration will be available in piano for students.



## VOICE AND PIANO ARE THE LATEST HUMANITIES CURRICULAR OFFERINGS











Majors Anthony Evans, Lorene Allen, Margaret Gilmore, and Tracy Jefferson observe Dr. Cooper's practical example of music theory.



Tracy Jefferson practices voice under the direction of Clara Porter.

Beverly O'Neil programs info for the computer.

## DATA PROCESSING COMPUTER SCIENCE





#### COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COMES TO UJC

As a result of the recent installation of IBM's 1130 Computer System, the Director of the Computer Center, William Walker, announced the initiation of two new curricular programs in computer technology. Data Processing has been designed to provide two years study resulting in an Associate of Science degree. Computer Science provides the first two years required for transfer to a university degree program.

DATA PROCESSING Shirley Frazier Beverly O'Neil June Walker

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE

Elbert Campbell Jackie Gary Dorothy Jones Jessie Jones Charles McDonald





William Walker demonstrates computer technology.

## THE UTICANITE









## SEVENTY EIGHT





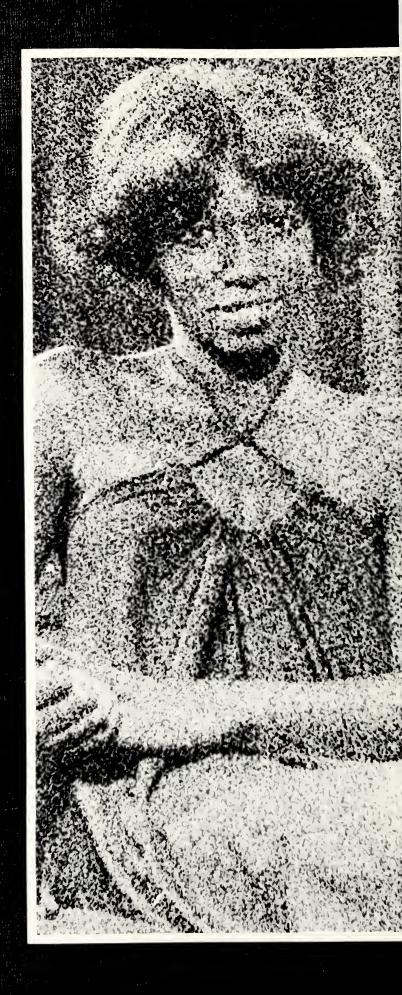


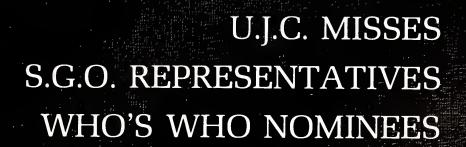


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## 1978 FEATURES





## MISS U.J.C.



### FIRST ALTERNATE



Scorpio ... Edwards ... General Education major ... Phi
Theta Kappa President ... THE UTICANITE Editor ...
Student Government Organization ... MAROON & GOLD
FLASH staff ... Choir ... Miss U.J.C. ... R.O.T.C. Lieutenant
... Who's Who in American Junior Colleges ... reading ...
sewing ... singing ... collecting newspaper photographs ...
plans to attend Jackson State University and major in
Communication.

#### LUELLA SMITH





#### LEE ANN BRADLEY

Scorpio ... Hazlehurst ... Child Care and Development major ... First Alternate, Miss U.J.C. ... Campus Ministry ... Sociology Club ... Esquirette Club ... Who's Who in American Junior Colleges ... cooking ... sewing ... attending concerts ... plans independence through a career in child care and personal development through travel.



Scorpio ... Edwards ... Media Technology major ... Miss Sophomore ... MAROON & GOLD FLASH Editor ... Usher Club President ... THE UTICANITE staff ... writing ... reading ... dancing ... plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and continue her studies in Media Technology.

#### PATRICIA ANN JACKSON

#### BRENDA McKENZIE

Libra ... Pre-Nursing major ... Miss Freshman ... Campus Ministry ... member of Utica Junior College Band ... reading ... dancing ... sewing ... playing the saxophone ... plans to continue her studies at Alcorn State University.



#### MISS SOPHOMORE



#### MISS FRESHMAN



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

STUDENTS WHO HAVE DISPLAYED SPECIAL LEADERSHIP ABILITIES REPRESENT ALL UTICANITES IN THE UTICA JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION. MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WERE ELECTED BY THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY OF U.J.C. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE CLASSES WERE ELECTED BY MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES.



CHERYL GUSTAVIS PRESIDENT, S.G.O. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



DELORIS TENNON PARLIAMENTARIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



PARTHENA SINGLETON ASSISTANT SECRETARY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



DEBRA MIMS
BUSINESS MANAGER
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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CLASS
ALVYLYN JONES
VICE-PRESIDENT,
SOPHOMORE CLASS
CAROL AVERY
SECRETARY, SOPHOMORE
CLASS

#### NOMINEES FOR WHO'S WHO IN

### AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP, PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP IN ACADEMIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE TO UTICA JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND A PROMISE OF FUTURE USEFULNESS ARE CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. A CAMPUS COMMITTEE HAS DETERMINED THAT TEN UTICANITES MERIT THE DISTINCT HONOR FOR NOMINATION IN 1978.

LUELLA SMITH Miss U.J.C.; Maroon & Gold staff; Editor, The Uticanite; Choir; President, Phi Theta Kappa; Campus Ministry; R.O.T.C.; SGO

LAVERNE GRIFFIN Esquirette Club; Campus Ministry; Choir

LAURA GRAISE BANKS

Mu Alpha Theta











JANICE KINZIE Campus Ministry; Esquirette Club; Sociology Club

CHERYL GUSTAVIS President, SGO; Choir; R.O.T.C.; Campus Ministry; Science Club; Usher Club









LULA COLEMAN Campus Ministry; Esquirette Club; Sociology Club

DEBRA MIMS SGO; Choir; Esquirette Club; Sociology Club



LEE ANN BRADLEY First alternate Miss U.J.C.; Campus Ministry; Sociology Club; Esquirette Club



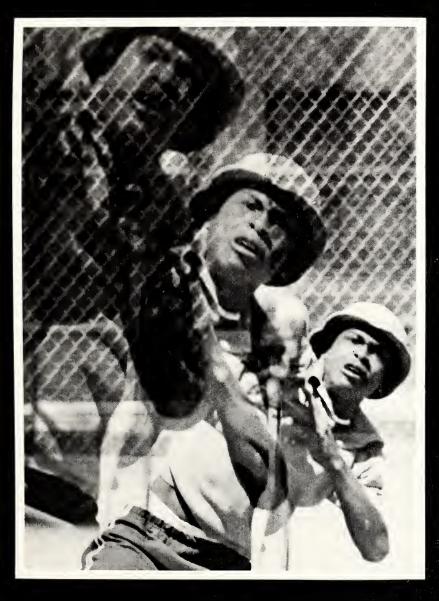


CAROL AVERY Phi Theta Kappa; Phi Beta Lamda; Secretary, Sophomore Class; SGO

EDNA CRAWFORD Phi Theta Kappa; Campus Ministry; Choir; Sociology Club

## ATHLETICS





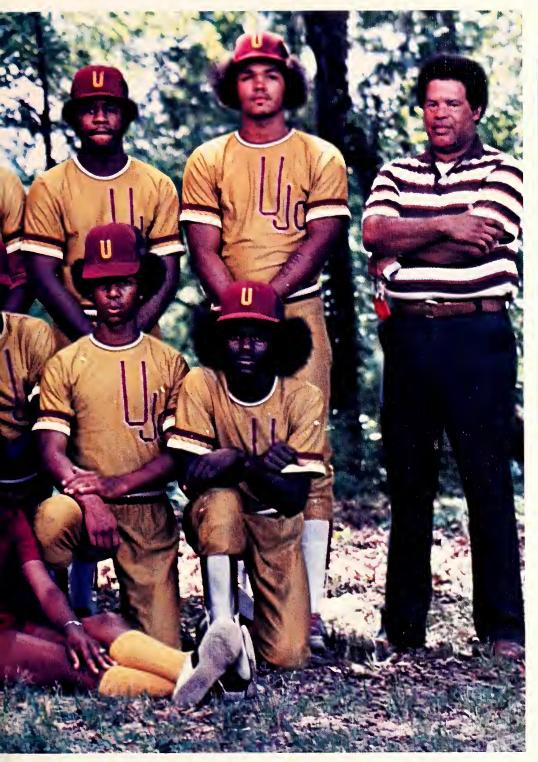
BASEBALL
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#### **BULLDOGS POST 16-10 RECORD**



#### **BULLDOGS RALLY**

AFTER SUFFERING TWO LOSSES TO HINDS JUNIOR COLLEGE, THE UTICA JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM RALLIED BEHIND THE PITCHING OF JOHNNY WEST AND JERRY MITCHELL TO REVERSE A POOR BEGINNING SEASON. TWICE DEFEATING MARY HOLMES AND AFTER SPLITTING A DOUBLE HEADER WITH COPIAH-LINCOLN, THE UTICA BULLDOGS EMBARKED UPON THE PATH OF VICTORY WINNING THE NEXT EIGHT GAMES. COACHED BY HOSEA FRANKLIN AND SPIRITED BY THE OUTSTANDING BATTING OF REX HARRIS, WILLIE ROZELL, AND RICHARD BRADLEY, THE BULLDOGS CLOSED THEIR 1977 SEASON BY POSTING A 16-10 OVERALL RECORD.



#### 1977 ROSTER

**GARY ADAMS** JERRY ANDERSON RICHARD BRADLEY DAVID DANIELS TOMMY GOLDSBERRY **REX HARRIS MARTHA HAYES** SYLVIA HAYES TOMMY JACKSON MALCOLM MAY JERRY MITCHELL **GREG PAYTON** CALVIN PRICE WILLIE ROZELL JAMES WASHINGTON CALVIN WEATHERSBY **JOHNNY WEST JOHNNY WRIGHT** 





REX HARRIS

RICHARD BRADLEY

#### **OUTSTANDING PLAYERS**



WEST RETURNS TO DUGOUT AFTER HITTING A GRAND SLAM





#### BULLDOGS SUFFER NARROW LOSSES TO

#### HINDS

COACH FRANKLIN'S VALIANT BULLDOGS WERE NARROWLY DEFEATED AT RAYMOND BY HINDS JUNIOR COLLEGE EARLY IN THE SEASON. UTICA SUFFERED LOSSES OF 6-7 AND 6-7 IN A DOUBLE HEADER. IN EVIDENCE WAS THE SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION CHARACTERIZING THE TEAM WHICH WOULD PUT THE BULLDOGS IN THE WINNING POSITION IN LATER GAMES.



#### 1977 SCHEDULE

Alcorn State University (J.V.)	away
Hinds Junior College	home
Holmes Junior College	home
Jackson State University (J.V.)	away
Hinds Junior College	home
Copiah-Lincoln Junior College	away
Copiah-Lincoln Junior College	home
Southwest Mississippi Jr. Col.	home
Southwest Mississippi Jr. Col.	away
Prentiss Institute	away
Prentiss Institute	home
Holmes Junior College	away
Gulf Coast Junior College	away
Gulf Coast Junior College	home
Prentiss Institute	home
Prentiss Institute	away

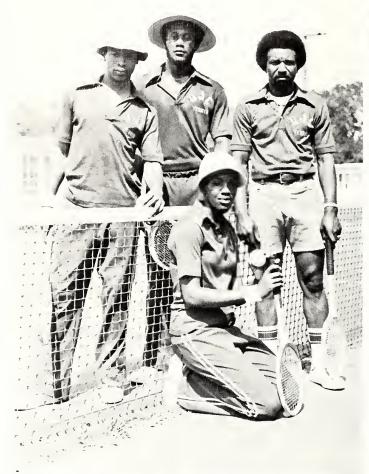


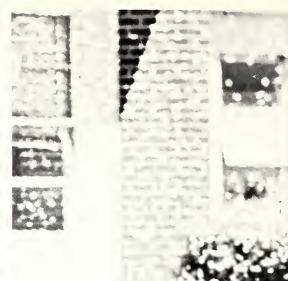


PITCHING RECORD Johnny West 5-1 Jerry Mitchell 3-2 Calvin Weathersby 1-1

BATTING RECORD
Rex Harris .571 10 home runs
Willie Rozell .435 8 home runs
Richard Bradley .420 5 home runs

# TENNIS TEAM IS A WINNER





COACH Dr. Cleon McKnight

MEMBERS
Wayne Harrison
F'sted, St. Croix V.I.
Mary Hines
Jackson, Mississippi
Charlie Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi
Macolmn May
Jackson, Mississippi
Melody Wilson
Jackson, Mississippi







Tennis opponents are composed of Co-Lin, Southwest, Hinds, and all of District IV of the South Division of the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association.

Mary Hines and Charlie Jackson led District IV in their respective singles classes, going on to participate in the State Championship play offs held in Meridian in April.



Jackson serves



Jackson displays his skill

Hines proudly displays her trophy-1st Place District IV Women's Singles



Green goes up for the toss

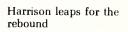
#### **BULLDOGS DEFEAT PRENTISS**

Fans were treated to an exciting game as Utica hosted archrival Prentiss Institute in outstanding floor action. Switching scoring leads several times through out the night, the Bulldogs pulled a 77-76 victory. The final horn sounded a note of relief for the exhausted team and fans.







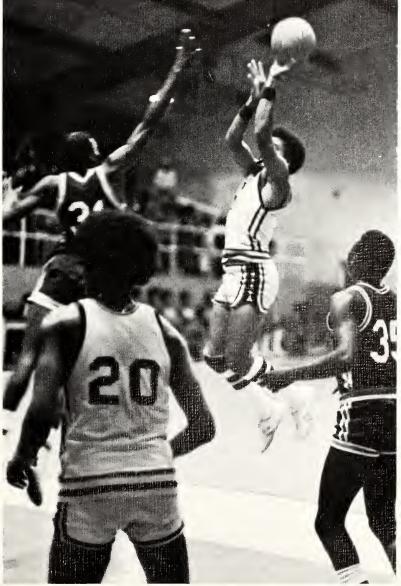






Free shot for Green





## THE UTICA JUNIOR COLLEGE



COACH EARL J. NELSON During eleven years Coach Nelson has compiled a most impressive record of 269 wins and 70 losses.





ROBERT STRONG ASSISTANT COACH

## UTICA JUNIOR COLLEC Men and Women Basketball S

		19/7-78
Nov. 3-4	6:30	Prentiss Invitational
10	6:30	Mary Holmes Jr. Co.
15	6:30	Prentiss Jr. Col
18	6:30	Northwest Jr. Col
21-22	7:00	Utica Pre-Season To
Dec. 1	6:30	Co-Lin Jr. Col. *
	6:30	Coahoma Jr. Col
8	6:30	Miss. Gulf Coast Jr.
8	6:30	Prentiss Jr. Col
15	6:30	Jones Jr. Col.*
Jan. 10	8:30	Pearl River Jr. Col."
14	6:30	Miss. Gulf Coast Jr.
16	6:30	Hinds Jr. Col.*
19	6:30	Jones Jr. Col.*
21	6:30	Pearl River Jr. Col."
24	6:30	Southwest Jr. Col.*
26.	6:30	East Central Jr. Col
28	6:30	Co-Lin Jr. Col."
30	6:30	Southwest Jr. Col.*
Feb. 4	6:30	Hinds Jr. Col
6	6:30	East Central Jr. Col
11	6:30	Coahoma Jr. Col
13-15	TBA	South Divisional To
	IBA	
27-Mar. 4		Regional VII Men To
	the second second	

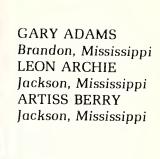
Earl J. Nelson, Head Coach — Robert Str Mary Robbins, Coach — Lester Owens

\*Denotes Divisional Games
\*\*Denotes Pre-Season Tour

#### **BULLDOGS**

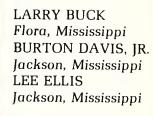
















ROBERT FERGUSON Jackson, Mississippi RONNIE GREEN Camden, Mississippi WAYNE HARRISON F'sted, St. Croix, V.I.







ELLIS JOHNSON Vicksburg, Mississippi JERRY JONES Helena, Arkansas JOHN McGRIGGS Utica, Mississippi









LARRY POINDEXTER
Tougaloo, Mississippi
STANLEY EARL RATLIFF
Pearl, Mississippi
WILLIAM WHITE
Vicksburg, Mississippi

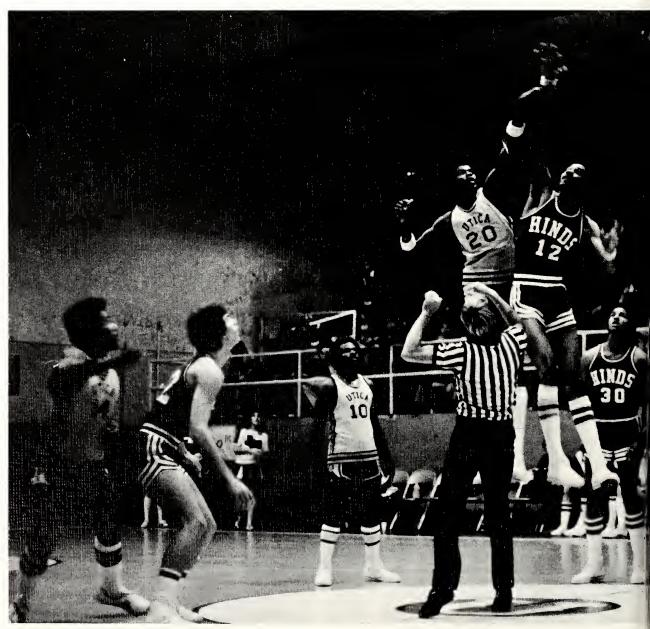
BOBBY BROWN MANAGER

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Green gets the tip for Utica as play opens against Hinds in preseason game

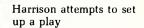


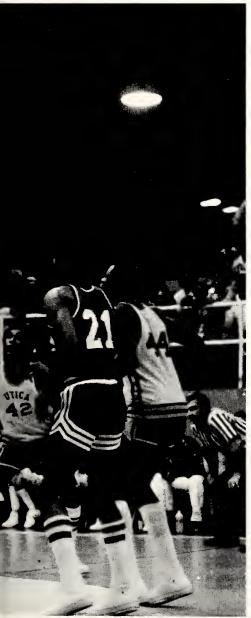


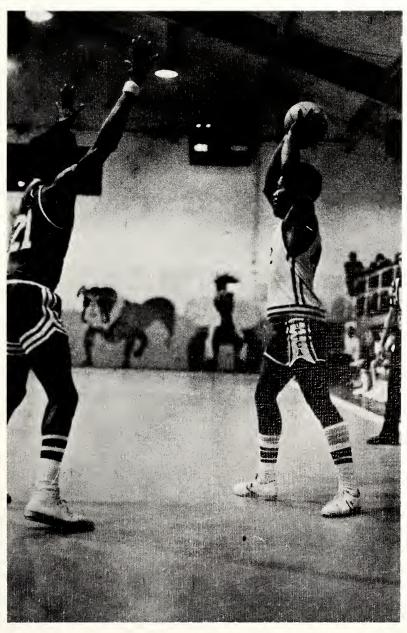


After downing Southwestern 85-79 in opening action of the Utica Pre-Season Tournament, the Bulldogs advanced to meet Hinds in a hard fought contest. Though leading by one point at the half, Coach Nelson's valiant team saw the lead switch again to Hinds in the second half. Final score: Utica 85, Hinds 88.

## UTICA NARROWLY LOSES TO HINDS







#### THE UJC BULLDOGGETTES

Monica Sue Alexander
McNeil, Arkansas
Shirley Barnes
Utica, Mississippi
Beverly Buffington
McNeil, Arkansas
Maggie Callahan
Utica, Mississippi









Mary Calvin Vicksburg, Mississippi Cora Lee Grayer Flora, Mississippi Mary Hampton Manager Jacqueline Hunter Edwards, Mississippi



















Callahan exhibits her determination to score







#### **COACH MARY ROBBINS**

Coach Robbins enters her third season at Utica Junior College with a 26 won-24 lost record. Miss Robbins has a wealth of experiences to import to the Bulldogettes: she was All-State in high school, All-State in junior college two years, All-Mississippi Valley three years, AAU National Foul Shooting Champion, three years professional basketball, and All-American.



## UJC WINS BY ONE POINT! RIVAL CO-LIN DEFEATED

The Bulldogettes narrowly defeated their old rival Co-Lin in one of the most exciting games of the season. Hinds Junior College hosted the preseason tournament which saw Utica lose 58-71 to Southwestern on the opening night of play.

Bouncing back, the UJC women's team displayed their outstanding skill and determination against rival Co-Lin in a game which changed leads several times before the final horn. Final score, Utica 64, Co-Lin 63.









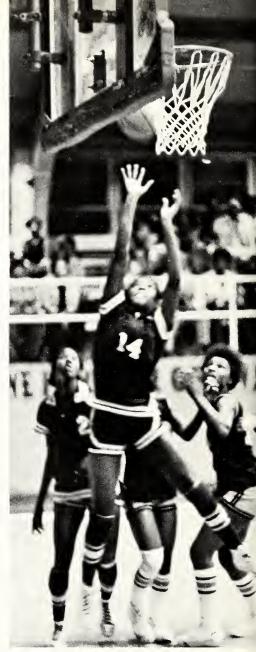


WOMEN DISPLAY DETERMINATION

Coach Robbins makes a point

Buffington and McMillian bring the ball down





#### **BULLDOGETTES CRUSH PRENTISS**

Fans were treated to a stunning victory as the Bulldogettes rolled over Prentiss Institute 108 to 20. The Prentiss Team just could not cope with the outstanding UJC women.



#### **CHEERLEADERS**







Coach Robbins shows her pleasure.

Annie Eason
Bolton, Mississippi
Barbara Epps
Jackson, Mississippi
Martha Hayes
McGee, Mississippi
Sylvia Hayes
McGee, Mississippi
Diana Johnson
Utica, Mississipr
Susan Knight
Vicksburg, Mississippi
Mary Lou McDuffie
Edwards, Mississippi
Brenda Myers
Pelahatchie, Mississippi

## **PEOPLE**







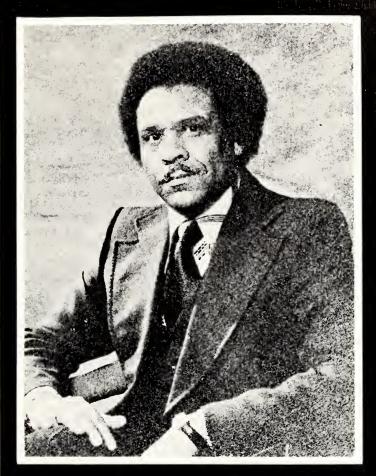












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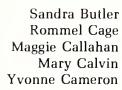
Napoleon Burkes Renetta Burrell Ivory Burner Vertis Burns Alma Butler

















Jesse Carter Reginald Carter Larry Caston Loretta Caston Lenora Catchings









Betty Cavett Cathleen Cavett Dorine Cavett Willie Cavett Lorene Chatman











Tommie Claiborne Michael Clark Larry Clifton Shirley Cole Geraldine Coleman

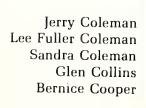
























Annie Flowers Curtis Flowers Mary Floyd Robert Franklin Earnest Frazier

Shirley Frazier Eddie Frierson Mary Fugvay Willie A. Fultz Aundra Funchess

Beverly Funchess Willie Funchess Georgia Gaines Sharon Gaines Clay Galloway

Deana Galloway Howard L. Garner Brenda Garrett Rose M. Gary Carrie Gibson

Irene Gibson Velma Gibson Margaret Gilmore Wayne Goodwin Ford Gordon

Hosea Gordon Williette Gordon Lorine Graham Bessie Graise Darlene Gray





Ronnie Houston Jessie Howard Marie Hoye Dewey Hubbard Bobbie Hunter

Lillian Hunter Anderson Hyder Alberta Jackson Mary Jackson Willie Jackson

Earnie Jacobs Robin Jacobs Betty James Clarence James Donald James

Tracy A. Jefferson Canera Jelks Aretha Johnson Charles Johnson Charles Johnson

Charlotte Johnson Diana Johnson Earnestine Johnson Franklin Johnson Gertrude Johnson

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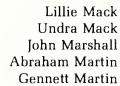
Molly London Patricia London Marvin Lucas O.C. Luckett Darlene Lynch



















Minnie Martin Linda Mason Margie Mason Johnny Mayfield Belinda McDonald







Ruby McDonald Lou McDuffie Mary McDuffie Alonzo McFarland, Jr. Larry McGowan









Eddie McGrew John McGriggs Julia McGriggs Shirley McKenny Brenda McKenzie













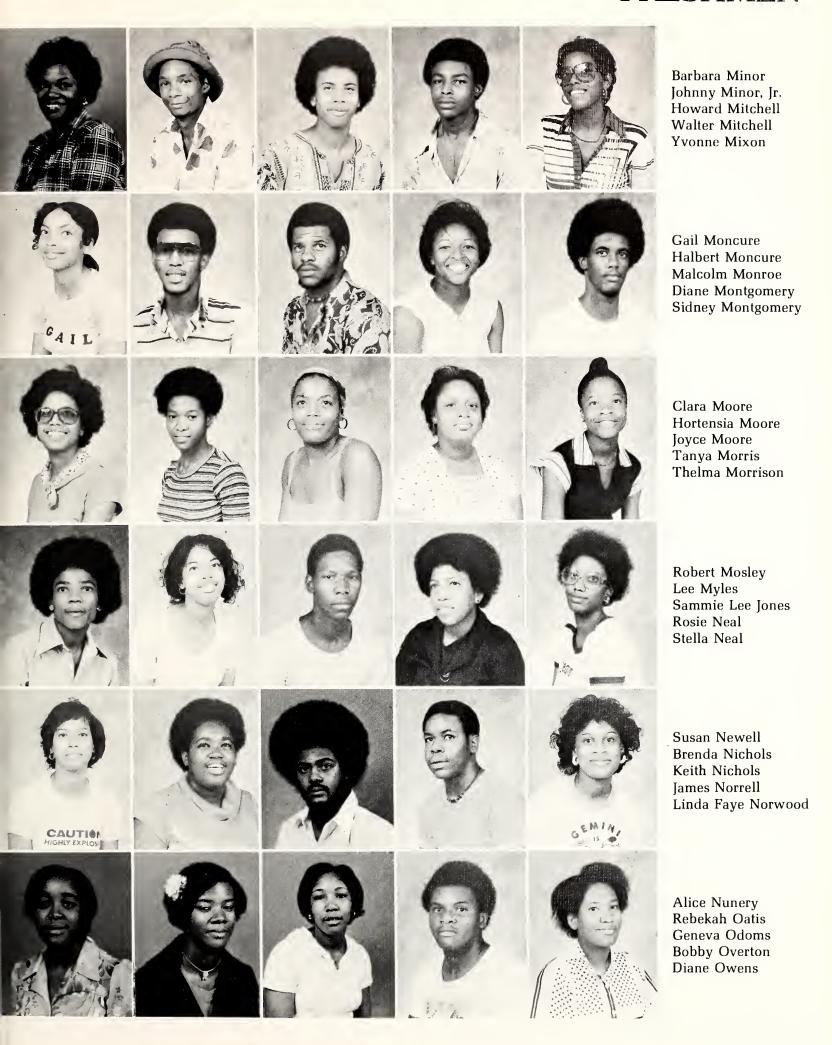












Dorothy Owens Cherry Paige Joann Paige Donald Patterson Mary Payton









Christopher Peally Willie Perry Janice Peters Judy Poole Shirley Pope









Henrietta Porter Linda Porter Joan Powell Esther Price Julia Redd









Cheryl Reed Ivory Jean Reed James Reese Bettye Rials Benard Richardson











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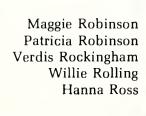
























Jimmy Stewart Johnnie Stewart Andrew Stokes Florean Stokes Mildred Tanner Barbara Taylor **Ephren Taylor** Pamela Taylor Anita Terrell Joe Terrell Robert Thomas, Jr. Teresa Thomas Lizzie Thompson Loisteen Thompson Edna Tory Helen Townsend Barbara Turner Doris Turner Gracie Walker June Walker Beatrice Wallace Joyce Wallace Doris Walton Jesse Warfield Lynda Wash Glenda Washington Jeanette Washington Jimmy Washington Linda Washington Mary Watson



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Barbara Young Howard Young





Charlie Younger Mary Younger





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Charlie Brown
Auto Mechanics
Shirley Brown
Clathing & Textiles
Jimmy Burrell
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Carolyn Butler
Clathing & Textiles

Earl Cage
Casmetalagy
Elbert Campbell
Camputer Science
Hattie Carson
Drafting & Design
Joe Cavett
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Melvin Chase
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Auta Mechanics
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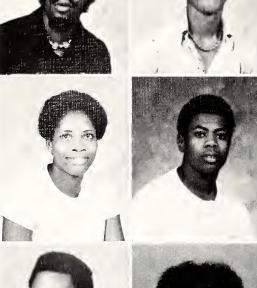
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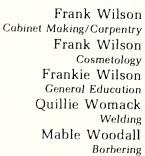






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... There are historic moments in the development of every entity that deserve special attention, so it is with the publication of this yearbook. We take special notice of Utica Junior College arriving at its "diamond jubilee." This enunciation proclaims seventy-five years of educational service to the citizens of this district and this State.

This "Diamond Jubilee" distinction brings about a sense of pride, honor and humility in all of those (faculty, staff and students) who accepted the resolve to better the plight of mankind. It tells us that we devoutly merit the confidence that has been reposed in us by our fellow humans. Our fervent prayer is that educational institutions which address these needs will continue to exist seventy-five years from now.

We congratulate all who gave lavishly of themselves toward the completion of this publication.

Educationally yours

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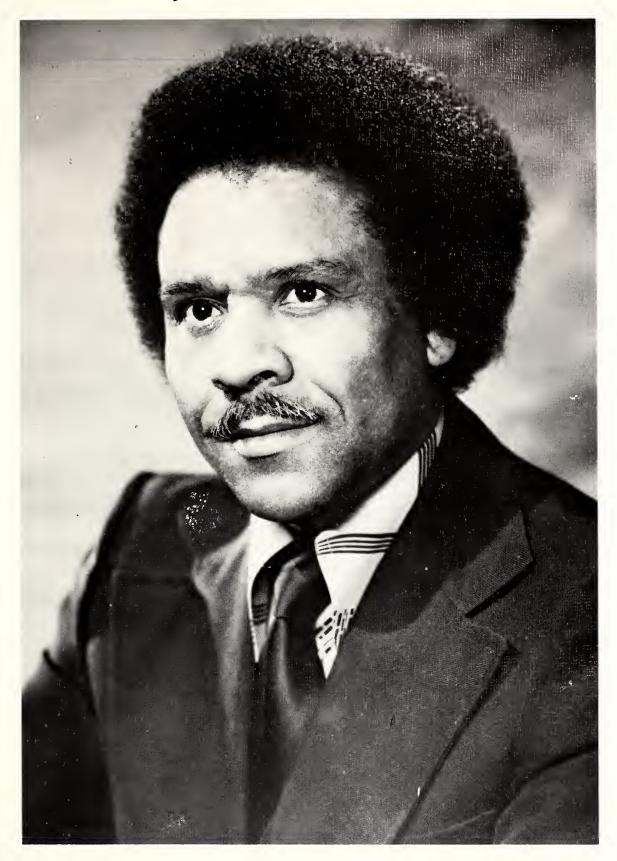
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The Chess Club of Utica Junior College provides literature, equipment, and an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of chess. It seeks to develop chess as an educational—as well as recreational—game through the promotion of various types of chess matches, tournaments, and exhibits. The Chess Club is affiliated with regional chess organizations and the United States Chess Federation.

#### M.E.N.C.



#### MUSIC EDUCATORS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

M.E.N.C. is the professional association for music educators at Utica Junior College. Membership in the new campus organization is open to any student interested in teaching music. Members are provided opportunities for personal professional development and are introduced to the duties and responsibilities of the music education profession. M.E.N.C. members become acquainted with music education leaders through participation in a variety of programs, demonstrations, and performing groups arranged by the local chapter, the state Music Educators Association, and the Music Educators National Conference.

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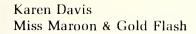
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The Maroon & Gold Flash is the U.J.C. student news publication. Work on the college newspaper is designed to give interested students an opportunity to acquire and develop skills in the area of journalism. Members are introduced to the world of investigating and writing newsworthy features, layout design, and preparation of the newspaper for printing. Students also learn how to prepare and release news stories to the various media.

Open to all interested students regardless of major, the Maroon & Gold Flash is a member of the Mississippi Junior College Press Association which holds Spring and Fall conferences hosted by member institutions. The Utica staff hosted the 1976 Spring conference on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



The staff arrives in Biloxi to host the '76 Spring conference.

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#### LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club provides students with training for student library assistants. Membership is open to all Uticanites.

Denise Ayers completes a drawing study

The Art Club provides opportunities for art students to develop their creative abilities through exhibitions and trips to art centers.



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Phi Beta Lambda is a national fraternity open to all students enrolled in business oriented degree programs. It is designed to broaden student's understanding of economic and business phenomena. The organization also seeks to engage participants in projects that will strengthen their working relationships with others.



Vertis Rockingham Miss Thespian

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The Thespians is a dramatics group providing members an opportunity to develop their abilities in all forms of the dramatic arts.



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Mu Alpha Theta is a national honorary mathematics association sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mathematics Association of America. Membership is open to mathematics majors and others having an interest in related mathematical areas.



Laura Banks Miss Mu Alpha Theta



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The Physical Education Club is designed to enrich the student's knowledge of an organized physical fitness program. This club is open to any Uticanite interested in physical education and physical fitness.

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The Sociology Club attempts to develop a greater awareness of social problems in the community and provides services to those in need. It is dedicated to the cause of Humanity, and the club motto is "joining hands to serve humanity." Annual projects include the November Bread Basket Drive, the Christmas party for Oakley students, and the donation of easter baskets to children at the Mississippi State Hospital.





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**EVENTS** 

Curtis Rayam of the New York City Opera portrays Innis Brown.

## UTICA FRESHMAN WINS FEATURED ROLE IN OPERA

Tracy Jefferson, a freshman music major at Utica Junior College and a voice student of Clara Porter, captured a featured role in the fall production of "Jubilee". Winning through highly competitive auditions, the Hazlehurst native sang the lead role of Jim, Vyrie's son.

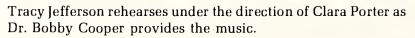
# OPERA SOUTH'S PRESENTATION FOR THE FALL IS "Jubilee"

In order to give their students an opportunity to work with professionals, to provide a showcase for young Americans, and to present opera to new audiences, a group of traditionally black institutions established Opera South in 1971. Since its inception, Opera South has presented two operas every year.

The fall production of "Jubilee" by composer Ulysses Kay was based upon the novel of the same name written by Margaret Walker. Donald Dorr created the libretto and Ian Strasfogel directed. Opera South signed Paul Freeman of the Detroit Symphony as conductor.









Ozella Kelly watches Joey (Clemmons) approach Vyrie (Hirsh).

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Francois Clemmons as Joey



Uticanite chorus members Cleophas Henderson, Eugene Purry, Eddie Brown, and Luella Smith look on as Vyrie hears proclamation.

#### THE STORY OF "Jubilee"

#### ACT I

Christmas Eve, 1859: guests celebrate John Dutton's daughter Lillian's engagement to Kevin MacDougall. But Vyry Dutton, John's daughter by his slave mistress, is prohibited from marriage to Randall Ware to whom she has borne a son. Vyry rejects escape without her son.

July, 1860: Vyry finally agrees to escape. Randall, waiting, urges assembled slaves to insurrection but the meeting is discovered and bloodily put down. Randall escapes unaware that Vyry has been captured. In a concluding Fourth of July tableau featuring the public hanging of a slave, Vyry is viciously flogged as a runaway.

#### ACT II

Spring, 1865: war sweeps the South. Kevin is dead; Vyry and Lillian alone remain of the Duttons. Federal troops proclaim freedom to the few remaining slaves, among whom is Innis Brown. Lillian, reduced to destitution and savagely attacked by a looter, grows mentally disordered. With her son Jim also dependent upon her, and having no trace of Randall, Vyry consents to marry Innis.

#### ACT III

Summer, 1870: the hard search for independence in the backwash of war creates hostility between Jim and Innis. Randall Ware arrives to demand his son. Vyry pleads for love and understanding, baring the scars of her flogging. Reconciliation is effected. Jim leaves with Randall for schooling. Vyry and Innis rely on maturing love to face an unknown but hopeful future.





Lillian Dutton (Gail Nelson) and Kevin MacDougall (David Britton) embrace in a moving scene from the opera "Jubilee".

The gallows scene in Act I featuring the public hanging of a slave accused of poisoning her master and the flogging of Vyry as a runaway slave.

## "Jubilee"

#### ..... ACCLAIMED AS BLACK "GONE WITH THE WIND"



Federal troops have proclaimed freedom to the slaves on the Dutton plantation and Innis Brown (Rayam) leads the chorus in a jubilant response. U.J.C. students shown with Curtis Rayam are Lavern Griffin, Eugene Purry, Cleophas Henderson, Leontyne Smith, and Greg Curry.





The disoriented Lillian (Nelson) points a threatening gun at slaves on the Dutton Plantation while Vyry (Hirsh) attempts reason. Uticanites featured in the scene are Barbara Epps, Robie Welch, Dolphette Banks, Shirley Pope, Luella Smith, and Betty Rials.

Vyry Dutton (Norma Hirsh) is shown trying to comfort her half-sister Lillian (Gail Nelson) who is growing more mentally disordered in a scene from Act II.

## HOMECOMING AT U.J.C.



#### THE PARADE

THE TRADITIONAL U.J.C.
HOMECOMING PARADE THROUGH
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DECORATED FLOATS AND INVITED
BANDS COMBINED TO THRILL AND
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SCORES OF LOCAL TOWNSPEOPLE
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OCCASION.



U.J.C.'s own R.O.T.C. performs

#### **CORONATION**

Homecoming celebration festivities officially began October 6 with the annual Coronation Ball held in the college gymnasium. "Feelings" was the theme for the gala event and music for dancing was provided by the "Sonic Funk."

Luella Smith, a sophomore from Edwards, was crowned the 1977 Homecoming Queen by U.J.C. President J. Louis Stokes amid an array of splendor. Queens from various campus clubs and organizations were a part of the Royal Court.



President Stokes crowns Luella Smith Homecoming Queen.



Everyone loves a parade!

Alcorn sets the pace.

The Queen and Royal Court











## DANCES



Faculty, staff, and students enjoyed the antics displayed in the annual Spring Faculty Show.







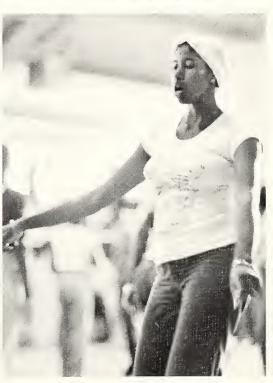
"ain't gona bump no more with no big fat woman"

## MISS BRICKHOUSE & MISTER ZODIAC DANCE CONTEST

Several dances are sponsored annually by the Student Government Organization. New to the U.J.C. campus was the Miss Brickhouse and Mister Zodiac Dance Contest sponsored in the fall after registration.

Winners of the contest were Thelma Jean Morrison of Edwards and Sammie Jones of Hazlehurst.

Student response and participation was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. The S.G.O. plans to make it an annual event.



Jessie Howard dances to the beat

The Montgomery bus confrontation in the opening scenes

#### "THE LIFE OF A KING"

Uticanites had a most unusual and fortunate opportunity to witness the dramatic presentation of "The Life of a King" during Black History Week. The four act drama, written by Rev. Arthur Langford, Jr. in 1969, vividly portrayed aspects of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The drama opened with scenes from the famous bus confrontation that lead to the Montgomery boycott and moved through important civil rights events in Dr. King's life until his untimely shooting death in Memphis. "The Life of a King" has been praised by critics for its realism and charismatic presentation. The U.J.C. event was certainly no exception and was judged outstanding!





Dr. King (Arthur Langford, Jr.) shakes hands with Uticanites on his way to the stage. The audience immediately became a part of the presentation and the empathy created was unbelievable!

## BLACK HISTORY WEEK



THE CAST

Larry Barnett James Cockerham Eddie Dodson Brenda Hall Jack Holt Wanda Howard Wilkemina Howard Arthur Langford, Jr. Michael Langford Jacob Martin William Pryor Sharon Spense Betty Vaughn Erika Vaughn Fred Williams



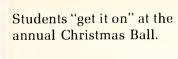
Uticanites relax while waiting for the homecoming parade to begin.

Lee Hedricks enjoys tossing the football between classes.



Cheryl Williams browses through a newspaper in the Holtzclaw Memorial Library.









Another use of the library is demonstrated by Coredene Holmes.



Children enjoy the SGO version of "The Price is Right" at te first UJC Halloween Carnival.

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#### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In a far cornered room on the second floor of the Campus Union exists the office of THE UTICANITE, in which the process of creating a yearbook goes on. However, it seems that about the only time most students are aware of its existence is when the book is being distributed or when they voice their complaints.

Some people look through a yearbook once or twice to find their picture (if they bothered to have it made), while others never bother to pick them up or to make arrangements to have the book mailed to them.

But the appreciated yearbooks are those which are taken out often and the pages turned slowly as pictures recall those days "we thought would never end." And it is that frequent trip down memory lane that makes the whole process of creating a yearbook worthwhile.

It was the purpose of this editor and staff to capture those moments of the year 1977-78 and put them together in a yearbook that would please you, the students. Our thanks is extended to our advisor, Mr. McCarty, for his suggestions on design and layout; Mr. Porter, for his untiring efforts in photography; Mr. Bell, for his help in identifying students; and Mrs. Donaldson, for her valuable critiques and advice in writing.

As you turn the pages, I hope you can feel the spirit that reigned at UJC this year and maybe even discover a candid shot of yourself somewhere along the way.

Luella Smith Editor







