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A large group of students, mostly young women, are posed in a formation that resembles the number 1. They are arranged in a tall, narrow column in the center, with smaller groups branching out to the left and right, creating the shape of the digit. The students are dressed in casual attire typical of the early 1990s. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Headed in the right direction

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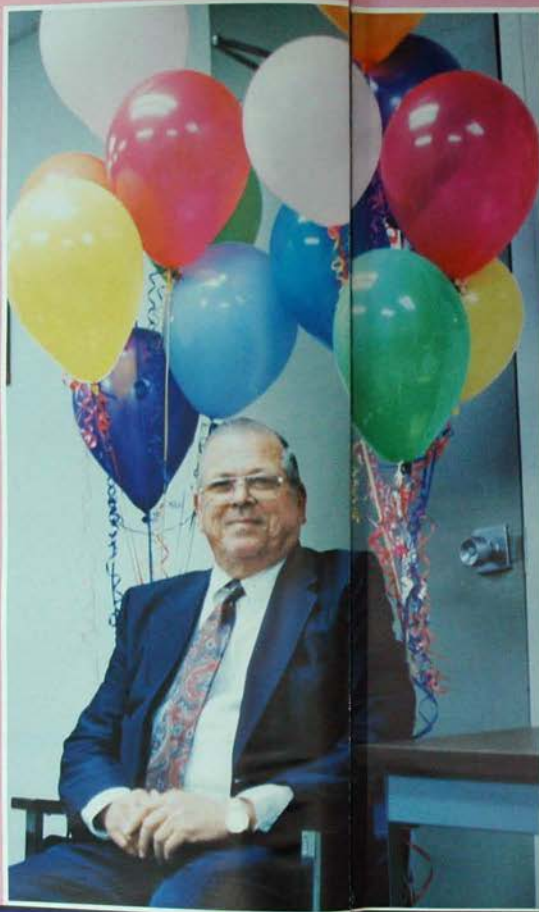
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Headed toward Doing



Ask just about any JCC student why he or she chose a major and you'd probably find out that \$\$\$ played a major role in that decision. Most students today are looking toward a future that includes a good salary and success — and they're making their plans accordingly. Of course, success can be measured in many ways; it is almost an individual sort of mark. Each time a student completed an assignment, passed a test, joined an activity or met a deadline, success was achieved. Add up all these minor successes and you'll find that giant steps were made toward the greater goal. That's what JCC is all about — part of the path to success. This year students experienced success when they produced a successful two-act play, competed in state and national events or provided leadership for food and toy drives. The most successful blood drive ever held at JCC re-

sulted in over 280 pints of blood being given in the fall. The Student Council registered a number of successful projects from cook-outs to fun runs while the clubs attracted more students and got more involved in campus life. Campus technical and vocational programs placed most of their grads and the health occupations programs provided a backbone for health care in the region. This year marked the return of Deseri Storm vets to the classroom and the celebration of the successful careers of six who served MGCCC for a total of 132 years before retiring fall semester. While there was less money to go around, JCC administrators, faculty and staff did more with less to give the students the best education possible. While everyone seeks success, those who learned from their mistakes were the ones who were headed in the right direction!

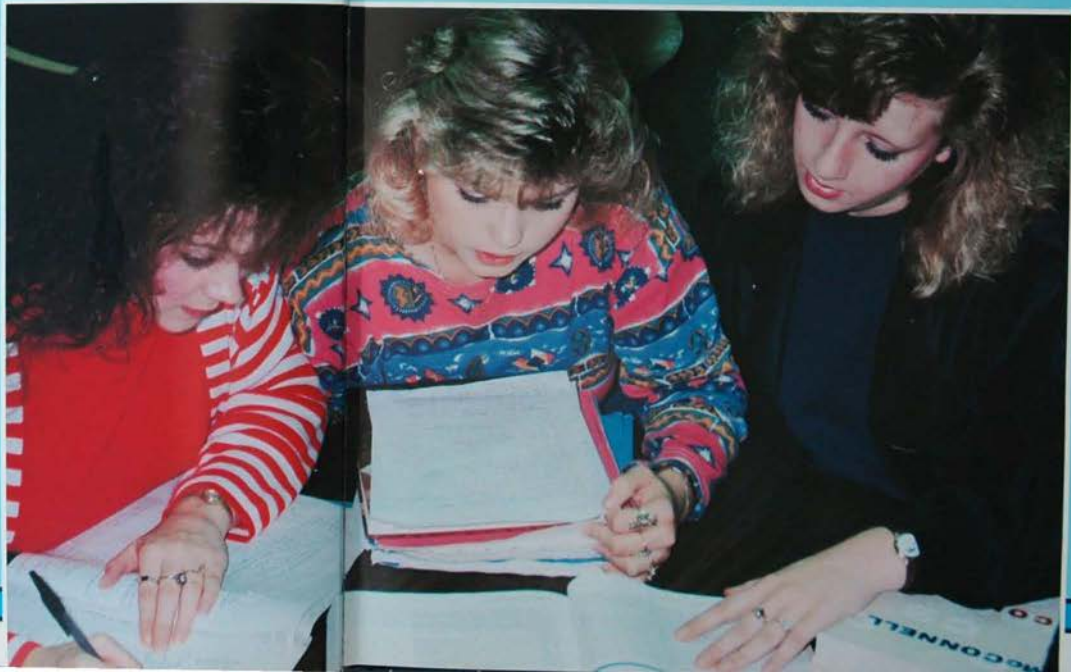


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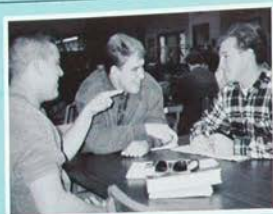


Foundations being laid at Jackson County Campus through academic, technical and vocational programs will pay dividends that will last for generations. There are no sop courses at JCC. That is why the self respect and confidence of JCC students increase with the successful completion of each course. They know they've really accomplished something. Students cite their instructors for excellence in teaching and for giving individual instruction when needed. Smaller classes mean more opportunities to interact with instructors and other students, enhancing educational experience and success. It's a proven fact that MGCCC students who transfer to a senior university do better than students who went the senior route right off the bat. It doesn't mat-

ter if a person's academic goal is a two year associate degree or a four year baccalaureate degree, each individual is given instruction and exposure to the sciences and arts that round out an education. There's plenty of help if students run into trouble with classes. The learning lab offers free tutoring in a number of subjects and there's always a study group or friend to help you through the rough times. Registration seems to be a continual process, another indication that the educational offerings at JCC are year-round. As people continue to successfully complete their courses of study at JCC, our community is made richer. As long as people keep coming to JCC to further their education, our community will be headed in the right direction!

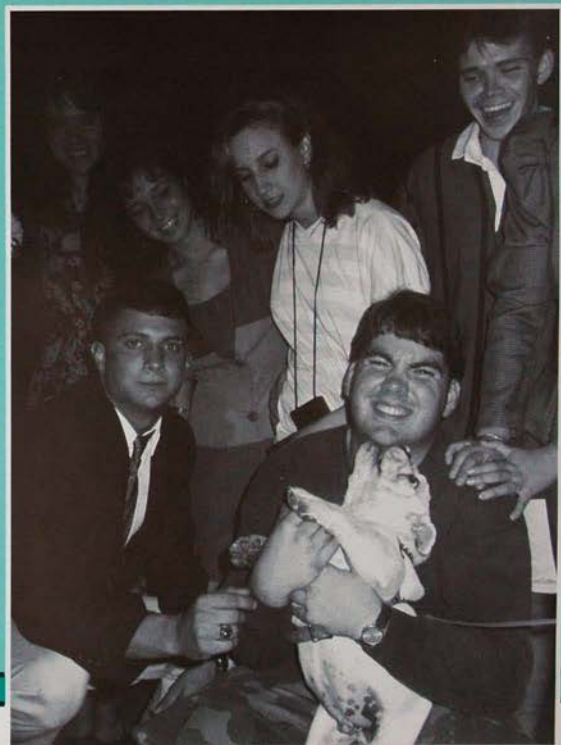


Headed toward Living



Finding out what really matters is the search of a lifetime. As education opened the doors of understanding, JCC students developed new insights with which to solidify their values, acquire new ones and head in the right direction. What people value differs with each individual, but a collective value system could be seen on campus in the willingness of students and staff to be helpful and to reach out to each other. It would be a rare day if you weren't met with a smile and friendly greeting by someone on campus. It's one thing to talk about compassion and helping others. It's another thing to act. The people at JCC acted. They even gave their blood! Red Ribbon Week revealed broad-based support for a drug-free Mississippi and students joined to form a B.A.C.C.H.U.S. chapter on campus (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Con-

cerning the Health of University Students). Human Services' Thanksgiving food drive and the Student Council's annual Fill the Stocking toy drive inspired JCC to give to those in need. The Baptist Student Union provided a club setting in which students could explore their values in the context of faith. Because values determine priorities and lifestyles, JCC was a living laboratory in the lessons of life. One look at the parking lots gave a good indication of the diversity among JCC students. If it is true that priorities are revealed by what a person thinks about and spends their time and money on, JCC was again a mixed bag. Ages of students ranged from 17 to over 70 encompassing a wide range of lifestyles. But the neat thing is that JCC's environment allowed people to be what they wanted to be and to go in their own right directions.



Headed toward Relating



When you had as many high schools sending students to a community college as we did, the possibilities for making new friends was endless. While there were the usual jokes about JCC being called "Harvard on the Highway," "Yale over Yonder," or "Gautier of the Pines," there was no doubt that this is a college campus — not a high school. Greater academic freedom also meant flexible schedules and more time during the day to get together with friends to study or just have fun. Getting together in the cafeteria or one of the local fast food places was a favorite pastime and a good way to get acquainted. There were also an abundance of activities offered on campus through the Student Council or clubs that provided opportunities for friendships to form and grow. There was

also a student's relationship with the college to consider. There was the teacher who gave additional instruction to a confused student, a member of the staff who helped solve an administrative problem, or a fellow student who shared notes or study time. One of the hazards of a local community college was the fact that most of the students had after-class jobs that prevented them from taking full advantage of the extra-class events on campus. Add to that the fact that many JCC students had families to take care of. It's no wonder then, that those who did get involved did so because of willingness and effort. Perhaps they learned the secret that you get back what you put into something, and they didn't want to miss out on making relationships that could last a lifetime.





Student Life

The spirit of JCC's student life headed in the right direction this year as eager students went

above and beyond the call of duty to participate in a range of campus activities designed with everyone in mind.

Club Day '91, the first event of the year, introduced students to the variety of organizations and clubs JCC offers.

After that success, there was no stopping us!

We geared up for the GCCC "home game" with spirit events like a pep rally and cook out and a no holds barred door decorating contest that drew more students to the game than ever before.

October's frenzy had us in a whirlwind of activity with Red

Ribbon Week, volleyball matches, and Homecoming events. Then came the Turkey Trot which put faculty and students in motion around the track.

Students and faculty were diligent in their efforts to help others through the blood drive and charity projects such as Fill the Stocking. Thankfully, the blood drive was held during day hours, because Dracula was seen stalking the campus in a student disguise!

All in all, spirits were high this year and everyone who got involved gained something. After all, when you're headed in the right direction, you go for it!



Jennifer in the Spotlight TOP: Queen Jennifer Bird receives a traditional congratulatory kiss from Vice President Curtis Davis after the halftime presentation. BOTTOM LEFT: Jennifer receives her crown from Vice President Davis. BOTTOM RIGHT: Jennifer was escorted by Terry Weeks.



Jennifer Bird reigns as homecoming queen

Jennifer Bird of Pascagoula reigned as queen of JCC's homecoming court in festivities on the Perkinson Campus Nov. 2. She and her court of two sophomore and two freshman maids were nominated and elected by popular vote of the student body, a new procedure instituted this year. Brisk, cold winds and clear blue skies marked the first cold snap of the year and created a traditional atmosphere for the hoopla.

Joining Jennifer on the field were sophomore maids Kristi Haygood escorted by Kevin Bullock and Kaylene Trichell escorted by Tommy Phelps and freshman maids Vicki Haygood escorted by Jay Coker and Kristi Langston escorted by Ryan Snowden.

Escorted by Terry Weeks, JCC's queen was crowned by Vice President Curtis Davis assisted by Student Council treasurer Hedy Usher.

Jennifer is president of the Student Council and an active member of the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa and

Baptist Student Union. She was chosen as Gulf Coast's recipient of the prestigious HEADWAE Award for academic excellence for her 4.0 GPA and student activities.

"The game was a real upset," said Kristi Langston. "It was freezing cold and MGCCC hadn't made one single touchdown. We ended up losing 19-0."

For everyone but Kristi Langston, this was their first time to be on a homecoming court. This was also the first time for sisters to be on JCC's court at the same time with the Haygood sisters being elected to the court.

Court members, except for the queen, also had other JCC connections. Kaylene's mother teaches x-ray technology. The Haygoods' mother teaches math and Kristi's sister works in the learning lab.



Homecoming highlighted by court presentation. Representing Jackson County Campus in the tri-county halftime presentation were, this page above, Ryan Snowden, Kristi Langston, Tommy Phelps, Kaylene Trichell, Jennifer Bird, Tommy Weeks, Kristi Haygood, Kevin Bullock, Vicki Haygood and Jay Coker. The couples, from the top of the page, are sophomore maid Kaylene Trichell and Tommy Phelps; freshman maid Vicki Haygood and Jay Coker; freshman maid Kristi Langston and Ryan Snowden; sophomore maid Kristi Haygood and Kevin Bullock.

Student Council float wins first in parade

JCC's Student Council certainly brewed themselves a victory with the Halloween-themed float they entered in the tri-campus homecoming parade Oct. 31. Costumed characters inhabited an eerie setting of jack-o'-lanterns, bales of hay and a steaming cauldron to bring first place to campus.

One of the largest MGCCC homecoming parades in recent history moved through the two main streets in Wiggins, much to the delight of costumed trick-or-treaters who eagerly held their hands out for more candy thrown by the students.

Leading the parade were retiring campus vice presidents Curtis Davis of JCC and Glen Cadle of Jefferson Davis as the

grand marshals. Other entries included the MGCCC band, maids from the three MGCCC campuses in convertibles, trucks representing Perk's dorms and several floats.

JCC's Baptist Student Union's entry, Prayer Warriors, featured a bulldog kneeling before a cross. The Reflections Team from JCC entered a car.

Following the parade, students gathered for a pep rally on campus.



The 1991 homecoming parade was great! This page, left, right fell early as JCC Student Council members climbed aboard their float. Brewing Up a Victory, for the Oct. 31 parade. The float took first among entries from JCC, Jefferson Davis and Perkinson campuses. Below, Ken Blaisdell, Crystal Rhodes, Tommy Phelps and Jeff Egan let out a cheer as their float was announced the winner at the after-parade pep rally. Bottom, Queen Jennifer and her sister Julie talk with a JD Student Council member before the parade.



Pre-parade moments. Opposite page, top left, JCC band member warm up before the parade as Student Council members Kristi Reynolds, left, and Candace Walters, right, adjust Tara Mayo's hat, bottom left. Freshman maid Kristi Langton, bottom right, gets her candy ready to throw to watchers along the route.

Students take a look at what clubs offer

Students looking for a boost to head them in the right direction found it Aug. 29 at Club Day '91 sponsored by Student Council. JCC students went to the 16 club tables set up at the gazebo from 11 a.m.

to 1 p.m. that day while club reps answered such questions as, "Hey! What's your club all about?" and "Well, where do I sign up!" as they provided information on the goals and purposes of their organizations.

"Club Day was a time for students to learn about the clubs and different organizations JCC has to offer," said Student Council president Jennifer Bird.

While signing up for their favorite clubs, students were served free food, compliments of the Student Council. In just one hour, five five-foot po-boys were cut and served with chips and drinks to over 300 people.

Later, students joined for some impromptu fun playing volleyball.

"I personally feel Club Day turned out really well," said Council treasurer Dena Weber. "A lot more students participated this year; we had a tremendous turnout."

Phi Beta Lambda sponsor Mable

Bates said, "I think Club Day is a great way for the students to learn about the clubs. This year, we had a better turnout. The students showed a lot more interest. It was a chance for new students to find out what's going on at JCC and the returning students to become more involved. By all means, let's continue to have Club Day."

Students learned that club memberships can broaden their horizons, create new friendships, offer fellowship and provide the opportunity to become involved in campus life. Although everybody who showed up didn't sign up to participate in a club, they did become aware that there's a lot going on at JCC.

Although we're individually going in many different directions, we're finding the right ones for us—and getting involved in campus clubs and activities helps to sort out the possibilities for the future.

Taking a look. JCC students turned out in full force to take a look at what campus clubs had to offer. Right, yearbook editor Kathy Trindall talks to a prospective staffer. BSU members, center bottom, pose for the camera while students stop to visit at the tables, top center.



Having fun! In addition to accepting out the club offerings, students were treated to free food and the chance for an informal volleyball game. Top, Bill Goldman reaches for a shot and, bottom, games manager Mrs. Virginia Randolph lends a hand serving food.

Leave it to the Dawgs to win on home turf

When I stepped into Dantzler Stadium in Moss Point Sept. 14, I was feeling exuberant because this was Gulf Coast's first game there. I wanted to see how the Bulldogs really played because of the

reports I had been hearing that the team had been on a losing streak.

That night the Bulldogs seemed to have broken that streak by defeating the East Central Warriors by the score of 21-19.

Not only did the team win on the field, but they also won the support of all the fans in the stands. Sitting in the stands was exciting, especially in the benches by the GCCC band. Good plays and school spirit led the Bulldogs in the right direction to victory.

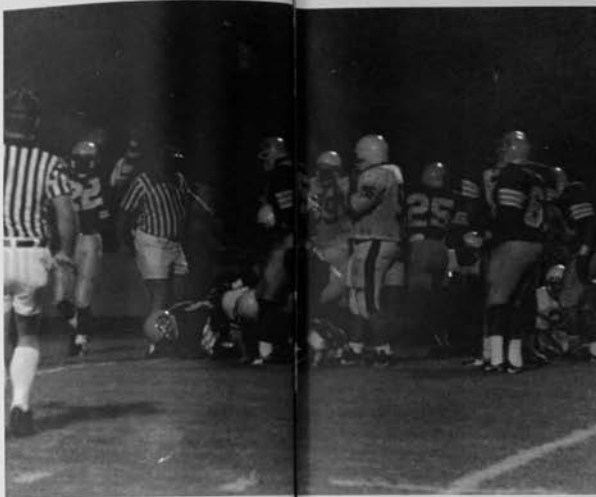
After the game a few people were asked what they thought about MGCCC winning the game in Moss

Point.

"Good for our reputation," "I'm glad they won their game down here," "Tremendous victory makes me proud to be an MGCCC student," "It's wonderful," "It's about time."

Since JCC was the host for this game, the Student Council and clubs like PBL and BSU rolled out the welcome mat by filling the stadium and locker room with banners and signs.

The Council's efforts paid off because there were more JCC students at this "home game" than in any previous year. It's a good thing! The game went down to the wire.



Headed for victory! Some 800 students and faculty ate free food and got inspired to attend the GCCC football game in Moss Point at the rally Sept. 12. Right, a band member juggles two horns. Top, one of the plays in the exciting game that proved to be a close call.



College boosters show their spirit! Council members Kristy Reynolds and Tara Mayo have fun at the rally, top, while Phi Beta Lambda members check out their first place door decoration which featured three-dimensional designs.



Look over there! A student at the pep rally points the direction to the action, top, while Student Council treasurer Dena Weber uses a megaphone to announce winners of the door decoration contest at the rally.



Burgers attract 800 to home game rally

School spirit was running high on a wave of enthusiasm as students exhibited overwhelming support that headed the MGCCC football team in the right direction, a 21 to 19 victory over East Central Sept. 14 in Moss Point.

Spirit week events began Sept. 10 with a door decorating contest. Clubs were creative in their efforts to show school spirit. Phi Beta Lambda won first, while Student Practical Nurses placed second and Phi Theta Kappa and Baptist Student Union tied for third.

Over 800 JCC students and faculty along with the Gulf Coast Band and the Perkettes rocked the gazebo Sept. 12 for the home game pep rally. Student Council sponsored the event where free hamburgers, chips and drinks were served.

"This year the pep rally had a lot to do with more people turning out for the

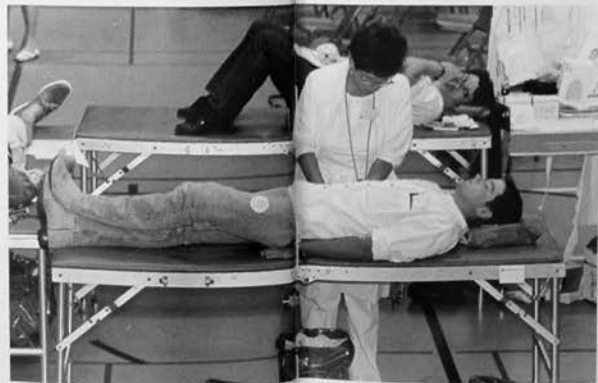
game. A lot of students wanted to be involved in school activities and that was apparent at the pep rally and the home game," said Jeff Fagan, sophomore Student Council representative.

"I think the pep rally really boosted the morale of the student body and the team. Students became more interested in the football team itself," said Tara Mayo, sophomore Student Council representative.

The spirit of victory for the MGCCC football team and JCC students strengthened our awareness that we were going the right way.



Boldogs, go for it! Gulf Coast's cheerleaders led several hundred students and faculty in cheers at the rally, left, while Perkettes, top, entertained with a dance routine.



Blood drive exceeds 250 pint goal by 32

Wow! When right at 400 persons came through the gym doors at the Oct. 2 blood drive for the Red Cross, we knew that the 250 pint goal would not only be reached, but exceeded.

The final tally showed 282 complete pints had been counted, although many others went through the process.

"We had over 336 people donate blood," said drive co-chair Ms. Linda Mizell, vocational counselor. "And over 125 volunteers from different campus clubs and organizations showed up to help at the various stations."

Although people had many reasons for turning out on the sunny October Wednesday, the biggest boost for the totals was the science department faculty who gave extra points for donating and volunteering.

"I just give blood because I know someday someone may need it," said second time giver Brian Crews, Es-

catawpa freshman.

Jason Sansing, a sophomore from Pascagoula, said that this was his seventh time to give blood.

"The first time I gave was in high school. I did it just to get out of class. Now I'm always eager to give blood," he said.

"The first time (I gave) I was terrified. I was scared to death. But the finger prick hurt worse than the needle going into the arm," recalled Jason who also volunteered to work at the canteen during the drive. He is a sophomore rep on the Student Council and was sporting a special t-shirt Council members wore to promote the drive.



Extra points provide incentive for donors

The only way to meet the blood drive goal was individually, pint by pint—given by real people for real causes. Donors were recruited by students who combed the campus for willing volunteers and

by faculty members who offered extra points for the sacrifice. Those faculty members said that learning to participate in society was a valuable lesson in itself.

Because of this encouragement, many of the donors were first-timers.

"This is my first time donating and I'm pretty nervous and apprehensive," said Chris Hill, sophomore from Escatawpa, as he waited at one of the stations.

"I did this because I'm getting 10 points, to find out my blood type, and I want to help others," he said. "I'm not sure I'd do it again. If they make me feel like a pin cushion, forget it!"

"It was better than I thought it would be," said Deana Bacon, sophomore from Blount, another first-timer.

"My biggest fear was if they were going to find a vein. I don't have very good veins and I didn't want to get stuck two or three times," she said. Luckily, she was stuck only once.

For many first-time donors, the fear of the needle dominated their thoughts.

"I was real worried about the size of the needle," said Darren Richard, adding that giving blood wasn't as bad as some people had said it would be.

Gastier freshman Louis Clifford, giving for the third time, wasn't influenced by the extra credit.

"I hope someone would help me if I needed it," he said. "I give blood because I know there is a shortage, like in hospitals, and I hope to help someone who needs it."

Mrs. Kim Overstreet, director of financial aid, was one of numerous faculty members who gave.

"I finally gave a gallon of blood," she said after her pint donation. Although it took her three years to give the gallon, she said she is glad to donate.

"As long as I'm healthy, I'm going to give and hope if I ever need it it will be there," she said.



Is it going to hurt? Even though the initial reaction to being asked to donate blood is possible pain, JCC students and faculty turned out to give 282 pints, a record for the campus. Donor tables were seldom empty through the six-hour drive in the gym. Co-chairs Linda Mixell and Mary Berry coordinated a large group of student and faculty volunteers who worked hard to make the drive a success.



Dracula meets fate in fall production

The lights went eerily down and the spine chilling voice of Ron Perlman filled the darkened JCC auditorium instilling fear and excitement in the audience as jack o' lanterns gleamed wickedly from

both sides of the stage.

As the curtain began to rise, the nervous shuffling of the audience ceased and all eyes were riveted to the scene before them.

On Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, JCC students hoped yet feared they would actually lay eyes on Dracula and survive to tell about it.

"The play was entertaining, not really scary. Jay Coker (who played the part of Renfield) really stole the show," said sophomore Phillip Vaughan.

"Jay Coker played a convincing lunatic," added Jane Broussard.

"The role that Charles Albritton played (Sherlock Holmes) was so appropriate for him. The whole cast was great. The director did an outstanding job. I really enjoyed it," said Tom Beavers, director of Student Support Services.

"Dracula was a tremendous learning experience for me," said David McVeay, who played Dr. Seward.

Dracula was David's first stage performance and he said director Wanda Stewart did an excellent job.

"Mrs. Stewart took a group of inexperienced people and turned us into a

great cast and a very good production," he added.

Angie Bonnett, who played Lucy Seward during the Oct. 31 performance, said she enjoyed the play.

"Dracula was a great play and it taught me a lot. Most of all, I made some really good friends. We all had fun doing the play," she said. Angie's twin sister Amy played Lucy Nov. 1.

Tim Stone, who portrayed John Harker, said "It was a great experience. Everyone was very supportive."

"This was my first time ever getting up and performing. Despite the constant worry of having to remember lines and blocking, it was such an incredible feeling performing in front of an audience," said Matt Lawson who played Dracula.

As Dracula met his doomed fate with a stake driven through his heart, his blood curdling scream echoed in our ears.

Smoke streamed from the stage immersing the auditorium in a thick haze. Dracula, the king of the vampires, was finally laid to rest. No longer a corpse by day and a creature by night.



DRACULA was a play of many faces! The fall drama production was just as interesting off-stage as on as seen in these shots, clockwise from top center. Charles Albritton, Amy Bonnett (or is it Angie?) and David McVeay during a scene. Angie Bonnett (or is it Amy?) in one of the romantic scenes. Wanda Stewart is surrounded by her cast. Director Wanda Stewart gives some directions while one of the Bonnett twins (is it Amy or Angie?) is seen in the background. Charles Albritton and Jay Coker act up backstage.



"Just Don't Do It" is Red Ribbon Week motto

Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 21-25, was designed to make students and faculty aware of responsible decision making where drugs and alcohol are involved. The week's chairpersons think the activities were successful.

"I think it was very successful in that students, faculty and administrators got involved in sending the message that they want a drug free Mississippi," said Mrs. Gerry Anne Partridge, co-chair along with Mrs. Stephanie Allison.

Among activities were flooding the campus with red ribbons and banners, playing volleyball with root beer as a thirst-quencher and exploring the formation of a new campus club to help fight drug and alcohol abuse.

One of the most effective events was Wednesday's Ghost Out in which nearly 50 students wore white make-up on their faces to dramatize the 60-plus persons who would die within a 24-hour period because of alcohol or drug related accidents.

On pledge day, 250 students signed a document in support of a drug free state

and many others went by the information booths in the gazebo manned by the Stevens Center and the Chemical Dependency Unit of Singing River Hospital.

"Students were very interested in the issue of drinking and driving," said Mrs. Partridge as she commented on the wrecked car that drew a lot of attention that week.

The week was sponsored by the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee with Phi Beta Lambda manning the information booth and the Student Council giving leadership to student involvement.

Other activities planned for the year were the Great American Smoke-Out in November and a health fair in the spring. B.A.C.C.H.U.S. got underway fall semester as a result of interest shown during Red Ribbon Week.



JCC saw red: Red Ribbon Week offered a variety of activities such as these, clockwise from top center. The authentic wrecked car on the library lawn got a lot of second glances. Ken Blaisdell was among the nearly 50 students who became a statistic for the day along with the female student at the picnic table. Kaylene Trichell gets her face painted at the Gazebo while another student gets pinned with her statistic number.

Rain-out didn't dampen Turkey Trot turnout

The sixth annual Turkey Trot at Jackson County Campus was a success again this year. The Turkey Trot is an annual event sponsored by the Student Council to promote exercise and to help the needy.

This year's entrance fee of one dollar or two cans of food was given to the students in the displaced homemakers program to be given to people who could not afford a Thanksgiving dinner.

"The donations have always been given to the needy," said Tom Beavers, director of Student Support Services and one of the first organizers of the event.

An interest in walking and jogging was the motivation for starting the Turkey Trot.

"If we had never started this event and shown the interest in exercising, they would probably have never built the track," Beavers added.

"A main reason for this is fun," said Mrs. Terry Fountain, student activities counselor. "It's a different activity, geared to appeal to a variety of students."

Freshman Student Council representa-

tive Jennifer Loftus said this was a fun event to be involved with.

"As a representative, I have to chair at least one activity and this one is fun," she said.

The winners in the running event were: Faculty — Tom Beavers, first place; Male students — Ron Russell, first; Fredrick Lawson, second; Pete Fisk, third. Female students — Margie Floyd, first; Paula Wilson, second.

The winners in the walking event were: Faculty — Dr. Nancy Dry, first; Mable Bates, second; Jeanette Thomas, third. Male students — Vernon Mitchell, first; Swank Hurst, second; Baily Tatum, third. Female students — Robin Gilbert, first; Sophia Caves, second; Diane Read, third. Phi Beta Lambda and Practical Nurses took honors for club participation.



Turkey Trot turnout was larger than usual! Opposite page, bottom left: Winners in the runners category show off their ribbons. Bottom right: Business instructor Mable Bates cheers on members of her Phi Beta Lambda club. Top center: Student walkers came to the finish line neck-and-neck for the closest finish of the day. This page, top: Winners in the walkers category show off their ribbons. Center: Student Council's signs attracted attention. Bottom: Student runner Pete Fisk warms up before the race. Although rain delayed the Trot for six days, interest still was high for the annual event.



Decorated doors spruced up the campus!

Opposite page top: First place door in club category, Phi Beta Lambda. Bottom left, New Images door; bottom right, first place door in individual category Mrs. Terry Fountain. This page top: Overall best decorated door, Learning Lab Staff. Bottom left third place in club category, Annual Staff. Bottom right, second place individual category, Angie Bridges.



Learning Lab takes first in Yule Contest

The clubs, groups and individuals at Jackson County Campus really got into the Christmas spirit during the annual Door Decorating Contest sponsored by the Student Council.

This activity created friendly competition among the different organizations, as well as adding beauty to the campus. Tara Mayo, Student Council member and chairman of the door decorating contest, said, "I think it was a good turnout and I would like to see more participation in the future because it is a fun activity. When the doors are decorated, I think it adds more to the spirit of Christmas. It's really colorful and people stop and look at it."

Prizes were given for first, second and third places, honorable mention, and best overall door decoration. Individuals who won places were Terry Fountain, first; Angie Bridges, second; and Roxanne

Towles, third.

Clubs capturing prizes were Phi Beta Lambda, first; Reflections, second; and Annual Staff, third.

Winners in the Groups Category were Student Practical Nurses, first. The Learning Lab Staff captured the over-all best decorated door for this year's contest.

Jennifer Bird, Student Council President, said, "I feel that the door decorating contest is important because it allows club members to work together to accomplish a goal. Sometimes it takes an activity for people to get to know each other, not only as a club member, but as a friend."



Students stuff toys into 9 foot stocking

Students, faculty and administration came out in great numbers to the Student Council's Fill The Stocking Party. It was a real celebration complete with food, fun, fellowship, music, balloons and Santa Claus. This was the annual gathering of toys for the needy children in Jackson County.

When the giant nine foot stocking was filled to overflowing, the Cliff Models came out to strut their stuff and add to the merriment of the festivities.

Vicki Haygood, Student Council member, was the chairman of this year's festivities. She said, "We have a really wonderful student body and I appreciate very much everybody helping to fill the stocking. It was an overwhelming success. Many teachers got behind it and promoted it in their classes, and we really appreciate them for helping us out."

William Martin, Dean of Academic Instruction, carved wooden cars and trucks and the student body painted them. When the forty cars were completed, they were added to the stocking. Jennifer Loftus was chairperson of the car project.

"Everyone seemed to be having a great time as the stocking was filled. When no more room was available in the stocking, the toys were placed on the floor around it," said Jennifer Bird, Student Council President.

"Thanks to the thoughtful and caring administration, faculty, and students at Jackson County Campus, many more children had a very merry Christmas. I am very excited that Jackson County Campus encourages giving through the

Fill The Stocking Party each year, and I hope this is a tradition that will continue in the years to come," continued Jennifer Bird.

Bill Goldman, Student Council associate member, was Santa Claus at the party. Bill said, "I've been at the school since 1989, and I've always helped out. Last year we didn't have too good of a turn-out for the stocking stuffing party, so we were kind of anxious for this year, hoping that we could accomplish something and that we could make this year better and provide the toys that were needed for the children. As we came to the party, and people began to bring the toys, it gave us a warm feeling and really blessed our hearts to see the people turn out. I'd like to thank everybody for coming out and bringing the toys which were greatly appreciated by me and the rest of the Student Council."

Dean Martin was presented with the Student Council Spirit Award for December for his very unselfish contribution above and beyond the call of duty.

Everyone in the Student Council worked hard to pull this tremendously successful party off, but they went away knowing that many little children would be very happy on Christmas morning because of that hard work. Somehow they didn't feel tired at all.

Student Council worked hard

Right: Jennifer Loftus and Hedy Usher kick up their heels after the party. Top Center: Bill Goldman dressed as Santa for the event and helped Jennifer Bird and Dena Weber pack the stocking. Bottom: JCC students and faculty watch the fashion show, entertainment for the party.



Party was a great success!

Above top: Candace Walters put up decorations for the party. Sandy Pierce paints wooden cars. Bottom: Math instructor Raymond Tanner helps fill the stocking.



JC Cluff Models steal show in Holiday Style

Special effects and vibrant colors made Holiday Style, the fashion show presented in the campus cafeteria by the Cluff Models at the Fill the Stocking Party Dec. 5, a smash success. The show drew a large crowd to the annual toy drive sponsored by the Student Council.

The scenes were expertly designed to create a variety of moods that took the audience from suits for the office to red hot party wear.

Clothing from C. Jones Boutique in Gautier filled the scenes — Making Spirits Bright, Suit Yourself, Red Hot, Fresh Cut Color, Jewels of the Night and Black Magic — with flair and contrast.

The two male models wore menswear from J.C. Penny and tuxedos from Kent's Formal Wear.

The show gave students in Mrs. Marsha Cluff's professional modeling, personal development and fashion merchandising classes experience in modeling and producing a fashion show.

Models from her classes, as well as guest models, were Amy Bonnet, Angie Bonnet, Cecilia Watson, Jeanne Clark, Kelli Graham, Kim Bragg, Scotty Carpenter, Stephanie Craft, Pashie DeCuir, Tressa Hilbun, Diana Hughes,

Erica King, Patricia Miller, Joy Mitchell, Sissy Nelson, Kim Pierce, Sharon Stojcich and Marcel Welch.

"The students worked very hard," said Mrs. Cluff. "They put in a lot of overtime after classes to make the show a success and they were also able to apply what they learned in class to put on a real fashion show."

"The show was great and I really can't wait to do it again because it was fun," said male model Marcel Welch. "It gave me some experience in modeling in case I want to do that for a living. I'm seriously considering modeling as a career choice."

Mrs. Cluff coordinated the show which was choreographed by Jeannan Clark. Assistants were Kelly Fritts, Vickie Woodland, Audrea Smith and Christy Morgan. Doug Mansfield produced the video.

Cluff Models strut their stuff: Opposite page: Amy Bonnet and Scotty Carpenter danced together. Bottom: Tressa Hilbun hooped her way down the runway. Right: Sharon Stojcich presented party goers with dramatic style. This page top: Cecilia Watson added style and flair to the show. Left center: JCC staffer Joy Mitchell really got down to the beat with elegance and style. Bottom right: Sharon Stojcich models a three piece suit.



1991 saw conflicts; Communism crumbled

The year 1991 began with the Persian Gulf War which took the lives of 148 Americans. At JCC the absence of students and faculty members was strongly felt since everyone was either related to or knew someone who had been sent to the Persian Gulf.

Students and faculty banned together in a letter writing campaign to military personnel entitled Operation Messenger. Everyone wore yellow ribbons to show their support.

The world looked on as the Soviet Union collapsed after 74 years. Mikhail Gorbachev was ousted by Boris Yeltsin as the central power in Russia. Gorbachev then resigned as head of the Communist Party, which then disbanded.

The Baltic States became independent, followed by the remaining 12 Republics. Eleven of them joined in a commonwealth of independent states.

Judge Clarence Thomas was nominated to replace Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court. Just before his confirmation, Anita Hill, a University of Oklahoma law professor, accused him of sexually harassing her 10 years ago.

The Senate hearings investigating Hill's claims was broadcast on national television. This resulted in heated debates on campus and across the country on what behavior constitutes sexual harassment.

Despite Hill's claims, Thomas was confirmed by the senate in a 52 to 48 vote.

The cold war came to an end March 31 after 45 years. Long range nuclear weapons were reduced by both President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev. Russia announced it wanted to join NATO.

The AIDS epidemic plagued 200,000 Americans and eight million people were infected worldwide.

Magic Johnson shocked the nation when he retired from the NBA and announced he had been diagnosed HIV positive. His announcement heightened public awareness to the dangers of AIDS to heterosexuals as well as homosexuals and drug users.

Jeffrey Dahmer appalled the country when the chopped up bodies of 11 males were found in his Milwaukee apartment. Dahmer confessed to killing 17 males in 13 years.

1991 saw the release of six American hostages held in the Middle East: Jesse Turner, Terry Waite, Thomas Sutherland, Joseph Cicipio, Alan Steen and Terry Anderson.



Opposite page: Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill and Magic Johnson. Bottom right: President Bush shares a light moment with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev during a joint news conference. Above: Boris Yeltsin and Jeffrey Dahmer. Top Center: Freed hostages Joseph Cicipio, Terry Anderson and Alan Steen. Photos on these two pages courtesy of The Mississippi Press.

JCC students went to war in the Gulf.
This page: Tommy Phelps wearing his United States Marine Corp Uniform. All other photos either of or taken by Ken Blaisdell 8 kilometers from the Iraqi border.



JC students remember 1991 war with Iraq

Jackson County Campus students Tommy Phelps and Ken Blaisdell were good friends at Pascagoula High School and graduated together in 1987.

Little did they know that in less than four years they would share the experience of going to war.

After graduation both young men joined the military. Phelps joined the Marine reserves and Blaisdell went to the Army. Three years later they found themselves in the middle of the Persian Gulf War.

Phelps was part of the amphibious assault used as a decoy so that the ground forces, which included Blaisdell, could go into Kuwait.

"One of the worst things about the experience was waiting on board the ship in the Persian Gulf for three months," said Phelps. "No land, no females; just the same guys day after day."

"We were all wary of what was going on," said Blaisdell. "When we first got off the plane at Doha Air Strip in Doha, we were all looking around making sure no one was going to jump out at us."

Phelps' job during the Persian Gulf War was crew chief of an amphibious assault vehicle which he named "Southern Miss."

"It's like a tank," said Phelps. The job of these vehicles is to carry up to 25 personnel off the ships through water and across land and drop them off in the action.

Phelps received a certificate of commendation from the United States Marine Corp. During a Sea Soldier IV exercise the Smoke Generation System malfunctioned resulting in a fire aboard Phelps' vehicle.

According to the certificate, Phelps' quick thinking brought the fire quickly under control. "His actions prevented irreversible damage to the crew and vehicle which was carrying several thousand pounds of C-4 explosives."

Phelps also was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal from the Secretary of the Navy "For superior performance of duties while assigned as crew chief."

According to his citation, Phelps led his

crew in support of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines along a grueling 370 mile mechanized march from Al Mishab, Saudi Arabia, to Al Wafrah, Kuwait.

On March 2, 1991, Phelps and his line charge unit assisted in the breach of a minefield in southern Kuwait. "Phelps' resourcefulness and courage under dangerous circumstances greatly attributed to the successful accomplishment of that mission."

Blaisdell's main job was driver of an M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

"I was a tanker," said Blaisdell. "That means I know how to drive, load and shoot."

"Over all, I would say the experience was good and bad," said Phelps. "It was good financially. I bought a new car and it's paying for school. But no one should be subjected to that. I mean, I don't feel anyone should kill another person. It made me think a lot about where my life is headed."

"I knew what I was getting into when I signed up," said Blaisdell. "But in 1987 I never entered my mind that a war would break out. It made me realize anybody could go at any time. You could slip on a bar of soap in the shower and be gone."

Phelps and Blaisdell are still good friends. Now that they are back on the coast and in college at JCC, Phelps is majoring in business administration and Blaisdell is majoring in broadcasting. Both are active associate members of the JCC Student Council.

"Before I went over there, I just did what I had to just to get by," said Phelps. "But after seeing how hard everybody worked, I realized I needed to get my act together and do better. I don't want to have to bust my behind like that again."

"Being over there finalized my decision to go to school," said Blaisdell. "I certainly don't want to do that again."

—By Bill Starling



JC Scholars Bowl Team met stiff competition

The South Mississippi Scholars Team Competition was hosted Jan. 24 by Jackson County Campus and MGCCC. The Scholars Bowl is a "jeopardy" type contest where four member teams from

junior colleges in Mississippi compete in a double elimination tournament to determine the winning team. MGCCC's Perkins and Jefferson Davis Campuses placed first and third in the competition. Meridian Community college placed second.

Participants must have a well rounded academic knowledge of all subjects because questions pertain to just about everything.

"This competition gave excellent practice for our team," said Raymond Tanner, math instructor and advisor to the Jackson County team. "The topics ranged from literature to anatomy and physiology."

Tanner explained that it was hard getting together a team that was accomplished in so many areas of knowledge.

This year's team from JCC included

sophomore Jeannie Davis, captain, and freshman Ashley Stonestreet, both of Ocean Springs, and freshmen Brian McCormick and Paul Wood, both of Pascagoula.

"It's like a game," explained Ms. Davis. She said she has learned more by participating in the Scholars Bowl than she would have in certain courses.

"People in general have a poor opinion of junior colleges and the students who transfer from them; so being on the Scholars Bowl team gives us a better opportunity to show the caliber of community college students," she said.

This event was held to sharpen the skills and prepare the teams from eight community college campuses for the statewide Scholars Bowl Competition hosted by the University of Mississippi Feb. 14 and 15.



And the winner is ... Top right, JCC Scholars Bowl team captain Davis and Stonestreet confer about an answer. This page, bottom, JCC and Perk's teams face each other in a match while JD's team members below. Ran Bower, Wayne Collins, Gavin Richmond and Stephen Carr prepare to answer in another match. Opposite page, top, JCC's team members Paul Wood, Jeannie Davis, Ashley Stonestreet and Brian McCormick answer a question. Bottom, Perk's winning team was composed of Rick Fortin, Jennifer Hodge, Kristi Evans and Kelli Crenshaw. (JCC Photos by Doug Manfield.)

Most students enroll in academic classes

"Learning was once thought to be the transfer of information from the notes of an instructor to the notes of a student without going through the brains of either. We truly believe that on our campus, the exact opposite is true," said Billie Lofton, Dean of Student Services, before he retired in December.

"Well-qualified teachers are dedicated to providing every opportunity for their students to learn as much as possible in the time they're under their watch-care," he said.

A required course of an academic student is English comp I and II. The English department also includes French, Spanish, journalism and English, world and American literature.

"Composition I and II provide tools that you'll use throughout your college career, not just in English classes," said Walter Mullen, English department chair.

Science and math courses are also required for students taking academics. These include algebra, trigonometry, calculus, physics, biology, anatomy and chemistry.

"Math develops organized thinking. It's a process," said Ralph Smith, math chair.

Developmental studies include classes in math, reading and English.

"Our goal is to bring students' knowledge up to college level," said Mrs. Barbara Haygood, chair for developmental studies. "We also review students who have been out of school for several years."

Examples of classes in the social sci-

ences department are world civilization, U.S. History, government and sociology.

"I have a very hardworking and cooperative staff," said chair Dean Shaw. "They certainly make my job easier in all ways."

The department of fine arts includes art and music appreciation, pottery, drama and visual arts. Instructor Pat Odom said, "If you don't have an innate sensitivity for art, you can't be at the top of the profession, any profession, not just art."

The academic department stresses body as well as mind. Health and physical education department courses are health, fitness, nutrition and sports. Sports offered at JCC include softball, volleyball, aerobics, walking, swimming, weight lifting and tennis.

Out of the 3216 students at JC fall semester 74.2 percent were classified as academic.

"We are a growing institution and we need more instructors and classrooms," said William Martin, dean of academic and general instruction.

The need for more instructors and classrooms is attributed to the growing number of students at JC, according to Dean Lofton.

"Compared to this time last year, there has been an overall increase of 5.4 percent in the number of credit students," Dean Lofton said of fall semester.



What's the right answer? With 75 per cent of JCC's student population taking academic classes, the library and media center were popular study places. Academic instruction under Dean William Martin encompassed a variety of classes from English to art and from math to science.



Getting ahead. Students enrolled in the variety of technical classes at JCC are well grounded in skills that will help them advance in their chosen job markets. Clockwise from top left are students in fashion merchandising, business, electronics and drafting. These students may qualify for membership in VICA, Phi Beta Lambda or Delta Epsilon Chi and compete at state and national conventions.



Job skills increase in technical courses

Students enrolled in technical courses at Jackson County Campus are headed in the right direction as they learn skills that will help them get jobs in a wide range of fields.

"Marketing, fashion merchandising, business technologies, drafting and electronics are all offered through the college's technical department. Each of these courses have something unique to offer students," said Charlie Neumann, technical department chairman and marketing instructor.

For example, students who enroll in the marketing and fashion merchandising courses learn skills that will help them get jobs within a business organization, according to Neumann.

"Our goal is to see students who graduate from marketing and fashion merchandising move into middle management positions," he said.

Degree required courses include basic marketing, salesmanship, retailing, advertising, retail merchandising, and principles of business management.

Students enrolled in Marsha Cluff's fashion merchandising are required to take classes in visual merchandising, fashion color and design and fashion buying as well as other courses related to the fashion industry.

Krista Sherman, a sophomore from Escatawpa, graduated from high school in 1988 and is an administrative secretary major.

"I really enjoy the program and I love working with computers. The teachers are very helpful and they're always there when you need them," she said.

There are plenty of job opportunities for graduates of this program, according to Mrs. Jeanette Thomas.

Students who major in drafting and design also have great job opportunities awaiting them when they graduate.

"Students who graduate from this program know they can get a job. There is a lot of upward mobility in this field and students can start out by making eight to 12 dollars an hour," said Mrs. Bennie Van Court, a drafting and design instructor.

Over 80% of the Ocean Springs based J.J. McMullen Co., a sub contractor who does work for the Navy and Ingalls Shipbuilding, is made of students who are or have graduated from the JCC program. Ingalls, as well as Chevron, Trinity Marine and Shell Oil have the need for qualified drafting and design people, Mrs. Van Court added.

The technology is constantly changing in the field of drafting and design and Mrs. Van Court said the program is constantly changing too.

"We have four computer aided drafting (CAD) classes that use two different programs called Autocad and Autotrol," she said.

Students involved in the technical programs are as diverse as the programs themselves. Students range from teenagers just out of high school to older students upgrading their skills or entering a new career field. Though their situations are very different, the skills they acquire through the technical department lay the foundation for excellent career opportunities.

JCC's electronics program is one of the strongest anywhere around. Just one of the examples of what students learn can be found in the annual robotics projects that sophomores prepare each spring.



Hands-on experience offers top training

Vocational education is a segment of junior colleges designed to train students for early employment and head them in the right direction to productive jobs.

Students in vo-tech receive a condensed yet thorough education in the fields of their choice. Training includes the standard core curriculum, hands-on experience and the necessary skills for employment in their chosen fields.

Accelerated, comprehensive courses are designed to develop the specialized knowledge needed to begin a career.

Depending on the course of study and the rate of progress, students can look forward to completion in as little as nine months or as long as 24 months. Vo-tech encompasses 22 areas that are divided into four main groups—technical education, business and office technology, health occupations and trade and industry.

According to Jerold Shepherd, dean of vocational instruction, enrollment in the vo-tech segment this year is between 600 and 700 day time students. He said that the college is running approximately 1200 apprentices and in-plant workers from Ingalls, International Pa-

per Company, and B E & K Construction Company. Health occupations has a 100% student capacity and trade and industry has a 95% capacity.

Douglas Allen, business management major said, "The business program at JCC is designed to promote a desire to learn more about business."

"My instructor, Mr. Tom Boone, is a fantastic man. I feel that the program teaches me to help others help themselves. The program also offers places where you can go to look for a job," said Denise Zollicoffer, human services major.

Vo-tech also offers club participation to students. These clubs have a lot of fun sponsoring fund raising events and offer opportunities to participate in state and national competition. Those clubs are Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Delta Epsilon Chi, and Phi Beta Lambda. Clearly, vo-tech is headed in the right direction because it prepares students for productive careers.





Health care programs fill up fast at JCC

Health occupations programs enjoyed a full house this year in terms of enrollment and offerings. A variety of medical fields is offered at JCC, spanning vocational and technical programs.

Sherry Whitmore, department chair, provided an in-depth look at the type of persons who are attracted to the hard work and grueling academic expectations of these courses.

"Students would not be in the health occupations programs if they did not have a desire to make a difference," Mrs. Whitmore said.

JCC offers programs such as respiratory therapy technology, nursing assistants, associate degree nursing, radiological technology, practical nursing and medical unit managers. These train persons to work in a variety of areas from doctor's offices to hospitals and industry.

"Health care professionals must like people, and want to help them. They must also have good judgement, be self-reliant, patient, pleasant, tactful, responsible, and possess the ability to work well with others," said Mrs. Whitmore. "It takes a special kind of person to be in this demanding field."

The medical unit manager program is a two semester course which prepares graduates for managerial-clerical positions in hospitals, nursing homes, home health nursing, doctor's offices and other areas where a trained manager or receptionist is needed.

"Graduates have been successful in finding employment in a variety of medical settings in the local area and have become self-sufficient," said Gail Collins, program coordinator. "Many have worked as MUMs while pursuing their educational goals in other health occupations programs offered on campus. The program offers a good foundation in subjects relative to many health occupations."

One of the most sought-after programs today is associate degree nursing, which provides a wide range of job opportunities. A capable nurse can always be assured of a job.

Christine McClantock agrees. "I chose nursing as my career because I enjoy helping people. The need for good nurses throughout the U.S. offers a variety of job opportunities available while providing financial security," she said.

"Now that my children have grown up, I am able to pursue my career choice of nursing. My daughter and I are going forward to being able to, in some way, help others. I feel God has called me to do this," said Judy Vick.

Level one associate degree nursing student Kelly Morgan added, "I chose to become a nurse because I love the interaction with people and want to work in a field where I can make a difference in people's lives."

The three-semester practical nursing program provides class lectures in addition to clinical experiences. The first few weeks are devoted to theory and lab teaching, followed by clinicals in affiliating institutions.

Throughout the program, students are assigned patients for whom to care who have symptoms or conditions relative to their current studies.

Practical nurses assist in the care and treatment of patients under the direction of a doctor or registered nurse.

As members of the nursing team, they work primarily at the patient's bedside giving nursing care, prescribed treatments and medications, according to Ms. Shira Usher, coordinator of the practical nursing program.

There were many more applicants than positions available in the respiratory therapy program, a sign of the times for other health related programs as well.

JCC has certainly taken giant steps in the right direction by providing programs to educate professionals in health care fields demanding more personnel.



Close to the real thing. Health occupations students get a taste of the working world with clinical experience and hands-on application on equipment within their departments. Such training produces qualified, capable persons for health care fields.



Achievers

P eople setting goals and working toward those goals are headed in the right direction. Their

hard work, sacrifices and determination kept them moving steadily toward their goals. And whether or not they received any fanfare, a certificate or even a word of congratulations for their achievements, they were satisfied with the warm feeling of accomplishment within themselves.

An achievement is something that has been accomplished successfully, especially by means of exertion, skill, practice or perseverance.

Many JCC students have proved themselves to be achievers simply by coming to college. They faced many obstacles—and overcame each one to improve their lives by education. Some are achievers because they pushed themselves beyond their normal

limits to excel in subjects that once got them down. And some were achievers because day by day, class by class, test by test, they just did the best they could. What a great feeling!

Of course, there are times when you get rewarded for your efforts. Excellence has a way of rising to the top and standing out. While others might feel a twinge of jealousy, or conviction that they didn't try hard enough to do their best, achievers have a way of setting the pace and encouraging others to follow.

JCC's achievers have been bold enough and determined enough to set high goals and work toward them. There's no mistake—they're headed in the right direction!

Bird, Goldman honored as Mr. and Miss JCC

Jennifer Bird and Bill Goldman were elected by students Dec. 5, 1991, to represent Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jackson County Campus as Mr. and Miss Jackson County Campus.

"I feel honored to have been named Miss JCC by my peers. JCC has enabled me to grow through excellent academic instruction and exciting extracurricular activities. My years at JCC have been a wonderful experience," said Jennifer.

Jennifer was the recipient of the HEADWAE award for academic excellence and was named to the JCC Hall of Fame.

She is also president of the Student Council and a member of PTK, the Honors Program and the Reflections hospitality/recruiting team.

Bill Goldman said, "I have been at

JCC since the summer of '89 and have been involved in many things, but as rewarding as these were, nothing can compare to being selected as Mr. JCC. It was a privilege and an honor."

Bill is a drafting major, an associate member of Student Council and a member of VICA and the Baptist Student Union.

Nominations for Mr. and Miss JCC as well as class favorites were held Nov. 25 and 26. Elections were held Dec. 2 and 3. Both freshman and sophomore students voted for Mr. and Miss JCC, making the honor a school-wide choice.



Freshman Favorites

Freshmen elected ten of their peers as class favorites in balloting sponsored by the Phases staff before Christmas holidays.

Sharon Cooper of Gautier is a JCC Coastliner staff member and freshman class favorite.

Kristi Langston of Gautier is a Student Council representative and member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Program. She was elected a freshman homecoming maid and class favorite.

Robyn May of Gautier is a member of the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa and was elected class favorite.

Erik Armstrong of Gautier is a class favorite.

LaKeith Davidson of Gautier is a class favorite.

Reginald Salters is a member of JCC's Coastliner staff and a class favorite.

Jesse Tanksley is a member of BACCHUS and a class favorite.

Also elected were **Sheila Cooper**, **Eddie Gomez** and **Latasha Stallworth**.



Freshman Favorites — Left: Kristi Langston, Erik Armstrong, and Robyn May.



Freshman Favorites — Right: Reginald Salters, Sharon Cooper, and Eddie Gomez. Not pictured: Sheila Cooper, Jesse Tanksley, and LaKeith Davidson.



Sophomore Favorites — Left: Kristi Haygood, Jason Samsing, Tara Mayo, Clay Carver, and Kaylene Trichell.

Sophomore Favorites

Class Favorites chosen by the sophomores before the holidays represent an active student body.

Kristi Haygood of Gautier is Student Council vice president, a student worker, and a class favorite. She was a sophomore homecoming maid.

Tara Mayo of Ocean Springs is a Student Council representative, a member of the JC Singers and a class favorite.

Kristi Reynolds of Gautier is a Student Council representative, member of the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa and a class favorite.

Kaylene Trichell of Gautier is sophomore class president and a member of the Student Council executive council. She was elected a sophomore homecoming maid and a class favorite.

Hedy Usher of Gautier is treasurer of the Student Council, a member of Reflections, a student worker, and a class favorite.

Brad Arrington of Pascagoula is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a student worker and a class favorite.

Kevin Bullock of Ocean Springs is a member of BSU, a class favorite and a sophomore homecoming escort.

Clay Carver of Ocean Springs is president of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the Honors Program, and a class favorite.

Tommy Phelps of Pascagoula is an associate member of the Student Council, a Homecoming Court escort, and a class favorite. He served in Operation Desert Storm.

Jason Samsing of Pascagoula is a Student Council representative, a member of BSU, a student worker, and a class favorite.



Sophomore Favorites — Right: Kristi Reynolds, Kevin Bullock, Brad Arrington, Tommy Phelps, and Hedy Usher.

Hall of Fame

Who's Who Among Colleges

Linda Largilliere Arnold

Linda Largilliere Arnold of Gautier is a drafting and design technology major. She has received a scholarship award, is a member of VICA, and is a student worker. "JCC has helped me acquire the background needed to get a well paying job."



Brad Arrington

Brad Arrington of Pascagoula is a mechanical engineering major. He has received the Freshman Chemistry Award, was voted class favorite and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. "JCC has given me an excellent foundation in math and science that will help me when I transfer to Mississippi State. I feel that attending JCC was the right first step toward my future."



Jennifer Joy Bird

Jennifer Joy Bird of Pascagoula is a paralegal and pre-law major. She received the HEADWAE Award, was homecoming queen, freshman favorite, president of the Student Council, freshman president, and member of the Reflections Team, Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, and Baptist Student Union. "JCC has prepared me academically and I have developed leadership skills through participating in organizations. Caring, dedicated teachers; friendly, supportive students; and encouraging, helpful administrators symbolize what JCC means to me."



Hall of Fame

Who's Who Among Colleges

M. Diane Butler

M. Diane Butler of Ocean Springs is a micro-computer specialist major. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. "The training I have received has prepared me for employment in the business world."



Ethyl Green

Ethyl Green of Gautier is a mathematics/secondary education major. She has received the Minority Leadership Award, a member of the Reflections Team, and been on the Vice-President's List. "JCC has opened the door for me to walk into an unlimited future with confidence and stability. JCC has had a great impact on me in the way it has prepared me to meet academic excellence in my pursuit of a higher education. JC has been a doorway to the future."



Kristy Michelle Haygood

Kristy Michelle Haygood of Gautier is a psychology major. She was sophomore homecoming maid, member of the Baptist Student Union and vice-president of the Student Council. "JCC has allowed me to adjust to college in a familiar environment and to participate in many activities I would not have had the opportunity to at a larger institution."



Hall of Fame

Who's Who Among Colleges

Ma, Song-Hua

Ma, Song-Hua of Biloxi is a fine arts major. He received an Achievement Award in the spring of '91. "Being a Chinese student, I see JCC as the start of my new career in America. Every teacher here who has taught me gives me not only academic knowledge but also enthusiastic support which is very important for me to get through the big culture shock."



Susan D. Jones

Susan D. Jones of Gautier is a math/computer major. She has received the Math Award and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is a student worker in Admissions. "I have enjoyed my time here at JCC. I admire the faculty and staff tremendously."



Sherry L. Morgan

Sherry L. Morgan of Lucedale is an elementary education major. She was a speech finalist before the American Bar Association, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Baptist Student Union, and is a student worker. "JCC has given me the basics that I need for my degree," she said.



Hall of Fame

Who's Who Among Colleges

Cynthia L. Padley

Cynthia L. Padley of Escatawpa is a drafting and design major. "JCC's drafting and design program has included a well rounded education and base to build on, as well as to enter the work force."



Sandy Lee Pierce

Sandy Lee Pierce of Pascagoula is an elementary education major and member of the Reflections Team and President of the Baptist Student Union. "JCC has allowed me to find my career goals and helped me pick out a four year college that suits me. The teachers have been a wonderful inspiration in my career goals. Without the wonderful teachers I've had, I wouldn't be where I am today."



Dena Renae Weber

Dena Renae Weber of Pascagoula is an elementary education major. She has received a Foundation Scholarship and is a secretary of the Student Council and president of the Reflections Team. "JCC has been a life saver to me when I thought everything else in my life had failed. I discovered support and encouragement from the staff at JCC."



Hall of Fame

Who's Who among Colleges

Delores Lorraine Church Irwin

Delores Lorraine Church Irwin of Pascagoula is a medical unit manager major. She is president of the Medical Unit Management class. Delores said, "It took 16 years for me to go back to college. I wish I had gone back sooner. I do plan to continue my education further. JCC is the greatest!"



Quincile K. Pullido

Quincile K. Pullido of Gautier is a business administration major. "JCC enabled me to get an AAS degree in microcomputers and to seek further goals and plans in receiving a BS degree. If you work hard, all your dreams can come true," said Quincile who was named a part-time secretary for Student Support Services.



David Ray

David Ray of Moss Point is majoring in machine shop. He is active in Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) and has been on the Dean's List. "JCC headed me in the right direction by increasing my skills in my vocation. JCC has given me self confidence and for this I appreciate this school and its facilities."



Hall of Fame

Who's Who among Colleges

Susan Applewhite

Susan Applewhite of Gautier is majoring in the associate degree nursing program. She was on the Presidents list in the Spring of '91.

Susan said, "Changing professions at this time in my life has meant sacrifices and benefits to my entire family. My husband and children have been encouraged and amazed as they have watched me meet each new goal. JCC has helped me with an excellent foundation in nursing. I will always be grateful to JCC and its fine instructors."



Teresa Fryfogle

Teresa Fryfogle of Lucedale is currently majoring in the associate degree nursing program. She is a member of the Big Sister program, and the Student Nurses Association. She has been on the President and Vice President lists.

Teresa said, "The school and faculty have made my experience here a learning experience. I've been encouraged and guided in my ability to go as far as I desire with my education. I intend to continue my educational experience toward a Masters in nursing and be the best nurse I can be."



Billy Ray Heldt

Billy Ray Heldt of Ocean Springs is majoring in marine maintenance. Billy said, "JCC has given me a new start and something to look forward to. I'm thankful for JCC. I one day hope to have my own small business and have time for other hobbies."



Who's Who

Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Each year a number of sophomores not to exceed two percent of the full-time enrollment on campus is chosen by faculty from nominees for the Hall of Fame to be included in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, a national publication. All of the students named to the Hall of Fame also have the distinction of being named to Who's Who. The following students received Who's Who Among American Junior College honors.

Students named to Who's Who by the faculty were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, citizenship and personality.

Tara Nicole Mayo of Ocean Springs is a medical field major. She is a member of the Student Council and the JC Singers. "As a member of Student Council, I have been given the opportunity to help organize and participate in school activities such as student body elections, food and toy drives for those in need, and help with the Red Cross Organization. I feel these activities have been beneficial to the school as well as the community."

Carolyn Yvette Green of Gautier is a medical unit manager major. "JCC has given me a better outlook on the future and a better understanding of where I'm going and where I want to be," she said.

Clayton Bennett Carver, Jr. of Ocean Springs is a fine arts major. He is in the Honors Program, was voted class favorite and is president of Phi Theta Kappa. "The art program has been invaluable to the growth of my artistic ability. The Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa has urged me to devote energy to campus involvement, an area I neglected in high school," said Clayton.

Judy K. Ellis of Vanceleave is an accounting major. "I believe that anyone who is interested in a quality education should look no further than right here at JCC. The teachers are all great because they really care about your success as a student."

John Lawrence Walker of Vanceleave is a mechanical engineering major. He has received a Social Studies Achievement Award and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. "I've received an excellent education from teachers who really care," he said.

Mary M. Martin of Gautier is an elementary education major. "JCC has been a great place to begin my education. I have enjoyed being a student here and will honestly regret leaving next semester when I go to USM. I hope to one day teach fifth or sixth grade math."

Debbie L. Dosset of Vanceleave is a secondary education major. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. "The person who has encouraged me the most and headed me in the right direction was Mrs. Helen Davis. She passed away this past spring, but she supported me and she is the reason I am where I am today."

Deborah K. Strayer of Ocean Springs is a nursing major. She is a member of the Student Nurses Association. "I feel that I have received an excellent education at JCC," she said.

Iris Deborah McCrae of Vanceleave is a business administration and accounting major. She said, "As a returning student JCC has provided an amazing amount of support and encouragement. I hope that my attitude has been positive and an encouragement to other students."

Ron Orris of Vanceleave is an automotive mechanics occupational education major. "JCC has given me the experience and confidence to go forward into a teaching career."

Penny L. Holloway of Ocean Springs is a business administration/accounting major. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. "Being a wife and mother, it is nice to be able to go to college right here at home," she said.

Denise C. Nettles of Moss Point is a work processor major and member of Phi Beta Lambda. "JCC has headed me in the right direction by helping me to achieve my educational goals. JCC has also made an impact on my life through the encouragement, patience and guidance from others. JCC can mean to you whatever you desire, for me it meant a new beginning," she said.

Amy E. Parker of Vanceleave is a drafting and design major. She is a member of VICA. "JCC has given me the opportunity to enhance my future through education, while I continue working full time. JC means having more employment opportunities because of my education," she said.

Benjamin J. Scarborough is a machinist major. He is a member of VICA and has been on the Dean's List. "The Jackson County Campus has given me the skills and experience for a successful future. It is a great opportunity," he said.

Joseph Hays Spires of Moss Point is a drafting and design major. "JCC has taken a lost soul from failure to the rewards of success," he said.

Susan Walper of Gautier is a nursing major. She is chairman of the Pinning Ceremony, and student representative — Level IV. "JCC has made it possible for me to reach my goal to be a registered nurse. All required courses were offered at the campus. I have found all the faculty to be encouraging and helpful. Having JCC in Gautier has given me the ability to earn a degree and still be close to my family."

Wanda Whitcomb is an elementary education major. She was on the Vice-President's List for spring of '91. "JCC and the instructors here have given me the confidence and support to reach for my goal," she said.

Not pictured is **Kimberly Mercer**



Students named to Who's Who — This page (top left): Tara Mayo and Carolyn Green. Right: Clay Carver, Judy Ellis, and John Walker. Bottom right: Mary Martin and Deborah Dossett. Center: Deborah Strayer, Iris McCrae, and Ron Orris. Right: Penny L. Holloway.

Spirit Award winners named

The Spirit Awards are JCC's Student Council's way of applauding those faculty and staff members who have exerted exceptional support for the extra-class events held on campus.

September's recipient of the Spirit Award was Mrs. Gloria Roth, cafeteria supervisor. Thanks to Mrs. Roth for her good humor and help and support with the food for all campus activities.

Mrs. Faye Jones, sociology instructor received October's Spirit Award for her exceptional participation in Ghost Out Day. Mrs. Jones said, "To be a recipient of the Spirit Award is most rewarding, because it is given by the students and students are the reason faculty exists."

"Student and faculty relationships are so vital in establishing a great school. To receive the Spirit Award to me represents that there is a good relationship. It does exist," Mrs. Jones said.

November brought Mr. Billie Lofton, Dean of Student Services, the Spirit Award. His willingness to extend a helping hand or lend an attentive ear endeared him to JCC students. His support of extra-class activities went beyond administrative approval. Dean Lofton was always present at student activities.

December's Spirit Award went to William Martin, Dean of Academic Instruction. His love of woodworking and skill made Christmas happier for some of the community's children. Mr. Martin made and donated 50 wooden cars and trucks which were painted by JC students and given to the Salvation Army at the Fill the Stocking Party.

Mr. Martin said, "I'm surprised! I don't know why I got it. I feel honored."

If the air was chilly, no one noticed. The enthusiasm that came from Kay Bevill over the annual Turkey Trot warmed spirits and helped make this year's fun run/walk a huge success.

For her dedication to this event, Kay Bevill was chosen to receive the Spirit Award for January. Mrs. Bevill, health and physical education instructor, has been a teacher in Louisiana and Mississippi for 20 years and is enjoying her first year at JCC.

"It's an honor and such a surprise. Students need to be involved in school activities outside of academics. There is more to life than books," she said.

Mrs. Bevill plans to return to the classroom herself to work towards an advanced degree.

Mrs. Terri Ormes, Recruitment Officer, received February's Spirit Award for her enthusiasm and support of student activities. "Student Services and students are like family on the campus. Students are special, so everything is special. This is a wonderful place to work. Cooperation makes things happen," said Mrs. Ormes.

March's Spirit Award was given to Ralph Smith, chair of the math department for his support of the students and positive attitude as an instructor.

Shira Usher, LPN instructor, received April's Spirit Award because she and her student nurses are very supportive of all campus activities. Mrs. Usher inspired her class to become one of the most active student groups on campus this year.

The maintenance department received May's Spirit Award for going above and beyond the call of duty in supporting student activities by helping to set up and clean up at events. Under the leadership of Mark Thornton, the maintenance staff keeps the campus attractive and clean, providing a good environment for everyone.

According to Jennifer Bird, Student Council President, "Spirit Awards are awarded monthly by the Student Council to any person employed by the college. Things considered for the award are support of students, having school spirit, and encouraging participation."



Shira Usher



Billie Lofton



William Martin



Gloria Roth



Terri Ormes



Ralph Smith



Faye Jones



Kay Bevill



Steve Hallman, Greg Prevost, Al Charleton, Alvin Carter of maintenance.

AEOP Award: Jan Holifield

A unanimous vote by the Association of Educational Office Professionals (AEOP) at the Jackson County Campus voted Jan Holifield Office Professional of the Year.

Jan Holifield, secretary to the Dean of Academic Instruction said, "I felt honored to receive this award since I had only been here at JCC two and a half years. I felt there were people who were deserving of it also."

Ms. Holifield was honored at the AEOP Fall Luncheon held at the Perkins Campus.

Barbara Blakely, JCC's representative for AEOP said, "I can't think of a more deserving office professional than Jan Holifield. She strives for excellence

in all that she does."

The purpose of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Association of Education Office Professionals can be found in its constitution which reads:

1. To elevate the standards of the group;
2. To advance the general welfare of the educational secretaries and clerical staff members;
3. To provide an organized means of communication between members throughout the college and with administrators;
4. To foster better relationships and understanding between members throughout the college and with administrators;



5. Through organization, to pool ideas and ideals with the objective of providing an overall better educational system to the college and community. The JCC AEOP is affiliated with the Mississippi and National AEOP.

Lamplighter 1991: Dr. Lena Melton Robert Hudson

job well done, is given a chance to interact with others so selected and provided with the opportunity to view the host city and educational attractions. It was unforgettable."

The seminar contained group forums, tours of Jackson's tourist attractions, a luncheon, a banquet and guest speakers. Speakers included George A. Baker III, a University of Texas professor; Michael Rabalais, a professional speaker and Governor Ray Mabus.

Dr. Melton was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia,

where she graduated from Lucy C. Laney High School in 1958. After graduating she attended the Hampton Institute in Virginia and graduated with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. Melton received a Masters of Secondary Education degree from U.S.M. in

1978 with emphasis in biology.

In May 1985, she received her Doctorate from the College of Science and Technology at USM. Dr. Melton has won numerous awards and presides over several college committees and boards. She resides in Ocean Springs and is married with four children.

Robert Hudson was born in Pensacola, Florida, where he graduated from G.M. Tate High School in 1956. He entered the Navy in 1956 and retired from the Navy in 1976.

In July of 1976, he began work at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He worked during the day and at night he went to school at USM, graduating in May 1980 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and in May 1981 with a Master's degree.

Hudson has been employed as a machine shop instructor at JCC for 17 years. He resides in Ocean Springs, is married, has four children and three grandchildren.

by Regina Salter
Going beyond the call of duty is how Dean of Academic Instruction William Martin described JCC's outstanding instructors Dr. Lena Melton and Robert Hudson.

Dr. Melton, a biology instructor and Hudson, machine shop instructor, at JCC were selected by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College President Dr. Barry L. Mellinger to represent the faculty and vocational programs at Lamplighter '91 at Hinds Community College.

Lamplighter is held yearly to honor outstanding community college teachers and to give instructors an opportunity to share techniques that promote learning.

According to Dr. Melton, "1991 Lamplighter was an educator's delight. An educator is praised for a

JCC's Achievers Headed in the right direction

HEADWAE Award: Jennifer Bird

Jennifer Bird, a JCC sophomore majoring in pre-law, received the HEADWAE award for academic excellence among students at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

The HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence) award is sponsored by the state legislature and honors outstanding student and faculty members from each member institution of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

"I felt very honored to be chosen as the HEADWAE award recipient for MGCCC," Jennifer said.

She credits the JCC faculty and administration in part for her academic success.

"The JCC administration and faculty have provided me with opportunities for growth through academic challenge and extra-curricular activities," she said.

"I'm confident that MGCCC was the right choice for me," she added.

In order to receive the award, students must be full-time and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average. They must also be actively involved in campus organizations and extra-curricular activities.

A 1990 graduate of Pascagoula High School, Jennifer has maintained a 3.9 cumulative grade point average while serving as president of the

freshman class on the Student Council and being an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Scholars Program and Baptist Student Union.

In addition to membership in these organizations, this year Jennifer is president of the campus Student Council and a member of the Reflections Team, the campus recruiting/hospitality team.

"Jennifer is a wonderful representative for MGCCC because she is excellent in so many areas," said Mrs. Terry Fountain, Student Activities Counselor. "She has not only maintained an excellent academic record, but she has been extremely active in extra-class activities as well."

Jennifer also serves on the Tri-Campus Executive Council of the Student Council and was a school representative to the Student Council Association of Mississippi leadership workshop.

Jennifer is a student representative on the MGCCC Alumni Association Foundation Board of Directors and served on the selection committee for the Hall of Fame Award.

She has also served on disciplinary committees on campus and has been a volunteer for campus blood drives and College and University Day. Jennifer was named the student representative on the campus long-range planning committee her freshman year.

Jennifer has been chairman for numerous Student Council projects and was chosen a freshman class favorite and elected Queen of

the 1991 homecoming court.

"Jennifer is liked and respected by her peers and by the faculty — she was elected homecoming queen and Miss JCC by her peers and was chosen for Hall of Fame and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges by the faculty," Mrs. Fountain said.

She added, "It has been a pleasure to work with her on the Student Council. She is always pleasant, reliable and responsible. This has certainly been Jennifer's year — and she deserves it!"



Everyday Achievers

David Brillhart

As each day ends, David Brillhart, 19, chalks up another achievement. Originally from Michigan, Brillhart lived with his mother and his 17 year old sister until a car accident claimed the life of his mother in 1991.

After the accident his sister decided to return to Michigan and live with their father. At the time Brillhart was a freshman honor student majoring in math and computer science at JCC and was employed by the Ocean Springs Hospital in the maintenance department.

These two factors played a major role in his decision to

remain on the coast and obtain a degree at JCC. The hardest thing about it "was accepting responsibility and taking care of myself without relying on anyone else for the time being," he said. "I know JCC was a step in the right direction. It gave me a chance to decide what I wanted to do."

Brillhart plans to return to Michigan this summer where he will work toward his degree in math and computer science.



Sharon Maistros

For Sharon Maistros, starting college in the fall of '91 was something she had waited a long time to do.

After putting her husband through dental school and when her children became old enough to attend school, Sharon decided it was her turn to go to college.

"It is in my nature to be of assistance to others, and the health professions have always intrigued me. Physical therapy will allow me to meet new people and work with them to improve the quality of their lives. What could be better?" she asked.

Before entering school, Sharon was a bit apprehensive.

"I thought that competition with students right out of high school would be unbelievable but I came to realize that I was only competing with myself."

she said.

Sharon, originally from Ohio, is a first generation student who said, "When I arrived at JCC, I was literally at a crossroad in my life, questioning my goals and capabilities. The staff at JCC, through their open-door policy and genuine concern for their students, have encouraged and motivated me to accomplish more than I ever thought I could. They are my heroes!"

Sharon's family is very supportive and give her the time she needs to study.

"If only they could cook, clean, and do the shopping, I would have it made!" she laughed.

"My advice for someone returning to college is to remember that an education is the best gift you could give yourself. With a strong work ethic and common sense, you

will be a success."



Teresa Tootle

Teresa Tootle, now 41, was expecting twins when she first enrolled at JCC in the '80s but pregnancy complications forced Teresa to put her education on hold.

One of her twin daughters was born with a severe heart defect. According to Teresa, caring for Jessica took 24 hours a day along with a five month hospital stay.

Doctors told Teresa her daughter wouldn't live a year, but with Teresa's determination and refusal not to give up, her daughter lived to be eight years old.

"You don't know what you can deal with until you are faced with it. I learned patience. The saying that adversity builds character? Well, I'm going to be quite a character when I get old. You have to keep faith and let it be your guide," said Teresa.

In 1984 she and her husband opened Variety Outlet in Pascagoula and after its success they opened a Variety Outlet store in Ocean Springs. Teresa's

husband ran the store and handled the book work and taxes. Teresa, doing what she could with no formal training in the business world, oversaw the stores' operations and ordered craft inventory while raising her four daughters, Tracy, Samantha, Jessica and Adrienne.

In 1989 Teresa and her husband divorced and she obtained the Ocean Springs store in the settlement. Without the knowledge of how to handle the books and keep up with the taxes, Teresa closed the store. Opportunity to continue her education came in 1991 for Teresa through the employment of JTPA scholarship which paid her full tuition for two years.

She is majoring in marketing at JCC and will graduate in the fall of 1992.

Teresa said, "One of the hard things at JCC to overcome was college algebra. I was afraid that I was too old for learning that kind of stuff. Fortunately, I had a great teacher, Mr. Tanner, and came out with a B."

"I think if there's any possible way, you have to set your goals and budget yourself. It's good to know I could apply myself to something and succeed at it. It's a personal fulfillment."



Lonnie Fountain

Lonnie Fountain has taken adversity in stride. This 27-year-old husband and father of two decided he would beat the odds. So far, he has succeeded.

In 1989, Fountain sustained an injury offshore which paralyzed him from the neck down. But this hasn't stopped him from doing what he's always wanted to do: go to college. He enrolled at JCC in the fall of '90.

"Attending college and majoring in drafting and architecture is something that I always wanted to do. This setback has helped me by giving me the time to get a better education. And with everybody's help, it's just a matter of time. College has shown me what's out there and how to go and get it," he said.

On Feb. 10, 1989, while tying and securing an offshore boat in dense fog, Fountain jumped and slipped off the boat.

According to Fountain, it

took six hours after being taken to the hospital for him to lose the use of his legs and a total of 10 hours for the paralysis to spread to the rest of his body. Due to the accident Fountain also lost his eyesight which he regained two weeks later.

Doctors told Fountain that his paralysis would be permanent because the nerves had been shut off at a certain point. But he has since proved them wrong.

Fountain firmly believes his paralysis is temporary because within two months he had regained the use of his arms and since then movement in his legs.

"I'm getting my education and just waiting for everything to come back," he said.

Fountain said his advice to people is, "Always look up and never feel bad about yourself. You can always look at someone else who has it worse than you. People look

at me and say, 'How can you do it?' Well, keep trying to have faith and a good frame of mind and don't let things get you down."



Everyday Achievers

Sammie Jones

Overcoming mischance didn't come easy to Sammie Jones, but a positive attitude mixed with determination prevailed.

Sophomore Sammie Jones is one of JCC's physically challenged students. Sammie was in a swimming accident when he was 16. He dove off a boat launch into shallow water and broke his neck. One bone was totally gone, leaving his neck one-half inch shorter. He was hospitalized for three and one-half months due to the development of blood clots in his leg caused by the inactivity. He spent six months in Chicago and another six months in Miami for rehabilitation therapy.

As a result, Jones was very depressed. With his parents' influence and moral support, he realized he could go to school.

He started doing things for himself and enrolled at JCC as a computer science major in 1988. Although confined to a wheelchair, Jones will graduate in May '92.

"Starting college got me out of the house so I could do things for myself and got me involved with a lot of other people and I made a lot of friends," Sammie said.

He plans to further his education at Mississippi State or South Alabama.

His advice: "Just don't sit and get depressed and think you can't do anything. Try it and you are most likely to succeed and just don't give up. Just hit it head on and do the best you can."



Doris Craver

Doris Craver is an inspiration to those who feel they cannot overcome life's ups and downs. A registered nurse, Doris is at JCC to work on obtaining her bachelor of science and masters degrees in nursing.

In July of 1968 Doris' life changed. On her way home from work her car was rear ended on the Pascagoula bridge and was smashed between two pickup trucks.

As a result, Doris sustained a ruptured disc in her neck and severe back injury as well as nerve damage in her left leg which causes her weakness.

Following the car crash, Doris was required to wear a transcutaneous nerve stimulation unit (T.E.N.S.) for nine months. This blocked impulses through the nerves reducing her pain.

"When you're in as much pain as I was, it really affects you. It was hard to focus on anything but the pain," she said.

In 1989 Doris underwent sur-

gery on her neck where a cervical fusion was performed. A bone graft was taken from her hip and placed in her neck.

"After the accident, I kept working (as charge nurse at Ocean Springs Hospital), but finally had to quit because the pain became too much. Also, I was limited as far as lifting objects weighing more than 20 lbs. When I realized that I couldn't do the work I had been doing, I decided then to return to school," she said.

Upon completion of her degree requirements, Doris plans to attend the University of South Alabama.

"One of the biggest obstacles for me in returning to school was I had to have help with carrying my books, opening doors and walking up stairs," she said.

"My advice is don't look at the circumstances that are affecting you right now, but look ahead to find a goal and don't give up. Take what life gives you and go with the flow or you don't have a chance.

Some people are survivors and others just go under. God said 'I am what you need in the hour in which you need it.'"



Elizabeth Bjork

On Jan. 23, 1992, Elizabeth Bjork's dream came true. After 20 years she became an American citizen.

Elizabeth, originally from Costa Rica, first came to the United States in 1971 at age 15 to stay with relatives. She returned to Costa Rica in 1977 so she could spend time with her mother. But when she married an American in 1985, she found herself living in the States again.

A sophomore studying to become an X-Ray technician, Elizabeth said she enrolled at JCC in the spring of '91 in order to get an education so she could get a good job.

"When I came the first semester, it was hard because I felt like I was too old to be here. The students were so much younger. After being here for a few weeks I felt more confident because age is not a factor in coming back to school," she said.

According to Elizabeth, be-

fore she could become an American citizen she had to understand and speak the English language.

"My children have been a great help because they have been in America since kindergarten and understand the language better," she said. "I feel more comfortable now since attending JCC and taking the developmental English class. It has helped me with my education and language skills. I'm not afraid of talking in front of people anymore."

Another requirement for American citizenship was to take an oral exam in which she was asked such things as who is the President of the United States and who would succeed him if he died as well as particular contents of the Constitution.

"It feels good to finally become an American citizen because America gives you the opportunity to do the things you want to do," Elizabeth said. "I now have the privilege to vote and choose our leaders

will be and I can travel with an American passport. Being here in America has given me the opportunity to go back to school after so many years."



Jane Peterman

Jane Peterman began working up the corporate ladder in the 60's, a time when women were geared to getting married and having children.

Surprisingly, she did it without a college degree. An adaptability to master computer technology in a short amount of time enabled her to become manager of a law firm and then on to manage the word processing department at the headquarters of Walden Book Stores, both located in Stamford, Connecticut.

Currently Jane is the secretary to Tom Beavers, Student Support Services director and a part-time student.

Jane began her college education in 1987 after moving to the coast and realizing that Mississippi did not have jobs in her profession.

"I had to start over again. Like other older students, I felt that I wasn't smart enough. I thought I had lost a whole lot because so many years had passed since I

had been in school. I had to start over and go back," she said.

According to Jane things are different today in the way they are taught.

"When I was in high school they didn't have such things as anthropology and zoology, etc. In the 60's women weren't thought of as professional people. They were not taught spatial concepts. Today females are given more exposure to strategies and concepts," said the special education major. She has a general degree and is minor-ing in computer science.

She said, "I want to be able to teach computers on a college level and I want to design and produce computer programs that will help the learning disabled learn better and be able to adjust to a normal environment."

"JCC has helped me tap into other abilities that I didn't know I had. It's given me the ability to contribute and the opportunity to

have a vision to see what difference I can make in society and it's given me the tools with which to do these things."



Clubs

Being headed in the right direction doesn't mean that you aren't supposed to explore new avenues.

In fact, it is because we are exploring new possibilities that we can find the right directions for our lives.

JCC did its part this year by providing ample opportunities for expanding our horizons through getting involved in campus clubs and organizations.

This year saw the clubs even more involved than ever before as they actively competed for the distinction of being named the outstanding club on campus, a new award given by the Student Council this year to reward and recognize those groups who work hard to be a part of campus life as well as doing their own thing.

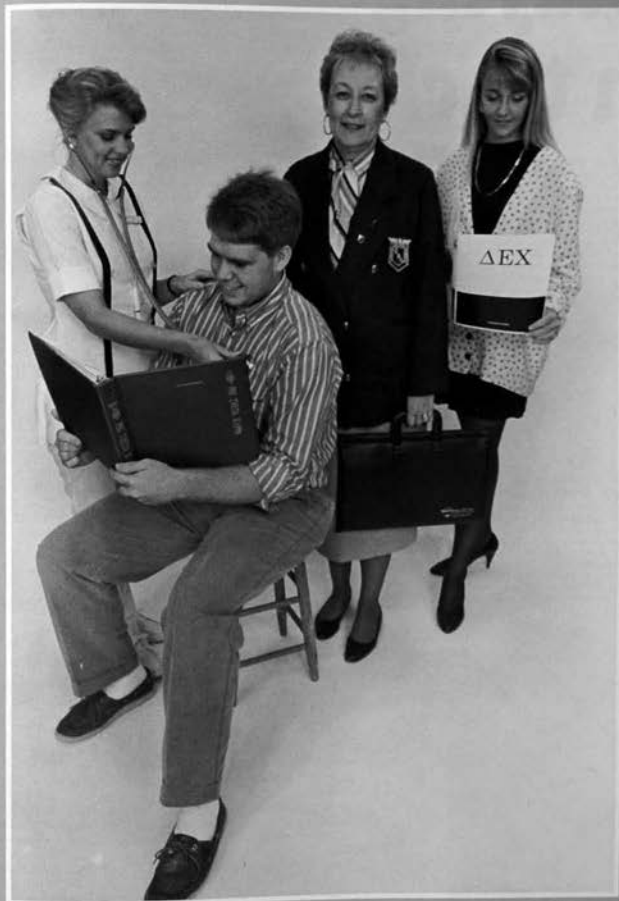
While clubs, by their very nature, have specific goals and purposes, they have a way of giving

members more than they bargained for, especially if the members are active.

Of course, members gained knowledge, experience and lots of fun from every meeting and event. They also got the added benefit of friendships made and maintained through shared interests and challenges.

Clubs at JCC gave us a taste of life beyond college as we worked together to serve our community through projects and went for the gold at state and national competitions in our fields.

While not everyone took the time to hang around campus and get a little something extra with their education, those who did clearly got a head start in the right direction!



Staying on track

PBL: Running a business

The MGCCC Jackson County Campus chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a post-secondary organization for business students with an interest in the business community. However, students don't have to be business majors in order to become members of PBL.

Members compete in a wide range of events at PBL conferences. Over the summer, JCC student and PBL member Glenda Brodnax won eighth in the nation in the job interview competitive event at the National

Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

Co-sponsor Mable Bates was also named one of twelve outstanding sponsors in the nation at the conference.

Phi Beta Lambda

PBL took on an active role in community and campus activities by participating in a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for St. Jude

Children's Hospital, JCC's Red Ribbon Week and home game spirit events. PBL won the door decoration contest for the home game.

New Images/Choices: Helping

The New Images/New Choices Club provided overwhelming support for the single homemakers and/or the mature student in addition to women enrolled in non-traditional programs at JCC.

Mrs. Jean McCool, advisor, said, "One of the main objectives of having this group is that it acts as a support group for the more mature student on campus."

New Choices is a student support group for the female student seeking training in such nontraditional jobs as

welding, industrial electricity, pipe fitting, plumbing, electronics technology, auto mechanics, machine shop, and marine maintenance, and for males enrolled in the medical fields, business and office technology.

New Images New Choices

"I feel New Choices is benefiting students enrolled in non-traditional programs in that they can be all they want to be in any area of their choice, whether male or female," said Mrs. Linda Wheeler, advisor.

Reflections: Recruiting

The Reflections Team is the student hospitality/recruiting team for the campus.

Members act as hosts and hostesses for on and off campus activities sponsored by MGCCC and assist the recruiting officer, Mrs. Terri Ormes, in getting the word out about JCC.

This year, Reflections members were busy with such functions as College and University Day for JCC students in February, Career Night for high school seniors and manning a JCC booth at the

Jackson County Fair. Members also went on recruiting trips to local high schools and took a trip to Faulkner State Community College to meet with their recruiting team, the Pow Wows, along with the Reflections members from the Perkinson and Jefferson Davis campuses.

Reflections

They entered the club competition sponsored by Student Council by participating in such activities as the Homecoming parade, playing volleyball and decorating doors.



Phi Beta Lambda Members are — FRONT ROW: Sponsor Jeanette Thomas, Carrie Spingfellow, secretary Kathryn Vancett, treasurer Elizabeth Folke, Pauline Shaw, sponsor Mable Bates. SECOND ROW: Historian Natasha Straupke, president Kathy Taylor, first vice president Barbara Sims, Roberta Conners, parliamentarian Gwen Hronek. BACK ROW: Sandra Payne, Denise Nettles, second vice president Kim Barnes, Glenda Brodnax, Betty Brounard and Barbara Clark.



New Images/New Choices Members are — FRONT ROW: Kim Freely, Theresa Foreman, Sandee Spruill, Debra Live. SECOND ROW: Equity intern Patricia Tindal, president Jeanne Trekers, Sue Grace. THIRD ROW: Lonnie Harrell, Jeannette Lawrence, Samantha Merrill, coordinator Jean McCool. BACK ROW: Equity coordinator Linda Wheeler, Shelley Lightsey, Melissa Tensch, Tina Ford, Sarah Patrick, instructor Stephanie Allison and Kate Barnes.



Reflections Members are — FRONT ROW: Recruitment officer Terri Ormes, president Dea Weber, Kathy Hammack. SECOND ROW: Hedy Usher, Kenneth Long, Jennifer Byrd, Sandy Pierce and Eibel Green.

Phases Staff Members are — FRONT ROW: Rosanne Drummond, photographer Kathy Hamrick, SECOND ROW: Assistant editor Matt Lawton, editor Kathleen Tyndall, advisor Mrs. Terry Fountain, Margaret Russell, BACK ROW: Traci Claiborn, Marybeth Welch, Bailey Tatum and Bob Hoffman. Not pictured is Tara Yates.



American Educational Office Personnel Members are — FRONT ROW: Shirley Melton, Jolene Martin, Rebecca Williams, Jean Robinson, Terry Ornes, SECOND ROW: Sandra Shannon, Barbara Richardson, Barbara Wilcox, Jan Hoffland, Gaby Huijser, Kathleen Lott, BACK ROW: George Linder, Juan Tabor, Pui Road, Sue McGill, Jay Mitchell, Rocky Rogers, Barbara McDonald and Janice Davis.



Student Council Members are — FRONT ROW: Angie Bonnet, treasurer Holly Usher, secretary Debra Weber, vice president Kari Haygood, Kelly Mansfield, SECOND ROW: Advisor Mrs. Terry Fountain, Kruti Langston, Jennifer Loftis, sophomore president Kaylene Trichell, president Jennifer Byrd, freshmen president Vicki Haygood, Tina Mayo, Kiley Reynolds, BACK ROW: Awarded member Bob Goldman, Jason Seating, Candice Walters, Amy Bonnet, associate member Ken Brundell and Jeff Pagan.



Phases: Publishing a book

JCC's yearbook staff, Phases, consisted of hard working, dedicated students working together to record the people, events, activities and accomplishments that made the 91-92 school year unique.

This year's theme "Headed in the Right Direction" attempted to capture the idea that the time spent at JCC was a step in time that prepared students for overall success in life, future academics, careers, relationships and values.

Producing the yearbook wasn't an easy task, but the determination of the staff, led by editor Kathleen Tyndall,

photographer Kathy Hamrick, assistant editor Matt Lawton, and advisor Mrs. Terry Fountain, prevailed.

The staff's duties included planning sections in the yearbook, taking numerous pictures of students at all campus events and activities, interviewing and writing copy, hours of typing, editing, layout and design of spreads and above all, meeting deadlines.

Kathleen enjoyed putting the yearbook together because of the teamwork involved and the opportunity to learn new skills.

Phases Staff

AEOP: Supporting education

The Association of Education Office Professionals, AEOP, is comprised of many individuals who make up the support staff in JCC's offices.

All office employees are a part of this important group including librarians, switchboard operators and secretaries. Any AEOP member can be found in any area of the college helping to make students' lives a little easier.

Jan Hollifield, secretary to William Martin, Dean of Academic Instruction, was voted MGCCC office pro-

fessional of the year for JCC said, "The organization gives all the secretaries a chance to get together."

JCC secretaries meet once every two months and office staff meet quarterly.

Barbara Blakey, JCC's campus representative for AEOP, said, "Being a member of AEOP and holding a PSP certificate can increase the income of the member."

The JCC AEOP is affiliated with the Mississippi and National AEOP.

Office Personnel

Student Council: Serving

JCC's Student Council is responsible for planning, promoting and making a variety of activities happen on campus. Council members strive to get input from non Council members on their interests and concerns.

Student Council sponsored events this fall included Club Day, home game spirit week events, Red Ribbon Week, the Turkey

Trot, a Christmas door decorating contest and the annual Fill the Stocking Party.

Perhaps the most important func-

tion of the Student Council is to get as many people as possible involved in campus activities. The Council took a giant step in encouraging club participation this year by instituting The Lofton Award to be given to the club

recognized as 'the most active in campus life. The winner will be determined on a point system. The award honors Billie Lofton who

served as Dean of Student services in December after 27 years of service to the college.

Student Council

Working together

Getting involved

DEChi: Getting in style

Preparing for actual career opportunities made being a member of Delta Epsilon Chi challenging and rewarding.

Students majoring in marketing management and fashion merchandising learned leadership skills they will need in management fields by participating in DEChi's projects.

"This is great practical experience for students because they can relate what they learn in the classroom to events at state and national competition," said Mrs. Marsha Cluff, sponsor.

Delta Epsilon Chi

Among the 19 different events were sales representative, sales management, fashion merchandising and interview.

"I liked it because you got a chance to compete with other junior colleges and it motivated you to go for your degree in marketing," said sophomore Vicki Woodland.

Vice president Jeanman Clark added, "The best part of DEChi was going to Jackson to compete with other college students. It puts you in a real life situation before you graduate."

MLT: Searching for cures

The Medical Laboratory Technology Club is for all students enrolled in the program.

The sponsors are Mrs. Gretchen Cunningham, clinical instructor, and Mrs. Sherry Whitmore, instructor and program director.

Medical laboratory technicians are part of the diagnostic team, a side of health care few patients see. Mrs. Whitmore describes this like a wheel — the hub is the

patient and the spokes are all the health occupations.

Every year the MLT Club has a toy sale. Profits go to purchase toys and other items for children in hospitals on Easter. When they bring the

Medical Lab Tech

toys, one of the members dresses up like the Easter Bunny. If there is any leftover money from that, the money goes to help dentists see. Mrs. Whitmore describes this like a wheel — the hub is the

fray the cost of trips to national and state conventions and workshops.

JC Singers: Performing

Broadway show tunes, contemporary gospel, barber shop quartet, folk music, Southern gospel and pop music of the 60's-90's provided the material for the JC Singers' performances this year.

"This is the best group we've ever had," said sponsor Leon Gray. "This is by far the strongest bunch of guys we've ever had."

The nine-member group sang for conventions, churches, the Very Special Arts Mississippi East Gulf Coast Festival and their very own production before Thanksgiving. They planned to

play a big part in Fine Arts Week in the spring and go to Disney World.

The Singers went classy this year with tuxedos and semiformal for their performances.

All voice and music majors are required to take choir, but students must audition to become members of the Singers. This year's choir boasted 18 members, nine of

JC Singers

whom were Singers.

"We have a lot of fun and we're all friends," said Joe Driver. "Since we are a small group, it is easy to become close friends."



Delta Epsilon Chi members are — FRONT ROW: Chasity Morgan, president Ellen Howell, Marcel Welch. SECOND ROW: Sponsor, Charlie Neumann, Vickie Woodland, Andrea Smith, vice president Joanne Clark, reporter Kelli Graham, secretary Sharna Stojich and sponsor Marsha Cluff.



Medical Lab Technology members are — FRONT ROW: Rhonda Blair, George Hand, Toni Perry, Angela Taylor, Fran Cantrell. SECOND ROW: Ray Collins, Darrell Collier, Bridgette Kennedy, president Trish McLendon, Darlene Wynn. BACK ROW: Richard Isaac, Jennifer DeLeon, Melita Hand, vice president Chasity Murphy, treasurer/secretary Charley Yates, Gretchen Green, Steve Quattlebaum, Clifford Horton, instructor Sherry Whitmore, clinical instructor, Gretchen Cunningham.



JC Singers members are — FRONT ROW: Bruce Perry, Tim Mayo. SECOND ROW: Craig Haskins, Anthony Langley, Allina Good. BACK ROW: Alex Switzer, Wes Swillett, Donald Machelle, Brent Crooner, Labette Coleman, and Sponsor Leon Gray. Not pictured: Charlie Smith and Joe Driver.

Phi Theta Kappa members are — FRONT ROW: Jake McDaniel, Kristine Nicholson, Tina Noonan, Kristi Reynolds, Nancy Poole, Nancy Gater, Jennifer Byrd, alumni secretary Judy Woods. SECOND ROW: Sponsor Kay Sims, reporter Margaret Russell, vice president James Patterson, Robyn Max, president Clay Carter, Robin Gilbert, Lawrence Walker, Orie Taylor, sponsor Dr. Elizabeth Ngima. BACK ROW: Ryan Swedens, Brian Gration, Melissa McCrany, David Lewellen, treasurer Barry McMillan. Not pictured Jennifer Berry, Roxanne Drummond, Steven Pinsky.



Abilities Unlimited members are — FRONT ROW: Sammy Jones, Judy Tansie. SECOND ROW: Roxanne Towles, Jane Peterson, Christopher Clapp, sponsor Joy Ash, sponsor Tim Beavers.



American Welding Society members are — FRONT ROW: Albert Mitchell, Derrick Richard. SECOND ROW: Sponsor William Harris, secretary Mark Bennett, chairman Doug Norstrom, vice chairman Michael Benesi, Walter Verborough. BACK ROW: Anthony Mitchell, John Powell, Seannika Merrill, Troy Nusselt. Not pictured Gary Webb.



PTK: Making the grades

Phi Theta Kappa is a nationally recognized scholastic fraternity for community college students that provides opportunities for the development of leadership and service and encourages continuing academic excellence.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa are of various ages, educational experience, and background. Membership is by invitation.

"It's a great opportunity for someone to get involved in community affairs," said Clay Carver, president. PTK vice president James Patterson

said, "PTK is teaching me how to balance effectiveness with efficiency."

This year's theme for PTK was "Paradox of Freedom" with activities centered around the Vote America Campaign to encourage young people to vote. In the fall, members made posters, reminders to vote and decorated a display in the

Singing River Mall with Vote America ads.

"PTK is not only interested in academics but helping to better our community," said Tina Noonan.

Phi Theta Kappa

Abilities Unlimited: Advocating

Abilities Unlimited provides support for physically challenged students who must overcome many obstacles while working toward their educational goals.

"Abilities Unlimited is set up so that physically challenged students can share, ventilate, or discuss problems they are having with teachers, subjects or getting from one building to another," said Tom Beavers, club sponsor.

Abilities Unlimited also gives physically challenged students a chance to deal with issues that directly affect

them.

The club is active in making JCC more accessible to physically challenged students. Cross walks and doors have been made to accommodate physically challenged students and a new ramp was added to the fine arts building due to club recommendations.

The club's sponsor, Student Support Services, makes sure physically challenged students are able to take notes and tests in all of their classes. The goal of SSS is to insure that no one is denied access to any program at JCC.

Abilities Unlimited

AWS: Keeping current

Laser beam welding is just one of many current trends about which members of JCC's chapter of the American Welding Society (AWS) are learning.

"The AWS produces a journal that keeps members up on the latest trends in welding," said William Harris, welding instructor and AWS sponsor.

Field trips and guest speakers who cover a wide range of topics associated with the welding field are organized to help members become familiar with welding techniques.

Members also attend seminars that deal with welding processes, joining techniques, testing methods and ship-building welding.

"Being a member of AWS is a plus because members get to meet job supervisors and make a good impression on them," Harris added.

Gulf coast industries are constantly looking for qualified, well-trained welders and members of JCC's chapter of AWS are filling that need, according to Harris.

AWS members are on the right track to successful, well-paying careers.

American Welding Society

Leading the way

Doing it right

BSU: Growing in faith

The Baptist Student Union is an organization implemented to lead students to commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and to nurture them in the Christian faith and life through fellowship, prayer and service.

The BSU involves students who are discovering themselves, their work and their lives.

Sandy Pierce, president, said that the BSU room in C building is the place to go when you are down.

"The students support each other and lift each other up," she said.

"I think BSU is important because there are a lot of nice, friendly people in it who give great Christian support. I think everyone needs that support," added freshman BSU member Jacquelline Chatel.

Supported by Southern Baptists, BSU is one of the largest student organizations on campus. They participated in many

phases of campus life this year such as the door decorating contest, the homecoming parade and charity projects.

Baptist Student Union



Baptist Student Union

members are — FRONT ROW: James Bolen, Jacquelline Chatel, Bill Goldman, Tina Noonan, Phong Luong. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Browning, Jennifer Latus, president Sandy Pierce, Marcia Pierce, Bailey Tatum, director David Rogers. THIRD ROW: Rob Younger, Kensi Haygood, Bernice Allen, Mely Libser, Jennifer Byrd. Not pictured: Javari Sanning.

VICA: Developing skills

More and more local businesses are hiring JCC students who are members of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).

VICA is the only club for students involved in the trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations programs on campus.

JCC's VICA chapter is a professional organization that teaches its members valuable leadership, communication and technical skills.

VICA members have a chance to enter state competitions where the

winners advance to nationals.

These competitions help VICA members prepare for their futures by allowing them to improve skills that are necessary for employment.

Members also gain confidence in their abilities by competing in professional development programs and seminars.

The VICA chapter at JCC is constantly turning out qualified students who are recognized for having the right skills for a successful future.

VICA



Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

members are — FRONT ROW: Edward Bine, president Mike Buzzone, advisor Delta Smith. SECOND ROW: Lonnie Hatrell, Alice Weems, Sarah Patrick, Shelby Lightsey. Not pictured: Bailey Tatum.

LPN: Learning the ropes

The Student Practical Nursing Association (LPN) Club is comprised of all the students enrolled in the licensed practical nursing program at JCC.

The students sponsored various fund raisers, helped with the blood drive and won the fall volleyball tournament. The club also functioned as the source of qualified nursing

professionals for the local professionals for the local hospitals, doctor's offices and nursing homes who frequently contact the school for pro-

spective employees.

The purpose of the Student Practical Nursing Association is to develop character and leadership among members; to stimulate interest and participation in professional organizations; to provide professional and social contact with students and professionals; encourage participation in student activity pro-

grams; and to direct students toward education and the development of personal potential as a student of practical nursing and as a person.

Student Practical Nurses



Student Practical Nurses

members are — FRONT ROW: Celia Gandy, H. Marshall, Gloria Fullerton, Maria Giam, Margie Floyd, assistant class coordinator Shari Smith, student "young" ad Sharon Poble. BACK ROW: Treasurer Darlene Ballen, president Paula Wilson, Mark Johnson. BACK ROW: Rick Garrett, Ron Russell, Teresa Fowery, Diana Bacon, lab technician Pascha McIntire, bookkeeper Jeanne Mackie, vice-president Yarnan Mitchell, cheerleader Tommy Woodland. Not pictured: Sophia Carey, secretary Diana Reed, Smith Burk, Virginia Snodgrass, Felicia Heathering, Elaine Stutzman, Bobbie Schaefer.

Coastliner members are: — FRONT ROW: Advisor Mrs. Terry Fountain, Michelle Chambliss and Raynald Seaton. SECOND ROW: Michelle Walker, Virginia Bush, Matt Lawson, Bill Sturff. Not pictured are Stephanie Ingalls, Editor Helena Eckstein and photographer Kathy Hammack.



Student Nursing Association members are: — FRONT ROW: Katherine Shaver, Christine McCloskey, Judy Vick, Tara Godfrey. SECOND ROW: Spencer, Mary Francis Crowe, Kathleen Buggert, secretary Nancy Bloodworth, P.J. Sherman, Rene Colley, Idaly Torjues. THIRD ROW: Margie Dett, Teri Lott, Laveria Morko, Mandy Beaman, Susan Applewhite. Not Pictured are President Donna Lear, First Vice-President Carol Carter, Treasurer Philip Thomas, Membership Chairperson Deborah Paduani, Community Projects Chairperson Rachel Westfall.



Honors Students are: (In alphabetical order) Benoit Allen, Sherry Anglin, Angela Babb, Kelley Blake, Michelle Curry, Rutanne Drummond, Evelyn Gault, Deborah Hardy, Swati Hart, Cheryl Johnson, Kristi Langston, Michael Lapewson, Ngoc Le, Michael Lee, David Lewellen, Shelly Lewis, David Mack, Robyn May, Brian McCormick, Kathryn McCrany, Tina Noonan, Christopher Ragdale, Chester Sheehar, Anthony Smith, Ryan Snowden, Yodla Thewick, Corina Walker, Cathy Wells, Jodi Williams, Laura Winn, Jennifer Bird, David Boffard, Clayton Carver, Rhonda Evans, Cynthia Flurry, John Goff, Brian Grooms, Jeremy Lacoste, Barry McMillan, Amy Morris, Kristi Reynolds.



Coastliner: Reporting the news

When news happens at Jackson County Campus, chances are there is a reporter from the Coastliner covering it.

The Coastliner is JCC's award-winning newspaper written by students in Mrs. Terry Fountain's journalism class.

While the page is produced by JCC students, it is published every two weeks by the Mississippi Press Plant and is distributed to over 40,000 Press subscribers.

Students are given lectures on everything from how to write a good

lead to the proper way to structure a news story.

Mrs. Fountain also shares her experience as a reporter with students to show them what it takes to be responsible journalists.

The staff then applies what it learned in class by going out and covering stories that have an interest to JCC students such as the successful blood drive and art exhibits.

The editor was Helena Eckstein. Kathy Hammack was the student photographer.

Coastliner

SNA: Professional Support

The Jackson County Campus Student Nurses Association is open to students enrolled in the associate degree nursing program and pre-nursing programs leading to the associate or baccalaureate degrees in nursing.

"The purpose of this association is to entice student nurses to become active in their professional organization," said Mrs. Mary Frances Crown, R.N.

Donna Lear, club president and a fourth level nursing student, said that members come in close contact with

their peers who can give helpful advice.

In order to raise money for membership and club activities this year,

SNA members sold candy, sponsored a bake sale which raised \$123.31 September 3 and held pumpkin auctions in November.

Full semester they held a health fair at Singing River Mall.

Other activities include guest speakers, participation at the annual state convention and community projects.

Student Nurses Association

Honors: Academic Challenge

The Honors Program is an academically challenging environment for gifted students who meet required criteria. Honors students participate with similarly motivated students in small, animated classes.

"The best part about the Honors Program is the people," said Cathy Wells. "The best part of the Honors Program for me is going through school with the same group of people," said Bonnie Allen.

Honors students participate weekly

in a forum where they interact about social issues, have guest speakers and plan activities and projects.

"The Honors Program is a good institution because it does not give new information, it evokes thought of learned information — something that is rare in an academic environment," said Ashley Stonestreet.

According to Miss Pattye Grady, Honors Director, this year's program has 40 students.

Honors

Setting the pace

Serving students

Coastliner: Spreading the news

A small but dedicated staff had to bear its' out in the spring semester journalism class.

The usual headlines were made even more stressful due to an extra load of stories assigned to seven reporters.

"Even I, as editor this year, felt the strain. I took on more stories this year to help even out the class," said Helena Eckstein, a journalism class veteran who set the copy at Mississippi Press in Pascagoula.

Dr. Royce B. Luke, the new Vice President of JCC, and Mrs. Linda

Switzer, the new Dean of Student Services, were some of the stories included in this semester's Coastliner page found every two weeks in the Press Plus. The production of the play *The Emperor's New Clothes*, College University Day, and Lagunap Day were covered, along with occurring stories such as campus clubs.

Students in Mrs. Terry Fountain's journalism class received field experience by producing the page read in 40,000 homes in the county.

Spring Coastliner



SPRING COASTLINER STAFF

members are — Seated: Virginia Bach, Susan Wade; Standing: Advisor Terry Fountain, Greg Wilkins, Jennifer Loftus, Reginald Salts and Sharon Cooper; Inset: Editor Helena Eckstein. Also on staff, not pictured: Lex Davison, John Reeves and photographer Kathy Hammack.

Delta Psi Omega: Acting up

To be or not to be... in theater that is Delta Psi Omega honorary dramatic. Fraternity marked its tenth anniversary on campus by initiating nominees in a ceremony February 18.

The eight nominees for this year's initiation, contributed to at least one theatrical production on campus, learned the history of drama and the Greek alphabet, and recited a monologue or poem on stage during the initiation.

"The monologue will be the easy

part. It's memorizing the Greek alphabet that will be the hard part," said Charles Albritton, one of the nominees.

Other nominees were Marcel Weib, Michele Walker, Daniel Talbot, Cathery Joachim, Tim Stone, Angie Bonnet and Amy Bonnet.

Delta Psi Omega's sponsor, Betty Oswald, said, "Offering a member of Delta Psi Omega offers students a continuing bond with others interested in the theater."

Delta Psi Omega



DELTA PSI OMEGA members are

— Front row: Betty Oswald, advisor; Kathy Hammack, President; and Cathery Joachim, Back row: Charles Albritton, Daniel Talbot, Michele Walker and Jay Coker. Not pictured: Honorary member Mrs. Wanda Stewart, Tara Yates, Stacy Weston, Marcel Weib and Tim Stone.

Human Services: Helping others

The Human Services Club is comprised of all the students in the human services program at JCC.

The club provides members with an understanding of what human services is all about and what to expect by choosing human services as a professional career.

In addition to the academic work involved in the program, members are required to be active in many community projects.

"Students volunteer for help in the local soup kitchens, help with Special Olympics and make baskets for Christmas and Thanksgiving to be given to the needy," said Tom Boone, instructor of Human Services and club sponsor.

According to Robert F. Krotsch, professor at the University of Tennessee, human services is

a multi disciplinary field that concerns itself with the education of persons who will provide direct service to people in need.

Human Services



HUMAN SERVICES members are

— Front row: Audie Hinton, Sonya Taylor, Seated row: Beverly Davis, Frankie Weib, Linda Church, Patricia Tindal, Alicia Dault. Third row: Michelle Green, Linda King, Amy Anderson, Kenny Raymore and Joanne Dominguez.

People

During the average day at JCC, you'll encounter a variety of students—the young and the not so

young, the physically challenged and some who have come from different cultures. Yet, they have all found their niches at JCC and help to lead them in the right directions.

My last class of the day had ended and after making copies of my notes for a fellow student, I decided to get a Coke and sit on one of the benches at the Gazebo. As I rested, I watched as a diminutive lady in a motorized wheelchair scooted toward A building.

I was filled with admiration.

She was overcoming physical limitations—besides contending with the stress that most of us encounter—in order to get an education. What an inspiration!

This campus is filled with people like her.

Light-hearted laughter drew my attention to a group of students sitting on the steps. They were a mixture of several different cultures and a range of ages—and they were all good friends, sharing the same road as they were headed in their own directions.

People are important on this campus. From students to the administration. From faculty to the staff. Without them, there would be no need for JCC. And fewer people would have the opportunity to be headed in the right direction!



Administration

JCC's administrators led us in the right direction!

This page from top left: Linda Switzer, 1992 Dean of Student Services. Top right: William Martin, Dean of Academic and General Instruction with his secretary Jan Holfield. Bottom left: Dr. Haubang Mursamand, Dean of Business Services. Right: Bill J. Loflin, 1991 Dean of Student Services. Opposite page top center: Vice Presidents Dr. Royce Lake and Curtis L. Davis. Bottom left: Dr. Elizabeth Norim, assistant dean of learning resource center. Center: Dean of Vocational Instruction Jerald Shepherd. Bottom right: Ben Hodgekorn, assistant dean of Vocational Instruction.



After 41 years of service to MGCCC

JCC Vice President Curtis Davis retires

For a man who by his own admission got a poor start in education, Curtis Lee Davis, Sr., of Vanceville has come a long way as an educator. That career helping others learn came to an end in December when Davis retired from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, which he served for 41 years, the last 26 as Dean and Vice President of the Jackson County Campus.

Dean Davis, as he is known by thousands who have attended Gulf Coast, never intended to pursue education as a career — he sort of fell into it.

"My life has been unique in the way it has happened," said Davis. "It really wasn't so much planned as it just happened."

When Davis was in the eighth grade, the school in Vanceville was hit by lightning and burned down. A two bedroom home and an agriculture building were put together to accommodate the students the next three years.

"It wasn't the best of learning situations," he said. Davis attended school for only a month as a senior before being activated by the Navy. He had enlisted as a 17-year-old, not expecting to be called to duty until after his senior year. But shortly after he turned 18, Uncle Sam beckoned.

Luckily, Davis was able to complete school despite being on the high seas. He had accumulated enough credits as a junior, so that he only needed three more credits to graduate. He was given one credit for being in the 4-H club and the other for being in the Navy.

"I was as ill-prepared for college as a person can be, because of the school situation," he said.

"Most of my teachers just had a high school education themselves. It was a poor arrangement, but it was the best we could do at the time." Davis was one of two graduates in his high school graduating class of 1946. "When I was supposed to have graduated, I was aboard a destroyer stationed in Honolulu," he said.

During his first year at what was then called Perkinson Junior College, Davis was told he could have a teaching position if he would change his major and finish his degree at a senior college.

He switched his major from engineering to industrial education and went on to Mississippi State, where he received his bachelor's degree May 29, 1950. Three days later he returned to Perkinson and was with the school ever since.

"Working for Gulf Coast is the only full-time job I've ever had," Davis said. "I've had the longest employment with the school of anybody, including when it was an agricultural high school."

While Davis's life in education has followed a smooth path, his personal life has hit some bumps in the last few years.

His youngest son Jed was killed in the age of 16 in a hunting accident three years ago. Just last February, Helen, Davis' wife of 43 years, was killed in a traffic accident in Vanceville on a rainy evening. Two of his grandchildren — the children of son Jimmy — were in the car with their grandmother at the time. They were injured, but survived and are doing well, according to Davis.

It would be easy for Davis to be bitter. Just when he was reaching a time in his life when he could kick back, relax and hunt (which he dearly loves), two of his loved ones were taken.

He credits being brought up in a Christian environment by his parents, Earl and Ada, with helping him cope with the tragedy.

"You never know from one minute to the next what's in store... that's why we need to be prepared," Davis said. "We need to thank the Lord every day for letting us stay on this earth to be part of society."

"I know things happen for a reason, but you still ask yourself 'why?'"

Davis said his competitiveness has been important in his ability to overcome obstacles in his life.

"I'm a competitor no matter what I do. I'm going to compete to the fullest extent of my ability. I've always had that philosophy and have tried to instill that in my kids and students," he said.

A.C. "Skeeter" Weeks of Pascagoula, who played tennis with Davis

at Mississippi State, and has known him for years, witnessed how Davis handled tragedy.

"Those were two tragic events that would have devastated most people," Weeks said. "But with his character he was able to handle that sort of thing."

"I've never known Curtis to be bitter." Davis' first job at Perkinson was teaching mechanical drawing and wood-working. The second year, he moved to director of the co-tech program.

While teaching at Perk, Davis received his masters at Southern Mississippi and worked on his Doctorate. Raising a family and opening the Jackson County Campus helped prevent Davis from finishing his thesis, however.

"In a way, I regret I didn't write my thesis," he said. "I let time go by with all my responsibilities."

When the college trustees decided to expand and build a campus in Jackson County, Davis jumped at the chance to take part. In 1965, when the campus opened, Davis became its first and only executive dean, a title later changed to vice president.

The school has gone from three buildings which accommodated 300 students to a sprawling 11-building facility which provides instruction for thousands of students a year.

The junior college (now called community college) has undergone a big transformation since Davis' early days at Perk.

"We had to fight the image of being second rate for years, but now there are more students in Mississippi's community colleges than in all the classes at all the universities in the state put together," he said.

"Curtis Davis is on the top of my list of professional colleagues," said Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC President. "He has been the driving force in the development of the campus at Gautier."

When Mellinger enrolled at Perk more than 30 years ago, Davis was his counselor. "He has meant the ultimate to me and the college," Mellinger said.

Sports has always been a big part of Davis' life. He played basketball in high school and was one of the top players on the tennis team at MSU. When Davis reached the semifinals of the SEC tournament in 1950, it was the highest an MSU player had ever advanced.

Davis later coached tennis for 10 years at Gulf Coast and had nine undefeated seasons. His teams won 72 matches, lost two, tied two and won seven state titles. Those two losses were to the same school in the same year.

His interest in tennis began when he and some friends built a dirt court in Vanceville. They used wire to make the net.

Davis said he is a bit jealous of opportunities in athletics that kids have today that he didn't have.

"I envy all that's available for kids today — and so many of them don't take it seriously. If I had had those opportunities when I was young..." he said, shaking his head.

Davis has four children living and nine grandchildren. The children are Curt, Jr., 39; Jimmy, 36; Kim, 32; and Anne, 31. They are all married, have families and live in Vanceville.

Despite the accident that took the life of his son, Davis still has a passion for hunting, especially deer hunting. He, however, doesn't go hunting just to shoot an animal. "I like being in the woods. Sometimes I go just to hear the dogs."

Davis still lives in Vanceville in the house in which he was born. The house, surrounded by a 100-acre pecan orchard, is located off Highway 57.

Davis admitted that stepping down from the only full time job he has ever had won't be easy. "I'll have plenty to do to keep me busy," he said.

"But I'm not going to leave and forget about this college. As long as I'm capable, I'll do what I can to see that it's carried on for years to come," he added.

—By Mike Wixon
Mississippi Press





After 26 years of service to MGCCC

Dean Billie Lofton retires from JCC

For 26 years, Billie J. Lofton, retiring Dean of Student Services, at MGCCC's Jackson County Campus, gave selflessly to help students reach their educational goals.

Throughout his career at JCC, Lofton helped students register for the right classes and answered their many questions.

"I have a pretty good memory and I recall when I was a student people listened and they would try and help you," Lofton said.

"I've done my best to help students because I believe that as a community college, we should give as much individual attention to them as we can," he added.

Lofton began his career at JCC when it opened in 1965 as an algebra, trigonometry and calculus instructor. Only 300 students attended JCC at the time and Lofton said the faculty knew everyone on a first name basis.

There was one slight problem.

"Most of the buildings weren't completed, so we were constantly having to go around all of this building material to get to class," he recalls.

In 1966, he became part of the JCC administration serving as Dean of Student Services and Instruction.

"The first summer I was in charge of the admissions and scheduling process of all students. Things were disorganized but it was a learn as you go process. We didn't do placement tests then and some students probably ended up in classes they shouldn't have been in," said Lofton referring to the scheduling process in 1966.

Now, 26 years later, a lot has changed. Over 3,000 students attend JCC, and the campus has grown from just a few buildings in 1966 to 11 now.

One thing has remained. That is the satisfaction Lofton got when he helped a student who hadn't had success at a major university.

"I have found more satisfaction in helping students who have attended universities and were unsuccessful. They have no desire to go on to college but they come here and they find people willing to help them work toward a degree. And that's very rewarding. Sometimes I think we should call JCC the College of Second Chance," he said.

State and federal laws governing admissions and financial aid

have grown and Lofton said it is the college's responsibility to follow them.

"I am a compassionate man and I always had the interest of the student at hand. But that must be tempered with the standards that state and federal laws set forth. We have no choice but to enforce the policies governing admissions, financial aid and veterans affairs," he said.

Lofton said it was sometimes difficult to follow the regulations.

"Sometimes we may feel that a student deserves a second chance but then we just have to grit our teeth and follow the rules," he added.

"I would like to be remembered as a person who put serving other people above serving myself," Lofton said.

Lofton was honored at a reception Nov. 7 hosted by his staff in student services. Special guests were members of his family. Nov. 7 was also proclaimed Billie Lofton Day in Gautier by Mayor John Reed.

Presentations were made by college personnel as well as Mayor Reed and State Representative Ray Vecchio. Skits and poems were dedicated to Lofton and announcement was made of the institution of the Lofton Award in his honor to recognize annually the most outstanding campus student organization. Among gifts were a scrapbook of his years of service at JCC and sports equipment.

Lofton's successor is Mrs. Linda Switzer, formerly the Director of Admissions at JCC.

According to House Resolution No. 51 passed in his honor last year, "Lofton's 32 years of commitment to quality education (in public education) and the special care and concern with which he has consistently addressed the personal needs of students who seek his counsel and assistance are exemplary of the finest in professionalism and personal compassion."

He was the charter president of the Gautier Rotary Club and served as vice president and president of the Board of Trustees for Singing River Hospital Systems. He is an active member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Theta Kappa, Mississippi Deans of Student Personnel Association and First Baptist Church.

By Matt Lawson



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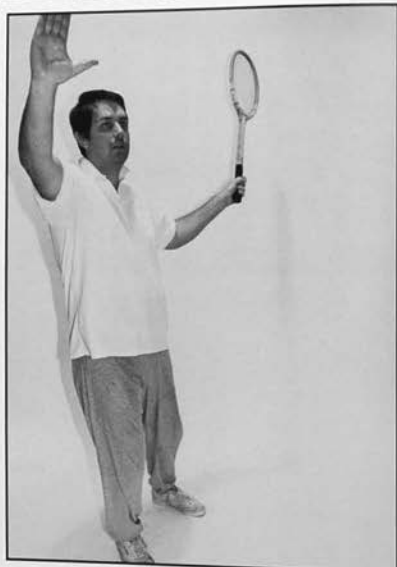
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Opal Nacane
Stacey Nelson
Willie Nerries
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Nicola Oram



Stephanie Ingegnerio



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Rosemary Parnell
James Pevinski
Suzanne Penn
Cherie Persons
Jennifer Pettis
Toni Pettis
Wendy Pickett



John Powell
Tim Purcell



Lisa Quinn
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Mary Taylor
Jennifer Thompson
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Renee Mills
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Brad Arrington
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Nancy Bates

Gayle Beavers
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Paul Henderson
Penny Holloway

Shar Holmberg
Johnny Hobson

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Tina Key
Todd Keyes
Lawana King

William Kline
Lycenia Ladner
Tammy Ladner
Linda Lane
Danny Lasey
Tracy Lasey



Bill Goldman

Sophomores

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Catherine Little
Kenneth Long
Nancy Mackie
Bridget Mathews
Tara Mayo
Kristina McAdams



Christine McClanck
Amy McCowan
Kenna McGee
Barry McMillan
Amy Merritt
Bernard Millner
Kay Mills



Pamela Moore
Sherry Morgan



Kimberly Morris
Leslie Murry



Pam Nelson
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Sarah Patrick
James Patterson
Diane Pearson
Nancy Pude



Timothy Porter
Dana Ramsey
David Ray
Kristi Reynolds
Lynda Rice
Alesia Robinson
Keith Rogers



Kathleen Tyndall



Sophomores



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Margaret Russell
Jason Sanning
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Cecilia Watson
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Bryan Williams



Keith Williams
Jennifer Wilson
Theresa Wilson
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Denise Zalkoff

Retirees honored at farewell luncheon

Administration and faculty as well as friends and colleagues joined together to say farewell to five of JCC's faculty and administrators at a retirement party that really rocked the cafeteria in December.

The welcome was extended by Dr. Lena Hollis Melton, Mistress of Ceremonies, followed by the invocation given by Dr. Elizabeth Nelms.

Retirees honored included Curtis Davis, JCC's Vice President for 41 years; Mrs. Floye Batchelor, developmental math instructor at JCC for 21 years; Ms. Mable Bates, instructor in the business department who taught for six years; Harry Crawford, a machine shop instructor with the community college for nine years, and Dr. Mary Miller of the business department who served as an instructor for 27 years.

Special dinner music was provided by Linda Messer, language arts instructor and Tom Beavers, Director of Student Support Services. Gifts and speeches honoring each retiree were presented by faculty and staff members.

"In describing my 27 years in the classroom, I'd say they were exciting, rewarding and challenging," said Dr. Miller. "I love the classroom. I love the people I worked with and I will miss them. If I had to go back and do it again I probably wouldn't change a thing. I'd just work harder and learn more."

Language arts instructor Kevin Jenner dressed up like Cher and lip sync'd songs for the occasion. She said, "The entertainment was very lively and not typical of a retirement luncheon."

She also said that a non-faculty member came up to her and said, "That's just the perfect entertainment that every retirement luncheon needs!"

Tom Beavers said it made him feel good to be able to contribute to the luncheon because the people retiring were important and valuable educators at the community college.

The luncheon was a major success. Although the retirees said farewell they are far from forgotten. Their legacies of quality instruction and support over the years will be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to have been a part of JCC with them.



Retirees were honored — This page from left: Harry Crawford, Floye Batchelor, Curtis Davis, Mable Bates and Dr. Mary Miller pose after the sentimental and entertaining luncheon in their honor.



Retirement luncheon entertainment was great! From left to right: Kevin Jenner rocks the luncheon with her version of Cher; Top right, the song "Charlie Brown" was lip sync'd by Dave Greenwell (as Charlie Brown), Ralph Smith, Ralph Jones, Tom Beavers, Walter Mullen and Dean Shaw. Center, Tom Boone, Janice Davis, Edna Shaw and Kay Sims portrayed the honorees in a skit. Paul Morgan played the role of Curtis Davis. Bottom, Cher serenades Curtis Davis.

Changes



Everyone must choose his own path to follow. As JCC students we have chosen the path of success. That's why we're here.

From the time we entered JCC for the first time until now, we have been subject to change. Change that made us more knowledgeable as well as more socially and culturally aware.

As freshmen we were something else. We got lost at every turn, tried valiantly to make it to class on time and had nightmares about the amount of homework required.

But by the time we became sophomores, we had learned the ropes of campus life, had taken the hours of homework in stride and strengthened the friendships we had made as freshmen.

We learned something special about ourselves: that we can set and achieve goals no matter what obstacles are put in

our paths.

When the time comes for each of us to say farewell to JCC, it will be with excitement, trepidation and sadness. But we will surge forward into the unknown because JCC has laid the foundation for future success.

Administration, faculty and staff went above and beyond the call of duty to instill a love of learning in each student. We have listened to and built upon the guidance provided to us by our mentors at JCC, enabling us to excel and strive for the best.

Our career choices may change a dozen times before we light upon the one best suited to our individuality and talent.

And as we search to find ourselves in an ever changing world, we may pass each other and smile because we know that regardless of the different paths we have chosen we're all headed in the right direction.



Choices



If we were headed in the right direction this year, it was because we made some right choices.

There were plenty of alternatives. Sleep late and skip class or get up and make the grade. Go out and forget the studying or stay in and hit the books. Get away from campus as soon as the bell rings or hang around and get involved with clubs and events and people.

Options were offered in the career center and during registration. College and University Day helped guide our way to the future while the blood drives helped guide our way to serving others.

Then there were the clubs with their opportunities for involvement and the activities that begged for our participation.

A poster on the wall in the Student Council room reads, "All of life should round until it comes together and makes some sense." Stepping back and taking a look at the year through the pages of this book might

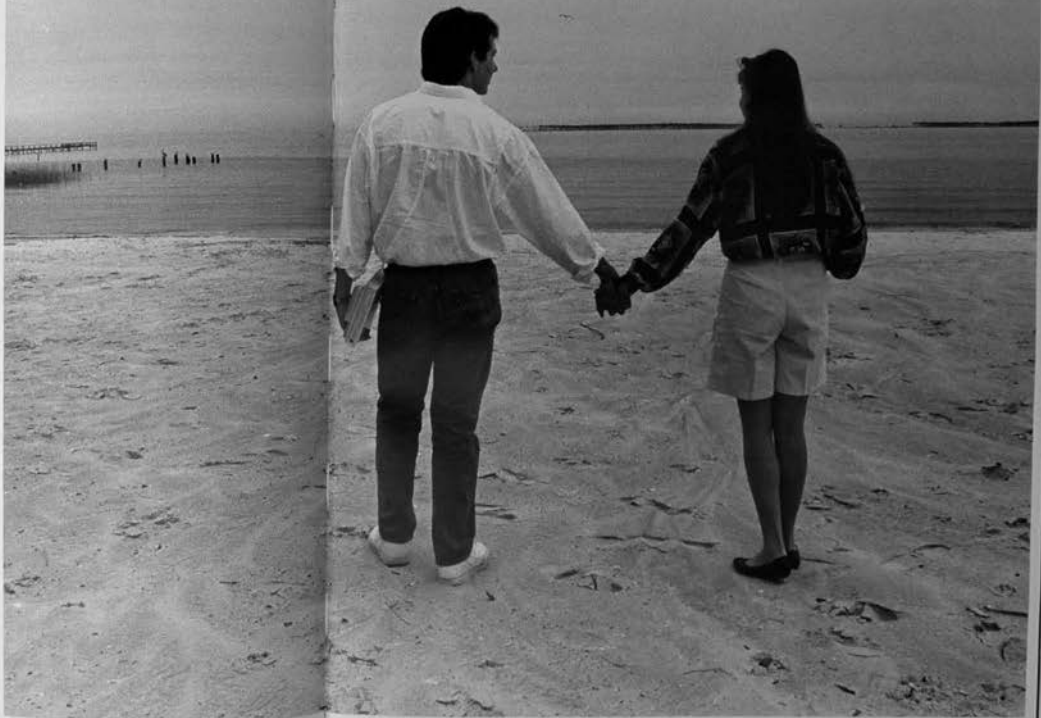
help all of us put things into perspective and make some sense of a year in which men with famous names were on trial for rape and Russia no longer seemed to be our arch rival.

If anything was a constant, it was change. If you could count on anything, you could count on things changing.

For JCC's students, change came in many forms. It came in changing study methods to suit each instructor and it came in changing our minds about majors and music, about diets and dates, about styles and stressors.

The ones who truly succeeded this year had a goal in mind, a direction. They used change and made the challenges and changes they faced work for them. The ones who floundered were still seeking purpose for their lives. They often found that change defeated them.

Individual... yet part of a whole. Lives that touched... yet went on in their own directions.



Farewell



As a yearbook editor, my last year at JCC has been: challenging, exciting and rewarding. I not only gained valuable experience and knowledge, but made many new friends.

I learned quickly that determination and time management were key factors in putting together a yearbook.

There were times I wondered if we would get it all done, but with Mrs. Fountain's guidance, everything came together.

This year's theme "Headed in the Right Direction" captured the spirit of JCC's students and faculty. We did our best to strive for excellence with positive attitudes. That in itself put us a step closer in the right direction.

Thank you, Mrs. Fountain! You have taught me skills in leadership and journalism that will benefit me immeasurably in the years to come. Not only have you been my teacher and mentor, but my friend as well.

I would like to thank Matt Lawson, Kathy Hammack and the staff for hanging in

there with me to the end.

A special thanks to Doug Mansfield for always giving a helping hand and allowing us to invade the T.V. studio countless times.

Thanks to all the students and faculty who gave me the "quotes", and to Mary Dyle for designing our direction arrows.

Personal thanks to my son Jeffery who was patient and supportive of all the long hours and my mother who gave unconditional encouragement and support.

Mistakes aside, I sincerely hope you enjoy the yearbook in the years to come as you are heading in the right direction.

— Kathy Tyndall
Being yearbook photographer is an experience I'll never forget. Along with learning how to budget my time effectively, I've had to master the ability of working with others in many different situations. Being photographer for the annual is a fun, yet challenging, job and the experience I've had will benefit me a lifetime.

— Kathy Hammack



The College

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College just keeps on keeping on. In spite of getting

reduced funds from the state budget, Gulf Coast's enrollment continues to climb every year.

Central Office, located at the Perkinston Campus, serves as the hub of administrative activity for the three campuses and four centers. Administrators and personnel there work to meet our educational needs and keep us heading in the right direction.

MGCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger, the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees have been diligent in their efforts to remain aware of community needs and offer as much as possible toward meeting those needs.

While each of the campuses has a personality all its own, there are points of connection which

make us a unified community college. In fact, Gulf Coast is one of the largest institutions of higher learning in the state.

Keeping the cost to attend well within the range of the average pocketbook is one of the constant challenges facing Central Office. And that's not all. The other challenge is to do more with less so that students continue to receive excellence in the quality of education they receive.

It's quite a balancing act to incorporate academic, vocational and technical education in our multi-campus system. Clearly, Gulf Coast is headed in the right direction and continues to take steps to serve Jackson, George, Harrison and Stone counties.



Trustees make difficult decisions, plan ahead

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College district is comprised of George, Harrison, Jackson and Stone Counties. Gulf Coast trustees represent each county the college serves. They are faced with the sometimes difficult responsibility of deciding what is best for the school and the affected surrounding community.

Perhaps one of the most difficult assignments the board has had was to make recommendations for cutting more than a half-million dollars from the 1990-91 operating budget. The president advised the board to make the cut in anticipation of upcoming reductions in state appropriations.

When anticipated cuts became official in early '91, Gulf Coast was prepared. The Board of Trustees had in November of the previous year frozen all equipment purchases and hiring.

As enrollments have continued to increase, Gulf Coast has planned ahead — renovating or building more facilities for the growing student body and hiring personnel to serve their other educational needs. For example, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Applied Technology and Development Center was opened in the summer of 1991 to better serve the economic growth needs of the community.

But planning ahead is becoming more difficult for the board as enrollment growth continues and financial burdens become heavier.

With more than 8,000 students, Gulf Coast is now the largest community college in the state. GCCC President Dr. Barry L. Mellinger has said salary reductions would be a "last resort," and the board agreed. Community college salaries throughout the state now are not competitive with those of business and industry, universities and even secondary schools in the area, he said.

In a 10-year plan devised in 1991 by Dr. Edsel T. Godbey, college plans include more building projects and more programs to serve the diversified community college student body. When these plans may be put into action must be decided by the trustees.

PHOTOS — TOP (from left): GCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger is pictured with Board of Trustees officers. They are: John Dedeaux, Stone County, chairperson; Mrs. Eula Switzer, Harrison County, first vice chairperson; Dr. Frank Gruch, Harrison County, second vice chairperson; and Mrs. Delores Sumrall, Jackson County, secretary. **Not pictured is Wilbur Ward, George County, treasurer.** **MIDDLE:** Dr. Mellinger (right) congratulates George County trustee M.C. Murrah on his retirement from the GCCC Board of Trustees. **During the January board meeting, Murrah received a certificate of appreciation for 34 years of service to the college from board president John Dedeaux (background).** **BOTTOM:** Gordon Bond of Stone County receives certificate of appreciation for 30 years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees.

George County BOARD MEMBERS

(from left) Joe Harwood Jr. and Arlie Howell. Not pictured is Wilbur Ward.



Harrison County BOARD MEMBERS

(from left): Murrell Hilton, James Taylor, Jackie Weaver, Dr. Frank Gruch, Mrs. Eula Switzer, and Billy Hewes Jr. Not pictured: Mrs. Cully Randall.



Jackson County BOARD MEMBERS

(from left): Mrs. Patricia Descher, Mrs. Delores Sumrall, Ms. Geraldine Barnes, R.H. Slaughter Jr., Donald Massengale Jr., Harry Roberts, Warner Peterson, and J.B. George Sr.



Stone County BOARD MEMBERS

(from left): James Bryan Jr., John Dedeaux, and Thomas E. Hall.

ADMINISTRATION CENTRAL

The President has been designated as the chief executive at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College since its establishment in the Summer of 1911. Gulf Coast presidents are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The president's office is located in the Central Administrative Offices (Darby Hall) on the Perkinston Campus. Offices of other administrators with college/campus coordinating responsibilities are also housed in the Central Administrative Offices.

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MGCCC President



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NOT PICTURED:

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New center first of its kind in state

When dignitaries snipped the ribbon on June 26 to officially open the Mississippi Gulf Coast Applied Technology and Development Center, the ceremony symbolized more than the dedication of a new building. It also signified the successful completion of a project that melded the strength of Gulf Coast Community College with those of Mississippi Power Company to produce the state's first-of-its-kind training facility.

This is Mississippi's first real joint partnership between the public and private sector," said GCCC President Dr. Barry L. Mellinger.

It was Mellinger who master-

minded a plan that led to a unique funding arrangement.

MPC contributed \$1.5 million. The college and the state Department of Education each put up \$300,000. And the Harrison County Development Commission donated the land and about \$50,000 for development of the site in the Intraplex 10 industrial complex north of Gulfport. Equipment valued at \$500,000 was furnished by the vocational division of the DOE.

The 40,000 square-foot facility is owned by the college, which shares equally with MPC the management of the facility and its operating expenses.

BELOW: Cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the new Mississippi Gulf Coast Applied Technology and Development Center are, from left, Honorable William Winter, former governor; Don Mason, President of the Harrison County Development Commission; David Katsfchil, President of Mississippi Power Company; Evelyn Wheat, Associate State Superintendent for Vocational, Technical and Adult Education; and Dr. Barry L. Mellinger, GCCC President. BOTTOM: New Mississippi Gulf Coast Applied Technology and Development Center.



Three instructors chosen GC's best

The Gulf Coast Community College Alumni Association on Friday, April 5, 1991, cited three instructors for their contributions to education and their communities.

Instructors of the Year for the college's three campuses were Larry Burney of Lucedale, vocational secretarial instructor at the George County Occupational Training Center, Perkinston Campus; Dr. L. Hollis Melton of Ocean Springs, science, Jackson County Campus; and R. Elaine Schmidting, associate degree nursing, Jefferson Davis Campus.

The honorees, chosen by committees representing students, faculty and administration, were the guests of honor at the Alumni Association's annual spring banquet held on the Jackson County Campus. There they received plaques and legislative resolutions from their respective campus vice presidents.

Burney has been at GCOTC for 14 of his 17 years teaching. The first three of his career were spent at Saints Academy and College in Lexington. He has a B.S. from Albany (Ga.) State College, an M.Ed. from Jackson State University, and has studied further at Alabama State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Lena Nell Hollis Melton has taught at the Jackson County Campus since 1985, her entire teaching career. She received her B.S. from the Hampton (Va.) Institute and an M.S.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Schmidting has been a registered nurse for 30 years and has taught at GCCC for 12 of those years. She holds a B.S.N. from William Carey College on the Coast, an M.S. in nursing from USM, and is a board certified Critical Care Nurse through the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

BELOW: 1991 Instructors of the Year honored at Alumni spring banquet are, from left, R. Elaine Schmidting (JDC); Dr. Lena Hollis Melton (JCC); and Larry Burney (GCOTC).



TOP RIGHT: O.H. Simmons (standing), Hinds Community College trustee, chats with (seated from left) Mrs. Murrell Hilton, Murrell Hilton, MGCCC trustee; and



Jim Gordon, Rawlins Community College trustee. The group was enjoying the Mardi Gras ball during the National American Community College Trustees convention on the Gulf Coast. TOP LEFT: Royalty makes an appearance at the ACCT convention. Kim Compton of Biloxi, a graduate student of the University of Southern Mississippi, and Dr. J.L. Hayden Jr., former GCCC president, make their entrance during the Mardi Gras ball at the Coast Coliseum.

Mississippi two-year colleges host national convention

More than 2,000 community and junior college trustees from across the nation and several foreign countries attended the Association of Community College Trustees annual convention Oct. 16-19 on the Mississippi Coast.

The affair, hosted by the state's 15 public two-year colleges, featured three days of sessions that covered a wide variety of topics pertinent to the operation of the colleges.

Various "free-time" activities planned by the hosts in-

cluded visits to historical points of interest, including Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis' last home. The delegates also were feted at a Mardi Gras ball in the Coast Coliseum convention center.

Credited with the success of the convention, the first of its kind ever held in Mississippi and widely praised by ACCT officials, was GCCC's Institutional Relations Department, then headed by Executive Assistant Nell Murray.

Shotgun start tees off 96 golfers



Enthusiastic golfers head for their tee to await shotgun start of MGCCC Showcase '91 tournament held at Windance Golf and Country Club near Gulfport.

Showcase '91, the third annual golf tournament sponsored by the Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees, raised \$6,200 for scholarships, \$1,200 more than the amount netted last year, tournament chairperson Pat Descher announced.

Ninety-six golfers played in the September tournament held at Windance Golf and Country Club near Gulfport. Approximately 60 businesses made donations in support of the annual event.

Students attending any campus or center of GC will be eligible to receive the scholarships.

Homecoming 1991

DR. GERALD MILLER EPA regional expert becomes 21st inductee into Hall of Fame

Dr. Gerald J. Miller, regional expert in national environment policy and senior ecologist in the Atlanta office of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, was inducted into the Gulf Coast Community College Alumni Hall of Fame during homecoming festivities Saturday, Nov. 2.

Miller, 48, a 1962 graduate of what now is GCCC's Perkinson Campus, was honored at a noon luncheon in the Heidelberg Hall cafeteria.

A native of Jersey City, N.J., Miller began school in a one-room school house when he was only four-years-old. "We were living in upstate New York at the time," said Mrs. Ruth Shirley, Miller's mother. "A teacher took a liking to Jerry and took him to school with her. He was too young to be a regular student, but he did learn to read and write."

Miller grew up in Gulfport, where he attended public schools and graduated in 1960 from Gulfport High School. His mother still lives in Gulfport.

The determination to learn and to master any subject he took served Miller well at Perkinson Junior College, the University of Southern Mississippi, Millsaps College, the University of Georgia (where he earned his Ph.D.), and at the various military schools he attended.

Determination, coupled with a stubborn streak, "has helped Jerry get things done," Mrs. Shirley said. "He goes all out. Even as a kid, he would put himself 100 percent into everything he did. He'd work and work until he got it right. He's still that way."

Miller's willingness to work helped him pay his way through college. When he was growing up in Gulfport, he worked as a hospital orderly, a bagboy in a

grocery store and as a deckhand on a charter fishing boat. "He saved his money, including much of the allowance I gave him," said Mrs. Shirley.

Of the 16 years Miller has been in federal service, the last 12 have been with the EPA. In addition, he has 23 years of active and reserve service with the U.S. Army, including a stint in Vietnam where he distinguished himself as an air ambulance flyer. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for airlifting more than 300 wounded to hospitals. When he returned to the states, he was stationed at Fort Meade where he continued to airlift wounded to hospitals. During his air ambulance career, he transported approximately 3,500 wounded servicemen.

Miller is married to the former Glenda Hunt of Gulfport, who like her husband of 25 years, is a graduate of Perkinson Campus. She also is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, where Miller once taught. She and Miller share a love for competitive running. They run every weekend and are members of the Atlanta Track Club (ATC) Master's Racing Team which took first place in the '89 10K. Glenda is currently ranked top female master's runner in the ATC, having won the Grand Prix for the last two years.

Discussing the education he received at Perkinson, Miller said he had no difficulty competing later with people who had initially gone to a four-year college.

"Junior colleges have instructors who can focus on what they are doing," he said. "They are not there to get tenure, to publish papers, or to get grants. These people are teachers. They have no problem going that extra little bit it takes to get points across."

TOP RIGHT: Miller responds to his induction in the the GCCC Alumni Hall of Fame. **CENTER RIGHT:** Gulf Coast president Dr. Barry L. Mellinger, right, presents Miller with plaque in recognition of his selection as the 21st recipient of the college's highest award to former students. **RIGHT:** David Samling, former professor at the University of Mississippi, receives a gift of appreciation from Dr. Mellinger. Samling, a former Perkinson Campus social studies instructor, was the guest speaker at the homecoming luncheon on Perkinson Campus. Samling was an instructor of the Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Gerald Miller.



Homecoming reunites former classmates

Special class reunions were held from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. homecoming day. Classes participating were 1932, 1952, 1962 (Dr. Gerald Miller's class), 1972, and 1982.

Special recognition was given to members of the college and high school classes of 1942 on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Louise Brown, alumni/foundation officer, said she was pleased with the number of members in attendance representing each class. She attributed the good turnout to

responses she received to her requests for help in locating members of the classes. Articles soliciting addresses of alumni had

been run in several issues of the Alumni newsletter *Action* prior to homecoming.



Members of the college and high school classes of 1942 celebrated their 50th anniversary during homecoming festivities on the Perkinson Campus. Pictured from front row left: Irlene Sapp Smith, Lora Ladner, Walline Ladner Vogle, Dorothy Bleuer Morrison, Frances Long Mayer, Bernice "Bunny" Carter Sholl, Back row: Wenzel Batson, Freda Long Batson, John Longest, Doy Payne Longest, Lewis Ward, Mary Elaine Batson Wesson, and Wallace Steve Sekul.

Sam Owen Award presented to former president



Former GCCC president Dr. J.J. Hayden Jr. is presented the Sam Owen Trophy by Marjorie Kalfi Jouban, sister of the late Sam Owen for whom the award is named.

The Sam Owen trophy for distinguished service to Gulf Coast Community College was awarded to the school's former president, Dr. J.J. Hayden Jr.

Hayden, who retired in 1985 after 35 years in office, was honored during a homecoming luncheon on the college's Perkinson Campus.

Making the presentation to Hayden was Marjorie Kalfi Jouban of Pass Christian, sister of the late Sam Owen of Gulfport, for whom the award is named.

Jouban also presented a permanent trophy to last year's recipient, L.D. "Buster" Stringfellow, Wiggins banker and former administrator at the Perkinson Campus.

Hayden, a graduate of what then was the Perkinson Junior College, was instrumental in building the college from a single-campus institution into a three-campus, four-center college, the first of its kind in Mississippi.

Succeeding Hayden, who now lives in Pass Christian, was Dr. Barry L. Mellinger, former GCCC vice president for instructional affairs.

Hayden is the 37th person to receive the Sam Owen trophy, "I really didn't expect this," Hayden said. "It came as a complete surprise."

Sekul era ends at Gulf Coast, Arban named coach

The George Sekul football era is over at Gulf Coast Community College.

It ended in December 1991 when the school's Board of Trustees upheld the administration's decision not to renew Sekul's contract as head football coach and athletic director.

Instead, the board approved the hiring of J.C. Arban, a 34-year coaching veteran who was one of Sekul's assistants during the 1991 season and a former teammate at Southern Mississippi.

Thus ended Sekul's 31-year career at Gulf Coast, where he was an assistant coach for five years before being promoted to head coach in 1966. During the 26 years that followed, his teams won two national championships, eight state titles and numerous South Division titles. The record at the finish of the '91 season was 204-77-4, making him the winningest active community college coach in the nation, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Although the Bulldogs improved from 1-8-1 in 1990 to 5-5 in '91, it was not considered good enough to offset other losing seasons. In 1987, the team fell to 2-8 and ended Sekul's 21-year winning streak. The team again was 2-8 in '89.

A native of Biloxi, Sekul was a standout quarterback at Notre Dame High School. Following high school, Sekul headed for Gulf Coast, earning all-state honors in his two years. He was named honorable men-

tion All-American after his sophomore season in 1956.

At the University of Southern Mississippi, Sekul quarterbacked USM to the school's only unbeaten-untied season (1958) and was named honorable mention Little All-American during his two seasons with the Golden Eagles. Arban, a defensive back/running back, was also a member of that team.

Following a short pro career in the Canadian Football League, Sekul returned to USM where he coached the school's freshman team for two years before joining the Gulf Coast coaching staff in 1961.

Arban, who is 84-49-4 in 13 seasons as a junior college head coach, said he was glad to get the opportunity to be a head coach again.

"I appreciate the board of trustees and the administration for allowing me to work

for them last semester," Arban said. "I look forward to working with them in this new capacity."

Arban has spent 34 years in the coaching profession. He served as an assistant coach at USM for two years, worked eight years on the high school level and spent the rest of the time on the junior college circuit.

He was head coach at Pearl River from 1975-84 (61-37-4), head coach at East Mississippi for three years and an assistant coach at East Central for three years.

Arban said he would retain assistant coaches Joe Allen and Steve Nagy for the rest of the school year.

"George Sekul's record was excellent. It won't be equalled," Arban said. "The team has been down for the past few years. Hopefully, I can get it back to where George had it before."

"I appreciate the board of trustees and the administration for allowing me to work



WORTH THE WAIT: It was proud moment for Sekul (center) and his '91 squad when they defeated Coahoma (38-12). The victory gave Sekul his long-awaited 200th win.

THE ARBAN FILE

Who: J.C. Arban
Birthplace: Athens, Ala.
Age: 38
Coaching Career
High School: Rocky Creek, Miss. (1959-62), East Tallahatchie, Miss. (1963-64), George County (1965-66)
Junior College: Pearl River (assistant coach 1966-71), Pearl River (head coach from 1975-84), East Central (assistant coach, 1985-97), East Mississippi (head coach, 1988-90), Gulf Coast (assistant, 1990)
Senior College: Southern Mississippi (assistant, 1973-74)
Head coaching record: 84-49-4. Won Mississippi Junior College championship at Pearl River in 1976.



THE SEKUL FILE

Who: George Sekul
Birthplace: Biloxi.
Age: 54
Coaching Career
Junior College: Gulf Coast (assistant, 1961-65), Gulf Coast (head coach, 1966-91)
Senior College: Southern Mississippi (freshman coach, 1959-60)
Head coaching record: 204-77-4. Won NCAA national championships in 1971 and 1984. Won Mississippi Junior College championships in 1966, 1967, 1971, 1974, 1980, 1982, 1984 and 1986.

Gulf Coast appears headed for winning season



The Gulf Coast Bulldogs, fourth in the nation last year, appeared headed for another winning basketball season in 1991-'92. At yearbook press time in early February, the team was 14-6 overall and 6-4 in South Division play.

Coach Bob Weathers said he had hopes of finishing second in the division, but wins over Coahoma-Lincoln and Hinds would be necessary to achieve that goal.

"We're a freshman-oriented club," Weathers said. "Only four sophomores and one starter are back from last year. We are still making too many mistakes; we haven't matured as quickly as we should."

Last season the Bulldogs finished with a 35-5 record, winning both the state championship and the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XXIII title before going to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. There the squad advanced to the semi-finals before losing to Aquinas Community College of Nashville, Tenn. Aquinas went on to claim the national title.

"We have good potential again this year," said Weathers. "But potential has to be developed to produce a winning team. That's what we're working on."

Weathers, 58, of Wiggins has been at GCCC for 31 years of his 35-year coaching career.

Last year, he became the winningest active junior college coach in the nation. The season brought his career record to 657-234. Weathers has led his Bulldogs to three NJCAA Region XXIII championships, nine Mississippi state championships and 13 South Division titles. He was twice named Region XXIII Coach of the Year and also has received that honor in the state numerous times.

Since 1988, Weathers has been assisted by his 33-year-old son Wendell.

When the younger Weathers came to coach here, he had a fresh Coach of the Year title to his credit, which he earned while at Thibodaux High School in Thibodaux, La. where he had a 107-48 record.



PHOTOS (left to right): Top: Head Coach Bob Weathers and Assistant Coach Wendell Weathers. Second Row: Sophomores Mark Hubbard and Robert Polk. Left: Sophomore Maurice Stephens. Sophomore not pictured is Kendrick Cannon.

NOT FROM SCRATCH Farris rebuilding 'Dog team

Gulf Coast baseball Coach Cooper Farris says 1992 will be a rebuilding year for his team, ranked fifth in the nation in a pre-season poll conducted by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Come from last year's 43-11 Junior College World Series team are seven position players and three of the top pitchers who led the Bulldogs to the national playoffs in Grand Junction, Colo., and a fifth-place ranking. It was the best record ever achieved by a Mississippi community/junior college team, winners of the NJCAA Region XXIII and Eastern District tournaments.

"We hope that last year's freshmen class and the new recruits will keep the Bulldogs at the top of the heap," said Farris, who in 1991 was named District Coach of the Year by the Diamond Sports Company of Los Alamitos, Calif. He also was chosen Region XXIII and Eastern Division Coach of the Year by the NJCAA.

"Depth will be one of our strengths this season," Farris said. "Detroit Tiger draftee Robert Dickerson will be back, along with sophomores Lilo Garza, Chris Fairley and several promising newcomers. Dickerson scored seven home runs and batted in 27 runs last year. He plays left field. Garza and Fairley are outfielders."

Newcomers Farris says he is watching include Houston Astro draftee Eric Dumas, pitcher-outfielder. Others are Mike Lineberger, POF; outfielders Jeff Nieto, Alex Moore and Jerry Holter; infielders Brandon Trochesset, Aron Frederic; Stephen Simmich, Jamie Miller and pitcher-third baseman Sean Miller.

Returnees cited by Farris are Ray Mabile, second base; Heath Tanner and Denny Forsythe, first base; Brian Howell, shortstop; Scott Davis, third base; catchers Alan Roberts and Shon Sain.

Pitchers back for another season are Ricky Taylor, who had 10 wins last year; Jimmy Barta, two wins; Gernie Hopkins and Harold Holton. Bolstering the mound

corps will be lefthanders Bubba Dixon and Teddy Rose, along with righthanders Chet and Jody Reinike, and Melvin Vincent.

"It will be an exciting year for the Bulldogs," Farris predicted. "The goal is to reach the top in state, regional and district play and — we hope — have another crack at the national title."

Coach Cooper Farris



1992 BULLDOGS (from left to right) — First Row: Ray Mabile, Chris Fairley, Teddy Rose, Jamie Miller, Tracy Corbett, Chris Graham, Eric Dumas. Second Row: Jamie Gaffney, Sean Miller, Shane Rutledge, Brandon Trochesset, Jeff Nieto, Aron Frederic, Jody Reinike. Third Row: Melvin Vincent, Shon Sain, Bubba Dixon, Glenn Dwyne, Alex Moore, Scott Davis, Brian Howell. Fourth Row: Alan Roberts, Stephen Simmich, Lilo Garza, Denny Forsythe, Jerry Holter, Gernie Hopkins, Donald Lyons. Fifth Row: Robert Dickerson, Heath Tanner, Ricky Taylor, Mike Lineberger, Harold Holton, Jimmy Barta, Chet Reinike.

BULLDOGS RETURNING IN '92

Jimmy Barta (Pitcher)
Scott Davis (Third Base)
Robert Dickerson (Outfielder)
Chris Fairley (Outfielder)
Denny Forsythe (First Base)

Lilo Garza (Outfielder)
Harold Holton (Pitcher)
Gernie Hopkins (Pitcher)
Brian Howell (Shortstop)
Ray Mabile (Second Base)

Alex Moore (Outfielder)
Alan Roberts (Catcher)
Shon Sain (Catcher)
Heath Tanner (First Base)
Ricky Taylor (Pitcher)



WOMEN'S SPORTS

Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs in early February had posted a 3-15 basketball record and were practicing for the South State Tournament at Jones Junior College.

"With a little luck and a lot of determination, I believe we could beat anyone and receive the respect we deserve for our hard work," said Coach Doris Smith. "We've played some good games this season; however, we have had problems with our shooting." Smith, 48, of Mosselle has coached women's basketball and softball at Gulf Coast for her entire 19-year coaching career, seven of these being assistant coach years.

Her 3-23 1991 basketball season brought her career record to 123-118.

When Smith's 19-8 1988 basketball team won a South Division title and NJCAA Region XXIII second place, she took home her first Mississippi Junior/Community College Basketball Coach of the Year award.

Her softball record includes five state and regional championships and one Mississippi Junior/Community College Softball Coach of the Year award.



Softball

Women's softball coach Doug Borries says his team's 1990-91 record of 24 wins, 6 losses and a South Division title will keep the 1992 Lady Bulldogs on their toes.

The softballers, who last year averaged 10 runs a game, scored 38 points in one game to set a school record.

Borries, 28, of Ocean Springs, has been assistant women's coach at Gulf Coast for three years and acting softball coach for two of those years.

Gulf Coast sophomore Gina Papanis (37), G/P of Ocean Springs is surrounded by Lady Wildcats in 1991 Lady Bulldogs vs Pearl River Community College game at Perkinston.

Cooper's golfers to vie in six-tournaments

Golf Coach Charles Cooper in early February was selecting players for his '92 team, which was to face a six-tournament season, followed by the state and Region XXIII playoffs.

The Bulldog golfers placed fifth in the state last year. One team member, Mike Boyett of Wiggins, participated in the Division III tournament in Midland, Texas.

Trying out for the team were Dax Alexander, Brannon Besse, Todd Donhauser, Jamie Herring, David Williamson, Robert Shelling and Kevin Hunt.

During his 18-year tenure as golf coach, Cooper's teams have played in eight National Junior College Athletic Association tournaments, and in 1990 finished fifth in the nation.

Cooper, of McHenry, has been named NCAA Region XXIII Coach of the Year three

times. He has coached three second-team All-Americans. As an amateur golfer, he has won first-place titles in four invitational tournaments.

A member of the administration at GCCC's Perkinson Campus, Cooper is director of admissions.



GULF COAST GOLFERS (from left to right): Chris Graham, Wyatt Boyett, Dax Alexander, David Williamson (all of Perk) and Jamie Herring (JD).

Layton predicts success for tennis teams

Gulf Coast's 1991-'92 men's and women's tennis teams are expected to have a successful season, thanks to the return of experienced players, Coach Bruce Layton predicted in February.

Layton said a highlight of the coming season will be the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XXIII tournament that GCCC will host at its Jefferson Davis Campus and at Hiller Park.

Last year, the Bulldogs finished fifth in the state tournament at Tupelo.

Layton, 31, of Gulfport, began coaching tennis at Gulf Coast four years ago. He has a career record of 15-4, including the team's 9-6 record last year.

The West Memphis, Ark. native also assists Coach Dons Smith with women's basketball and Coach Doug Bories with softball. Layton teaches physics at the Perkinson Campus.

He attended the University of Mississippi, Ouachita Baptist University and West Memphis Christian School, where he was a four-year letterman in track and baseball. Layton was co-captain of his 1978 AA championship football team, and he won the offensive Most Valuable Player award in the Memphis

Christian Athletic Association. He also received offensive honorable mention once and was named All-Conference three consecutive years.



MEN'S TENNIS TEAM (from left to right): Joe Serpente (manager), Michael Campaning (JC), John Leon (Perk), Todd Parks (JD), Johnny Johnson (JD) and Cliff Davis (JC). Not pictured is Terry Burton (Perk).

Priceless performances! Gulf Coast band worth its weight in pure gold

David Dueitt this year marked his fourth year as director of bands at Gulf Coast. His dream of national recognition for the Band of Gold is nearing reality as the performance schedule of the band and Perkettes dance team grows each year.

'The Gold' is comprised of students from every high school in the college's district and the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee and Missouri.

The 108-member band and 24-member Perkettes dance team this year was led by drum majors Diane Detters of Stone High and Terry Richardson of Pascagoula High School. Both were drum majors at their respective high schools prior to coming to GC.

Majorities were Amy Ballus, Cindy Durant and Stephanie Janczewski. Guard captain was Brandy Parker and Shannon Baca was percussion captain.

In addition to assistance provided by Mrs. Kathleen Braun, Perkettes instructor, Dueitt this year was aided by Bobby Favard of Bay St. Louis.

Favard, an instructor with Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corp, serves as assistant band director. He comes to Gulf Coast from Foley High School in Foley, Ala. where he was assistant band director.

In addition to field and stage performances, the Band of Gold and Perkettes participate in Mardi Gras parades in Biloxi, Gulfport, Wiggins, New Orleans, and Fairhope, Ala. They have also marched in Wiggins and Lucedale

Christmas parades and in exhibitions at the Gulf Coast Marching Festival and at the Deep South Marching Festival.

Dueitt also has taken the band to perform at area high schools as part of a recruitment effort.



ALL SPARKLE AND GLITTER: When the Gulf Coast Band of Gold and Perkettes take the field, it's all "sparkle and glitter" — from their instruments and uniforms to their perfected performance. Photos taken during halftime at home (Perkinson Campus) Bulldog football game.

In Closing...

Deborah (Debbie) Lynn Mellinger, daughter of President and Mrs. Barry Mellinger, passed away on Friday morning, October 4, 1991. Debbie, a beautiful person both spiritually and physically, was a joy to know.

Following graduation in 1985 from Stone High School, where she was valedictorian, she enrolled at the Perkinson Campus and was named to the Hall of Fame and listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.

Debbie was in her fifth year at Ole Miss where she had the honor of being named the Outstanding Graduate of 1991 in the *American Pharmacy*, the official journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and received the Pharmacy School's 1991 Senior Leadership Award.

Then, with only a short time before she would be awarded her pharmacy degree, she was stricken with a malignant tumor.

In the months that followed, hard as they were, she was always an optimist, always pleasant.

Debbie's faith, courage, strength and kindness during her illness were synonymous with her character. And her death has not dimmed our memory but heightened our awareness.



