RESOLUTION

Congratulating

The Women's Softball Team
of
Eastern Connecticut State College

June 11, 1982

WHEREAS, The Women's Softball Team of Eastern Connecticut State College has won the Division III Intercollegiate National Championship for the second year in a row, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees take great pride in this achievement which reflects well not only on the athletic skill of students but also displays their strength of character, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees congratulate the members of the Team, Coach Clyde Washburne, and Assistant Coaches Jeff Anderson and Marc Rubera, and all members of the Eastern Connecticut State College community, and be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to each member of the Team and to Messrs. Washburne, Anderson and Rubera.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Director
HARTFORD, Conn. - It was as if someone had called a block dance. There, on a grass island in the middle of a parking lot Sunday at Trenton State College, the Eastern Connecticut State College softball players formed a circle and boogied to a blaring radio. It was a champagne-and-beer showdown.

Thirty minutes earlier, junior lefty Anne Costello had pitched Eastern to the NCAA Division III national championship. "Maybe I shouldn't say this but I'd rather play first base," said Costello, a resident of the Uncasville section of Montville. Costello allowed only four singles in stifling Trenton State, 2-0, and leading Eastern to its second consecutive national title. Last year, the Warriors won the NJCAA Division III crown.

"I moved the ball in and out and changed speeds. I didn't throw the same pitch over.

"I won 6-0 this season. I'm sort of a third pitcher on the team."

Only one Trenton State hit against the first of the game, gratuites second base. Costello, hair and ponytail flapping, allowed just one single after the second inning, a check-swing blooper to short left field in the fifth.

Trenton State, 3-16, has finished second, fourth and second nationally in the last three years. Against Costello, the best team stranded six runners. Costello retired the last seven batters in order.

"This was just another game," said Costello.

Part of Eastern's game face is its constant cheering, singing and chanting that flows from the dugout. The Warriors were there.

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chorus to their expansive repertoire Saturday: See the tiger in your eyes." They picked that line from the movie Rocky III, which they saw the Saturday night.

"We grasp onto anything and go with it," said senior left fielder Jayne Anderson of Madison. Anderson grabbed a sign of sorts during Eastern's stay at a Trenton hotel. "I found this one, all heads up. That's the way it was," she said.

The Warriors, 27-10, scored their first run in the second inning without a hit. Trenton State pitcher Gina LaMondre, who allowed seven singles, walked the first two batters. The scored on successive ground outs to second base, the second coming off the bat of Sue Miller.

In the fifth inning, the Warriors cranked four consecutive singles by Sheena Carpenter, Murphy and Jessica Olsen for their second run.

Olsen, also from the Uncasville section of Montville, collected three hits in the title game. One of three starting seniors, Olsen said "We may have our differences off the field but when we're on the field we play together. After winning three games in a row in one day (in the regionals two weeks ago) there was no doubt we could win the title again.

Every Eastern player wore a green band around her left sleeve. The band honors former Eastern pitching coach Bill Sayers, who was forced to retire early this season because of health reasons."

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Eastern's catcher, Debbie Delton, had mononucleosis. She missed the Rocky III movie. She didn't catch Sunday's game but said she was ready to play if the team needed her. Her doctor had granted her permission to play in nationals.

"I realized it was a once in a lifetime thing," Delton said. "I said yes, you have to go for it."