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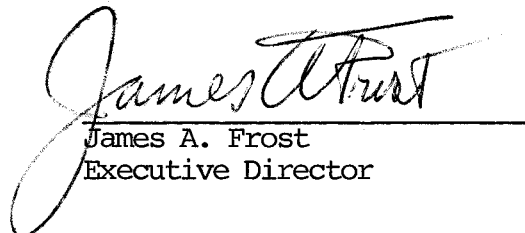
Congratulating

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 COURANT # MAY 31, 1982

# Win NCAA Title

By WOODY ANDERSON  
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TRENTON, N.J. — 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 hoodown.

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 AIAW Division III crown.

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

same pitch twice," said Costello, 6-5 this season. "Put the second or third pitcher on this team."

Only one Trenton State batter, the first of the game, got past second base. Costello, her long blond ponytail flapping, allowed just one single after the second inning, a check-swing blooper to short left field in the fifth.

Trenton State, 31-15, has finished second, fourth and second nationally in the last three years. Against Costello, the host 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, who have

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

"We grasp onto anything and go with it," said senior left fielder Jayne Anderson of Madison. Anderson grabbed a Rocky sign of sorts during Eastern's victory party at a Trenton hotel. "I found 12 Rocky t-shirts, all heads up. That's the way we play, heads up," she said.

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

In the fifth inning, the Warriors cranked two consecutive singles by Sheena Carpenter, Lisa 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.

Separate from the Eastern team, Kirk said she was happy to have won in last year's title game.

"Last year was so much more exciting," said Kirk, holding two titles. "I was the MVP last year. This year we were the MVP."

Kirk, Eastern's top pitcher, pitched a 17-4 record, warmed up in the bullpen during the last three innings Sunday. "I wanted to come in," she said. But Costello never tried.

"I usually relieve her," Kirk said. "She must have been pumped up today." Costello was the starting and winning pitcher Saturday but Kirk came in to pitch the last three innings to preserve a 6-3 triumph over Westfield (Mass.) State.

Kirk, one of six Eastern players named to the All-America team, was the winner Sunday, the first day of the nationals, in a 1-2 decision over Trenton State.

Eastern's catcher, Debbie Dalton, has 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 grudgingly given her permission to play in the nationals.

"He realized it was a once in a lifetime thing," Dalton said. "He told me, 'You have to go for it'."