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Community College

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Replicas of Christopher Columbus' ships arrive in the United States on February 15, 1992, as part of the 500th anniversary celebration of his voyage to the New World.

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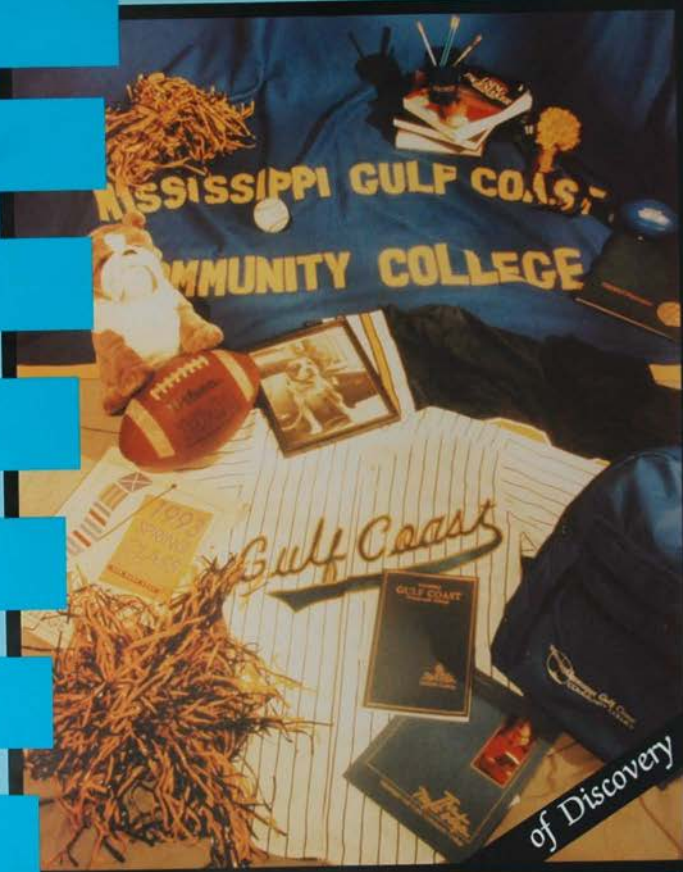
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If it's excitement you're looking for, look no further than Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston Campus. There is always something going on around Perk, whether it be Crazy Olympics, pep rallies, art shows, intramural sports or womanless beauty pageants.

There are a variety of clubs and organizations you can join, such as the Baptist Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Council, band, or cheerleading. The choices are endless.

Perk is a versatile school that offers a quality education, the opportunity to make great friends and a feeling of excitement that you will carry with you forever.

This proves that Gulf Coast Community College is for everybody, even Winnie the Pooh and Tigger.



Tom Williams, freshman theatre major at Perk, performs in the Kids on the Block program "Turning On, Turning Off," a program that deals with substance abuse.



Deshone Riley, tuba player in the Band of Gold, lets it all out.



Paul Sanders hangs out with the Peckettes Dance Team.

Discover

Excitement

It All at Perk



Student Council members show their Perk spirit in the 1992 homecoming parade.



This Bulldog fan has definitely got the right idea.



The MGCCC cheerleaders are just along for the ride.



Dawg fans come in all shapes and sizes. Here, Matthew Naramore, 4, cheers for his team.



Andrea Hall keeps in tune during a halftime performance.

There are many things to discover at Perk, such as responsibilities, opportunities, friendship, and career goals and choices. You have a new responsibility of being on your own with no parental supervision. So you need to make the right choices. While you're at Perk, you will discover your career goal with the help of our supportive faculty and staff. They will help, support and guide you in the right direction.

While attending Perk, you will make some lifelong friendships that you will cherish forever. Not only do you have new responsibilities, goals, choices, and friendship, you have great opportunities. There are plenty of opportunities out there. You just have to discover them.

Greg Hibbard, Chicago Cubs pitcher and MGCCC's 1992 Hall of Fame honoree, signs a baseball for Perk sophomore Bryan Vonder Bruggie. Hibbard graduated from MGCCC in 1984.



Everyone should be famous for at least 15 minutes. At Perk, you reach celebrity status the day you step on campus. And you maintain that status for a lifetime.

Think of MGCCC as a casting agency. And think of your instructors as your agents. Their goal is to prepare you for and promote you in that huge arena called life.

It's not always easy to get a starring role in life's drama. But by taking it one step at a time and accepting the little roles offered to you, you're creating a future, a chance to go on to bigger roles.

Just remember that you can do anything you want to do. Several Perk graduates have done just that. Greg Hibbard, 1984 graduate, dreamed of one day playing major league baseball. Today, he's a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. Other famous Gulf Coast graduates include Emory Cunningham, president/publisher of *Southern Living* magazine; Fred Haise, astronaut; William "Fish Bait" Miller, doorkeeper, U.S. House of Representatives; and Chuck Scarborough, broadcast journalist.

So, even if you aren't striving for fame and fortune, you can still be anything you want to be. And the Perkinton Campus is ready to help.



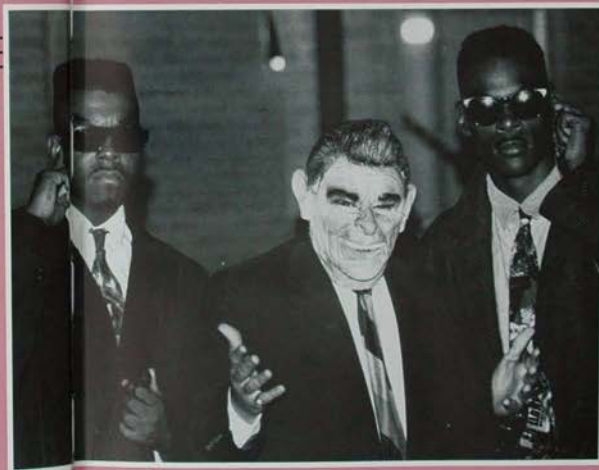
Candace Payne and escort Gregory Lampley take their place in the homecoming line-up.

Discover Our

Celebrities



Patti Haves, left, and Bobbie Walters wait with their escorts for that walk down the field during halftime of the homecoming football game.



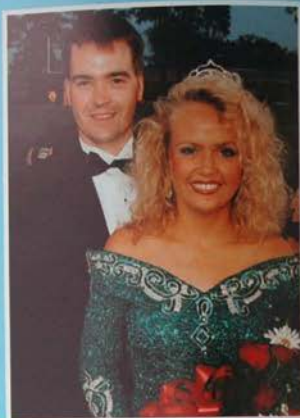
And you thought Ronald Reagan was history. "Well ... My fellow Americans, I'm back!"

A Royal Discovery

1992 HOMECOMING

The MGCCC Bulldogs celebrated Homecoming on October 31, 1992. The Bulldogs played in a Homecoming match-up against Copiah-Lincoln Community College, taking a 37-18 victory. Patti Harvey was selected Homecoming Queen for the Perkinson Campus. During the day there were numerous activities, such as the Hall of Fame luncheon at which 1992 Hall of Fame honoree Greg Hibbard was honored. Hibbard, a 1984 graduate of MGCCC, is a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs. Reunions were also held for the classes of 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, and 1984.

Perkinson Campus Homecoming maids included freshman maids Candace Payne of Bay St. Louis and Antionette Jones of Gulfport. Sophomore maids were Tonie Dyche of Moss Point; Bobbie Walters of Wiggins; Brandy Lott of Wiggins, Maid of Honor; Richie Robbins of Pascagoula, Maid of Honor; and Patti Harvey of Vandalia, Homecoming Queen. Representing the Jackson County Campus as Homecoming maids were freshman maids Melinda Beth Varnes from Gautier and Julie Melissa Bird, also from Gautier. Sophomore maids were Candice Fay Walters and Crystal Lee Rhodes, both of Gautier. Crowned queen was Kristi Lyn Langston from Pascagoula. Representing the Jefferson Davis Campus as Homecoming maids were freshman maids Tiffany Foxworth and Brandy Delorio, both of Gulfport. Sophomore maids were Dianna Doucet of Ocean Springs and Amy Leggett of Long Beach. Crowned queen was Nicole Bodenschatz of Pass Christian.



Homecoming Queen — Patti Harvey
Escort — Paul Harvey



Sophomore Maid — Tonie Dyche
Escort — George Dyche



Freshman Maid — Antionette Jones
Escort — Eugene Jones



Maid of Honor — Brandy Lott
Escort — Mike Lott



Freshman Maid — Candace Payne
Escort — Gregory Lampley



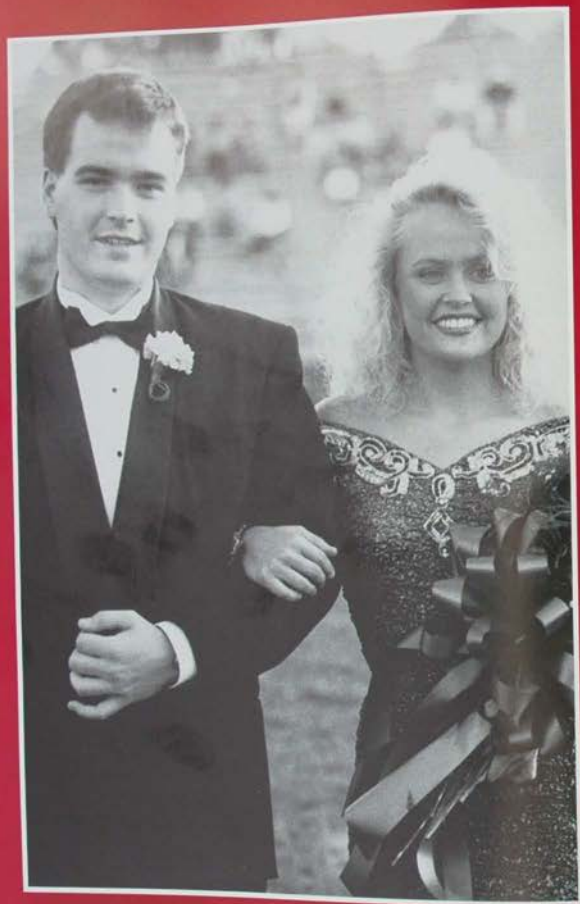
Maid of Honor — Richie Robbins
Escort — Marcus Haynes



Sophomore Maid — Bobbie Walters
Escort — Bobby Walters



1992 Homecoming Court



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Perk Life



MGCCC trustee J.B. George chats with College President Dr. Barry Mellinger at a Homecoming open house held at the Mellinger home.



And we thought the Bulldog was a confirmed bachelor!



Some people sure know how to toot their own horns.



MGCCC's Band of Gold flag corps gives another outstanding halftime performance.

You don't have to live on campus to experience Perk life. Commuters and residence hall students alike discover each year the variety of people attending the campus. Foreign students, non-traditional students, just-out-of-high-school students... MGCCC is for everybody. Also at Perk, you will discover yourself. You'll discover your hidden potential and talents. And you'll discover life.

With all that Perk has to offer, remember that the outside world awaits you.

An Interview With Dr. Mellinger



Dr. Barry L. Mellinger

As president of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for the last seven years, Dr. Barry Mellinger has seen many changes in the community/junior colleges of Mississippi. In an interview with the PERKOLATOR staff, he addressed some of the major issues facing MGCCC, now and in the future.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE COLLEGE?

"I have several goals for the college. But there are two major goals I feel are important: Serve the needs of postsecondary education by meeting the needs of students and be a contributing factor in economic growth and development."

HOW HAS THE MISSISSIPPI SALES TAX INCREASE AFFECTED MGCCC?

"I believe the sales tax increase has been a major factor in maintaining our ability to meet the needs of our district by hiring new faculty while maintaining our budget. I also believe the college faces many new challenges in the future, but one of the main challenges that MGCCC faces is the continuing challenge to offer programs for work force needs. Another challenge is space. For example, construction is currently underway for an addition onto the Perkinston Campus Student Center."

HOW IS THE COLLEGE CHANGING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS?

"The college is changing to meet the needs of the students by adding additional full-time faculty, as well as providing additional facilities to help the students. In time, these changes will make a big difference in the education of students at Perk. We are making major efforts to beautify the campus. In time, this will also make a major difference."

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE COLLEGE'S GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE LAST FIVE YEARS?

"I am very pleased with the growth and the fact that we are the second largest college in the state. Ninety-three percent of our enrollment come from the four-county district, which is made up of Stone, Harrison, Jackson, and Hancock counties. Six percent come from other Mississippi areas outside the four-county district. The final one percent comes from out of state."

IN CLOSING . . .

"I believe the success of any college measures the cooperation of faculty, staff, administration, and the board of trustees."



Dr. Richard Miller

An Interview With Dr. Miller

Dr. Richard Miller was named vice president of the Perkinston Campus last July. As vice president, Dr. Miller oversees the Perkinston Campus and George County Occupational Training Center. Dr. Miller shares a few of his thoughts on education and life. **AS A FORMER INSTRUCTOR, HOW DO YOU FEEL TEACHERS INFLUENCE STUDENTS?**

"I feel that teachers influence the students in multiple ways: One is being punctual. When the instructor is on time it will influence the students to be on time. Another way is being professional. Use your ability of knowledge and transfer it to the students. A teacher should have a good relationship with the student, but keep it professional in the classroom."

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU MADE ON THE PERKINSTON CAMPUS?

"I have suggested changes, but collectively, everyone is involved. Some of the changes include changing the atmosphere in the cafeteria, such as not wearing hats. Students must try to keep the campus clean. I stress that every employee be on time, including the students. More students should use the library and the learning lab. Teachers should evaluate students' grades so they can get help before it's too late."

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE PERKINSTON CAMPUS?

"One goal is to increase the enrollment of high school students and older students that are going back to school. We need to offer programs to keep in step with the society and improve on the quality of instruction where possible."

WHAT WISDOM CAN YOU OFFER OUR STUDENTS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE "REAL" WORLD?

"Truth is what is and not what we perceive it to be. Things are as they are and not as we would like them to be. They are in the real world now. This isn't a rehearsal. Here we're trying to give them facts and, over a period of time, they will get the wisdom."

A FEW LAST WORDS . . .

"There is no doubt in my mind that a community college is the essence of what education is all about. You get a small enough class size that you can get to know your teacher, and you're not just a number. Students have the right to expect the best that we can give them."

A Combination of Excellence

Anderson, Brenda — Learning Lab
Science

Arban, J.C. — Athletic Director

Batson, Marjorie — Learning Resources



Berry, Bill — Superintendent, Buildings
& Grounds
Bond, Edna — Business Office
Bond, Georgia — Housemother,
Andrews Hall



Bond, Sheree — Director of Financial
Aid
Bounds, Suzan — Single Parent/
Homemaker Service
Breland, Ernestine — Resident
Manager



Byrd, Alfred — Business
Calcote, Chris — Health & Physical
Education
Carter, Tracy — Coordinator, Women's
Housing & Discipline/Student Council
Advisor



Cooley, Faye — Secretary, Vocational
Department
Cooper, Charles — Director of
Admissions
Davis, Jeff — Sports Injury Manager



A Combination of Excellence

Dees, Johnette — Dean of Business
Services
Donahoe, Jeff — Dean of Student
Services
Duceitt, David — Music



Ellis, JoAnne — Speech
Farris, Cooper — Health & Physical
Education
Ferguson, Travis — Dean of Vocational/
Technical Education



Garner, Cathy — Supervisor,
Housekeeping
Goble, Sandra — Secretary, Dean of
Business Services
Hall, Tammy — Secretary, Financial
Aid



Hatten, Roxie — Literacy Coordinator
Heim, Marie Dr. — Chair,
Developmental Studies
Henderson, Joyce — Switchboard
Operator



Himel, Walter — Auto Parts Sales
Jacobs, Jesse — Mathematics/
Computer Science
James, Angela — Receptionist



A Combination of Excellence

Jordan, Joel — Maintenance
Lamey, Susan — Recruiter
Layton, Bruce — Physics



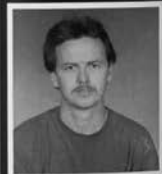
Lott, Gay — Secretary, Dean of
Academic and General Instruction
Lyon, Marcia — Accountant
McMahon, Shari — Learning Lab/
English



Money, Al — Assistant Superintendent,
Buildings and Grounds
Moore, Gary — Transportation
Morgan, Melissa — Bookkeeper



Nagy, Steve — Health and Physical
Education
Nalepa, Brenda — Biology
Naramore, Buddy — Maintenance



Naramore, Toni — Housing Secretary/
Newspaper Advisor
Nichols, Drennan — Psychology
O'Neal, Charlene — Bookstore
Manager



A Combination of Excellence

Owens, Arlene — Admissions
Pearce, Carole — Secretary, Student
Services
Price, Dana — Computer Lab



Rominger, Bob — Dean of Academic &
General Instruction
Schwab, David — Biology
Serpente, Jan — Counselor, Student
Services



Smith, David — Computer
Smith, Gloria — Business
Smith, James — Vocational Counselor



Smith, Marilyn — Music/Choir
Director
Stephens, Elaine — Secretary, Vice
President
Taylor, Lisa — Business



Taylor, Tom — Director, Learning Lab
Wallace, Betty — Commercial Art &
Advertising
Weathers, Bob — Physical Education



A Combination of Excellence

Weathers, Tommie — Records/Student Services
Weathers, Wendell — Chemistry



Discover Our Excellence



Charles Sullivan, second from left, has been a history instructor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston Campus, for almost 26 years. Sullivan, social studies chairperson, was recognized by the MGCCC Board of Trustees and Executive Council for his service to the college. Pictured with Sullivan are, from left, Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president; Dr. Richard Miller, Perkinston Campus vice president; and John Dedeaux, chairperson, MGCCC Board of Trustees.



Ferguson named Outstanding Educator

In 1992, Dr. Travis Ferguson, dean of Vocational Instruction at MGCCC, Perkinston Campus, was named Outstanding Vocational Educator by the American Vocational Association, Mississippi Region IV. Ferguson, a member of A.V.A. for 30 years, began his teaching and administrative career at MGCCC in 1965.

Byrd receives top honor at Perk

Alfred L. Byrd, Perkinston Campus business technology instructor, was named Instructor of the Year in 1992 by the MGCCC Alumni Association. Byrd, whose teaching career has spanned 30 years, says his commitment to his students shows in his philosophy of teaching and student/teacher relationships. "A classroom is an environment where students and faculty join together... Academic excellence, self-awareness and a love for learning should be continuously operative and implemented in a student/teacher relationship," says Byrd.



Bidding Farewell...

Doris Smith retires

Doris Smith retired in 1992 after 20 years as women's basketball and softball coach at MGCCC. Her teaching career, which began 28 years ago, has been highlighted by state, regional, and national championship play. Smith's achievements were recognized by the Mississippi Association of Junior College Coaches with Coach of the Year Awards for softball in 1986 and basketball in 1988.

When Smith wasn't on the court or field tending her teams, she could be found in a Perkinston Campus classroom tending her students... or on the family farm in Moselle, Miss., tending her garden. While Smith is perhaps known, by reputation, as a coach, her teaching and her farm fill a large part of her life. She says, "Most of the time, you don't think of coaches as teachers," adding, "But teaching, that's my love."

Her students apparently recognize her genuine interest in their successes. During teacher evaluations by students, she consistently scored "fives," the highest mark possible.

She thinks students have changed over the years. She says, "Students are more mature in their actions," and "They sure are a lot braver about doing things!" she laughs.

About her colleagues, she says, "I have a lot of good friends here, and I think I have been a good friend."

Upon her retirement, Smith was presented a plaque from the National Junior and Community College Athletic Association recognizing her 20-year career in junior and community college athletics. The MGCCC Board of Trustees gave her a silver tray in appreciation for her work in the classroom and in the athletic program.



John McQuagge, retired after 28 years as physical education trainer at MGCCC, speaks at a MGCCC Board of Trustees meeting as college president Dr. Barry Mellinger looks on. McQuagge was presented a silver tray for his service to the college.

Campus security includes, from left, Coy Bond, Shane Rogers, Ricky Farmer, Rudy Davis and Pete Atchison.

Campus Security



Morrison's Hospitality Group

Morrison's Hospitality Group includes, front from left, John Herber — assistant manager, Ora Lee Clayton, Bessie Young, Shirlyn Kilgore, Connie James, Elaine Hickman, Aretha McLaughlin, and Billy Wayne McCullough — manager. Back from left are Lawrence Arrington, Jerry Nix, Leanna Nelson, Patricia Herrin, Edwina Huff, Mary Nelson, Tammy Phillips, and Sam Brooks. Not pictured is Cathy Bond, office coordinator.



Pictured, from left, are Al Money, Buddy Naramore, Joel Jordan, Carolyn Jordan, Bill Berry — superintendent of buildings and grounds, and Mark Parsons.

Maintenance



Vocational-Technical Programs

Industry involvement aids vo-tech programs

Welding education promotes the welding industry. Members of the Pascagoula Section of the American Welding Society (AWS) firmly believe that; therefore, the group donated \$1,200 last year to the welding program at Perk.

During the past several years, the organization has supported welding programs at other MGCCC locations.

J.B. Brown, welding instructor at Perk, says the support of the local AWS chapter is both financially and professionally beneficial for students enrolled in the welding program. The scholarship funds help students pay for their training. Plus, contact with AWS members acquaints students with job opportunities in the welding profession.



Tim Warren, center, program chair of the American Welding Society, Pascagoula Section, presents a \$1,200 check to Nell Murray, executive assistant for Development at MGCCC. J.B. Brown, instructor for the welding program at Perk, says the contribution will be used to fund scholarships for welding students.



A student completes a project in Commercial Art and Advertising.

Welding is only one of over 50 vocational-technical programs offered at Perk.

DISCOVER THE PERK WAY OF LIFE

The mighty Bulldog can never resist mugging for the camera.

Tracy Carter is caught off guard at the 1992 Perk Campus High School Day.



These band students can't decide whether to play or watch the pep rally.



MGCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger gets his blood pressure taken at the annual mall show during Community College Month.



Tracy Howell may have three of a kind, but he's definitely one of a kind.

Grant Curtis, wide receiver for the Bulldog football team, strikes a pose at the year's first pep rally.



Head Football Coach J.C. Arban knows football.



Chester Garrison is always ready with a smile.

Aboshi, Mika
Aguilar, Tania
Aho, Ingrid
Alexander, Brad
Alexander, Lisa



Alfonso, Cindy
Alvarez-Torre, John
Alves, Shannon
Amos, Jimmie
Andrews, Chad



Arrington, Tiffany
Ashby, Mimi
Babb, Michael
Babischkin, Ren e
Bagnell, Lloyd



Bailey, Kathleen
Baker, Amy
Balius, Amy
Barnes, Melanie
Barnwell, Valerie



Barry, Rochelle
Bass, Heather
Baucem, Christian
Beauze, Brigitte
Bell, Tracey



Berberette, Jan
Billie, Andrea
Bolden, Ladrena
Bolton, Angela
Bond, Diane



Bond, Jana
Boone, Vickie
Bosarge, Kathrine
Boyd, Clara
Boyd, Dan



Boyle, Jessica
Bradley, Eric
Brezzeale, Jason
Breland, Betty
Breland, George



Breland, Jeri
Briggs, Shannon
Brown, David
Brown, Karl
Brown, Lori



Bryant, George IV
Buckles, Derek
Bui, Tuong Nhat
Burrell, Sheri
Bush, Averie



Cain, Christy
Capone, Al
Carr, Valerie
Cathey, Scott
Chadwick, Christa



Chapman, Tonya
Christy, Nikita
Christy, Tara
Cobb, Wendy
Comstock, Amy



Cook, Jayson
Cox, Brandon
Cridwell, Jocelyn
Cunningham, Marian
Curtis, Grant



Davis, Brian
Davis, Ricosas
Denham, Greg
Dennison, Jimmy
Diamond, Lisa

Dixon, Bubba
Doki, Tomomi
Dyche, Tonie
Dyess, Glenn
Eleuterius, Alex



Ellis, Jennifer
Evans, Amy
Evans, Tondia
Everett, Tommy
Fairley, Bonnie



Fairley, Marlon
Fairley, Nicole
Fleming, Paul



Forshee, Craig
Forton, Richard
Fountain, Candace



Fountain, Joyce
Fox, Bobby
Frederick, Pilar
Fuchinoue, Katsuhiko
Fulcher, Monica



Fulmer, Jana
Gable, Roone
Gainer, Adrain
Gamble, Ike
Gammage, Missy



Garlotte, Deanna
Garrison, Chester
Gibson, Khanna
Gieger, Ginny
Goble, Linda



Goudy, Stephanie
Goudy, Sylvia
Gough, Matthew
Graham, April
Graham, Chris



Graves, Edith
Green, Kenneth
Griffin, LaTonya
Griffin, Robert
Grogan, George

Hale, Mandy
Hall, Andre
Hall, Tim



Hamilton, Jennifer
Hansen, Rebecca
Harris, Gia



Harris, Kevin
Hart, Eric
Hartley, Shannon
Harvey, Patti
Haynes, Marcus



Haynes, Theresa
Hebert, Septime
Hidaki, Mayumi
Hill, Bonita
Hill, Eric



Hill, Raynael
Himiya, Majilio
Hinds, Kerri
Holland, Tiffany
Holloway, Angie



Holliday, Mark
Holmes, Terrill
Hood, Danny
Hood, Kalei
Hood, Teresa



Hood, Paul
Hooks, Bo
Hori, Yuko
Howell, Tracy
Howze, Carma



Huddleston, Aaron
Hughes, Darrelle
Hummel, Christine
Hunter, Herschel
Jackson, Frank



Jackson, Stacey
Jacques, Decima
James, Camisha
Jettson, Lillian
Johnson, Anthony



Johnson, Chris
Johnson, Julie
Johnson, Ramon
Jones, Antoinette
Jordan, Michael



Kasovich, Matt
Kelly, Bryan
Kelvin, Ellis
Kennedy, Chalesha
Kirkpatrick, James



Ladner, D.D.
Ladner, Judy
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Lavender, Channon



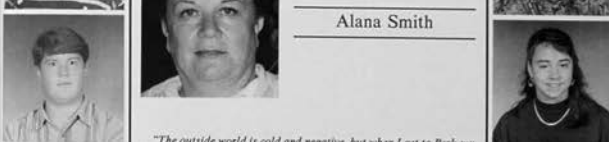
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Lewis, Lou



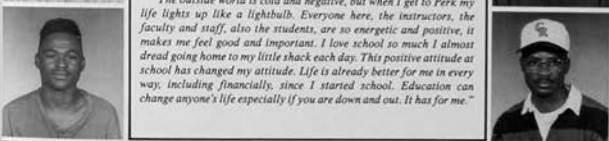
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Lickert, Christina
Lott, Betty
Lott, Brandy
Lucky, Moss



Luzenberg, Tamra
McBeath, Billy



McCoy, Jeffrey
McCrory, Candace



McCullom, Keith
McDaniel, Robert



McDaniel, Wendy
McDevitt, William
McDuffie, John
McGee, Rueben
McKay, Brooks



McLaurin, Samuel
Magee, Antoinette
Marsh, Latanya
Martin, Anthony
Martin, Consuela

In the Spotlight . . .

What do you like
most about Perk?

Alana Smith



"The outside world is cold and negative, but when I get to Perk my life lights up like a lightbulb. Everyone here, the instructors, the faculty and staff, also the students, are so energetic and positive, it makes me feel good and important. I love school so much I almost dread going home to my little shack each day. This positive attitude at school has changed my attitude. Life is already better for me in every way, including financially, since I started school. Education can change anyone's life especially if you are down and out. It has for me."

Mason, John
Maxwell, Sharon
Meek, Ricky
Mercier, Kelli
Miller, Jeremy



Minor, Sophia
Mitchell, Greg
Montgomery, Dinah
Moody, Grady



Moore, Christa
Morgan, Ken



In the Spotlight ...

"We were called to remove metal fishing string from a toilet in Hayden Hall."

What was your funniest maintenance request?



Brian Hall and
Buddy Naramore.

"We were called to Hayden Hall to let a guy out of the bathroom who had been stuck there for two hours."

Morgan, Ray
Moulds, Larry



Necaise, Tracy
Nguyen, Kim
Norton, Robin
O'Neal, Heather
Oates, Derrick



Ohtsuka, Toride
Oliver, Ryan
Owens, Amy
Packer, Shea
Paige, Tamika



Parish, Shellye
Parker, Diana
Patteson, Dwight
Payne, Candace
Payton, Durand



Payton, Terrance
Pearce, Jeff
Perkins, Michele
Perrone, Pete
Pierre, Loren



Pietrangelo, Tommy
Pipkins, Russell
Pittman, Jesse
Pollock, Frederick
Power, Stephanie



Pugh, Jason
Purvis, Sherree
Ray, Ilsa
Ray, Kimberly
Reid, Ann



Reinike, Chet
Reynolds, Nicole
Richard, Deborah
Richardson, Terry
Richburg, Daron

In the Spotlight ...

Learning has no boundaries

"I went to USM for eight months before coming to MGCCC. There, I learned English because I could not speak English at all. I already have a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Japan. After I get a bachelor's degree in English, I want to go back to Japan and teach English."



Mayumi Hidaki



Rillieux, Dion
Rivera, Fernando



Robbins, Richie
Robertson, Barry



Rose, Karrie
Rosenweig, Rachel
Rosetti, Selena
Ross, Felicia
Rouse, Wendy

Rufus, Edward N.
Sandefur, Carla
Sanders, Paul
Sanders, Trina
Savoy, Patrick



Scarborough, Allen
Scott, Deonardo
Seal, Shawna
Seal, Wendy
Sekine, Marsahiro



Sevel, Mitch
Shook, Andrea
Shotts, Wes
Siggers, Glenard
Sims, Shelli



Slade, Heather
Smith, Alana
Smith, Edward
Smith, Frinda
Smith, Gloria



Smith, Gregory
Smith, Kim
Smith, LeAnne
Smith, Melissa
Smith, Patti



Smith, Richard
Snerling, Sonia



Stallings, Sherry
Stanton, Bonnie



In the Spotlight . . .

What do you like most
about Perkettes?

"I meet lots of new people and it shows
school spirit!"



Christy Walker



Stokes, Chris
Street, Joelle
Street, Trey
Strickland, Scott
Sullivan, Keshia



Sumner, Heather
Sutherland, Charolette
Swiontek, Chris
Taylor, Chris
Taylor, John



Taylor, Ladd
Taylor, Mark
Taylor, Michael
Taylor, Tracy
Taylor, Wesley



Thibodeaux, Jaimie
Thomas, Jack
Thompson, Ola
Thornton, Patrick
Thorsen, Jarrett



Thurman, Mary
Tibbs, Michele
Tibbs, Toni
Tice, Ryan
Tippitt, Mimi



Tootle, James
Trotter, Dell
Valder, Dersiree
Vaughn, Stacy
Vitosky, Jana



Vonder Brugge, Bryan
Wade, Rachael
Walker, Christy
Walker, Dorri
Walker, Tamika

Walker, Tim
Walters, Bobbie
Walton, David
Watts, Derek
Webb, Jacob



Weissinger, Joe
Welch, Devida
West, Chris
White, Josh
Whittington, Peggy



Wilder, Jeffie
Williams, Angela

In the Spotlight . . .

A Reflection on Perk



Mandy Hale

"I chose Reflections basically because I wanted to get involved at Perk. I wanted to be involved on and off campus. My main concern was recruiting. I wanted to help people realize that Perk is not all PARTY."



Williams, Vincent
Willis, Clifton



Wilkerson, Robert
Wilson, Lewis
Wilson, Tara
Woodard, Maria
Woods, Tracy



Wright, John
Yates, Michelle
Young, Alfred
Young, Carl
Younger, Charlotte



IT'S A DAWG'S LIFE



These are truly Bulldog fans.



Watch out Jane Fonda, here comes Gia Harris!



Perkettes, from left, Brandy Lott, Tonie Dyeche, Lori Brown, Bobbie Walters, Antoinette Jones, and Heather Slade enjoy relaxing at the pep rally. These girls are definitely not camera shy.



Brenda Nalepa tries to help a student decide on a major.

George County Occupational Training Center

The George County Occupational Training Center, located on 15 acres in George County, opened its doors in 1971. Educational offerings include one year postsecondary vocational programs—welding, cosmetology, practical nursing, and administrative support services. Secondary education programs, such as carpentry, welding, business computer applications, and health occupations, are also offered. Continuing education, special interest, and adult basic education courses are also provided to the citizens of George County. The George County Center is under the direction of the vice president of the Perkinston Campus.

Even though the George County Occupational Training Center is a vocational facility, regularly scheduled transportation is provided during the fall and spring sessions for students who wish to attend the Perkinston Campus for academic programs.



Anna Faye Kelley
GCOTC Dean

Kelley named dean at GCOTC

After 23 years as a teacher and administrator on the Perkinston Campus, Anna Faye Kelley was named administrative dean of the George County Occupational Training center last July. She replaced John Ward Cooley, who retired after 12 years as dean of the center.

As administrative dean at GCOTC, Kelley administers all aspects of the educational programs there. She also identifies and recommends program offerings, works with business, industry, and labor to insure a better understanding between education and business/communities, and works closely with George County High School in maintaining training programs.

Kelley has been employed by the College since 1969, when she joined the Business and Office Administration department, Perkinston Campus, as an instructor. For 18 years, she taught business and office courses, many of them evening courses offered at the Perkinston Campus and GCOTC.

In 1987, Kelley was named director of the College's Institutional Self-Study. In 1988, Kelley was named administrative assistant for academic and general instruction and student services. Prior to her career at Gulf Coast, Kelley taught business education courses at Mary Montgomery High School in Semmes, Ala.



George County Occupational Training Center



Burney, Larry Administrative Support Services
Cochran, Harry Secondary Welding
Goff, Frank Maintenance



Havard, Michael Secondary Carpentry
Hill, Ellen Secondary Health Occupations
Howell, Lonnie Related Education



Jackson, Carrie Janitorial
Johnston, Benjamin Welding
Mirell, Ronnie C. Counselor



Roberts, Brenda Secretary
Smith, Jannie Secretary
Vickers, Evelyn Practical Nursing

George County Occupational Training Center

Box, Regina Cosmetology
Bradley, Clarence Welding
Brannon, Betty Secretarial
Brown, Russell Welding

Chisolm, Michelle Secretarial
Cochran, Michelle Secretarial
Cochran, Sheryl Secretarial
Colburn, Judy Secretarial

Darden, Penny Secretarial
Dickerson, Rebecca Cosmetology
Dock, Karen Cosmetology
Dufrene, Christie Prac. Nursing

Dunnam, Ginger Prac. Nursing
Eubanks, June Secretarial
Eubanks, Rena Secretarial
Fitzgerald, Patrick Welding

Fortenberry, Jamie Prac. Nursing
Freeman, Rayford Welding
Gandy, Chris Prac. Nursing
Glover, Eugene Welding

Goff, Abby Cosmetology
Grant, Sharon Secretarial
Graves, Liz Cosmetology
Greer, Angel Prac. Nursing



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Harrison, Rachel Cosmetology
Henderson, Karl Welding
Hennis, Sara Prac. Nursing
Hite, Jason Welding

Jenkins, Brenda Prac. Nursing
Kittrell, Gwen Secretarial
Lawrence, Cynthia Prac. Nursing
Ledet, Lyle Welding

Lee, Jerry Welding
Lott, Leah Prac. Nursing
Luke, James Welding
McLeod, Jo Cosmetology

McNeal, Michael Welding
Merritt, Craig Prac. Nursing
Middleton, Steve Prac. Nursing
Miller, Jamie Welding

Neault, Robbie Welding
Perkins, Donald Prac. Nursing
Pierce, Connie Prac. Nursing
Pilgrim, Randy Welding

Reeves, Kelly Cosmetology
Robbins, Krystal Secretarial
Rogers, Thomas Welding
Shepherd, Samantha Prac. Nursing



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Simmons, Sallye Prac. Nursing
Smith, Jennifer Cosmetology
Smith, Lucy Prac. Nursing
Smith, Marvari Prac. Nursing

Smith, Regina Secretarial
Smith, Selina Secretarial
Smith, Tiffany Prac. Nursing
Spears, George Welding

Spivry, Vernekie Cosmetology
Stauter, Tracey Secretarial
Sumrall, Taris Secretarial
Tanner, Tina Cosmetology

Tatum, Stephanie Prac. Nursing
Taylor, Heather Secretarial
Tilley, Lisa Prac. Nursing
Trusler, Robin Prac. Nursing

Turner, Morgan Welding
Walczak, Diana Prac. Nursing
Watson, Elizabeth Cosmetology
Whigham, Angela Secretarial

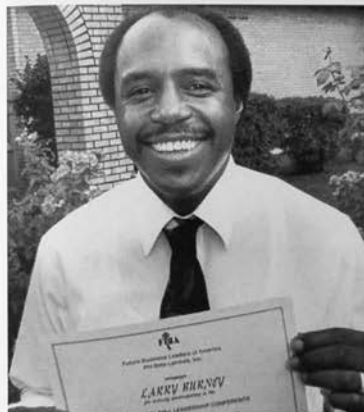
Whitmoyer, Christopher Welding
Williams, Benny Welding
Williams, Carol Cosmetology
Williams, Ginger Prac. Nursing



George County Occupational Training Center



Willis, Sharon DS Secretarial



Larry Burney, Administrative Support Services instructor/Phi Beta Lambda advisor at George County Occupational Training Center, attended the 50th anniversary Phi Beta Lambda convention in Chicago last July. There, he received a certificate for 15 years of service as PBL advisor.

Harvey Leon Packer, GCOTC student, was recognized in 1992 as the third best typist in the nation. Packer competed against collegiate typists from all 50 states at the 50th anniversary Phi Beta Lambda convention held in Chicago last July.

In March 1992, Packer, the son of Ms. Betty Pine, represented GCOTC in the state Administrative Assistant-Typist competition held in Jackson. He placed first among more than 30 postsecondary chapters of PBL.

"Leon is one of the most skilled students I have had the pleasure of teaching," says Larry Burney, GCOTC Administrative Support Services instructor and PBL advisor.



George County Occupational Training Center



VICA Officers

From left, Tiffany Smith, vice president; Johnese Hennis, secretary; Randy Pilgrim, president; Diana Walczak, reporter; and Carol Williams, treasurer. Not pictured is Shirley Parker, parliamentarian.

Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America



Roxie Barker, center, is pinned by GCOTC practical nursing instructor Evelyn Vickers in the 1992 Practical Nursing pinning ceremony.

A GCOTC student tackles a welding project.



George County Occupational Training Center



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From front left, Christie Dufrene, Lucy Smith, Lorraine Johnson, Lisa Tilly, Tiffany Smith, Johnese Hennis, Leah Lott, Diana Walczak, and Sally Simmons. Back from left are Cynthia Lawrence, Connie Pearce — reporter, Angel Greer — president, Robin Truher, Ginger Dunham, Samatha Shepherd, Rai Smith — historian, Donald Perkins — treasurer, Chris Gandy, Michelle Tatum, Brenda Jenkins, and Steve Middleton.

Cosmetology

Front from left are Regina Box, Carol Williams — treasurer, Beth Watson, and Liz Graves — secretary. Back from left, Jeanette Krel, Mary O. Jones, Darlene Dock — president, Karen Dock, Jennifer Smith — vice president, and Jennifer Scarbrough. Not pictured are Kay Firth, Shirley Parker and Tina Tanner.



Phi Beta Lambda



Front from left are Krystal Robbins, Rena Eubanks, Penny Lutrick, Sharon Willis, Betty Brannon, Jane Eubanks — vice president, and Michelle Cochran — treasurer. Not pictured is Angela Whigham — president.

Mr. Perk — Jeff Reeves

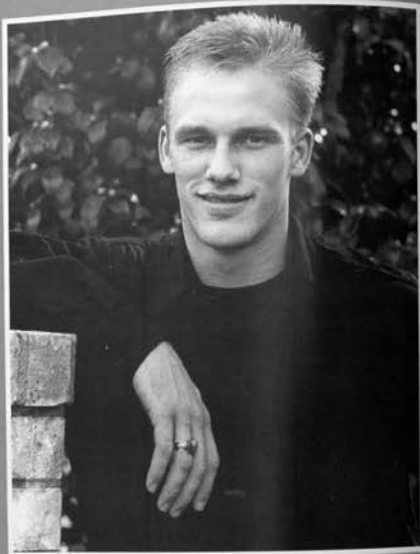
Jeff Reeves, a radio communications major from Mobile, Ala., says he has discovered something about himself since coming to Perk.

"As a student in high school, I was extremely shy. Since I've been at Perk, I have realized I'm not shy anymore. Just ask my friends!" Jeff says.

At Perk, Jeff has been involved with band, choir, Show Choir, Soundwaves, Jazz Band, and Perk Players. He is also stage manager for Malone Hall.

Jeff feels he has contributed to the college by using his talents as a performer in the arts, which he says are "very important in everyone's life."

Jeff plans to start a business as a computerized phone technician. Also, he wants to further his career in radio broadcasting, which he does on the weekends.



Miss Perk — Richie Robbins

Richie Melinda Robbins, a pre-law major from Pascagoula, says, "Since I've been at Perk, I've discovered that dentistry is not the field for me! I'd love to help people, but in a humanitarian sense."

"Winners never give up. I've learned that endurance and strength come from a positive attitude," Richie says.

A member of the choir, Bulldog Barks staff, Modeling Club, Baptist Student Union, Winter Guard, and elected as a 1992-93 beauty, Richie says she feels she has contributed "just another positive personality to the Perkinton Campus."

Richie plans to pursue a master's degree in law and eventually settle down and have a family.



Most Handsome — Donnie Leverette

Donnie Leverette, a political science major from Mobile, Ala., says, "One discovery I have made about myself at Perk is that in order to succeed in life and my major, I have to put forth 110 percent."

Donnie has put that 110 percent into his many activities on campus, including Mississippi Sound, Show Choir, choir, band, Winter Guard, and Soundwaves.

His musical and academic talents are a couple of things Donnie feels he has contributed to Perk.

"My plans and goals for the future are to become a successful criminal attorney, get married, and have a few kids," Donnie concludes.



Most Beautiful — Bobbie Walters



Bobbie Walters, a radiology major from Wiggins, says Perk is a "wonderful place to go to school. Both academically and socially. I have made several friends here, some of whom I know will be life-long friends, and that's important."

Involved with Reflections and a two-year member of the Perkettes Dance Team, Bobbie has twice been named to the Vice President's list and received the Academic Achievement Award in 1991.

Bobbie's other honors include 1991 campus beauty, 1992 sophomore Homecoming maid and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

"I feel I have contributed greatly to this school just by being a part of the Perkettes Dance Team," Bobbie says. "Perkettes is like a trademark here at Perk, and thanks to Mrs. (Kathleen) Braun and our wonderful team, this year has been a successful one."

After receiving her bachelor's degree in radiology from William Carey College, Bobbie plans to specialize in chemotherapy treatment.



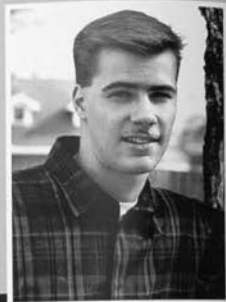
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Bubba Dixon



Glenn Dyess



Matt Kasovich



Jeff Reeves



Chris Sabino

Not Pictured: Jamie Miller

Beauties



Patti Harvey



Antionette Jones



Candace Payne



Richie Robbins



Bonnie Stanton

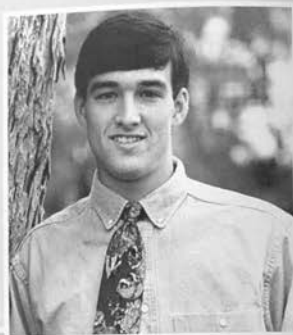


Mimi Tippitt

Class Favorites



Mimi Tippitt
Sophomore



Brooks McKay
Sophomore



Antionette Jones
Freshman



Chris Sabino
Freshman

Best All Around



Bonnie Stanton



Grant Curtis

Friendliest



Kesha Sullivan and Marcus Haynes

Most Athletic



Aundria Chambliss

Not Pictured: Ted Alford

Most School Spirit



Nicole Reynolds
and
Tommy Everett

Most Likely to Succeed



Christy Cain
and
Chester Garrison



Who's Who Among Students

in American Junior Colleges



Victorian Boone



Valerie Carr



Christa Chadwick



Felicia Craig



Marian Cunningham



Linda Goble



Tammy Hall



Betty Lott



Jeffery Niolet



Heather O'Neal



Alana Smith



Eddie Smith



Bonnie Stanton



Kesha Sullivan



Melissa Thomas



Mimi Tippitt



Bryan Vonder Bruegge



Delana Wade



Bobbie Walters



Christopher Williams

Not Pictured

Robert Dehaven
Monica Fulcher
Tracy Ladner

Hall of Fame



Tania Michelle Aguilar Blandon is a chemical engineering major from Panama City, Panama. She participates in the Honors Program and is a member of the Delta Club and Phi Theta Kappa. Tania's honors include Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, and the President's List. Tania plans to transfer to Louisiana State University in the fall of 1993.

"Don't aim for success if you want it, just do what you love and believe in it, and it will come naturally."



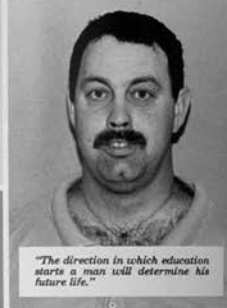
Bruce H. Boyd is a veterinary science major from Lucedale. His honors include Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, and President's List. Bruce is presently pursuing a doctorate degree in veterinary science at Mississippi State University. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Southern Mississippi. While at Perk, Bruce maintained a grade point average of 4.0.

"Live one day at a time."



Richard David Forton is a chemical engineering major from D'Iberville. He is a member of the Student Council, Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, Delta Club, baseball team, and Scholar's Bowl team. He is also a resident assistant. Richard's honors include Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and the President's List. He plans to transfer to Mississippi State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

"... Two roads diverged in a wood, and I... I took the one less traveled by... And that has made all the difference."
—Robert Frost



"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."



"Some men see things as they are and ask why; I see things that never were and ask why not."
—Robert Kennedy

Hall of Fame

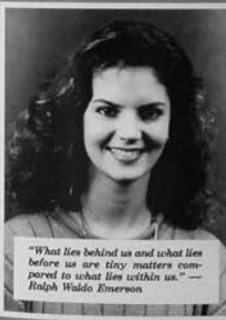
Chester P. Garrison is a chemical engineering major from Pascagoula. He is a member of the band, Delta Club, and Scholars Bowl team. Chester's honors include President's List, National Dean's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and Hall of Fame. He was also voted Most Likely to Succeed this year. Chester has maintained a 4.0 grade point average during his first three semesters at MGCC. He plans to transfer to Mississippi State University.



"Be in peace with many, but let one in a thousand be thy counselor."
Ecclesiastes 1:23



"What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first with diligence."
—Samuel Johnson



"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jessica Apryl Lee is an English major from Wiggins. She participates in the Honors Program and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Reflections, yearbook staff, and Student Council. She is also a resident assistant. Apryl's honors include Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, and the President's List. She plans to transfer to Mississippi College to obtain a bachelor's degree. She later plans to attend law school.

Brandy Lott is an accounting major from Wiggins. She is a Perketta captain, a student worker, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Reflections, and Phi Beta Lambda. Brandy's honors include Homecoming Maid, Hall of Fame, and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Brandy plans to transfer to the University of Southern Mississippi to obtain her master's degree. Later, she wants to work in the health care field.



"When we do not find peace of mind in ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere."
—Rochefoucauld

Amy Elaine Owens is an English major from Wiggins. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Reflections, yearbook staff, Delta Club, and Scholars Bowl team. She is also a student worker. Amy's honors include Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, a chemistry award, and President's List. She plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi to obtain a bachelor's degree. She later plans to attend law school.

Patti H. Smith is a counseling psychology major from Lucedale. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Honors Program, and the ADULT organization. Patti's honors include Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, and the President's List. She plans to work in an educational setting as an academic counselor, offering personal, social, and educational counseling to students of diverse backgrounds.



"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."



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ANDREWS HALL



Opal Ainsworth
Housemother



Georgia Fae Bond
Housemother



Aurelia Walker
Housemother

Andrews Hall is a 200-bed residence hall which was dedicated to Thelma Andrews in 1980. Each suite houses 12 women with two private baths, a kitchen area, and a living area. Supervised by Tammie Weathers, Andrews residents enjoy ice cream parties in the courtyard, open dorms, Decorate Your Suite contest at Homecoming, and many other exciting activities that college co-eds enjoy.



Andrews Hall resident assistants include, from left, Lou Lewis, Mandy Hale, Christy Cain, Kerri Hinds, Dinah Montgomery, Monica Fulcher, and Apryl Lee. Tammie Weathers, center, is dorm supervisor.



Friends, like these girls, are only one advantage of living at Andrews Hall.

MORAN HALL

Moran Hall is a 96-female residence hall. Semi-private bathrooms connect two suites of three rooms. Moran's smaller size enables the women to enjoy a family-type atmosphere. Mercedes Jordan is the dormitory supervisor.



Moran Hall resident assistants include, from left, Charlyn Smith and Bonnie Stanton. Seated is dorm supervisor Mercedes Jordan.



Bonnie Stanton relaxes in her room before Perkette practice.



Ernestine Breland
Housemother



Sandy Ladner
Housemother



Carol Peebles
Housemother

HAYDEN HALL

The newest of the men's residence halls, Hayden Hall, was dedicated to Dr. J.J. Hayden Jr. Each two-room suite is connected by a semi-private bath. Since the residence hall was built, it has been the home to many baseball team and hand members. Hayden's lobby is usually bustling with card players and tv watchers. Carl Graham is the dorm supervisor.



Hayden Hall resident assistants include, front from left, Jerry Hoffer, Gregory Smith and Tracy Howell. Second row from left, Brad Alexander and David Fayard. Third row from left, Rick Forton and Billy Todd Spears. Back row, Brian Kelly.



Chris Stokes hits the books during a quiet moment at Hayden Hall.

HARRISON HALL

Harrison Hall is a traditional residence hall with a modern touch. Built in 1938, Harrison was completely renovated and air conditioned in 1974, and cable television was installed in 1990. Harrison Hall houses approximately 70 male students. Ed Wilson serves as dorm supervisor. Residents are avid participants in intramural sports.



Harrison Hall resident assistants include, front row from left, Ryan Tice, Shannon Briggs, and Ray Morgan. Second row from left, Willie Jefferson and Eddie Smith.



Willie Jefferson pumps up the volume while Mark Taylor pumps up the info.



Shannon Briggs and Talo Ohtsuka do their share of studying in Harrison Hall.

OWEN HALL

Owen Hall is a modern residence hall for 96 male basketball and football players. Owen features semi-private baths with living arrangements "suite style." Each suite houses 12 students. Chris Calcote, assistant football coach, supervises the residence hall.



Owen Hall resident assistants include Kevin Graham, left, and Paul Fleming, right. At center is dorm supervisor Chris Calcote.





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Student Council



Student Council members include, front from left, Antonette Jones, Beth Brown, Apryl Lee, Kesha Sullivan, and Michelle Yates. Second row from left, are Amy Comstock, DeAnna Garlotte, Tracy Bell, and Mimi Tippitt. Back row from left are Ramon Johnson, Matt Kasovich, Tracy Carter — advisor, Richard Forton, and Bubba Dixon. Not Pictured are Ginny Gieger, Christa Chadwick, Brad Alexander, and Lisa Alexander.

Executive Council Officers

The Student Council is responsible for sponsoring many of the student activities on campus. In the fall semester, the Council sponsors "Back to School" welcoming activities, coordinates an AIDS Awareness Week, various homecoming activities, Homecoming, and Who's Who elections. During the spring semester, the Council assists with planning Cultural Awareness activities, a Drug Awareness Week and a Spring Fever Week. The Student Council also conducts one community service project each year. This year's project was collecting food for the victims of Hurricane Andrew.



Executive Council includes, from left, Ginny Gieger, secretary; Mimi Tippitt, treasurer; Kesha Sullivan, president; and Tracey Bell, vice president.

Reflections



Reflections members include, front from left, Danny Walton, Matt Kasovich, Heather O'Neal, LeAnne Smith, Selena Rosetti, Robin Norton, Tammy Denson, Mandy Hale, Apryl Lee, and Amy Owens. Center from left are Kesha Sullivan, Christy Cain, and Candace McCrory. Back from left are Tommy Everett, Jana Fulmer, and Bryan Vonder Bruegge.



Reflections officers include, from left, Danny Walton, vice president; Jana Fulmer, secretary/treasurer; Susan Lamey, advisor; and Bryan Vonder Bruegge, president.

Reflections, MGCCC's recruiting team, performs various recruiting duties, such as visiting high schools, serving as tour guides, and promoting the entire MGCCC system through a positive, loyal attitude and an understanding of the college purpose. Reflections members work in harmony with the president of the College, administration, faculty, staff, Alumni Association, Foundation, and student government to promote interest in the institution.

Band of Gold Shines On



1992 Band of Gold (from left): Front row: Tonie Dyche, Lori Brown, and Brandy Lott. 2nd row: Carla Sandefur, Lissa Ross, Bonnie Stanton, Bobbie Walters, Kelli Mercier, Heather Shade, Cindy Durant, Antoinette Jones, Patti Harvey, Rochelle Barry, Dawn Underwood, Christie Walker, and René Babischkin. 3rd row: Georgia White, Christa Moore, Bonita Hill, Sherry Stallings, Beverly Byrd, Cheryl Read, Stephanie Goady, Katrina High, Deana Dattilo, Melissa Davis, and Mimi Ashby. 4th row: Karrie Rose, Dan Hunter, Fernando Rivers, Chris Stewart, Tanisha Breland, Nicole Fairley, John Wright, Connie Bennett, Elizabeth Brown, Dyan Cross, Donnie Laverette, and George Bryant. 5th row: John Betros, Chuck Nelson, Chester Garrison, Michael Taylor, Jason Walker, Bryan Davis, Jeremy Martin, Chris Swintok, Scott Cathey, Kenya Cooper, Angela Williams, and Kami Farris. 6th row: Michael Strickland, Bryan Lusher, Franklin Adams, Mark Holiday, Alex Eleuterius, and Colton Hall. 7th row: Warren McCrory, Jeremy Miller, Carl Young, Danny Hillman, and Lewis Wilson. 8th row: Darin Richberg, Marcus Haynes, Cory Hardy, Glennard Siggers, Tony Schilling, Trey Street, Tim Parkman, Gary Griffin, and David Abercrombie. 9th row: Andre Hall, Deshone Riley, Jeffrey McCoy, Tiffany Arrington, William McDevitt, Derrick Washington, Sonya Campbell, Jeremy Thigpen, Aaron Haddleston, Alan Miller, Jeff Reeves, and Terry Richardson. Guard (left, front to back): Kathy Gues, Margaret Phillips, Sylvia Goady, and Heather Sumner. Not pictured: Shannon Bacca, Benjamin Belham, Kevin Blake, Derek Buckles, Jaicya Criddell, James Deloach, Latanya Marsh, Candace McCrory, Veronica Paymon, Pete Perrone, Alvin Strickland, John Taylor, and Del Trotter.



The Band of Gold Guard includes, front from left, Joelle Street, Heather Bass, Kathy Gues, and Shannon Alves. Back row from left, Andrea Billie, Heather Sumner, Mary Thurman, Sylvia Goady, and Margaret Phillips.

The Band of Gold has performed in and around the community for more than half a century. According to band director David Dueitt, this group of musical ambassadors, organized in the mid-1930's, grows stronger each year.

Dueitt, in his fifth year at Gulf Coast, is assisted by Kathy Braun, Perkettes director, and Bobby Fayard, assistant band director. Fayard also heads the newly formed 24-member Winter Guard, a performance group composed of a flag and rifle team.



Drum Majors — Andre Hall and Terry Richardson



Glen Siggers always wears a smile at band practice.



Cindy Durant, Feature Twirler



Band of Gold Council includes, front from left, Jeff Reeves, Donnie Laverette, and Trey Street. Second row from left, Cheryl Read, Cindy Durant, Heather Bass, Lori Brown, and Dyan Cross. Back row from left, George Bryant, Georgia White, Andre Hall, Terry Richardson, Karrie Rose, and Chris Stewart.

Perkettes Dance Team

A major part of the Band of Gold is the Perkettes Dance Line. Formed by band director Sam Jones in the 1950's and now directed by Kathy Bream, the Perkettes have broken the mold of the old-fashioned drill team style. Now, these performers perk up football games, parades and other events with their sleek look and high energy routines.



Perkettes captains are, from left, Lori Brown, Brandy Lott, and Tonie Dyche.



The Perkettes perform at one of our spirited pep rallies.



Perkettes, from left are Lori Brown — captain, Carla Sandifer, Lissa Ross, René Babiochkin, Heather Slade, Christy Walker, Kelli Mercier, Brandy Lott — captain, Rochelle Barry, Bobbie Walters, Dawn Underwood, Antoinette Jones, Tonie Dyche — captain, Bonnie Stanton, and Patti Harvey.



Lori Brown, Perkettes captain, is headed straight to the top.

René Babiochkin, Christy Walker, and Lissa Ross enjoy 1992's first pep rally.



The Perkettes prepare for their first performance of the 1992 football season.

The Perk Players

Actors undertake drama of silent courage

For most actors in a play, learning and then delivering their lines, live, is their greatest task. However, for the Perk Players, a Perkinson Campus performing group open to all students, that challenge took a double-duty turn when the actors had to learn a new language, American Sign Language (ASL), for their 1992 season opener, "Children of a Lesser God."

Winner of the Tony Award and Drama Desk Award, the play is a love story about the relationship of a spirited deaf girl and her teacher.

What made this play different from any other performed by the Perk Players was that the female lead, Sarah Norman, played by University of Southern Mississippi graduate student Daisha Walker, uttered only one phrase during the entire play, and it was indistinguishable.

To help prepare the cast for the play, Sister Dolores Coleman, director of the de l'Espee Deaf Center in Gulfport, taught the actors sign language. Along the way, she also gave students a lesson in the deaf culture.

For Walker and Michael Babb, a Perkinson Campus sophomore who played Sarah's teacher, James Leeds, "Children of a Lesser God" forced an entirely new approach to preparing for a part.

"There's no way we could really know what it's like to be deaf, but the play has gotten us a little closer," Babb said.

The supporting cast for "Children of a Lesser God" included Jennifer Ellis as Lydia, Tom Williams as Mr. Franklin, Marian Cunningham as Mrs. Norman, Dyan Cross as Edna Klein, and Jim Wheatley as Orin Dennis. JoAnne Ellis, speech and theatre instructor at Perk, directed the play. Bob Dehaven was assistant director.



Daisha Walker and Michael Babb use expression, not just words, in "Children of a Lesser God."



Cast members of "Children of a Lesser God" included, from left, Tom Williams, Jennifer Ellis, Dyan Cross, Michael Babb, Marian Cunningham, and Jim Wheatley. Not pictured is Daisha Walker.

The Kids on the Block



The Kids on the Block visit over 30 area schools in their annual six-week touring season.

The Kids on the Block is a unique group of puppet performers who speak directly to audiences about disabilities, educational and medical differences, and social concerns. Program topics include spina bifida, cerebral palsy, blindness, learning disabilities, mental handicaps, divorce, and substance abuse.

In their 1992 touring season, the group, along with coordinators Kathryn Lewis and JoAnne Ellis, visited 35 area schools. Substance abuse and divorce were the season's topics.

The puppets come to life through a Japanese puppetry technique called Bunraku. The puppeteers are visible, but their black clothing causes them to fade into the background. Therefore, attention is focused on the puppets.



The Kids on the Block include, front from left, Jeff Reeves, Nikita Christy, Michael Babb, and Jim Wheatley. Back from left are Ramon Johnson, Jennifer Ellis, JoAnne Ellis — coordinator, Bob Dehaven, and Tom Williams.

Choir

The choir is a non-auditioned group that presents several concerts a year as well as participating and performing in the Mississippi Community Junior College Festival.



Choir members include, front from left, Marilyn Smith — choir director, Cheryl Read, Calandra Raimsey, Michael Taylor, Donnie Leverette, Andre Hall, Jana Fulmer, Patti Harvey, Rosemary Threadgill, Lisa Taylor, and Jamie Toelle. Second row from left, Andrea Billie, Robert Dehaven, Jim Wheatley, Katie High, LaTanya Marsh, Dyan Cross, and Chalesha Kennedy. Third row from left, Marcus Haynes, Amy Hall, Zeke Guin, Andrea Shook, LeAnne Smith, Tom Williams, Rich Ouellette, Tara Christy, and Rachel Rosensweig. Fourth row from left, Jocelyn Criddell, Mitch Sevel, Monica Fulcher, Christy Cain, Decima Jacques, and Jeff Reeves.

Mississippi Sound

Mississippi Sound consists of 10 auditioned singers and dancers that present an exciting 30-minute musical revue. They serve as good-will ambassadors for the college at various high schools, churches, and civic organizations throughout South Mississippi.



Mississippi Sound members include, front row from left, Marcus Haynes, Dyan Cross, Ramon Johnson, Katie High, Cheryl Read, and Jim Wheatley. Back row from left, Donnie Leverette, Andrea Billie, Patti Harvey, and Jeff Reeves.

Soundwaves

Soundwaves is a recently formed singing quartet that performs many selections, from barbershop music to the rock and roll hits of the fifties.



Soundwaves includes, from left, Jeff Reeves, Mitch Sevel, Donnie Leverette, and Jim Wheatley.

Sextet

The Sextet is a newly formed girls ensemble. The girls have performed at various churches and at Montana's Restaurant. In the spring, the Sextet performed at the State Choir Festival. The Sextet has been a great addition to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College program and will hopefully be a tradition for years to come.



Members of the newly formed Sextet include, from left, Decima Jacques, Jocelyn Criddell, Andrea Shook, Christy Cain, Lisa Taylor, and LeAnne Smith.

Jazz Band

First row from left, David Dweir-director, Fernando Rivera, Charyl Reed, Patti Harvey, Trey Street, Jeff Reeves, Frankie Adams, and Mitch Sevel. Second row from left, Andre Hall, Alex Eleuterius, and Mimi Ashby. Third row from left, Dell Trotter and Karrie Rose. Fourth row from left, Chester Garrison, Michael Taylor, William McDevitt, John Taylor, and Terry Richardson.



The Gulf Coast Community College Jazz Band is growing in importance as an element in the band and Fine Arts program at Perkinston. The band plays traditional jazz, rock and pop at several community and college events throughout the year.

Winter Guard



First row from left, Heather Bass, Shannon Ables, Dell Trotter, Christa Moore, Katie High, Michael Morris, and Jim Wheatley. Second row from left, Andre Hall, Chris Hawthorne, Karrie Rose, LaTanya Marsh, Marcus Haynes, Tiffany Arrington, Dyan Cross, Joelle Street, and Terry Richardson. Third row from left, Donnie Leverette, Cory Hardy, Jana Fulmer, Andrea Billie, Lewis Wilson, and Bobby Fayard—director. Fourth row from left, William McDevitt, Heather Summers, John Taylor, Sherry Stallings, Bonita Hill, Mimi Ashby, Michael Babb, and George Bryant.

The Perkinston Winter Guard, Southern Expressions, is in its second year. This year, the guard is performing to the high velocity Harry Connick Jr. jazz hit "Kiss Me" as the opening feature. The group also premieres six dance couples and the entire ensemble performing to Michael Bolton's "Since I Fell for You."

ADULT

First row from left, Peggy Whittington, Cissie Bockwaller, Alana Smith, Linda Goble, Jan Serpente, and Patti Smith. Second row from left, Julie McCoy, Shannon Hardy, Darnell Martin, Debra Richard, Marian Cunningham, Valerie Carr, Charlotte Younger, Robbie Griffin, and Terry Griffin. Not pictured—Bourbon Hughes, Joy Fountain, Cindy Herrin, Robin Henderson, Judy Ladmir, Betty Breland, Beverly Breland, Teresa Hood, and Betty Lott.



The ADULT Support Group is an organization for nontraditional students. It is designed to help the adult student reach his or her full potential in all areas of student life.

Honors



First row from left, Agryl Lee, Gio Harris, Manahiro Sekine, Mandy Hale, and Christy Cain. Second row from left, Jennifer Ellis, Candace McCrory, Katie High, Mitch Sevel, Ken Morgan, Jana Bond, and Tracy Ladner. Third row from left, Jon Lewis—sponsor, Edith Graves, Tracy Bell, Carla Dickens, Patti Smith, Tania Aguilar, and Peggy Whittington. Fourth row from left, Vicki Boone, Beverly Breland, Deborah Richard, Marian Cunningham, Valerie Carr, and Betty Breland.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College established the Honors Program in 1987. The Honors Program offers special courses and activities, along with full-tuition scholarships, to academically talented students.

In order to remain in the program, honors scholars must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 with no grade lower than a C and must take seven hours of honors credit each semester.

Perk Ad Club

Perk Ad Club members include, front from left, Desiree Valder, Terri Brennan, June Reddis, Travis Fountain, and Mary Thurman. Back from left are Heather Slade, Tammy King, and Annette Breland. Not pictured are Chris Hawthorne, Jose Freyre, Minnie Morris, Amy Mahaffey, Pat Griffin, Hope Harrison, and club sponsor Betty Wallace.



The Perk Ad Club is a collegiate chapter of the American Advertising Federation. Club members take field trips to local ad agencies and observe the activities of advertising and marketing departments. The students compete in the Addys, which is held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast by professionals who work in the advertising field.

Delta Phi Omega



First row from left, Alfred Young, Chris Williams, Amy Owens, Rick Fortin, Mimi Ashby and Jesse Jacobs—sponsor. Second row from left, John Mason, William Gardner, Ken Mack, Pete Butera, Chet Reinecke, Warren McCrory, and Jon Bond. Third row from left, Jeffery McCoy, Chester Garrison, Michael Taylor, Ben Ray, Ryan Tice, Chad Canoy, Chris Stokes, Chris West, and Candace Fountain.

The Delta Phi Omega Club has an open invitation for membership to engineering, mathematics, and computer science majors. The club is involved in field trips to industrial and scientific organizations where members are exposed to engineers, mathematicians and computer operators on the job.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the nationally recognized scholastic honorary fraternity for junior college students. The goals of Phi Theta Kappa are to provide opportunities for development of leadership and service and to encourage continuing academic excellence. Phi Theta Kappa offers opportunities for personal enrichment of the student through unique educational experiences and fellowship with other scholars.

Membership is by invitation only and with a 3.5 grade point average on all college work. Perkinson's Phi Theta Kappa sponsors are Cheryl Catalano and Brenda Batey.



Members of Phi Theta Kappa include, front row from left, Carissa Howell, LeAnne Smith, Cheryl Catalano — sponsor, April Lee, and Stephanie Janczewski. Second row from left, Linda Goble, Pat Smith, Tania Aguilar, and the Ray. Third row from left, Tracy Bell, Peggy Whittington, and Amy Owens. Fourth row from left, Valerie Carr, Julie Redmond, and Beverly Bredland. Fifth row from left, Deborah Richard and Billy Jennings. Sixth row from left, Zeke Guin, Betty Lott and Betty Bredland. Seventh row from left, Takashi Masahara, Brenda Batey — sponsor, and Kerri Linds. Eighth row from left, Debra Wade, Mandy Hale, Christy Cain, and Brandi Lott. Ninth row from left, Kerry Kirkpatrick, Rick Fortson, and Dan Boyd.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) paves the road to a successful business career. Phi Beta Lambda is the post-secondary division of Future Business Leaders of America — Phi Beta Lambda Inc. Students who are majoring in business fields or who have an interest in the business world are eligible for membership. Active membership in PBL provides students with opportunities for business preparation through seminars, workshops, and competitive events. The Perkinson Campus chapter of PBL is very involved in student activities and in the community through participation in AIDS Awareness Week, MGCCC Homecoming activities, Wellness Week, Drug Awareness Week, and community service projects.



Phi Beta Lambda Club members include, front row from left, George Grogan, reporter, and Jeff McCoy. Top row from left, Lisa Griffin, Glady Gieger, Danny Walton — vice president, Lisa Taylor — advisor, Charita Chadwick — president, Tracey Bell — secretary/treasurer, and Edith Graves.

Baptist Student Union



The Baptist Student Union is a Christian organization that is sponsored by the Southern Baptists and is open to all students. BSU meets weekly and provides students with many opportunities to enhance their spiritual life. Weekly events include Priority Night, Children's Village, Bible Study, and Gospel Choir.

Members of the BSU include, front row from left, Tommy Vandiver — advisor, Rich Ouellette — fellowship, Daron Richburg — president, and Sibere Purvis. Second row from left, Maria Gentry, Carissa Howell — vice president, Stephanie Janczewski — special events, Sherry Stallings — communications, Sherry Galloway, and Richard Carter. Back row from left, Candace McCrory, Wendy McDaniel — secretary, Matt Albertson — Bible Study, Candace Fountain — enrollment, and Eddie Smith. Not pictured are Stephanie Goudy, international students, and Tim Thomas — advisor.

Horticulture Club



The Horticulture club is open to any student interested in the production, identification and marketing of ornamental plants. A grand opening was held almost two years ago for Perk Bloomers Garden Center. The center gives ornamental horticulture students hands-on experience with management and marketing.

Horticulture Club members include, front row from left, Debbie Lane, Rachelle Mitchell, Ota Thompson, Barbara Knudson, Cindy Nafziger, and Pam Spears. Second row from left, Eric Hart, X. Earl McCoy, Jeff McCoy, Clifton Willis, Billy Joe Willis, Terry Cooley, Otto Knudson, Ross Maxwell, and Danny Hood.

Bulldog Barks

The Perk Campus newspaper, *Bulldog Barks*, challenges students in the fields of journalism and layout and design. The newspaper, published twice a semester, also opens up the world of photography to its staff.



The Bulldog Barks staff includes, first row from left, Toni Naramore — advisor, Christy Walker, Teresa Hood, Pilar Frederick, and Pat Griffin. Second row from left, Richie Robbins and Decima Jacques. Third row from left, Jarrett Thorson, Jana Fulmer — photographer, and Scott Cathey. Fourth row from left, Jamie Tootle and Eddie Smith — assistant editor. Not pictured are Bryan Vonder Bruegge — editor, Bob Dehaven, Tracy Taylor, Eddie Lyons, Stacey Jackson, Jennifer Wentworth, and Cheryl Jordan.



Toni Naramore
Advisor



Bryan Vonder Bruegge
Editor



Pilar Frederick



Teresa Hood



Decima Jacques



Eddie Smith
Assistant Editor



Jana Fulmer
Photographer



Richie Robbins



Tracy Taylor



Jarrett Thorson



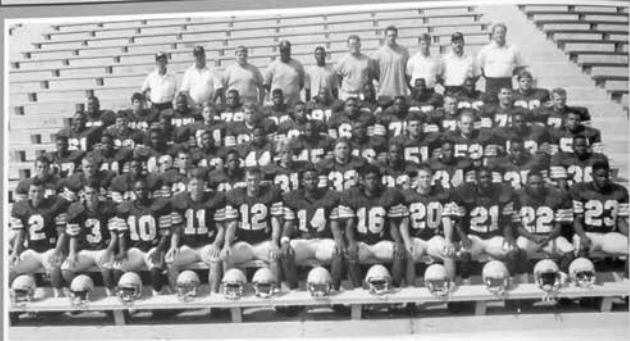
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1992 BULLDOG FOOTBALL



J.C. Arban
Head Coach



Steve Nagy
Assistant Coach



Chris Calcote
Assistant Coach



Ode Burrell
Assistant Coach

In his debut year as Bulldog head coach, J.C. Arban led his players to a 6-4 season-ending record.

The season's opening game matched the Dogs with the Itawamba Indians, ranked No. 11 in the nation in preseason polls. Itawamba took the game 34-20.

Next on the playing calendar was East Central. The Dogs dealt the Warriors a devastating 42-6 beating, racking up a game total of 344 yards and claiming four interceptions.

The Dogs continued their winning streak against the Southwest Bears, taking a 21-2 victory.

Mississippi Delta was next on the Dogs' list. The Trojans fell to Gulf Coast 23-16.

The next week, Northeast gave the Dogs their second defeat of the season, 28-24.

The game against Pearl River saw the Dogs take a lead in the latter part of the game, but Pearl River came back in the last minutes of the game and won 16-13. It was Gulf Coast's first South Division loss.

The last four games of the season were against Jones Junior College, Hinds Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and Coahoma Community College. The Dogs' only loss in the matchups came at the hands of Hinds. The Eagles won 15-0.

The Dogs' 1992 South Division stands at 4-2.



The Gulf Coast Bulldogs, right, face the Hinds Community College Eagles. The Eagles took a 15-0 victory.



Anticipating another victory, assistant coach Steve Nagy watches the clock.



A Gulf Coast player takes down an Itawamba Indian in the Bulldogs' season opener. Itawamba won 34-20.



Jones Junior College players rush to bring down a Gulf Coast player. Gulf Coast defeated Jones 20-10.



Jeff Davis
Sports Injury Manager

A 1992 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Davis joined the Bulldog coaching staff last fall.



Thomas Beeselman
Manager



Eric Bradley
Manager



Donnie Handler
Manager



Edward Womack
Manager

Ted Alford
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Jimmie Amos
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Sean Smith

Chris Stokes
Ladd Taylor
Willie Turnage
Danny Watts
Chris West

Chris Williams
Vincent Williams
Tracy Wood
Alfred Young

Men's Basketball



Kneeling from left are Albert Graham, Quincy Jackson, Paul Fleming, Derek Watts, and Derrick Oates. Standing from left are Robert Wilkerson, Riccus Davis, Patrick Savory, Ike Gamble, Craig Stallings, and Sam Bowle.

This year marked Bob Weathers' 33rd as basketball coach at Gulf Coast. He also surpassed the 700-win mark, another milestone for Weathers, who holds the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 record for most career wins by an active juco basketball coach.

Last season saw Gulf Coast take the state championship and make it to the Region 23 tournament held at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The Bulldogs knocked off Southwest 61-52 in the quarterfinal round of the tourney. They next met Northeast. The Tigers narrowly defeated Gulf Coast 64-63.

The Bulldogs ended the 1992-93 season 30-5. They lost the bid for the state championship to East Central. However, the Bulldogs snatched the South Division title — Weathers' 14th — the week before state playoffs. Ironically, East Central was the opponent in the last round of South Division play. It was a palm-sweating game that finally ended at 60-59.

The Bulldogs went on to win the Region 23 Tournament, played at Mississippi College in Clinton. Next, the Bulldogs traveled to Hutchinson, Kan., for the National Junior College Athletic Association Basketball Tournament, in which they earned a No. 5 national ranking.

"When you lose, it's disappointing. And when you win, you just did what you had to do," Weathers says. And what about the future? Weathers says he doesn't consider the future. He just takes care of the present, one game at a time.

Bob Weathers
Head Coach



Wendell Weathers
Assistant Coach



Bulldog coaches and players take a time out.



Paul Fleming takes it to the hoop and helps Gulf Coast to a 76-68 win over Hinds Community College.



Pat Savory and an East Central player tip off at the 1993 State Community College Basketball Tournament.



The team warms up before a regular season game.

Women's Basketball



The Lady Bulldogs include, front from left, Tondia Evans, Sophia Minor, Roxanne Anderson and Jackie Thornton. Back from left are Tamika Walker, Mimi Tippitt, Audria Chambliss, Tia Nelson, and Sonia Snierling.

A new season. A new coach. But the same dedication.

With the retirement of head coach Doris Smith after 20 years of leading the Gulf Coast Lady Bulldogs, Greg Holmes came to the court.

Holmes dimmed the memory of Gulf Coast's last two disappointing seasons: 3-23 in 1991 and 3-24 in 1992.

Holmes came to Gulf Coast from Harrison Central High School, where his teams won six state championships.

This year, Holmes lived up to his promise of "having a good program at Gulf Coast." He ended the season 12-14 after losing 79-74 to Hinds Community College in the first round of South Division play at the Utica Campus of HCC. Holmes says it was one of the best seasons the Lady Bulldogs have had in four years.

Holmes stresses fundamentals and effective recruiting in his program. Earlier in the year, he said he realized the returning players would have to "become familiar with my coaching style. I will continue to stress defense tactics and hard work at Gulf Coast."



Greg Holmes
Head Coach

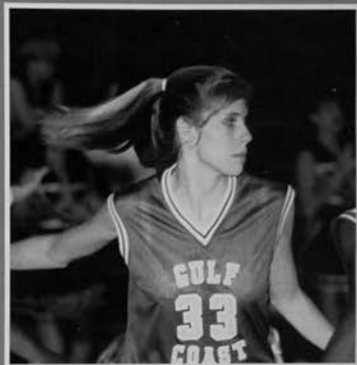


Bruce Layton
Assistant Coach



Roxanne Anderson glides past a Hinds Community College player in a match-up that ended in a 74-72 Gulf Coast win.

Below, Lady Bulldog Mimi Tippitt guards Faulkner State players in the Lady Bulldogs' season opener. The game ended in a 76-66 defeat for Gulf Coast.



Bulldog Coach Greg Holmes gives his team a few pointers. This year was Holmes' first at Gulf Coast.

Baseball

The Bulldog baseball team includes, first row from left, Freddie Little, Eric Dumas, Sean Miller, Shane Rutledge, Brandon Trochesset, Brooks McCoy, Aron Frederic, Justus Scott and Brian Turner. Second row from left, Bubba Dixon, Glenn Dyess, Chris Graham, Jerry Hoffer, Jamie Miller, Marvin Lewis, Jason Monk, David Seymour, Rick Forton and Jeff Niolet. Third row from left, Adam Frost, Jodie Reinike, Steve Simmichi, Alex Moore, Mike Linenberger, Chet Reinike, Bryan Kelly, and Melvin Vincent.



Cooper Farris' baseball squad has experience on its side. Players from 1992 are back to fill every position. And that sounds pretty good to Farris, whose Bulldogs finished at 33-15 last year and brought home the state championship, a first for Gulf Coast in 11 years. The Bulldogs wiped out Northeast in the best-of-two-out-of-three battle, ending that school's nine-game winning streak.

The big downfall of the 1992 season came at the Region 23 tournament, where Gulf Coast fell to Mississippi Delta Community College and Delgado Community College of New Orleans.

This year, Bubba Dixon heads up the pitching staff. He was 11-1 last season and played on the Junior Olympic team last year. Farris is also eyeing newcomers like major league draftees Freddie Little (Houston Astros) and Adam Frost (San Diego Padres).



Copper Farris
Coach



Coach Farris throws a few with the team during practice.



Mike Linenberger has the right idea ... DUCK!



Jeff Niolet swings at a few in the batting cage.



Jodie Reinike warms up before the game.



Bulldog Babes include, front from left, Valerie Breland, Nikki Hatten, Amy Owens, Deanna Gerlotte, Lou Lewis, D'Ann Vecchio, Tracy Taylor, and Shelli Sims. Back from left are Mini Tippitt, Amy Evans, Keasha Sullivan, Christy Cain, Stephanie Power, Stacey Jackson, Christa Chadwick and Marlene Moore—sponsor. The Bulldog Babes are batgirls for the MGCCC baseball team.

Last summer, the Gulf Coast Community College cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleader Camp at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn. In its division, Gulf Coast competed against 24 collegiate squads, winning All Superior ribbons, first place in sideline chant, second in cheer, and third in dance. Approximately 2,000 collegiate cheerleaders attended the camp.



Brigitte Beugez



Gia Harris



Stacy Jackson — Co-captain



Candace Payne



Stephanie Power



Shelli Sims — Co-captain



Tracy Taylor



D'Ann Vecchio



Tommy Everett takes a break from the Bulldog suit.



Tammie Weathers — Sponsor

GOLF

From left are David Fayerd, Gary Webb, Todd Moody, Wade Hamilton, Ronnie Seymour, Robert Snelling and Joe Bannister.

Charles Cooper's Bulldog golf team teed off to the state title and seventh place in the nation in 1992's season.

Cooper, Perk Campus director of admissions, led his golfers to the National Junior College Golf Tournament after their State/Region 23 Tourney victory. The team took seventh place in the national event held at Jekyll Island, Ga.



SOFTBALL

Varsity players include, front from left, Dyann Cross, Tracy Ladner and Vicki Blaise. Back from left are Michelle Yates — state, Nikki Jackson, Teresa Hyland and Coach Steve Nagy.

After a 3-19 record last year, Coach Steve Nagy anticipates a turn-around for Gulf Coast softball in 1993. "With several players coming back, I feel we can look forward to a rewarding 1993 season. I'm excited about coaching this team. I hope they're just as excited about playing," he says.

TENNIS

Kirby Hutson, front, and Terry Barton prepare for another tennis match-up. These players played on the 1992 team.

With a 2-10 record in 1992, Bruce Layton is concentrating on 1993's tennis season.

The Bulldog teams closed the courts after losing in the 1992 state and regional tourney held in Biloxi. Kerr Hinds and Noel Nami, Gulf Coast doubles team, advanced to the semi-finals of the tourney.



INTRAMURALS



Taking a break during a flag football match-up are, from left, Channon Lavender, William Booker, Jayson Cook and Brad Favorite. Back from left are Donnie Leverette, Chris Johnson and Anthony Johnson.



Jarrett Thorsen takes a break during an intramural game.

Intramural football means a great deal of physical activity and a lot of good times.





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The territory of Yugoslavia for centuries was a battleground between the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman empires.

In 1918, the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes was declared, and in 1929 it was renamed Yugoslavia. The new country was torn by demands for autonomy by Croats who opposed Serbian domination.

The ethnic diversity of the territory has been a source of strife for centuries. President Tito, who ruled from 1945 until his death in 1980, kept a tight lid on these internal ethnic rivalries. Since his death, however, central power has been eaten away by the feuding republics.

Thousands have died during the territorial war. Millions have fled and detention camps, likened to those of Nazi Germany, have been created.



William Figueroa, 12 years old, a.k.a. the "potato kid," waited by a potato vendor's cart outside the NBC studios in New York prior to his appearance on the "Late Night with David Letterman" show. Figueroa and his family were basking in his newfound celebrity, gained in June 1992 after he spelled "potato" correctly during a spelling bee and former Vice President Dan Quayle did not.



Three months after the world woke up to one of the worst famines in history, food started to reach hundreds of thousands of Somalis. Estimates of the dead range from 100,000 to half a million, but no one knows just how many have perished in the Horn of Africa nation.

Many have died in the factional fighting that has driven the nation since former leader Siad Barre's ouster. Casualty estimates range from conservative figures of 10,000 to the 60,000 estimated by the human rights group Africa Watch.



Bill Clinton, sitting in with the band, turned out an impressive version of "Heartbreak Hotel" as Arsenio Hall gestured approvingly in the musical opening of "The Arsenio Hall Show" taping at Paramount Studios in June 1992. Hall said of the then presidential hopeful's talent on the saxophone, "It's good to see a Democrat blowing something other than the election."



A grim new vision of the world AIDS epidemic predicts that more than 25 million people will have the disease by the end of the decade, and up to 120 million will be infected. Amsterdam, Netherlands, hosted the largest gathering of AIDS experts in July 1992, but there were no breakthroughs on halting the deadly sweep of this virus. Nothing approaching a cure — or even an effective treatment or vaccine — emerged during the week-long meeting.

Marking losses here in the United States, people signed panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in New York. The exhibition is part of a 35-city national tour.



In May, 1992, Ross Perot was a potential president. He was considered a wild card who could reshuffle the deck of the presidential election.

The Perot Factor was reintroduced to presidential politics 11 weeks prior to the day after the Texas billionaire abandoned plans to run, saying he had concluded he could not win. Many analysts viewed his re-entry as a selfish act at redemption by a political novice who failed to realize what he was getting into months ago and simply wanted to heal a wounded ego.

"Anything that tosses this race up in the air and is unknown is a good thing for Bush," said Republican pollster Bill McInturff during the campaign.

As he rejoined the race, Perot, with a personal fortune and no spending limits to worry about as he campaigned, said he was running to win.



An era of amateurism passed into an age of professionalism, and the Olympics were transformed forever, when professional athletes were allowed to compete in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

The United States emerged from its two-decade Olympic funk, finishing only four behind in the closest medals race since America won in 1964 in Tokyo. Now it stands poised to rule the sports world in Atlanta in 1996 after arguably its greatest Summer Games.

America's 108 medals surpassed by one the total in 1968 and trailed only the inflated totals of the Soviet-boycotted 1984 Los Angeles Games and the 1904 St. Louis Games, attended by just 12 nations.

Pictured here is the "Dream Team" (top left) during the first half of their semifinal game with Lithuania.



Hurricane Andrew struck southern Florida on August 24, 1992, with wind gusting to 164 mph and a 12-foot tidal surge that flattened many homes, uprooted trees, flung boats into the streets and wrecked an entire Air Force base.

The hurricane carved its way through the plantation country of Louisiana, throwing tornadoes like darts at a 100-mile wide target and pumping torrents of rain at storm-weary Louisianians.

Fifty-five deaths were directly or indirectly linked to the hurricane — 41 in Florida, 10 in Louisiana, and four in the Bahamas.

The hurricane's 54-hour U.S. rampage, the most expensive natural disaster ever in the country, caused an estimated \$20 billion in Florida, \$1.5 billion in Louisiana and \$250 million in the Bahamas.



Van Halen and the Red Hot Chili Peppers swept the ninth annual MTV Video Music Awards on Sept. 9, 1992, in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers won the awards for breakthrough video, viewers' choice and art direction. Lead singer Anthony Kiedis (top left) displays the MTV Spaceman trophy backstage.

Model and MTV vee jay Cindy Crawford (top middle) poses for photographers outside the pavilion, stopping to greet her fans.

Annie Lennox (top right) is shown accepting her award for best female video for "Why." Lennox's song is from her best-selling double album, "Diva."

At bottom left, members of Metallica Lars Ulrich (L) and Kirk Hammett (R) pose backstage with the MTV Spaceman trophy after winning the Best Metal/Hard Rock Video award for "Enter Sandman."

Guns N' Roses (bottom right) celebrate their Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award for "November Rain." At the podium are Axl Rose (L) and Slash (R). With them are Duff McKagan, Gilby Clarke, Dizzy Reed and Matt Sorum.



There's a new flag flying over Canada — the World Series pennant.

The Toronto Blue Jays took baseball's championship outside the United States for the first time ever, beating the Atlanta Braves 4-3 in 11 innings in Game 6.

After surviving more ninth-inning magic from the Braves, the Blue Jays won it all — and lost their loser's label forever — when Dave Winfield's first World Series extra base hit scored two runs with two out.

The Braves, meanwhile, became the first team to lose consecutive World Series since the 1977-78 Los Angeles Dodgers.

A cheering, chanting delirious sea of humanity flooded Toronto's city center on Oct. 25. "We stopped the chop," or "The chop stops here," shouted revelers, referring to the Atlanta fans ritual.



We can't suck our tummies in any longer! HELP!



Does your wife know about this, Jeff?



This is what happens after a year of advising the annual staff.



Wow, Madge! Palmolive really does make the difference!



This is the face only a mama could love!



Do you know how many people would kill to have your head of ... um ... hair?



I think I just burst a blood vessel!



I've heard of an apple in a pig's mouth, but this is ridiculous!



Strike a pose, there's nothing to it. So what do ya think, Mr. Dueltt?

To help boost Aids Awareness Week, the Student Council organized the Womanless Beauty Pageant. The pageant consisted of 14 Beauty Queens. The pageant featured an array of feminine ensembles with accessories and pounds of make-up. The event brought on plenty of laughs. Several faculty members were judges of the hilarious event. Student Council distributed prizes. Nearly 150 students witnessed the crowning of the 1992 Miss Pearl River Rat, Terry Richardson, pictured center at left. Admiring Richardson's beauty are, left, R.J. Smith and Jeff Reeves, right.

Story by Richie Robbins
Bulldog Barks



Jana Fulmer left, wears the pants in this family!



Gee Marcus, the way you're sitting is very "ladylike."



Has anyone seen this "woman?" We want to borrow her outfit

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Letter from the editor . . .

Well, who would have believed that I would have been chosen as editor of the *Perkolator* my freshman year? Now that the book's completed, whatever shall I do with all this free time on my hands? Plan for next year's book? Plan for next year's Mardi Gras? Gee, what a toss up.

No, I think I'll just relax for a while and reflect on the past year. At first, I was going to attend another Bulldog school, Mississippi State. Well, minds do change.

So here I am, living the good life at Perk and loving every minute of it.

During annual deadlines, that love was tested. But the *Perkolator* crew made it through, although we paid for it with late nights and early mornings, not to mention the bags under our eyes!

There are some people I need to mention at this point, people who struggled along with the rest of us. To my sullenates — Heather O'Neal, Christy Walker, Gia Harris, Carla Sandtior, Heather Slade, Apryl Lee, Christi Hummel and especially René Babischkin — I say thank you for not giving me the boot and listening to me when things didn't go just right. To Toni Naramore, thanks for always having a pen for me to borrow and relaying all of Kim's messages! To Colleen Hartfield, I appreciate the wisdom, guidance . . . and managing the budget. Finally, I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to Jeff Jones, truly a one-of-a-kind guy who makes me laugh during the roughest times.

Oh! There's one more person, Kimberly Jones (or Mrs. Jones, as she hates to be called). Without her dedication and support, I would have been lost. Thanks for everything! You're a dream.

For anyone else I forgot to thank, please know that I'm grateful. I'm looking forward to another year. And, Mr. Donahoe, could the annual staff please have its own room next year, preferably one with a view and plenty of closet space? (Hint, hint.)

See ya next year!





The Year of Discovery

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

years of discovery in the making



It's been many years of discovery since the 1911 establishment of Harrison County Agricultural High School in Perkinston, Mississippi. Since the opening of its doors to students in 1912, our institution added a junior college in 1925, closed its agricultural high school in 1962, and, in 1965, became the first multi-campus junior college in Mississippi. In 1987, the school's name was changed to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. And, in 1992, the Mississippi Association of Colleges recognized MGCCC as the second largest college or university in Mississippi, with a total credit and non-credit enrollment of 12,683.

This year President Dr. Barry L. Mellinger stated, "Students are, and continue to be, the primary reason we exist." That thought has remained steadfast in our purpose and mission throughout all the years of discovery at MGCCC.

Though our college is a multi-campus institution, it operates as a single college. And while many students and community members most readily identify with the campus or center nearest their neighborhoods, it is our single institution strength which has allowed our college to meet the ever changing needs of the people we serve . . . our students.

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TOP: Dr. Barry Mellinger presents diplomas at three campus graduations. BOTTOM: College administrators enjoy a watermelon feast with students.

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Dr. Jeanne Forrester, center, special advisor to the Governor on education, spoke to college personnel about enhancing relationships with area high schools. With Forrester are Dr. Willis Lott, vice president for Instructional Affairs, and Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president.

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Homecoming



Baseball's Greg Hibbard is Hall of Fame Recipient

At 28 years-old, Greg Hibbard is one of the youngest alumni to be named to the Gulf Coast Community College Hall of Fame. But setting records is nothing new for the Chicago White Sox pitcher who played MGCCC Bulldog baseball in 1983-84.

As a "crafty southpaw," "pitching ace," "left-handed hurler," and "king of the hill," Hibbard was snatching headlines and making good copy for South Mississippi sportswriters since his days at Harrison Central High School where he played varsity baseball and was a four-year letterman.

At Gulf Coast, Hibbard was 17-5 in two seasons for Coach Ken Farris' baseball Bulldogs. His second year with the Bulldogs, Hibbard started 18 games, completing 14. He was named second team All American by the National Junior College Athletic Association. He also won MGCCC's most valuable player and pitching awards.

After Gulf Coast, Hibbard signed a scholarship with the University of Alabama where he was a relief pitcher, 15-6. He was Alabama's number one man out of the bullpen, setting single season, 39, and career pitching, 75, records there.

And, even with late starts into the game, his pitching grabbed the interest of pro scouts. After two seasons at Alabama, he was a 16th round draft choice of the Kansas City Royals. After one season with the Royals, he was traded to the White Sox in 1987.

During his first full year in the major leagues, Hibbard led the White Sox pitchers in earned run average (3.16), had the eighth-best ERA in the American League, and led the Sox in innings pitched (211).

Home, now, is Memphis, where Greg lives with his wife, Candi, and their son, James Britton. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hibbard, still live in Gulfport.

Greg visits with Ken Farris, his MGCCC coach during his days at Perk.



After the homecoming parade in home of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Mellinger.



Fans line up to get Greg Hibbard's autograph during pre-game activities on Homecoming day.



Wiggins, students from all campuses were invited to Liaison, the



The Class of 1953 gathers at Malone Hall for its homecoming reunion.



Murrah receives Sam Owen Award

Milton Murrah, former MGCCC Board of Trustees member, became the 38th recipient of the Sam Owen Award during Homecoming festivities October 31. Murrah served 33 consecutive years on the board and was instrumental in obtaining support for a bond issue which provided funds for the establishment of the MGCCC Coast campuses. Even though Murrah retired from the board in 1991, he still remains active in his efforts to support the College.

BELOW LEFT: Dr. C. D. Taylor, left, Jefferson Davis Campus vice president, waits to crown the homecoming queen with Dr. Royce Lake, Jackson County campus vice president.

BELOW: It's been 50 years since the Class of 1943 posed for the college year-book!



INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

Alumni Association recognizes teaching excellence



Barbara Davis Haygood



Alfred Bryd



Carole W. Meadows

Each year the Alumni Association honors an instructor from each campus for his or her contribution to education and community. The honorees are selected by a committee composed of faculty, students, administrators and alumni.

The 1992 recipients of this award were Barbara Davis Haygood of Gautier, developmental studies instructor

at the Jackson County Campus; Alfred Byrd Wiggins, business technology instructor at the Perkinson Campus; and Carole W. Meadows of Biloxi, business and office administration instructor at the Jefferson Davis Campus.

At the annual Alumni Spring Banquet, the Instructor of the Year recipients are presented a plaque and a

Senate Concurrent Resolution which recognize their distinguished service to the College.

College President Dr. Barry Mellinger says, "Teaching excellence is the hallmark of the community college. We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of these fine teachers."



I'VE GOT MINE!

THE MGCCC Bank Card

When holders of the new MGCCC Bank Card say "charge it!", they are making a donation to the MGCCC Foundation and helping the College maintain its quality programs and services.

"It's a convenient and constant way to give to the College," says President Dr. Barry Mellinger who obtained the first MGCCC bank card issued. Offered through Hancock Bank, the MGCCC Visa and Master Card is another way alumni and friends of the College continue to support the College.



The original school bell



Joe Byrum
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Building On Our Heritage

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Foundation has begun a one million dollar quest for teaching, learning and leadership excellence with the launching of the Building On Our Heritage fund-raising campaign.

The three-year campaign, which has a \$1.5 million challenge goal, is the first of its kind to ever be attempted by the College. Declining and insufficient public revenue is the major factor in implementing the campaign, according to Nell Murray, executive assistant for Development.

"Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

College's mission today requires aggressive innovation in education techniques and community services," says Dr. Barry Mellinger, president. "I think the campaign will make us a much better institution," he says.

Funds raised in the campaign will be directed to the following areas: instructional program development, nursing and allied health program support, faculty-staff and organizational development; student scholarships, endowment funds, institutional advancement, and campus enhancement and renovation of facilities.

Volunteers Carry Out Campaign

With volunteer leaders such as Ed Locke, manager of International Paper's Moss Point Mill; Jerry St. Pe', president of Ingalls Shipbuilding; and Joe Byrum, president and CEO of Morrison's Hospitality Group, the Building On Our Heritage Campaign got off to a healthy start with \$50,000 gifts from the companies represented by these community and industry leaders, says Murray.

Locke says, "The college provides the mill's employees with training opportunities on a continuing basis — training that is superior in every way and that is cost-effective."

St. Pe' echoes his commitment, he says, "The community college has been a major part of the success of Ingalls Shipbuilding. I am pleased to participate in this campaign and support Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as it faces a challenging future of preparing men and women for work and service."

Volunteers will work in sub-groups which include Jackson County, Harrison County, Corporate/Foundation, Faculty/Staff/Administration and Alumni (including George and Stone counties).

Ed Locke, center, manager of International Paper's Moss Point Mill, presents IP's check to Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president. Locke will chair the Jackson County Campaign and work with Nell Murray, left, executive assistant for Development, to raise \$250,000 in Jackson County.

A new beginning . . .

To J. C. Arban, the future, not the past, of Gulf Coast Community College football and the academic success of his players come first.

"I believe young men and women are in school to get an education and it must be the first priority," Arban says. "Athletics must be considered as a part of the total development of our young people."

Last year, Arban replaced George Sekul as head coach and athletic director at Gulf Coast. He came to the college in 1991 as an assistant coach. In 1992, Arban and his staff — Ode Burrell, Chris Calcote, Steve Nagy and Jeff Davis — led the Bulldogs to a 6-4 season. Burrell, Calcote and Davis are new to the Bulldog crew.

A graduate of Athens High School in Athens, Ala., Arban was offered a football scholarship to Auburn University. He decided instead to accept a scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a B.S. in math and was inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1973, Arban returned to USM not as a student, but as assistant coach of the Golden Eagles.

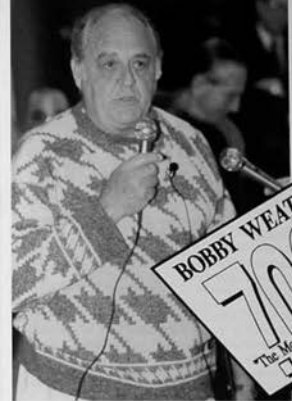
After 33 years of coaching at several colleges, including Pearl River Community College, USM, East Mississippi Community College, and now Gulf Coast, Arban says, "My idea of success: When the day is done, if I have done the best I could and have been honest and cooperative, then I have had a successful day."



The MGCCC football coaching staff includes, from left, Jeff Davis, sports injury manager; Ode Burrell, assistant coach; J. C. Arban (seated), head coach; Steve Nagy, assistant coach; and Chris Calcote, assistant coach.



Coach J. C. Arban and Dana Johnson discuss the Bulldogs' next play.



Bob Weathers' philosophy: Don't talk about the future as long as you have to take care of the present.

With over 100 wins in his 33 years as basketball coach at Gulf Coast, Weathers says, "One game doesn't mean any more than another. You play and do the best you can each time."

After all these years of leading players to nine state, 14 South Division, and two regional championships, plus a fourth place win at the 1991 national championship tournament, Weathers had considered retiring until earlier this year. He wanted to help his son Bob Jr. run his auto business in Wiggins. Tragically, Bob Jr. died in an automobile accident on Feb. 4, 1993. Now, Weathers doesn't know what he will do.

A week after his son's accident, Weathers' team brought him his 700th career win in a home game against Southwest. In moving position presentation, Weathers accepted a plaque from MGCCC President Dr. Barry Melinger and a ball signed by his 11 players. With his wife of 37 years, Tommie, standing nearby, Weathers spoke a few quiet words as his family, team and fans listened.

The 700th win was another career milestone for Weathers, who for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I career record. Only two retired jumbo basketball coaches in the nation have surpassed Weathers' career record.

Thirty-eight years ago, Weathers, twice named Region 23 Coach of the Year, began his coaching career. He was a freshman coach at the University of Southern Mississippi, his alma mater. In 1956, he became assistant coach there. He left USM in 1959 for a coaching position at Piquette High School. Since 1960, Weathers has been at Gulf Coast, his stash of trophies and plaques growing so large he doesn't know where to put it.

Dr. Melinger says, "Winning does come easy, but a coach like Bob Weathers sure does make it seem that way. Our college has gained state and national recognition for its basketball program. Coach Weathers is an outstanding basketball coach who has a tremendous ability for recognizing and developing basketball talent."

Weathers says he motivates players in "no specific way. I deal with each player in his own right as far as organization and encouragement. I try to build confidence."

Weathers coached all three of his sons at Gulf Coast. His son Wendell, Gulf Coast basketball assistant coach for five years now, played under his father from 1976 to 1978. He started both years as point guard. His brother Tony, who died in 1986, joined him in 1977. That year, Gulf Coast won the state championship.

Weathers says, "I get credit for winning and losing. But Wendell deserves just as much credit as I do. If there's any such thing as a top assistant, I have one."

Wendell isn't the first family member to "co-coach" with Weathers. Bob Jr., who played under his father from 1980 to 1982, undertook basketball recruiting for Gulf Coast in 1984. From 1985 to 1986, he was assistant coach for the Bulldogs.

The rest of the family — Tommie, Weathers' mother, Virgie, and Wendell's wife, Tammie, MGCCC cheerleader sponsor — are there for most of the games.

As time goes on, Weathers' basketball family will grow, too. For now, he's busy working, not for a future goal but for the present.



Bulldog Paul Fleming guards in a game against Meridian Community College.

Lady Bulldogs make comeback

The Lady Bulldogs made their best showing in four years, wrapping up the 1992-93 season with a 12-14 record.

Greg Holmes, former Harrison Central girls basketball coach, faced some definite obstacles: a late recruiting start and an injury-plagued early season.

Holmes said he regarded this season as a building block toward a better season next year. "If you have a good recruiting year, you can turn your program around in one season. We'll have a good group of sophomores next year, and if we can sign some good freshmen, we could have a very good year," he says.

The Lady Bulldogs' season ended with a 79-74 loss to Hinds Community College during the first round of South Division play.

Former Harrison Central girls basketball coach Greg Holmes takes charge of the Lady Bulldogs and guides the team to its best season in four years.



Players return

Good news for Farris



Cooper Farris

Cooper Farris' baseball squad has experience on its side. Players are back from last year to fill every position. And that sounds pretty good to Farris, whose Bulldogs finished at 33-15 last year and brought home the state championship, a first for Gulf Coast in 11 years.

The Bulldogs knocked Northeast out of the running for the state title, wiping them out in the best-of-two-out-of-three state tourney. Gulf Coast's season ended after losing in the Region 23 tournament played in Meridian. On the first night of the double elimination tournament, Farris' Dogs took a mighty 18-1 blow from nationally ranked Delgado Community College of New Orleans. Ironically, a road win over Delgado earlier in the season brought Gulf

Coast out of a slump, says Farris. Before that, Delgado's Dolphins defeated the Bulldogs on Gulf Coast turf.

Mississippi Delta faced Gulf Coast the second night of regional play. Leading the matchup at first, Gulf Coast lost to Mississippi Delta, 9-8.

Still, Farris' opinion of the season and support for his team did not change. Why should it? His players made headlines last season, headlines which boasted of the team's "baffling" pitchers and knack for stealing bases.

As for this year, Farris, fourth year baseball coach at Gulf Coast, says, "We're practicing, trying to get into a rhythm for the season." Fifty games are on the schedule for 1993 and all but four are doubleheaders.

Bubba Dixon of George County will head up the pitching staff. He was 11-1 last season and played on the Junior Olympic team last year. Farris will also be looking to Melvin Vincent of D'iberville, who won four games for Gulf Coast last season.

Farris is also counting on several top newcomers, including major league draftee — shortstop Freddie Little (Houston Astros).



The Bulldog baseball team includes, first row from left, Freddie Little, Eric Dumas, Sean Miller, Shane Rutledge, Brandon Trichesset, Brooks McKay, Aron Frederic, Justus Scott and Brian Turner. Second row from left, Bubba Dixon, Glenn Dyess, Chris Graham, Jerry Hoffer, Jamie Miller, Marvin Lewis, Jason Monk, David Seymour, Rick Forton and Jeff Niolet. Third row from left, Adam Frost, Jodie Reinke, Steve Simsch, Alex Moore, Mike Linenberger, Chet Reinke, Bryan Kelly and Melvin Vincent.

Dixon makes U.S. team

He's the second Gulf Coast Community College player to go. And he returned with a team bronze medal.

Last September, Bubba Dixon, Lucedale resident and pitcher for the Bulldog baseball team, traveled with the Junior College All-Star team to the pre-Olympic international event, Tournament of the Americas, in Merida, Mexi-

co.

The team competed against teams from all over the world, including Cuba, Argentina, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Mexico.

Dixon graduated from George County High School in 1990. In 1992, he was 10-1 as the Bulldog's pitcher and an All State and All Region player.



No. 7 ranking

Golf team goes national



Charles Cooper

After their victory at the State/Region 23 Tournament, Charles Cooper, director of admissions on the Perkins Campus, and his champion golf team prepared themselves for the National Junior College Golf Tournament, a 72-hole event with a cut after 36 holes. The tournament, to which Cooper took his team in 1990 and captured a No. 5 national ranking, found Gulf Coast taking a seventh place ranking this year.

With only 11 teams nationwide playing, Cooper says he was "very pleased" with the tournament.

Although Cooper calls 1991 a nightmare, the Gulf Coast team dominated the green in three of the six tournaments in which it

played in 1992, placing second in the other three.

"Shooting 300 to 310 is a good team score," Cooper says. In last year's Meridian Invitational, which Gulf Coast won, the team shot 296. Cooper adds that his team was the only one to break 300 this year in Region 23, Division 3.

Cooper is in his 19th year as Gulf Coast golf coach. He says his No. 1 player last year was Brannon Bessie of Shawnee, Okla.

Last year, Gulf Coast's five-member golf team included Bessie, Dax Alexander of Wiggins; Todd Donahiser and Robert Snelling, both of Gulfport; and Joe Barnister of Biloxi.



Robert Snelling goes for par in a practice round for the Gulf Coast golf team.

Softball gears up

Before Doug Borries left Gulf Coast last summer, he said he had a "young, inexperienced team" for the 1992 softball season. "We had only two returning players."

Borries' team ended 1992 with a 3-19 record. Chris Smith of Ocean Springs, Shawanda Redeemer of Wiggins, and Tawanna Frisson of Mobile, Ala., led the team in RBIs, 17 for Redeemer and 10 each for Smith and Frisson. The Lady Bulldogs boasted a total of 87 RBIs.

Steve Nagy, who replaced Borries, anticipates a turn-around for



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Gulf Coast softball this year. "With several players coming back, I feel we can look forward to a rewarding 1993 season. I'm excited about coaching this team. I hope they're just as excited about playing," Nagy adds.

Tennis team takes experience to the courts

Following a 2-10 1992 season, Bruce Layton, tennis team coach, says five returning players will give the Gulf Coast team the know-how and skill to pull ahead of last year's record.

Gulf Coast will play host again this year to the State and Region 23 Community and Junior College Tennis Tournament, and in February, Layton was hoping the homecourt advantage at the Jefferson Davis Campus would give the team an opportunity to out-distance the competition.

This is Layton's fifth year to coach the tennis team. His career record is 17-24. He is currently serving as president of the Mississippi Junior College Tennis Coaches.

Layton also assists Coach Greg Holmes with women's basketball at Gulf Coast.



Showcase Tourney

Golfers gathered at St. Andrew's Country Club for the Fourth Annual Showcase Golf Tournament on Nov. 21 and raised over \$6,000 for student scholarships. Pat Descher, a member of the MGCCC Board of Trustees, returned as chair of the event and Jolly McCarty, of Merchant and Marine Bank, was tournament director.

The Showcase trophy landed at the Perkinston Campus, after a three-year home at the Jackson County Campus, through the efforts of team members Charles Cooper, director of admissions; Cooper Farris, baseball coach; Ken Farris, retired baseball coach; and Robert Smith, administrative assistant for data processing.

The second place team, Low Net, included golfers Dr. Willis Lott, vice president for Instructional Affairs; Billy Hewes and Jackie Weaver, MGCCC trustees; and Chip Smith, an Ocean Springs high school student.

LEFT: Showcase chair Pat Descher, left, watches the play-off for the tournament trophy with Robert Smith, administrative assistant for data processing, whose team tied for Low Gross first place.



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HEADWAE

Representing Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Ngoc Le, center, Jackson County student, and Dr. David Schwab, right, Perkinston Campus science instructor, toured the Capitol with Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president, during the legislature's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working for Academic Excellence) which honors outstanding students and faculty members from Mississippi colleges and universities.

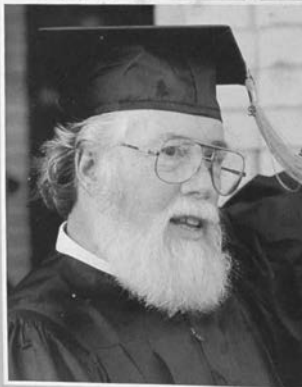


Alumni as leaders

When Harrison County supervisors, from left, C.T. Switzer, Larry Benefield, Robin Midcalf and Bobby Elentier, were guests of the MGCCC Board of Trustees during its November meeting on the Jefferson Davis Campus, MGCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger, right, was pleased to learn all are alumni of Gulf Coast.



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There are years of discovery yet to be charted for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Ten or fifteen years ago, when a student left our college with a diploma in hand, we did not expect to meet that student again until some distant homecoming day.

Today, we know that a Mississippi worker will be retrained an average of six times during his work life. We know that by the year 2000, 75 percent of the jobs in the U.S. will require more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year college degree.

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