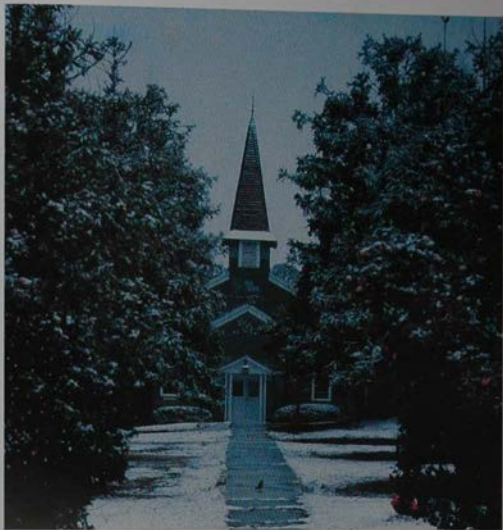


*Make 'Em  
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## MAKE 'EM SAY WOW!

MGCCC Perkinston Campus  
Perkinston, Mississippi

### Student Life

WOW! There's so many people!

### Honors

WOW! What a challenge!

### Classes and Faculty

WOW! We're bigger!

### Clubs

WOW! Look what's up!

### Sports

WOW! Look what they can do!

### Index

WOW! This annual is complete!

# STUDENT LIFE

WOW! There are so many people!



# HUGS & KISSES

Upper right: Steve Pearce and Melissa Perry

Center (Top Left) Steve Claffell, Amy Strong, Rayli Wood  
(Bottom Left) Mary Robison, Emily Boyd, Rebecca Cady

Center-Right (Top Left) Steve Pearce, Melissa, Melissa, Steve  
Claffell (Bottom Left) Mary Robison, Emily Boyd, Rebecca Cady, Steve Pearce

Bottom Left (Top) Rayli Wood (Bottom) Rebecca Cady and Steve Pearce



"A Piece of My Heart" was presented by the Post Players on October 10-11, 1988. The play was about a woman named who goes to Vietnam. It portrays their bond during the war and shows the effects of the war after they come back home and try to get on with their lives. The play was supported by the local A Piece of My Heart which was written by Keith Miller. The Post Players and their Director, Debbie Miller, wanted many ideas with many different Vietnam Veterans. The play was dedicated to the memory of all the A Piece of My Heart who died while serving their country in Vietnam.

**A Piece of My Heart**



Left (Top Left) Mary Robison, Steve Pearce, Rebecca Cady (Bottom Left) Steve Pearce, Emily Boyd, Amy Strong, and (Center Bottom) Steve Claffell

Bottom: Amy Strong, Mary Robison, and Steve Claffell

Center: Steve Pearce



Left: Amy Strong, Steve Pearce, Mary Robison

Right: "A Piece of My Heart" cast taking pictures and talking with some Vietnam veterans





# HOMECOMING WEEK

MGCCC Perkinston Court



Tyler Austin, Jennifer Huffstatter, Amy White, Heather Hoffman, JImeka Griffin, Wendy Webb, and Melissa Paffe

## MGCCC QUEENS



## The Team



## The Band



## The Cheerleaders



## The Queen



## The Fans



# HOMECOMING

Wendy Webb, Queen



Jimeka Griffin, Football Maid



Amy White, Football Maid

# COURT



Tyler Austin, Sophomore Maid



Melissa Puffe, Sophomore Maid



Heather Hoffman, Freshman Maid



Jennifer Huffstatter, Freshman Maid



# BAND OF GOLD



Drum Majors — Chad Parks, Anna Weaver Simpson, and Michael Green



Managers — (bottom) Stephanie Peterson and Ed Garza (standing) Geri Jackson, Antonia Dandaneau, Christina Wilson, and Michael Jordan



Guard — (row 1) Jenny Adams and Kim Miller; Captains (row 2) Amber Lusterwood, Katy Stallings, and Joyce Robinson (row 3) Keri Woods, Lindsey Dure, Chantel Thompson, and Lara Cooley (row 4) Kelly Hartfield, Eve Gillan, Amy Moody, Michelle Ehl, and Myka Hale



Peekaboo — (bottom row) Erin Brown — field officer, Melissa Rouse — Dance officer, Tiffany Nettles — Dance officer, Melissa Felle — head officer and Heather Hadley — field officer (second row) Julie Bell, Allison Rouse, Jennifer Palk, Deanne Forre, and Danyella Barnes (third row) Dee Spring, Becky Edwards, Donna Gray, Nikki Jefferson, Yvonda Barnes (fourth row) Deborah Cook, Elaha Hartwell, Amy Kabner, Heather Holloway, Jamie Carley, Beandy Beckham, Tara Tice

Tara Tice and Melissa Rouse dancing at one of our many fun-filled pep rallies.



## SOUNDWAVES



The Soundwaves, a male scrapella group from our Perkinston Campus performs at college and other social events, singing a variety of tunes, from barbershop to the rock 'n' roll hits of the fifties. They are under the direction of Marilyn Smith and photographed by Gary Colburn of Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Members include: Chris Anderson, Morgan Haskins, Dan Leavell, Benji Wood, Jason Chatfield and Josh Strength. Not pictured: Mike Jordan



Members of the Soundwaves standing in front of Governor Fordice's limo at the Southern Governor's Conference where they performed in September.

## SOUND



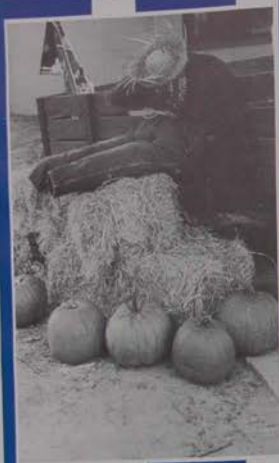
Mississippi Sound, a group of singers and dancers from the Perkinston Campus made their first appearance of the year at the Southern Governor's Conference in Biloxi on September 18, 1995. They are under the direction of Marilyn Smith and were photographed by Gary Colburn of Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Members of the Mississippi Sound include: Benji Wood, Dan Leavell, Jason Chatfield, Morgan Haskins, Amy Strength, Jessica Oliver, Renee Richard, Jennifer St. Andre and Rebecca Guley.

The Mississippi Sound was up, up, and away at the Governor's Conference



Mississippi Sound and Soundwaves appearing with Governor Fordice, along with Marilyn Smith, Sound director.







## Students make the Teachers say WOW!

Students and Faculty played flag football to kick off the spirit of Homecoming week. After weeks of practice the faculty succumbed to defeat at the hand of the much younger students. We must say we were very concerned about one faculty player who stayed on the ground much of the game and another one who played with a serious leg injury, but both were in good hands with their very own athletic trainer. OUCH!!!



## Perkinston Archives

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan is the archivist and every year at Homecoming they have a special exhibit.



The exhibit belongs to Doug and Cheryl Mansfield. Mr. Mansfield works at the JC Campus. It was he that brought up the collection for Homecoming in commemoration of WWII.



Cheryl and Doug Mansfield showing off their WWII uniforms.





# PRC



# WEEK





# STUDENT COUNCIL



MEMBERS LISTED  
BELOW:  
JOSEPH MILLER  
JENNIFER HUFFSTATLER  
VICKI HARDY  
BRANDI BLANKNEY  
WENDY WEBB  
ROBERT LITTLE  
DEANNA FORNEA  
RACHEL PARKER  
KEVIN ROBERTS  
SANDY OWEN  
HEATHER HADLEY  
MELISSA PAFE  
AMBER LEATHERWOOD  
PATRICIA TAYLOR  
NAOMI RAMI

WENDY WEBB—TREASURER  
VICKI HARDY—VICE PRESIDENT  
BRANDI BLANKNEY—SECRETARY  
ROBERT LITTLE—PRESIDENT  
TRACEY CARTER—SPONSOR



MORE THAN JUST MEMORIES

## A LITTLE ABOUT YOU:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_  
HOMETOWN \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
HUSBAND/BOYFRIEND \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED/DATING \_\_\_\_\_  
CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_ THEIR NAMES \_\_\_\_\_



## EVENTS:

FUNNIEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_  
GREATEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_  
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT \_\_\_\_\_



## FAVORITES:

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# Resident Assistants

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# Scholars Bowl

Scholars Bowl is a concept originating at the University of Mississippi in 1983. It is organized to recognize those students who have achieved exceptional academic success in a variety of Scholarly Disciplines, and to afford them the opportunity of scholarships in addition to those usually awarded to students with higher averages. Captain of the Perkinson Campus team for 1995-96 was Mike Miller with Shane Brown, Marshall Crutchfield and James Strickland as additional members. Alternates were Yolanda Ashley, Jonathan Basilio, Tammy Burger, and Vernon Murray. Our team placed sixth in a field of eighteen, and Shane Brown was awarded the Scholarship for correctly answering the most individual questions. Sponsor of the team was Dr. John E. Jenkins.



# 8 Necessities for College Dorm Life

1. The telephone



3. Fine guys



2. Awesome memories



4. Comfortable clothes



6. Lots of sleep

It doesn't get any better than this!

8. Easy homework



5. Good gossip



7. Jammin' music







The Storyteller

She is an old woman walking down a worn path taking her grandchildren to the doctor. Now she is a frog on a log. Next, a cricket. If you haven't guessed, she's a storyteller. And a very good one at that. She enthralles audiences with her stories, as she metamorphosed from frogs to crickets to an elderly woman to a Southern belle—flirting with plots and characters of a story. What with brain stinging television sitcoms and Nintendo trapped imaginations of children, story telling is a refreshing change of pace, and with Dr. Jernigan, members of the audience do not just sit and listen, they become part of the cast. Jernigan, who is a born and bred Southerner, grew up near Memphis. Her Story telling is not only a gift, it is an art.




# THE WORLD OF ART



# Mr. Perk

## John Picard


John, son of John and Vickie Picard, is from Ocean Springs and has a 3.0 GPA. He plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi and major in Business Administration ... While at Perk John played Baseball and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His one wish for life is for people to look at others for who they are not where they are from or what race they are. John quoted "Do unto others as you want done to you."



# Miss Perk

## Karen McWilliams

Karen, daughter of Georgia Williams and Artis White, is from Pascagoula, and has a 2.9 GPA. She plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in Nursing. While at Perk she was on the basketball team. Her one wish for life would be that there would be a cure for AIDS. Karen quoted "It's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog."

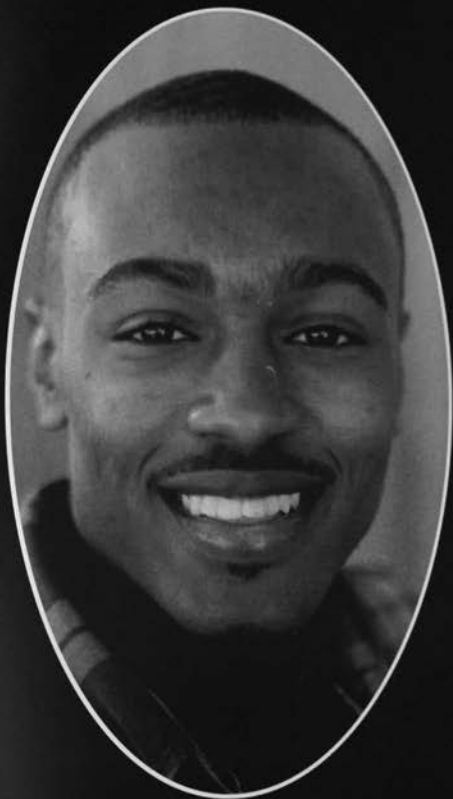


# Most Beautiful



Wendy Webb

# Most Handsome



Norris Thompson



# Sophomore Beauties



Lana Coley



Vicki Hardy



Amy Strength



Johnathan Aldridge



Anthony Green



Zealy Jones

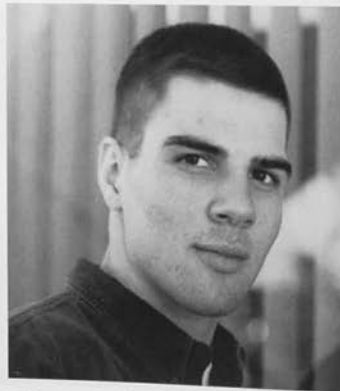
# Freshmen Beaus Freshmen Beauties



Damian McMillan



Marshall Saxon



Brandon Walker



Julie Bell



Selbra Chambers

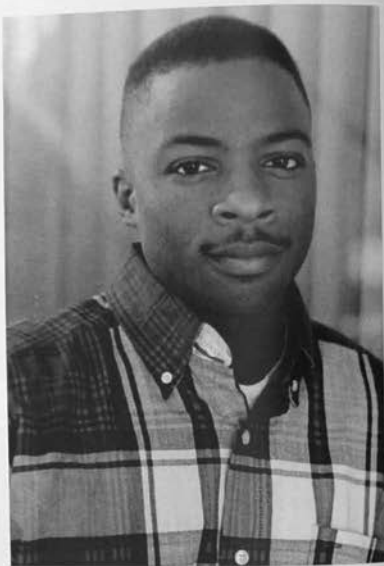


Olivia Dellinger

# Sophomore Class Favorites



Grover Henry



Sean Smith



Yoshi Robinson

Amy White



## Freshman Class Favorites



Daphne Griffin



Heather Hoffman



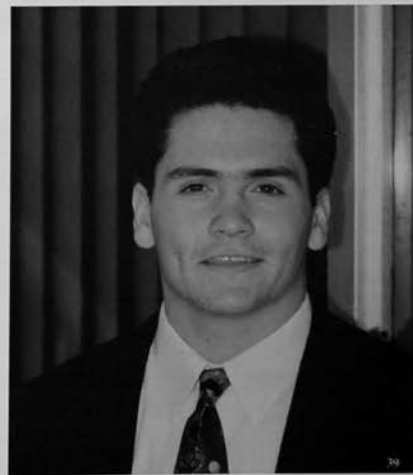
## Freshman Class Favorites



Jeremy Conner



Benji Wood







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Amy White



Bill West



Kim Nix



Sheryl Farmer



Donna Walker



Rebecca Mitchell



Vicky Hardy



Nathan Ladner



Melissa Paffe



Rebecca Cooley



Norris Thompson



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Brandy Blakeney



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Gina Miller



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James Wade



Wendy Webb



Chad Parks



Tiffany Batey



Rachel Narramore



Robert Little



Rita Morris



Doug Thompson



Rachel Parker



Jennifer Gates



Andrew Penrow



Kim Miller



Melanie Krafnick



Benjamin Stuart



Michelle Judge



Laura Hutchins



Jason Parker



Tyler Austin

# HALL OF FAME

## Rebecca Cooley

Rebecca, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Cooley of Wiggins has a 3.7 GPA and plans to attend USM and major in Biology and Pre-Dental. While at Perk Rebecca was actively involved in the Drama, Mississippi sound, Choir, Hugs and Kisses, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors, and Soundsations.



## Jeff Chad Parks

Chad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Rasco of Pascagoula has a 3.9 GPA and plans to attend Mississippi State and major in Electrical Engineering. While at Perk Chad was actively involved in Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Delta Club, and Phi Theta Kappa.



# HALL OF FAME

## Doug Thompson

Doug, son of George and Doreen Wade has a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend Mississippi State and major in Chemical Engineering. While at Perk, Doug was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Honors Program, BSU, President of the Delta Club and a mentor at Stone County Schools.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



## Amy White

Amy, daughter of Rodger and Tamar White has a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend USM and major in Business. Amy was active in Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Program and a tutor at Stone Jr. High. She was also on the Homecoming Court and elected Sophomore Class Favorite.

Happy is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding, for the gain from it is better than silver and it's profit better than gold. Proverbs 3:13-14



## HALL OF FAME

### Sheryl S. Farmer

Sheryl, wife of Billy Wayne and mother of twin daughters, Britney and Brianna has a 3.75 GPA and plans to attend William Carey College. While at Perk, Sheryl was very active in the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, BSU, Archives, and New Horizons.

"Those who can not remember the past, are condemned to repeat it." George Santagana



### Bill West

Bill, son of Gina Ragrand and Bill West Jr. has a 3.8 GPA is now attending Stanford University where he will major in Medicine. While at Perk, Bill played football and was in the Honors Program.

"You get out of life what you put into it."



## HALL OF FAME

### Laura Hutchins

Laura, daughter of Dotty Brennan and Dr. Kelly Hutchins has a 3.87 GPA and plans to attend Millsaps College and major in English and Pre-Law. Laura was very active in the Theatre Department, and a member of PTK, Perk Literary Society, Scholars Bowl and Honors Program.

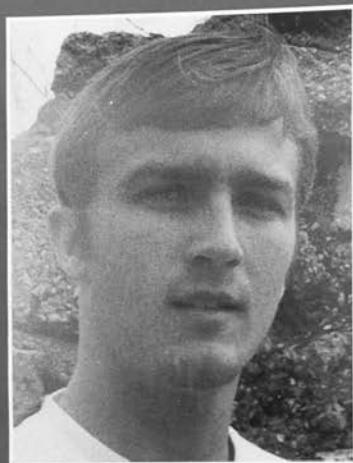


### Robert Little

Robert, son of Robert and Melinda Little of California has a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend Delta State and major in History and Sociology. Robert was very active in the Student Council, BSU, Literary Society, Reflections and Phi Theta Kappa.



# HALL OF FAME



Douglas William Thompson

Doug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson of Biloxi, has a 3.3 GPA and plans to attend LSU and major in Psychology. While at Perk, Doug was actively involved in Baseball and Football. "Always set your goals high and never stop working until you accomplish them."

Wendeline Dianne Webb

Wendy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Webb has a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend Ole Miss and major in Psychology. While at Perk, Wendy was actively involved in Cheerleading, and Student Council, which she was the Treasurer of. "You see things that are and say, 'Why', but I dream things that never were and say 'Why not?' " George Bernard Shaw



	NAME
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	MAJOR
1.	IF YOU HAD ONE WISH, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
2.	WHAT IS THE BEST AND/OR WORST DREAM YOU HAVE EVER HAD?
3.	IF YOU COULD REDO ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR LIFE WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?
4.	WHO WAS YOUR FIRST KISS?
5.	WHO WAS YOUR FIRST TRUE LOVE?
6.	WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES? FIRST LADY?
7.	IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CALLED YOU AND ASKED FOR ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO RUN THE COUNTRY, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL HIM AND WHY?

# Anthony Herrera

Anthony Herrera, native of Wiggins, attended Ole Miss where he received a Bachelors degree in Literature and Zoology. Later he studied drama for three years in New York with Stella Adler.

Anthony is best known for his appearances in Daytime and Nighttime Television, such "As the World Turns," "Loving," "Silk Stalking," and "Man-cuso FBI" being only a few of the many. Literature being one of his degrees, seemed to influence his debut in Shakespearean Theatre. Twelfth Night, The Seagull, Mid Sum-

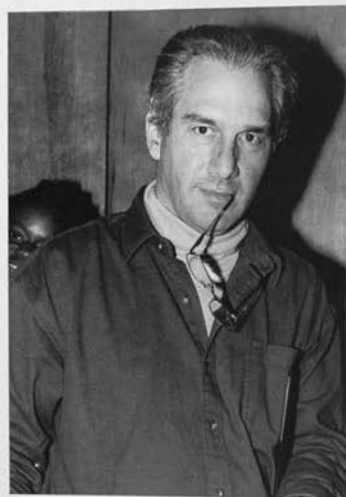
mer Night's Dream, The Tempest, and Lysistrada were

Off Broadway he performed in Love Letters, Taming of the

loves. Being a huge Eudora Welty fan, he wanted to direct a Screen play of Eudora Welty's Short Stories, "The Wide Net".

The Welty short story is a simple straightforward narrative about to come to terms with the balance and control in their relationship. The one hour film was shot on a \$700,000 budget in Wiggins.

Herrera recently presented this screen play on our campus in Malone Hall. Quite a few viewers were there to watch the wonderful direction and casting.



a few performed by Anthony in the five years he worked with the Will Geer's Shakespearean Theatre. Touring

Shrew, and Playing with Fire.

Mr. Herrera said in a Q and A that writing and directing was one of his first



# Vocational Technical Education Week

February 12-16, 1996 was Vocational Technical Education Week. This week is designed to show people in the community the great program the Perkinson Campus has to offer. They held their annual cookout on March 13th in front of Weeks Hall, with free gifts to all. The event was a great success and they would like to say a "thank you" to everyone who attended.









# CLASSES

WOW! WE'RE BIGGER!



# Perkinston

Rachel Acheson  
Jenny Adams  
Todd Adams  
Jeremy Albert  
Jonathan Aldridge



Ryan Alexander  
Woodie Allen  
Daniel Anderson  
Sharon Anderson  
Vivian Anderson



Don Arntz  
Abigail Arrington  
Lakesha Ashford  
Richie Ashley  
Brandy Atwood



Ledier Austin  
Tyler Austin  
Joshua Bailey  
Demetrius Baldwin  
Danyell Barnes



Tamria Barnes  
Yineda Barnes  
Anthony Barnett  
Brandy Barq  
Tiffany Batey



Karla Beech  
Stacy Beech  
Chris Benoit  
Brandy Blakeney  
Curlandus Blanks



# Campus



Randell Boatwright  
Micheal Bond



Charmayne Bonnet  
Ryan Bourque



Torraine Breland  
Eloise Brown



Tammie Brown  
Kenley Byrd  
Jenise Callaway  
Holly Cannette  
Jamie Camley



Mitzi Chambers  
Selbra Chambers  
Carl Charles  
Jason Chatfield  
Shane Chavers



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Lana Coley  
Kera Coulin  
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Rebecca Cooley



Quinton Cooley  
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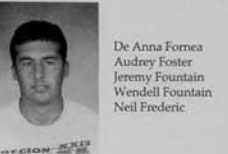
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Mary Daughdrill  
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Stacie Davis



Theresa Davis  
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Olivia Dellenger  
Sara Denning  
Heather Hadley



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Glenn Donnelly  
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Trendell Edwards



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Joe Fernandez  
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Jeremy Fountain  
Wendell Fountain  
Neil Frederic

Ed Garza  
Christian Gibbs  
John Gildea  
Eve Gillan  
Debbie Goff

Jose Gonzalez  
Keara Gray  
Michael Green  
Tara Green  
Daphanie Griffin

Martha Hagerdon  
Myka Hale  
Morgan Hankins  
Shoa Harshaw  
Vicki Hardy

Jean Harrison  
Kelly Hartfield  
Beth Hartmann  
Elisha Hartwell  
James Havard

Selena Henderson  
Chris Henry  
Richard Henry  
Michelle Hewitt  
Marsha Hickman



Eric Hogue  
Crystal Holland  
Susan Holland  
Heather Holloway  
Charlie Hong



Bianca Hooker  
Jessie Howell  
Jennifer Huffstatter  
Angie Hunt  
Ronnie Innis



Andrea Jackson  
Jeanetta James  
Chris Jenkins  
Brandi Johnson  
Evelyn Johnson



Larry Johnson  
Zealy Jones  
Michelle Judge  
Richard Junkins  
Sarah Kelso



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Bryan King  
Larken Koehler  
Alina Kopp  
Marko Kostic



Jake Ladner  
Julia Lawrence



Matthew Lea  
Tina Lebatard



Robert Little  
Jeremy Lomax



Natalie Long  
Maria Mallette  
Gena Manning  
Chris Martin  
Lisa Martin



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Kelly McDaniel  
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Derick McDonald  
Gloria McDonald  
Jason McGill  
Damian McKay  
Danny McLure

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Karen McWilliams



Marquetta McWilliams  
Daniel Miller



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Amy Moody



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Carlos Morales  
Latisha Moran  
Jan Moran  
Rita Morris



Stephanie Mullin  
Vernon Murry  
Tiffany Nettles  
April Nix  
Gary Norval



Braxton Ogburn  
Jessica Oliver  
Heidi Ornel  
Angela Owens  
Brad Owens



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Quintos Palmore  
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Rachel Parker  
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Charlie Pavlus  
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Kenetha Pitts

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Cyndi Pugh

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Briley Richmond  
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Kevin Roberts  
Celia Robinson  
Melissa Rouse

Robin Rusk  
Kevin Sams  
Marshall Saxon  
Ricky Schaub  
Gwen Seals



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Melanie Sellers  
Suzanne Shaddix  
Allison Shaw  
Lee Shepherd



Kristin Sherman  
Forest Shores  
Michael Simmons  
Deanna Sluster  
Carlos Smith



Julia Smith  
Sean Smith  
Nicole Sonnier  
Deanna Spring  
Holden Stegall



Rico Sterling  
Leonard Stewart  
Amy Strength  
Tara Swackhamer  
Kimberly Tatum



Patricia Taylor  
Peter Tcheshishanov  
Lemuel Teal  
Geraldine Terrell  
Cedric Theodore



Jerry Thomas  
Matt Thomas



Katrina Thurmon  
Waruto Tillis



Henry Tops  
Mike Tremain



Josh Turner  
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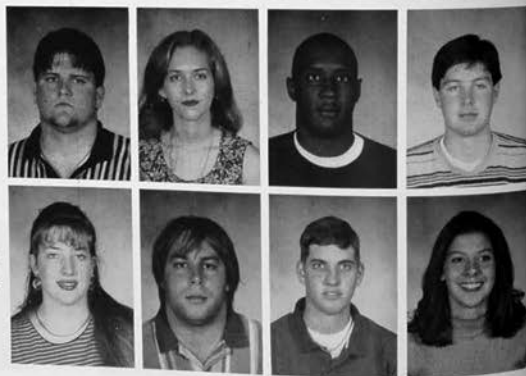
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Michael Williams



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Heather Hoffman



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Tracie Carter, Housing Head



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Travis Ferguson, Dean of  
Vocational Ed



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Brenda Anderson, Learning Lab  
Brenda Baty, Foreign Language



Edna Bond, Business Office  
Georgia Faye Bond, Housemother  
Sheree Bond, Financial Aid  
Kathleen Braun, Fine Arts  
Ray Burdick



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Learning Lab  
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Kurt Ladner, Harrison Hall  
Supervisor  
Susan Lamey, Recruitment  
Kathryn Lewis, Chairperson  
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Earl Lee, Language Arts  
Gay Lott, Secretary Academic  
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Sherry Morrison, Receptionist,  
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Brenda Nalepa, Chairperson  
Science



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Dana Price, Learning Lab  
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Lisa Taylor, Chairperson of  
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Supervisor  
Tommy Weathers, Records  
Clerk  
Ric Williams, Career Center  
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Welding  
Frank Goff, Maintenance  
Supervisor  
Linda Craft, Instructor, Food  
Production  
Celina Thomas, Surgical  
Technology  
Gloria Havard, Instructor, Practical  
Nursing



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Vicki Jones  
Michael Robinson  
Shannon Joiner  
Barbara Barbour



Buffy Yates  
Margaret Johnson  
James Mcveay  
Eric Britt  
Tara Bond



Kathy Rivers  
Connie Davis  
Beverly Cowart  
Carla Dickens  
Bobbie Turner



Nikki Mullins  
Susan Gatwood  
Catherine Purvis  
Darla Taylor  
Regina Smith



Amy Dueitt  
Mary Belbey  
Ruthie Wynn  
Larry Burney  
Chad Byrd

Burt Hillman  
Paul Braddock  
Henry Moody  
Lynn Havard  
Angie Snipes



Jackie Fairley  
Debbie Nobles  
Judy Pearson  
Heather Breland  
Alice Hearndon



Jason Williams  
Margaret Satchfield  
Patricia Howell  
Jennifer Havard  
Denise Shepherd



Velma Harvson  
Alisha Brown  
Mercy Shillett  
Walter Gill  
Mitchell Davis



Timothy Howard  
Travis Holtfield  
Michael Morrison  
Jerry Miller  
Ben Johnston



Karen Howell  
Heidi Davidson  
Jeffrey Brewer  
Jeremy Williams  
Courtney Vereen



Heather Brennan  
Kontinna Sawyer  
Andrea Dieball  
Kynnth Townsend  
David King



Laura Vaden  
Sharon Ladnier  
Brenda Roberts  
Ronnie C. Mizell  
Audrey Barth



Carrie Jackson  
Tinker Harris  
Michael Havard  
Shirley Cossey  
Nikki Donald



Nikki Smith  
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Dawn Dunnaway  
Harlene Blair  
James Blair



Brooke Williams  
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Jane Woodard  
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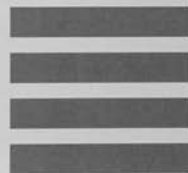
Brenda Hite  
Donna Spencer  
Stacy Norris  
Amanda Easter  
Melissa Thornton



## Cosmetology



## Welding



## VICA



# George County Clubs



# Autographs

1995

1996



# Auto



From L to R: Chris, Larry, Don, Ray and Ben.

Standing on the right is Don Holman, instructor of Auto Mechanics. Standing on the left is Walter Himel, instructor of Auto Parts, Sales and Merchandising.



Someone surprises Eddie! "Smile"



# Mechanics



DODGE



There's Ray, setting the timing of an engine!



Mr. Holman giving Chris and Kendall a "Final Inspection".





Child



Technology

Development



Program



# Drafting One



Back Row: Wesley Ladner, Jeremy Albert, Tony Dotts, Vince Carlisle, Cain Roberts, Gary Griffen; Front Row: Jan Morano, Melissa Smith, Kim King, Suzzane Shaddix, and Instructor, Bary Thrash.



# Drafting Two



Back row: Robert Clark, Warren Lee, Brad Cochran; Front row: Mike Clark, Instructor Bary Thrash, Chuck Starita, and Jeremy Delmas.



# STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) GAINING EXPERIENCE WHILE LEARNING MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS; MAKING THE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, RUBBING ELBOWS WITH NATIONAL BUSINESS LEADERS (POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS), AND JUST PLAIN HAVING FUN.

SIFE IS HIGHER EDUCATION WORKING WITH BUSINESS TO PROVIDE COLLEGE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS WHICH TEACH OTHERS HOW MARKET ECONOMIES AND BUSINESSES OPERATE, AND HOW TO HELP OTHERS USE THIS KNOWLEDGE TO BETTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR COUNTRY.



Front row: Peter Tchermishanov, Ann Selvage, Sponsor, Tammy Brown, Becki Dunaway, Michael Green. Back row: Mary Toland, Brandy Atwood, George Lee, Kimberly Tatum, Faith Hill, Larken Koehler. Not pictured: Matt Driskell and Katie McMahan.



# LITERARY SOCIETY

THE LITERARY CLUB IS NEW ON CAMPUS. IT IS A CLUB FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO WRITE A SHORT STORY OR POEM TO GO IN THE LITERARY MAGAZINE. IT IS A WONDERFUL CLUB TO EXPLORE HORIZONS AND OPEN YOUR MIND TO LITERATURE.



ROBERT LITTLE, SUZZANE SHADDIX, ERIC LOWY, HOLLY CARNETTE, JAN MORANO, AND VERNON MURRAY.



# Ad Club



## Scholarship Recipients





# BSU



Picture 2: Cam and Cane  
Picture 3: Ryan Anderson, Jennifer St. Andrie  
working at the BSU canteen.  
Picture 4: Jack Lastorka



Left: Quintos Palmore  
and Amanda Taylor  
Right: Jon Kittrell and Jeff  
Jones



Right: Jennifer St. Andries and Steve  
Humphries

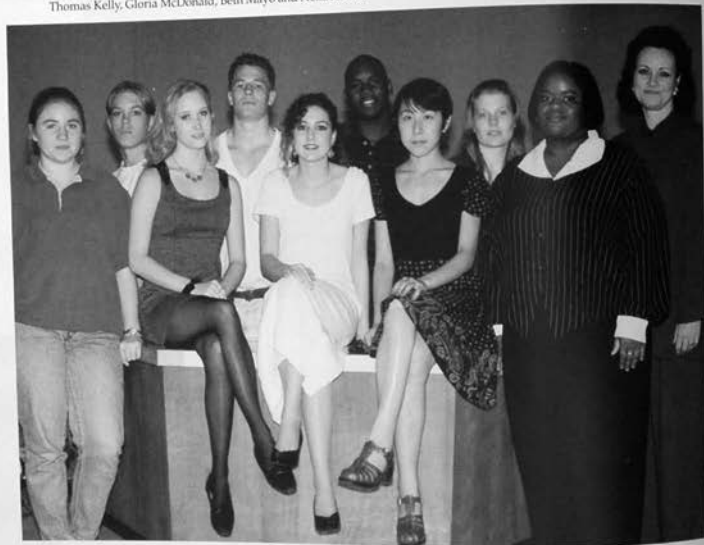


Left: Alisa Durgity and Jeff Whetstone  
Below: The BSU having a sing-along.



# Modeling

Seated: Jennifer Harras, Betty Parker, Rumiko Matsumoto. Standing: Bonnie Denham, Cam Roberds, Jeremy Cooper, Thomas Kelly, Gloria McDonald, Beth Mayo and Nelia Allford.



# REFLECTIONS

The Gulf Coast Reflections, is a student recruiting team for MGCCC. The purpose of this team is to promote the college and the Perkinson Campus in the capacities of recruiting, hospitality and public relations. These students assist the campus recruiter at recruiting such as College and Career Days at the high schools, Perk Preview Day, and campus tours. They also represent the college at various public relation functions such as the mall shows, alumni functions, banquets and receptions. Students participate and attend leadership classes and earn 2 semester hours. The sponsor of the Reflection team is Susan Lamey.



Members include: Sharon Anderson, Brandy Blakeney, Colin Caillavet, Jason Chatfield, Theresa Davis, Selena Henderson, Alina Kopp, Robert Little, Natalie Long, Rachel Parker, Trina Smith, Kristy Zimmerman.

# Running Club

The Running Club was first established in the fall of 1995. This club promotes fellowship and it is able to help improve one's physical shape. In the fall semester we plan to have a 5k run/walk and to promote physical fitness in the community.



Susan Shaddix, Austin White, Eric Lowy, and Charlie Hong.

# Phi Theta Kappa

Gamma Nu is the Perkinson chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. Students are invited who have a 3.5 overall GPA after one semester's full load. Phi Theta Kappa's hallmarks are scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. Tiffany Batey, Cheryl Farmer, and Amy White attended the Honors Institute in Orange, California.



Officers include Tiffany Batey, Amy White, Robert Little, Stacey Beech, Vivian Anderson, and Cheryl Farmer.



# JTPA 8%



# Horticulture Department



The Horticulture Department consists of Horticulture Technology and Golf/Recreational Turf Management Technology which prepares individuals to produce, process, and market plants, shrubs, and trees used principally for ornamental, recreational, and aesthetic purposes and to establish, maintain, and manage horticulture enterprises such as arboriculture, floriculture, greenhouse operation and management, landscaping, nursery operation and management, and turf management.

The Horticulture Department also sponsors an active club for its members and graduates. These monthly meetings are educational as well as social in nature and provide the students an excellent opportunity to stay abreast of their areas of study. Field trips to other cities to view horticulture at its best are also an important aspect of our program.







# Coach Calcote Athletic Director

Coach Calcote came to MGCCC from Natchez High School, where he was head football coach for four years. Before joining the Stone County High School coaching staff in 1984, Calcote coached baseball and football at Laurel, South Jones and North Natchez. In 1986-87, Calcote was head football coach at SHS. He led the school to its only undefeated regular season. Coach Calcote played football at Co-Lin and Delta State University. He received his bach-

elor's and master's degrees from DSU. He was named

of the Year in 1986 and 1987. We welcome you as our new



Deep South Conference Coach of the Year and Burgeoning King Coach

Athletic Director.

## Bulldog Babes



The Bulldog Babes are a group of female students interested in supporting the baseball team. These girls are required to work at all home games during the season and they do more than just pick up bats. The "Babes" provide "goody bags" for the players several times a season to let the team know we appreciate them and to show our support. They sponsor "Parents Day" at the

end of the season when all players and parents are recognized and the Randy Rouse Memorial Award is presented. The members include: Jenny Adams, Erin Brown, Heather Hadley, Vicki Hardy, Michelle Hewitt, Jennifer Huffstatter, Natalie Long, Melissa Paffie, Jenny Pitts, Jennifer Polk, Robin Rusk, Donna Seay, Melanie Sellers, Wendy Webb, Amberly West, Christina Wilson and Pam Walker.

# MGCCC Cheerleaders



Front: Jennifer Huffstatter and Robin Rusk. Second: Ledier Austin, Tyler Austin, Patricia Taylor, and Pam Walker. Third: Jeremy Lomas, Matt Thomas, Marty Clower, Jeremy Connor, and Joel Moore. Mascot Charles Hilborn.



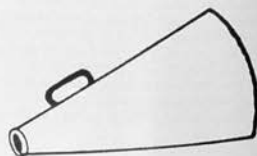
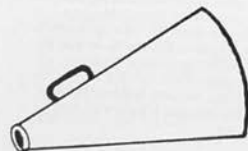
Marty Clower—Captain



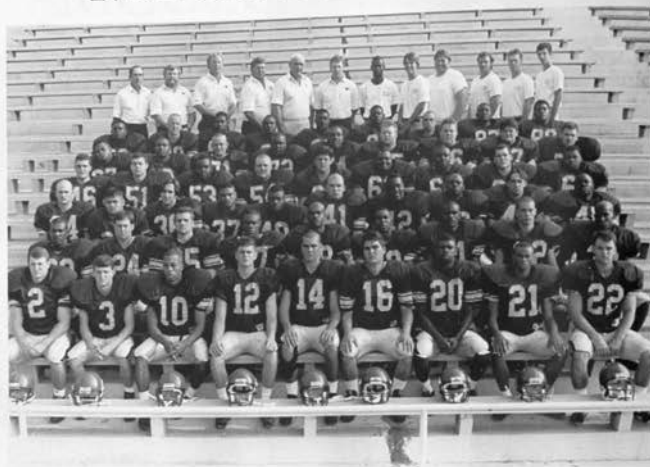
Tyler Austin—Captain



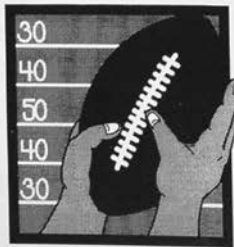
Above: Patricia Taylor cheers at the Homecoming Bonfire. Left: Pearl River Week pep rally. Below: Robin gets ready for the upcoming pep rally.



# MGCCC Football



This year's team wasn't quite as successful as they had hoped to be. Although they finished the year 2-8 they should walk away with their heads held high, knowing they tried and gave it their all. This year's quarterback's were Patrick Bartley, Brandon Walker, and Mike Pazen-ski. Coach Arban was looking for a much better year, but you can't win them all. All that can be done is to hope and strive for a better year next year. And all the fans will be counting on it!



Below: One of the dawgs tackle a Hinds Co. player.



Below: One of the assistant coaches gives a little support.



## SCOREBOARD

Aug. 31 Northwest	44	us	16
Sept. 7 Southwest	37	us	36
Sept. 14 East MS	39	us	14
Sept. 21 East Central	18	us	43
Sept. 28 MS Delta	19	us	7
Oct. 7 Pearl River	21	us	14
Oct. 14 Jones	23	us	24
Oct. 21 Hinds	55	us	0
Oct. 28 Holmes	51	us	27
Nov. 2 Co-Lin	27	us	10



# Lady Bulldogs

The 1996 Softball season starts March 1st when Perk throws the first pitch against the rival team. The team is led by Coach Borney. She left Harrison Central High School to come to the Perkinson

Campus and coach the girl's softball team. The team has several returning sophomores to lead them; with many promising freshman to back them up. Good Luck girls and have a great season!



Good Swing!



Perfect Form!

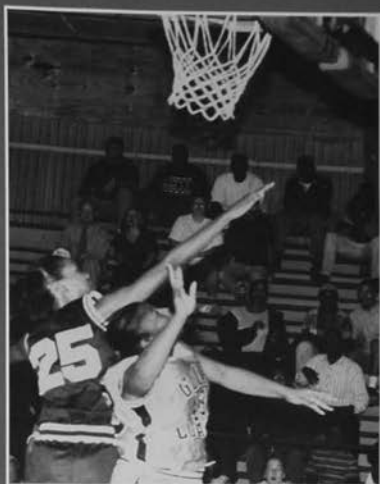


Don't Miss It!

# Basketball



Back: Kisha Moore, Kasondra Travis, Mandy Williams, Natisha Crosby, Karen McWilliams, Yolanda Keys, Robinette Harry, and Latasha Denoe. Front: Yoshi Robinson, Stacie Davis, Denise Bond, Ledora Hollins, Shawenna Felton, Carlene Blanks, and Lashonda Plainer.

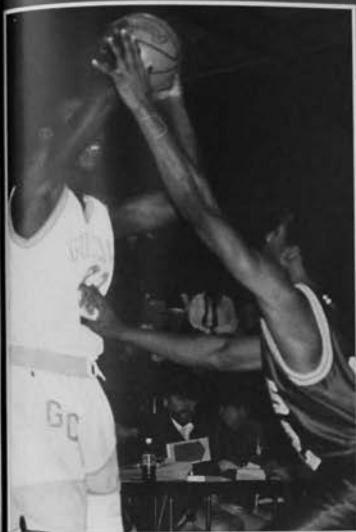




# Basketball



Back: Damian McMillan, Melbaun Walker, Allen Stinson, Eric Hill, Lavorne Hawthorne, and Kendall Nettles. Front: Leonard Osborne, Julius Mathis, Dan Tubbs, Wilton Peters, Sam Murray, Randall Boatwright, and Michael Newkirk.



# Bulldog Baseball

It might sound a little scary to have only four starters coming back from last year. But to six year coach Cooper Farris, who led Gulf Coast to a 41-16 season in 1995, it is all a matter of the freshmen stepping up and playing hard. Returning to the diamond this season are starters Anthony Green of Moss Point, left field; John Picard of Oceans Springs, right field; Donovan Marbury of Baker, La., shortstop; and Shannon Poole, of Pascagoula, catcher. Returning pitchers include Mark Hathcock of Gulfport, Doug Thompson of Biloxi, Jeremy Delmas of Harrison Central, and Brandon Jones of Pascagoula. Joining Farris this season will be assistant coach Michael Cudd. He comes to Gulf Coast from New Hope High School in Columbus where he served one year as head coach. Johnathan, "Skeeter Rabbit", Aldridge says, "I feel as though we should have a great team this year. There is alot of depth at every position and we have a great combination of speed, power, and experience. We have worked hard this Fall, hitting the weights, training, preparing for the Spring. 'Colorado Here We Come!'"



Row one: Neil Fredric, Jason Parker, Anthony Green, Cedric Theodore, Cedrick Hurd, and Derrick Evans. Row two: Kevin Conard, Eric Hogue, Bryan Pisarich, Chris Jenkins, Scott Wells, and Wade McKinney. Row three: Heath Kelly, David Neumann, Timmy Duprey, Terrell Deason, Brandon Jones, Gus Auter, and Chris Blake. Row four: Mark Hathcock, Brad Pelton, Shannon Poole, Doug Thompson, Chad Davis, John Picard, Donovan Marbury, and Brian Pepper. Row five: Danny Anderson — Trainer, Marcus Cuevas — Manager, Randy McBride, Jeremy Delmas, Fontella Jones, Daryl Pierce, and Jason Willis — Trainer.



Freshmen players: Row one: Kevin Conard, Jason Parker, Jonathan Aldridge, Cedric Theodore, Cedric Hurd, and Derrick Evans. Row two: David Neumann, Timmy Duprey, Bryan Pisarich, Chris Jenkins, Gus Auter, and Wade McKinney. Row three: Brad Pelton, Randy McBride, Chad Davis, Fontella Jones, Scott Wells, and Daryl Pierce.



Sophomore players: Row one: Terrell Deason, Heath Kelly, John Picard, Doug Thompson, and Anthony Green. Row two: Donovan Marbury, Neil Frederic, Mark Hathcock, Eric Hogue, and Brandon Jones. Row three: Briah Pepper, Chris Blake, Shannon Poole, and Jeremy Delmas.



Wade, I Knock Your Teeth Out, McKinney and Doug, Captin Long Head, Thompson taking a breather during practice.

Daryl, What A Strane Trip It Has Been, Pierce assist Chad, Smiley, Davis while he lifts weights during fall training.



Chris, Night-Crawler, Blake waits to get a drink of water during a hard practice.

Shannon, I've Got Magic Legs, Poole; Jeremy, I'm In The Training Room, Delmas; Mark, The Story-Teller, Hathcock; Brandon, I Lost My Keys, Jones; Jason, The Tall-One, Parker; Donovan, Make It Rain, Marbury; and russ Parker ride in a truck driven by Eric, The Nerd, Hogue during Perks Homecoming Parade.



Shannon, I've Got Magic Legs, Poole gets ready for a pitch during practice.

Brent, Jonny And The Rockets, Elmer holds Scott, Natas The Hole-One, Wells' legs while he does the russian Twist.

Daryl, What A Strange Trip It Has Been, Pierce reaches to catch a ball thrown to him at first base.

The baseball team never misses a practice. Even though it is raining outside, they still practice in the gym.



# Golf Team

This year's golf team consists of four freshmen; Thad Laton, Tracey Albritton, Matt Driscall, and Pactick Mayes. The team is also led by two sophomores; Jarud Seals and Brad Lejsture. The team will play five games then the State and Regional Competition in Picayune, MS. They will finish their season at the end of April. Traditionally MGCCC has had a strong team and Coach Calcote looks for it to be as strong or stronger than the previous years before.



# Yearbook



Ray  
Rivero



Jennifer  
Massey



Heidi  
Oneal



Alina  
Kopp



Selena  
Henderson



Gloria  
McDonald

Mrs. Thrash, we would all like to thank you for being so calm during the whole yearbook making process.

The Yearbook Staff

# Staff



Melissa  
Smith



Jan  
Morano



Jeremy  
Albert



Kathy  
Thrash





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.



Gertrude Allen  
Harrison County



Geraldine Barnes  
Jackson County



Sylvia Bradley  
Jackson County



J.E. Bryan Jr.  
Sec., Stone County



James V. Cerna  
Harrison County



John W. Cooley  
George County



John Dedeaux  
Stone County



Patricia Descher  
Jackson County



Dr. Frank Gruch  
2nd Vice Pres.  
Harrison County



Thomas E. Hall  
Stone County



Billy Hewes Jr.  
Harrison County



Arlie Howell  
George County



Donald Messingale Jr.  
Jackson County



Jean Peden  
Harrison County



Warner Peterson  
Jackson County



Cully Randall  
Harrison County



Harry Roberts Jr.  
Treas., Jackson County



Delores Sumrall  
Chair, Jackson County



Eula Switzer  
Harrison County



Ariel Taylor  
Jackson County



Wilbur Ward  
1st Vice Chair,  
George County



Jackie Weaver  
Harrison County



John C. Williams  
Harrison County

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# Wowing 'em with LEADERSHIP



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Vice President  
Administration and Finance



Dr. Willis Lott  
Vice President  
Instructional Affairs



Dr. Royce Luke  
Vice President  
Jackson County Campus



Dr. Barry Mellinger  
MGCCC President



Dr. Richard Miller  
Vice President  
Perkinson Campus



Neil Murray  
Executive Assistant  
Development



Dr. Donnie Taylor  
Vice President  
Jefferson Davis Campus

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Nettie Alexander, courier  
Annette Anderson, benefits clerk  
Mike Anderson, printer  
Shirley Ackers, sec. to director, Inst. Relations  
Manilyn Beckham, sec. to admin. asst., Vo-Tech  
Instruction  
Dean Belton, coordinator, Tech Prep

Betty Bennett, key punch operator  
Dr. Judith Benveniste, coordinator, Health  
Occupations  
Charles Blakeney, telephone/office machine  
tech  
Louis P. Boudreau, senior programmer/  
operator  
Margaret Bounds, Personnel/Purchasing clerk  
Gloria Bresland, secretary, President's Office  
Paul Bresland, staff photographer  
Carolyn Brooks, sec. adm. asst. to Academic/  
Gen. Inst./Stud. Serv.  
Gertie Hall-Brown, publications manager  
Julia Brown, Accounting Manager — Special  
Projects  
Jenny Bryan, adm. asst., Accounting  
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& Planning

Dr. Joseph Cilibum, adm. asst., Inst. Research  
& Planning  
Randall Cornell, asst. repair technician  
Dr. Larry Crane, adm. asst., Vocational  
Instruction  
Sue Dean, secretary, President's Office  
Brenda Donahoe, coordinator, Marketing/  
Recruitment  
Chris Ferguson, Instructional Technology  
Specialist  
Vonda Ford, secretary, Purchasing  
Joe Furr, programmer/operator  
Joyce Galloway, Central Store manager  
April Grace, Alumni/Foundation officer  
Colleen Hartfield, director, Institutional Relations  
Dee Dee Hatten, sec. to Executive Asst. for Dev.

Raymond Hatten, repair technician  
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Zoula Huttman, adm. asst., Acad. & Gen. Inst. &  
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Marla Lyon, accountant  
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Karen McQueen, sec. to V.P., Instructional  
Affairs  
Marleen Moore, Accounts Payable  
Hilton Murray, coordinator, Cooperative  
Debbie Rogers, finance clerk

Alan Saulnier, programmer  
Peggy Singletary, housekeeping  
Frank Spring, director, District Printing Dept.  
Karin Tennier, secretary, Tech Prep  
Johnny Tynes, coordinator, Industrial Services  
Helen Vernon, senior bookkeeper

Janetie Wells, finance clerk  
James Willis, supervisor, Transportation/Special  
Projects



# 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.



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.

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.

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 Perkinson 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 one-time 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 Snell, 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 Chapel, Gregory 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 Perkins 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 Perkins 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 are Archives curator and Perkins Campus history instructor Charlie Sullivan (center, left) and Doug Mansfield, TV 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 Echoles of Gulfport, Jefferson Davis Campus; Kimberly Wilson of Gautier, Jackson County Campus; and Wendell Webb of Ocean Springs, Perkins Campus.

# Wowing '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 Perkins 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 Perkins. 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, Perkins Campus; Kimberly Wilson, JC Campus; and Angie Echoles, JD Campus.



Gerard Ballahoo 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

# Wowin' 'em with ATTITUDE

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



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, Ladora Hollins, Shawna Feltton, Curlandus Banks and Lashonda Plainer. Back, from left, are Kisha Moore, Kassandra Travis, Mandy Williams, Natisha Crosby, Karen McWilliams, Yolanda Keys, Robinette Harry and Latasha Dano.



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 Bloxi standout earned All-America 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 Poole 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 Charles 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, 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 Swardacker and Fabienne Tassel, and JC student Tasha Herrington. Perkinson students Amber Leatherwood and Becky Edwards were the returners.

**On the field** Darlene Burrey, 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 Nagy'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 Calcote, Gulf Coast's new athletic director, as coach.

In 1995, Gulf Coast finished with a fourth place finish in the State and Region 23 Tournament. One Bulldog golfer, Greg Norstrom of Bloxi, 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 Havar, 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 Calcote 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.



Perk 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 Mellinger, 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, the first major fund-raising project undertaken by the college. She says campaign funds 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, 1995, 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 JD 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 Jackson. This year, 21 states, including Texas, New York and 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, 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.

