

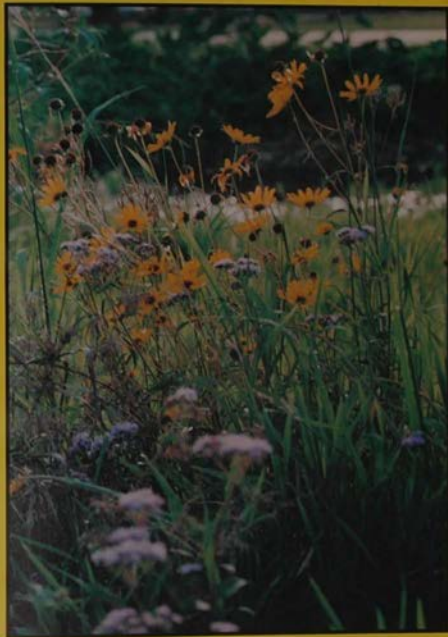
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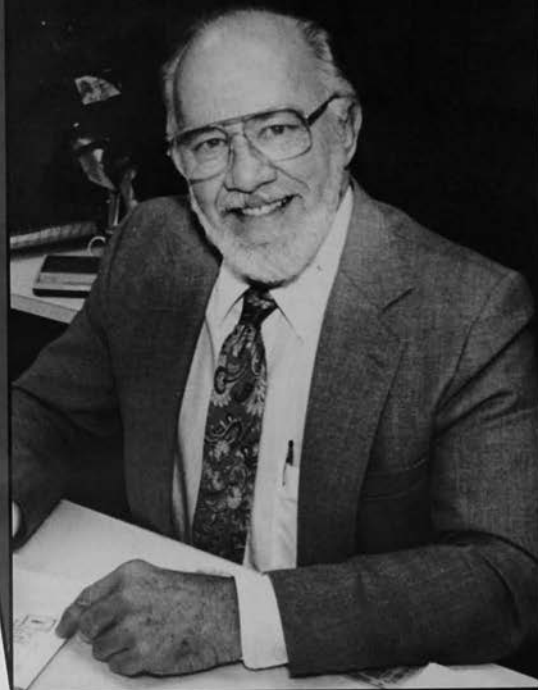


MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PERKINSTON CAMPUS

"JUST HAD TO BE THERE"

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DEDICATION

The yearbook staff respectfully dedicates this edition of The Percolator to Dr. Richard Miller, Vice-President of Perkinson Campus, who suffered a stroke early in the fall semester.

We are joined by all students and faculty in wishing Dr. Miller a complete and rapid recovery, and we look forward to his early return to duty.

WHAT WAS THERE TO LOVE IN 1995

JUST HAD TO BE THERE

About a campus located in the middle of a forest, thirty miles from casinos and artificial beaches and the phony pirate ships of the gulf coast, a place with a single general store and a post office . . . and the smell of pine resin rising with the morning's steam from the sawmill.

Perhaps it was the fact that there were still enough trees to have a sawmill. One of the few places left in America where more hardwoods were growing than being cut. Perhaps it was what came with the trees: the occasional deer that wandered into the rose garden, the wild alligators in Bob Weathers' pond, or a lone white heron that made his home in the reflecting pool.

Maybe it was the amazing numbers of wild flowers that seemed to bloom year-round in every river bottom and roadside ditch: yellow and purple in the autumn; purple and white in the spring.



Maybe it was, after all, just the people: flame-haired Irish girls and dark-eyed Cajun boys; giant African-American athletes and scholarly, doll-like Orientals. Simple German farmers from the hill-country, and sophisticated Spaniards from the urban Coast — what did these people have in common? What drew them to this place?

There were "non-traditional" students, older than their colleagues mostly, many starting over after a life's crisis of one sort or another. There were young people learning to make a living by growing flowers, and old men who just came back for football games.

There were artists and musicians and auto mechanics, sharing the same space and interested in "bumming" each other's skills. Help was available, even for the poorest, if not for a friend then from a bartered "deal" with a stranger. There was a plethora of talent, both for learning to make a living, and for learning to live with meaning.

These were the people who made Perk in 1995. Without them and their teachers, the place would, in fact, have no meaning. Would, in fact, cease to exist. With them — because of them — a life of the mind and spirit came into existence which is unique to this place. A community was born which, though reborn every year, can never be duplicated. To understand it . . . you just had to be there.

Maybe it was just the clean, healthy enthusiasm of rural life: giant horses for wagon rides, small boys catching very large fish, or "laying out" at a place called Perk Beach — a creek bank really — where warm sands were never crowded, and warm summer days lasted well into fall semester.

You . . .





ARCHIVES IN THE MAKING:

Charles Sullivan and the History of Perk

Contrary to some current rumors, Mr. Charles Sullivan is NOT himself an archive. (No he did not actually fight in the Civil War, not even in World War I. He just dresses that way.) He is an ARCHIVIST. . . well, if you use the term loosely. He is actually more of a curator of things historical, as well as things dramatical, political, oligarchical, and anarchical. . . You get the picture.

Anyway, Mr. Sullivan has been commissioned (again using the term loosely) to compile a history of Perkinston and the MGCCC campus. He has, in fact, already earned national recognition for his numerous other works on the region surrounding the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Two books, *Mississippi Gulf Coast: Portrait of the People and Hurricanes of the Mississippi Gulf Coast: 1717-1985*, established his reputation as one of the leading authorities on Coast history. And "The Magnolia Series," a documentary consisting of four historical films about the Gulf Panhandle, is a fascinating look at the six southernmost counties of the state.

This latest effort, which was begun after he started his third book, *The History of The Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College*, is not an adjunct to his research. It is, instead, a part of the College's preparations for its approaching centennial.

Mr. Sullivan was asked by the administration to begin assembling and cataloging the artifacts and documents which trace the history and development of Perkinston and MGCCC. A central focus of his research has been the growth in population and diversity of the area stretching from the Port cities to Perk.

This historical study begins with the construction of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad (now known as the Illinois Central Gulf) and the completion of US Highway 49, which first enticed settlers to journey northward from the coastal towns, which had been in existence since the earliest Spanish settlements of North America in the mid-1600's. For nearly three hundred years, however, the population had remained largely fixed along the coast, since only forests and swamp lands lay northward, at least until one reached the river cities of Natchez and Vicksburg.



Not until the early twentieth century, when the railroad and highway crossed at what is now Perk, did it become easier to transport timber and timber products from Stone County to the more populous regions of the state.

Later, with the coming of new chemical products derived from the timber business, the need for training and education became apparent. Therefore, community leaders decided to establish Harrison-Stone Agricultural High School, later known as Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Eventually, for the convenience of students, the college was split into three branches, Jefferson Davis, Jackson County, and Perkinston. Today, the college consists of seven campuses and centers, serving over 10,000 students.

The phenomenal growth of the school has provided a wide variety of subjects for Mr. Sullivan's study, including research from old yearbooks, college catalogues, newspaper files, and minutes of the various college councils. His work is a source of great pride to those who love MGCCC. And Mr. Sullivan is, likewise, himself a source of pride for the students and faculty who admire his scholarly and inspiring work. ■

Pictured below are two of the dozens of photographs being collected from turn-of-the-century activities in and around Perkinston. At left, is the circa 1918 Women's Basketball Team and at right is part of Perk's early Transportation Department.

*Photos Courtesy of
Mr. Russell Hatten*



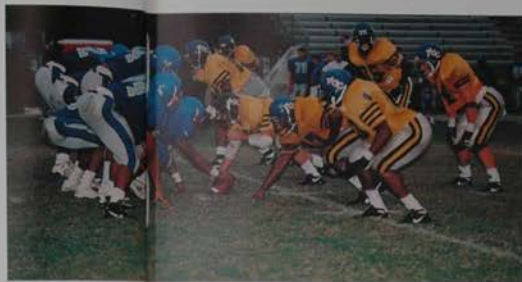
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HOMECOMING

Mud-covered athletes slid and fell all day, and then rose again, fighting like some primeval beasts, unable at times to distinguish friend from foe. Despite the overcast sky and a drenching, cold rain, however, spirits remained high on Homecoming Day. The rain turned off and on. The Bulldog crowd remained constant.

At halftime, the court paraded in mud and drizzle from the visitors' side of the field, each escort holding an umbrella over his charge as though shielding a lovely and gentle flower from the ravaged earth.

The rain started almost promptly at the beginning of the halftime show, and stopped on cue at its conclusion. The Band and Perketts marched and danced, slog-time in the mud and rain.♦



Nikki Winland was crowned Homecoming Queen of Perkinson Campus. Lenny Sawyer was inducted into the Hall of Fame. And Dr. Clyde Strickland, former vice-president of Perkinson Campus, was honored with the Sam Owen trophy at the Alumni Hall of Fame luncheon.

The Bulldogs triumphantly ended a brutal struggle with the Co-Lin Wolves. Grimed and grizzled players embraced their lovely ladies, and nobody could even recall that something had been wrong with the weather.♦



THE QUEEN HER MAIDS OF HONOR

At right, Rise Rominger, Maid of Honor, is escorted by her father, Mr. Rob Rominger, Academic Dean.



Below, Maid of Honor Angie Richards is escorted by her father, Mr. Louis R. Richards.



Homecoming Queen for the 1994-95 school year is Nikki Winland. Nikki is also an honor student and a cheerleader. She has received numerous academic and scholarly awards and has been active in campus organizations and leadership roles.

She is crowned by Dr. Willis Lott, Acting Vice President.

AND HER COURT THE END OF THE DAY

In an age which often seems to ridicule sentiment and ceremony, Homecoming at Perk remains a celebration of beauty and good taste.

Students still "dress up." The preparations and parades are still important. Corsages and hats are still popular.

Perhaps a fire truck is not a Queenly mode of conveyance. Maybe Perkinson isn't Paris. But even a brief glance at the photographs on these pages should indicate that beauty and style are not dependent upon wealth or social class, or snobbish appeals to fashion.

The beauty of Perk people lies at the core of their being: concern for each other, loyalty, a sense of purpose. A sense of community. These and so many more emotions are Homecoming at Perk, 1995.

You just had to be there.



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PRC WEEK



PRC WEEK seems to bring out the bizarre and the mischievous, in preparation for the year's biggest game.

Monday was the Crazy Olympics, which consisted of the Dizzy Bat, Wheelbarrow, and Lifesaver-Passer Contests. Tuesday was the cook-out and "Bringing Down the River Rats" Pennant.

Wednesday was the scavenger hunt, and Thursday was the pep rally, which included the All-Male Beauty Contest. Friday was T-Shirt Day, and Saturday the Bulldogs stomped the River Rats, a perfect ending to PRC Week, and an unforgettable part of life at Perk.



Bonfires and beautiful BOYS??? What is wrong with this picture? Nothing, when its PRC WEEK!!! In the picture to the left, Mo is entertaining some beautiful ladies from PRC, but he looks less than enthused about the situation.





HOMEcoming



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AND PRETTY MAIDENS ALL IN A ROW

Beauty which no beastly weather could diminish: a final look at Homecoming, 1994-95.

Above: Ms Yoursheko Robinson Escorted by Mr. Ira Newble



Below: Ms. Anglie Lynn Richards, Maid of Honor Escorted by Mr. Louis Ray Richards



Center Photo: Ms Menya Elizabeth Jefferson Escorted by Mr. Willie Jefferson, Jr.



Above: Ms. Kenya Dianne Breland Escorted by Mr. George Breland

Below: Ms. Haley Nicole Guillot Escorted by Mr. Kurt Guillot

FACULTY



"WISE. WILLING. AND WAITING TO SERVE YOU"

FACULTY

David Allen
Assistant Band Director
Brenda Anderson
Learning Lab
Brenda Barry
Language Arts
Edna Bond
Business Office
Georgia Bond
Homeschool, Andrews Hall
Sheree Bond
Financial Aid



Kathy Brown
Fine Arts
Tracy Carter
Coordinator, Women's Housing Organization
Cheryl Carls
Language Arts
Faye Cooley
Vocational Technology
David Duitt
Director of Health
Cooper Ferris
Health and Physical Education



Dr. David Ferguson
Dean of Vocational Instruction
Sandra Goble
Business Office
Carl Graham
Assistant Business Office
Tanner Hall
Financial Aid
Dr. Marie Helms
Chair, Developmental Studies
Kathy Hendry
Business and Office Technology



At left: Daisha Walker, as Annie Sullivan, and Megan Chivas, as Helen Keller, in "The Miracle Worker."



At right: Mr. Acres takes a smoke break.

Diana Laury
Recreation Coordinator
Earl Lee
Language Arts
Shari McMahon
Language Arts
Steve Nagy
Health and Physical Education
Dr. Brenda Nakaya
Science
Tina Naramore
Housing Office



Doreen Nichols
Social Studies
Dana Price
Computer Science
Diane Roberts
Campus Library
Marilyn Smith
Music, Fine Arts
Charles Sullivan
Chair, Social Studies Dept.
Debra Wilke
Campus Library



David Taylor
Track Coaching
Lisa Taylor
Director and Office Admin.
Tom Taylor
Director of Learning Lab
Deirda Walker
Fine Arts
Tammie Weathers
Housing Supervisor
Tammie Weathers
Records Clerk



Above: Mr. Duitt rehearsing the band

At right: Mr. Sullivan's famous lecture on World War II.



Yes, we still have pie in the face contests at Perk. These small indignities to which our faculty members subject themselves help to relieve the tensions and place students and teachers on a friendly, democratic footing. Here, Professor David Allen seems to be testing his eyes while enjoying the meringue.



NIGHT LIFE AT PERK

Night, for everyone everywhere, is basically a time when children sleep; old people sit on couches watching television shows, while worrying about their over-the-hill beliefs; middle-aged people worry and complain about young people; and young people do their so-called partying.

However, for students who remain on the Perk Campus, partying may have to be looked at from a different perspective. For example, how many people would go to a "bump" for a hangout? To many people's surprise, this is a great location when the sun goes down—if one goes to Perk.

It is a place to meet other people, listen to music of all kinds, smoke—if one does that sort of thing—and drink ... cokes and stuff.

Of course, there are some students who have negative opinions about having to do this latest, sort of peculiar college hangout. Some of them may prefer the two previous "hot spots," Hanks and "The Loop." There are even students who enjoy sitting back in the dorm and enjoying life with no parents around.

Kobby Piper

The classic all-night "bull-session" often produces a view of the world turned upside down.



Trina Smith appears to be escaping from Andrews Hall—with an assist from Amy White.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. Trina Smith and Rachael Parker are ostensibly trying out a new beauty treatment.



(Right) This discussion at "The Dump" seems to be taking a turn for the hilarious.



DAYBREAK AT PERK

Ollie Reeves, a Bulldog fan for a lifetime, is a friend to both students and faculty at Perk.

Creative efforts take many forms, and Halloween at Perk is one of the most creative.



Robert Sidaway and his family raise giant Clydesdale horses, which they can be persuaded to bring to a parade—any parade at Perk.

To those of us who have grown up in the rural parts of America, the scenes pictured in this section often seem commonplace. But to those who understand the meaning of "creative isolation," the clean, fresh, and unique qualities of life in the South are in large part the sources of our inspiration. We hope you have enjoyed these glimpses of life around Perkinston. Now, get a glimpse of the students who live here.

PERK



STUDENTS



Randall Albert
Vivian Anderson
Jonathan Aldridge
Sharon Antonio
Tomohiro Asano

Lakeshia Ashford
Jennifer Ausborn
Tyler Austin
Jeremy Bailey
Lauren Barnes

Joel Barrios
Brandy Barq
Christina Basilo
Tiffany Batey
Emily Batson

Rachel Black
Curlandus Blanks
Yusef Blocker
Jerricho Bone
David Bond



"Three little maids from school are we, bright as a school girl well can be, filled to the brim with girlish glee, three little maids from school."

Bonnie Bond
Ryan Bourque
Eric Bradley
Chris Brawner
Amy Breland



Bryan Breland
Kenya Breland
Robin Breland
Brandi Brooks
Andrew Brown



Beth Brown
Chris Brown
Robin Brown
Tammie Brown
Tomeka Brownlee



April Browne
Cynthia Bockwalter
April Bullock
Brad Bunch
Carolyn Burns



Joy Byrd
Tina Carney
Michelle Chapman
Nikita Christy
Michael Clark



Tracie Cleveland
Bryon Cobern
Fallon Coburger
Natasha Cochran
Shane Cockerham



Nothing evokes more sense of place in the South than cold watermelon, marching bands, and cheerleaders.



Lana Coley
Frank Collins II
Troy Collins
Kevin Conard
Rebecca Cooley



Wendy Coleman
Jason Corder
Kemberly Corley
Sean Courtney
Donna Cravens



Karen Creel
Pete Crutchfield
Marcus Cuevas
Roland Dandedau
Mike Davis



Bessie Dedeaux
Jeremy Delman
Jason Denmark
Melanie Devine
Eric Divens



A volunteer
worker in ele-
mentary schools,
Michele Parker
prepares for her
life's work by
teaching.



Alisa Dougherty
Brigitte Draughn
Becky Edwards
Trendell Edwards
Brandy Eng



Nathan Eskridge
Jessica Eubanks
James Evans
Rickey Evans
Sandra Fairley



Lanicia Farmer
Don Findlay
Jackie Flurry
Amy Ford
Travis Fountain



Neil Frederic
Anthony Fryfogel
Jana Fulmer
Brandy Fulton
Amanda Gill



Amanda Goff
David Gatto
Cassie Gordon
Kevin Gooden
Stacy Gooden



Sylvia Goudy
April Graham
Eddie Graham
Darlene Gray
Jimeka Griffin



Jimmy Green
Kevin Green
Jackie Griffin
Ruth Gross
Hayley Guillot



Heather Hadley
Jennifer Hale
Myka Hale
John Hamilton
Vicki Hardy



Antonia M. Harper
Alisha Harrell
Davokice Harrison
Jean Harrison
Eric D. Hart



Nicole Hart
Jack Hartky
Jed Harrison
Chris Hatten
Johnnie Hatten



James Havard
Randy Havard
Gerald Havens
Nathan Hays
Joyce Henderson



Richard Henry
Michelle Hewitt
Anjelica Hickman
Marsha Hickman
Mac High



Betty Hill
Matthew Hill
Michael Hill
Patrick Hill
Rhonda Hill



Terrance Hill
Willie Hill
Shawn Himley
Douglas Hodges
Martha Hagerdon



Eric Hogue
Kelly Holland
Sharon Holman
Antonio Hooks
Katrina D. Howard



Jessie Howell
Kerin Howell
Leonard Howell
Steven Humphrey
Wendellin Hunter



STUDENT CENTER



The shouts of people calling
over, begin, and bliss of
video games

The constant cry of "order
up" drawing eyes

To the idea of food-starved
bellies.

Cracking billiard balls
winning and losing a battle
of geometry across green
felt.

Over all, a television blares
talking and chatting about
all things To Hunt.

Walter Romans

Dawn Ingram
Wendy Jacobs
Joe Alexis
Brandi Johnson
Franki S. Johnson



Tyrone Johnson
Michelle Judge
Kristi Kibby
Stephanie King
Jake Ladner



Marlow Ladner
Jay Lane
Jack Lastorka
Julia Lawrence
Charles Lawton



Amber Leatherwood
Warren Lee
Juan Lesso
Norie Lohrano
Jeremy Lomax



Melissa Lominchar
Roy Looney
Maria Mallett
Riccardo Malone
Julius Marble



Miho Maruyama
Adam Mason
Cleshonia McDonald
Gloria MacDonald
Brooks McKay



Damian McKay
Karen McWilliams
Chelsea Mellinger
Chris Miller
Daniel Miller



Gena Miller
Kim Miller
Jason Morgan
Kimerly McCarthy
Akiko Miwa



Jeremy Morgan
Rita Morris
Lakish Moore
Susan Moore
Tara Moore



Rachelle Naramore
Kendall Nettles
Rebecca Nesfeder
Kelli Newman
Kim Nix



Desiree Odem
Amy O'Steen
Shawn O'Steen
Sandy Owen
Melissa Paffe



Jeffrey Page
Ebony Palode
Angela Parker
Diana Parker
Jason Parker



Kristy Parker
Rachel Parker
Melissa Parker
Michelle Parker
Russell Parker



Timothy Parkman
Chad Parks
Andrew Penrow
Shawn Petro
John Picard



Perk students traditionally respond generously to many local charities. Here, the annual blood drive draws a cheerful but pained reaction.

Kenetha Pitts
Michael Placity
Wilbert Petty
James Reeves
John Rhodes



Renee Richard
Angie Richards
Laura Richardson
Daron Richburg
Briley Richmond



Ron Roach
Joyce Robinson
Karen Rodrick
Matt Rogers
Rose Rominger



Melissa Rouse
Tishebra Russell
Greg Sabino
Farrah Sanders
Sheila Saucier



Phetsamone Savanhmixay
Troy Schwant
Gwen Seals
Jason Seal
Terrence Seales



Melanie Sellers
Becky Senegal
Maggie Serpente
Gerald Seymour
Frank Shaw



Natasa Klasinc
Lomax, a Croatian native and world-renowned classical guitarist, provides expert instruction to students on Perk Campus.

Shannon Poole
Yuka Shimizu
Wes Shotts
Andrea Simpson
Jennifer Sineway



Frinda Smith
Sean Smith
Steve Smith
Valerie Smothers
Michael Smyers



Katy Stallings
Ciji Stewart
Amy Strength
Jolene Strickland
Ben Stuart



Kaoru Sugosou
Suzanne Switzer
Dusty Tanner
Geraldine Terrell
Chantel Thompson



Doug Thompson
Felisha Thompson
Norris Thompson
Mike Tremain
Regina Triplett



Janis Twyla
Vicky Valder
Phillip Verdin, Jr.
Brad Vick
Dendra Walker



Derrick Walker
Gavin Walker
Chris Wallace
D. K. Wallace
Roderick Washington



Wendy Webb
Aubrey Weeden
Amanda Welford
Jennifer Wells
Amy White



Lutricia White
Tammy Whittle
Kyle Wieck
Cammie Wilson
Nikki Winland



Julia Wright
Glenda Young
Abbas Jabbar



PRC — PEARL RIVER-RAT COLLEGE — provides Perk students with the most exciting week of the football season. Beginning with cookouts and a parade, the festivities culminate in a game day which traditionally draws alumni from both schools.

As our nearest neighbor and fiercest rival, this "LITTLE SCHOOL DOWN THE ROAD" offers an annual challenge to bragging rights in south Mississippi. This year, the Bulldogs smashed the Wildcats in what was, without doubt, the highlight of this football season's school spirit activities.

Pictured at right, Amanda Goff ties blindfolds around a group of Perk athletes, who finally manage to pound a "RIVER RAT" pinnate into bits.



DR. SUPER-MANN

What do you call a Perk Alumnus and resident who receives a BS in chemistry from Delta State University at 17 and his MD degree from The University of Mississippi Medical school at 21, the youngest age at which one can legally prescribe medication. What if he took "time off" to earn special recognition in Spanish, travelled to Mexico to help build a mission church, and served on the singles' leadership council at Colonial Heights Baptist Church. Oh yes, he also plays on the church softball team and sings in the choir (baritone).

Superman? Well, maybe.

But what if his father has a Ph.D. in biology, is a Lt. Colonel in the Army, is Perk's Teacher of the Year, and is also the associate pastor at Vardaman Street Baptist Church. What if his mother has a Master's Degree in chemistry and is also an outstanding Perk instructor. And his sisters, Kacey and Natalie, are in the 10th and 5th grades, respectively. But who knows, maybe there's Kryptonite in the water here.

Joshua Mann, son of Perk instructors Noel and Angelyn Mann, is no stranger to overachievement. This quiet, unassuming family has been a source of spiritual and intellectual strength to the Perkinston community for almost twenty years. But trying to get them to talk about themselves is about as difficult as getting Clark Kent to grant an interview about his alter ego to Lois Lane.

"I just give thanks to God," says Josh, for the opportunities I was afforded by my family, by Perk, and by DSU. I was fortunate that my parents taught here, that the school allowed me to enroll early, and that I was always encouraged - but never pushed - to utilize whatever skills and abilities I was given. I think many young people could achieve more if our society provided greater opportunity for individuality. Unfortunately, with 30 kids in a class, that's not always possible. The further I've gotten, the more exceptional people I've met, the more average I feel. There are things more important than academic achievement, and I am learning more about those every day."

Asked what those "more important things" are, he replies, "God and family. And I'm important to me. To call me a role model is good. But I think we need role models of a different nature. Someone has to contribute to society in ways other than what the world wants to see as achievement. I think my mother, for example, could be called SuperMom. She has an MA in chemistry, and a career as a college instructor, but she has always placed her family first."

"I've realized more and more as I've seen people in clinics that I did not know how fortunate I'd been to have my family. I was taught right and wrong. I was taken to church, and saw my parents live in such a way as to convey the truth that all human life has importance and meaning. In fact, I've heard it said that the person who makes the greatest contribution to human health is the man who

hauls away the garbage."

Because of his strong concern for families and for spiritual and human values, Josh plans to enter some area of preventive medicine. "Society has become so dependent on technology," he says, that we have forgotten that most disease is preventable if we would only change our habits. Today, we see people sell their souls for a "hit," sacrificing their bodies for the temporary "highs" of drugs and alcohol. Medicines can't fix that. Real and lasting happiness comes through family structures and moral and spiritual values, and it is well known in medicine that happy people are healthier than unhappy people."

Perhaps saving Americans from their self-imposed sickness of the spirit is a fit challenge for this young Super Mann. For those of us here at Perk who have had the joy of knowing him and the entire Mann family, the healing process has already begun.



CHANGING SEASONS

After I put away T-shirt,
The Summer
I get good, warm coat.
This Autumn
Before getting cool,
Changing color
From light to dark.

Tomomi Doki

LOVELY PARK

After breaking up
with my boyfriend,
I go for walk to quiet
lonely park, getting dark
No birds singing.

Tomomi Doki



ROMANCE

While falling leaves
on this afternoon
in my garden,
I enjoyed reading
romantic novel
in the long sofa
by the window
in my room until
the sky turned the dark
toward the night.

Aho Sasaki

AUTUMN

After sunshine on long summer,
we suddenly taste quiet, cool
long and beautiful Autumn.
Night-changed world, whole
surrounding people from reality.

Natsue Kato



International Students:

We Just Chose To Be Here

There are 11 international students on the Perk campus. They are from Japan, Vietnam, Columbia, and Venezuela. To stay in another country is not always easy, because there are many difficulties to overcome. The biggest problem is language, of course, so mis-communication sometimes occurs. For instance, a student may ask to get a "map," but he gets a "mop" instead, or an American might say, "What's up?" and the international student looks up to the sky and says, "Sun."

It sounds silly, but these are true stories from Perk exchange students. Not only in the language, but also in the daily life there are many adjustments which are not easy to make. One of our Japanese students, Kaoru Sugesho, says, "American food is very different from Japanese... especially the cafeteria's food... so I sometimes can not eat; thus I have lost my weight."

For some strange reason, most of the Japanese students take a long time to get used to the cafeteria's food.

The reason most foreign students choose to come to Perk is the fact that tuition and living fees are so very reasonable. Moreover, the small school atmosphere makes them feel at home.

Akiko Miwa, for instance, says, "I like small classes because I have more opportunity to talk to the teacher individually. The teachers at Perk are very helpful and very kind, especially helping us to understand the complexity of language and culture. The pace of life is slow here, and we make many friends who always have time to talk to us."

However, Miho Maruyama laughs about the misunderstandings that sometimes arise about the habits of other cultures. She says, "I think that students of Perk are not yet used to getting along with international students. I sometimes feel uncomfortable when Americans ask us if we eat raw fish, especially when they are so fond of fat — like the intestines of hogs — called, I think, sausage. But I love Perk because it is the best place in the world to study. It's quiet and safe and filled with people who care about each other."

After graduating, most of students plan to go back their own country to work, so this opportunity to study in America will offer great advantages for them. Their roles there will include diplomacy, international trade, translations and problem resolution between their various countries and America. Thus, a Gulf Coast education will advance international friendship.

YUKA SHIMIZU



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Of course, the largest numbers of foreign students are from Vietnam. Many of these individuals have become naturalized U.S. citizens, and some of them had very difficult transitions because of the war between America and Vietnam. On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, they find a climate and terrain that reminds them somewhat of their native land. They also find the lifestyle of the South more comfortable and slow-paced than many larger cities.

Duc Pham, for example, was only allowed to come to the U.S. from South Vietnam in 1975, despite the fact that many members of his family came to the U.S. in 1975, at the end of the war.

"The reason I came here," says Mr. Pham, "is that one of my brothers, who has been in the U.S. since 1975, sponsored me to come to U.S. At first, I arrived in Mississippi, but I moved to Houston, Texas after that. However, I did not like the place, because there was too crowded, many traffic, and noisy. Thus, I decided to come back, and I worked at vacuum cleaner company for about one year. However, I did not get enough salary at that time, and then I recognized that if I do not have good education, I can not get good salary."

Now Mr. Pham is majoring in computer engineering. After he graduates, he will work for an American company, probably on the Gulf Coast.



"Living in Boston, Massachusetts or anywhere else in the Northeast for 13 years seems to have been the ideal place for me and my brothers and sisters, since we love the snow and the big city. Although, living in my native country, Laos, is not very good, by comparison, I still miss it a lot, since I was born there. I left Laos when I was only five years old. In two more years, I'm planning to go back to Laos to visit my family. They repatriated in November, 1991, leaving me here to finish my education. Since I moved to the South for the very first time on July 31 of that year to start school, I got homesick as soon as I got to Mississippi. It is different from any other place I have ever known, either in Laos or the U.S."

The first thing I noticed was that people in the South have a totally different accent. Second, the living conditions don't look too good, compared to the wealthy Northeast. Third, was the "style" which is so different here. But now that I have been living here for one and one half years, I can understand the accent, and, of course, what I like here is the Southern hospitality. Of course, the students in Perk are also hilarious, and everyone seems to get along pretty well.

I sure have a lot to tell the people in the North about the Southern hospitality when I go home to Boston for Christmas vacation. But, boy, it will be nice to see snow again. After my graduation, then it is good-bye Mississippi, since I will be continuing my education in the Northeast and visiting my parents in Laos. Maybe all this travelling will make it hard for me to call any place "home," but I will always have warm memories of the kind people here at Perk."

Phetsamone "Micky" Savanhmixay

Peter Tchermishanov is the newest foreign student at Perk. He is from Bulgaria, which is one of the newly-free countries of the old Soviet block. Many freedom-loving and hard working people are now allowed for the first time freedom to study in the U.S. and other Western nations.

"The reason I came to Perk," Peter says, "is that I wanted to continue my education in the U.S. and was looking for a good, but not expensive school to begin. MGCCC answered me early enough so that I could apply for the spring semester. MGCCC really offers a good education at affordable price, and it is a good place to begin my education."



"IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES"

"It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way . . ."

Charles Dickens

1995 was an age of contradictions. It was a troubling time — from which Perk offered a welcome respite to many. It was a place where students could remain virtually unaffected by the chaotic violence of city life. It was a place to study, a place to recoup and to prepare. It was a chance to watch the world. But no place is an island; the 90's, and in many ways the world, came to us.



"IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES"

Miss America came to Perkinston . . . while Pat was washing windows. The World Cup came to the US . . . and Major League Baseball went on strike. At Perk, small boys kissed lovely hands . . . At Woodstock, students kissed each other and tried to embrace a muddled memory of their parents. Mississippian Jerry Rice set an NFL record for career touchdowns at San Francisco . . . And a former 49'er, everybody's hero O.J. Simpson, went on trial for the murder of his wife.

In South Africa, Nelson Mandela became president . . . and in Rwanda and Somalia bloody chaos became a way of life. At Perk, students hung onto baskets . . . And in Japan hundreds of thousands of people hung on . . . to life.

The top movie was *Forrest Gump* and the top video was *Schindler's List*. *Boyz II Men* were the top vocalists and *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* was the top nonfiction.

Television was *The Simpsons* . . . and *Lois and Clark*. All *American Girl* was opposite *Daddy's Girls* . . . and *Touched by an Angel* competed with *Models, Inc.* *Married With Children* was a popular sitcom . . . and *Murphy Brown* was an unwed mother.



NON- TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

SURE WE CAN; WE DID!

It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end.

Ursula K. Le Guin

Memories of the "non-traditional" students, a generation that was and now is — memories of hardships and joys. Gathered for lunch, jiving with our complaints, and some joys, we manage to eat a plate of . . . something, feeling a little refreshed, enough at least to finish the rest of the day.

Conversations vary — from divorce, to children, to infections. Sometimes we feel: What else? What happened? and most of the time stress. Relieved to open up, just to see another adult, we contend with three roles: spouse, parent, student. Trying to juggle twelve to twenty hours of school, we fit in homework and home work, juggling doctor appointments with helping children with their assignments. As primary providers we must also fit in work study, all the while struggling, hoping for a better job — and life.

Each of us equal in importance, each of us a blend of cultures and art — or some other form of creativity and intellect — all helping and working together to achieve and create . . . a world for ourselves.

Some of us learned our purpose, awakening to a more vibrant life. Some learned to be better organized. Some learned that they had many imperfections and, by acknowledging them, became better and matured.

We all underwent many changes in our lives. We managed, nevertheless, to gain friends who cared, shared, and helped to endure. Looking back, let the memories be music and laughter and love of life, and thanks to God for Jefferson Davis and Parkinston, and Jackson County, and the teachers who endured us. From memories we will hold on to, this story is dedicated to the preservation of adult student sanity.

And with all that we have encountered of honest values, and courage and strength, and myriad, inexpressible feelings, but most of all with a soaring spirit to succeed and to better ourselves, we all look back at how we began, and awaken to see that we are graduating. ■

Rosemary Threadgill



Rosemary Threadgill — writer, singer, poet, and designer — wife and mother.



Pictured at top left: The Davis Family: Heather (age 7), Amanda (9), Melissa (13 1/2) and Theresa (17).

Bottom Left: Bobby J. Parker: Quilted iron worker, Psychology major, and uncle father of Tara (9) and Terence (15).

Above: Tony Threadgill and family relaxing in married student housing.



Groups of non-traditional students in their own quarters in the adult lounge in the cafeteria. Pictured (from left) front row: Betty Hill, Lisa Hickman, Theresa Davis, Rosemary Threadgill, Melissa Romacher. Standing: Billy Hill, Sharon Anderson, Sharon Antonio, Sharon Hestley, Martha Henderson, Susan Brooks (New Hesperus Spouse).

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT IF . . .

**YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON SITTING IN THE FRONT OF THE CLASS.
YOU DRINK COFFEE IN THE AFTERNOON.
YOU READ THE OBITUARIES BEFORE THE COMICS.
YOU THINK THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE SHOULD BE RAISED TO 30.
EVERYONE STARES IN DISBELIEF WHEN YOU TELL THEM YOU'RE
"JUST HERE TO LEARN."**

**YOUR FAVORITE SHOES ARE OLDER THAN MOST OF YOUR
CLASSMATES.**

**YOU SUSPECT THAT THE GIRL NEXT TO YOU PAID MORE FOR
HER JEANS THAN YOU DID FOR YOUR FIRST CAR.
YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE TO ARRIVE IN CLASS AND THE LAST
ONE TO LEAVE.**

**YOU'VE DONE YOUR OWN HOMEWORK AND IT'S FINISHED
BEFORE CLASS.**

**YOUR IDEA OF A BEDTIME STORY IS REQUIRED READING.
YOU GO TO BED THANKFUL THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE 18 AGAIN.**



Rosemary Threadgill
Bass Fisherman



Connie Andrews
Mary Bolton
Patricia Bolton
Shelia Bowman
Dawn Breland



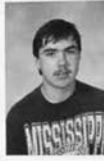
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Janice Hayes

Tabatha Buckley
James Bufkin
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Niki Chipley
Jennifer Chisolm



Candy Helton
Donald Hillman
Wendi Hite
Tammy Hoffman
Mandy Holland

Kimberly Cochran
Zack Cochran
Kevin Coleman
Marcie Coleman
Valerie Collins



Tiffany Holland
Susan Holliman
Deanna Howard
Glennola Howell
Kassandra Jones

Angela Courtney
Elaine Cowart
Kimberly Cowart
Candice Craft
David Craft



Misty Jones
Michael Jordan
Charlene Lawrence
Jennifer Little
Christina Lowry

Marsha Curry
Travis Davis
Jill Dees
Lanna Denmark
Elizabeth Brenda Downey



Donna Martin
Jan May
Lori McEachern
Sheryl McLeod
Dorothy McWilliams

Donna Dueitt
Dawn Dunnaway
Lynn Fairley
Brenda Ford
Stacy Fore



Bobbie Meadows
Kathy Miller
Kelley Miller
Judy Mills
William Mills



Charity Morgan
Nickole Passarelli
Sherry Pierce
Pam Pinkney
Jerry Radcliff



Jan West
Latreas West
Stephanie West
Amy Williams
Janie Williams

Frances Ranager
Kelley Ranager
Ann Reeves
Casey Reeves
Peggy Reeves



Jeremy Williams
Jeri Woods
Polly Wood

Sara Riley
Pansy Roberts
Nancy Rosonet
James Scott
Anita Seals



Sheryl Shaw
Amanda Shoemaker
Shirleen Silas
Jayne Smith
Juanita Smith



Larry Burney
Admin. Office Services
Shirley Cossey
Cosmetology
Frank Goff
Maintenance
Gloria Havard
Practical Nursing
Mike Havard
Carpentry

Virginia Snelgrove
Janice Spiers
Cher Storey
Wanda Strickland
Eva Taylor



Ellen Hill
Allied Health Cluster
Karen Howell
Surgical Technology Program
Carrie Jackson
Janitorial
Ben Johnston
Welding
Anna Faye Kelley
Administrative Dean

Teresa Tilley
Jo Ann Viers
Richard Walker
Loretta Waltman
Sherri Warren



Ronnie Mizell
Counselor
Brenda Roberts
Secretary to Admin. Dean
Jannie Smith
Secretary to Admin. Dean
Evelyn Vickers
Practical Nursing Program

IN MEMORIAM TAMMY MARIE KING



Tammy Marie King, a former art and advertising student at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, was tragically killed in a car accident on October 3, 1994, shortly after completing her course of study.

She was an outstanding student, a dedicated church and community worker, and a much-loved member of her class. Tammy will be missed, but always remembered with great admiration by all who knew her. ■



PERFORMING ARTS



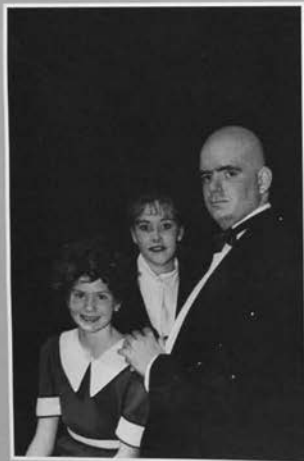
Tomorrow, Tomorrow ...

"I Love Ya' Tomorrow ..."

Perk Players & the Future

The smash Broadway hit *ANNIE* brought a thundering, joyous throng of youngsters onto campus for the annual Children's Theater production of the work based on comic strip character "Little Orphan Annie."

Such productions remind us of the reasons that performing arts exist on college campuses—indeed, that they exist at all.



"Daddy" Warbucks and Annie conspire with the heroine (Krista Mellinger) to rescue the children.



Annie's Long-suffering friends in the orphanage mournfully await the leadership of their red-haired Annie.

"You're only a day away ..."



"Who's the star of this show anyway? Woolf?"

The Arts Inspire & Teach

Faulkner said, "The writer's duty is to lift the heart of man, to remind him of the pride and compassion and pity and endurance which has been the glory of his past." Without the arts, our children have no models to imitate, no heroines to emulate, and no beauty to inspire. Thank you, Perk Players, for inspiration, and for such happy forms of teaching our children and our future.



The future is literally in our hands, as Krista Mellinger illustrates following a production.



THE FOOD OF LOVE

**"ALL ART
CONSTANTLY
ASPIRES
TOWARDS THE
CONDITION OF
MUSIC."**

**WALTER
PATER**

It is impossible, of course, to capture in words or still pictures the true nature of the performing arts in general, but most especially music. Music is sound and motion. It is that almost magical quality of experience that transforms and ennobles our lives.

Thus, in these pages, we try to pay tribute to the people who create these sounds and motions. Whether it is the lively energy of a percussion ensemble or the aesthetic spirituality of a choir, music "has charms to soothe a savage breast." It is the power that lifts us above the deepest moments of despair and calms us from the excesses of ambition.

Perhaps only the people who create music can approximate in their thinking the combinations of intellect and emotion which make this performing art possible. And they can't describe the experience in words.

So all we can offer is this picture of musicians themselves, and on the following pages one musician's story. To know their art, you must listen.



"CLASSIC" NATASA

*From Croatia to the World: Gulf Coast Guitarist
Natasa Klasinc Loncar Spreads Message of Hope.*

During most of this century, the American performing arts community has benefited from the immigration of European musicians forced to flee wars and persecution in their native lands. It would be hard to imagine, for example, what serious American music would have become without the likes of Horowitz, Stravinsky, and Rachmaninoff. From the early nineteen-teens to the nineties, each generation of Europeans seem to produce a conflict which drives brilliant young composers and performers from their homes to seek a career — and sometimes life itself — in the US.

The latest such conflict is, of course, in the former Yugoslavia, which is even now witness to the most terrible war and human suffering that Europe has undergone since World War II. The country has been ripped into separate states, with seemingly mindless massacres perpetrated over issues that seem incomprehensible to many Americans. Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina are names which until a few years ago were familiar only to serious students of history. Now, television and newspapers are filled with photographs of bombed-out cities in those countries, and waves of civilian refugees, once highly-civilized people, trying to avoid starvation and violent death.

Gulf Coast guitar instructor Natasa Klasinc Loncar is a native of Croatia, a tiny nation of four and one-half million people located in an area smaller than Mississippi. She is a brilliant and highly honored performer, having won the Competition for Musical Artists of Yugoslavia in 1984. She was also awarded the prestigious Austrian National Scholarship in 1986. She received both Bachelor and Master's degrees from the Academy of Music in Graz, Austria, and is currently working on her doctorate at USM.

When asked about the conflict in her homeland, she says, "I grew up in a country where I heard only about brotherhood and unity. I never had a feeling of any problem with Serbs or Bosnians, nor even of conflicts between Christians and Moslems. But suddenly, with the end of communism, there seemed to be a vacuum, and our new democratic constitution never had a chance to work. People seemed to take from the constitution whatever they wanted, and force and demagoguery replaced democratic ideals."

Just what those ideals were, is an issue which Mrs. Klasinc-Loncar finds difficult to explain. "The war is not actually about religion," she says, "nor really nationality or patriotism. Those are words which skillful and power-hungry people use, and no one dares say anything against them. The minority groups, of which there are many, were being forced once again to suppress their own identity and culture, just as we had been under the communists and the Germans and Austro-Hungarians before them. We try to preserve the beauty of our heritage, and with each new ruler we would always lose a little bit. The army, which was supposed to protect us, chose to side with those who would seize power and force their will on others."

Natasa's family, as well as that of her husband Miroslav Loncar, are still suffering under conditions which, naturally, cause them great fear and concern. She tells of a phone conversation with her mother interrupted by an artillery attack, and of her husband's parents spending the entire winter hiding from snipers. Her hometown of Zagreb has a permanent population of 800,000. Today, there are 300,000 refugees living there. Her husband's home, Karlovac, has been almost totally destroyed.

"It's like you have an invisible enemy," she says, "waiting to shoot you when you sit down to talk to someone. What's worse, you get used to it. You just live that way." After four years of this bloody conflict, she expresses despair that no one seems able or willing

to do anything to stop it. "What can I do," she says, "go over and hit someone in the head with my guitar?"

But then she adds, "Being an artist and an educator, you feel a mission to offer alternatives to the crazy things that are happening in your world. Artists are a small group who really stick together in some ways. Serbs, Croats, Bosnians — we have all played together and expressed our individual selves in a much nicer way than fighting. I believe this: through music you can make the people more satisfied with themselves, and people who like their own lives are not so likely to hate and destroy others."

To her students at Gulf Coast, this message is translated through the language of guitar strings. And when she performs, either as soloist or in concert with her husband Miroslav and cellist Rebecca Stark, the soothing magic of her music is in fact a statement of beauty and sanity to a world which would do well to listen.



A Serbian tank rolls over the snow-covered hills of a once-beautiful Croatian countryside.



Among the fastest growing and exciting areas of employment training in America are the highly skilled and highly paid technical fields offered through Gulf Coast's Vocational/Technical Division. Many of these occupations require two years (or less) of intensive training, and employers are virtually pleading for more graduates in these fields. Unlike the old stereotype of "trade school," today's high-tech students can write (or re-write) their own ticket to a wide array of interesting and fulfilling careers.

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL AND ...

...PROFESSIONAL



Medicine and Health Care technologies, for example, require trained professionals in Radiological Sciences, Computerized Machine Operations, Occupational and Physical Therapies, Machine and Building Maintenance, Communications, Sanitation, and Support Services, as well as a wide range of Nursing professions. Child Care Technology is another growth area. With the astronomical increase in two-parent working families, virtually every American industry is investigating child-care as a necessary and sensible part of the new workplace environment. Gulf Coast is pioneering this new field in helping to build model systems for the twenty-first century.

Child Care Tech - with real kids



Health sciences involves many disciplines, which are learned both on campus and in hospital settings.

Christmas means poinsettias, and in case you've ever wondered who grows these lovely (and profitable), decorative plants, see a graduate of Perk's culture program.

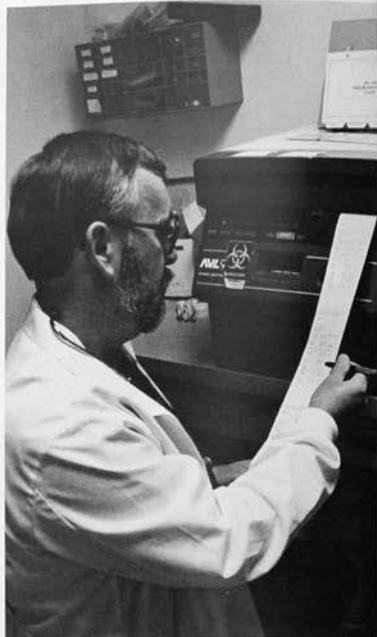


NEW DIRECTIONS IN OLD PROFESSIONS

Of course, even traditional trades such as Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Welding, and Electronics can no longer rely entirely on job-site training. The interaction between machine and man in the performance of these occupations produces a more and more high-tech calibre workplace. For instance, the growing interrelation between electrical and mechanical design in automobiles requires a new profes-

sional who is in every sense of the word a technician.

Vocational/Technical training may include new technologies to assist in traditional fields such as drafting and medical recording, or it may mean new directions for individuals in some rather traditional jobs.



LEARNING AND RE-LEARNING

In all of these areas, more and more students are re-learning skills, as technology brings changes to the job market. Non-traditional students — those returning to school after some years in the workplace — make up a growing percentage of the Gulf Coast student body.



EDUCATION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Social scientists predict that in the next century the average American will change jobs somewhere between seven and ten times, due to rapid changes in technology. At Gulf Coast, we believe that such changes need not be traumatic or frightening. We attempt to offer advice and counseling about careers matched to individual skills. We also believe that the old, arti-

cial lines between "trades" and "professions" have become obscured in an exciting age of highly paid and highly skilled professional people in many areas of life.



CHANGING THROUGH EDUCATION

Vocational Education need not be merely learning a trade. In a full-service community college such as Gulf Coast, students may take many courses for satisfying personal, as well as professional goals. Writing skills, business courses, psychology, and public relations may all be a part of the student's curriculum. Working with counselors and teachers, a student can pack an amazing amount of knowledge into a plan for adapting to the new realities of life in the exciting world of high-tech living.





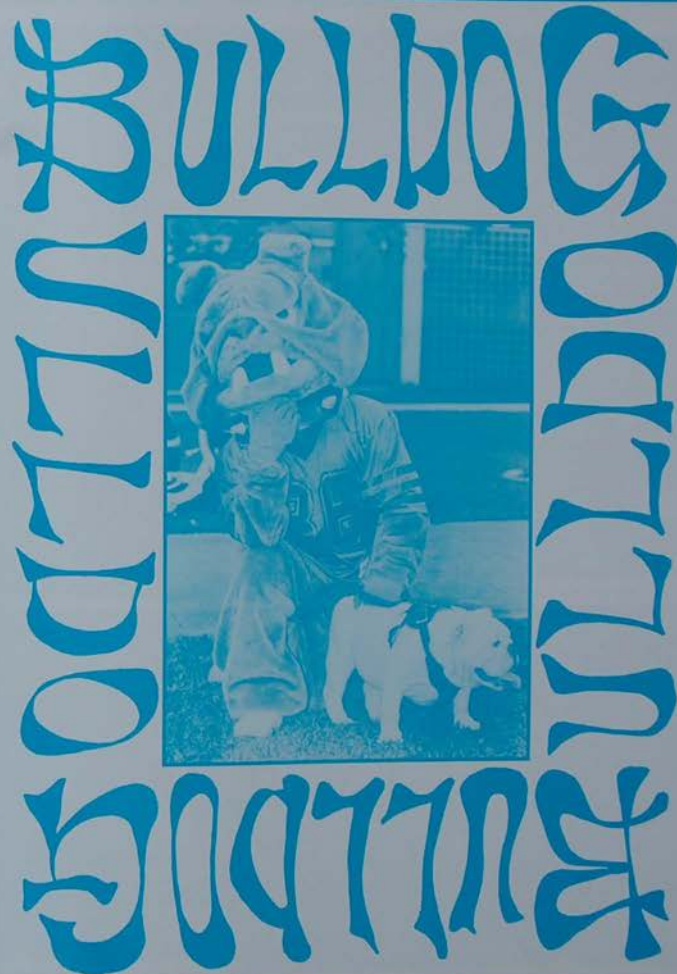
Being where the fashions are

Not all vocational courses are mechanical or physical. Fashion Merchandising can provide a practical and economically rewarding career which takes students into the most exciting and glamorous fields of business and industry.

Students can also learn modeling, fashion design, and computer-aided design. Such areas of study frequently involve interaction with businesses and industry even during the school year. Students can combine basic courses in language skills, math, and business with on-the-job training with a nearby company. This kind of "advise and consent" education benefits both employer and student, while offering a realistic look at both the glamour and pressure of one of America's highest dollar professions for vocational students.



SPORTS



BULLDOG FOOTBALL

Good attitudes and new faces were the norm in 1994, but a rash of bad weather and bad breaks combined to de-rail what had seemed to be a very promising season.

At times it seemed as if even the elements themselves conspired to ruin our best efforts. It started when we arrived at Northwest C.C. to a field that had been rained on for 4 days. Inexperience showed its face in turnovers, when the Dogs made several freshman mistakes. Yet, we never let the game get out of hand.

The highlight of the night for the Dogs was the touchdown punt return by James Bell. Gulf Coast, however, suffered a 38-21 opening-day loss to the Rangers.

We received a short break when we played the Southwest Bears in A.L. May stadium. The game was practically over in the first half, with the Bulldogs demonstrating excellent rushing ability. Anthony Skinner and Nicky Savoie combining to drive the Dogs to a 36-20 win, evening Gulf Coast's record at 1-1.



Gulf Coast punter Steve Smith hones his skill before season opener.

Hours of preparation involve all team members.



"Doober — or is it 'Dobber?' Coach Nagy on the spot.



▲(Top) Quarterback Nicky Savoie takes opening snap in "Mud-Bowl" at Biloxi. ▼(Below) Dogs surround defender, but still struggle for footing in downpour.



GULF COAST



Anthony Skinner, No. 40, hurdles a Mississippi Delta defender.

SCOREBOARD

GULF COAST	OPPONENT	
21	NORTHWEST	38
36	SOUTHWEST	20
14	EAST MISSISSIPPI	24
28	EAST CENTRAL	12
29	DELTA	31
24	PEARL RIVER	14
20	JONES	36
0	HINDS	24
17	HOLMES	34
15	CO-LIN	14



Rainy days resumed, however, at Biloxi Stadium, turning the field into a grassless mudhole. Turnovers and mud were voted game's MVP, in the battle with East Mississippi. The Bulldogs, flat without the passing game, lost to the rain and a nonexistent running game. Not to mention 5 fumbles. This frustrating 24-14 loss put the Dogs 1-2 on the season.

Another victory was attained over East Central. Anthony Skinner displayed excellent running skills, sometimes carrying as many as 4 defenders with him. Savoie did such an excellent job that he was rested for the second half. The Dogs went on to win 28-12, moving them to 2-2 overall.

BULLDOGS FOOTBALL



1994-95 Bulldogs take the field



(At Left) #10, punter Steve Smith, nervously keeps his eyes on the action.

Playing on a par with defending National Champions Mississippi Delta, the Dogs blew several key plays, including a missed PAT and two point conversion, which left us behind 31-29 in the end.

By the following week, however, revenge was tops on the list, when we played the Pearl River Wildcats. Two fired-up rivals played what was probably the best game of the year for the Bulldogs. We beat our arch-rivals for the first time in several years. The score was 25-14, upping the record to 3-3 overall.



Nicky Savoie, #12, delivers, just as he is about to be hit.



(Below) #40, Anthony Skinner, stiffarms an unidentified player during Pearl River game.



**GULF COAST
STUDENT
ASSISTANTS**
(L to R) Danny
Anderson, trainer,
Jason Willis,
trainer, Pete
Crutchfield, Mgr.,
Tyrone Johnston,
Mgr., Marcus
Cuevas, Mgr., (not
pictured) Roderick
Washington, Mgr.



**GULF COAST
COACHING
STAFF**
(L to R) Jeff Davis, ATC,
Chris Calcote, Offensive
Line, Steve Nagy, Defen-
sive line & Linebackers,
Ode Burris, Defensive
Secondary, J. C. Arban,
Head Coach and A. D.



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ut Gulf Coast dropped another when facing the #5 team in the nation, Jones Junior College. Nagging injuries kept Nicky Savoie out of most of the game, while Steve Smith handled the quarterback duties nicely. Steve kept the Bulldogs within 18 points and had two long runs from scrimmage on a pair of option plays. The final score, however, was 38-21, in Jones' favor.

Gulf Coast's only shutout came from Hinds. The Eagles had an above average defense that seemed great in some areas, at least on this day. The Dogs fell to 3-5 with the 24-0 loss.

A pair of Bulldogs faced off in Goodman MS, with Gulf Coast playing the Holmes County variety. Once again, it was not Gulf Coast's night, as we fell to our third loss in a row, the low point of the season. The final score, was Holmes J. C. 34, Gulf Coast 17.

Homecoming, 1994, the last game for the sophomores and an exciting week on campus, with many traditional campus activities. On November 5, in A. L. May Stadium, Gulf Coast honored its 1984 National Championship Team, and won the last game against the Co-Lin Wolves 15-14.

This victory put Gulf Coast on par with the 1993 team, with 4 wins and 6 losses. Although the overall record was a bit disappointing, the progress shown in several areas encouraged the returning veterans for next year's team. In beginning his third season at Gulf Coast, Coach J. C. Arban is building toward a promising future.

By Pete Crutchfield



Thank you fans, who supported us good weather and bad.



"THE GOLDEN GIRLS - ER GUYS" GULF COAST CHEERLEADERS

The 1994-95 M.G.C.C.C. cheerleading squad became co-ed for the first time in four years.

They attended the Universal Cheerleading Association Summer Camp at the University of Alabama. They also brought home all "superior" ribbons and placed second overall in the chart competition.

Mascot Travis Fountain received two individual "superior" ribbons for his "Bully" renditions.

The sponsor for this year's squad was Tammy Weathers, who has been the sponsor for the past four years. ■

Cheerleaders are (from front left) Nikki Winland, Tyler Austin, Beth Brown, Risé Rominger, Pam Walker. Second row: Scott Noble, Norie Lobrano, Jennifer Topper, Mascot Travis Fountain, Wendy Webb. Back row: Marty Clower, Chad Bryant, Mike Page, Jeremy Lomax.



Please Don't Feed the Animals!



GIMME A "B" — B-U-L-L-D-O-G-S



Look Mom, No hands!



cccccccccatch me!

TENNIS

Gulf Coast Tennis Team was the surprise of the year. Entering only his second season at the helm, Coach Charles Spence led the men's team to an unexpected second place finish in the state and region, and secured an invitation to the nationals in Corpus Christie, Texas.

Despite a largely freshman squad, the Bulldogs ended the season with a 14-3 record. Gulfport native Tom Friscia advanced to the semi-final round of the National Tournament before being sidelined with an injury. But what was more impressive was the strong overall team showing, with freshmen Steven Pascua, Phillip Owen, and Skip Ledbetter performing much better than expected against players from nationally ranked teams. The doubles team of Owen and Borsage won the overall state championship.

"It was truly a team effort," says Coach Spence, "with leadership from our older players and an unselfish attitude among the entire squad. The experience gained by the freshmen in national competition let them see just how good junior college tennis is, and they know now what they have to do to win."

With a strong nucleus of returning starters, the men's team should enter the year with a higher than ever ranking. The women's team suffered some early season injuries to key players, "but," says Coach Spence, "we expect a much improved team among both groups next season."

Congratulations to Coach Spence and the entire team on what promises to be the beginning of a new era in Bulldog tennis.

"UNDER-DOGS" SURPRISE EVERYBODY



1994-95 BULLDOG TENNIS TEAM

MELANIE SELLERS



AMBER LEATHERWOOD



IN STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITION
There are moments in a team's development which define the character of its personality—and its destiny. For Gulf Coast, that moment came in the state tournament.

The Bulldogs had surprised everyone during the regular season, but by tournament time they were a known force to be reckoned with.

When the smoke had cleared, the Dogs were in a second place tie with Jones. A playoff was necessary to determine who would go to the nationals in Corpus Christie. Undermanned and exhausted by the grueling pace of the tournament, Gulf Coast nevertheless rose to new heights, defeating the 'Cats in head to head competition, winning the last seven matches.

Below are scenes from the state tournament and the playoffs. The pictures tell it all—a relaxed and confident team rising to meet the challenge.



Second place winners in State and Region 23. From: Steven Pascua and Tom Friscia. Rear: Phillip Owen, Jeff Borsage, Patrick Martin, Jeff Page and Skippy Ledbetter.

At left: Phillip Owen fires a topspin lob. (Center) Coach Spence and team members stock up on food, and (right) Patrick Martin uses time to bone up for exams—with help from his favorite tutor (and aunt) Dr. Marie Hearn.



TOM FRISCIA



Jeff Page smashes a high lob.



Doubles team of Borsage and Owen in process of winning state title.



FLAG PERKETTTS

Ball games in the South mean beautiful girls, and no one has more beauty than Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

On golden Autumn afternoons, these talented and glamorous performers entertain before, during and after the game.

But as part of the Band of Gold, these hard-working young women perform in a great many other ways that benefit the College and the surrounding areas. From Mardi-Gras to the Rose Parade, the Perketts and Flag team drill to perfect art in movement and a grace and style that approaches ballet in the high levels of intensity and training which are required.

It is difficult to imagine our school year without the cheerful prospect offered by these performers, and they are indeed an indispensable part of college life at Perk. ■



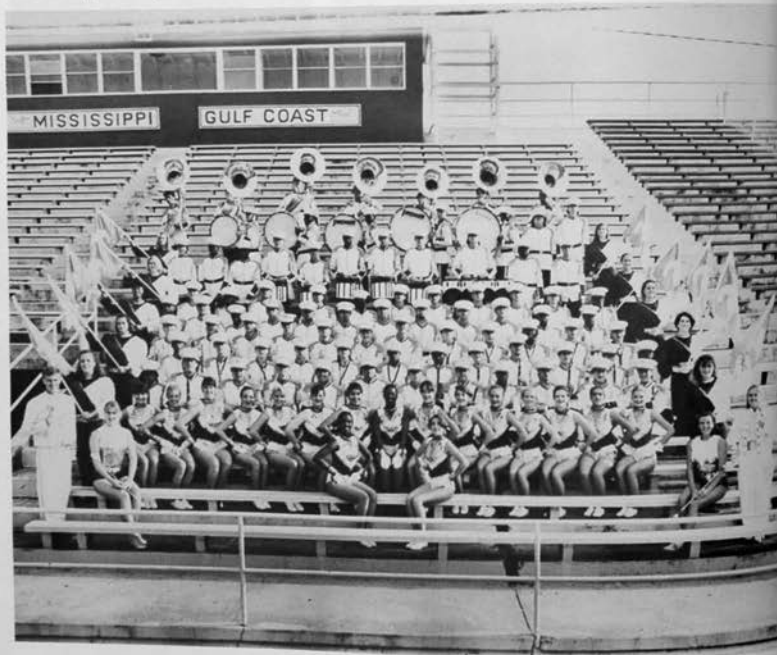
Kathy Braun, Director of the dance teams at Gulf Coast, provides not only a disciplined, creative performance week after week, but also provides an inspiration to the hundreds of young women with whom she works to perform at a pace that reaches professional levels.

Pictured above, Ms. Braun is captured in one of her confidential, but humorous glances at her troops, a look which is intended to say, "Have fun, but do a superior job in your performance—or else!"



BAND OF GOLD

Mr. David Dueltt and his staff have built at Gulf Coast one of the premier marching bands in the nation. His drive for excellence is recognized by his performers and his professional colleagues throughout the nation.



It is all that the name implies. It is romance and beauty. It is a feeling of intimacy that occurs when the mind and spirit of people combine to create meaning through music.

It is a relaxed concert beneath the oaks on a still summer day. It is the electric excitement of a pep rally or a football game. It is the sweet sadness of graduation.

Perhaps more than any other organization, the Band of Gold bridges all the distances between people and departments. It is the unifying force of the college. It is a statement of the meaning of education that supersedes the pragmatic and the utilitarian. It speaks in language that anyone can understand.



EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE



Sometimes the motion is only in sound, as in the percussion solo at left. Sometimes it is in the impromptu parade down a street or a grassy field. Sometimes it is a brassy afternoon practice and sometimes a demure beginning to an autumn night's halftime show. But always, it is beauty and grace, body and spirit. Band of Gold—what a college band is meant to be.



▲ Fu Manchu pitching style—Marty Howell



▼ Catcher Shannon Poole waits for the pitch

Baseball

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SCOREBOARD

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DIAMOND DOGS HIT 'EM HARD

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With forty home runs on the season, Bulldog Baseball players demonstrated their greatest power game in many years, along with charisma, speed, and some great pitching, to continue the long tradition of success under Coach Cooper Farris. The team's hard work has achieved another outstanding season and a second-place conference finish, and, as of this writing, the Dogs are about to enter the state tournament and hopefully go on to the regionals. Whatever the outcome of the tournaments, this year's baseball team has been one of the most exciting and powerful squads ever assembled on the Perk Campus. ■



Al Green, slides safely

As the year got underway, the Dogs raced to an amazing 10 and 0 record, hitting sixteen home runs in those first ten games. The eleventh game of the season was not one of our better efforts, however, as Gulf Coast suffered its first defeat against East Central. Rebounding, the team won the night game and went on a second streak of seven consecutive wins, this time hitting nine home runs. ■

After beating Jackson State twice, the team suffered a letdown and dropped the next opener to Co-Lin, but picked up a win in the nightcap. From here, the Dogs picked their game up a notch, crushing Iowa Western 16 to 6 and Southwest 11 to 1. They kept the rally going while beating Iowa Western again 17 to 7 and 5 to 0, then clobbering Jones 10 to 0. ■

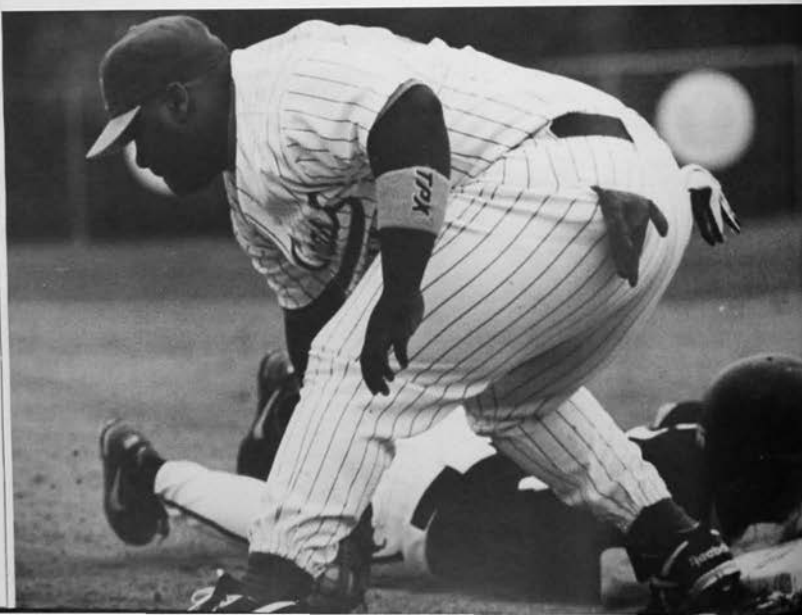
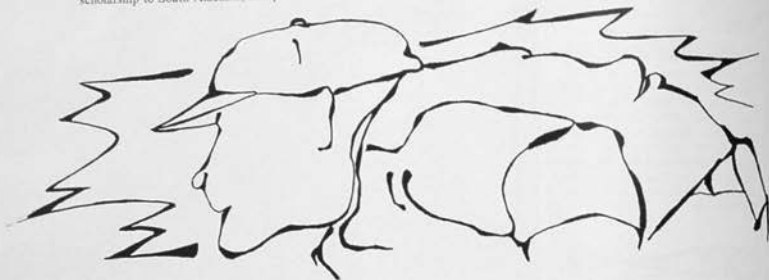


Randy Pagan and Matt Hild reading under the tent



ike all teams, however, Gulf Coast was bound to have a little slump, as they lost to Meridian and Hinds. But again, as all good teams do, they picked themselves up and came back by beating East Central 15 to 7 and 11 to 9. In April, we may have been looking ahead a little when we lost to Delgado and Delta, but we sure put it on our 9. After beating Co-Lin and Southwest again, we oldest rival, Pearl River, beating the Wildcats 9 to 1 and 9 to 4. After beating Co-Lin and Southwest again, we split with Jones on the road, then ended the season with a 3-2 and 8-2 thrashing of Hinds at home. ■

Perk will host the South Division of the State Tournament this year, and the Dogs enter the contest with high expectations. Hopefully, it will be the first step toward another national championship, and a large number of players are expected to sign major college or pro contracts at season's end. Already, Dumian Scioneaux, who stole 38 bases this year, has committed to MS State. Avery Youngblood, who is leading the nation with 16 home runs at the moment, has been offered a scholarship to South Alabama, and pitcher Tommy Brewer is headed to the Florida Gators. ■



Overall, it has been a banner year, and the entire team and coaching staffs are to be commended for another in a long line of stellar performances. ■

Coch Cooper Faris poses with two former perk players now in the pros. ■

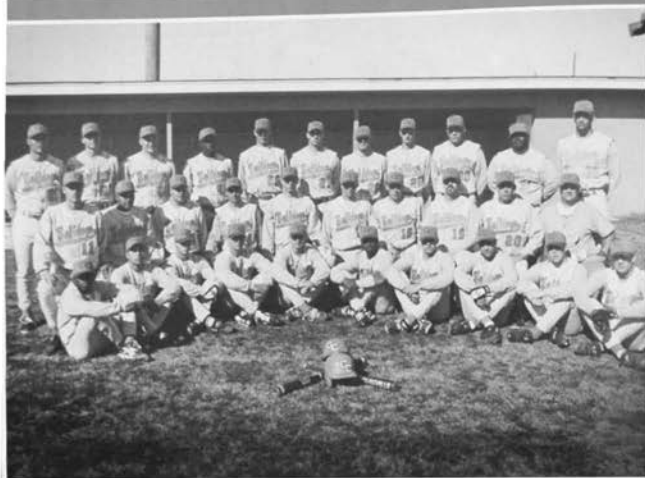
No other community college anywhere has more to offer in its baseball program, and everyone in Gulf Coast's extended family of campuses and alumni associations takes pride in the accomplishments of our Diamond Dogs. ■

San Francisco Giant and former Bulldog Greg Hibbard Assists in instruction. ■



Bulldog Babes

Front row (from left) Mandy Goff, Michelle Hewitt, Donna Cravens, Norie Lobrano, Tracie Cleveland, Tennille Wells, Nakie Winland, Back row Menya Jefferson, Toni Compston, Joy Byrd, Laura Ransom, Natasha Cochran, Vicki Hardy, Wendy Webb, Kristy Parker. ■



DIAMOND DOGS 1994-95

(Fr.) O.J. Lawton, Brandon Cox, C.C. Flarty, Jarren Weems, Daniel Scioneaux, Anthony Green, Jody Broom, John Picard, Doug Thompson, Greg Dye (2nd row) Robby Piper, Donovan Marbury, Dirk Demorselle, Neil Fredrick, Mark Hathcock, Eric Hogue, Brandon Jones, Mary Howell, Justin Russell, Matt Hill (Mgr.), (3rd row) Tommy Brewer, Jason Page, Chris Havard, Jeri Galloway, Russ Parker, Daniel Miller, Shannon Poole, Jeremy Delmas, Dusty Turner, Avery Youngblood, Nick Savoie. (Not Pictured) Bart Culpepper.

"MAJOR" JC BASEBALL CONNECTIONS AT GC

Among the benefits of nationally ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Baseball is early entry into the major leagues, as well as scholarship opportunity for major college and university programs. Among the draftees from Perk are the following:

Teddy Bishop — Oakland/Seattle
Ronnie Duckworth — Pittsburgh
Kraig Hawkins — Minnesota/New York Yankees
Robin Higginbotham — Detroit
Matt Lawton — Minnesota
Robert Dickerson — Detroit
Bubba Dixon — San Diego
Eric Dumas — Houston
Adam Frost — San Diego
Mike Linsenberger — Boston
Freddie Little — Houston
Jason Monk — Toronto
Doug Thompson — Baltimore

1995 Major College Signees include:
Avery Youngblood — South Alabama
Bart Culpepper — Thomas College
Greg Dye — Baylor
Jerrod Weems — West Alabama
Daniel Scioneaux — Mississippi State
Tommy Brewer — Florida
Justin Russell — West Alabama
Nicky Savoie — LSU



The kind of hardnosed play which makes champion baseball teams.



ROBBY PIPER — PITCHER AND POET?

There is a saying that a sports team tends to take on the personality of its coach. In his many years of outstanding service to Gulf Coast, Coach Cooper Farris (number 22) has fashioned a team personality that is defined in this early season photograph. It is relaxed, yet disciplined, fun-loving but dedicated. It is a spirit that keeps Gulf Coast at the top of the league year in and year out. Or maybe its best described by Robby Piper's poem?

PIPER'S WILL

ON THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1994
I'M TOLD THE ONLY GIRL I'VE EVER LOVED
DON'T LOVE ME ANY MORE.

I CAN NOT DEAL WITH THE FACT
THAT SHE'S STOPPED LOVING ME,
THEREFORE, I'LL KILL MYSELF
WITH THIS FORK.

WHEN THE MOMENT COMES TO SHOVE IT
THROUGH MY HEART,
BLOOD MAY PROTRUDE
BUT MY LOVE WILL NEVER DEPART.

BEFORE I PASS MY LIFE, HOWEVER,
TO HUMAN-DREADING DEATH
I'LL GIVE MY MOANING SOUL
ONE MORE NIGHT TO REST.

I WILL DREAM TONIGHT, LIKE LAST,
BUT NOT TOMORROW
FOR THEN THERE'LL
BE NO HEARTBEAT, NO SORROW.

THEREFORE,
I WANT MY MOM TO HAVE MY MONEY
AND MY DAD I LEAVE MY CAR,
TO MY BROTHER ALL MY CLOTHES
AND MY SISTER THE TRIP TO NEW YORK.

NOW, FOR THE WOMAN WHO LEFT ME,
THE ONE I LOVE SO TRUE.
I'M LEAVING HER THE FORK.
I HOPE SHE ENJOYS THE FOOD.

ROBBY PIPER



Gulf Coast Track Team Finishes Second In State

Coach Ode Burrell Developing New Opportunities



Gulf Coast finished second only to the host team, Hinds Community College, in the 1995 State Track Meet. Kevin Gooden of Gulfport placed first in the high jump (6 feet, 10 inches); first in the long jump (23 feet, 4 inches); and second in the triple jump (48 feet, 2 inches). Jacob Cooper of Pascagoula placed third in the shot put and dis-

cus, and Cedric Smith of Pascagoula came in first in pole vault (14 feet). In running events, Ryan Bourque of Vinton, LA, placed third in the 1500 meter run; Grover Henry of Lucedale placed third in the 110 hurdles, and second in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. Carlos Williams placed fourth in the 400 meter dash; James Bell won the 100 meter dash and placed second in the

200 meter.

Smith, Henry, Chris Fairley, and Terris Riley teamed up for a third-place finish in the 4 x 400 meter relay.

As a result of the outstanding finish, Smith, Bell, and Gooden qualified for the national competition in Odessa Texas.

1995 Bulldog Track Team: (Fr.) Ryan Bourque, Carlos Smith, Chris Fairley, Derrick Caples, Robert Williams, and Marcus Cuevas (Mfr.). (Back) Sean Smith, James Havard, James Bell, Chris Martin, Terris Riley, and Kevin Hughes. (Not Pictured) Anthony Skinner, Thomas Kelly, and Kevin Gooden.

Coach "World Class" Weathers



This stern, 1954 USM four-year letterman, and metal detective-adventurer, has thirty-five coaching years without a losing season. A man with omens, national championships, multiple family tragedies, and an "ODD-people philosophy" of basketball—Organized, Dedicated, and Disciplined. Coach "World-Class" Bob Weathers.

Plastered to his filing cabinet is a post-card sized question: "... Am I satisfied ...". Trophies and awards, 1944 NJCAA Hall of Fame, USM Sports Hall of Fame, Four-time MS Coach of the Year, three-time NJCAA Region XXIII Coach of the year, 1984 Babe McCarthy Tip-Off Club Coach of the Year, 30 Year Service Award.

Wins 743. Losses 263. "... Am I satisfied ..."

Another outstanding record of thirty eight years—Marriage to wife Tommie.

Father of three beloved sons. Two of whom died.

Good times and bad, he still can give you a smile. A strong believer in discipline, he recalls a time when some students would walk on the other side of the street if they saw him coming. They were scared of him, he says. Years later, he adds, those same students learned he was a man with whom they could easily get along.

Weathers recalls, "I cleared the cafeteria one day. The doors used to be locked until it was time to eat. About one hundred fifty students almost ran over the lady opening the door. I told them to get out and line up like elementary school."

These days, Weathers sits stoically on the sidelines, seldom yelling at students or his players. His son Wendell does most of the walking and talking. Both father and son take time out to pat their guys on the backs, treating them more like family than athletes trying to win championships.

Weathers' relationship with his team goes beyond the basketball court. He doesn't single out one player as being better than another. "There is no way to pick out a player," he says. "There are some you get closer to, but each one is asked to give a hundred percent each day. When you are asking that, you have to care about each one the same."

He calls his players his "group family," and he deals with each player in his own way as far as motivation and encouragement. Most of all, he says he tries to build confidence, a special key to success.

What does all of this mean in terms of his coaching abilities? He is, quite simply, the most winning active junior college coach in the nation. ■

Rosemary Threadgill



Hardcourt Bulldogs suffer through hard luck year.

For a team which finished in the top 5 in NJCAA National Tournaments twice in the past five years, 1995 was a disappointment. Even though the Dogs finished up with a winning 14-11 mark, Coach Bob Weathers, the nations winningest junior college coach, expressed frustration with the results.

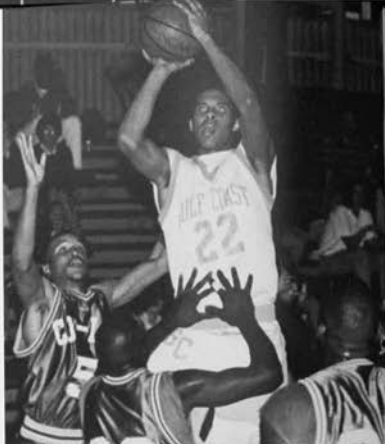
"I felt like we had better talent than our record indicates," he says. "No matter how hard we tried, we never seemed to be able to motivate the squad to play to their full poten-

Ira Newble soars above a pack of Co-Lin Wolves

tial. We lacked intensity."

Even though the Dogs beat the number 1 team, PKC, on the road, Coach Weathers finds little consolation in a sub-par season. After stumbling to a 1-5 start, he says, "We never really recovered. I guess we were lucky to finish as well as we did. But I think we have solved a few of our problems, and with some help from our incoming freshmen, we should be getting back on track next year."

1995 Bulldog Basketball Squad (Front Row) Thomas Lowe, Alan Strasson, Kevin Gooden, Brad Bunch, Carlos Malley, and Eric Hill (Back Row) Ira Newble, Julius Marble, Dan Tubbs, Jimmy Sharpe, Ricky Evans, and Chad McKinney



Winning is about pride and tradition: Gulf Coast connects with both

Sometimes, it's helpful to stop and look at where you've been, in order to see where you are going. With Gulf Coast basketball, one doesn't have to look far. In addition to the National Championships and top ten finishes of the recent past, a look at former Bulldogs in major college programs and the NBA produces an honor roll of talent and dedication which should serve as inspiration to anyone who loves the Blue and Gold. Below are listed a few of the more recent graduates and their schools.

Dale Brown
Pat Savoy
Derrick Gallien
Chris Black
Tommy Oatis
Robert Polk
Robert Wilkerson
Ira Newble
Sam Bowie
Ricky Evans
Paul Fleming

Kentucky (now with Sacramento)
UNLV
Oklahoma
Oklahoma
Washington State
South Florida
SW Missouri
Miami (Ohio)
SE Louisiana
Troy State
Birmingham Southern (NAIA Nat. Champs)



Coach Wendell Weathers reminds his players of the direction we want to go.

Kevin Gooden soars for a layup, despite crowding by a Hinds Eagle.

SCORE-BOARD

GULF COAST	OPPONENT	
89	BISHOP STATE	68
72	MERIDIAN	83
74	PENSACOLA	78
75	PENSACOLA	92
75	NORTHWEST	88
86	EAST MISSISSIPPI	66
90	HINDS	70
67	JONES	76
83	PRC	72
88	JEFF DAVIS	86
77	BISHOP STATE	68
79	MERIDIAN	62
85	DELGADO	76
79	CO-LIN	102
56	SOUTHWEST	60
84	EAST CENTRAL	77
86	HINDS	70
59	PRC	71
67	MERIDIAN	64
81	CO-LIN	51
84	SOUTHWEST	65
80	EAST CENTRAL	71
73	CO-LIN	82

DIVISION	OVERALL RECORD:	ALL GAMES
W/L	CONFERENCE	W/L
7-5	8-6	14-10



Ira Neuble and Ricky Evans are two of the outstanding athletic talents at Gulf Coast. A combination of speed and strength, these forwards have fashioned a place for themselves in college basketball's elite corps.



Ricky Evans defines what is meant by "power forward," as he forces a layup against Co-Lin Wolves.

Eric Hill demonstrates the concentration needed to move against tough opposition.



**GAME TIME:
DOGS TAKE IT TO
THE HOOP WITH
POWER AND STYLE**



Lady Bulldogs Limp Through Sub-Par Year

One week before the season began, Coach Greg Holmes lost his post player and a point guard. And the season went downhill from there. "We suffered all year from poor shooting," he says. "And we could never score enough points to get the job done. Injuries are no excuse. Everybody has them. Our women did try hard, but we couldn't seem to overcome our biggest obstacle: lack of shooting. Our record (7-19) says it all. We've got to learn to do what it

takes to win." The highlight of the year was the November Tournament, in which the Lady Bulldogs won three straight games, defeating Beville State, Bishop, and Delgado. With a returning squad of healthy players, Coach Holmes has reason to be more optimistic. "Next year," says Coach Holmes, "we have just enough experience to blend with the young players. Hopefully, we will have a winning combination."



1995 Lady Bulldogs: (Front) Karen McWilliams, Paula Lewis, Becky Senegal, Kisha Moore. (Back) Curlandus Blanks, Marcella Hale, Nichole Hart, Yoshe Robinson, Sheila Smith, Robtrina Mason, Keisha Herbert, Vicky Howell.



WOMEN'S SPORTS GROWING IN POWER AND PERFORMANCE AT GCCC

Yoshe Robinson drives for a layup amid pack of Co-Lin Wolves.



Young group of Bulldogs join cheerleaders at halftime.

Lyn Creer, one of Gulf Coast's outstanding defensive players, stalks Co-Lin guard.



Want to earn a full scholarship? Women's athletics now offers a panoply of opportunities to young women who want to compete. Basketball has always been a strong suit in the high schools of South Mississippi, and with the new emphasis on women's athletics, many women are finding career opportunities through and in conjunction with their athletic abilities.

SCOREBOARD

GULF COAST	OPPONENT
71	DELGADO 76
51	FAULKNER 64
66	BEVILL STATE 59
65	BISHOP STATE 56
68	DELGADO 57
39	BISHOP STATE 61
37	FAULKNER 60
59	DELTA 76
56	HOLMES 81
62	HINDS 79
54	JONES 68
59	PEARL RIVER 100
79	SHELTON STATE 64
48	BISHOP STATE 53
69	SHELTON STATE 48
64	CO-LIN 81
67	SOUTHWEST 66
60	EAST CENTRAL 82
62	HINDS 63
47	JONES 64
72	PEARL RIVER 51
75	DELGADO 74
61	CO-LIN 70
60	SOUTHWEST 77
55	EAST CENTRAL 76
53	CO-LIN 69

Kuisha Hebert delivers her high over-head jump shot with strength and finesse.



Pride

Despite this year's showing, the Lady Bulldogs exhibited some brilliant glimpses of what is possible for the future. The talent, barring injuries, will be there in '96 for an exciting new season. With renewed determination, the players pictured on these pages are building for an exciting future in women's athletics at Gulf Coast.



Vicky Hall inbounds the ball in crucial moment of Co-Lin game.

Coach Holmes and his staff sweat out an agonizing season of injuries and disappointments.



Karen McWilliams provides one of the bright points in the season.



Yoshe Robinson demonstrates the tough defense which the Lady Bulldogs demonstrated all season. Here, she steals a pass while effectively blocking out a taller opponent.



The Lady Bulldog softball team finished 13-15 overall, but managed a 12-8 record in the south division, giving them a number 5 ranking for the season. "We had a good season and played some good softball," said Coach Steve Nagy. "But we made some pretty bad mistakes at crucial times. We let too many fly balls drop. But our hitting was impressive." He added, "We were young, and we have a good nucleus of players to build on for next year."

Gulf Coast will lose four players this year: Ocean Springs' natives Laura Ranson and Norie Lobrano; Nicole Hart of Slidell, LA; and Jennifer Jackson of Stone County. Obviously from these photos, the Lady Bulldogs are not lacking in spirit and team morale. Next year promises to be a more exciting chapter for women's sports at Gulf Coast.

94-95 Lady Bulldogs: Jean Harrison, Farrah Sanders, Haley Guillot, Norie Lobrano, Susan Switzer, Kim Nix, Katy Stallings, Nicole Hart, Vicky Bulder, Jennifer Jackson, Laura Ranson, Stacy Powers, and Kelly Harst.



Bulldog Softball

FINE ARTS, HONORS AND AWARDS



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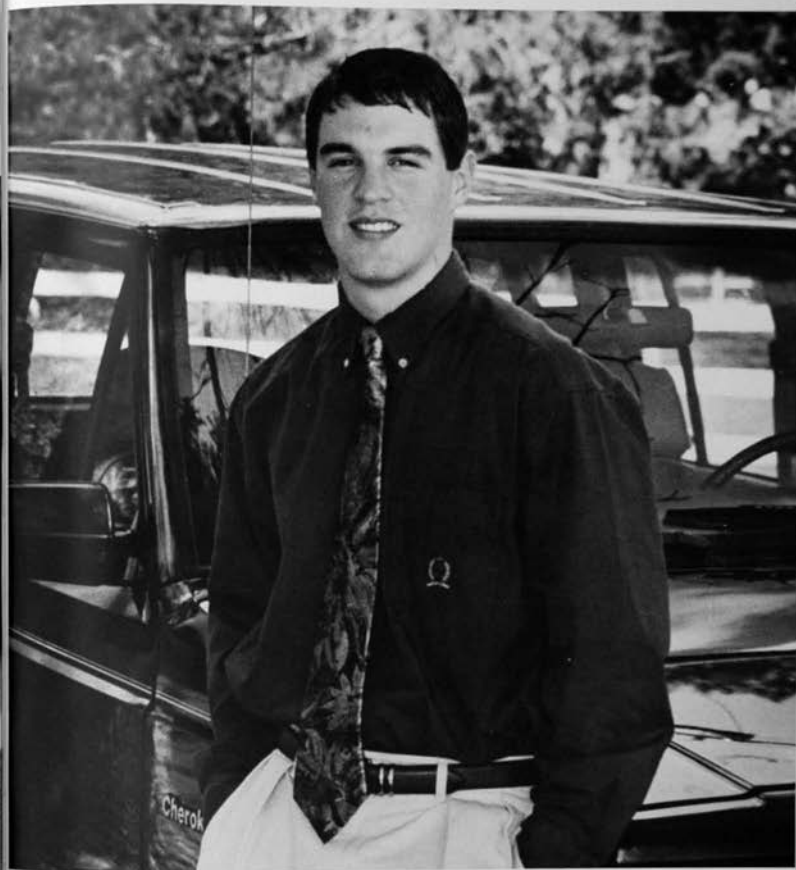
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MALONE GALLERY
APRIL 20 - MAY 6



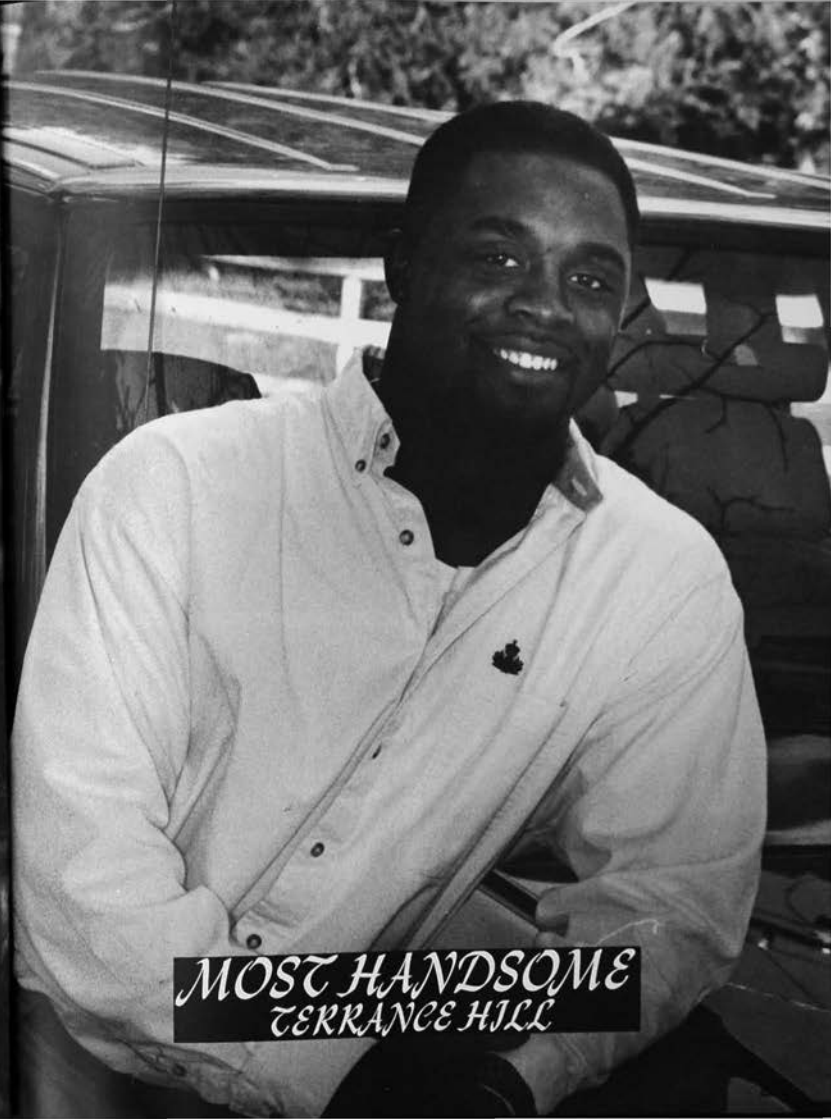
MISS PERK
DARLENE GRAY



MR. PERK
BRAD BUNCH



MOST BEAUTIFUL
CHRISTA MELLINGER



MOST HANDSOME
TERRANCE HILL

WHO'S WHO

Wendy Webb

Yoursheko Robinson



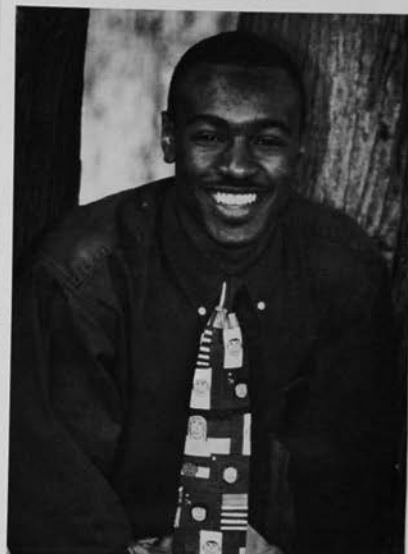
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AT PERK

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WHO'S WHO

Rise Rominger



Menya Jefferson



Sophomore Beauties



Sophomore Beaus

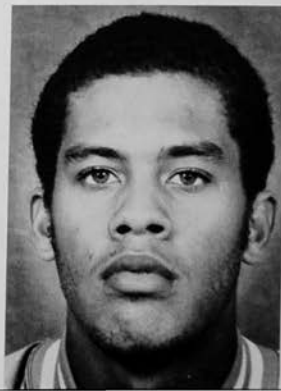
Who's Who at Perk



Mike Davis

Brandon Cox

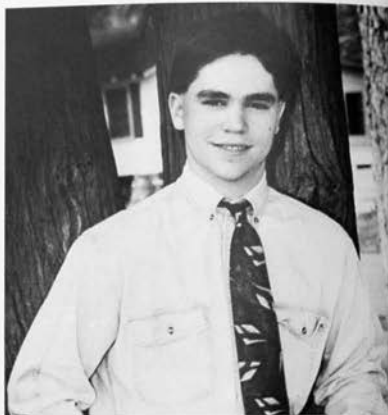
Ira Newble



Freshman Class Favorites



Rebecca Cooley



Jeff Whetstone



Hayley Guillot



Marty Glover

Sophomore Class Favorites



Lana Coley



Tim Parkman



Travis Fountain



Tracie Cleveland



WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

Students nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges are selected by faculty, staff, and administration. Their qualifications include outstanding scholastic accomplishments, leadership roles in campus organizations, councils, and service clubs. These nominees are then submitted to a national publication for inclusion in the national register.

Not pictured are the following: Ronald Barrow, Emily Batson, Tracie Cleveland, Sean Courtney, Marshall Crutchfield, Dawn Diaz, Cassandra Gordon, Darlene Gray, Diane Haydel, Kristi Kibby, Rayford Ladner, Michael Letort, Dolive Sasser, Steven Smith, Jennifer Tapper, Lisa Terwilliger, and Phillip Verdin.



Rachel D. Black
Wiggins, Mississippi



Amy M. Breland
Perkins, Mississippi



Vivian Anderson
Lucedale, Mississippi



Nikki L. Winland
Ocean Springs, Mississippi



James M. Ladner
Saucier, Mississippi



Cynthia A. Buckwalter
Wiggins, Mississippi



Karen Creel
Perkinston, Mississippi



Chris Garner
Springfield, Ohio



Johnnie Hatten
Collins, Mississippi



Jason Lofton
Saucier, Mississippi



Sarah (Kristi) Parker
Lucedale, Mississippi



Rise Rominger
Perkinston, Mississippi



Terrance P. Hill
Ocean Springs, Mississippi



Kevin R. Howell
Lucedale, Mississippi



Mary Margaret Serpente
Long Beach, Mississippi



Katharine Spiller
Waveland, Mississippi



Ciji Stewart
Gautier, Mississippi



Lesley Thompson
Long Beach, Mississippi



Mississippi Sound



1995 Mississippi Sound members include (front row) Rebecca Cooley and Rachael Black. (Second row) Amy Byrd, Jana Fulmer, Marilyn Smith (director), Gary Coburn, and Christa Mellinger. (Third row) Mike Davis, Michael Jordan, Shawn Himley, Tim Parkman, Jeremy Bailey, and Jeremy Morgan.

Gulf Coast's select show choir provides talented students with training and performance opportunities that rapidly accelerate to professional quality standards.

In September, Walt Disney World choreographer Gary Coburn led a three-day dance workshop for The Sound. A choreographer of several major Disney productions, as well as theater, television, and film productions, Coburn provided the kinds of expert instruction that lend preparation to students for the exacting standards of the entertainment industry.

Averaging about 40 performances a year, Sound members learn about such facts of life as travel schedules, marathon rehearsals, multiple talent training, and cooperative



"ROCK THE JUKEBOX"

effort.

And the payoff for such hard work? In 1995, Mississippi Sound was one of only ten college show choirs to participate in the Collegiate Showcase Invitational at Walt Disney World. ■



1994-95 STUDENT COUNCIL:
(Fr.) Nikki Winland, Amy White, Emily Batson, Kristy Parker (Treasurer), Laura Ranson, and Maggie Serpente (Vice-president); (Back Row) Wendy Webb, Mandye Goff, Terrance Hill, Johnathan Aldridge, Darlene Gray, Wendelin Hunter, Johnnie Hatten (Secretary), Tracie Cleveland (president), Michael Letort, Robert Little, and Mrs. Tracey Carter, sponsor.



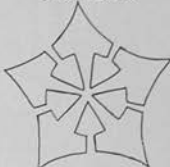
The student council at Perk is more than an honorary organization. These students actually participate in the governing body of student affairs. They sit on disciplinary committees, plan activities for the school, and decide on allocations of funds for student affairs.

Their enthusiasm and energies have a great deal to do with the spirit of the campus, and no organization is more important in determining the quality of life for Perk people.

STUDENT COUNCIL

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:

*"Having Fun
With
The Son"*



The Baptist Student Union, on campus, is a place where students can get together to have fun and share God's word. The BSU provides wholesome religious enrichment for all interested students through discussions, lectures, and games. Members also assist once a week at the Children's Village.

At the village, students help with homework, play games, and represent positive role models for the children. Being a part of BSU gives members a chance to honor the Savior while in school and to participate in many Christian-related activities.

By sharing God's word, students expand their spiritual growth. They also represent a body of witnesses and a place of warm fellowship to all who will come.

The BSU officers are as follows: Campus Minister-Intern Jon Kittrell; President, Missy Belcher; Vice-President, Brian Hanshaw; Secretary, Amanda Welford; Executive-at-Large, Alisa Dougherty; Communications/Publicity Chairperson, Shannon Wray; Missions and Fellowship Chairman, Anthony Fryfogle; Special Events/Fundraising Chairman, Eric Hart; Music/Fine Arts, Darlene Gray.

by Ryan Alexander



Pictured at top: College Student Conference in Clinton, MS.

Bottom left, Jeremy Morgan's birthday celebration at BSU building.

At right, a retreat for black students.

At bottom right are students working at the children's village.



PHI THETA KAPPA



Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for students in two-year institutions. Requirements for membership include a 3.5 overall grade point average, so the members of PTK are generally the intellectual elite. The symbol of Phi Theta Kappa is the Golden Key. Designed in 1921, it is representative of the key to opportunity that PTK membership offers. The designs on the key symbolize the basic values of Phi Theta Kappa: purity, aspiration, and wisdom. The Society colors are blue and gold, significant of scholarship and purity.

On the Perkinston campus, the Gamma Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is sponsored by Ms. Batey and Ms. Catalan. Only a small percentage of students are invited to become members of Phi Theta Kappa, and those selected are inducted in a candlelight ceremony each semester. During the fall semester, the induction ceremony was held at Gregory Chapel, with several deans and a former PTK president as honored guests. Mr. Donahoe was presented an award for his involvement in and cooperation with PTK.

The opportunities for Phi Theta Kappans are abundant. PTK offers opportunities for leadership, fellowship, and scholarship. This year, these three opportunities will be taken advantage of by Perkinston's Phi Theta Kappans at the Regional Conference in Tupelo in February, and again in Chicago at the International Convention in April. PTK offers many opportunities for financial aid to students wishing to pursue their educations further. According to a PTK publication, "Membership Benefits," "Two-hundred four year colleges and universities . . . offer a total of \$21 million in transfer scholarships exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members.

Phi Theta Kappans are not the only beneficiaries of the Society. On the Perkinston campus, PTK has been involved in several community service projects. Diane Haydel, a vice-president of the club, reports that PTK provided canned goods and other food items for several families and toys for several children during the Christmas season. A local grocer also contributed to PTK's cause, donating several hams for these families. The club also organized a "reverse trick-or-treat" at Halloween, donating to the poor instead of asking others for "goodies" traditional of the Halloween season. Besides the numerous opportunities for members that Phi Theta Kappa provides, it is also a club that benefits the community with its caring, charitable nature.

by Amy O'Steen



(Front Row) Cissie Buckwalter, Missy Belcher (Second Row) Amy O'Steen, Lauren Barnes, Charis Tanner, Cassie Gordon, Rachael Black, Frankie Johnson, Maki Shintzu, Darlene Gray (Back Row) Donna Walker, Menya Jefferson, Steve Smith, Phillip Verdin, Kevin Howell, Kristi Kibby, Sharon Antonio, Doyne Sassler.

REFLECTIONS

FROM BEING THERE TO BEING HERE
HELPING TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT

The Reflections Team consists of selected students who assist in recruiting and welcoming newcomers to the Perkinston Campus. Team members work with the college president, administration, faculty, staff, Alumni Association, Foundation, and student government to promote the interests of the college and the students who come here.

Often, it is the caring and friendly face of another student which makes the adjustment from high school to college a pleasant, rather than a frightening experience.

The Reflections Team is sponsored by Susan Lamey, Campus Recruiter. ■

Reflections staffers make many new friends during recruiting, and they are always available to lend a helping hand during the difficult process of initial registration and orientation.



Members of the 1995 Reflections Team, Perkinston Campus: (front, from left) Brandi Johnson, Pascagoula; Missy Belcher, Ocean Springs; and Tanya Haynes, Moss Point. (Middle row) Shannon Hartley, George County; Emily Batson, Wiggins; Mandy Goff, Lucedale; and Robert Little, Stone County. (Back row) Jason Carlett, Greene County, and Tiffany Batey, Long Beach.



Student Services staff members Susan Lamey and Tracy Carter had the opportunity to meet world-renowned chef Paul Prudhomme of New Orleans during the Student Leadership Conference at Loyola University.



ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

(From left) Natasha Cochran of Lucedale, Horace A. Bradley Scholarship; Casey Reeves of Leaf, American Welding Society Scholarship; Jason Corder and Frankie Johnson, both of Lucedale, Ethel W. Kroker Scholarship; and Amanda Welford of Lucedale, Burton, Gudy D., and Winfred Moffett Memorial Scholarship.

Gulf Coast alumni provide many benefits to the college as a whole, but also honor outstanding individual students with a variety of scholarships and monetary awards.

This year, scholarship recipients from Perkinston Campus and George County Occupational Training Center include these outstanding students from George and Stone counties.

All of us join in wishing these outstanding students a much deserved round of applause and best wishes in their future studies.



Wendell Hunter of D'Herveyville, U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor Scholarship; Vivian Anderson of Lambert, Steve Bremmkamp Memorial Scholarship; Shannon Peck of Pascagoula, Charles M. Williams Memorial Scholarship; and Cleothana McDonald of Wiggins, Leadership Award. (Second row) Lisa Hall of Wiggins, L.M. Hudson Memorial Scholarship; Michele Judge of Wiggins, Stagg Family Memorial Scholarship; Trina Smith of Wiggins, Gateway Lumber and Supply; Cassandra Gordon of Wiggins, Davis Mortenson Fund; Pauli Flurry of Perkinston, Anis and Ruth O'Neal Scholarship; and Tanya McCarty of Wiggins, John C. Davis Scholarship. (Third row) Jeremy Lomas of Ocean Springs, Michael Steward Memorial Scholarship; Rachel Purker of Perkinston, U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor Scholarship; Gavin Walker of Perkinston, L.A. Knien Memorial Scholarship; Christopher Hutton of Wiggins, Paul D. Mellinger/Charles Batts Memorial Scholarship; Berry Lott of Perkinston, Bob and Tomy Weatherly Memorial Scholarship; William Long III of Pina Christian, Thomas Ramsey Memorial Scholarship; and Kendall Nettles of Moss Point, Shawnee.



PHI BETA LAMBDA

Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students interested in careers in the business world. Members attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, in November. At this conference, they attended workshops and seminars on business-related topics.

In March, they competed with other PBL members from community (junior) colleges and universities across Mississippi at the State Leadership Conference.

Phi Beta Lambda has proven to be an excellent introduction for students into the exciting and complex world of American business.



This year, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) received the Warren T. Benning Activities Award, which is given to the most active club on campus.

SIFE involves students from all disciplines and majors who are concerned with preserving and enriching the American Free Enterprise system.

The goal of this nation-wide organization is to better understand and to teach free enterprise economics both on and off campus. Its aim is a better informed citizenry that will make decisions which result in more freedom and a better standard of living for all.

Our team's outreach educational projects won the first runner-up award in regional competition with 35 colleges and universities in Atlanta, GA.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE





HALL OF FAME

The students pictured on these pages have been selected for special mention because of their achievements in a variety of areas. First, they are all outstanding students. They have demonstrated intelligence and hard work in a variety of course offerings and have proven superior.

Second, they are leaders. They have demonstrated a commitment to the school and to their fellow students. They lead by taking on responsibilities and meeting their obligations.

MARY
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SERPENTE
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MISSISSIPPI



HALL OF FAME

Finally, they are people of high moral character. They exemplify the best that Perk has to offer.

To these students we offer not only congratulations, but our sincerest thanks, for providing leadership not only in this time, but for the future of our school in times to come.

RACHEL D.
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MIRACLE WORKERS ON STAGE & OFF



This fall, the Perk Players performed "The Miracle Worker." It was attended by Heather Whitestone—Miss America, 1994. This moving drama is based upon the life of Helen Keller, a child blind and deaf from infancy. It is, however, primarily the story of Miss Anne Sullivan, who helped this handicapped child to achieve a life of remarkable distinction and accomplishment.

Speaking to a packed house, Miss Whitestone reminded the audience that America is truly still the land of opportunity, and that compassionate belief in education and opportunity for every citizen are what make stories such as Helen Keller's—and her own—possible. ■



KIDS ON THE BLOCK

The Kids on the Block" is a puppet show performed by the perk players for various elementary schools around the coast. Their shows carry a different message for each performance. For example, they may cover subjects ranging from blindness to divorce. These various topics help children formulate a new perspective and allow the children to understand and relate to the difficulties of others. The actors work hard to bring puppet monsters to delightful life for the benefit of children of all ages. ■



FOREVER FREE



It's a message to say "no" to drugs and alcohol. By promoting drug awareness, this cast of seven helps to build a positive alternative to hallucination by promoting self-esteem.

This thirty minute program, set to music and choreography, reminds audiences that being "free" means being without the influence of mind-altering substances, and that happiness comes from within. ■



YEARBOOK STAFF

This years Perkolator staff presented a wild and free-spirited group of creative minds the opportunity to "do their thing." Below, are a few of the characters...er, individuals, in poses typical of their work attitudes. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Managing Editor Amy Jenkins in typical work pose.

Shannon Wray, sensitive and unselfish feature writer



Our Sponsor, Mr. Lee

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(Not Pictured) Robby Piper, Ryan Alexander, Jalyon Prie, Amy O'Steen, Vernon Murry, and Marty Howell



Staff Photographer, Gloria McDonald (Photos by Paul Ireland)



PERKOLATOR

EDITORIAL STAFF

Because of procedural problems, this yearbook was begun very late in the school year. The students pictured below undertook and stayed with an enormously difficult and time-consuming task.

On many occasions, they worked far into the night, sacrificing their time and creative energies in a common effort which required both individual dedication and a spirit of cooperation.

Their unflinching good humor, creativity, patience and good will often produced a serendipity which I hope is evident in these pages. Their steadfastness in the face of serious obstacles has earned my deepest respect and, I hope, the gratitude of all their fellow students.

To all of you, thanks for a job well done. To our Japanese friends, who will have departed these shores by the time of this publication, *Aligato and Akimashide Omideitei.*

Earl S. Lee
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Perkinson Campus language arts instructor Brenda Batey tries out new technology in the Community College Network classroom.



Mississippi community colleges jumped on the information highway last July when the Community College Network debuted.

With CCN comes access to Internet and worldwide communication at every community college in the state.

In the CCN classroom, two cameras are mounted on the walls and television monitors are placed in the front and back of the room. From the network platform area, the instructor controls the cameras and directs them toward students using audio response pads at their desks.

Although the primary function of CCN is to provide health care instructional services to rural Mississippi, the applications are endless. From continuing education for teachers at all levels to teleconferencing for area business and industry, CCN provides cost-effective, efficient and accessible education to Mississippians.

CCN is a project of the Mississippi Rural Health Care Corps and is coordinated through the Mississippi Community College Foundation. MGCCC is the first community college to have multi-campus links to the network. ■

Community colleges re-engineer Mississippi's work force

A global, technology-based, and human resource driven economy is confronting the Mississippi Gulf Coast, our state, our nation and our world. The Workforce and Education Act of 1994 is Mississippi's response to meeting the challenges of a world economy.

Passed in both houses without a dissenting vote, the act re-engineers workforce preparation in our state. At the heart of the legislation is Mississippi's community colleges. They have forged an unprecedented partnership with business and industry—a merger which will build an internationally competitive work force in Mississippi.

The MGCCC Workforce Development Council, a team of local business and industry leaders, collaborates with the college in the development training that connects people with jobs.

The legislation also calls for the creation of a "one-stop" service concept for employers, employees, job-seekers and students. MGCCC is out front in implementing this concept and is developing three Educational Services Centers (ESC), one at each campus. Envisioned as a welcome/orientation center, the ESC is the starting spot for any local resident who needs training, retraining, or a job. For business/industry, the center will perform job analysis, testing, pre-employment training, literacy train-

ing and customized skills training. In addition, it will provide local economic development groups with a meeting place to promote regional economic development.

Nell Murray, executive assistant for Development, will lead MGCCC workforce development efforts. At the campus level, Workforce Development directors coordinate county efforts. They are Ric Williams, Perkinston Campus (serving Stone and George counties); Mason Gordon, Jefferson Davis Campus (serving Harrison County); and Dr. Mary Graham, Jackson County Campus (serving Jackson County). ■

Instructors of the Year Going one step further for students

DR. NOEL MANN — "Teachers should teach, and students should learn" has been the foundation of my philosophy of education. If either of those two things don't happen, then little, if any, of the educational process matters," says Mann, an instructor at the Perkinston Campus for 17 of his 20-year teaching career.

Mann's career started rolling in 1968 when he graduated from Mississippi Delta Community College. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Delta State University. In 1980, he received a doctorate in philosophy from the University of South-eastern Mississippi.

Dr. Noel Mann, Perkinston Campus science instructor

SARAH MULVANEY — Twenty-seven years ago, Mulvaney graduated from the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC with an associate's degree in secretarial training. Today, she teaches the course as part of the Administrative Office Services Program at the West Harrison County Occupational Training Center.

Mulvaney received her master's degree (with a 4.0 GPA) in industrial vocational education from USM in 1988. She keeps busy in the American Vocational Association and Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators. She is also sponsor of Phi Beta Lambda at West Harrison and serves

Sarah Mulvaney, West Harrison Center secretarial training instructor

FAYE JONES — "Instructors and students share a vital role in discovering ideas and improving society," says Jones, sociology instructor at the Jackson County Campus.

Involved in such organizations as the Mississippi Faculty Association (MFA), Kappa Kappa Iota, the National Association of Female Executives, the Southern Sociological Association, the state MFA Board, and the Editorial Review Board — Collegiate Press, Jones is also involved in several campus activities, including blood drives and the Drug Committee. A legislative correspondent and Staff Development coordinator, she represented MGCCC at

the 1994 Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working for Academic Excellence.

A graduate of Mississippi College and Mississippi State University, Jones has earned such honors as Two Thousand Notable American Women, Teacher of the Year and the Jackson County Campus Student Council Spirit Award. ■

Faye Jones, Jackson County Campus sociology instructor

on the Jefferson Davis Campus faculty/staff committee for the college's \$1.5 million fund-raising campaign, Building On Our Heritage.

Her other honors include Outstanding Office Person of Jefferson Davis Campus, 1985, and Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1983. ■

A science instructor, a pastor and a 21-consecutive-year member of the military, Mann has been a leader in many academic organizations, including the Mississippi Junior College Faculty Association and College Presidents faculty advisory committee. He has also been named to the Outstanding Young Men of America. ■



MGCCC students, programs make the grade

It's not hard to find high achievers at MGCCC. You may find them in a classroom studying or in a classroom teaching. Read on to see what a few of these stand-outs have accomplished this year.

You don't have to search for talent at MGCCC; it's around every corner. From academics to sports, it's all here.

First, there's the Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE). Representing MGCCC this year were Jackson County Campus sophomore Kate Fountain and Jeff-

erson Davis Campus science instructor Dr. Sheila Brown. The Mississippi Legislature holds this event each year and honors over 75 outstanding Mississippi college students and instructors.

Also making the news this year was the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges.

Among the 10 named to the

First Team were Kate Fountain and Darlene Gray, Perkinston Campus sophomore. Selected to the Second Team were Cynthia English, JD Campus; Kristen Hronek, JC Campus; and Kristi Kibby, Perkinston Campus. Patricia K. Bahn, JD Campus, made the Third Team.

Another newsmaker was the December graduation of the Jackson County Youth Leader-

ship class. This was the second group to finish the program.

This is only a sampling of excellence at work at MGCCC. Next year promises to be even bigger, with these same programs gaining in popularity and technological innovations making it easier for MGCCC students to get education and training. ■



MGCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger, right, joins HEADWAE representatives Kate Fountain, JC Campus sophomore (left) and Dr. Sheila Brown, JD Campus science instructor, at the state capitol.

ABOVE LEFT: Six MGCCC students were selected to this year's Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges. From left are Patricia K. Bahn, Kristen Hronek, Kate Fountain, Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president, Darlene Gray and Kristi Kibby. Not pictured is Cynthia English.

December 1994 graduates of the Jackson County Youth Leadership program included Jackson County high school seniors, front, from left, Carlos Eugene Moore, Christopher Shane Presley, Andrew Philip Marsaca and Matthew Miles Bowman. Back, from left, are Maxine Marie Sikora, Veronica Benita Brown, Kristi Michelle Hipp, Chastity Nicole Arthur, Monique Elizabeth Curb, Charla Jeanette Jeter, Carolyn Ramsey Shoemaker, Kelly Renee Pitalo, Kathleen Davis Savage, Jerica Courtney Lockhart and Jennifer Lynn Craft.

The family of Hall of Fame inductee Lenny Sawyer Jr. enjoy a day of homecoming activity at MGCCC. From left are son Lenny Sawyer II, son-in-law Dennis Dauro, daughter Sandi Dauro, wife Earline, Lenny Sawyer Jr., and parents Arlene, Jane and Lenwood Sawyer Sr.

CENTER LEFT: Lenny Sawyer Jr., right, and 1993 Hall of Fame inductee Davis Mortensen share a few moments together at the Hall of Fame luncheon.

CENTER RIGHT: Enjoying a homecoming reunion are 1945 college class members, from left, Evelyn Englarth Barrett, Sarah Simmons Fayard, Doris McElaine Barber, Dorothy Hague Glimmer, Frances Johnson McKim, Kathleen Harvey Stephens, Charles "Daisy" Havens, Genevieve Toar Burch, Neva Foster Nolen, Eva Holston Jones and Elizabeth A. Weeks.

HOMECOMING

An alumnus of the Perkinston Campus (1963) and the Jefferson Davis Campus (1965-66), Lenwood "Lenny" S. Sawyer is sole owner of Sawyer Real Estate in Gulfport, a business begun by his grandfather, Roy Anderson, in 1901. At homecoming 1994, he was inducted into the MGCCC Alumni Hall of Fame. Lenny Sawyer has made the most of what the Coast has to offer, from developing shopping center projects for Wal-Mart and Delchamps to working in the gaming industry. In 1993, he was named director of Real Estate and Gaming Acquisition for Stations Casino in Las Vegas. His territory is any place in the United States where gaming is legalized.

Though Sawyer spends most of his time criss-crossing the country, his home base remains the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where his business has grown to two offices and 19 salespeople. "I didn't get where I am today without a whole lot of people bringing me to this party," he says. "I have a great family and a great wife. I would not be near where I am today if I didn't have the support of Earline (his wife of 29 years)."

Since 1986, Sawyer has been sole owner of the business; however, it's still very much a family affair. Earline helps manage the office, and his mother, two brothers and a sister work in the business, which includes real and insurance.

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Members of the 1935 class, from left, Claude "Bar" Ryan and Louis Frederic, at the Hall of Fame luncheon on homecoming day.



Checking out the MGCCC Archives display during homecoming are, from left, Archives curator Charlie Sullivan, MGCCC Board of Trustees 1st vice chair Dr. Frank Guich, and Foundation board of directors member Dolores Mauldin.



Dr. Clyde Strickland



Danny Fore, left, and David Mills, members of the 1984 national championship MGCCC football team, relive their sports memories during a homecoming reunion.



Glen Cadle



1994 homecoming queens for the three campuses of MGCCC include, from left, Kate Fountain, Jackson County Campus; Nikki Winland, Perkinston Campus; and Jeni Parker, Jefferson Davis Campus.



Curtis Davis

Retired MGCCC campus vice presidents (pictured above) received the Saw Chen Trophy during the Hall of Fame luncheon. Dr. Clyde Strickland retired from the Perkinston Campus in December 1980. He spent 30 years at the campus, 13 of those as campus vice president. Glen Cadle, who retired as vice president of the Jefferson Davis Campus in December 1981, was an administrator most of the 31 years he was with the college and served as campus vice president for 13 years before retiring. Curtis Davis spent 41 years of his life with MGCCC. Twenty-six of those years he served as vice president of the Jackson County Campus. He retired in December 1981.

Homecoming brings season-ending win

Gulf Coast takes a one-point win over Co-Lin, ends season at 4-6

Gulf Coast celebrated homecoming on Nov. 5 in Perkinson with a season-ending defeat of the Co-Lin Wolves. The 15-14 win improved the Bulldogs to a 4-6 overall season record.

Early in the fourth quarter, J.C. Arban's Bulldogs trailed 14-7. Gulf Coast's rally began when quarterback Nicky Savoie of Cut Off, La., hit Pasagoula's Paul Plainer with a 15-yard touchdown pass. Savoie's pass to Anthony Skinner of Patter-

son, La., ended with the game-winning two-point conversion.

Gulf Coast had a 7-0 lead in the second quarter, thanks to a 9-yard run by Skinner.

In other football action, six Gulf Coast players played on the All Star South team in 1994. Players included Anthony Skinner, Steve Smith, Terrance Hill, Nicky Savoie, Paul Plainer and Paul Gainer.

Team captains for the year included Smith, Mark High and Sa-

voie. Most Valuable Players included Skinner, Joel Barrios, James Bell, Jacco Cooper and George Sullivan.

Named to the All State, first offensive team, were High, Smith and Skinner. Plainer and Savoie made the second offensive team while Hill made the first defensive team. ■

For three seasons, J.C. Arban has led the Gulf Coast Bulldogs. He's assisted by Steve Nagy, Chris Calcote, Ode Burrell and Jeff Davis.



Offensive back Anthony Skinner looks for the ball while his Bulldog teammates pull down an opponent.

Quarterback Nicky Savoie made a good showing for the Bulldogs this year, earning such honors as team captain, MVP, All State and All Star.



Kevin Gooden battles a Meridian player at the net.

Tourney losses cut roundball season short

Basketball season at Gulf Coast ended in February after the Bulldogs lost in the South Division Tournament held at East Central.

Opening night found Greg Holmes' Lady Bulldogs taking a 69-53 loss to Co-Lin's Lady Wolves. Yoshe Robinson of Biloxi scored 20 points for Gulf Coast, which ended the season at 7-19.

The following night, Gulf

Coast men, led by Bob and Wendell Weathers, lost to Co-Lin 86-75, finishing the season at 14-11. Ira Newble of Southfield, Mich., led Gulf Coast with 20 points. Kevin Gooden of Gulfport added 16, including three 3-pointers. ■



Lady Bulldog Vicky Hall looks for an open teammate.

Returners bring high hopes to Bulldog diamond

Not much has changed for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Bulldog baseball team. Five position players are back, and the pitching staff remains the same. And at press time, the Bulldogs stood at 23-5.

All this adds up to high hopes for coach Cooper Farris' Bulldogs, who ended 1994 at 33-17, with 35 team home runs.

All-Star candidate Avery Youngblood of Biloxi is back at first base. Last season he hit .400, with 11 home runs and 50 RBIs. He's backed by Pascagoula's Bart Culpepper, who hit .380 in 1994, with four home runs as the designated hitter.

Other key players for the Bulldogs include Pascagoula's Brandon Cox at second base and Ocean Springs' Jarrod Weems at third. Damian Scioneaux of New Orleans returned at centerfield, while Pascagoula's Chris Havard, backed by Pascagoula's Shannon Poole, is back as catcher. Tommy Brewer, Robby

Piper, Jody Broom, Pascagoula's Justin Russell and George County's Marty Howell make up the pitching staff.

Rounding out the staff are freshmen Mark Hathcock of Gulfport, Doug Thompson of Biloxi, Brandon Jones of Pascagoula and Jason Page of Ocean Springs.

"We have a lot of guys who can throw 88-89. This is the best set of arms that we've ever had," Farris continues.

"We have to be focused on winning and only winning. They have to maintain intensity every time out. If they do this, then we should have a good season," Farris adds. ■



George County's Marty Howell resumes his place on the mound for 1995.



LEFT: Cooper Farris, now in his sixth season at Gulf Coast, has led Bulldog baseball to four South Division titles, an NJCAA Region 23 championship and an NJCAA Eastern District championship.

ABOVE: All-Star candidate Avery Youngblood is back at first base. Last year, he hit .400 with 11 home runs and 50 RBIs.

Gulf Coast gets busy with spring sports

Springtime brings flurry of sports events, coaches ride the tide to another big year

Once baseball season got underway, other spring sports at Gulf Coast geared up for a new season.

Men's and women's tennis kicked off in February, with second-year coach Charles Spence leading the way. Tom Friscia is back as the men's No. 1 singles player, while

Joanna Velky takes that same spot on the women's team.

Charles Cooper, who retired in December 1994 as Perkinson Campus director of admissions, returned this season as golf coach. Last season, Gulf Coast finished second behind Hinds Community College in the State/Region 23 Tournament. How-

ever, three Gulf Coast golfers competed in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. They included Ronnie Seymour, Greg Nordstrom and Jason Seal.

Third-year coach Steve Nagy leads the Lady Bulldogs in 1995, and Ode Burrell and Chris Calcote begin

their second year as track coaches at Gulf Coast.

Last year marked the first time in four years that Gulf Coast included track in its sports offerings. Fourteen Gulf Coast students hit the track and field in 1994. The team finished third in the state track meet, following Hinds and Jones. ■



Finishing as the No. 3 track team in the state for 1994 were, from left, Gordon McDonald, Steve Smith, Terrance Hill, Carlos Lott and Pete Crutchfield (manager). Back, from left, are Shane Smith, Eddie Graham, Adrian Lawrence, Sanchet Turner and George Sullivan.



Members of the 1995 tennis teams include, front, from left, Steven Pascua, Phillip Owen, Patrick Martin and Tom Friscia. Back, from left, are Chris Cowart, Patti Robison, Harry Ledbetter, Brandi Packard and Becky Edwards.

Priceless Performers

The Band of Gold has performed in and around the community for more than half a century.

Organized during the mid-1930s, the band has 137 members and has participated in several band exhibitions, including the Deep South Marching Festival in Mobile, Ala., and marching exhibitions in Theodore, Ala., and Gulfport. In 1993, the group performed at the Senior Bowl in Mobile. Other band performances are held at concerts, football and basketball games, and Christmas and

Mardi Gras parades.

Band members attend an annual two-week camp held in August on the Perkinston Campus. Practicing in the summer heat for over 12 hours a day, five days a week, is just the beginning of a year filled with dedicated practice. Throughout the school year, the band and Perkettes Dance Team practice eight hours a week.

The Band of Gold is directed by David Ducitt. He is assisted by Kathleen Braun, Perkettes director, and David Allen, assistant band director. ■

A two-week band camp held each August, plus eight hours of practice each week throughout the year, make for a polished Band of Gold show.

Total concentration and hard work pay off for Band of Gold members. Every performance ends with a tremendous round of applause, leaving the crowd wanting more.



Dazzlin' Dancers

A major part of the Band of Gold is the Perkettes Dance Team. Formed by band director Sam Jones in the 1950s and now directed by Kathleen Braun, dance team members are required to take a dance class (modern, tap, jazz or ballet) which meets twice a week during the fall and spring semesters. The group also attends the two-week band camp held in August on the Perkinston Campus. ■



The Perkettes Dance Team, performing here during halftime at a Gulf Coast basketball game, rev up football games, parades and other events with their sleek look and high-energy routines.



Dr. Barry Mellinger, far left, MGCC president, presents the tournament trophy, plus \$100 each, to members of the Estabrook Ford golf team, low gross first place winners in the sixth annual Showcase Golf Tournament. With Mellinger are, from left, Jeff Jennings, West-hill Family Golf in Hattiesburg; James A. Bryan, sales representative, Estabrook Ford in Lucedale; Terry Grace, service manager, Estabrook Ford in Lucedale; and Dallas "Sonny" Whitfield III, independent contractor.

Tournament, campaign go over the top

Over six years, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Showcase Golf Tournament has raised about \$40,000. In just three years, the college's Building On Our Heritage Campaign has reached its \$1 million base goal and is heading for the \$1.5 million challenge goal. All this benefits the college, its students, its programs, its facilities and much more.

Last October at Wiggins' Pine Burr Country Club, a host of golfers came out for the Showcase Tournament, which also included a tennis tourney this year. Over \$9,500 was brought in for MGCCC student scholarships.

In the campaign, several goals have been met, including the faculty/staff campaign base goal of \$100,000; \$350,000 for the Alumni and Friends Campaign, which included Stone and George counties and is headed by Davis Mortensen, executive vice president — building products for Georgia-Pacific; \$100,000 in Stone County, with efforts led by Bank of Wiggins President Jim Rabby; and \$250,000 in Jackson County, which, led by International Paper —

Moss Point Mill's Ed Locke, exceeded its goal.

The Harrison County Campaign, headed by Coast realtor Lenny Sawyer Jr., continues toward its \$250,000 goal. Also, the Corporate/Foundation Campaign has raised over \$120,000.

Joining in the campaign this past year were Tim Hinkley, general manager of Isle of Capri Casino; W. James Threadgill Jr., division president, Gulf Coast division, Bank of Mississippi; and the MGCCC Association of Educational Office Professionals, which established a scholarship for business and office technology majors.

Campaign funding priorities include instructional program development; nursing and health-related program support; faculty/staff and organizational development; student scholarship and student development; endowment funds; institutional advancement program; and campus enhancement and renovation of facilities. ■



John Hammond, right, president and CEO of First National Bank of Wiggins, visits with Dr. Barry Mellinger after announcing FNB's \$8,000 contribution to MGCCC's Building On Our Heritage fund-raising campaign. The bank's contribution pushed the Stone County Campaign over its \$100,000 goal.

Miss America 1995 delivers special message

Perk visit just one stop on Heather Whitestone's year-long agenda

Last October Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995, made a special appearance at the Perkinson Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Whitestone's appearance included a press conference, reception and a signed interpretation to music, which she performed before a packed house in Malone Fine Arts Auditorium. The performance was prior to the Perk Players' presentation of William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker," the true story of Alabama native Helen Keller — blind, deaf and mute since she was 18 months old.

Like Keller, the 21-year-old Whitestone is an Alabama native, making her home in Birmingham, when she's not traveling across America promoting her platform, "Youth Motivation: Anything is Possible." Whitestone, who has been profoundly deaf since she was 18 months old, is a proficient lip reader and an articulate speaker.

Whitestone, an accomplished ballerina, appeared at the invitation of Daisha Walker, Perkinson Campus speech and theatre instructor. She asked Whitestone to appear in honor of the Perk Players and sponsor/fine arts chair, Kathryn Lewis. For 25 years, the Perk Players has taken an active role in children's theatre, with production themes such as building self-esteem, environmental issues, sexual abuse, cultural differences, drug and alcohol abuse, and deaf awareness and education, Walker explains.

During Whitestone's appearance, she discussed her platform and her STARS Program (Success Through Action and Realization of your dreams).

"The five points of a star itself have continually reminded me that the essential elements to achieving success are to have a positive attitude; to believe in your dream, especially education, which is a dream all Americans share; to face your obstacles, no matter how great; to work hard; and to build a support team," Whitestone says.

Whitestone's college career was put on hold after she won the title last September. A junior at Jacksonville State University in Alabama, a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and a recipient of a \$37,000 Miss America Scholarship, she plans to return to college after her reign is over. She hopes to be a certified public accountant and to teach dance to young children.

Whitestone serves on the Governor's Task Force for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and President Clinton has named her to the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities.

Local community sponsors for Whitestone's appearance included McDonald's Coast Magazine/Business; Jeff, Rosanne and Morgan Bell; Bank of Wiggins; First National Bank — Wiggins; and the Harrison County Tourism Commission. ■



Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995, made a special appearance at the Perkinson Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Oct. 21, 1994. She appeared at the invitation of Daisha Walker, left, speech and theatre instructor at the Perkinson Campus. Kathryn Lewis, right, is fine arts chair at the Perkinson Campus.

Heather Whitestone discusses her platform, "Youth Motivation: Anything is Possible," during a press conference in Perkinson last October. Her visit to the Perkinson Campus coincided with the Perk Players' presentation of "The Miracle Worker."

