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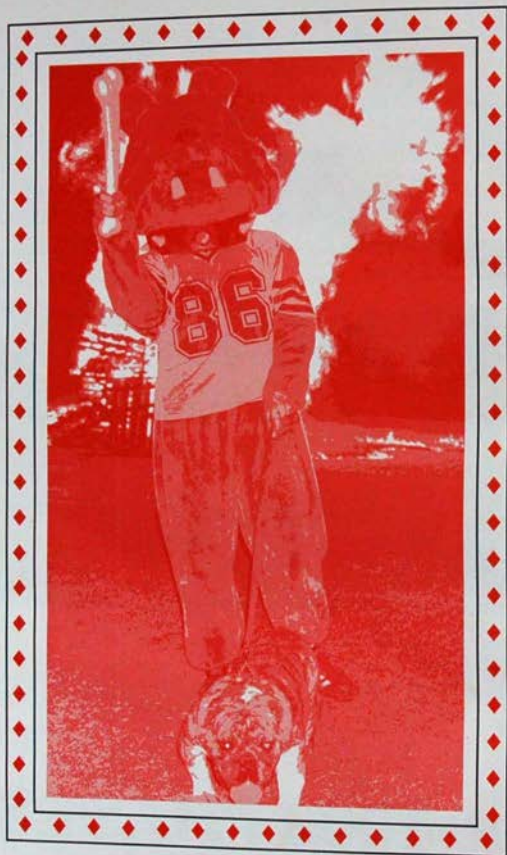
**WOW**



♦ Participants in the Bulldog Bash club cheer contest made everyone say "Wow!" when they jumped and chanted and yelled with enthusiasm and energy October 19 at fall semester's Homecoming pep rally. They weren't shy about letting everyone know that Jackson County Campus is something to cheer about.

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# SONGS

J.C. Singers Steven Hellmfield, Kelly Rogers, Eddie Rudolph and Thomas Marx entertained at the reception for the Homecoming Court and their families hosted by MGOCCC President Dr. Barry Mullinger at his home on the Perkinson Campus Oct. 21. The Singers were directed by Leon Gray.



# DRAW-GONE GOOD

Entries in the first-ever Must Spiced Dog Contest on campus promoting MGOCCC Homecoming were dressed to the nines—canines, that is. The good natured pets, like the ones below, had to be paraded before the judges many times before a decision was reached. Obviously, these spirited dogs WOWed the judges.



# TOGETHER

Teacher Ronald Williams, left, made the Bulldog Bash into a family affair. Enjoying the cheer come with him were his children Julianne and Logan. Below, members of the Student Council putting the finishing touches on their float for the homecoming parade were Mark Pichon, Amanda Gray, Mary Lisa Pichon, Holly Reeves, Pam Walker, Stephen Orms, Adrian Hanes, Stephen Hanes, Tyre Austin and Tim Warren.

Excitement and energy punctuated each activity, whether it was political visitors—like Senator Trent Lott, Lt. Gov. Eddie Briggs or Secretary of State Dick Melpus—or a homecoming parade or a rainy Oktoberfest. More activities this year meant more and more student and faculty involvement.

If there was a student who wasn't involved at Jackson County Campus in 1995-96, he or she had a good hiding place. There was plenty to do beyond the classroom, and more students than ever took advantage of the opportunities to join clubs, give blood, eat free burgers, enjoy

cheers or hear a speaker. They even sloshed through the mud and rain to reach Oktoberfest.

If the variety of activities offered by JCC's Student Council and clubs WOWed the students, they over-

whelmed the Student Council and clubs, too. More involvement meant more food, drinks, t-shirts and man/woman power to pull them off—not to mention more brainstorming of new ideas to keep one

step ahead of the student body. Two new ideas were V.I.B. (Very Important Bulldog) parking places close to buildings which were given as door prizes, a costume contest at Oktoberfest and monthly career speakers which featured nursing, art therapy and clowning.

T-shirts for the activities were hot items as sales were brisk for the Bulldog Bash, Oktoberfest, Turkey Trot and Star Wars souvenirs.

Free food was always a drawing card, as were door prizes. But there was always the lure of a fun time with friends that provided the promise to always MAKE 'EM SAY WOW.

WATCH  
ACTIVE  
OUT  
INVOLVED  
WORLD  
PARTICIPANT





## ◆ PROGRESS

Topping off 100th anniversary week celebrations on campus, these participants in Hat Day enjoyed a break in the new cafeteria. The outside view of the building, right, which was ready for fall semester, gives a hint of the spacious, modern interior described in shades of red and moose.



**B**uildings—two new ones and construction on more—set the stage for continued campus growth to accommodate growing enrollments. The buildings, which housed math classrooms and a new cafeteria and bookstore, gave reality to the grassy mall area running north and south on campus which had been on the drawing board for years.

There were plenty of new faces, new clubs and new activities. There was a new fitness center with thousands of dollars of weight equipment and there were plenty of new computers in the math building lab. New ideas—like decorating the campus for fall and issuing hang-tag parking decals—were tried and old ideas—like Oktoberfest and Bulldog Bash—got new twists to make them better.

**WATCH  
NEW  
OUT  
BIGGER  
WORLD  
BETTER**

New, bigger and better characterized everything we did this year—even down to coming to JCC in bigger numbers. Fall enrollment showed that JCC was up 122 students over the previous year, which shouldn't have been surprising considering the way

JCC is *WOWing* the community with growth and enthusiasm.

With improvements came changes, like moving the business classes to the USM building and moving the hub of the campus to the area around the spacious cafeteria which features an elevated lounge area, modern styling and sleek color schemes. Cafeteria traffic more than dou-

bled in the first month it was open and its staff always seemed to have something fun cooking, whether it was a pumpkin carving contest or a name your own menu promotion.

**MAKING 'EM SAY WOW** became routine!



## ◆ INNOVATIONS

New parking permits which hang from the rear view mirror instead of being in the back windshield were a request presented to the administration by the 1994-95 Student Council. The new permits met with easy approval. Enrollment increased fall semester with 122 more full-time students than the previous fall totals. Classes, such as the one taught by sociology instructor Patsy Jones, below, filled up fast.



## ◆ TEAMWORK

The JCC's first meeting of the year, left, was indicative of club cooperation, enthusiasm and support at JCC. Mrs. Terry Hunsberr, Student Activities Counselor, coordinated campus-wide activities that were successful because of the Student Council and campus clubs. Getting physically fit was made easier by the new fitness center in the gym which opened Universal cross training weight equipment. Classes for students and afternoon scheduling for faculty made the center a busy place.

# ♦ SUCCESS

Whether it was in an academic classroom or vocational shop, students get a taste of success. At left, Angie Smith took her turn looking through a microscope while Philip Taylor and...  
 ...Dorcas Perkins looked under the hood of a car during automotive class.



Success was spelled "W-O-W" as JCC offered opportunities and support to help students get the most from their education. There was a lot more to learning than classroom time. The library, newly converted to the Library of Congress system, became computerized and the learning lab offered tutors, extra help and advice for students working on homework, papers, labs and tests. There were always services to help students go that extra mile to learn and succeed.

Sometimes all it took was one-on-one assistance from faculty and staff concerned and willing to help them excel and succeed. Their thoughtfulness and concern made students step back and say "WOW".

The Career Development Center boasted new

computer programs to help students research careers and majors, senior colleges or scholarships while science and computer labs and vocational/technical courses made the best technology available to students.

**WATCH**  
LEARN

**OUT**  
EDUCATE

**WORLD**  
SUCCEED

Environmental technology students didn't waste time getting practical experience as they cleared vacant lots of debris and abandoned tires while health occupations students supplemented classroom studies with clinical experience. Drama students performed *Witness for the Prosecution* fall semester while art students plunged into practical applications of painting, drawing and pottery theory. Other students competed on local and state levels to put their knowledge to the test.

Whether it was in the classroom, lab, studio, stage or hospital, JCC's students **MADE 'EM SAY WOW!**



# ♦ LEARNING

Science department chairman Dr. Jon Dunn, top, and students discussed microscope slides during a lab session. Below, Anne Kewinger got a sense extra studying in the Learning Lab before taking a test. If students wanted to succeed at JCC, there was plenty of help from tutors in the Learning Lab, extra sessions with instructors or study groups. Of course, there was always the old standby—burning the midnight oil.



# ♦ CONCENTRATION

Regina Alderman, top, examined the library's large collection of books to find just the right resource for class. Below, Kathy Stokes found a quiet corner in the library to study.



# FUN TIMES

## Activities **WOWed** 'em

**A**fter class hours didn't have to mean rushing off campus. In fact, participation was on the rise this year as

more students were involved in events and clubs.

Although being involved meant less free time, no one seemed to mind. It was a break from class and studying and a time to have fun before heading to work, another class or responsibilities at home.

The best part was that the activities, parties and dances were free or fairly cheap. But no one seemed to have a problem shelling out a buck or two for a nice hot meal provided by clubs at Oktoberfest, paying only \$10 (WOW) for a great theme t-shirt or buying a po-boy or baked good from one of the many club fundraisers.

Even though the activities were

fun, they were also helpful to others in need. Giving canned food items as admission to the Turkey Trot for Thanksgiving baskets to benefit deserving JCC students or donating toys to fill the 9-foot stocking at Christmas gave an

extra twist to events and made students aware of reaching out to those in need within the community.

The fall blood drive far exceeded the 250 pint goal, making it one of

the **WOWest** drives in the region. And clubs worked on wellness projects to benefit the student body such as a Halloween dance, tutoring and a children's party.

Fall Fever hit JCC in October when clubs turned hay and pumpkins into fall scarecrow scenes to decorate the campus, only to turn around and decorate doors with holiday greetings for Christmas.

It all added up to **MAKE 'EM SAY WOW.**

**WATCH**  
FUN  
**OUT**  
EXCITING  
**WORLD**  
REWARDING



### ◆ GO DAWGSI!

MGCCC Bulldog cheerleaders were silhouetted against the bonfire at the homecoming pep rally following the on-campus parade through Wiggins Oct. 18. VJCA members Randall Bessene and Patrick Devo took their turn at the grill when VJCA held a chicken barbeque fundraiser.



### ◆ UP LIFTING.

Student Council member Tyne Aubrey got a lift from fellow members during an activity at the Ropes Course in October. The day-long workshop at Camp Buckwith in Fairhope, Ala., was a chance to sharpen teamwork and leadership skills. Pam Walker, left, enjoyed showing off her dog, Scooter, during the Most Spotted Dog Contest held in conjunction with the Bulldog Bash.





THE CROWNING TOUCAN

# Kimberly Wilson reigned

The perfect weather, bright and brilliant, matched the presentation of the court and the announcement of JCC's queen.

Kimberly Wilson's crowning as JCC's queen during halftime ceremonies Oct. 21 highlighted homecoming events at the Perkinson Campus. The brilliant blue sky, fall cold snap and sunlight made the day perfect as the court's gowns sparkled on the field, matching their personalities and anticipation of the announcement of the queens for each of the MGCCC campuses.

"I was so shocked and surprised when they announced that I was queen. I said to myself, 'That's not my name.' I couldn't believe it. I was waiting for some-

"I was so shocked and surprised when they announced that I was queen. I said to myself, 'That's not my name.' I was waiting for someone to pinch me!"  
♦ Kimberly Wilson

one to pinch me," said the Gautier sophomore who was escorted by Rodney Swilley.

The rest of the Court agreed that it was a fun, exciting and memorable experience.

"Being on the Homecoming Court was not only fun, but it was an honor I'll always remember," said sophomore maid Michelle Manley of Ocean Springs. "It's exciting to know that my peers support me."

"I like JC, the people and teachers," said sophomore maid Joy Laiche of Hurley. "It meant a lot to represent the campus because I've been so involved with Student Council and Reflections."

"I felt honored to represent JC and my freshman class. It was an unforgettable experience," said freshman maid Alicia Dunnaway of Ocean Springs.

"Being on the Homecoming Court was an exciting experience for me. Out of all the years of school, this was my first time being on a court. I was pleased to know that I was elected," said freshman maid Lanita Straughn of Moss Point.

Members of the court were featured in the tri-campus parade Oct. 19 and were introduced at the bonfire and pep rally that followed on the Perkinson Campus. They were honored at a reception homecoming morning at the home of MGCCC President Dr. and Mrs. Barry Mellinger and were guests at the alumni's pre-game banquet.



**JOY LAICHE**  
Sophomore Maid  
Escorted by  
Joshua Duncan



**MICHELLE MANLEY**  
Sophomore Maid  
Escorted by  
Brent Dunnaway



**LANITA STRAUGHN**  
Freshman Maid  
Escorted by  
Thomas Marks



**ALICIA DUNNAWAY**  
Freshman Maid  
Escorted by  
Marty Estis



LI SMILES described Kimberly Wilson who was elected queen of JCC's homecoming court. The elementary education major was crowned by JCC Vice President Dr. Royce Luke who was assisted by Student Council Vice President Pam Walker. Kimberly's escort, Rodney Swilley, is seen in the background.



"I was a great honor to be on the JCC Court because I had never been on one before. It was a neat, fun and different experience. I got great support from my friends and I had the chance to show off and give recognition to JCC."  
♦ Kim Wilson

ELECTED TO REPRESENT Jackson County Campus during halftime ceremonies of the game between MGCCC and Hinds Community College were, from left, freshman Lanita Straughn, sophomore Michelle Manley, queen Kimberly Wilson, sophomore

Joy Laiche and freshman Alicia Dunnaway. Although MGCCC lost to Hinds, ranked as top in the nation, the day was a bright culmination to a week of activities.

**D**AWG DAZE during homecoming week featured a daily dress cook. A cafeteria worker "Sagged the Eagles" with her bonnet, below, while business instructor Paul Morgan, right, sported his two-brimmed cap.



**E**VERYONE LOVES A PARADE, especially the ones lucky enough to be in it. Among JCC's eight clubs taking part in the Oct. 19 Homecoming Parade were, above, Phi Beta Lambda and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and right, Student Council.



**"We were really THRILLED to win second place. We had full club participation and had a great time showing support for the Bulldogs. It took a lot of teamwork."**  
**◆ Shirley Tyner**  
**HOSA President**

**G**ETTING READY FOR THE PARADE: was tricky for clubs like HOSA, far left, because they had to put finishing touches on their floats after they hauled them from the Coast. Queen Kimberly Wilson relaxed in tennis shoes before getting into her convertible.



**T**HROW ME SOMETHING, Y'ALL! Phi Theta Kappans, above center, threw so many goodies to the parade goers that they didn't have anything left by the end of the parade. Medical Laboratory Technology's colorful float, above, was perfect transportation for the parade. Although rain threatened, it never fell to dampen the school spirit.



**T**AKING A BREAK from recruiting duties, the Reflections Team and guests, above top, enjoyed the change of pace the parade offered. Baptist Student Union members, above, took a break before the parade began. JCC had reason to boast: we had eight entries—the most of any of the three MGCCC campuses.



# Cheering those Dawgs

The campus rallied to boost school spirit and *Make 'Em Say Bow* Wow during one of the year's best events.

Free burgers, free door prizes and free entertainment were compelling reasons to attend the Bulldog Bash Oct. 17. But once there, students got the hang of hanging around for the club cheer contest.

Especially since there was so much going on.

There was plenty of entertainment from instructors like Natasha Loncar and Tom Beavers and from students like the Baptist Student Union choir.

There were plenty of door prizes donated by campus clubs and radio station 97.9 and more than enough free burger lunches.

There were first-ever Bash t-shirts for sale and the first-ever Most Spirited Dog contest which sported 20 canines decked out in blue and gold.

Student Council and various clubs took turns over the hot grill for three hours. But they were finished in time to see Vocational Industrial Clubs of America take first in the cheer contest with their aerobic/militaristic entry which really *WOOFed* the crowd. Other winners were Health Occupation Students of America, second; Drama Club, third; and Health Unit Coordinators, honorable mention.

Across the street by A building, the dogs strutted and pranced in front of the judges, but only three could be chosen to represent MGCCC spirit. Stan Gibson's dog, Patches, took first, while Max, Karen Bills' dog, happily settled for second and Ed Senteno's pal Baron was pleased to receive third.

The Bulldog Bash, chaired by Alicia Dunnaway, was sponsored by the Student Council as one of the events to promote MGCCC's homecoming week.

WINNERS WERE EVERYWHERE at the Bash, whether they received a trophy or not, because the free event had all the elements of a great time. Entertainment included the BSU choir, top left, with members Shawanda Eatman, Kala Sherrod, Leah Kimble, Lantia Straughton and Nicole Bolden, and JCC administrator Tom Beavers, top right. Receiving trophies from their contest chairman Autumn Forsman were Byron Alexander of VICA, first; Michelle Gildensleeve of HOSA, second; Clint Wright of Chieta, third; and Antionette Magee of HUC, honorable mention. VICA's first place cheerleaders, right, were Josh Riba, Joseph Turner, Kevin Thomas, James Tyner, Dietrich Harmon, Ronnie Green, Joyce Miles, Lynn Jacobs. Byron Alexander, sponsor Debra Matthews and Patrick Dees.

Students who buy the JC t-shirts will wear them off campus. It shows that we, as a college, are doing things. It gets attention for the campus and tells the community that we have fun at JC!

◆ Michelle Manley



ENTERTAINMENT LIKE NATASHA LONCAR, top, one of JCC's guitar instructors, kept the crowd's attention as they lingered to eat 800 burgers at the Bash. Most Spirited Dog winners and their owners, above, were Patches, owned by Stan Gibson, first; Max, owned by Karen Bills, second; Baron, owned by Ed Senteno, third.



SIGNING UP TO WIN free prizes from radio station 97.9, the Delta Epsilon Chi table, top, was Ronnie Green, VICA president.





# BASH CHEERS

## And the winners were

1st Place..... VICA  
2nd Place..... HOSA  
3rd Place..... DRAMA CLUB  
Honorable Mention..... HUC

**C**HEERING WAS AS EASY AS 1-2-3. Participants in the Bulldog Bash cheer contest included Health Unit Coordinator, top right, and Drama Club, right. Drama member Clint Wright flipped over the Bulldog with the help of Ray Miller. Faculty members Marilyn Moss, JoAnne Stewart, Joy Gibson, Terry Langston, Julie Besancon, Rusty Brown, Stephanie Allison and Sandra Davis, below, got in on the fun, too. Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, sequence at bottom, took first with their militaristic cheer.



**S**PECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS alike enjoyed the cheer contest Oct. 17. HOSA member Elizabeth Bertagnoli, top left, helped her club place in the event. A BSU member **WOW!** the crowd with acrobatic skills, above, before the BSU's Homecoming Beauty Pageant. VICA, below, marched in also during their military routine performance which won them first place.



# Got in, got busy

Registration was hardly over when it began. One activity . . . then another . . . and another, keeping interest high, making an impact, causing JCC to say WOW!

**T**he 1995 school year got off to a great start with an enrollment increase. The school was packed and busy Aug. 21 and 22, even though classes didn't begin until August 23.

Registration, especially with such large numbers, had begun with the expected long lines of students hoping to get into the classes they wanted. Faculty members scrambled to help students find open classes while the staffs in Financial Aid and Business Services took care of fees. The new cafeteria filled quickly Aug. 23 with interested students and staff to hear Senator Trent Lott, holder of the second most powerful office in the majority (Republican) party, speak about what's going on in Washington while he was home in Pascagoula for a few weeks. Other officials at the session were Pete Pope, Jackson County Sheriff; Dr. Charles Keith, Mayor of Gautier; Carroll Clifford, President of the Board of Supervisors; Dr. Sonny Morris, Gautier Councilman, and Pat Torrel, former President of Pascagoula School Board.

Lott, who has been in Congress over 22 years, said he loves being in the majority party.

"It's fun because we vote and they lose," he said. "We're trying to find a way to balance the budget. I've always believed in living within your means; people only need to spend and buy what they can afford. If the government doesn't spend more, it will mean less taxes for the people. The government needs to get out of D.C. and back to the people."

Lott's comments were followed by a lively question and answer session.

With all the other things going on to get the 1995-96 school year off right, Student Council executive officers made time for class president elections. Every place on campus was decorated with an array of posters, banners and flyers promoting all of the students who had submitted petitions to serve on the Student Council. For the first time there were just enough candidates to fill the slots on the Council, so all applicants became representatives and were on the class president ballot.

No matter how hectic or busy the first week or so of school was, students were excited and pumped up to make 1995-96 awesome.

Staff and faculty could only stand back and say **WOW** when they saw an increase in enrollment and student participation.

**R**EGISTRATION LINES WERE LONG AND BUSY for students, too, who scrambled for open classes and hoped the computer wouldn't send them away—again. Chris Wiley and Michelle Marney, center, worked the polls for class president elections. Math instructor Robert Frost, right, paired at the monitor to check open classes while helping schedule a student the final day of registration.



*"I don't agree with the President, but I will work with him."*

*"If opposition comes along, do your best and work as hard as you can and the good Lord will take care of the rest."*

*♦ Trent Lott*



*"Registration was frustrating because I could not get the schedule I wanted because classes kept closing."*

*♦ Timothy Werner, Gautier freshman*

*"Elections went great. Each candidate had plenty of posters and banners - so I knew who was running."*

*♦ Brynwyn Blackwell, Pascagoula sophomore*



**Q**UESTIONS AND ANSWERS ended Sen. Lott's comments. Sophomore Anthony Parks, top left, spoke to Sen. Lott after the assembly while JCC Vice President Dr. Royce Luke observed in the background. Interested faculty and staff, left, were attentive while listening to Sen. Lott speak. Sen. Lott, above right, during his talk in the new cafeteria Aug. 23.

# Students sought involvement

Heat and humidity didn't keep hundreds of people from saying *WOW* when they checked out Club Day.

While students walked from table to table, Student Council executive officers, sponsors of the two-hour club promo Aug. 31, handed out free nachos and ice cold Coke. Students seemed to enjoy themselves, laughing and talking among friends or just passing by the gazebo on their way to their next class.

Most of JC's 24 clubs had information tables set up so students would be aware of what they do and why. Almost all the clubs had free gum, candy or door prizes to entice students to check them out. A majority of the campus clubs benefitted from Club Day because their memberships increased or they made money by selling club items.

"I enjoyed Club Day. It informed students on what goes on here at JC. The yearbook staff benefitted this year more than last because a lot of students stopped by to pick up their yearbooks from last year and a few 1995-96 yearbooks were sold, too," said yearbook editor Bronwyn Blackwell of Pascagoula.

Clubs in attendance ranged from Baptist Student Union to Phi Theta Kappa to VICA to the many health occupations clubs.

Another crowd pleaser this year was the addition of live entertainment provided by JCC students who took their turns at the mike. Adrean Henry and Thomas Marx *WOW'd* the crowd with their improvisational keyboard skills and Gospel selections.

"The free nachos and Coke were the main reason I attended Club Day!" said freshman Eddie Rudolf of Hurley with a grin.

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS filtered through the Gazebo at Club Day '95. Joe Habeeb and Kathy Warner, top, sold computer games and took guesses for the JCCA candy jar. Clayton McCall and Mary Knowles, center, registered new members for the Math Club while Student Nurse Association members enjoyed the entertainers at Club Day.



GETTING A QUICK START in getting involved on campus was the purpose for Club Day. BSU singers Lanita Straught, Thomas Marx and Shawanda Eastman, top, *WOW'd* the crowd with their harmonies. BSU director Jana Rayborn and Debbie Rayborn, far left, discussed BSU's activities. Brenda Myers, Lisa Powell and Stephanie Walker, top left, informed students about New Horizons, a club for non-traditional students. Lisa Sutton and Tracie Cund, bottom left, waited for students to help find a name for the new campus-based newspaper published by the Journalism class.



B L O O D D R I V E 9 4 5

# JCC max'd 250-pint goal

JCC did it—AGAIN.  
The campus rallied to give  
much-needed blood  
in fall drive.

**S**eptember 27 was a great day for the Red Cross because JCC WOW'd them as students and faculty gave 309 pints of blood in the annual fall drive, far exceeding the 250-pint goal.

The drive, sponsored by the campus, was a coordinated effort between clubs, health occupations programs, departments and the Red Cross.

One important factor in making JCC's drive the largest in the region was strong club support. Clubs gave an extra effort as they publicized the drive, recruited donors and worked as volunteers during the drive.

"I think that all the signs around campus publicized the drive well," observed Phi Theta Kappa member Mary Hillanbrand who added that the clubs played a huge role in the blood drive. "If it were not for the clubs, things would not have run so smoothly."

JCC's 250-pint goal was met at 12:15 p.m. and the drive ended with 309 pints of blood, an increase over last year's fall total of 293 pints.

Drive chairperson Thea Pope was excited about the outcome and the tremendous support.

"I feel the blood drive went well and ran smoothly. People were on time. Everyone did what they were supposed to do," she said.

Students gave blood to help others in need and to feel good about themselves.

Justin Davis, a first time donor, remarked, "I gave blood to serve humanity, further medical advances and to miss class."

Deborah Everett said she gave blood for the fourth time to help save a life.

Whether students were giving blood to help others or to feel good, they also "bled" for extra points. Some teachers enticed students to participate by giving 5-10 extra points for their classes.

Lee Sexton of Ocean Springs gave blood for 10 free points, as did Amber Juneau, a second time donor.

Most teachers supported the wellness activities on campus and did their best to get students involved. So if giving extra points—or a free absence as PE instructor Mrs. Kay Bevil did—enticed students and got them involved as contributing members of the community, everyone agreed that it was well worth it.

**C**ONTINUING THE TRADITION of running highly successful blood drives, JCC kept the gym full and busy all day, top. Amy White, center, flinched as her ear was pricked to get a sample of blood. Caleb Clark watched intently while his blood pressure was taken before he went to the next station.



"I worked at the blood drive because I wanted to get involved with the community."

♦ Clinton Wright

"I think that all the signs around campus publicized the drive so well plus all the club involvement helped things run so smoothly."

♦ Mary Hillanbrand

"I gave because I want to save a life."

♦ April Jones

"I gave because people need blood."

♦ Stephanie Buford

"It felt fine when I was giving blood, but it did sting when the needle went in."

♦ Jacob Angle

"I learned that organization is needed for a successful drive."

♦ Alisha Slay

**S**TUDENTS PILED INTO THE GYM entrance, top, to sign up to work as volunteers at the 1995 fall blood drive. Health occupations volunteers, bottom left, were kept busy labeling bags for the many donors to pick up.

Thea Pope, chairperson of the drive, watched enthusiastically as Red Cross workers received some of the 309 pints of blood donated by JCC students and faculty which was enough to supply the needs of the Gulf region for one day.

# JCC got creative

Fall **WOW**'ed the campus as clubs set up displays and drama entertained

**A**s fall approached and the trees began to shed their leaves, JCC's clubs made sure students and staff decorated the campus with hay and pumpkin displays and drama students presented a dinner theatre.

Fall Fever caught on quick! Sixteen clubs participated and made creative displays to bring in the season. The Student Council, sponsor of the project, supplied bales of hay and pumpkins for each participating club and awarded trophies and Lofton points to the winners.

But it was the imagination and ingenuity of the clubs which gave life to the project. Holly Reeves, chairperson, said that the judges had a time choosing the winners because they were all great. Once again, the participation and creativity **WOW**'ed 'em.

"It really made our campus look great," said Holly, Delta Epsilon Chi, PASTE, and Phi Beta Lambda

tied for first place with HOSA placing second and Math Club and Medical Laboratory Technology tied for third.

Not only did the displays help bring in the fall season, but they paved the way for the annual fall play production by JCC's drama department which sold out for all performances.

The JC Players presented a dinner theatre production of Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution* Nov. 16-18 and a dessert matinee Nov. 19. This three-act play with catering by the JCC cafeteria featured eight students, English instructor

**A**CTING UP was fun. Samantha Hebert applied make-up while Justin Davis and Marcel Welch watched.

Mrs. Kevan Jenner and instructor/director Mrs. Wanda Stewart.

Members of the cast were Dane Moreton, Jennifer Hutchinson, Shauna Wade, Clinton Wright, Samantha Hebert, Justin Davis, Marcel Welch, Wanda Stewart, Raymond Miller, Jr., Alicia Gray, Kevan Jenner, Diana Ramos and Nicole Brewer. Special cast members were four persons from the community: Harvey Barton, Curt Hebert, Marjorie Cunningham and Ann Hebert.

Members of the production staff, in addition to cast members who assisted, were Mark Pichon, Bruce Stewart, Marilyn Oviatt, Craig Oviatt and Dennis St. Pierre.



**B**ACKSTAGE WAS BUSY before the fall dinner theatre production as director Wanda Stewart, top, helped Diana "Wednesday" Ramos dye her hair white for her performance. Spectators, above, enjoyed the meal catered by the campus cafeteria before the performance.

**F**ALL FEVER HIT THE CAMPUS during October as clubs decorated with hay, pumpkins and scarecrows. Club winners, opposite page far right, were, back, Rachael Lyon, MLT; Gwen Moreno, fashion merchandising; Michelle Schmidt, HOSA; Clayton McCall, Math Club. Front, Melorissa Wells, PBL, and Connie Salvage, PASTE. Displays shown were created by HUC, VICA, PTK, MLT, BSU, New Horizons, SEA, Math Club, PBL, JCCA, and HOSA.



# Rain couldn't spoil the fun

Rain, rain go away!  
Come again another day!  
'Cause JC students want to play

**O**ktoberfest '95 went on, in spite of heavy rains. But the spirit of the sponsors—the clubs and Student Council—made the annual festivities full of fun and entertainment for a surprisingly large turnout.

Oktoberfest is the main fall event which benefits the clubs who set up booths and games to raise money for their treasuries.

When the weatherman predicted 50% chance of rains Oct. 31, the Council and clubs decided to "Go for it!". In spite of the weather—which worsened by the 11 a.m. start—the crowd wasn't bad and, in fact, seemed to relish huddling under the go-go and walkways to listen to entertainment, buy food, walk for a cake or dress up for a costume contest sponsored by fashion merchandising and Real Rock 97.9 FM which attracted over 30 participants.

Entertainment by clubs, students and faculty was probably the key factor in keeping the crowds there. Among entertainers were the BSU Choir, Diana Hudson, Dan Zwerg, Tom Beavers and Kathy Scarborough. HOSA, Reflections and Student Council performed a dance or a skit as well. Entertainment and contests were not the only things that enticed the students. There was plenty of food for everyone. Although it was not free, the prices were low and that was good! There was everything from gumbo to Mail Club's homemade pizza

**G**USSING GAMES were a popular attraction. Dwayne Baxter wrote this guess-estimate while PBL member Jeanine Samich explained the prizes.

pockets, VICA's boiled peanuts, HOSA's taco salad and nachos, BSU's bake sale and PTK's barbeque.

VICA's jail stayed busy. Someone even paid to have Dr. Luke and Dr. Moradmand locked up for a prison term. It cost \$1 to have someone cuffed and locked up and it cost \$2 to be set free. The inmates didn't even get to enjoy any comforts. All they got was NO food, NO water and a hard bench. There were plenty of guessing games, like ones sponsored by M.E.T., HUC and PBL. But some of the booths had to be scrapped because of the weather—like photo shoots by Reflections and PASTE and JCCA's Prof Pies.

The wet, damp and dreary weather may have cut into the profits for clubs—most reported lower receipts than last year—but it didn't stop JC students from getting together and having a good time. It proved that nothing can stand in the way of a good time and motivated clubs. It was enough to WOW everyone.

**U**MBRELLAS WERE NEEDED? Oktoberfest-goers wanted to escape getting drenched. Beau Foudy, too, held an umbrella for math instructor Brenda Helms as she searched for the Prof Pies booth. Reflections members Alicia Dunnaway, Holly Reeves and Terrielle Stubbs entertained with a lip sync.



**E**NTERTAINMENT KEPT THE CROWDS INTERESTED in spite of the rain as students huddled in the gazebo. Jay Losselt, Clint Wright, and Mary Lisa Palermo, top right, sported event T-shirts. HOWing the crowds were New Horizons members Ann McCarthy, Bonnie Petersen, Laketha Johnson, middle right; the BSU Choir; above; and environmental tech instructor/saxophonist Dan Zwerg, top left. HOSA member Shirley Tyner, left, entered the costume contest dressed like a Christmas tree.



## HAVING FUN AT O K T O B E R F E S T

**M**AKING TIME FOR FUN was a priority, even on a rainy Oktoberfest day. PBL Club members Paula Mantz and Nancy Crawford, top, worked at their club's table while Angelic Baxter tried to guess how much candy was in the jars. Ronald Williams, Anthea Richburg, Maribel Cluff and Eleanor Douglas, middle, participated in HOSA's Cake Walk. HUC members Susan May and Tharia Biggs, bottom right, enticed students to play their guessing games. Student Council secretary Dawne Dungan, at right, enjoyed the events as she sold Oktoberfest t-shirts.



**A**LL DRESSED UP and hoping to win! Kasey Robertson, top left, waved to the crowd as she was announced as being the first place over-all winner in the costume contest. Christmas tree Shirley Tyner and Forrest Gump look-alike Scott Bailey smiled as they were announced as winners. Winners Michelle Martin and Jerry Edwards posed for a quick candid. Winners in the first costume contest held at Oktoberfest were, backrow, Marilyn Cheatham, David Jones, Shirley Tyner, Scott Bailey, Kasey Robertson, Michelle Martin, Jerry Edwards, Janice Green; front row, Matt Hendrix, Leo Thornton.

# Bond won for second time

Great fall weather—WOW—gave 150 the chance to walk, run for fun.

**H**earts were pounding and the blood was pumping at 150-plus students and faculty took off at a fast pace running or walking to reach the finish line. Everyone who attended the 10th annual Turkey Trot fun run/walk Nov. 16 at the campus walking track had fun as well as supporting a helpful cause.

Participants made Thanksgiving brighter for single parents associated with the New Horizons program. The entry fee for the Trot was \$1 or two canned food items, raising \$78 in cash and 12-15 grocery bags of food which allowed New Horizons to give 28 families food baskets.

The Student Council, sponsor of the event, handed out free hamburger lunch plates to participants and spectators and for the second year offered t-shirts to promote the occasion. Students and faculty grabbed them while they could because the long sleeved shirts with racing turkeys on the back sold fast at \$12 each.

The Turkey Trot mascot made an appearance and helped cheer on the participants in each race. Freshman representative Timothy Werner endured the thick costume on a warm day as he encouraged people to attend and participate in the day's activities.

"Being the mascot was truly an experience I will never forget. The costume was definitely hot, but I enjoyed making people happy and bringing a smile to everyone's faces," he said.

Runners had to withstand the heat, rounding the half-mile track twice while walkers took it easy one time around. Most JC clubs received Lofton points for the percentage of their membership participating.

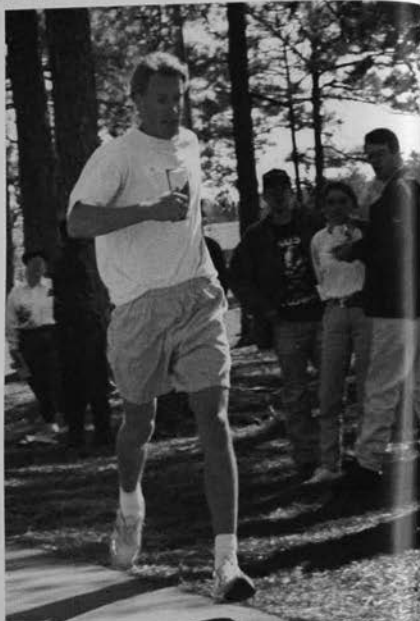
Topping the clubs for participation were Health Unit Coordinators, first; Phi Beta Lambda and Health Occupation Students of America, tied for second; and Reflections, third.

Sophomore Ronnie Bond of Ocean Springs Wow'd everyone by winning first place in the run for the second straight year. He whipped around twice, finishing in 5:46 minutes while Brent Dunnaway came in second. Sophomore Mary Bounds took first for females by coming in at 7:36, followed by Amy Le Tournau and Carri Washington.

Winners, in order, in the male student walkers category were Elvis Godd, Tim Herberger and Terry Forden with Vikki Leggett and Margretta Ward winning respectively for the female student walkers.

Environmental technology instructor Dan Zwerg and Julie Cooke won the trophies for faculty runners while Eleanor Douglas, Kay Sims, Gale Collins, Bernard Brooks and Jason Pugh won in the faculty walker categories.

**TURKEY TROT WINNERS:** Ronnie Bond of Ocean Springs, top, crossed the finish line first for the second year in a row. At right are those who won trophies at the 10th annual event designed to promote wellness and offer a student activity for all ages besides traditional cook-outs and parties.



**ON THE RUN:** Ronnie Bond and Brent Dunnaway, top left, enjoyed a refreshing drink after the race. The runners took off at the command of the starter, Tom Beavert, top right. One participant, left center, got in some good stretches before the start of the walk. The Turkey Trot mascot, left, made sure walkers were ready to begin. First place winners, above, were back: Ronnie Bond, Elvis Godd and Dan Zwerg; center: Antoinette Magee for HUC, Vikki Leggett, Eleanor Douglas, Bernard Brooks, and front, Mary Bounds, Mascot and Julie Cooke.

# Generous Giving

Campus responded to need for toys for local children by filling the stocking to overflowing.

Helping others and giving to those in need is how JC students got ready for the Christmas holidays. During the annual Fill the Stocking party Dec. 6 and 7, generous students and staff filled the 9-ft. stocking four times over with toys to be given to local children by the JCC, New Horizons program and the Salvation Army. The event was sponsored by Student Council and entertainment was provided by talented students and staff including the BSU Choir, Tom Beavers, Dan Zwerg and members of LIFE and HOSA. The Math Club held a fundraiser throughout fall semester in which persons put money in large bottles.

President Christina Viner presented a check for \$310 to Student Council President Michelle Manley and party chair Jay Losset at the party to add to the Salvation Army Toy Fund. Clubs also painted wooden toy cars and trucks which were cut out by William Martin, Dean of Academic Instruction. The toys were given to the Salvation Army and a contest was held for the best painted toys and clubs received Lonon Award Points for participating.

**S**OUNDS OF CHRISTMAS were monitored by Student Council treasurer Adrean Henry who ran the sound equipment for the party.

Winners were: Flashed—1st, Dorothy Johnson, HUC; 2nd, Treana Provost, JCCA; 3rd, Christina Viner, Math; Honorable Mention, Rachael Lyon, MLT. Minivan—1st, Lacy Venable, HOSA; 2nd, Daiquiri Terneel, PBL; 3rd, Mary Bounds, Reflections; Honorable Mention, Clayton McCall, PTK. Camero—1st, Lynn Barret, HOSA; 2nd, Brent Dunnaway, BSU; 3rd, Cathy Matthews, New Horizons; Honorable Mention, Nancy Dryer, PBL. Volkswagen—1st, Kathy Hovermale, New Horizons; 2nd, LaLinda Bond, Reflections; 3rd, Kathy Peters, PBL; Honorable Mention, Michelle Manley, Reflections. 18 Wheeler—1st, Joy Laiche, Reflections; 2nd, Alicia Dunnaway, Reflections; 3rd, Rachael Lyon, MLT; Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Bertagnoli, HOSA.

**T**OYS OVERFLOWED THE 9-FOOT STOCKING, top right, the result of generous JCC giving. Math Club Sponsor Raymond Tanner and members Christina Viner and Clayton McCall presented a \$310 check for toys to Student Council President Michelle Manley and party chair Jay Losset.



**T**OP WINNERS of the Toy Car Project, top left, were Treana Provost, JCCA; Kathy Matthews, New Horizons; Kathy Hovermale, New Horizons; Mark Picton, BSE; Dorothy Johnson, HUC; Lacy Venable, HOSA; Santa Timothy Werner; Lynn Barret, HOSA; Elizabeth Bertagnoli, HOSA; Joy Laiche, Reflections, and Tyre Antray, chairman of the Toy Project. A sampling of painted toys, top right, donated to the project filled several tables. HOSA members Laura Stokchurs, Lacy Venable and Shirley Tyner above, were among those performing at the party. LIFE member Debbie Barton, left, performed a skit. LIFE member Thelma Kilen shared a solo for entertainment during the party.



# All dressed up for holidays

**C**hristmas came early as clubs and classes decorated the campus to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Doors and 3-D displays WOW'd with themes and designs ranging from a gingerbread house to a manger scene and received compliments from appreciative students and faculty.

Winners included:

◆ **SINGLE DOOR, CLUBS**—First, Reflections; Second, Phi Theta Kappa; Third, Math Club.

◆ **GROUP**—First, Developmental Department.

◆ **DOUBLE DOOR, CLUBS**—First, Phi Beta Lambda; Second, Medical Laboratory Technology.

◆ **DISPLAY, CLUBS**—First, Health Occupations Students of America; Second, Health Unit Coordinators; Third, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America; Honorable Mention, Delta Epsilon Chi.

◆ **DISPLAY, GROUP**—First, Fashion Merchandising; Second, Learning Lab and Zoology; Third, Business Department.

"We wanted to be active in campus activities," said PTK president Vikki Leggett. "Not to mention that we needed a jumpstart into the Christmas season!"

She said that PTK had new members work on the project and that participation helped everyone get to know each other.

"Projects like this exhibit personal talents, unify the student body, provide diversional activities and enhance the appearance of the environment," said HUC sponsor Gale Collins.

"We did it to encourage school spirit, help spread the spirit of Christmas and to help create campus enthusiasm," said Learning Lab instructor Evelyn Clark. "It also has the benefit of helping people bond."

Rusty Brown's Zoology I class entered a door.

"It gave students an opportunity to learn more about the animals we discussed in class and to be creative," she said. "Most people were very complimentary about the door. A few thought it was a little strange. Those in science appreciated it the most."

She said that it gave students an opportunity to see zoology in a different way.

"It is not all studying the 'old-fashioned' way. They will remember the details of their 'animal ornaments' much longer than just reading about it," she explained.

"Projects like this allow students to take time out from academics, make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere, and publicize our club," said Math Club president Christina Viner.

**F**IRST PLACE DOOR DECORATING WINNERS received trophies from the Student Council Santa Tim Werner during the Festive Party. At left are Shawn Johnson of HOSA, Daquinn Fennell of Phi Beta Lambda, Joy Leache of Reflections and Barbara Williams, Developmental Department student worker. At top are Anita Stiercher and Rachael Lyons of Medical Laboratory Technology.



**H**AVING FUN as they decorated their doors with Christmas themes were, below from left, VICA sponsor Debra Matthews, Learning Lab instructors JoAnne Stewart and Sandy Davis, Developmental Department student worker Barbara Williams.



**D**ECKING THE HALLS, literally, was the aim of the annual Student Council-sponsored event that began as soon as Thanksgiving was over. Student Council freshman rep Amanda Ony, above, put the finishing touches on the Council's Christmas card to the campus while the HOSA door, right, put on a gingerbread house facade.

# The Power of Your Voice

**S**tudent Council and the Interclub Council got second semester off to a rousing start by hosting "Star Wars—The Power of Your Voice" Jan. 25 as the spring Club Day. The two-part event featured the game Lip Service for anyone who wanted to get in on the fun and a Lip Sync contest between clubs during activity period.

"Lip Service went over great!" said Stephen Ormon, contest chair. "Our Lip Sync went over well, too."

Student Council started off the contest by spoofing a "New Kids on the Block" medley, but they couldn't be judged because they were hosting the event staged in the cafeteria. Winners included Reflections, third, with "Hey, I'm Sandra Dee" and Baptist Student Union, second, with Brent Dunnaway's "I Have Found Myself in You".

A real crowd pleaser, "Sister Act", was presented by Health Occupations Students of America who took first with their lip sync/skit combination.

In the Lip Service game, a group from HOSA took first. An all-faculty team composed of Dr. Charles Egerton, Eleanor Douglas, Terry Fountain and Jeanette Thomas was drafted from the audience to entertain between events.

Clubs set up tables to give information about their organizations, theme T-shirts designed by Brent Dunnaway were sold by Student Council and, of course, free food was served.

"Everything went well and we had great club participation," said chairman Adrean Henry. "I think everyone who came had a good time."



**S**TARRING IN STAR WARS were members of JCC's clubs who entertained with lip sync. Opposite page, top, were Reflections members Holly Reeves, Mary Bounds, Wendy Smith and Joy Lache. Performing to a New Kids on the Block medley were Student Council members Stephen Ormon and Alicia Dunnaway, center right. Trina Reeves, center right, performed for Phi Beta Lambda while Brent Dunnaway, bottom, gave a stirring performance for Baptist Student Union. This page, top, Health Occupations Students of America Jeanie Lynn Barrett, top left, and Jeanette Vanasse, Shirley Tyner and Michelle Gilderleeve, top center, stole the show with their version of Sister Act while Junior Stockland of Vocational Students of America, top right, did a country number. HOSA members David Myers, Elizabeth Bertagnoli, Norman Johnson and Michelle Gilderleeve, center left, won the Lip Service game. Stephen Ormon, center right, sang his heart out in the Student Council number.

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# "Throw me somethin'!"

Entertainment and King Cake caused good times to roll during pre-holiday event

**B**reads, moon pies, dabbloons and cups are just a few of the things Mardi Gras parade goers caught when they yelled "Throw me somethin'". Mistah' during Mardi Gras holidays in mid-February.

JCC's Student Council got in on the act by hosting a pre-holiday Mardi Gras Madness Feb. 15 with plenty of food, King Cake and even a little impromptu parade led by Master of Ceremonies Adrean Henry, Student Council treasurer. JCC's own Dan Zwerg—who often provided entertainment for campus events this year—performed music during the festivities in the cafeteria decorated for the occasion with balloons, centerpieces and glitzy Mardi Gras garlands. Party-goers were rewarded with gold, purple and green Mardi Gras beads and persons who dressed in those colors had an added advantage of being eligible for special King Cake door prizes.

Freshman representative Mary Lisa Palermo of Ocean Springs who helped put on the event, enjoyed it herself too.

"Mardi Gras Madness got the people in the mood for the upcoming holiday," she said.

"The music was great and I believe the people really enjoyed the King Cake," added freshman representative Amanda Ory of Pascagoula. "Everyone also seemed to enjoy the dancing."

"There were lots of laughs when people started to dance," said freshman class president Alicia Dunnaway. "Although I don't care for Mardi Gras, I did enjoy myself."

"Mardi Gras Madness was a great way for all students to get together and enjoy the spirit of Mardi Gras on campus in a casual, relaxed atmosphere," said freshman representative LaLinda Bond of Pascagoula.

"Mardi Gras Madness was a chance to dress up in your Mardi Gras clothes and show your spirit. I believe it went over well and it attracted students of all ages," said sophomore class president Holly Reeves of Gautier. "It went over great! We had a great host and an excellent and excited crowd."

**J**UST GETTING TOGETHER was enough of an excuse for a party. But Student Council added music, food and fun to make the good times roll at Mardi Gras Madness. Tim Warner, Debbie Smith and Holly Reeves, top, enjoyed dancing to the music while instructor Tara Langston, center, talked with students. Mary Bounds, Stephen Ormon, Holly Reeves, Dr. Houshang Moradmand, April Buchanan, Michelle Manley and Tara Langston, bottom, registered for door prizes and received party favors.



**W**HAT WOULD A PARTY BE without music and a host? Mardi Gras Madness boasted both. Environmental instructor/saxophonist Dan Zwerg, above left, played a variety of music for two hours as Student Council treasurer Adrean Henry, above right, wearing a Burch and Hatfield tuxedo and top hat, kept things lively as he encouraged participation through door prize drawings, dancing and parading.

**P**ARADING around the cafeteria New Orleans style made for impromptu fun at Mardi Gras Madness. Led by lux-ed-ed master of ceremonies Adrean Henry, Alicia Dunnaway, Tim Warner, Debbie Smith and musician Dan Zwerg joined the party atmosphere.



# INVOLVED

**B**eing involved in a club or campus organization probably meant participating in all the campus activities and volunteering extra time to help out,

whether it was planning or cleaning up afterwards.

It also meant eager and anxious competition for the Lofton Award. Being a club member was hard work and there was also to do to receive Lofton points.

It was also fun and enjoyable to participate in the many activities sponsored by Student Council. Who could forget the Bulldog Bash cheers or the Oktoberfest booths or the Star Wars lip syncs?

It also meant participation in the club's own activities and programs ranging from meetings to representing the campus in district and state competitions sponsored by their affiliate organizations.

JCC's clubs helped pull off some of the campus-wide activities and were a key factor in WOWing the campus—whether it was behind the scenes along with Student Council or out in front entertaining. Clubs came up with creative new ideas,

worked together and donated time, money, energy and door prizes for JCC events and community needs at holiday time.

Was it because each club was in constant competition for the Lofton

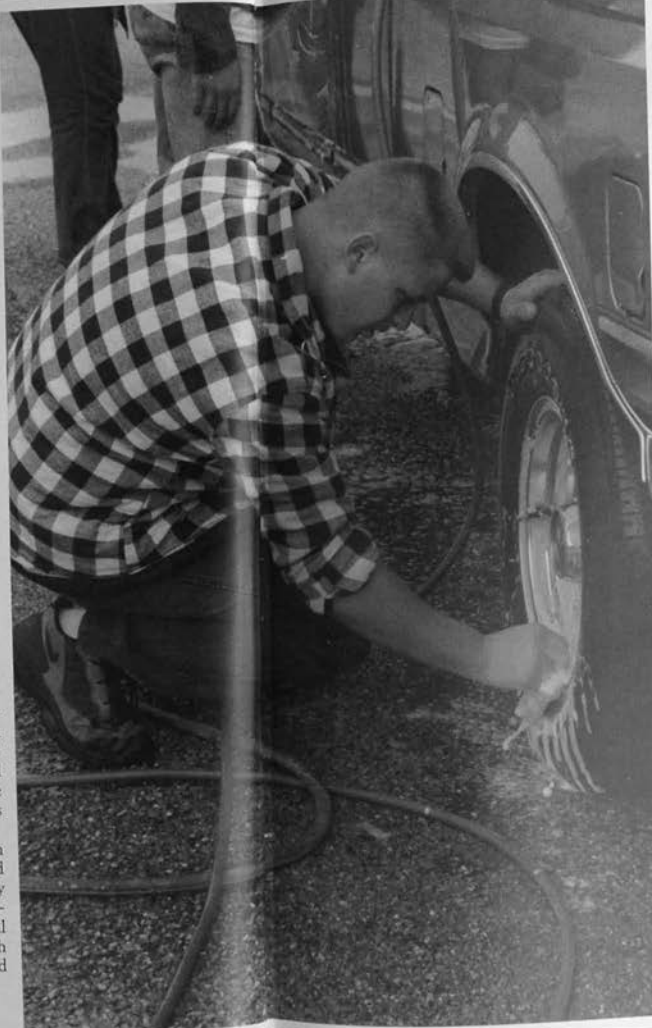
Award? Or was it because JCC students were always ready and willing to help and participate without even thinking what was in it for them?

Whatever made students join a club, it was proven time and time again, activity after activity that JCC's clubs and their advisors WOWed Student Council and all the faculty and staff with overwhelming participation and support.

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## ♦ FUN-RAISING

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America member Matt Henderson, left, washed fairs during the VICA car wash. TUND cars in early fall. Prizing for a year during the six-campus homecoming holiday were, from left, bottom, Mekonnen Welle, Leah Kankila and Tyne Austrey, and top, Chandra Brownfield, Anni Rickburg, Danielle Wells, Mark Pichon and Adrian Henry.



## ♦ OPEN HOUSE

Baptist Student Union members enjoyed good times together with food and fellowship during their fall open house, above. Health Occupations Students of America club members Lynn Barrett and Jennifer Obiol, left, participated in the wooden toy car project at Christmas when members painted toys cut out and donated by Dean of Academic Instruction William Martin. The finished products were distributed to local children by the Salvation Army.



## WOW ED 'EM

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◆ Brent Dunnaway  
BSU President



Brent Dunnaway, right, was escorted during a BSU skit at Bulldog Bash.

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*Baptist Student Union* spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ both on and off the campus. BSU was involved with on-campus activities and reached out into the community to give their time, energy, talents and efforts to everyone. Members of many denominations attended College Student Conferences and the Leadership Training Course. They held friendly basketball and ping pong tournaments within the club and with the BSU's from Jefferson Davis and Perkinston campuses. High school Reachout Trips and ministry by the popular BSU Choir under the direction of Thomas Marx were among things the club did for the community. On campus, BSU participated in the Fall Decorating contest, Bulldog Bash Cheer Contest, Most Spirited Dog Contest and show, MGCCC homecoming parade, pumpkin carving contest and Star Wars Lip Sync contest. BSU sponsors and members have all said "WOW" this year because it is the first year since 1992 that BSU has participated in student activities.

"I think most people are surprised about how fired up our club is! We have a good close knit club and we really care for one another. We are seeing alot of smiles and friendships develop," said president Brent Dunnaway. "BSU really cares about JC and wants to see JC students feel welcome to come to the meetings."

"I have learned a lot by joining this club. I have met new people, gained wisdom and many new friendships," said Holly Reeves, Summer Missions Chair.

"I've enjoyed making new friends, fellowshipping with other Christians, and rejoicing in the Word," said Thomas Marx III.

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*New Horizons* provided a support group for non-traditional students as well as an opportunity to potential students to take part in student activities. New Horizons' 40 members became involved in and enthusiastic about campus activities. They held a bake sale at Oktoberfest, performed a skit, participated in the Gayfers Benefit and Pizza Hut Passport sales, sponsored a Children's Christmas Festival for children of JCC students and promoted Women's History Month in March.

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*LIFE* is a Christian support group for students of any Christian denomination. The club provided meaningful activities as well as twice-weekly meetings in which members shared their faith. Activities included Friday Night Video, promoting a wellness activity, sponsoring The Five-Minute Devotional at 7:55 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and sharing Gospel music entertainment at many of the campus-wide activities.



## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION ◆

Back row: Hung Le, choir director Thomas Marx, David Mobley, Timothy Werner, Mark Pichon, Nathan Rennick, Gale Arney, Robert Blandford. Third row: Melissa Johnson, Leah Kimble, Michelle Manley, Barry Wilson, Tyres Autrey, Sharita Capus. Second row: Sponsors Anthony Guy and Jana Rayborn, summer missions chair Holly Reeves, Alicia Dunnaway, president Brent Dunnaway, Alicia Gray. Front row: Tanya Green, Bronwyn Blackwell, Adreain Henry, Cliff Sizemore.

## NEW HORIZONS ◆

Back row: Tina Morris, Eileen Martin, Susan Searcy, Linda Bond, Lisa Bouvette, Lukeitha Johnson, Donna Gordon, Ronda Murphy. Middle row: Ellen Osborne, Sherri Bailey, Eileen Harris, Ulissa Lee, Mary, Kelly Allen, Diane Hudson, secretary Katherin Hovermale, Cynthia Garret. Front row: vice president Darlene Funck, treasurer Nina Craven, sponsor Darla Lyon. Not pictured: sponsor Jean McCool, president Ann McCarthy and historian Christine Green.

## LIFE ◆

Back row: John Redmond. Front row: Sharon Robbins, Thelma Killen, Lorena Cooley, Marilyn Landrum, Linda Brown, Debbie Barton and sponsor Carol Moradmand. Not pictured is co-sponsor Linda Bond.

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PTK is a  
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◆ Rosie Love

*Reflections* supported MGCCC by making the community more aware of the programs and services offered by the college and by acting as hosts/hostesses during on and off campus events sponsored by MGCCC. The 12 members were instrumental in sponsoring Random Acts Of Kindness Week, awarding Random Acts Of Kindness honors once a week, staffing Mall Info booths, Community College Month Mall Shows, College and University Day, hosting JC Preview Day for High School Seniors, organizing Reflections of the Week Motivational Quote and Community Service Nursing Home Visits. Members participated in all of the campus competitions including Star Wars Lip Sync, Bulldog Bash cheers and Christmas door decorating.

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*Phi Beta Lambda* helped to develop strong, aggressive leadership so that members, as future businessmen and women, may participate more effectively in the business and community life of which they will be a part. They participated in college activities with a po-boy sale, a Community Service Project Bowl-A-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Club Day. They helped with Bulldog Bash, Oktoberfest, Fall Decorating, Homecoming Parade, Turkey Trot, Fill the Stocking, Car Decorations and Star Wars Lip Sync. They were honored with first place for their Fall Decoration.

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*Phi Theta Kappa* promoted leadership, fellowship and scholarship. Membership was selected based on grades. The 65 members showed their college spirit with a Homecoming Parade float. They conducted a tutoring program for New Horizons, sponsored cancer patients at Camp Bluebird, donated to Fill the Stocking and washed cars and sold cheese as chapter fundraisers. PTK attended the 1995 International Convention in Chicago and planned to attend the 1996 International Convention in Washington, D.C. PTK was recognized as a 4 Star Chapter in the National 5 Star Competition for two years in a row and received the Fellowship Award and an Honorable Mention in the Yearbook Competition at the 1995 state convention. 1995 President Colleen Tetrick and 1996 president Vikki Leggett were awarded Golden Key Service Awards. In the fall, PTK won first place and \$200 in the Sun Herald Sand Sculpting Contest, and took fourth place in the 1995 Lofton Award Competition. The campus said "WOW!" when PTK inducted over 80 new members this year—35 in the fall with an anticipated 40-50 in the spring. They also made their members say "WOW!" with their record sale of 412 blocks of cheese.



Sponsors Kay Sims and Tara Langston made a sale at the PTK booth at Oktoberfest.



## REFLECTIONS ◆

Back row: Treasurer Rosalie Senteno, Alicia Dunnaway, Michelle Manley, Allen Smith, parliamentarian Tennille Stubbs, spring vice president Holly Reeves, fall vice president Tyres Autrey. Middle row: Lalinda Bond, Wendy Smith, secretary Mary Bounds, Jenny Stewart. Front row: Advisor Mrs. Terri Ormes, president Joy Laiche, Caroline Cull. Sporting blazer uniforms, the 13-member Reflections Team visited high schools, fairs and malls to promote the college.



## PHI BETA LAMBDA ◆

Back: Reporter Ambi Richburg, Nancy Dyer, president Meloneese Wells, Daiquiri Fennell. Middle: Marilyn Coleman, Chandra Broomfield, Jeanne Simnicht, parliamentarian Paula Mantz, vice president Trina Reeves. Front: Danielle Wells, historian Terry Roberts, treasurer Kathy Peters. Not pictured are advisor Jeanette Thomas and secretary Nakeisha Jones. PBL members were active on campus and attended their organization's fall and state leadership conferences.



## PHI THETA KAPPA ◆

Back: Sheila Beasley, VP Clayton McCall, Sarah Cunningham, Kat Wacker, Diane Romanowski, Danny Box, Dobbs Dennis, Gary Bryant, Stephen Ormon, Shad Erkintalo. Middle: Patricia Conrad, Claude Aultman, Rosie Love, Amy Tourneau, Pres. Vikki Leggett, Thelma Killian, Geoff Borden, Linda Gray, Rosalie Senteno, Mary Meli, Adv. Tara Langston. Front: Kuniko Hall, Jackie Lollar, Disera Desselles, Tawana Harrison, Jennifer Keyes, fellowship chair Joy Laiche, Treas. Christina Viner, Elizabeth Catrett, Sec. Mary Bounds, Laura Goff, Adv. Kay Sims.



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*I enjoy campus activities because they relieve the stress students sometimes feel in a classroom.*

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◆ Christina Viner  
Math Club President



DEChi sponsor Joy Mitchell talked to radio reps at Building Bash.

*Math Club* sought to raise awareness in children about math, stayed active in campus activities and had fun. This year, Math Club started a new project to go along with the Fill the Stocking project. During their “Fill the Jug” fundraiser, big water jugs were placed randomly on campus so students could place extra pocket change in them. The \$310 raised was donated to the Salvation Army through Student Council at the Fill the Stocking party. Club members also helped at a math tournament and at a Science Fair and were involved in a tutoring program for young children. Active participants on campus, the club received third place in the Fall Decorating contest. Although the Math Club is a fairly new club to the JC campus—in its second year—it did well with the membership and activities, which didn’t revolve around mathematics alone. They participated in many campus and off campus activities to benefit the members.

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*Delta Epsilon Chi* membership was open to students in the Marketing Management and Fashion Merchandising programs. The purpose of the club is to develop competencies in the areas of marketing, merchandising and management with students eligible to attend state and national conventions. DEChi members sponsored the first-ever Halloween costume contest at Oktoberfest which proved to be a great success, drawing nearly 50-costumed students into the rainy event. Members also decorated a local casino for Mardi Gras and surveyed students about their favorite radio stations. Members took top awards in the Fall Fever Decorating contest and participated in the Toy Car Project.



## MATH CLUB ◆

Back row: Co-sponsor Raymond Tanner, Eddie Crocker, Karl Granholm, treasurer Stephen Ormon, vice president Clayton McCall, co-sponsor Angela Sims. Front row: Roland Curry, historian Laura Goff, Marty Estis, president Christina Viner. According to Kelly Haynes, the club is very civic-minded. “It really feels good to give back to the school and community,” she said. President Christina Viner added that club participation in campus events has enabled her to meet many new people.



## DELTA EPSILON CHI ◆

Back row: Advisor Mrs. Marsha Cluff, Marques Thomas, Patrick Dewitt, Ricky Nguyen, Yancy Roberts, advisor Mrs. Joy Mitchell. Front row: Vice President Alicia Gray, Barbara Roberts, Laura Rawls, president Michelle Schmidt. Not pictured: secretary-treasurer Barbara Register and historian-reporter Wendy Landry. The Marketing Management/Fashion Merchandising area was constantly buzzing with activity as students worked on promotion projects and display techniques.

## CHRISTMAS PROJECT ◆

Delta Epsilon Chi members painted toy cars to enter into the Student Council-sponsored holiday contest which decorated wooden cars and trucks which were donated to the Salvation Army for needy children in Jackson County.



# CLUBS

# WOW ED 'EM

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*Involvement  
helps students  
develop  
leadership  
skills.*

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◆ Sherry Whitmore  
MLT Advisor

*Respiratory Therapy Club* promoted an interest at respiratory care therapy and in community health. The Respiratory Club got involved with campus activities fall semester by participating in Oktoberfest, Breakfast Sale, Club Day and t-shirt sale. The 18 members were students in the respiratory program and conveyed their interest to other students although they were limited in time on campus due to their hospital clinicals. They held a fundraiser to help pay expenses for their pinning ceremony and participated in the Sputum Bowl, a team quiz-bowl-like competition fielding respiratory therapy questions. As a community project, members promoted a letter writing campaign to support keeping oxygen therapy in homes and sponsored an anti-smoking t-shirt sale. The club is affiliated with the American Association of Respiratory Clubs.



*Medical Laboratory Club* was involved in community activities and student leadership training and provided the public with information about the duties of the Medical Laboratory Technician as part of the Health Care Team. Among objectives of the organization are attending the annual ASMT meeting, sponsoring members in the MLT Student Bowl at the annual meeting in Jackson in April and educating other students and the public about the laboratory sciences through pamphlets, projects and other ideas contributed by club members. MLT members participated in all fall student activities including a po-boy sale, brown-bag auction at Oktoberfest, homecoming parade, Fall Fever and Pumpkin Decorating. They took third in Fall Fever and second place in the Most Spirited Dog Contest at Bulldog Bash. The club sponsored Easter Bunny visits to children in area hospitals. Club fundraisers paid for Easter baskets for the children. MLT students participated in campus blood drives by doing blood screening and ear sticks and competed against MLT students from Mississippi and Louisiana.



Rachael Lyon, Rhonda Mize and Staci Clegg worked at the MLT table at Club Day.



## RESPIRATORY THERAPY CLUB ◆

Back row: Laura Nacol, Eva Moran, Daniel Byrd, Kris Brown and treasurer Rosalie Senteno. Third Row: Kathleen Wells, secretary Karri Evans, Kimberly Wilson, Kimberly Collier, Jennifer Pope, and instructor Rombulus Matthews. Second Row: Advisor Judie Scott, vice president Christina Armstrong, Mary Cotten, Rhonda Baty, Stephanie Ankerson, and Charlotte Kendrick. Front: President Gary Bryant, Sonny Gatchel, Bernard Dick, treasurer Ben Tabor and Terry Bradley.



## MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY ◆

Back row: Advisor Sherry Whitmore, Nina Fain, Brett King, Tom Frescia, Bo (Ronald) Coffell, vice president Pam Moore, Adrienne Jackson, and advisor Gretchen Cunningham. Middle row: Tommye Enfinger, Marie Erickson, Melanie Drohan, Chylanda Haynes, Amber Jones, Kim Poole and Virginia Stewart. Front row: Pinky (Anita) Starcher, Staci Clegg, president Rachael Lyon, Collette Eure and Rhonda Mize. Not Pictured: Jason Temple and Karen Bills.



## ENJOYING THE FUN ◆

Medical Laboratory Technology members Collette Eure, Staci Clegg and Rachael Lyon took a break from classes to enjoy the beautiful weather and club cheers at Bulldog Bash.

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Creating a  
yearbook is  
constant stress,  
but I still  
have my sanity!

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◆ Browyn N. Blackwell  
Phases Editor

*Drama Club* promoted theatre as an art and supported theatre and fine arts events. Throughout the year the Drama Club was active and enthusiastic when it came to campus activities. As a club they participated in Club Day, blood drive and the Bulldog Bash cheer contest in which they won third place. Members participated in the fall production of *Witness for the Prosecution* and the April production *Vice*, a play about two people who accidentally exchange personalities directed by Wanda Stewart. Nancy Dunsmore, played by Samantha Heber, and Percible Nimby, played by Andrew Weber, were the lead characters. Among other cast members were Joshua Mayo as Uncle Buck and Clint Wright as Brad Buckridge. The Drama Club also sponsored a Wellness Program for the campus.

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*Jackson County Computing Association* broadened students' education in all areas in computer use. During the year they participated in the State Programming Competition and made available scholarships for incoming freshmen in computer science. JCCA members agreed that it was a fun club, not a bunch of computer nerds! They learned about different areas of computer use. Members didn't have to know a lot about computers. They only needed a willingness to learn more. Members created computerized work schedules for the blood drive.

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*Phases Yearbook Staff* produced *Make 'Em Say WOW!* and still found time to participate in Club Day and promoted yearbook sales throughout the year. Their main focus was to capture the memories and great moments of JCC students and activities throughout the year in a creative and well planned yearbook. But between the beginning and the end there was a lot of hard work, information gathering and getting a feel for the student body while trying to meet four stressful deadlines. The dedicated staff tried to make it possible for everyone to remember the year through photos, copy and imaginative layout and typography.



Drama Club members Clint Wright, Ray Miller, Jennifer Hutchinson, Diana Ramos and Samantha Heber took third in the Bulldog Bash cheer contest.



## JACKSON COUNTY COMPUTING ASSOCIATION ◆

Back row: Ronnie Hilderbrand, president Teena Provost, secretary Bill Herndon. Front row: Kathy Werner, advisor Tom Zito, Andy Burkes. Not pictured are vice president Allen Smith, treasurer Joe Habeeb and Timothy Werner. The JCCA was organized to promote the use and understanding of computers and computer science technology on campus and in the community. It provided services to students and staff as well as social and educational affiliation.



## DRAMA CLUB ◆

Left to right: Ray Miller, Clint Wright, advisor and director Wanda Stewart, Diana Ramos, Dane Moreton, Samantha Herbert, Mark Pichon, Jennifer Hutchinson, Shauna Wade and Alicia Gray. Drama Club is open to students interested in drama production and members are encouraged to work on the fall and spring productions. In addition, the club participated in campus wide events and competitions and sought ways to encourage and promote the performing arts.



## PHASES YEARBOOK STAFF ◆

Back row: Editor Browyn N. Blackwell and photographer Michelle Martin. Front: Holly Reeves and Timothy Werner. Not pictured is sponsor Mrs. Terry Fountain. This year's theme, *Make 'Em Say WOW!*, is featured in the yearbooks of each MGCCC campus along with a Central Office section.



# CLUBS

# WOW ED 'EM

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*Your reward is  
only as much  
as the effort  
put forth.*

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◆ Stephanie Freeman  
Respiratory Club



HOSA's homecoming float  
took second in the MGCCC  
parade.

*Health Unit Coordinator Club* sought to promote individual, campus and community service through participation in activities which develop character, leadership and human relations. HUC held a bake sale, were “victims” for Singing River Hospital’s disaster’s drill and held monthly social refreshments for club members. The group was highly visible on campus fall semester, participating in Fall Fever, Bulldog Bash Cheer Contest, Club Day, pumpkin decorating contest, blood drive, Oktoberfest, Turkey Trot, Christmas Door Decorating, and hosting a Wellness Activity. HUC received honorable mention for their cheer and won the Pumpkin Decorating Contest. “A feeling of belonging has taken the edge off of being a new student,” said Katherine Focke. “The best thing I learned about HUC is that it would be better for the whole class to be a part of an activity and to be friends instead of just a few,” added Antoinette Magee. HUC planned to use the money they made from club projects to pay for each club member’s participation in college graduation in May.

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*Health Occupations Students of America* enhanced the delivery of compassionate health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health occupations to educate students. One of the most active groups on campus, HOSA participated in every campus event in addition to their own po-boy sale, fall leadership conference and district, state and national competitions. Honors HOSA received this year were second place in four events: Fall Fever, Bulldog Bash cheer, Homecoming float and Turkey Trot. They also took first in the Star Wars Lip Sync Competition and became known for their performances. “Because of the excitement HOSA has had in every event, the student body is aware that the enthusiasm is contagious. I have learned as long as we have a common goal, then age, race and social status don’t matter,” said HOSA president Shirley Tyner. JCC’s club is affiliated with the national HOSA, the fastest growing vocational club in existence today. Since it began in 1976, HOSA has chartered 34 state associations and 1,820 chapters, including JCC’s chapter with 26 members.



## HEALTH UNIT COORDINATORS ◆

Back row: Lolita Pittman, Thera Biggs, Sandra Bell, advisor Gale Collins, Dorothy Johnson, secretary Katherine Focke, lab assistant Tiffany Johnson. Front row: Treasurer Jennifer Henze, president Antoinette Magee, Elizabeth Bjork, vice president Stephanie Freeman, lab assistant Janice Green. Not pictured: Visual aid assistant Carolyn Newsome, lab assistant Susan May. “Club participation has meant courage and strength to take on new challenges,” said Lolita Pittman.

## HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA ◆

Back: Donald Myers, Donna Rushing, Bill Armesto, Norman Johnson, Gwen Barbar, Lynn Barrett. Center: Tracy Seaman, Malissa Brown, reptr. Gwen Morano, Teresa Oliver, Angela Kesterson, parliamentarian Michelle Guildersleeve, Pamela Greer, Sherry Reynolds, sec. Cornelia Oliver. Front: pres. Shirley Tyner, Tonya Nelson, Jennifer Obiol, Kim Jones, advisor Eleanor Douglas, VP Elizabeth Bertagnolli, Laura Stukesbury, treas. Vicki Hillborn, historian Lacy Veneable.

## GO BULLDOGS! ◆

Health Occupations Students of America took second in the cheer contest at Bulldog Bash celebrating MGCCC homecoming. “HOSA, besides giving us a chance to meet and compete with others in our field, has given us a chance to challenge ourselves,” said member Lacey Venable.

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Student  
Council  
has taught me  
how to put  
my thoughts  
into actions.”

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◆ Michelle Manley  
Student Council President

*Student Council* was the driving force behind campus-wide activities and the voice of the student body to the Administration. The 17-member group worked to provide a variety of extra-class activities for the student body and sought new ways of doing familiar events. They promoted events and the college's image by selling t-shirts for many of the events which highlighted JCC's enthusiastic clubs who cheered at Bulldog Bash, operated booths at Oktoberfest, lip synched at Star Wars and walked and ran at Turkey Trot. Because of the enthusiasm of Student Council members and the backing of campus organizations, there was always something going on and always something to enjoy. Live entertainment by students and faculty was a focus of each activity and free food always drew a crowd. Student Council initiated a Career Speaker of the Month program which featured such professions as clowning as entertainment, art therapy, environmental protection and health occupations. They provided refreshments for a fall faculty meeting, ran campus elections and sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the children of JCC students and faculty. Council members also learned leadership skills by attending the Loyola Leadership Spring Conference and participating in a Ropes Course, a daylong group building and leadership awareness activity at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope, Ala.

"Participating in Student Council has helped develop my leadership skills," said freshman representative Mary Lisa Palermo of Ocean Springs. "Student Council has been a learning experience that has shown me great leadership qualities," added freshman class president Alicia Dunnaway of Ocean Springs.

"Student Council is lots of fun and is a great way to meet other students and get to know them well. It requires teamwork, good leadership and sacrificing of personal time, but it's worth it," said president Michelle Manley of Ocean Springs.

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*Coastliner newspaper staff* published JCC's first campus-only newspaper. When *The Mississippi Press* was no longer able to give the staff a bi-monthly page after many years, college funding allowed for publication of a tabloid paper for the campus. The seven-member fall staff and nine-member spring staff worked long and hard hours in journalism class to put together four and eight page papers filled with campus news and features. The first issue came out during exam week of fall semester with eight pages of stories ranging from building expansion to a campus inventor to the new Wellness Center.

Crystal Rhodes interviewed  
fall blood drive chairperson  
Dena Pope for *Coastliner*.



## STUDENT COUNCIL ◆

Top row: Autumn Forsman, Stephene Hosey, Tim Werner, Mark Pichon, Amanda Ory, Zane Estis. Middle row: LaLinda Bond, Jay Losset, Tyres Autrey, Stephen Ormon, Mary Lisa Palermo, advisor Terry Fountain. Bottom row: fall sophomore president Holly Reeves, treasurer Adreain Henry, president Michelle Manley, vice president Pam Walker, fall secretary Dawne Dungan, freshman president Alicia Dunnaway. They sponsored activities and programs in addition to being the voice of the student body.



## FALL COASTLINER STAFF ◆

Top row: Kelly Seitz, Lisa Sutton, Crystal Rhodes, advisor Terry Fountain. Bottom row: Diedrel Laster, Brian Mack, editor Tracie Curd. Not Pictured: David Corkhill and fall photographer Michelle Martin. Second semester's staff included editor Tracie Curd, Crystal Rhodes, Diedrel Laster, Troy Collins, Brandon Hardesty, Raines Rushin, Kirsten Weber, Raechele Phillips, Rita Miller and advisor Terry Fountain. *Coastliner* is a product of the journalism laboratory class.



## PLANNING FOR RALLY ◆

Student Council members got out the pom-poms to prepare for the Bulldog Bash they sponsored to celebrate MGCCC homecoming week. From left were president Michelle Manley, treasurer Adreain Henry, Mary Lisa Palermo and Alicia Dunnaway. Among spring activities were Star Wars spring Club Day, Mardi Gras Madness, Bunny Hop, Easter Egg Hunt for children of JCC students and faculty and the annual free food/fun Lagniappe Day end of classes celebration.

# CLUBS

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Being a VICA  
member makes  
me proud to  
be part of a  
winning team.”

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◆ Melanie Trehern



VICA members cooked burgers at the Bulldog Bash.

**Welding Club** advanced the science, art and technology of welding. The 10 members of the JCC student chapter were led by officers Jon Howard, chairman; Paul Heffner, vice chairman; Michael Wooten, secretary, and Bonnie Batson, treasurer. The welding sponsor is William Harris.

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**Vocational Industrial Clubs of America** promoted leadership and teamwork skills among its members. But mostly they had fun working toward common goals. Activities they participated in were car washes, Bar-B-Q plate lunches, campus Halloween dance, Fill the Stocking project, and community service projects. VICA's honors included first place in Club Cheer at the Bulldog Bash and members planned to participate in state skills competitions in late spring. Everywhere you looked — VICA, VICA, VICA! Members said, “WOW! Don't we ever get a break?” Fall semester president Ronnie Green said, “Being in VICA has given me the opportunity to meet lots of people on campus.” C. David Jones added, “It has been gratifying to lend a helping hand to those in need through this well organized club. It has made me very proud to be a VICA member.” The VICA Club sought to develop personal and leadership skills through teamwork in fundraisers, competing in campus events and participating in community service projects. They worked for excellence by preparing for state and national skills competitions. VICA's 33 members were sponsored by Debra Matthews, Bernard Brooks, Rick McDonald, Andrew Tucker and David Holloway.

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**Students for Environmental Action**, JCC's newest student organization, supported environmental action and worked to educate the public on environmental laws and safer alternatives. SEA's activities throughout the school year included Household Hazardous Waste Collection events in George County and in Jackson County, Hoffman-Franklin Creek clean-up, Horn Island clean-up, and the Nation Wide Beach clean-up. The SEA made everyone say, “WOW!” by impressing fellow students and the community with their hard work cleaning-up the environment. They also participated in campus events like Club Day and Fall Fever and sponsor/saxophonist Dan Zwerg was a favorite entertainer at special events like Oktoberfest, Fill the Stocking and Mardi Gras Madness. Among their mottos were, “We did not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrowed it from our children.” “God gave us this Earth to take care of it — not to destroy it.” “Recycle or Die!” Anyone who was interested in saving clean water and the earth could join; it wasn't only for environmental majors.



## AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY ◆

Back row: Chairman Jon Howell, John Thornhill, vice chairman Paul Heffner, and Willie Harris. Front row: Treasurer Michael Wooten, Darron McCarty, advisor William Harris and treasurer Bonnie Batson. JCC's student chapter is affiliated with the AWS, recognized as the leading scientific organization in the world for the welding field. Welding, civil/mechanical/electrical/chemical engineering as well as physics and metallurgy students belonged.



## VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA ◆

Back row: Kelly Ann Arkwright, Kimberly Nonis, Posey Nichols, Terry Seaman, Timmy Noble, advisor Rick McDonald, Kevin Thomas, James Tyner, Robert McDonald, Eric Coleman and Joey Tanner. Front row: David Jones, advisor Debra Matthews, Patrick Dees, fall president Ronnie Green, Josh Bilbo, Ernestine Davis, advisor Bernard Brooks, Jr., and advisor Andrew Tucker. Kneeling: Melanie Trehern and treasurer Lynn Jacobs. Not pictured is advisor David Holloway.



## STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ◆

Back row: James Woodward, assistant public relations Elvis Dodd, Harry Stewart, Will Harper and Jason Spivey. Middle row: Kiley Lynn, treasurer Paul Sones, David Lyons, Keith Lyons, vice president Lynn Miller, president Kathy Waugh, Amy Guidry, Todd Brown, Billy Matthews, Charles Shults, and secretary Molisa Moffett. Front row: Advisor Janet Norvell, sponsor Daniel Zwerg and advisor JoAnn Casey. Not pictured: Public relations Diane Ramos.



# STAND OUTS

Being the best they could be! That's what it was like for JCC students and staff who set goals and didn't stop until they reached them.

JCC students studied to make the grades and joined organizations to make lasting friendships and to enter in some friendly competition for the Lofton Award given annually to the most outstanding campus organization.

But each student achieved recognition throughout the year in his/her own right—whether it was making that passing grade in Comp II (AFTER the term paper!) or in a science course (AFTER the lab final!) ... or whether it was feeling pride when being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa scholastic fraternity or being named to the Presidents List after lots of hard work and

long hours of studying.

Success was also sweet for the student who finally made it through each semester after juggling classes, family and a job. Whatever the case, JCC students set high goals, achieved them and felt a sense of self worth and

happiness when they knew they had done the best they could do.

JCC students didn't have to be publicly recognized to feel good about themselves. They could WOW

themselves by just completing a project, by just making the grade they'd aimed for or by just learning something new.

JCC constantly WOWed the community as faculty, staff and administration joined students in reaching new heights of success—from helping students achieve their highest and best to being recognized themselves for excellence in teaching. JCC really stood out. WOW.

WATCH  
OUTSTANDING  
OUT  
SUCCESSFUL  
WORLD  
ACHIEVERS



## ◆ CROWNING TOUCH.

Honoring Queen Kim Wilson was crowned a second time by the MGCCC holding mascot, left, after halftime ceremonies at the Park campus. Elected Freshman Favorites, below, were, standing, Alicia Dransaw, Mark Pickett, Zane Enis, Timothy Douglas, Danny Horstead, Jake Trevis and, sitting, Autumn Foreman, Latrice Straight, Amanda Orr and Lalinda Bond.

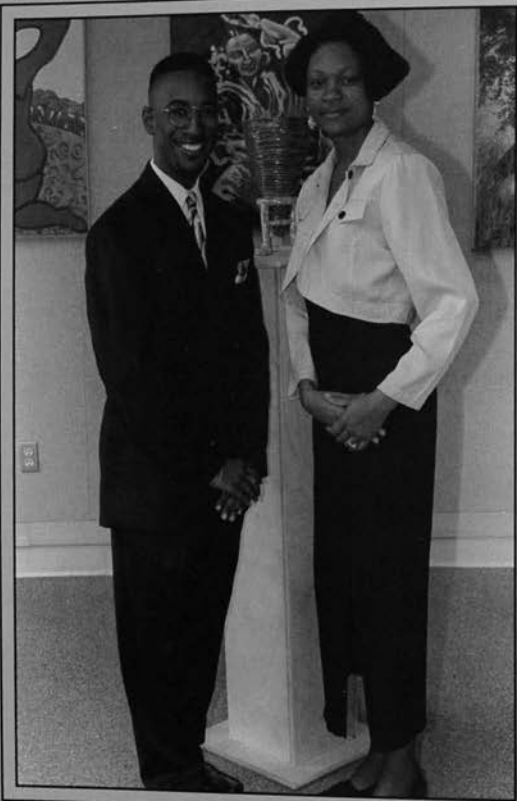


## ◆ HONORED.

Elected Sophomore Favorites, above, were, standing, Adrian Henry, Jay Lowet, Steve Ormon, Brent Dismore, Thomas Marx and, sitting, Holly Reeves, Bronwyn Blackwell, Pam Walker and Jay Laiche. Not pictured is Kim Wilson. Shirley Mallon, left, JCC Records Clerk, was named the campus's Office Professional of the Year award for 1995 by the Association of Educational Office Professionals.



## MR. AND MISS JCC 1996



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*LEAH A. KIMBLE*

◆ *Miss Jackson County Campus*

**L**EAH A. KIMBLE of Pascagoula, a registered nursing major, was elected Miss Jackson County Campus. She was a member of the campus Baptist Student Union and the Baptist Student Union Choir. Leah's activities centered around her church, United Church of God in Christ of America, for which she served as junior class Sunday School teacher, praise and worship leader, personal secretary to the pastor, church secretary, youth leader, jurisdictional secretary and member of the hospitality committee.

"I feel that 1995-96 has been my year to blossom spiritually and in my education. I have been fortunate enough to have encountered some wonderful instructors, like Dr. James Baggett, who encouraged me to pursue my career in nursing. I thank the Lord for all that He is doing for me and for special people that He has placed in my life," she said.

◆ Leah Kimble ◆  
◆ Tyres Autrey ◆



*TYRES FRA'AUNT  
AUTREY*

◆ *Mr. Jackson County Campus*

**T**YRES FRA'AUNT AUTREY, a Public Administration major from Pascagoula, was elected Mr. Jackson County Campus. A Student Council representative his freshman and sophomore years, he was vice president of the Reflections Recruiting/Hospitality Team fall semester and was a member of the Baptist Student Union Choir. He was a freshman class favorite and received a United States Collegiate Award in Student Government both years and a Minority Leadership Award for 1995-96.

"I am glad I came to JCC because of the friends I have gained, the knowledge I have acquired and the significant impact my leadership role has had on student affairs. I feel I am an instrument for God and I'm going to continue to make a difference. My philosophy is, 'If I can help someone in this life then my living shall not be in vain.'"

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BRENT DUNNAWAY  
JOY LAICHE



**P**HILLIP "BRENT" DUNNAWAY ♦ Political Science major. Ocean Springs. Student Council: Freshman and Sophomore Class Representative. Reflections Hospitality/Recruiting Team: Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Vice President. Baptist Student Union: President, Phi Theta Kappa. Freshman Class Favorite. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Hall of Fame. Homecoming Escort. Turkey Trot: Placed in top three for three years. President's list. National Student Leadership Award. "This year at JC has given me an opportunity to branch out. I have been able to see people and associate with them on a more personal level. I am appreciative of the JC staff and faculty and have truly enjoyed participating in the 'boom' of student activities. This college has made an important impression on my life; it has matured me and made me a product of even greater promise."

**A**NGELA JOY LAICHE ♦ Medical Laboratory Technology major. Hurley. Student Council: Freshman Representative. Reflections Recruiting/Hospitality Team: President, Secretary. Phi Theta Kappa: Fellowship Chairman. English Tutor. Lab Assistant. Blood Drive and Charity Drive worker. Honors Program: Thesis published with Mississippi Academy of Science, produced student activities orientation film. Hall of Fame. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Freshman Class Favorite. Sophomore Homecoming maid. All-American Scholar. Vice-President's List. "Going to JC was the best decision I've ever made. I've met so many friends. The teachers are so helpful and the campus is beautiful. I really will miss it when I have to move on."

**T**HOMAS L. MARX, III ♦ Music major. Moss Point. Baptist Student Union: Director of BSU choir, JC Singers. "When I see the glory of God being manifested in the lives of so many students, it makes me say WOW!"

**B**RONWYN NICOLE BLACKWELL ♦ Spanish major. Pascagoula. Baptist Student Union. Phases Yearbook: Editor 1994-95 and 1995-96. Student Council: Associate member 1994-95. National American Collegiate Scholar Award 1995. Hall of Fame. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Freshman Class Favorite. "JC is a great start for anyone's college career! JC gave me the chance to explore my many interests and helped me to find what I'm good at and in which area my most creative ideas and intelligence lie—which helped me decide on a career goal. The faculty, staff and administration are all wonderful and they have all helped me and encouraged me to do my best and reach for the stars. WOW - it's a great place!"

**A**DREIN MAURICE HENRY ♦ Chemistry major. Moss Point. Baptist Student Union. Student Council: Treasurer. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "I'm glad I came to JC because I got a chance to adapt to college life, join clubs, have fun, and make good grades all together."



THOMAS MARX  
ADREIN HENRY  
BRONWYN BLACKWELL

HOLLY REEVES  
JAY LOSSET



**H**OLLY REEVES ♦ Elementary Education major. Gautier. Baptist Student Union: Summer Missions Chairman, Summer Missionary in the Pacific Northwest. Reflections. Student Council: Sophomore Class President. Freshman Associate Member. Spring Phases Staff. LIFE Christian Support Club. Freshman Favorite. United States Achievement Academy Award. "WOW! When I decided to come to JCC, it was the best decision I ever made. I want to tell the faculty and staff that they are Number One in the state. I have met a lot of friends through different clubs and student activities and I have made lasting friendships with fellow students and teachers. This year at JCC has meant a difference in my life. I was given the chance of being Sophomore Class President and I got to use my leadership skills in an awesome way. And I showed my Christian values in a special way, too. I plan to be used in the community with different youth programs. God called me into His full-time ministry to be a missionary."

**J**AY SCOT LOSSET ♦ Communications major. Vancleave. Student Council: Freshman and Sophomore (fall) representative. Phi Theta Kappa. Freshman Class Favorite. Honors Program. Hall of Fame. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "The excellent faculty and staff, combined with the new facilities this year at JC, has made me say 'WOW!'."

**P**AMELA KAY WALKER ♦ Elementary Education major. Gautier. Student Council: Vice President, Freshman Class Representative. Freshman Homecoming Maid. Hall of Fame. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "After coming to JC, I could not say anything but 'WOW' after seeing how friendly and helpful the faculty was. I would not trade these past two years for anything in the world. JC is great!"

**S**TEPHEN WAYNE ORMON ♦ Electrical/Computer Engineering major. Gautier. Student Council: Sophomore Representative. Phi Theta Kappa. Math Club: Treasurer. Honors Program. President's and Vice President's Lists. Freshman Class Favorite. Student Representative Speaker at Board of Trustees Meeting. Hall of Fame. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "JC has always given me ample opportunities to excel and gain the knowledge I need to further my education. The faculty has also given 100% to make sure I am prepared for the next step. I will always be proud that I was lucky enough to go to this college."

**K**IMBERLY WILSON ♦ Elementary Education major. Gautier. JCC Student Worker: Day Care Center. Homecoming Queen. "I have been pleased with my grades that I have received at JCC. Before coming here, my grades were never as good as I wished they would have been, but JCC has allowed me to have a better and more positive outlook on my education. My WOW experience was being elected by the student body to represent my school as Homecoming Queen."

PAM WALKER  
STEPHEN ORMON  
KIMBERLY WILSON (Insert)





TIMOTHY DOUGLAS  
LANITA STRAUGHN



**T**IMOTHY DOUGLAS ♦ Physical Therapy major. Moss Point. "I'm glad I attended JC due to the price of other universities offering the same courses for a higher rate."

**L**ANITA STRAUGHN ♦ Physical Therapy major. Moss Point. Baptist Student Union: Choir. Freshman Homecoming Maid.

**M**ARK P. PICHON ♦ Electrical Engineering major. Pascagoula. Student Council: Freshman Representative. Drama Club: Witness for the Prosecution production crew. Baptist Student Union: Choir. "All honor goes to God!"

**A**LICIA DUNNWAY ♦ Science Pre-Med major. Ocean Springs. Reflections Recruiting/Hospitality Team. Student Council: Freshman Class President. Baptist Student Union. Freshman Homecoming Maid. President's List. "JC has helped me educationally and socially. I also see that this will give me a firm foundation and prepare me for the paths that lie ahead. JC offers a great educational program. With the wonderful staff and loving friends, I have been able to see myself grow and to be content with who I am."

**J**AKE TRAVIS ♦ Landscape Architecture major. Ocean Springs. "I'm glad I came to JC because it lets me enjoy the comforts of home while getting a great education."



ALICIA DUNNWAY  
JAKE TRAVIS

MARK  
PICHON



AMANDA  
ORY



ZANE ESTIS  
AUTUMN FORSMAN



**B**ETTYE AMANDA ORY ♦ Paralegal Studies major. Pascagoula. Student Council: Freshman Class Representative. "Being a first year student at JC, I was unaware of what to expect. However, getting involved with school activities made it easier for me to get to know people and enjoy my freshman year. JC offers many clubs and activities that allow people to get to know each other as well as the staff. The school spirit shown by the students, teachers and faculty is enough to make anyone say WOW!"

**L**ALINDA MICHELE BOND ♦ Pharmacy major. Pascagoula. Student Council: Freshman Class representative. Reflections Recruiting/Hospitality Team: Historian. "I am glad I came to JC because of the wholesome and solid academic foundation I am receiving in order to have a successful life. I want to receive my pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi. My short time at JC has brought new friends, has given me wonderful opportunities and allowed me to make a difference make use of my leadership abilities."

**D**ONNY LEE HIESTAND ♦ Science major. Moss Point. "I am glad I came to JC because of the supportive faculty and the specialized learning centers it has to offer. I want to attend the University of Southern Mississippi to receive my degree in science. I feel that JC is equivalent to a senior college and recommend it to others with uncertainties to try JC because it's beneficial to one's academic goals."

**Z**ANETHOMAS ESTIS ♦ Theological Studies major. Gautier. Student Council: Freshman Class Representative. "WOW! I have found JCC to be all I expected and more! Both students and staff are friendly and eager to assist. They have made this year a memorable one for me. I plan to transfer to Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Dallas, Texas, where I will pursue my major in Theological Studies."

**A**UTUMN FORSMAN ♦ Marketing major. Pascagoula. Student Council: Freshman Class Representative Honors Program. "JC has not only been instrumental in helping me meet people, but it has also enabled me to become an active student."

LAINDA BOND  
DONNY HIESTAND







**DONNA MORAN** • Vandalia Associate Degree Nursing, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Nursing Association, Vice President, President and Vice President Lane, Anatomy and Physiology I Science Award. "A transition from being a nursing student to becoming a registered nurse during clinical experience was absolutely wonderful! My family, God, instructors and friends have all contributed to my success in a caring, helping profession."



**CLAYTON KYLE MCCALL** • Vandalia Mechanical Engineering, Phi Theta Kappa, Vice President, Historian, Math Club, Vice President, Honors Program, Tutor, President's List, National Dean's List, HEADWAIL student for MGCCC, PTK, All Mississippi Academic Team, Gaudier Rotary Club Scholarship. "Meeting new friends, joining clubs, increasing my knowledge and having more fun than ever before, all while growing up a little. I have ultimately become a part of a better person."



**MICHELE McNALLY** • Gaudier Accounting, Technology and Administrative Support Services Technology, President's List. "As I graduate this year, I look back and say 'WOW' that I've been able to keep an outstanding scholastic record while working at an office on a near full-time schedule. A majority of the success I have achieved is from self-motivation; however, my parents have been a great support. They tell me to shoot for the stars, and I'll always go for it."



**STEPHEN WAYNE ORMON** • Gaudier Electrical Engineering, Student Council, Sophomore Key, Phi Theta Kappa, Math Club, Treasurer, Honors Program, President and Vice President's List. "Participation in Student Council has led me to be more appreciative of the faculty and student government who make campus life enjoyable and rewarding. I have experienced the dedication and genuine concern of our administration and faculty who have done all they can to help me have many rewarding opportunities at JCC."



**TRINAXILEE REEVES** • Ocean Springs Business Accounting, Phi Theta Lambda, Vice President. "I have made alot of great friends and had some of the greatest instructors at JCC. I have made a lot of goals, but my degree in accounting is the most important of them all. The second most important is to overcome my shyness. Mrs. Joanne Stewart has been the greatest to me in helping me overcome my shyness."



**BRIAN SLINK SHAW** • Ocean Springs Art, Drawing and Design, Learning Lab, Student Worker, Gaudier Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "What's made me say 'WOW'! Unsmile... .. staff. Friendship with a cool people. The need to reach across a stage in the name of peace and love."



**PAMELA KAY WALKER** • Gaudier General Education, Student Council, Vice President, Freshman Rep, Freshman Homecoming Meet, Sophomore Class Favorite. "What's made me say WOW! Being a part of all the school activities and seeing how successful they have been and knowing that I contributed to that success. Knowing that all the faculty really do care about how well you do in school and they will do whatever they can to help you out. They're great!"



**MADELINE LYNN ZIMMERMAN** • Ocean Springs Nursing, Phi Theta Kappa, New Horizons Tutoring. "Learning all of those bones for Dr. Dana's Anatomy and Physiology I class made me say 'WOW' as well as Mrs. Odum's art class—credible individual and instructor! My drive is the desire to contribute something wonderful and meaningful to society, as well as to set a good example about the value of an education for my children."

**SHAD LEE ERKINTALO** • Not Pictured. Gaudier, Finance and Marketing, Phi Theta Kappa, Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. "I was very pleased about my induction into PTK. The new friendships I have made this year have made me say 'WOW'. My drive has been to achieve my full potential and to make my family proud."

**MELANIE TREHERN** • Not Pictured. Moss Point, Electrical Technology, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Achievement Award, Nontraditional Student of the Month. "I am pleased with all of the things I have learned this year that will benefit me for a lifetime in the career I have chosen. To have received so many honors of recognition is a definite 'WOW'. The activities that JCC has provided for the students to enjoy has been a great experience. I hope to be a 'productive person' in the work force one day."

## State Recognition

Vocational educators honored the late Shira Usher by naming her Mississippi's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Usher, who died May 18, 1995, was nominated after her death. An instructor for the college for 27 years, she had served as head instructor of practical nursing and as health occupations department chair. She was a registered nurse at Singing River and Ocean Springs hospitals. The "Shira Usher Outstanding Practical Nursing HOSA Student of the Year" award has been instituted on campus in her honor. Usher received the Lamplighter Award for Excellence in Teaching for 1992-93 and held offices and committee seats in the numerous organizations.



**SHIRA USHER**



**THE FAMILY OF SHIRA USHER** accepted a plaque recognizing her as Mississippi's Health Occupations Educator 1995 Teacher of the Year. Accepting the award on behalf of Mrs. Usher who died in 1995 were her sister Joy Leyle of Charleston, S.C., daughter Lara Usher of Cleveland, Fla., brother David Jones of Richman and daughter Hedy Usher of Gaudier. Dr. Barry Mullinger, President of MGCCC, presented the plaque.



## WHO'S WHO

## AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

**T**hirty-seven sophomores were chosen by the faculty for inclusion in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*, a national publication honoring students for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success. They joined an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning across America.

**MELANIE TREHORN** • Moon Point, Electrical Technology. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "I have received so many honors of recognition is a definite 'wow', as well as the experience of participating in the activities JCC has provided for the students to enjoy."

**CHRISTINA M. VINER** • Gauster, Elementary Education, Math Club President, Vice President, Phi Theta Kappa, Treasurer, Volunteer Tutor, Scholarships, Johnson Brothers Jewelry, Gauster Rotary Club, Vice President's List. "I have met some very bright minds that will soon enter the job market. The instructors have been very helpful and the campus activities have been outstanding! My role model throughout my education has been my elementary teacher, Mrs. Rappert, who encouraged me as a child to study hard and strive for success."

**MARY M. BRYANT** • Vancleave, Respiratory Therapy Assistant/BS Cardio-pulmonary. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "The most enjoyable work with students, faculty and staff on my campus has been as a student worker. Reflections was a wonderful experience. Being an older non-traditional student who has experienced many highs and lows, making the most of my time here at JCC has been my drive."

**DEBORAH D. BJORKLUND** • Ocean Springs, Accounting Technology, Hall of Fame. "I can say WOW because I have taken the classes at one time and been able to achieve. As in all of them. Also, being chosen to the Hall of Fame and Who's Who has definitely been an honor. My motivation has been to prove to myself and family that I can be successful."

**MARY LOUISE BOUNDS** • Gauster, Physical Therapist, Phi Theta Kappa, Secretary, Volunteer Tutor, Reflections, Secretary, Honors Program, Scholarships, Gauster Minors Club, Gauster Rotary Club, Sickle Memorial Physical Therapy, Turkey Trot. "I am a place person. Reflections has given me the opportunity to meet wonderful people and participate in fun campus activities. My drive to become a physical therapist drives me commit 100% at everything I do."

**ATRICIA "JANIE" MENDOZA** • Gauster, Nursing-ADN. "I was able to participate in a Nursing Extension Program at Memorial Hospital. The support of my family and some incredible people who are my friends and classmates made me say WOW! My husband gave me the love and support I needed to look back myself to find my goals and the focus to achieve them."

**SHELLA BEASLEY** • Escatawpa, Mathematics Education, Phi Theta Kappa, Math Tutor, Honors Program, President and Vice President's List. "What made me say WOW? Obedience in the way I follow orders through Turkey Trot. The friendships, it's amazing to see people of all different ages and backgrounds working together. The desire for a better life drives me, but I might have given up without the never-ending support and encouragement of my instructors."

**JAY SCOTT LOSSETT** • Vancleave, Communications. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "Things I have done that made me say 'WOW' have been new friends. Doing very good in my classes, as I've tried to be an involved person. The excellent faculty and staff, especially the diversity and cultural studies department. I want to be the absolute best person I can be and to be able to look back on my life and be proud."

**BRENDA K. BUFFHAM** • Biloxi, Microcomputer Specialist, President's List. "My drive has been to be the first person in my family to graduate from college."

**ONNA MORAN** • Vancleave, ADN Nursing, See Hall of Fame for Honors. "A transition from being a nursing student to becoming a registered nurse during clinical experience was absolutely wonderful! My family, God, classmates and friends have all contributed to my success. The desire to be a caring and helping profession has given me the drive to become an RN."

**JENNIFER KEYS** • Escatawpa, Accounting, Phi Theta Kappa, Honor's Biology Internship, Vice President's List, National Diet's List, President's List. "My desire to have a successful career has driven me and will continue to drive me throughout the rest of my education."

**DEANNA COX SMITH** • Wade, Mathematics Education, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors, Math Club, 1995 Hall of Fame. "I've maintained a 4.0 while working and managing a household with a husband and baby girl. I have experienced complete sincerity from some of my teachers. My drive is my husband and 3-year-old daughter."

**SHERI WAYNE GRAMON** • Gauster, Electrical Engineering, See Hall of Fame for Honors. "Participation in Student Government has had me be more active of the faculty and Student Government who make campus life enjoyable and rewarding. I appreciate the dedication and vast resources of our administration and faculty who do all they can to help me and who have given me many rewarding opportunities at JCC."

**AKIRA DENISE GOFF** • Gauster, Pre-Pharmacy, Phi Theta Kappa, Math Club, Historian, Hall of Fame, Honors Program, JCC GPA. "I have always had a personal drive to succeed and to always do my best."

**WHO'S WHO STUDENTS** • Melanie Trehorn, Christina Viner, Gary Bryant, Deborah Bjorklund and Mary Bounds.



**WHO'S WHO STUDENTS** • Patricia Mendoza, Shelia Beasley, Jay Lossett, Brenda Buffham, Madeline Zimmerman.



**WHO'S WHO STUDENTS** • Jennifer Keys, Deanna Smith, Stephen Ormon, Laura Goff, Mary E. Fountain.

## AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

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**WHO'S WHO STUDENTS** • Rachel Lyon, Joy Laiche, Clayton McCall, Pam Walker, Michelle McNally.



**MARY E. FOUNTAIN** • Ocean Springs, Microcomputer Specialist, Phi Beta Lambda, Hall of Fame. "The support faculty and JCC emphasis on Family of Students and Teachers' working together has made me say WOW. I've always wanted to complete the college degree program I began in 1981. While volunteering in my sister's rooms, I realized that some of the God-given talents were directly related to education. I hope to use my Master Computer Associate Degree to open doors for future goal achievements in computer technology and art education."

**RACHEL D. LYON** • Pascagoula, Medical Lab Tech. Reflections, Phi Theta Kappa, MLC Club President, Honors Program, National Dean List. "I am especially impressed with the way that all of our clubs held so many functions to help those in our school and in our community who are less fortunate than others. I want to set a good example for my daughter, so she can also achieve the same sense of self-worth that I feel when I succeed."

**ANGELA JOY LAICHE** • Harkley, Medical Technology. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "I have experienced the gracious hospitality of JCC students and faculty. No other campus that has as much warmth as Jackson County. My drive has always been wanting to be with and help others and to be involved in every activity that I possibly could be."

**LAVTON KYLE MCCALL** • Vancleave, Mechanical Engineering, See Hall of Fame for Honors, Gauster Rotary Club Scholarship, HEADWAE student for MGCCC, All Minors PTK Academic Team. "The extraordinary teamwork of certain clubs to accomplish almost any task set before them has made me say WOW. I have an internal unquenchable thirst and hope to make the world's tomorrow at least a little better than the world's today."

**AMELIA KAY WALKER** • Gauster, Elementary Education. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "Being a part of all the school activities and seeing how successful they have been and knowing that I contributed to that success and knowing the faculty really does care about how well you do in school and they will do whatever they can to help you can have been WOW. They're great!"

**MICHELLE L. MCNALLY** • Gauster, Accounting Technology and Administrative Support Services Technology, Hall of Fame, President's List. "I've graduated, I look back and say 'WOW' that I've been able to keep an outstanding scholastic record while working at an office on a near full-time schedule. The success I have achieved is from self-motivation and my parents' support. They tell me to shoot for the stars, and I'll always be in life."

**TRINA MAXWELL REEVES** • Ocean Springs, Business/Accounting, Phi Beta Lambda, Vice President, Hall of Fame. "All the activities have made me say WOW, as well as the great friends I have made and the great instructors I've had at JCC. Getting my degree in accounting is my most important goal, and the second most important is to overcome my shyness. Since I have been at JCC, I have found some of the best instructors, but Mrs. J. Stewart has been the greatest to me in helping me overcome my shyness."

**MICHELLE MANLEY** • Ocean Springs, BS Nursing, See Hall of Fame for Honors. "I am really pleased about how everyone has really pitched in and become a Team on Student Council. The events we've sponsored make me say WOW. The instructors are absolutely the best—always willing to go the extra mile to help the students. The only way I will be pleased with myself is to do my best and work the hardest I can."

**PHILIP BRENT DUNNAWAY** • Ocean Springs, Political Science. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "I am a member of a unity between clubs and greater involvement of faculty in students' lives. When I was a freshman, my advisor, Carl Duncan, said, 'There, if you don't make an attempt to be your best academically and don't get good grades, you're not looking for a job after college. If you do your very best and make good grades, the job will come looking for you.' That was my turning point. My grades went from a 2.8 to 3.12, 3.3, and then 4.0. You can attain any goal if you will only try and do enough."

**WHO'S WHO STUDENTS** • Trina Reeves, Michelle Manley, Brent Dunnaway, Rosalie Senteno, Bronwyn Blackwell, Dawne Dungan, night.

**WHO'S WHO STUDENTS** • Rosalie Senteno • Ocean Springs, Respiratory Therapy, Reflections, Respiratory Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Anatomy and Physiology Award. "I try to focus on the big picture in life, while succeeding in my daily studies. The most recent I turned after in academics I earned a 4.0 in my last semester. I have never looked back upon these times with fond memories, a strong B degree and with my peers saying, 'Wow, you graduated from THERP!'"

**BRONWYN NICOLE BLACKWELL** • Pascagoula, Speech Pathology. See Hall of Fame for Honors. "I've had to work harder and longer than most individuals because of my dyslexia and that has also been my drive to prove I can do what I want and be who I want no matter my circumstances or trials I may face. I am not one to settle for less than the best and I won't quit until I am satisfied."

**DAWNE DUNGAN** • Pascagoula, Speech Pathology, Student Council, Secretary. "My drive and ambition stems from having a disability with dyslexia, and my employees and doing my best at those things while there was never enough time to do it all. I would like to return this help to others who might have similar needs future and have the opportunity to help my child be the best she can be."

• ADRIAN MAURICE HENRY: Moon Point, Chemistry, Baptist Student Union, Student Council, Treasurer, Sophomore Class Favorite. "WOW! The live entertainment and more people are getting involved." • JOY RAYBORN: Pascagoula, Microcomputer Specialist, President's List. "After being out of school for 15 years, I am most pleased that the transition to being a student again was not difficult. Although I postponed college for many years, I am the goal of a student degree, and I have been determined to achieve my goal." • ALISA NAMED: STACY M. McCall, ALICE W. JOHNSON, GINA L. PERCE.

**NOT PICTURED** • See Hall of Fame pages for information on SHAD LEE ERKINTALO, VIKKI LEGGETT, CHRISTY MORADAMAND, BRIAN SHAW AND MADELINE N. ZIMMERMAN.

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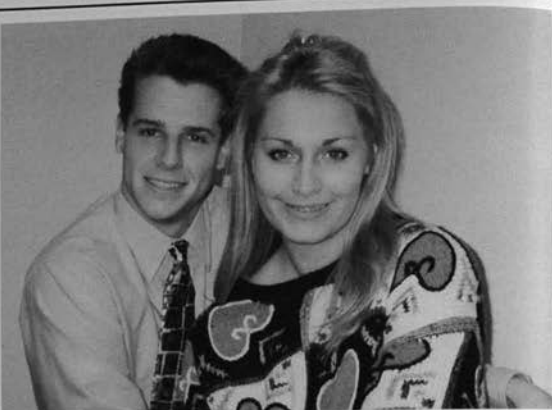
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# STUDENT HONORS 1996

## All-Mississippi Academic Teams

**A**LL-MISSISSIPPI Academic Third Team members from JCC named by Phi Theta Kappa were sophomores Vikki Leggett of Ocean Springs and Clayton McCall of Vandave. They were honored March 6 at a luncheon in Jackson sponsored by the state Phi Theta Kappa headquarters, The *Clarion Ledger* newspaper and the Mississippi Association of Junior Colleges. The pair was among the top community college scholars in the state selected for three teams based on academic records and extra-curricular participation. Both are members of PTK with Vikki serving as president and Clayton as vice president. Both were members of the Honors Program, PTK tutoring program, campus Hall of Fame and Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges.



Clayton McCall ♦ Vikki Leggett

## H.E.A.D.W.A.E.

**C**LAYTON McCALL, a Vandave sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was chosen to represent the students of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's three campuses at the ninth annual Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature to honor academically talented students and faculty who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

One student and one faculty member from Mississippi's 38 colleges, universities and community colleges were honored March 9 at the Capitol and at a luncheon. Larry Miller, mathematics instructor on the Jefferson Davis Campus, also represented MGCCC.

McCall has served as vice president and historian of Phi Theta Kappa and vice president of the Math Club. A

member of the Honors Program, he has served as a tutor and was selected for the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Third Team. He was a recipient of a Gautier Rotary Club scholarship, was on the President's List, maintained a 4.0 GPA and received the 1994-95 Physics Award.

"He is a very conscientious student who continuously strives to understand even the most difficult material," said physics instructor Jason Pugh.

"Clayton has worked in every function of our organization, planning, promoting, organizing and executing projects of all kinds from car washes to toy car painting," said PTK adviser Kay Sims. "He gets others involved and motivates them to success with his own brand of enthusiasm and humor."

McCall is an active member of the Church of Christ in Vandave and works 35 hours per week in addition to his college responsibilities.



Clayton K. McCall  
Sophomore  
Mechanical Engineering

# 1996 FACULTY HONORS



LAMPLIGHTER

Eleanor Douglas



LAMPLIGHTER

Martha Richardson

**L**AMPLIGHTER '95 honorees from Jackson County Campus were practical nursing instructor Eleanor Douglas and fine arts chairperson Martha Richardson. The conference was established by the Mississippi Academic Deans Association to honor and reward effective teaching in Mississippi community/junior colleges and gave outstanding instructors an opportunity to share techniques.

Mrs. Douglas, who has certification in psychiatric nursing, earned her BS and MS in education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She earned her associate degree in nursing from JCC and has a diploma practical from Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colorado. She initiated the first chapter of Health Occupations Students of America at JCC and continues to sponsor the club.

"Lamplighter allowed me an opportunity for renewed dedication to my profession through exposure to elite educational minds and fellowship with my colleagues. Receiving this honor has been the highlight of my career," she said.

Mrs. Richardson received her BA from Vassar College, her MA from the University of South Alabama and additional studies at the University of Southern Mississippi, Brigham Young University of Delaware and Eastman. She says WOW! when she meets a former student who remembers her as a teacher.

"Being recognized by my supervisor as a good teacher was encouraging," she said. "And, being chosen by the conference members as an outstanding contributor to the conference made me say WOW!"



MATH TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR

Raymond Tanner



INSTRUCTOR  
OF THE YEAR

Amaryllis Stroud

**C**OLLEGE MATHEMATICS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD for the state of Mississippi was presented to JCC math instructor Raymond Tanner by the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics. "I considered it particularly meaningful to be nominated by my department chairman and selected by MCTM members," said the 13-year MGCCC employee. "These are my peers, fellow math teachers who know what it takes to be a good and effective math instructor."

"I most appreciated being named Instructor of the Year at JCC because students nominate the teachers and it has always been the students who are my priority, and the students to whom I feel responsible, and the students for whom I teach," said the president-elect of the MCTM and 1996 convention chair for the organization.

**I**NSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR for 1995 was Mrs. Amaryllis Stroud who taught at JCC for 30 years before she retired in 1995. "This honor was most meaningful, especially as it came as I was retiring from the college," said the developmental studies instructor. She received her BS and masters degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and did post-graduate work at USM and Mississippi State University.

"It has been a great satisfaction to see my grandchildren grow up to be fine, Christian young people. I can't claim much credit but I do feel 'WOW' about that," she exclaimed.



Passing by people each day, but not quite sure of who the faces belonged to, was the exception rather than the

That was a far fetched myth for JCC students because most faces had names and most names had faces; students gradually knew almost everyone in their classes; resided in the ha-

Smaller and close-knit classes, unlike a university, gave JCC students the opportunity and privilege to get to know each other in classes and labs. Nothing seemed trendy—because students were individuals, free to be themselves.

By getting acquainted, study groups were easy to create and gave students the chance to become acquainted with everyone, even the teachers and instruc-

tors. They showed their care and concern for the students, and encouraged them to do the best they could do—in spite of obstacles and challenges.

JCC's wide variety of opportunities made it possible for ev-

everyone to find what they needed. From academic classes to hands-on training in the technical and vocational programs, students found their piece

of the puzzle.

Students were given the chance to accomplish their goals and be successful, but it would not have been possible without the undergirding support of the administration and staff. They were there to encourage—helpful in every way—and could always be counted on to give support from the top.

JCC WOW'd the students because of the support and encouragement they received.

WATCH  
STUDENTS  
OUT  
FACULTY  
WORLD  
ADMINISTRATION



When the Student Council participated in a Ropes Course in Fairhope, they learned to work together as Adreain Henry, Mark Pichon and Jay Louser helped Holly Reeves, left, get across a mud ditch. Stephene Hosey, below, held on tight as she hitched a ride to C building with supplies while helping clean up after the Turkey Trot.



Phi Beta Lambda members Trina Reeves and Kathy Peters, above, enjoyed the homecoming pep rally and bonfire after the parade. Holly Reeves and Michelle Manley, left, collaborated in Mrs. Terry Fountain's office on student activities and promotional ideas.



# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## STUDY SESSIONS

Timothy Warner, right, was one of many who studied and worked on class assignments in the Learning Lab. Chemistry instructor Robert MacInnis, below, assisted Robert Schulz and Amanda Hudson after class to make sure they understood the day's lecture.



# ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

- ◆ 1454 full-time day students enrolled in fall
- ◆ 97 full-time night students enrolled in fall
- ◆ Enrollment up fall semester! Class size increased from 23 to 25 students per class.
- ◆ MGCCC was largest community college in state
- ◆ Academic probation policy instituted
- ◆ New faculty on board:
  - Sociology: William Snell
  - Psychology: Becky Posey
  - Nursing: Judy Dalgo
  - Michelle Harris
  - Alice O'Neal
  - Science: Van Stringfellow
  - Learning Lab: Sharon Davis

- ◆ Faculty transfers:
  - Study Skills: Pat Hancock
  - Stephanie Allison
  - Language Arts: Tara Langston
  - Developmental: Julie Besancon
- ◆ Two year associate degree before transferring
- ◆ Free tutors
- ◆ Learning Lab and Library support assistance
- ◆ Mrs. Cassie Malone retired in December after 30 years with JOC
- ◆ Facilities expanded with opening of math building
- ◆ CCN offerings expanded
- ◆ Honors Program

- ◆ BUSINESS
- ◆ FINE ARTS
- ◆ DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES
- ◆ PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- ◆ LANGUAGE ARTS
- ◆ MATHEMATICS
- ◆ SCIENCE
- ◆ SOCIAL SCIENCES
- ◆ HONORS PROGRAM
- ◆ REGISTERED NURSING



**CALL IN A DAY'S WORK**  
Mrs. Bess Moffatt, top, used the overhead projector while giving a lecture to her biology class. Jacorin McIntyre, center, put the finishing touches on her drawings for art. Susanne Dunipace gave a sigh of relief after completing her studies.

Christina Allen ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Carla Anderson ♦ Soph. Moss Point

Alicia Andrews ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
La Shanda Ard ♦ Ft. Moss Point

Karen Aramando ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs  
Chadly Arthur ♦ Ft. Pangeola

Joseph Arthur ♦ Soph. Pangeola  
Britanna Aubin ♦ Ft. Pangeola

Tyler Aubrey ♦ Soph. Pangeola  
Janet Barrett ♦ Ft. Moss

Joshua Burton ♦ Ft. Moss Point  
Heather Battiste ♦ Soph. Pangeola

Cheryl Beilford ♦ Soph. Pangeola  
Brianna Blackwell ♦ Soph. Pangeola



## Make 'Em Say

# SUCCESS

## W.O.W

**A**ttitude and goal setting are the main factors in determining college success, according to Mrs. Pat Hancock, Survival Skills instructor.

"A person needs to have an internal focus of control," she said, explaining that students believe they can do whatever they set out to do and are not afraid to change. "Students should control circumstances by setting goals and sticking to them."

"Setting goals are important because they force a student to commit to something," she said, adding that it is also important that students take responsibility for themselves.

"Phi Theta Kappa students are driven by their personal goals and ambitions," said Mrs. Kay Sims, PTK sponsor. "Reading well and fast, good writing, organizing skills, and studying along the way and not just at test time make PTK members good students."

Mrs. Hancock advised students to choose classes based on academic strengths and weaknesses and to learn to deal with stress by making and prioritizing lists of things that need to be done. Other stress beaters suggested by Mrs. Hancock are to be realistic, exercise the tensions away, learn to say no, ask for help, learn to deal with negative people, treat yourself, get your life in order, make a wish list and help someone else. She also encouraged free tutoring offered by the Learning Lab.

College shouldn't be all work and no play, according to Mrs. Terry Fountain, Student Activities Counselor.

"Students who get involved on campus beyond the classroom usually are among our most successful students," she said.

♦ Diedre Laster

### ON TARGET

Mark Pittman found that the help offered in the Learning Lab was a success enhancer when it came to writing essays for English.



## ♦ ACADEMIC



LaJada Bond ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Cindy Brouse ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Kathy Browning ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Tahira Bryant ♦ Soph. Pangeola  
April Buchanan ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs  
Dale But-Fresh ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs

Becky Burrett ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Terry Butler ♦ Ft. Lumbard  
Spencer Buckle ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs  
Laura Cales ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs  
Tammie Camper ♦ Ft. Moss Point  
Maria Caraway ♦ Ft. Moss

Sherrie Carter ♦ Ft. Moss  
Misty Canby ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Tommy Chisholm ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
George Cook ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Shannon Crane ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Vanessa Crear ♦ Soph. Moss Point

Sasha Creel ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Thom Cross ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Tracie Cuel ♦ Ft. Lumbard  
James David ♦ Ft. Vardboro  
Charles Davis Jr. ♦ Soph. Moss  
Evanne Deason ♦ Ft. Moss Point

Andrea Diller ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Karen Dorey ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Joshua Duncan ♦ Soph. Moss  
Dwayne Dungan ♦ Soph. Pangeola  
Alicia Dumasway ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Brent Dumasway ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs

Andrew Egerton ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Matthew Egerton ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Derek Erickson ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Lamar Ertle ♦ Soph. Canton  
Adam Fagan ♦ Soph. Pangeola  
Jennifer Fisher ♦ Ft. Canton

Jonathan Ford ♦ Ft. Moss  
Terry Funderbush ♦ Ft. Ocean Springs  
Autism Forness ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Rose Franklin ♦ Ft. Pangeola  
Ursula Frazee ♦ Soph. Ocean Springs  
Cynthia Garrett ♦ Soph. Canton

# LIFE-O-RAMA

## Don't Worry—Live for NOW

College years are the best times to have fun, be crazy and do things you've never done before. While many traditional JCC students found that this transitional time between childhood and adulthood held options, they found themselves considering the consequences first.

For some, living for the moment also meant living for the week-end when going to parties, clubs and concerts with friends ruled. Or it could mean acting spontaneously. Or it could mean living for the future.

Pascagoula sophomore Adam Fagan raced his dirt bikes and

go-kart with friends. They raced competitively at speeds between 80 and 180 miles per hour, without seat belts.

"I don't think about the consequences because if I get hurt, well, I just get hurt," said Fagan.

According to a yearbook poll, JCC students who considered the consequences before doing something did so because they thought it was the responsible way to live or because they were aware of the influence their behavior would have on others or because they wanted to stay out of trouble or because they wanted to live or because they had a family to take care of. It

appeared that life and death were issues to consider in the 90's. Students polled said that risky behaviors included drinking and driving, taking drugs and unsafe sex.

"I won't drink and drive or take drugs because I want to avoid an early death," said sophomore Christie Fifield of Pascagoula.

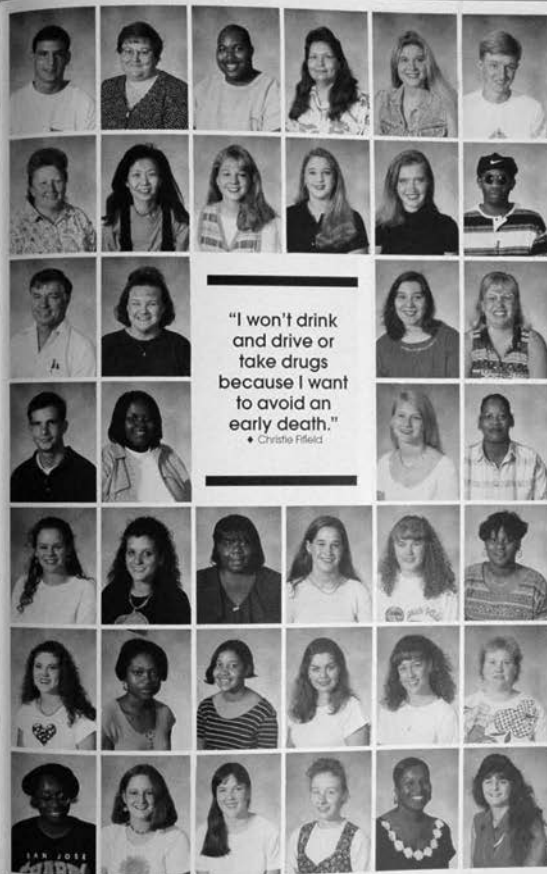
One computer engineering major said he didn't engage in risky behaviors because he didn't have time to play around. Another said he didn't because he is a Christian. Whatever the reasons, students considered the consequences, even when living for the moment.

"I like racing. It's competitive and it's a natural high. I don't think about what might happen."

♦ Adam Fagan



## ACADEMIC



Jason Gatto ♦ Fr., Louisville  
Terry Gato ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Kerrie Gray ♦ Soph., Canton  
Linda Gray ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Kristi Green ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Dustin Gregg ♦ Fr., Pascagoula

Rhonda Griffin ♦ Fr., Vachero  
Kimiko Hall ♦ Soph., Moss Point  
Alvin Harlan ♦ Soph., Vachero  
Kelly Haynes ♦ Soph., Canton  
Lynette Hart ♦ Fr., Biloxi  
Adrian Henry ♦ Soph., Moss Point

James Heister ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Michelle Heister ♦ Soph., Pascagoula  
Melanie Hillhouse ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Mary Hillhouse ♦ Soph., Canton

Jason Holmes ♦ Soph., Canton  
Teresa Holt ♦ Fr., Biloxi  
Stephane House ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Gail Houston ♦ Fr., Pascagoula

Tracey Hudgins ♦ Fr., Canton  
Laketha Johnson ♦ Fr., Moss Point  
April Jones ♦ Fr., Louisville  
Jennifer Jones ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Samantha Jones ♦ Soph., Canton  
Jennifer Keys ♦ Soph., Moss Point

Leah Kinkle Soph., Pascagoula  
Christina Kunkles ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Angela Joy Lachar ♦ Soph., Pascagoula  
Janelle Larson ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Lori Lashley ♦ Soph., Pascagoula  
Dorinda Lester ♦ Fr., Canton

Valerie Lawrence ♦ Fr., D'Iberville  
Angela Layfield ♦ Fr., Canton  
Amy Lee ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Angela Lewis ♦ Soph., Canton  
Angela Lewis ♦ Fr., Pascagoula

♦ OOPS!

Sophomore Adam Fagan lived the natural high he got from racing dirt bikes and go-karts.



Jay Lammert • Soph., Vancouver  
Shannon Mallonee • Fr., Gaston



Michelle Mashey • Soph., Ocean Springs  
Harold Manning • Soph., Moss Point



Mary Mander • Soph., Ocean Springs  
Kelly Martin • Soph., Pascagoula



Michelle Martin • Soph., Pascagoula  
Cynthia Mathew • Fr., Pascagoula



Angelika Mickel • Fr., Gaston  
Tanya Mitchell • Fr., Gaston



Sandra Myers • Soph., Gulfport  
Christina Murray • Soph., Ocean Springs



Clayton McCall • Soph., Vancouver  
Ann McCarthy • Fr., Ocean Springs



◆ **STYLING** Anika Riegler, Julie Hixenbaugh, Melissa Pittalo, Justin Davis and Brian Shaw dressed for a typical day of classes.



## Make 'Em Say

# STYLES

## W.O.W

What's hot? What's not? This year, the majority of JCC students tended to have their own styles and didn't follow the herds, opting to dress according to personality or moods. They said that others like them because of who they are, not what they wear.

According to students, JCC's faculty wasn't style conscious, either. They said the faculty looked nice and wore what was comfortable and appropriate.



▶ **MOST COMFORTABLE THING TO WEAR:** Jeans, shorts, sweats, old T-shirts, boxers

▶ **FAVORITE THING TO WEAR:** Jeans

▶ **FAVORITE NAME BRANDS:** Gap, Levi, Lee, Yaga, Guess

▶ **BEST SHOES:** Loafers, Timberlands, Nikes, Keds, sandals, tennis shoes

▶ **WORST SHOES:** Heels, flip flops, boots

▶ **MOST COMFORTABLE SHOES:** Sandals and Nikes

▶ **UGLIEST SHOES:** Nonbrand, flip flops, clogs

▶ **PRETTIEST SHOES:** Tassel loafers, sandals

▶ **TYPES OF CLOTHES WORN MOST OFTEN:** Gap, jeans with T-shirt, skirts with vests

▶ **STUDENTS SPENT ABOUT:** \$30-50 on one school outfit; about 25-50% of students' money is spent on clothes

▶ **FAVORITE ACCESSORIES:** Jewelry, hats/caps and watches like Indiglo, Bulova, Seiko, Timex, Fossil, Armitron

▶ **WHAT'S HOT:** Earth colors, sandals, strange t-shirts, loafers, handmade clothing, hand t-shirts, Arizona, Duck-head, Yaga, Girlband.

▶ **WHAT'S NOT:** Wrestler jeans, Rangler jeans, turtle-necks, big hair, fanny packs.

## ◆ ACADEMIC



### ◆ T-SHIRT TIME

While clothing styles on campus were varied, the ever popular jeans and t-shirts dominated the daily scene in designs for every taste. Caps, shades and the baggy look were also "in." Troy Guidry and Terry Sudduth, top left, found a quiet corner by the Learning Lab to study. Shirts, like the one above, shouted messages as well as designs. Student Council got in on the act, offering theme t-shirts for campus events like Bulldog Bash, Oktoberfest and Turkey Trot. Freshmen reps Stephen Hossey and LaLinda Bond wore their Bulldog Bash shirts to the tri-campus homecoming pep rally.



Catherine Naguin • Fr., Pascagoula  
Kelly Naguin • Fr., Pascagoula  
Yamena Nettles • Fr., Gaston  
Troy Newton • Fr., Pascagoula  
Thompson Nguyen • Fr., Ocean Springs  
Carnelia Oliver • Soph., Moss Point

S. Osborne • Fr., Gaston  
Sabrina Overstreet • Fr., Louisville  
Micki Owens • Fr., Pascagoula  
Mary Lisa Padgett • Fr., Ocean Springs  
Anthony Park • Soph., Ocean Springs  
Amanda Parker • Fr., Pascagoula

James Parker • Soph., Moss Point  
Doreen Parker • Soph., Moss Point  
Virginia Perdue • Soph., Biloxi  
Mark Pittman • Fr., Gaston  
Shari Ponder • Fr., Gaston  
Teresa Provost • Soph., Ocean Springs

# LIFE-O-RAMA

## Where Will Your Ambitions Take You?

College students have to be ambitious in order to deal with all of the stress and frustrations caused by exams, deadlines, papers and labs of college life.

Those students who set a career goal were ambitious to achieve it. According to national statistics, students change majors an average of five times before settling on one. When asked about their future in five, 10 and 15 years, JCC students pointed to career goals that will go steadily up the ladder.

Those who want to teach looked towards educational administration 15 years down the road. The journalism students looked towards being national newscasters and even owning their own television station. Some even looked forward to being president of big corporations.

However, everyone has to start some-

where, and college was the place to do it.

When JCC students looked back to those who influenced them and looked on to those they have influenced, family and friends tended to be at the top of the list. Other influences they listed were music, God, teachers and self motivation.

Brian Mack of Ocean Springs said, "My influences are my own drive for self motivation."

Lisa Sutton of Pascagoula said that being in the Girl Scouts was a big influence on her and she hopes that one day she will be a camp director for Girl Scouts.

Most students said they try to be a positive influence on their family and friends if those close to them had a grim outlook on life and dim goals.

Christie Field of Pascagoula said she encourages her friends to do well in school and go to college, because she knows that a good education can be very

helpful and useful for the future.

Many students said they are straightforward with their friends and give them examples of "a good life" or "a bad life" and then leave the decision up to the individual.

Adam Egan, a Pascagoula sophomore, is an encourager for his friends. "I encourage them to set high goals and to achieve them in positive ways," he said.

Students who have overcome many straining obstacles to achieve their goals have been an influence on others by encouraging them to have a good attitude and a positive outlook on life.

JCC students who have children hoped that by going back to school, their children would see that their mom and/or dad cared enough about them to better their lives, so they could in turn better their children's lives.

The future's so bright, they better wear shades.



### FIGURING IT OUT

Ronnie Jones and Dave Holloway worked on an exercise for automotive mechanics.

## ACADEMIC



Jason Ransom • Ft. Carter  
Diana Ramos • Ft. Ocean Springs  
Bobby Reeves • Neph. Gause  
Tina Reeves • Ft. Ocean Springs  
Crystal Rhodes • Neph. Gause  
Aubli Richburg • Neph. Gause

Sharon Robbison • Neph. Ocean Springs  
Erika Rouse • Neph. Lumbard  
Eddie Rodolf • Ft. Pascagoula  
Robbison Russell • Neph. Gause  
Courtney Sander • Neph. Pascagoula  
Patricia Schwartz • Neph. Pascagoula

Kala Sherrod • Neph. Moss Point  
Andrea Shugart • Neph. Ocean Springs  
Stephanie Shugart • Neph. Ocean Springs  
Shelley Shumake • Neph. Gause  
Allen Smith • Neph. Pascagoula  
Casey Smith • Ft. Pascagoula

Jonathan Smith • Ft. Natchez  
Wendy Smith • Ft. Pascagoula  
Thomas Mallowell • Neph. Moss Point  
Zelanda Steele • Neph. Moss Point  
Lanita Strongless • Ft. Moss Point  
Trenelle Stubbs • Neph. Gause

Lisa Sutton • Neph. Pascagoula  
Andrew Taylor • Neph. Ocean Springs  
Marcus Thompson • Ft. Moss Point  
Kimberly Trebers • Neph. Pascagoula  
John Tucker • Ft. Ocean Springs  
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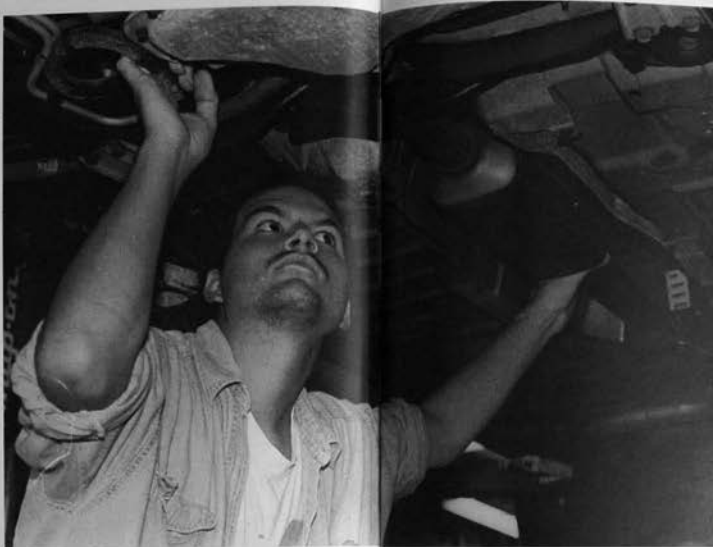
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Suzie Via • Ft. Moss Point  
Paul Walker • Neph. Gause  
James Ward • Ft. Pascagoula  
Penny Wells • Neph. Ocean Springs

Timothy Werner • Ft. Gause  
Amy Williams • Neph. Pascagoula  
Wendy Ziegelschneider • Neph. Natchez

# VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## ◆ LEARNING BY DOING

Wayne Herring, below, took safety precautions by sitting up and wearing proper face and eye protectors as he worked on an assignment in welding class.



## INSIDE VOCATIONAL ED

- ◆ Students received training in skills that prepared them for immediate entry into the work force.
- ◆ Instructors helped students secure jobs.
- ◆ Open entry/open exit policy allowed students to enroll on any Monday.
- ◆ Students worked at their own pace.
- ◆ Students received MGCCC diploma.
- ◆ 132 full-time day students enrolled.
- ◆ Individualized assistance
- ◆ Students got an inside look at the most modern equipment available.
- ◆ \$3, 007, 674 worth of equipment for students to use and

repair.

- ◆ 91% overall job placement for 1994-95 graduates.
- ◆ \$300, 000 put back to buy new equipment and supplies.
- ◆ General Motors donated five brand new 1995 vehicles for the automotive classes: 3 Oldsmobiles, 1 Chevy Astro Van and 1 Pontiac.
- ◆ VICA showed active support for JCC by hosting a Halloween Dance, opening their jail at Oktoberfest, winning Bulldog Bash Cheer Contest and creating a float for the Homecoming Parade.

- ◆ ELECTRIC
- ◆ MACHINE SHOP
- ◆ MULTI-CRAFT
- ◆ MECHANICS
- ◆ PIPEFITTING/  
PLUMBING
- ◆ WELDING
- ◆ MARINE MECHANICS
- ◆ HEALTH UNIT
- ◆ COORDINATOR\*
- ◆ PRACTICAL NURSING\*

\* Not open entry/open exit



◆ **WORKING IT OUT**  
Josh Blount, first, worked in the simulated framed house during the residential/light commercial wiring course of the electrical program. James Blount, above, examined the engine he built in machine shop. Instructor Robert Hudson and Blount's fellow students helped build the engine invented by Blount's brother, Dr. David Blount of California.

Byron Alexander • Fr, Miss Port  
Kelli Ackworth • Soph, Ocean Springs  
Crescenda Barber • Fr, Pensacola  
Janice Lynn Barrett • Soph, Biloxi  
Sandra Bell • Fr, Gadsden  
Elizabeth Bertagnelli • Soph, Pensacola

Jeremy Billar • Fr, Vicksburg  
Elizabeth Blythe • Soph, Miss Port  
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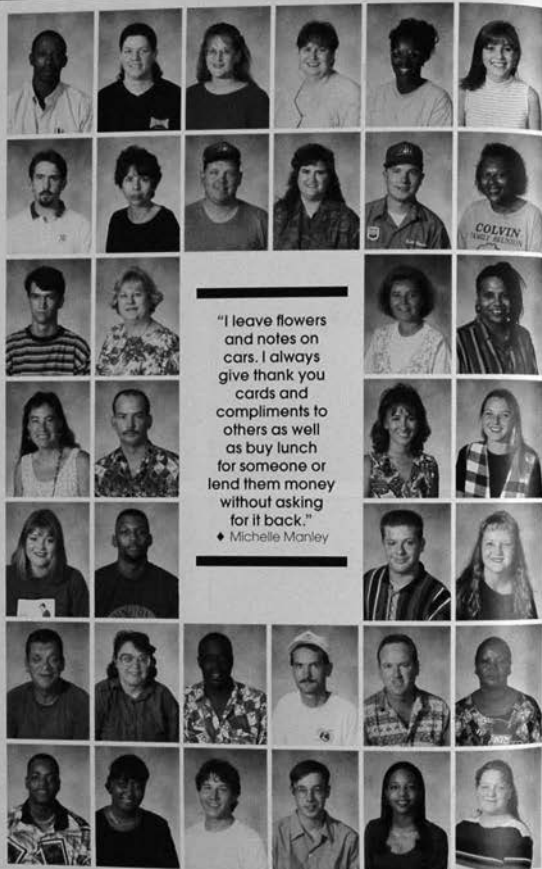
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Toni Gaddy • Fr, Gadsden  
Dietrich Harmon • Fr, Biloxi  
Matt Henderson • Fr, Louisville  
Jennifer Hesse • Soph, Ocean Springs

Joseph Herring • Fr, Louisville  
Vicki Hilborn • Fr, Ocean Springs  
James Houston • Fr, Pensacola  
Frank James • Fr, Louisville  
Reginald James • Fr, Louisville  
Dorothy Johnson • Fr, Pensacola

Norman Johnson • Soph, Miss Port  
Tiffany Johnson • Soph, Miss Port  
Charles Jones • Fr, Gadsden  
Judy Jones • Fr, Pensacola  
Kimberly Jones • Soph, Gadsden  
Shaneel Jones • Fr, Gadsden



"I leave flowers and notes on cars. I always give thank you cards and compliments to others as well as buy lunch for someone or lend them money without asking for it back."  
◆ Michelle Manley

## LIFE-O-RAMA

### Little Things Made a Difference

Life could get hectic for a college student with working and trying to go out and have fun while keeping up with the class load.

Because of the fast pace of life, most students' minds were focused on their deadlines and commitments. Being kind or nice to others could sometimes take a back seat, but JCC students and staff seemed to find time to do a little something extra for others. Kindness was one of those attitudes that set the tone for JCC's atmosphere.

The majority of students polled said they enjoyed helping others because they wanted to, not because they had to. It also made them feel better about themselves.

Kelley Seitz, Ocean Springs sophomore, said she tries to do something nice for people as often as she can.

"I take friends who do not have cars places, check on friends to see if they are okay and I buy them cards to show I care," she said, adding that she doesn't do these things because she feels obligated but because she enjoys it and always makes time for her friends.

"I show love and support for others especially when it is needed, and I always think about others," said Ocean Springs sophomore Brian Mack. The one thing someone has done for him that has made a positive difference in his life is giving him the chance to prove himself when others thought he might fail.

Being nice to others was a simple way of showing people how much you cared. The smallest acts of kindness or courtesy may not have seemed as if they would add up to something outstanding, but all those little things people did for one another at JCC this

year made a big difference in other's lives.

As students walked around the campus, there were many opportunities to show others kindness and care. Frequently, students were spotted opening a door for someone, carrying books or even buying lunch and snacks to share with a friend between classes.

The Reflections Recruiting/Hospitality Team even took on the project of rewarding the doors of Random Acts of Kindness with free dinners donated by local restaurants.

It didn't take extra time to show kindness or do little things for other people. A smile, a hug, or a warm "Hello" turned many a bad day into a good one.

Little things made a big difference and made JCC students and staff stop and say, "WOW!"

"I enjoy sending cards to my friends, leaving messages without signing them because it always brightens their day. I let them know I care and appreciate our friendships."  
◆ Charla Nelson

#### STUDY BREAK

Jonah Hunt and Jared Kilpatrick found that it helped to study with a partner for Jason Pugh's physics test.





Angela Kauterom • Soph., Ocean Springs  
Antoinette Magye • Fr., Pascagoula

Paula Montz • Fr., Pascagoula  
Susan May • Soph., Lucedale

Jessie Miller • Fr., Gulfport  
Gwendolyn Morano • Soph., Ocean Springs

Madeleine McBride • Fr., Pascagoula  
Robert McGarvey • Fr., Moss Point

Robert McDonald • Soph., Vicksburg  
Taryn Nelson • Fr., Ocean Springs

Timmy Noble • Fr., Ocean Springs  
Kimberly Nossie • Soph., Ocean Springs

Jennifer Obid • Soph., Pascagoula  
Shirley Paul • Soph., Gulfport

## Make 'Em Say

# OPINIONS

## W.O.W

Things That Made Ya Go  
"Hmmmmm"

Opinionated? Yes, JCC students were!

◆ **UNDER AGE DRINKING:** Mixed opinions, but many said if a person is 18 and responsible, it is okay.

◆ **DRUG USE:** People will experiment, but it is unwise and careless for anyone.

◆ **PRE-MARITAL SEX:** Most said it is a sin against God; however, the majority felt it is okay if it's done safely.

◆ **GANG VIOLENCE:** Needs to be stopped and to find a positive outlet for these people.

◆ **CHEATING:** Hurts the individual in the long run; if you cheat, you are wasting your time in school.

◆ **BILL CLINTON:** Most said he needs to be removed from the office and that his best quality is being a good speaker. Some felt he is doing the best he can and that because he is the President, he should be given a chance.

◆ **TEEN PREGNANCY:** Both sexes should take the full responsibility if they are going to play with sex.

◆ **PORNOGRAPHY ON THE INTERNET:** Needs to be abolished. It is sick.

◆ **WELFARE SYSTEM:** Good for those who need it and are not abusing the system. It needs a reform.

◆ **TAXES:** Too high; Mississippi car tags need to be lowered; taxes need reforming.

◆ **FAITH:** Everyone needs it! People need to steer others in the right directions, toward God.

◆ **ABORTION:** A child deserves a chance at life, need to make the operation harder to be accomplished.

◆ **VIOLENCE AND SEX IN MOVIES AND TV:** TV has gone down the drain—violence and sex should not be allowed on TV, but it is a personal choice with movies because you pay to see what you want.

### ◆ CATCHING UP

Steve Severson, Mike Mulvey and Joe Clark found that the breezeway between A and L buildings was a perfect place to kill some time before class.

## ◆ VOCATIONAL



### ◆ TELL ME WHY

Gathering and talking was one of the favorite pastimes before, between and after classes. A yearbook poll showed that JCC students had minds of their own, with everyone having opinions on hot topics like abortion, government reform and sex and violence in the media. Taking a breather between classes were, top left, Damon Wood, Melissa Pitalo, Jaahowuh Williams and Todd Sherman. Teresa Smith and Lisa Sutton, above, had a lively conversation in the Student Union room. Rachel Phillips and Brandi English chatted before going to a class in L building.



Damon Perkins • Fr., Gulfport  
Lidia Pittman • Fr., Gulfport  
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Terry Norman • Soph., Pascagoula  
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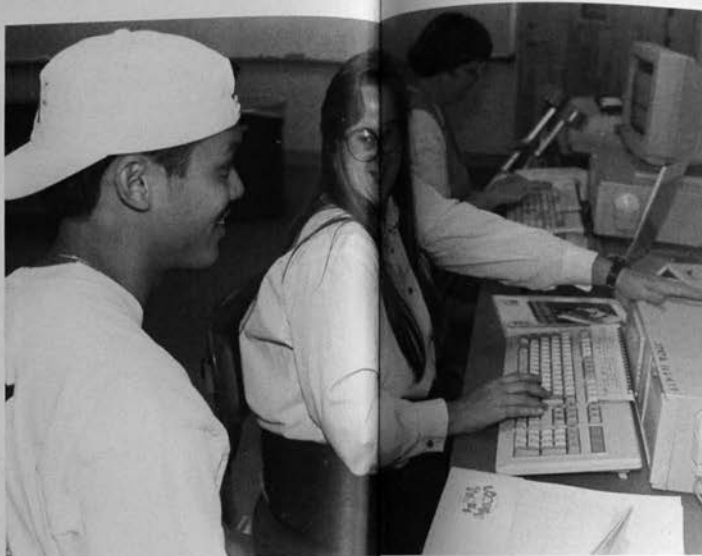
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Scott Stockman • Fr., Lucedale  
Sherry Stuart • Fr., Pascagoula  
Laura Stokshary • Soph., Gulfport  
Joseph Turner • Fr., Moss Point  
Kevin Thomas • Soph., Vicksburg

Melanie Trubey • Soph., Moss Point  
Shirley Turner • Fr., Pascagoula  
Jeanette Venable • Soph., Gulfport  
Vick Lee • Fr., Hattiesburg  
Barbara Webb • Fr., Pascagoula

## TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

### ◆ TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

Mary Fountain and Mike Carragong, below, discovered that sometimes computers seemed to have minds of their own. Emelia Eblen, right, radiology student, learned to adjust the equipment.

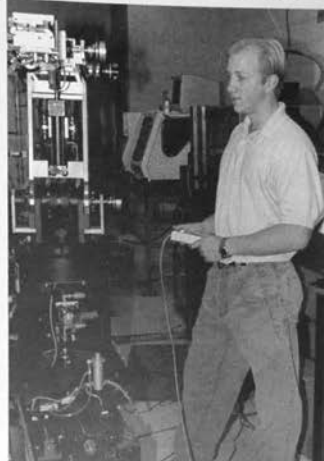


## HANDS ON TRAINING

- ◆ New program, Environmental Technology, started in January, 1995, already has over 45 majors. It is one of the fastest growing programs at JCC.
- ◆ Child Care Development has a combination of class-work and hands-on training with the daycare center.
- ◆ High-tech facilities and equipment insured JC students of getting the training they needed for the workforce.
- ◆ Two-year preparation for the workforce.
- ◆ Enthusiastic students and staff.
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science degree.
- ◆ 496 full-time day students enrolled in classes.
- ◆ 26 full-time night students enrolled in classes.
- ◆ 118 part-time night students.
- ◆ Students exposed to practical on-the-job settings and techniques which allowed easy transition to the job market.
- ◆ Diversified courses from secretarial to marketing management to health occupation classes.
- ◆ Exploring Technology was a course-in-preparation as plans were made to add a class in which students will be able to explore the wide range of high technologies including lasers.

### ◆ WHERE THE ACTION WAS

Matt Hartzog, top, checked equipment during robotics class. The child care students, middle, took the children from the campus day care center trick or treating around campus on Halloween. The drafting and design class got a good view of "A" building when testing the surveying equipment in Tom Eason's class.



- ◆ AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING
- ◆ BUSINESS AND OFFICE TECHNOLOGY
- ◆ CHILDCARE
- ◆ DRAFTING AND DESIGN
- ◆ ELECTRONICS
- ◆ ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY
- ◆ FASHION MERCHANDISING
- ◆ HUMAN SERVICES
- ◆ MARKETING MANAGEMENT
- ◆ MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY
- ◆ RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
- ◆ RESPIRATORY THERAPY

# LIFE-O-RAMA

## Chill-out! Concentrate on Fun

College life can be very stressful and frustrating with deadlines to meet and expectations to live up to. A student could easily wear out, leaving their nerves shot and frayed.

However, having fun is also part of college life; there just needed to be more time for it. But with packed school schedules and long work hours, not many students had time to unwind or chill-out from life's many pressures.

Although JCC student's ages varied from 18-70+, most found themselves acting goofy and immature when they had time to relax.

Kelly Seitz, Ocean Springs sophomore, recalled one of the goofiest things she and her friends have done: "One of the goofiest things my friends and I have done is take pictures of nice looking guy's butts while they're not looking."

"I love spending time with my friends because we have good fellowship and I feel safe when I'm with them. It's easier to meet girls when you are with your friends!"

♦ Timothy Werner

### ♦ TIME OUT.

Terry Roberts, center, enjoyed a break with his brother Calvin Roberts, left, and his dad Terry Roberts, right, and friend Weaver. Terry found the cafeteria a good place to take a break.



Others, like Lisa Sutton and friends, have a goofy but great time when playing goofy golf in a black-out with only a flashlight.

Whatever friends do when they are together they also have one goal: to have fun and forget about life's frustrations.

Sophomore Charla Nelson of Gautier loves to concentrate on having fun. "When my friends and I get together we concentrate on having fun, because life is too stressful. We relax by going to parties, concerts and dance clubs together."

Whether or not students are having fun, everyone agrees that it is important to spend time with their friends, because of the positiveness of good company.

"I love being around my friends; they are supportive, they make me feel good about myself and they're always fun," said sophomore Michelle Manley of Ocean Springs.

Students also said spending quality time together with their friends is very important, because your best and dearest friends understand you and can always help you.

Hanny Williams, freshman from Escatawpa, put it simply: "I'm not intimidated when I'm with my friends. I can be myself, and we all have a lot in common."

"My friends and I love to go to movies, eat ice cream, shop and help one another out with our problems. It's the good quality time together that's really important," said Holly Reeves, a sophomore from Gautier. Holly feels the best people to be around are your true friends, because they love you for who you are and nothing else.

No matter how hard life became this year, friends found time for one another to chill-out and forget about their stress and frustrations from school, work and home.

## ♦ TECHNICAL



Elizabeth Arney ♦ Soph., Ocean Springs  
Jury Austin ♦ Fr., Center  
Marvin Arnesen ♦ Soph., Center  
Michael Baker ♦ Fr., Ridge  
Elizabeth Berry ♦ Fr., Center  
Linda Chakos ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs



Marlynn Coleman ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Tonya Coleman ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Steve Cox ♦ Soph., Center  
Nina Crooks ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Michelle Davis ♦ Soph., Pascagoula  
Timothy Douglas ♦ Fr., Moss Point



"Chilling Out! That is probably the best way to describe what my friends and I do when we are together. I am usually under constant stress; it is pertinent that I find time to relieve my stress. However, my friends usually find the time for me and force me to slow down, stop what I'm doing and chill out for awhile."

♦ Bronwyn Blackwell



Carol Dufar ♦ Fr., Big Pine  
Bonnie Dunham ♦ Soph., Pascagoula

Jennie Early ♦ Soph., Vachon  
Shaundra Estman ♦ Fr., Moss Point

Amelia Ekhon ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Zane Ellis ♦ Fr., Center



Daniquel Fennell ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Mary Flores ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Carol Gore ♦ Soph., Center  
Susan Goldstein ♦ Soph., Gulfport  
Celeste Grant ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Alissa Gray ♦ Soph., Moss Point



Christine Green ♦ Soph., Huley  
Patricia Hall ♦ Soph., Moss Point  
Melinda Hartman ♦ Soph., Lumberville  
Sherry Haught ♦ Fr., Pascagoula  
Eric Hill ♦ Soph., Ocean Springs  
Vicki Howell ♦ Fr., Lumberville

Diane Hudson ♦ Fr., Paragould  
Bessie Hutchinson ♦ Fr., Baskin

Melissa Johnson ♦ Soph., Gassler  
Cherrie Kitchens ♦ Soph., Paragould

Leann Moore ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Brad McCullough ♦ Soph., Paragould

Jory McDonald ♦ Fr., Gassler  
Ashley Nguyen ♦ Soph., Ocean Springs

Colleen Nguyen ♦ Soph., Ocean Springs  
Amanda Gray ♦ Fr., Paragould

Tamela Preston ♦ Fr., Moss Point  
Renaele Rankin ♦ Fr., Moss Point

Eather Rapert ♦ Fr., Paragould  
Harry Sartis ♦ Soph., Ocean Springs

## Make 'Em Say

# DATING W.O.W

According to a yearbook survey, JCC students said they date a few times a month with the majority going on a traditional date where the guy goes to pick the girl up at her place and he pays.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

♦ **FAVORITE PLACES TO GO ON A DATE:** Out to dinner, movies, clubs, parties, goofy golf

♦ **POPULAR PLACES TO FIND A DATE:** Parties, friends, clubs, school, work, anywhere, "Good question; I don't know!"

♦ **DATING TIDBITS:**

• Many students would rather meet someone somewhere without it being planned.

• JCC students said they preferred to try to establish a relationship rather than date randomly.

• Students look for someone to date ... and sometimes a date finds them!

♦ **QUOTABLES:**

• "I like to establish a relationship, but definitely NO one-nighters—too dangerous. Can you say AIDS?"

• "My most unusual date would definitely be the way my Prom date went. We went to the Prom, did not dance once and did not even go out to eat. I guess because we were just not a good match. It was unforgettable."

• "My most horrible date was when the guy I was out with spent the whole time gawking over another girl."



### ♦ STEADY COUPLE

Joshua Duncan and Jay Laiche shared a quiet moment between classes.

## ◆ TECHNICAL

### ♦ ALL PAIRED UP

Adrian Henry, below, took time out from his Bulldog Bash duties to talk to Karen Stallworth, his steady date of two-and-one-half years. Brent Dunningway and Michelle Manley, right, shared a quiet prayer in the Gazebo during Club Day.



### ♦ DATING DUOS

Mary Ellis and Alicia Dunningway, below, met at a JCC Student Council function. Their relationship passed the one-year mark before classes began.



Renele Seaborn ♦ Soph., Ocean Springs  
Margo Simmons ♦ Fr., Gassler  
Bobby Seale ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Catherine Thomas ♦ Fr., Moss Point  
John Trussell ♦ Fr., Gassler  
Eather Wallington ♦ Soph., Moss Point

Ann Wiles ♦ Fr., Ocean Springs  
Michael Wiles ♦ Fr., Gassler  
Nan Winters ♦ Fr., Gassler  
Barry Wilson ♦ Soph., Paragould  
Angela Wimmer ♦ Fr., Paragould  
James Woodward ♦ Fr., Paragould



# ◆ ADMINISTRATION

**M**illions of dollars spent on buildings and technology were the result of the supportive leadership of the JCC Administration.

Dr. Royce Luke, Vice President of Jackson County Campus, oversaw campus operations along with the Deans—William Martin, Dr. Houshang Moradmand, Jerold Shepherd and Mrs. Linda Switzer.

JCC stayed on the cutting edge with up to date technology. Plans for 1995-96 included

installation of a new phone system in the spring for Jackson County and Jefferson Davis campuses. The Digital TBX allowed incorporated technology into the system so that registration for classes can be handled over the phone when funds are available for activation and voice mail was offered for the faculty and staff. The TBX system also allowed for more efficient use of the telephones.

Another technological enhancement for MGCCC is that its campuses will be connected within the district with a wide computer network so that faculty and staff will be able to

use E-mail to share files. Students will benefit from E-mail by being able to contact a student on another campus during an open lab. Internet is also planned for the college computers and each faculty and staff member will have a P.C. mit for their desks.

Nine CCN classes were available to students in the Spring of '96, along with eight CCN classes originating from other community colleges. The CCN classes alleviated scheduling

problems by making more classes available. A CCN instructor simultaneously teaches students in specially designed "blue-rooms" on several campuses through live television. Interaction is possible because of television cameras at each location.

All of the new technology was made possible because of funds appropriated by the legislature

which gave \$29.9 million to all state community colleges to enhance the colleges. MGCCC received \$3 million for new technology to make students better prepared for an ever-changing world.

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Vocational/Technical Dean



**WILLIAM MARTIN**  
Academic Dean



**CHARLIE NEUMANN**  
Associate Vocational Dean



**◆ SUPPORTIVE**  
Dean Linda Switzer and PTK sponsor Kay Sims



**◆ WAITING**  
Dr. Moradmand and Dr. Luke at Oktoberfest.

Make 'Em Say

# RETIREMENT

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## FACES

Faculty and staff made an impression on students whether it was in the classroom, in an office or in the halls. Shirley Shumake and Shirley Mullins, top, took a break from duties in Admissions. Tom Beavers and Dan Zweig, center, WOWed the crowd at Oktoberfest with their guitar and sax numbers. Science chair Dr. Jim Dunn prepared for a class.



## KATHLEEN MALONE

Instructor  
Modern Foreign Language

- ◆ **THE BEST THING AT JCC:** The friendly atmosphere.
- ◆ **WHAT I WOULD CHANGE AT JCC:** Add parking areas reserved for instructors adjacent to each building.
- ◆ **HOW LONG I'VE BEEN AT JCC:** I helped open the doors to buildings A, B, and C when JC first opened in September of 1965. For 30 years, I have watched the campus grow.
- ◆ **MY FAVORITE MEMORY OF JCC:** I shall never forget the shock I received in the early seventies. After 15 minutes of speaking Spanish to my intermediate level French students and having them respond correctly in French to me, I marvelled at their ability to understand the Spanish well enough to respond in French without informing me of my mistake. That was, indeed, an exceptionally capable group of students!
- ◆ **JCC'S CHANGES SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE:** Back in the sixties, the faculty was small enough to gather around a table in the faculty lounge of A building for a meeting. Now I attend a faculty meeting in the new cafeteria with almost 200 instructors, many of whom remain nameless to me! What a pity!
- ◆ **MY BEST ASSET:** Perseverance with God's help. I keep on keeping on regardless of the circumstances. Concern-I genuinely care about my students and strive to help them reach their potential in life.
- ◆ **MY ADVICE TO A NEW INSTRUCTOR:** I recommend a large amount of patience.
- ◆ **THE ONE THING I HAVE LEARNED FROM LIFE:** Many experiences in life have taught me that I must trust in the Lord completely, not in myself. I must let Him lead me each day.

## ◆ FACULTY/STAFF



Nephele Allison ◆ Developmental Studies  
Linda Boley ◆ Audio Services Secretary  
Julie Brummett ◆ English Instructors Development Studies  
Kay Bevil ◆ Physical Education  
Patricia N. Black ◆ Library Manager

Barbara Blakely ◆ Business Services, Purchasing  
Linda Bond ◆ Equity Coordinator  
June Boone ◆ Continuing Ed. Secretary  
Tim Boone ◆ Human Services  
Lisa Bouvette ◆ New Orleans Coordinator

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Cynthia Brummett ◆ Language Arts Chair  
Chad Brown ◆ Computer Lab Assistant  
Dean Brown ◆ Multidisciplinary Developmental

Randy Brown ◆ Science Instructor  
Evelyn Clark ◆ Writing Lab Instructor  
Kathy Clark ◆ Language Arts Instructor  
Gale Collins ◆ PE Coordinator  
Nancy Crawford ◆ Computer Lab Assistant

Janice Davis ◆ Academic Secretary  
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Glenn DeCade ◆ Health/Activity Instructor  
Eleanor Douglas ◆ LPN Instructor

Nancy Dry ◆ English Instructor  
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Terry Foust ◆ Student Activities Coordinator  
Mary Graham ◆ Student Development Director

# FACULTY/STAFF ♦

Pat Hancock ♦ Developmental Studies  
 Anne Harris ♦ Learning Lab Secretary  
 Barbara Hargood ♦ Developmental Studies  
 Jeri Heidel ♦ Business Services Secretary  
 Brenda Helms ♦ Developmental Studies

Cheryl Hinton ♦ LRC Circulation Librarian  
 Lane Hoggard ♦ Health Department Coordinator  
 Charles Hollis ♦ Maintenance  
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Faye Jones ♦ Sociology Instructor  
 George Lander ♦ Financial Aid Secretary  
 Tana Langston ♦ Language Arts Instructor  
 Darla Lewis ♦ Social Sciences Instructor  
 Julia Mansfield ♦ Business Services Secretary

Debra Matthews ♦ Electrical Technology Instructor  
 L. Hollis Melton ♦ Science Instructor  
 Russ Moffatt ♦ Science Instructor  
 Carol Mordenson ♦ Psychology Instructor  
 Marilyn Moss ♦ English Instructor

Shirley Mullins ♦ Records Clerk  
 Jean McCord ♦ Vocational Coordinator  
 Barbara McDonald ♦ Bookkeeper  
 Susan McGuff ♦ Academic Services  
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 Wendell Nettles ♦ Library Assistant  
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Mary A. Palmer ♦ Library Director  
 Ellen Parker ♦ Business Clerk  
 Becky Posey ♦ Psychology Instructor  
 Pat Rinal ♦ Financial Aid Secretary  
 Barbara Richardson ♦ Business Services Secretary



# ♦ FACULTY/STAFF



"The willingness to help  
 from everyone here at JC  
 has made me think 'WOW!'"  
 ♦ Becky Posey, Psychology

Becky Rogers ♦ Secretary to Dean of Student Services  
 Rebecca Rota ♦ Business Instructor  
 Donna Shaw ♦ Social Studies Chair  
 Edna Shaw ♦ English Instructor  
 Angela Sims ♦ Developmental Studies

Key Sims ♦ English Instructor/Human Resources  
 William Smith ♦ Sociology Instructor  
 Joanne Stewart ♦ Learning Lab Instructor  
 Wanda Stewart ♦ Fine Arts Instructor  
 Jeanette Thomas ♦ Business Technology Chair

Sarah Tringle ♦ Learning Lab Instructor  
 Andrew Turkey ♦ Marine Biology/Mechanics Instructor  
 Bonnie VanCourt ♦ Continuing Education  
 Don Walmsley ♦ Faculty Council  
 Rebecca Williams ♦ Workforce Career Center

Jan Yarbrough ♦ Academic Dean Secretary  
 Daniel Zwarg ♦ Environmental Technology Instructor

## ♦ INVOLVED

In or out of the classroom, JCC's faculty and staff were involved in helping students. Counselor June Russum and Admissions Director Charles Koski, far left, braved the rains to try to win a prize in HOSA's cake walk during Oktoberfest. Business Technology Instructor Jane Irwin, left, explained a concept in class.



## ◆ Teardrop: Clowning is serious

Linda Orison, also known as Teardrop the clown, told JCC students the joy and hard work of performing Jan. 30, when she gave one of five monthly career information talks sponsored by the Student Council and Career Center.

"I know that all entertainers are not like her. All entertainers should be in awe of her," said Angela Franklin, a sophomore from Ocean Springs.

Teardrop's chalk drawing and speech were well received by the standing room only crowd of students, teachers and cafeteria workers.

"My career is a parent's worst nightmare," laughed Mrs. Orison in an interview. "Can you imagine their reaction when their child comes home from college and says, 'I want to be a clown?'"

Mrs. Orison grew up around circus and carnival people and was raised by her grandfather who was a clown before World War I. She always knew she wanted to be a clown because

of his influence. She attended and graduated from three summer Clown Camps at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse which trained the largest number of professional clowns. "I consider myself an educated idiot," laughed Mrs. Orison, who has been a clown for 10 years and knows the business inside and out.

"You have to have a book. There are so many clowns out there and you have to be different from all of them," said Mrs. Orison who as Teardrop is a Pierrot white face clown. A Pierrot is a very formal French clown, the most formal there is.

"Also, if you want to be a clown—or in any entertainment field, you better know marketing. You need to be a salesman to sell yourself, a master of scheduling and you better be an opportunist. You set your own value on yourself. Very few occupations offer this," explained Mrs. Orison who differentiates between herself and the clown character she created in

Teardrop.

"If at any time, you are too busy for a child, you've lost it," she said. "Any time you get greedy and commercialization takes over, you sacrifice the art of entertainment."

"You always should be on top of your trade. In today's market, you should always be high tech and you should be willing to give more than what you're charging for," she said. She told the large lunchtime audience that clowning is a profession that can pay very well.

"You can earn a good income through performances, marketing, merchandising...the sky is the limit," she said, noting that clowns can make \$100 an hour and up.

"If you want to be a fulltime superstar clown, you literally have to give 100% of everything of yourself, but how much are you willing to sacrifice? Your family, time and personal life?" she said, making sure to emphasize all the hard work that

goes into clowning.

"You must reach that point in your mind when you say, 'This is it. This is as far as I will go.' If that is all the way, good. But if not, that is OK too," she said.

"I developed Teardrop as the perfect person who saw all people with unconditional love and because of Teardrop, I strive to be what she would be," she said, noting that the love she receives is her best reward.

"I now see clowns as professionals who make good money instead of the so-called 'idiot.' I also realized that it was harder and much more expensive than I first thought," said Honore freshman Autumn Forsman of Pascagoula.

Linda Orison and her son, Brad, are both students at JCC.

"In my old age, I have decided to become an underwater nuclear brain surgeon and I am taking Pottery 1 to get there," she laughed. ◆ By Kintren Weber



### CLOWNING

Professional clown, Linda Orison as Teardrop, presented a career information talk Jan. 30. A local celebrity, Teardrop has been featured in a porcelain doll which comes in three costumes. The sale of the 1500 dolls will net \$18,000 for the March of Dimes.

## ◆ Adella: Black History speaker

New Orleans resident Adella Gautier visited JCC Feb. 9 for a storytelling session in celebration of Black History Month. Gautier, who has been a professional storyteller for over seven years, tells her stories to varied audiences all over the country. She said she makes up her own stories, taking stories that she already knows and adding personality to them to make sure her audience hangs on her every word.

JCC's BSU choir opened up for Adella Adella in the Fine Arts building Auditorium. The 18-member ensemble sang under the direction of Thomas Marx.

Adella Adella—storyteller extraordinaire, as introduced by program chairman Dr. Lena Melton—opened with a few jokes about Gautier and told her audience that storytelling was universal, especially in the African American culture.

She told stories about slave catchers coming to Africa and taking the slaves to the New World, about an old lady who had been initiated to all the ancient rites of Africa and her version of Tar Baby.

"It was a very good show," said math instructor Brenda Helms. "I was surprised at the extent of audience participation—things I didn't think people in that age would do."

Dr. Melton said that Black History Month is important because it focuses on events and people of tremendous importance who may never have made it to the history books.

"I am sure the HBO film *The Tuskegee Airman* enlightened all Americans of one of many roles African Americans played in our history books," she said, adding that the observances give people a chance to look outside themselves and into the lives and cultures of others.

"For example," she said, "I remember the first showing of *Roots*. I was working at Ocean Springs Junior High. My students came with tears in their eyes saying, 'We didn't know how you had suffered. We didn't know it was like that.'"

"Black History Month provides a focal point. It gives us a chance to walk in another's shoes for awhile," she added. Connie Dunstond agreed. "Black History Month raises pride, dignity and self-esteem of a big part of this nation," she said.

"Black History Month really shows not only the African American kids, but all kids what Black history is all about," said Frank Dyche, adding,

"Maybe one day Black history will show everyone that we need to learn to love one another and not look at which race they are." ◆ By Dieder Laster and Tracie Cud



### ENTERTAINING

Adella Gautier, known as Adella Adella, captivated a large JCC audience in February with her storytelling. The New Orleans resident's program in honor of Black History Month featured audience participation.



### REJOICING

Members of the Baptist Student Union Choir directed by Thomas Marx, far right, opened the Black History Month program featuring Adella Adella. Among singers, from left, were Mark Pichon, David Mobley, Tyres Autrey, Lakeitha Johnson, Na-keisha Jones, Ambri Richburg, Lana Simpson, Leah Kinble and Holly Reeves. The multiple and varied expressions and energy of Adella Adella, top, were captured during her presentation.



## ◆ Jean McCool: Helping others

When JCC's New Horizon Program coordinator Jean McCool was recognized in November for outstanding service to the National Women's Work Network, it was also a recognition for the campus program she has directed since its beginning in 1978.

Mrs. McCool was acknowledged as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at the awards assembly in Washington, D.C., of the national annual meeting of the Women's Work Network, a network for Women's Employment. She was one of only two owners of the program present at the assembly.

New Horizons is MGCCC's name for Single Parent, Home-maker/Displaced Homemakers, a multi-faceted program that provides assistance to adults in transition who must gain marketable skills and self-confidence to become economically self-sufficient. These services are offered in the Adult Resource Center in the "D" building and are free to all students and persons in the community who qualify. Funded through the Carl

Perkins Act, the JCC New Horizons offers a variety of services. In the past year, Mrs. McCool's dedication to New Horizons has contributed to the success of over 600 individuals from this campus and this community. MGCCC's three New Horizons Programs—located at JCC, Jefferson Davis and Perkinson Campuses—have assisted approximately 1400 individuals over the last two years.

"MGCCC serves more individuals through New Horizons than all other combined programs in the state. We have continued to grow each year and expect to exceed this number again this year," stated Mrs. McCool.

There are similar displaced homemakers programs at 13 colleges and some high schools in Mississippi. According to Darla Lyons, New Horizons instructor, Mrs. McCool's dedication can be traced to 1978 when Mrs. McCool introduced the program to the public by passing out flyers in the Delchamps parking lot. Now Mrs. McCool is passing on the excitement of New

Horizons by introducing eager students to the campus and successful individuals into the community.

The New Horizons program helps individuals prepare to enter the workforce or assist them in entering college. "I am amazed at how many individuals are receiving real guidance because of Mrs. McCool's dedication to the program," stated Lisa Bouvette, New Horizons counselor. She added that by networking this program, Mrs. McCool is able to provide additional support for New Horizons students through obtaining scholarships.

The Mississippi native holds a masters in cooperative education and has a background in home economics which qualifies her in assisting in the placement of individuals in jobs and helps her understand the problems faced outside of work and school. "Whatever situation an individual comes in with, New Horizons reaches out to as many resources as possible to assist them," stated Lyons.

"If she believes in something strongly, she can make it happen.

You can mark it down on your calendar," said Lyons, who admires McCool's determination.

The New Horizons program sponsored Women's History Month in March during which numerous activities and programs highlighted women of achievement. Living History Wednesdays were interesting in that women in the program dressed in the period costumes of the outstanding women of history in each Wednesday of March. Other programs offered throughout the year include math anxiety workshops, importance of voter registration, Opportunity seminars, Overcoming School Daze, starting your own business and on-going support groups for JCC students. It also sponsors New Horizons, a student organization.

◆ By Rita Miller



### NATIONAL HONORS

JCC New Horizons coordinator, Jean McCool, above, was recognized for outstanding service to the National Women's Work Network. She has headed the JCC program since its inception in 1978. Program instructor Darla Lyons, seated at far left, talked with guests during the New Horizons fall open house. MGCCC's three campuses served 1400 persons over the past two years—more than all other combined programs in the state.

## ◆ Chuck Burton: Caring inventor

We have a lot of everyday Santas who help others everyday but are rarely seen," said Mrs. Gerry Woodward, Special Services Coordinator for Jackson County Campus.

An interesting chain of events and a chance meeting gave Chuck Burton an opportunity to be one of those everyday Santas when the 69-year-old machine shop student took on a special project for a special JCC student.

Jammie Catchot of Moss Point is a JCC student with disabilities who is forced to use crutches because of a bad fall in 1991 which injured her right leg and knee. She enrolled at JCC during the 1992 fall semester and continued to pursue her major as a micro-computer specialist until the spring of 1994. As a result of her fall, she had to change the way she walked because she was diagnosed with arthritis. This destroyed her left knee and in

1994 surgeons had to remove her knee and replace it through complete orthoscopic surgery. At the beginning of this fall semester, machine shop instructor Robert Hudson took his class on a tour of the campus.

Along the way, they came across Jammie and Mrs. Woodward, who had been meeting Jammie in between all of her classes to carry her books for her as a special service ever since she enrolled. Mrs. Woodward jokingly asked Hudson and the class if there was some sort of device that they could make to help Jammie carry her books.

"I wanted to find a way to help Jammie become more independent," said Mrs. Woodward.

Chuck immediately became interested. He decided that since he was retired and all four of his daughters were out on their own, he had the time and desire to produce a device to assist

Jammie with her books. That very night Chuck went home and made rough sketches and a wooden model apparatus of what the device would look like.

This wasn't really a hard task for Chuck because of his love for woodwork and his natural trade is carpentry. In conjunction with the machine shop class and instructors, he then turned the idea into reality. They immediately began designing and manufacturing the wagon-like device in the campus machine shop.

Hudson let Chuck work in the shop because it has been a type of community project with the instructors and students helping Chuck test and critique the device. Although Jammie is using the device, Chuck feels it is still in the experimental stage and is working to perfect it and get a patent for it.

"I've had lots of students ask me about it—where it came from and who made it," said

Jammie. "Chuck has bought all the different materials out of his own pocket for this, simply because he is a great humanitarian," said Hudson, noting that while there were no college funds for this project, Chuck wouldn't want to be reimbursed anyway.

The 24-inch aluminum device is designed to hold 10-15 pounds on a base of 16 x 24 inches. It is almost small enough to fit in the back seat of a car. It has rolling wheels and a place for one of Jammie's crutches so that when she walks, the crutch pulls the wagon.

After only two weeks with the device, Jammie's back didn't hurt anymore. "I hate to ask anyone to help me, so I like to help people in any way that I can. I have had so many people help me and Mr. Hudson is one of them," said Chuck. ◆ By Tracie Curd



"The wagon works really well for me. Chuck is wonderful. A lot of people don't go out of their way to help people these days."

◆ Jammie Catchot

### CREATIVE INVENTIONS

Jammie Catchot's unique book bag was the invention of 69-year old JCC machine shop student Chuck Burton. Burton, top right, designed the device in an evening and was assisted in its testing and perfection by fellow students under the watchful eye of instructor Robert Hudson. The apparatus enabled Jammie, far left, to walk with both of her forearm crutches and pull her books with the motion of the crutches. But Burton didn't stop there. He also assisted Susan Anderson, left, by designing an umbrella holder for her wheelchair. She was often assisted to class by another caring student, Tim Werner, right.

# ◆ WOW: My thoughts exactly



**If you could go back in time to change any event, what would you change and how?**

◆ ◆ ◆  
"I wouldn't; that's the best thing about it—it's constant."  
◆ Raechelle Phillips

"Nothing. History must be constant. But it would be nice to witness it firsthand." ◆ Raines Rushin

"Kennedy's Assassination—locate and stop ALL gunmen."  
◆ Crystal Rhodes

"Death of Marilyn Monroe."  
◆ Tracie Curd

"I would change Adam eating the forbidden fruit. There would be no more sin!" ◆ Vikki Leggett

**What is romantic to you?**

◆ ◆ ◆  
"Anything is romantic if you do it right." ◆ Kirsten Weber

"Walking on the beach with someone you care about."  
◆ Chris Hiestand

"Looking up at the moon with someone to hug." ◆ Ashley Nguyen

"Candlelight dinner." ◆ Cherri Kitchens

"Love poetry." ◆ Diedrel Laster

"Wild flowers and picnic lunches." ◆ Tanya O'Neal

"An evening in front of the fireplace with my wife." ◆ Kelly Tuck

"Being with the one you love."  
◆ Michelle Manley



**If you could write a book, what would you write about and what would the title be?**

◆ ◆ ◆  
"How Guys Should Treat Girls" ◆ Toni Calvanese

"Space Travel: Journey Among the Stars" ◆ Melissa Di Gange

"Life, The inner depths of the soul and the make up of the human heart and mind. Within—Without" ◆ Kirsten Weber

"My life on the Gulf of Mexico: The Young Man and the Sea" ◆ Raines Rushin

"Something Cool—The Nad Almanac" ◆ Brian Shaw

"Computer book: System Logic" ◆ Timothy Werner

"Southern hospitality: The Real South" ◆ Tanya O'Neal

"My family: Forever Turmoil"

"Living hard, dying young and leaving a good looking corpse: Marilyn" ◆ Crystal Rhodes

"Electronics: Engineers in Electronics" ◆ Lloyd Green

"Romance novel: Quarterback Princess" ◆ Diedrel Laster

"The Abuse of Teenagers" ◆ Alice Besancon

"A string out psycho on the streets of New Orleans: The Rice Fields of Oregon" ◆ Raechelle Phillips

"Sports by Troy!" ◆ Troy Collins



**What would be the best gift you could receive?**

◆ ◆ ◆  
"Unconditional love" ◆ Kirsten Weber, Raechelle Phillips, Crystal Rhodes, Tracie Curd

"Eternal happiness" ◆ Jimandi Bryan

"To know I have made a difference in the lives of others" ◆ Tanya O'Neal

"Long life and a wife who loves me" ◆ Chris Hiestand

"Nothing—I have everything I need" ◆ Holly Reeves

"NBA finals tickets" ◆ Diedrel Laster

"A Sony Play Station" ◆ Kelly Tuck

"A GMC Yukon" ◆ Toni Calvanese

"A scholarship" ◆ Lloyd Green

"A million dollars" ◆ Lucretia Wages

"Some peace of mind and quiet time"

**What do you want to do before you die?**

◆ ◆ ◆  
"Go to a Florida Gator football game." ◆ Jared Seymour

"Free fall." ◆ Arjen Hall

"Make peace with anyone I have hurt." ◆ Cherri Kitchens

"Build my own computer." ◆ Timothy Werner

"Live my life to the fullest and make people smile and be full of joy." ◆ Bronwyn Blackwell

"Have a family, fulfill my dreams." ◆ Lucretia Wages

"Be in a barfight." ◆ Brian "Slink" Shaw

"Marry and have children." ◆ Lloyd Green

"Travel the U.S." ◆ Melissa Di Gange

"To see my loved ones." ◆ Ashley Nguyen

"Live."

"Make a difference in someone's life." ◆ Crystal Rhodes

"Be as famous as Howard Stern and just as controversial." ◆ Tracie Curd

"Be President." ◆ Chris Hiestand

"Work for Sports Illustrated." ◆ Diedrel Laster

"Sky dive." ◆ Vikki Leggett

"Successful career person and mommy/wife." ◆ Michelle Manley

"Milk a cow." ◆ Nicole Cooper

"Write a book of poetry; go to Europe, put out an album and get my PhD." ◆ Kirsten Weber

**If you had the skills to represent the USA in the Olympics this summer, what events would you participate in?**

◆ ◆ ◆  
"Gymnastics or figure skating." ◆ Jimandi Bryan

"Pole vault." ◆ Tanya O'Neal

"Underwater basket weaving." ◆ Raechelle Phillips

"Baseball and basketball." ◆ Chris Hiestand

"Diving." ◆ Bronwyn Blackwell

"Track and field, swimming." ◆ Holly Reeves

"High diving." ◆ Timothy Werner

"Gymnastics." ◆ Lucretia Wages

"Weight lifting." ◆ Kelly Tuck

"Track, diving." ◆ Troy Collins

"Fencing, shooting events." ◆ Raines Rushin

"Steeple chasing." ◆ Crystal Rhodes

"Shotput, discus throw." ◆ Lloyd Green

"Basketball, track and field." ◆ Jared Seymour

"Basketball." ◆ Arjen Hall



# ◆ WOW: My thoughts exactly



## If you joined the circus, what act would you perform?

◆ Tiger tricks. ◆ Toni Calvanese

◆ Clown. ◆ Kelly Tuck, Bronwyn Blackwell, Diedre Laster, Lucetta Wages, Adrian Henry, Holly Reeves, Melissa Di Gangi, Alice Bescancon, Kirsten Weber, Tanya O'Neal, Vikki Leggett

◆ Ring leader. ◆ Chris Hiestand

◆ Tight rope and lion tamer. ◆ Lloyd Green  
"I'd be one of the first male belly dancers."  
◆ Brian Shaw

◆ Magic tricks. ◆ Cherri Kitchens

◆ Ride horses. ◆ Crystal Rhodes

◆ Ride elephants. ◆ Tracie Curd, Bronwyn Blackwell, Nicole Cooper

◆ Computerized holographic projection. ◆ Timothy Werner

◆ Flying trapeze. ◆ Melissa DiGangi, Jimandi Bryan, Jared Seymour

◆ Stand on top of a horse. ◆ Michelle Manley

"I would be the chicks that wear the skimpy clothes and walk on horses' backs."  
◆ Raechelle Phillips

## What famous person would you be?

◆ Madonna or Jodi Foster. ◆ Tracie Curd

◆ Madonna or Bridgette Fonda. ◆ Crystal Rhodes

◆ Linda Evans. ◆ Cherri Kitchens

◆ Clint Black. ◆ Lloyd Green

◆ Tom Cruise. ◆ Chris Hiestand

◆ Emmet Smith. ◆ Jared Seymour

◆ Faith Hill. ◆ Toni Calvanese

◆ Joe Montana. ◆ Kelly Tuck

◆ A teacher. ◆ Timothy Werner

◆ Sandra Bullock. ◆ Bronwyn Blackwell

◆ Just myself. ◆ Holly Reeves

◆ Jane Seymour. ◆ Melissa DiGangi

◆ Brett Favre. ◆ Troy Collins

◆ Eugenia Price. ◆ Vikki Leggett



## Who is your favorite JCC teacher and why?

◆ Patti Odom. She knows her stuff. ◆ Lucetta Wages

◆ Mrs. Gibson-English. I've had her so many times she's like a mother to me. ◆ Raines Rushin

◆ Mrs. Haygood. I've never understood math; she helped me. ◆ Troy Collins

◆ Doug Mansfield. ◆ Raechelle Phillips

◆ Dr. Baggett. Keeps class interesting. ◆ Jimandi Bryan

◆ Mr. Boone. ◆ Alice Bescancon

◆ Darla Lyons. She is a great teacher and always has time for her students. ◆ Melissa DeGangi

◆ Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Langston and Mrs. Moreton, because they care about me and they want me to succeed in life and do well in what ever I do. ◆ Holly Reeves

◆ Mr. Jones. ◆ Adrian Henry

◆ Terry Fountain. Always makes students strive for the best. ◆ Diedre Laster

◆ Mrs. Haygood. Waits till everyone understands before moving on. ◆ Arjen Hall

◆ Mr. Stringfellow. Great fellow. ◆ Kelly Tuck

◆ Mr. Ainsworth. Very good teacher and covers a lot in an hour. ◆ Toni Calvanese

◆ Mr. Houston. Because he makes me understand Spanish. ◆ Vikki Leggett



## Who is your favorite cartoon character and why?

◆ Peppy Le Pew-he's a smooth, oversexed Frenchman. ◆ Crystal Rhodes

◆ Road Runner-he's energetic and fun. ◆ Cherri Kitchens

◆ Beavis-cause he rocks. ◆ Brian Shaw

◆ Yosemite Sam-he's hilarious. ◆ Lloyd Green

◆ Pappa Smurf-Pappa knows all. ◆ Tracie Curd

◆ Wolverine-he has great courage. ◆ Chris Hiestand

◆ Eek the Cat-he's crazy and reminds me of my old cat. ◆ Kelly Tuck

◆ Wile E. Coyote-never gives up. ◆ Arjen Hall

◆ Faz-he's so zany. ◆ Melissa DiGangi

◆ Zordac-I love his nuggets of joy. ◆ Kirsten Weber

◆ Winnie the Pooh-bubbly personality. ◆ Jimandi Bryan

## What would impress you on a first date?

◆ I would like to be impressed with her character, how she carries herself, her personality. ◆ Mike Walker

◆ If he brought me a rose, opened and closed doors for me and the good night kiss was like a bolt of lightning. ◆ Tabetha Gilmore

◆ If he has good manners. ◆ Mary Lisa Palermo

◆ A sense of humor and honesty. ◆ Jake Travis

◆ If she was intelligent, able to carry on a good conversation and a pretty smile. ◆ Paul Weaver

◆ If she was really relaxed and not tense because it was the first date. ◆ Justin Davis

◆ If he had a vocabulary. ◆ Angelina Pelusi

◆ If he had all his teeth. ◆ Kathy Cook

◆ Not being stuck on himself. ◆ Kathy Mansker

◆ Someone who is kind, full of life and Spirit-filled. ◆ Mark Pichon

◆ A fake I.D. ◆ Jason Garza

◆ If she pays for everything. ◆ Scott Weaver

◆ If she thinks of something to do. ◆ Zack Williams

◆ Opening the door and paying for everything. ◆ Farrah Pierce

◆ Common courtesies. ◆ Catherine Naquin

◆ If she had an appetite for food. ◆ David Shelton

◆ A romantic guy that will go the full length: flowers, nice food, and a respectful ending. ◆ Natasha Jones

◆ A limo, a nice restaurant, and for the children to spend the night at the babysitters. ◆ Angela Green

◆ To tell me she has no tattoos, visible scars, kids, or diseases. Also to be well educated. ◆ Ken Matkins

◆ A nice car, lots of money, well-dressed and a gentleman. ◆ Logan Lamey



# ◆ WE MADE

**FROM THE EDITOR.** ♦ WOW! Just the fact that the yearbook is complete and this year is over makes me say WOW! I did it again. Another year and another book created while trying not to duplicate what had been done in years past. I thank God for the help He sent my way. Michelle Martin, the photographer. I was pleased to work with her again and she did a good job catching on film all the things that made us say WOW. Holly Reeves and Timothy Werner helped me with all the running around and putting stuff in the computer. Also I believe Mrs. Terry Fountain deserves a huge Thank You. She worked extra hard and was dedicated to completing this book. I also need to thank her for being there for me and giving me the extra push and support when I needed it. I'd also have to say WOW for the fact that stress has not destroyed me emotionally and physically. For the past 2 1/2 years, I've been under constant stress and having to create an entire yearbook from scratch adds to the stress level. But I thank Mrs. Fountain and Brent and encouragement during deadline week, and I thank Mrs. Fountain and Brent Dunaway for their prayers. I hope as you thumb through these pages in years to come, you'll remember the happy and fun times and that you can say WOW because of another successful year!

♦ BRONWYN BLACKWELL

**FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHER.** ♦ My time at JCC has been a chapter in my life well written. The 2 1/2 years here have taught many valuable lessons. This year was more demanding than the past two, because I am expecting my first child and I have been driven to capture every aspect of the students, campus, and the way of life here in its true form. My time here has taught me what teamwork means and what it feels like when everyone pulls together to make a positive difference in students' lives. Some students on campus made a difference with fund raisers and others made a difference with community activities. I hope that I have made a positive difference here with the photos I have contributed to this annual. I feel that this annual will touch the hearts of the students here as it did for me. This was a very happy time for me, and I hope it was for the rest of the students. I regret to say this was my last year, but the hard work has paid off. I will miss my darkroom on campus and all the faces I brought to life there.

♦ MICHELLE MARTIN



## Things that made us say WOW!

**STYLE OF MUSIC:** Alternative, Country, Soul, Contemporary Christian ♦ **MUSIC GROUP:** Alabama, George Strait ♦ **SONG:** When Love and Hate Collide ♦ **BOOK:** The Bible, Waiting to Exhale, Stephen King books ♦ **SPORTS TEAM:** Superbowl Champs Dallas Cowboys, Packers ♦ **TV SHOWS:** ER, Chicago Hope, Friends, Hard Copy, Home Improvement ♦ **MOVIE:** 12 Monkeys, Crimson Tide, Nine Months, Braveheart ♦ **RENTAL MOVIE:** Apollo 13, The Net, Ace Ventura Pet Detective ♦ **ACTOR:** Brad Pitt, Denzel Washington, Tom Hanks, John Travolta, Mel Gibson, Steven Segal ♦ **ACTRESS:** Sandra Bullock, Demi Moore ♦ **BEST RESTAURANT:** Cracker Barrel, Quincy's, The Annex, Red Lobster ♦ **BEST**

**CAR:** Mercedes, Honda, Lexus ♦ **BUMPER STICKERS:** "Yo mama was pro-life, dawlin'", "My kid can beat up your honor student", "Mean people suck", "It's paid for", "God said it, I believe it, that settles it" ♦ **LOCAL NEWS STORY:** Steven McGilberry Trial ♦ **NATIONAL NEWS STORY:** 1996 Blizzard, OJ still on trial ♦ **FUNNIEST EVENT:** Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie's wedding ♦ **SCARIEST EVENT:** Larry Jens Anderson's JCC art show, Government shut down, Bill Clinton as President ♦ **MEMORABLE EVENT:** George Burns turned 100, Magic returned to basketball ♦ **SADDEST EVENT:** Oklahoma bombing, death of a loved one

**We Made 'Em Say WOW ♦ We Made**

# ◆ 'EM SAY WOW ◆



### FAMILIAR FACES

Whether in a crowd or alone, JCC students stood out. Vocational Students of America members, top left, washed cars in a fall fund-raiser while fall student publications photographer Michelle Martin, top right, captured it all on film. Freshman class president Alicia Dunaway, bottom left, showed up for the Fall the Stocking Party with a Christmas tree on her head while Student Council treasurer Adrean Henry, bottom right, wore headphones to make sure the sound was clear at the Christmas event.

**'Em Say WOW!**



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# At the Top

## In Touch With Tomorrow

**M**ississippi Gulf Coast Community College is "In Touch With Tomorrow", according to Dr. L. Barry Mellinger, President.

M G C C C W O W ' d the state with its three campuses, four centers, four counties and thousands of students which made it the largest community college and third largest college in the state.

The Central Office kept MGCCC as a pacesetter among the educational leaders of the state, and often the nation. Here's what President Mellinger had to say about MGCCC:

"We know that we must constantly pursue changes

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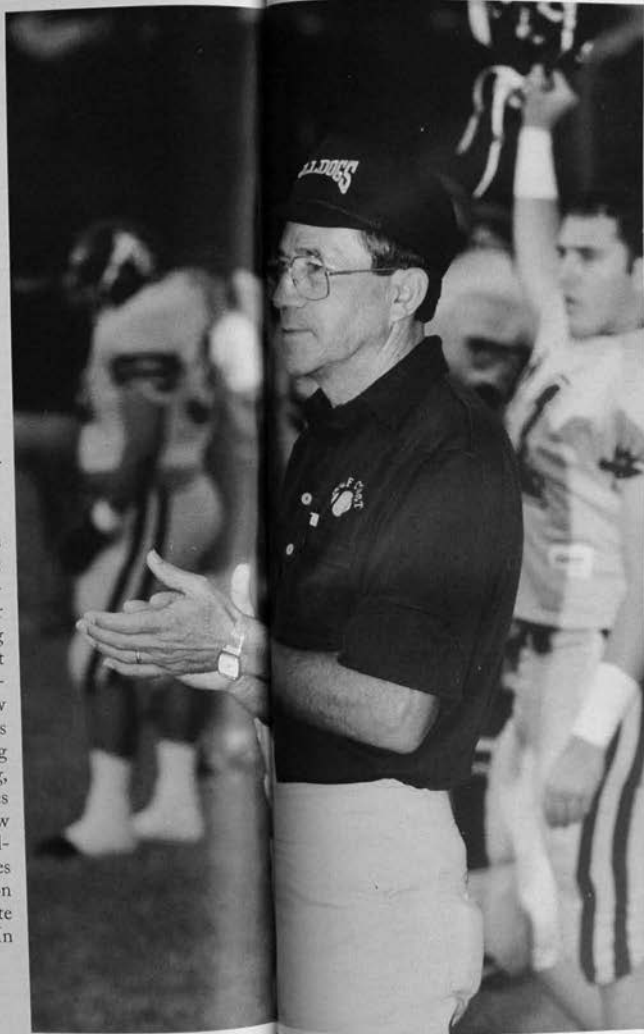
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that will equip our college to serve today's and tomorrow's generations. Through the years, the college has responded to social and economic changes in the local communities it serves and we are striving to prepare people

for the challenges of tomorrow. That preparation takes many forms: new programs for emerging employment opportunities, new technologies in teaching and learning, new services

for adult learners, and new options for workforce development and training. It takes innovation, modification and, sometimes, a complete transformation to be 'In Touch With Tomorrow'.



### ♦ TAKING A LOOK

J.C. Arban, left, retired this year as MGCCC's head football coach. MGCCC personnel Dr. Dan Hatten, Jon Lewis, Neil Murray and April Grace, below, worked at the Alumni Association's volleyball parties at the off-campus home games.



### ♦ OUTSTANDING

First Chemical Corporation Chemist John Fleming, above, presented sponsorship checks from First Chemical to JCC Vice President Dr. Royce Lake, science instructor Bess Moffatt and math instructor Angela Sims for the annual chemistry day camp and junior high math competition sponsored by JCC. MGCCC got the word out about the college at special events with high-tech kiosks such as the students viewed at left.



Meeting everyday challenges  
 Representing professional excellence  
 Impressive blend of backgrounds  
 Ready to help the community and each other  
 Making the college known statewide and nationwide

Every year, the Trident features the Central Office section. Put together by the Institutional Relations department, this section is aimed at letting you know who deals with the entire four-county district on a daily basis, plus it highlights special events and accomplishments college-wide.

Let's start with the board of trustees. With an impressive blend of backgrounds — public school educators, industrialists, bankers, independent business men and women — board members bring a wealth of expertise to our college. In touch with their communities, they guide the college in directions that will benefit the people of South Mississippi.

The Executive Council, made up of seven MGCCC administrators, has its own share of challenges. Leading a 13,000-student, seven-location, comprehensive community college is a pretty demanding job. Take a look at the facing page and see who these task masters are.

A couple of pages from here, you'll meet the Central Office staff. From Institutional Relations to transportation, these folks are on hand every day, waiting to help the community and each other.



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# Wowing 'em with LEADERSHIP



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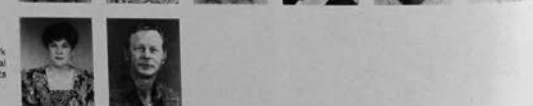
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# Wowing 'em with INNOVATION



There's a lot less footwork in MGCCC libraries these days. Cataloging, circulation and interlibrary loan are fully automated. As part of its technology plan, MGCCC spent \$270,000 to change to the Library of Congress classification system and to automate services.

Community colleges are in the information sharing business. Part of that business is keeping up with a changing work force and changing technology. From interactive video to new programs, MGCCC is leading the way through its commitment to innovation in the work place and in the classroom.

In July 1994, the college leaped out in front with the Community College Network (CCN) and established the first multi-campus links to the statewide interactive video network, along with a local network to link its three campuses.

Early in 1995, the Legislature approved a \$30 million technology bond bill for the community colleges, enabling them to begin building infrastructures for campus, district and statewide telecommunications linkages.

By June, the MGCCC Board of Trustees had approved a four-year, \$8.6 million technology plan. It includes fiber optic networked electronics, digital phone systems, library automation, multimedia instruction units, new administrative software, CCN expansion and kiosk information stations.



Instructor Dan Zwerg, left, and student Debbie Barton test the chlorine content of water, just a small part of the training students get in the Environmental Technology program at the Jackson County Campus. The program debuted in 1994.

In the area of new programs, the college added five in 1994 and five in 1995. Making first-time appearances in 1995 were Industrial Maintenance Millwright at the Jackson County Campus; Pharmacist Technology, Biotechnology and Medical Office Technology at the Jefferson Davis Campus; and postsecondary Aquaculture at the West Harrison County Occupational Training Center.

In 1994, new programs included Environmental Technology at the Jackson County Campus; Golf and Recreational Turf Management and Child Care Technology at the Perkinston Campus; secondary Aquaculture at the West Harrison Center; and LPN Advanced Placement at the Jefferson Davis Campus.

As the college grapples with funding and implementing new technologies, the burden is upon the college to show how these changes have advanced learning at MGCCC. And the 10 new programs added since 1994 prove the college is looking out for its most important audience — the communities it serves.





Dr. Brenda Nalepa



William Therrell



Amaryllis Stroud

## Instructors of the Year

**D**r. Brenda Nalepa, Perkinson Campus, has spent the last 22 years teaching. For Nalepa, who came to MGCCC just nine years ago, teaching science is more than just periodic tables and lab work.

"Every student has a purpose in life, and as a teacher, you should be able to tie your teaching area with this life. Most of all, be fair and honest and treat students kindly. Setting an example is the best way to teach," she says.

From high school teacher to field biologist to community college instructor, Nalepa has made a mark in her field. A member of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences and National and Mississippi Science Teachers Associations, she received her associate of arts degree from Hinds Junior College. Later, she received her bachelor of science degree from the Mississippi University for Women, a master of science degree from Mississippi State University, and a specialist degree in education and a doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

**F**or 33 years, Bill Therrell has been a teacher. And for 33 years, he has taught at the Jefferson Davis Campus. He teaches an interdisciplinary course at the campus and has scheduled a course using the Community College Network facility. He also serves as evening coordinator at the campus.

Therrell, a strong believer in updated thinking, says, "A teacher has the responsibility of having a firm knowledge of his subject, including current thinking in his field..."

Therrell says it's hard to pinpoint an outstanding classroom experience. "Anytime a student grasps the principle you are teaching or thinks about the material in a new way, it is most satisfying," he says.

Therrell holds bachelor of science and master's degrees from Mississippi State University. Among his professional affiliations are the Community College Humanities Association and Mississippi Political Science Association.

**A**maryllis Stroud, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Mississippi Faculty Association, MADD and Laubach Literacy, has been with the Jackson County Campus since 1965.

Past sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa and Scholars Bowl and onetime department chair, Stroud developed study skills and reading courses at the campus. She also tutors in the Jackson County Literacy program.

Stroud believes that her primary role is to "provide an opportunity and a challenge for students to become active, independent, critical thinkers who take responsibility for their own lives. Every student is a unique complex being, a mine of untapped potential who needs to be challenged and encouraged to develop that potential."

Stroud attended Jones County and Meridian junior colleges. She received her bachelor of science and master of education degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has done additional post-graduate work at USM and MSU.



The Institute for Learning in Retirement offers new adventure and exciting learning opportunities for retired South Mississippians age 50 and older.



April Grace, Alumni/Foundation officer, at the initial meeting of the ILR at the JD Campus.

## ILR gives retirees a new outlook

**E**dward Bellamy wrote in 1888 that, "We hold the period of youth sacred to education..." But for hundreds of South Mississippi folks 50 years and older, learning doesn't stop when the retirement papers are signed.

Learning is something they want to do on their own time and at their own pace. For this group, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College created the

Institute for Learning in Retirement, a unique program that's focused on mature learners who are interested in an unconventional approach to education.

The Jefferson Davis Campus represents the ILR in Stone and Harrison counties, and the Jackson County Campus in Gautier represents Jackson and George counties.

The ILR's activities are membership driven. The members,

who must be retired and 50-plus years old, decide the what, when, where and how of the learning situation. These learning experiences may last only a few sessions, or they can be extended into longer programs, whatever the membership desires.

Betty Malone is the ILR coordinator at the JD Campus location. The JC Campus coordinator is C.P. Winters.

## More exciting stuff



First place low gross winners in the college's Showcase Golf Tournament included, from left, Billy Evans, Tommy Shell, Jimmy Hodges and Don Rose. JC Campus Vice President Dr. Royce Luke, pictured at back, presented the trophy. The tournament hit new heights this year, bringing in a record-setting \$12,500 for student scholarships.



The restoration project of the Perkins War Memorial Chapel was kicked off at the 1995 homecoming. The chapel was purchased by the college in 1947 and dedicated as a War Memorial Chapel in 1949. Also started this year was the Perkins Agricultural High School Alumni Bell Commemorative Garden Project. Its aim is to find a fitting resting place on the Perkinson Campus for the restored bell.

## Homecoming Highlights



Incoming district Alumni Association president L.D. "Buster" Stringfellow, left, presents Cheryl Catalano with a plaque recognizing her service to the organization. Catalano has been district president for the past two years.



Neil Murray, left, executive assistant for Development, presents Louise Brown a plaque for her 12 years of service to the Alumni Foundation Office. Brown, the former Alumni Foundation officer, is now the college's finance clerk VI for special projects.



Former congressman and 1972 MGCCC Hall of Famer Howard Pollock, right, poses with MGCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger and his wife, Dot, following prayer services in Gregory Chapel on the Perkinson Campus.



Paul N. Howell addresses the crowd during the Oct. 21 homecoming luncheon that featured his induction into the Alumni Association Hall of Fame.



The masterminds behind the MGCCC Archives exhibit at homecoming were Archives curator and Perkinson Campus history instructor Charlie Sullivan (center, left) and Doug Mansfield, T.V. technician and photographer at the Jackson County Campus. Assisting them were their wives Jane Sullivan, left, and Cheryl Mansfield.



Crowned as homecoming queens on Oct. 21 were, from left, Angie Echols of Gulfport, Jefferson Davis Campus; Kimberly Wilson of Gautier, Jackson County Campus; and Wendi Webb of Ocean Springs, Perkinson Campus.

# Wowning 'em with REVELRY



From left, Dr. J.J. Hayden, former MGCCC president; Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president; Paul Howell, 1995 Hall of Fame inductee; and Dr. Otis Singletary, president emeritus of the University of Kentucky and 1975 Hall of Fame inductee.

From class reunions to the football field, Oct. 21 was filled with fun, excitement and reunion. And to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, MGCCC's homecoming was decked out in red, white and blue, remembering all those who served and survived and those who served and died in a time of war.

Fittingly, the day started with a prayer service at the Gregory War Memorial Chapel on the Perkinson Campus. Homecoming kicked off the restoration project for the chapel.

The college began a fund in 1945 to purchase the chapel, whose home was then Gulfport Field. Two years later, the campus purchased and moved it to its permanent home in Perkinson. In 1949, it became a memorial to those who served the United States during war time.

From the prayer service, homecomers went to class reunions (1946 and 1956 celebrated golden anniversaries), took campus tours, visited Barry and Dot Mellinger's home, met the 1995 homecoming court, relived war days at the MGCCC Archives display, and much more.

Howison native and 1936-37 alumnus Paul Howell, 77, was honored as the 1995 Alumni Association Hall of Fame honoree at the noon luncheon. Howell, chairman of the board and chief operating officer of Howell Corporation in Houston, Texas, was a commander in the U.S. Navy, is a survivor of Pearl Harbor and has received seven battle stars for service in the Pacific. He retired as a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Joe Byrum, former CEO/president of the Morrison's Hospitality Group and a leader in the college's Building On Our Heritage campaign, received the Sam Owen Award, which is awarded annually to a person or persons who have given distinctive service to the college.

The day ended with the Gulf Coast/Hinds game, with Hinds winning 55-0. Campus queens included Wendi Webb, Perkinson Campus; Kimberly Wilson, JC Campus; and Angie Echols, JD Campus.



Gerard Ballanco Jr., left, nephew of the late Sam Owen, presents the MGCCC Sam Owen Trophy to Joe Byrum, retired president and CEO of Morrison's Hospitality Group.

Arban retires, Wright steps in  
Hitting the courts — Bulldog style  
Bulldogs on the diamond  
Golf, tennis, softball and track  
Band of Gold, Perkettes put on quite a show



Some people say winning isn't everything. But do they really mean it? Well, after 37 years of coaching football — four of them at Gulf Coast — J.C. Arban still lives by the philosophy that winning in the classroom is just as important as winning on the field. That's what took him through college, and that's what brought him to where he is today.

In December 1995, Arban left the coaching life behind. His retirement from the head coaching position at Gulf Coast naturally leaves him with a little sorrow, but it also gives him a feeling of fulfillment, especially after the rewarding life he's led.

Arban retired with a 16-24 record at Gulf Coast and a 231-134-10 career record. Steve Wright, former offensive coordinator and assistant head football coach at Jones County Junior College, is the Bulldogs' new head coach.

"I have always loved going to work," Arban says. "It was fun getting paid to do what I would have done for nothing."

Steve Wright, a 39-year-old Tennessee native, brings high school and junior and senior college football coaching experience to Gulf Coast.

Dr. Barry L. Mellinger, MGCCC president, says, "Coach Wright has the combination of an education-first philosophy and a proven record which we think will make our players winners in the classroom and on the football field."

Wright says, "Gulf Coast has a reputation for doing things in a first-class manner. Its excellent tradition has earned state and national recognition in many areas."

Wright has spent nine years in the junior college league, where he's earned a reputation for helping to rebuild football teams, according to Dr. Willis Lott, vice president of the Perkinson Campus. That fact is important to the Gulf Coast Bulldogs, who have had only three winning seasons in the last 10 years.

His senior college experience includes stints as assistant coach at the University of Texas in El Paso, 1982-86, and the University of Richmond in Virginia, 1980-81.

It's Wright's first head coaching job, but he's confident, saying, "We are going to have a good time doing this. We've done that at every stop, and it's going to be done here."



Dr. Barry Mellinger, left, congratulates J.C. Arban on the Bulldogs' win over East Central in 1995.



Steve Wright

# Wowin' 'em with ATTITUDE

Last season, the Bulldogs had one major problem, something assistant coach Wendell Weathers calls "individualism. Our people just didn't play together."

This season, teamwork is what took the Bulldogs to the South Division championship, the state tourney and the Region 23 tourney.

The Bulldogs, 14-11 in 1995 and 19-9 in 1996, hit the court this year with five returners — Kevin Gooden (starter) of Gulfport, Julius Marble of Gulfport, Eric Hill of Gulfport, Dan Tubbs of St. Martin, Allen Stinson of Moss Point and Kendall Nettles of Moss Point.

The Bulldogs hit a snag in January when one player was ruled ineligible. Gulf Coast had to forfeit three of its games, bringing the Bulldogs' record down, but not their spirit. They went on to win the South Division tournament, which Gulf Coast hosted. They lost 69-65 to Holmes in the state tourney, hosted by Northwest. March 4-7 took them to Mississippi College in Clinton for the Region 23 tournament, where they lost in the first round to Meridian, 64-60.



Dan Tubbs goes up against a Jones player. The Bulldogs defeated the Bobcats 75-71 for the South Division championship.



The Bulldogs and their fans celebrate a win over Jones, making Gulf Coast the South Division champ.

The Lady Bulldogs include, front, from left, Yoshe Robinson, Stacie Davis, Denise Bonds, Ledora Hollins, Shawrina Felton, Curlandus Blanks and Lashonda Plaliner. Back, from left, are Kisha Moore, Kasandra Travis, Mandy Williams, Natisha Crosby, Karen McWilliams, Yolanda Keys, Robinette Harry and Latasha Danos.

Writing about spring sports for the yearbook is a little tricky. The final deadline is in early March, so that means some sports haven't finished the season, and some haven't even started yet. What follows is a glimpse of last year's and this year's happenings in baseball, tennis, golf, softball and track.

**On the turf** In February, head coach Cooper Farris said he was counting on a large group of returners to help the Bulldogs bring home the state baseball title this year. Last season, Gulf Coast ranked No. 6 on NJCAA's 1996 pre-season poll, captured the South State title before finishing second behind Mississippi Delta in the state tournament. The Bulldogs went on to finish third in the Region 23 playoff. They ended the year at 43-13.

Right-handed pitcher Doug Thompson returned to the Gulf Coast diamond this year. The former Biloxi standout earned All-American honors as he compiled a 14-1 record, struck out 144, walked 22 and had a 1.13 earned run average.

Other starters back for '96 include left fielder Anthony Green of Moss Point, catcher Shannon Pootle of Pascagoula, shortstop Donovan Marbury of Baker, La., and right fielder John Picard of Ocean Springs.

**On the courts** Coming back from a second place state finish in 1995, plus a spot in last year's national tournament, the men's tennis team started 1996 on the right foot, racking up an 8-1 record by the end of March.

For the past three years, coach Charlie Spence has managed to revamp the tennis program, ending 1994 at 4-6 and 1995 at 14-3. This year, his newcomers include Brian Holmes, J. Perkinson, Campus; Jose Rodriguez, Juan Silva and Drew Spradley, JD Campus; and David Taranto, JC Campus. Returners include JD students Skip Ledbetter, Phillip Owen and Steven Pascua.

On the women's side are newcomers and JD students Kimberly Blakeslee, Maria Davis, Mary Sawardacker and Fabienne Tasselin, and JC student Tasha Harrington. Perk students Amber Leatherwood and Becky Edwards were the returners.

**On the field** Darlene Burney, assistant coach for women's basketball, is the new leader of the softball team. Although she had a good nucleus of returning freshmen, the team lost four sophomores from 1995.

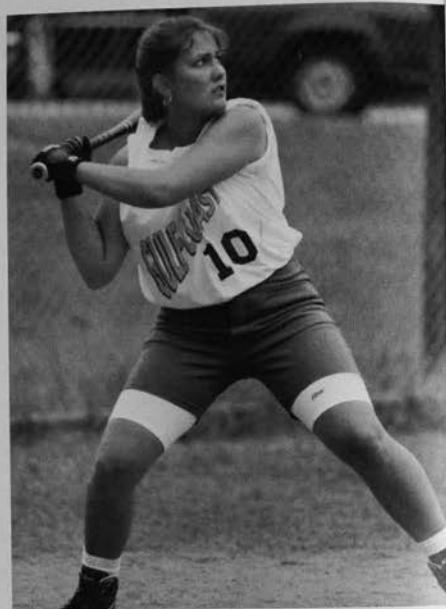
Last year, under Steve Naggy's leadership, Gulf Coast wrapped up the year at 13-15 overall and 12-8 in the South Division, ending play at No. 5 in the state.

**On the green** Led in 1995 by Charles Cooper, the golf team will now have Chris Calcutt, Gulf Coast's new athletic director, as coach.

In 1996, Gulf Coast finished with a fourth place finish in the State and Region 23 Tournament. One Bulldog golfer, Greg Norstrom of Biloxi, qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. The Delta State signee was selected as a Second Team All American and placed 11th in the tournament. Of the 18 golfers in Division 2, he was one of three Mississippi All Americans.

**On the track** Gulf Coast finished second to Hinds Community College in the 1995 state track meet held at Hinds. Jones followed in third place. Co-Lin came in at second.

As a result of the state meet, Pascagoula's Cedric Smith and James Bell and Gulfport's Kevin Gooden qualified for the national competition in Odessa, Texas.



Farrah Sanders of Pascagoula gets ready for the pitch. The Lady Bulldogs finished at 13-15 overall and 12-8 in the South, putting them at No. 5 for the season.



Brandon Cox of Pascagoula receives Gulf Coast's Randy Rouse Award. With him are, from left, his parents, Greg and Ann Cox, Brandon and coach Cooper Farris. The award is named in memory of Rouse, a 1989 Bulldog baseball player who died of leukemia in 1992.



# SPRING SPORTS



Making it to second place in the state and region and a spot in the national competition were 1995's men's tennis team members, from left, Phillip Owen, Skip Ledbetter and Tom Friscia. Back, from left, are Jeffrey Page, Jeff Bosarge, and Patrick Martin. Not pictured is Steven Pascua. Returning to action in 1996 were Owen, Ledbetter and Pascua.



Members of the 1995 Gulf Coast track team included, front, from left, Ryan Bourque, Cedric Smith, Christopher Fairly, Derrick Caples, Carlos D. Williams and Marcus Cuevas, manager. Back, from left, are Sean Smith, James Havard, James Bell, Chris Martin, Terris Riley and Brent Hughes. Not pictured are Kevin Sams, Grover Henry, Thomas Kelly, Anthony Skinner and Donald Tubbs. Ode Burrell and Chris Calcutt coached the team to a second place finish in the state last year.



# Catch the Magic

Over 50 years old and still going strong. That's the Band of Gold, just one of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's trademarks of excellence.

This year the band has over 160 members, a record-breaking number in the band's history. Directed by David Dueitt and assisted by David Allen, these musical ambassadors include some of the most talented musicians and dancers in South Mississippi and surrounding states.

Organized during the 1930s, the band participates in band exhibitions and Mardi Gras parades, along with its yearly agenda of pep rallies, football games and special events. These days, you can even catch the Band of Gold magic at a home basketball game. The Pep Band gives new spirit—and rhythm—to roundball action on the Perkinston Campus.

The Perkettes Dance Team, an important part of the Band of Gold, has its own full agenda. From Pep rallies to ball games to parades to High School Dance Day, this group has a busy schedule filled with practice and performances.

Formed by band director Sam Jones in the 1950s, dance team members, directed by Kathleen Braun, are required to take a dance class (modern, jazz or ballet). The group also attends the two-week band camp held in August on the Perkinston Campus.



The Perkettes during halftime at a Bulldog football game.



It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make the Band of Gold what it is. And each member brings his or her own style to the group.



The Band of Gold, with a record-breaking 160 members.



Bank alumnus John O'Neal, center, president of First National Bank of Lucedale, has volunteered to lead George County efforts in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Building On Our Heritage fund-raising campaign. He met with MGCCC President Dr. Barry Melling, left, and Jon Lewis, right, director of Development at the college, to discuss the county's \$100,000 goal.

## George County joins Building On Our Heritage

Earlier this year, John O'Neal, president of First National Bank of Lucedale, was named chair of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Building On Our Heritage Campaign in George County. The bank's \$15,000 pledge gave the campaign an early start toward its \$100,000 goal.

"There are a lot of reciprocating reasons for being involved in the Foundation's Building On Our Heritage Campaign," O'Neal says, adding, "There is a big circle of community involvement with the college. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College has provided practical applications to address many of the employee training needs of business and industry. We want to contribute to something that adds to the educational benefits of our local community."

According to O'Neal, the college's George County Occupational Training Center has offered accounting and computer courses for First National employees. He adds that the bank provides tuition reimbursement to employees taking courses that enhance their on-the-job skills.

A 1971-72 Perkinston Campus alumnus, O'Neal stresses the important role the college plays in preparing students for productive lives in today's society. He urges friends of the college to join him in supporting the campaign.

Anne Owen of Houston, Texas, will serve as the campaign's honorary chairperson. Neil Murray, executive assistant for Development at MGCCC, says Owen has been a strong supporter of the college, as were her parents, Horace and Jimmie Bradley.

According to Murray, the George County Campaign will complete the Building On Our Heritage Campaign. She says major fund-raising project undertaken by the college. The first major fund-raising project will be used to fund new teaching techniques and technologies, expand nursing and allied health programs, provide continuing education opportunities for faculty, support student scholarships, and assist with campus enhancement.

Murray says, overall, the Building On Our Heritage Campaign surpassed its base goal of \$1 million and is approaching its challenge goal of \$1.5 million. O'Neal adds that George County is in the unique position to push the campaign over the top.



Named to All-Mississippi Teams were, front, from left, Vivian Anderson, Cheryl Farmer and Clayton McCall. Back, from left, are Vikki Leggett, Cindy Sitzman and Deneen Sovell.

## Students named to All-Mississippi Teams

Fifty students from Mississippi community and junior colleges were honored March 6, 1996, in Jackson, Miss., as members of All-Mississippi Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges. Six of those students call the Gulf Coast home, and they all attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Winners in the academic competitions were named to three teams. They were selected on the basis of completed applications, written essays, letters of recommendation, academic performance, demonstration of leadership, and community service involvement.

Among the 10 named to the First Team was Cindy J. Sitzman of Biloxi, a 27-year-old chemical engineering major at the Jefferson Davis Campus.

Others making All-Mississippi teams include Deneen K. Sovell of Biloxi, Second Team member and elementary education major at the JC Campus; and third team members Vivian G. Anderson of Purvis, a mathematics major at the Perkinston Campus; Cheryl S. Farmer of Perkinston, a history/secondary education major at the Perkinston Campus; Vikki A. Leggett of Ocean Springs, an English/secondary education major at the Jackson County Campus; and Clayton K. McCall of Vancleave, a mechanical engineering major at the JC Campus.

Students were selected by judges from the Metro-Jackson area and by a panel of representatives from national education associations based in Washington, D.C. Students named to the All-Mississippi Teams are considered for placement on the All-USA Academic Teams, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa administers the All-State and All-USA Academic Team Programs from its headquarters based in Florida, sponsored All-State programs using the All-Mississippi program as a model. Sponsors of the Mississippi award program include Bell South Telecommunications Inc., Mississippi Valley Gas, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Mississippi Power Company, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, sippi Power Company, Mississippi National Bank, Mississippi Power & Light Company, Bank of Mississippi, Pepsi Cola of Corinth, Peoples Bank & Trust of Tupelo, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, Tecumseh Products Company, Trustmark Bank, and Union Planters Bank.

Meeting the demands of business, industry and the economy  
 Workforce development reaches new heights  
 Embracing the one-stop philosophy  
 Education and training go hand in hand  
 ALEX, Career Center and much more

The concept of one-stop education and training services for an entire community emerged as the primary focus of the Workforce and Education Act of 1994. In one short and very busy year, MGCCC had fully embraced the one-stop philosophy and developed a model plan for serving the diverse needs of community residents, area employers and students enrolled in regular college programs. Nationwide, community colleges are furnishing training that is critical to the growth of the American industry. In Mississippi, that training is guided by state and district workforce councils and driven by the demands of business and industry and a competitive economy.

Locally, MGCCC has committed \$3.8 million to build or renovate facilities for Educational Services Centers at its three campuses. By doing so, it has integrated regular college programs with workforce initiatives and achieved a seamless approach to education and training.

In addition, the college hired three campus Workforce Development directors and career/job placement managers, and assigned a vice president level administrator to oversee workforce development. Joining that team are the industrial services coordinator, literacy director, campus literacy managers, workbased specialist and vocational-technical education support.

Although the college has had a long tradition of providing customized training for local employers, the MGCCC District Workforce Council developed a strategic plan to target specific needs of employers and citizens in the four counties served by the college.

This unified effort has produced tremendous results. For instance, in FY95 enrollments in Adult Basic Education and GED preparation classes increased by 36 percent. The college trained over 16,000 employees in 38 projects and had over 3,000 people in on-going apprenticeship projects for employers such as Ingalls Shipbuilding and International Paper.



Job opportunities in Mississippi and beyond are on-line via the Automated Labor Exchange (ALEX), a project in conjunction with the Mississippi Employment Service. This assistance is available through the career centers at the college.



Campus Workforce Development directors are Dr. Mary Graham (seated), Jackson County Campus; Mason Gordon (left), Jefferson Davis Campus; and Ric Williams, Perkinston Campus. They work with area employers to develop training and education programs specific to business and industry needs.

