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Perk Students are...

Definitely Different

Definitely Different Dudes



"We Need You"



Just Hangin' Around



Definitely a killer

Let's face it:



Trey and Mike are definitely different



Definitely Different "Do's"
Erin is actually thinking

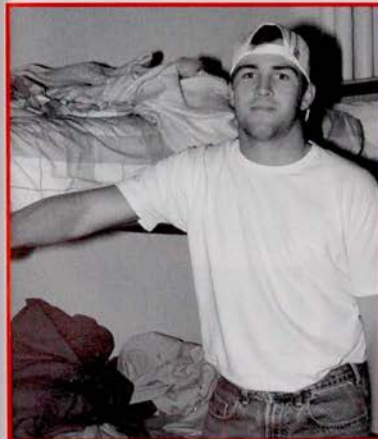
"Don't Hate Me Because I'm Beautiful"

Scouty The WonderDog



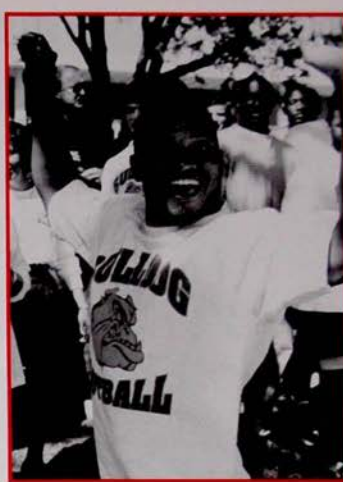
"My Seven Days of Freshness Are Up"

"How's Your Knee Elbow?"



"Help! I Need a Date!!!"

Definitely a Cutie!!



The Amazing Dancing Taboo

Rhetta and a Friend break it down

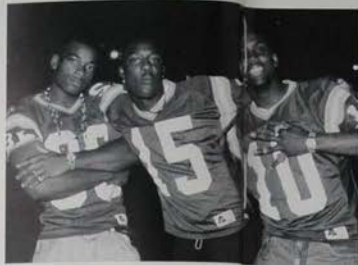


College life is definitely different from home life. Being away from home and parents is a wonderful experience because students learn to make their own decisions and become independent.



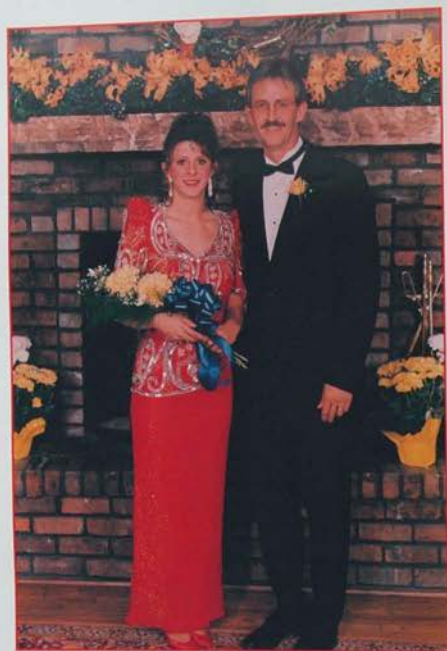
Perkinston Campus is small enough for students to get to know each other and their instructors. There are many activities that students can get involved in such as BSU, Intramural Sports, Different Clubs, and Student Work-Study.





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1996 Homecoming: Madeline Noyes, Ramey Jule, Beth Olson, Dellenger, Jessica Davis, Kaitlyn Webb, Laker, Jessica, Jessica, Kaitlyn



Dr. Willie Little answers the question.

Bob, Jeff Davis and Jackson County guests.

Homecoming

The MGCCC cheerleaders gather for a quick shot with their homecoming members. Juanita Weinberg (freshman maid) and Lieder Austin (football maid). The 1996 cheerleaders are enjoying the excitement and preparing to line up for the parade. During homecoming week the school had many fun activities, such as a dance contest, busting the pinata, a cookout and a parade followed by a pep rally. In the spare time many suites spent hours decorating to win a pizza party.



1996

The cheerleaders pose for a shot with homecoming members Juanita Weinberg and Lieder Austin.



Emily Esker and Robert enjoy the homecoming parade.

Deronson Robinson catches a pass at the homecoming game.



The crowd at the homecoming game shows involvement.



Fonstela Jones and Charly Mitchell preparing for the parade line up.

Homecoming queen Olivia Delinger smiles for a quick pic during the Homecoming Parade.



Jackson County members along with Eve Gillan pictured on the far right receives the homecoming float award for the Student Council.

PRC WEEK

Bulldog cheerleaders destroy the river raft!
Players gather to pray after the game.



Definitely Excited Fans!



PRC WEEK

Taking the K out of PRC.



Mascot Dallas Crosby is bad to the bone!



Together we Stand, Divided we Fall
Together We Play or Don't Play at All
All For one, One For All
The Team That Can't be Beat
Won't be Beat
Bulldogs, Bulldogs, Bulldogs

PRC Week Was Definitely Different

This year at Perk, we celebrated another exciting game against our biggest rival the PRC Wildcats "River Rats." The campus had PRC week, consisting of a pep rally in front of Dees hall on Thursday. The cheerleaders, perkettes, band, and guard all performed for the crowd. Student Council held a mock funeral under the Oaks honoring the death of the "River Rats." Congrats to the football team for such a great game.

Perkettes and Color Guard cheer on the Bulldogs at the PRC Game.



Drum Major Mike Green reads the Eulogy for the PRC River Rats.



Perk Players walk away from the dead River Rat.



Just trying to get a peek!

Darlene Flemming is trying to control Killer.



Our Football Team is all Fired up for the Parade!



The MGCCC Cheerleaders are catching a ride to the pep rally.

Abram, Andre'
Adams, Kenneth
Agent, Jodi
Alexandet, Ryan



Bishop, Brian
Black, Justin
Black, Stacy
Bohm, David

Alghamdi, Ali
Anderson, Chris
Anderson, Shea
Armitz, Don



Bolen, Lance
Bond, Amber
Bond, Jennifer
Bond, Kimberly

Andrews, George
Atwood, Brandy
Bailey, Aleta
Barnes, Marvin



Bourgeois, Jason
Boudreaux, P. J.
Brammer, William
Breland, Rita

Barnes, Yineda
Barbour, Rebecca
Beckham, Brandy
Beech, Karla



Breland, Torraine
Brewer, Ronnie
Brown, Clint
Brown, Jamie

Beemon, Brad
Bellamy, Natasha
Bledsoe, Rebecca
Bell, Julianna



Brown, Jonathon
Brown, Tammie
Bugg, Charles
Bullinger, Trey

Bellman, Kristen
Bern, Ellicia
Beverage, Tony
Berg, Erin



Burge, Charles
Burns, Casey
Byrd, Amy
Byrd, Kenley

Cagle, Angie
Cain, Joseph
Caillavet, Colin
Campbell, Derrick



Carlisle, Vince
Courtney, Carrie
Carter, Marilana
Chatfield, Jason



Chavers, Shane
Clark, Mitchell
Clayton, Grace
Cochran, Cathleen



Cochran, Felicia
Cochran, Tammy
Coleman, Ederick
Coleman, Al



Collins, Erin
Colson, Adrianne
Colvin, Kera
Conner, Jeremy



Corbett, Rudy
Corcoran, Tim
Coward, Vicki
Crawford, James



Daccardi, Frank
Dalton, David
Daniels, Tori
Daugherty, Kevin

Davis, Elizabeth
Davis, Theresa
Dearman, Bryan
Dedeaux, Keri

Dellenger, Olivia
Dickens, Santana
Diddlemeyer, Almee
Dobbs, Wiley

Driskell, Matt
Duprey, Timmy
Eager, Heather
Easterling, Joshua

Edwards, Trendell
Elkins, Ashley
Elmer, Brent
Evans, Christina

Evans, Michelle
Fairley, Rhonda
Fernandez, Joseph
Fields, Seth

Fleming, Darlene
Foe, Shay
Freeman, Sam
Fuller, Bernard



Gallagher, Tara
Galle, Marcy
Gates, Derrick
Gibbs, Christian



Gildea, John
Gillan, Eve
Green, Michael
Guin, Teresa



Hall, Missy
Halstead, Beth
Hannon, Michael
Harris, Renee'



Harvey, Melissa
Harvey, Victor
Hartfield, Glenda
Hartwell, Elisha



Havens, Nathan
Havens, Sonya
Henderson, Danielle
Henderson, Selena



Herrmann, Mandy
Herrin, Amanda
Herring, James
Hickman, Angela

Hill, Michelle
Hodges, Erica
Holliman, Melissa
Hollinghead, Debbie

Holloway, Heather
Hong, Chang
Hooker, Bianca
Huddleston, Adam

Huffstatter, Jennifer
Hunt, Angie
Innis, Ronnie
Jackson, Andrea

Jackson, Matthew
Jones, Fontella
Jones, Kaytee
Joyce, Richard

Kellogg, Nicole
King, Bryan
Fairley, Keisha
Kirk, Grant

Knight, Leigh Ann
Kopp, Alina
Kostic, Marko
Kratnick, Liz



Kuykendall, Drew
Landry, Chester
Lastorka, Jack
Lathan, Nicole



Leonard, Damion
Leverette, Tammy
Lewna, Tamra
Long, Bo



Long, Brandon
Long, Natalie
Lopez, Rhonda
Lyman, Erica



Lyons, Patrick
McMillan, Damion
Marend, Roxanne
Marshall, Stacy



Martin, Chris
Martin, Lisa
McCormick, Eric
Matthews, Katherine



McDaniel, Kelly
McDonald, Gloria
McDougle, Lakendra
McGill, Brandy



McGill, Jason
McLure, Danny
Melvin, Sarah
Mearst, Stacy



Millroy, Christine
Mitchell, Charity
Moore, Hope
Moore, Joel



Moore, Lakesha
Moran, Latisha
Odom, Andrew
Oliver, Felicia



O'Neal, Heidi
O'Neal, Jennifer
Nguyen, Bao
Norman, Heather



Osborn, Leonard
Padgett, Josh
Parker, Dee
Paulk, Lisa



Payne, Michell
Pearl, Rico
Pearson, Lance
Penton, Tabitha



Peters, Wilton
Pierce, Terra
Pitts, Jenny
Pitts, Kinetha



Plainer, Laahonda
Poulos, Stacey
Powers, Radiance
Prehoda, Haven



Pugh, Cyndi
Rahrer, Amy
Ramey, Noyml
Reed, Kristie



Richard, Renee'
Richardson, Tamesha
Robinson, Celia
Rusk, Robin



Runnels, Penelope
Ryan, Kelly
Saunders, Stan
Scarborough, Amanda



Schaub, Frederick
Schultz, Angie
Seal, Heather
Seay, Donna



Selvage, Ann
Senholtz, Bobbie
Shorter, Consuela
Shropshire, Craig



Simmons, Michael
Simpson, Anna
Skinner, Ryan
Smith, James



Smith, Casandra
Smith, Fred
Smith, Julia
Spiers, Jay



Spring, Deanna
Stewart, Leonard
Stewart, Luke
Stevison, Catherine



Strickland, Wanda
Tatum, Kimberly
Theodore, Cedric
Tillery, Erin

Taylor, Tonya
Tootle, Jeremy
Topps, Henry
Tremain, Mike



Triplett, Jason
Triplett, Regina
Turner, Josh
Tyler, Julia Mary



Tyler, Faith
Wade, Courtney
Walker, Stephanie
Walters, Jeanene



Ward, Leonard
Webb, Kathryn
Welch, Donna
Welch, Jaime



Weldon, Renel
Weinberg, Juanita
Wells, Scott
Wells, Tres



West, Olivia
Whetstone, Geoff
White, Kristen
Whittington, April



Wilkes, Ashley
Winland, Raegan
Winland, Christina
Willison, Holly



Williams, Joshua
Williams, Karen
Williams, Katrina
Wixon, Ginger



Woods, Kerri
Wyatt, Con



Having Fun At Perk O'Briens!

My Mother Told Me There Would Be Days Like This!!

Definitely A Great Staff!

Sheree Bond
Suzan Bounds

Jeff Donahoe
Dr. Travis Ferguson

Carole Pearce
Dana Price



Dr. Willis Lott, Campus Vice President

Ann Provus
Michelle Sekul
James Ray Smith
Ric Williams

David Allen
Brenda Batley
Edna Bond
Kathleen Braun

Cheryl Catalano
Michael Cudd
Sylvia Davis
Cooper Farria



Tammy Hall
Russell Harten
Kathy Hendry
Bruce Layton

Dr. Addie Lee
Earl Lee
Trudy Lee
Kathryn Lewis

Angelyn Mann
Sherri Morrison
Dr. Brenda Nalepa
Tori Naramore

Carolyn Patterson
Terry Puckett
Dr. Diane Roberts
Marilyn Smith

Charles Sullivan
Lisa Taylor
Tommye Weathers



Definitely

Michelle Sekul and Jane Sullivan have a conversation during the homecoming football game.

Coach Ode Burrell and Central Office Staff enjoy a pep rally in front of Dees Hall.



Sodexo's, Ms. Connie, takes a few minutes to relax and enjoy a breather.

Tammie Weathers listens to the eulogy given during the PRC pep rally.



Dedicated



Charles Acres discusses classwork with his Art Class under the Oaks at Dees Hall.



Charles Sullivan discusses the finer points of history.



Tracy Carter is fulfilling one of her many duties by helping the Student Council decorate their float.

Jeff Donahoe enjoys the Bar-b-que during homecoming week.

NO! NO! Not here! It goes over there!



Dr. Diane Roberts stops work and poses for a picture.



Campus Beauties ...

"Now, what's that name again?"



Dr. Lott says, "That looks fun and I think I'll try it!"



Campus Police



Officers: Jack Brewton, Carlos Fernandez, Mike Farmer, and Ricky Farmer, Jamie Shettfield

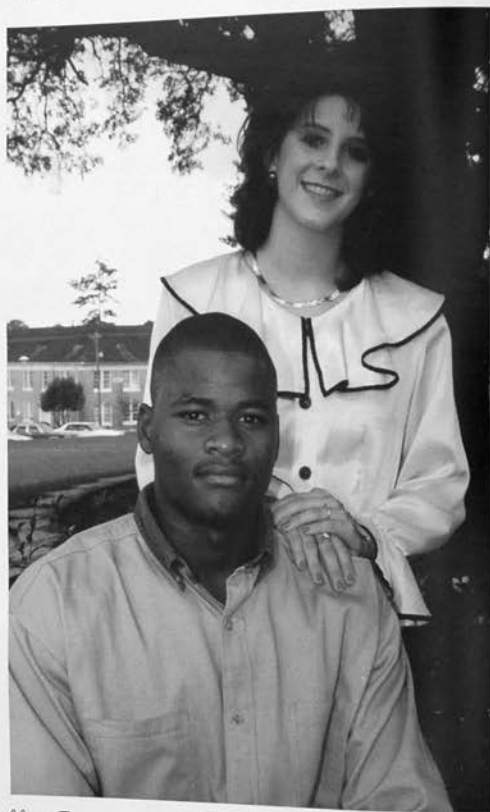


Police work isn't "All work and no play."



Ricky Farmer is the Perk Campus version of the "BAD BOYS."

Mr. and Miss Perk



Fontella Jones and Olivia Dellenger



Olivia Dawn Dellenger, of Vicksburg, is the daughter of Ken and Kathy Dellenger. She maintains a GPA of 3.5 and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi. In high school Olivia was active in Softball, Basketball, FBLA, Student Council, class secretary for four years and a member of the Beta Club. At Perk, Olivia is involved in Softball, Student Council Executive Secretary, and a resident assistant at Andrews Hall. When Olivia is not busy with school, she likes to spend time with her family, friends, pets, and her fiance. She is currently working at Jetties and does not plan to live in Mississippi after graduating. Olivia believes that everyone should do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Some of her hobbies are shopping, exercising, collecting butterflies, playing softball and drawing. Olivia's funniest moment was the night of her birthday and the morning after at 6:00 am at softball practice, when she kept falling down while running! Her worst moment was when she was in the hypnosis show. Ten years from now she sees herself married, making money and hopefully raising a family.



Fontella Duane Jones, of Pass Christian, is the son of Lena Jones. He maintains a 2.8 GPA and plans to major in Business and play baseball for the New York Yankees. In high school, Fontella was active in Baseball, Student Council, career beginnings, Football, and was a Basketball manager. At Perk, he is involved in Student Council and is a member of the Baseball team. When Fontella is not busy with school he is spending time with his family, friends, and Katrice Harris. He is a student worker for Mrs. Catalano. Fontella says "To play baseball or not to play, this is life." Some of his hobbies are fishing, hunting and swimming. Fontella's funniest moment was when Katrice, Cartie, Amy, Tejuana and he went to the movies. His worst moment was when he had to ride the bench in baseball! Ten years from now, Fontella plans to have a house, a wife, and a few kids.

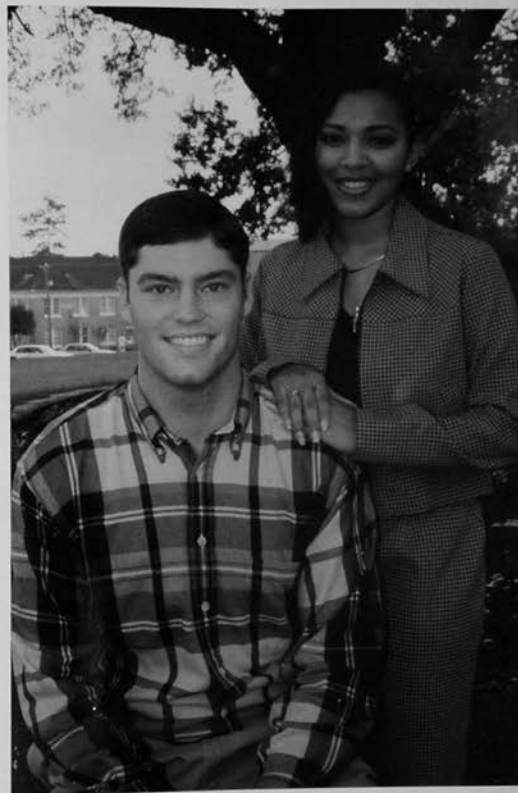
Noymi Adreana Ramey of Wiggins is the daughter of Gary and Raquel Ramey. She maintains a GPA of 3.5. Noymi is majoring in Physical Therapy and plans to attend Georgia Southern University. While in high school, Noymi participated in the Band, Beta Club, Deca Club, MESA, Spanish Club and Student Council. At Perk, she is President of the Student Council and is in the Honors program. In her free time, Noymi loves meeting new people. In ten years, Noymi sees herself making enough money to care for her parents. Her favorite quote is "There are two kinds of Dreamers: Those that dream and say 'What if?' and those that dream and say 'What will become?'"



Brent Christopher Elmer, of Fullerton, California, is the son of John Elmer and Linda Stone. He maintains a GPA of 3.5 and is majoring in Business Administration. Brent plans to further his education anywhere he can play ball (hopefully The University of Southern Mississippi or The University of Mississippi.) While in high school, Brent played Baseball, Football, FFA, French, and Madrigals. At Perk, he is a member of the Baseball team. In his free time, Brent likes going to USM and visiting friends, going to the movies, and talking on the phone. In ten years, Brent sees himself playing professional baseball or owning his own CD shop called "Elmer's CD's" and his own "Smoothie King." His favorite quote is: "Anything is possible with God's Help."



Most Beautiful and Most Handsome



Noymi Ramey and Brent Elmer

Sophomore

Julianita Marie Bell, from Ocean Springs, is the daughter of James and Rebecca Bell. She maintains a 2.5 GPA and majors in Education. She plans to attend Mississippi State University. At Park, she is a Perleite captain and the Student Council sophomore president. In ten years she plans to open her own dance school. Julie believes, "The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance."



Patricia Elizabeth Taylor, from Diamondhead, is the daughter of Jonetta Taylor. She maintains a 2.5 GPA and is majoring in Computer Science. At Park, Patricia is a member of the softball team and Phi Theta Kappa. On the weekends she enjoys sleeping, spending time with her family and friends. She enjoys shopping, cheerleading and playing softball. Patricia's quote is "This too shall pass." In ten years she plans to be making plenty of money.

Beauties



Jennifer Nicole Pitts, of George County, is the daughter of James and Betty Pitts. She maintains a 2.5 GPA and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in Nursing. At Park, she is a member of the cheerleading squad and the softball team. One unforgettable moment at Park is when she took a trip to New Orleans with the cheerleaders and took a dive into a gator! Jennifer believes that "Life is only what you make it."



Michael Denean Davis Jr., from Long Beach, is the son of Michael Davis Sr. and Suzanne Davis. He maintains a 2.1 GPA and is undecided about his major at this time. He plans to attend Mississippi State University. He is a member of the football team and weightlifting. He believes "Life is what you make it." In ten years, he hopes to be making a lot of money.



Sophomore

Sanoua Jacob Cooper, from Hattiesburg, is the son of Sandra and Walter Cooper. He maintains a 2.2 GPA and plans to major in Sports Medicine at the University of Southern Mississippi. At Park, he is Captain of the Football team. In ten years he plans to be playing football in the NFL.



Leonard Allen Stewart, from Pascagoula, is the son of Leonard and Arnie Stewart. He maintains a 2.5 GPA and plans to major in Pre-Dental at the University of Mississippi. At Park, he is a member of the Band of Gold. In ten years, Leonard hopes to be practicing dentistry. He believes, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

Beaus

Freshman

Jaunita Leigh Weisberg, from Bogalusa is the daughter of Carolyn Weisberg. She has a 3.5 GPA and is undecided about her major. After Perk she plans to attend MSU. At Perk she is involved in Student Council, Cheerleading, Annual Staff and Reflections. Jaunita believes it's better to be born lucky than rich. In ten years she plans to be married and financially stable with a beautiful family.



Kathryn Lee Webb, from Ocean Springs, is the daughter of Ronald and Candice Webb. She has a 3.5 GPA and is majoring in Art. After Perk she plans to attend Millsaps College. At Perk she is involved in the Student Council as the Freshman. She likes and is also a Perkettes. She believes in Corps Diem, live to the hour, not the day, today is the only day. In ten years she plans to have her feet on the ground with the job of her dreams.

Beauties



Hope Dominique Moore, from Tusculum, is the son of Joe and Lavinia Moore. She has a 2.0 GPA and is majoring in business. After Perk she plans to attend MSU. At Perk she is a member of the Perkettes dance team. She believes an ounce of blood is worth a pound of friendship. In ten years she hopes to become a corporate lawyer.

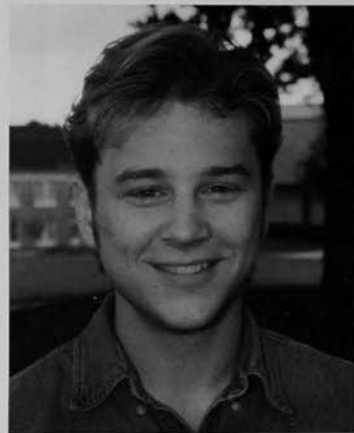


David Andrew Kuykendall, from Bogalusa is the son of David Andrew Kuykendall. He has a 2.9 GPA and is a Business major. David plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi after Perk. He is involved in football and track. David believes that life is too short to waste. In ten years he sees himself making lots of money.



Freshmen

Marvin Isaac Barnes, from Tusculum, is the son of Major and Bernadette Barnes. He has a 3.5 GPA. Marvin believes today's opportunity is yesterday's dream and tomorrow's memory. In ten years he sees himself in charge of his own business.



Chester Gerald Landry, from Belair is the son of Richard and Judy Landry. He has a 3.45 GPA and is a Theatre major. Chet plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi after Perk. He is involved in Chet MS Sound, Perk Players, and BSL. Chet believes life is short, play hard. He sees himself in ten years being happily married to a lawyer while operating a golf course with Chris Anderson.

Beaus

Sophomore

Andrea Lamona Jackson, from Wiggins, is the daughter of Joyce Jackson. Andrea has a 2.7 GPA and plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi and major in Nursing. While in high school, she was a member of the Band and the BSA and BSA Clubs. At Perk, she is in the band and is a member of the Student Council. In her free time, Andrea enjoys hanging out with her family and friends, playing softball, singing, dancing, and playing the trumpet. She believes "You get out of life what you put into it." In ten years, she hopes to be making a lot of money.



Melissa Jan Harvey, of Lumboldt, is the daughter of Jan and Gary Harvey. Melissa has a 2.6 GPA and plans to attend the University of South Alabama and major in Occupational Therapy. While in high school, Melissa played softball and a member of the BSA, Internet and Drama Clubs. At Perk, she is a member of the BSA Delta Club, Perk Players and The Theta Kappa. In her free time, Melissa likes to attend hockey games, football games, plays, concerts, visit friends, enjoys family activities, playing sports, skating, camping out and going on trips. Melissa's favorite quote is "Keep your face to the sunshine and you can not see the shadow." In ten years, she sees herself partially married with kids and pursuing a career as an occupational therapist with her own clinic.

Favorites



Christopher Eugene Anderson, from Perkinston, is the son of Sharon and Eugene Anderson. Chris has a 2.88 GPA and plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi and major in Psychology. In high school, Chris was a member of the Delta and Beta clubs, Chris Football, Golf and Tennis Teams. At Perk, Chris is a member of the Chris, The Sound Soundwaves, BSA and Theatre. Chris enjoys singing, acting and playing all kinds of sports. Chris's philosophy is "Life is Beautiful. Be kind to one another." In ten years, Chris plans to be settled down with a nice family of four and, hopefully, be happy.

Timothy A. Duprey, from Bolivar, is the son of Jerry and Edlean Duprey. Timmy has a 2.6 GPA and plans to attend Southeastern Louisiana University and major in psychology. In high school, he was a member of the Internet club, The Theta Kappa and the Baseball team. He plays baseball at Perk. Timmy enjoys spending time with his friends and sleeping. Timmy's favorite quote is, "Remember when you point your finger, there are always three pointing back at you." In ten years, Timmy hopes to be somewhere with a family sitting in a pile of money!



Freshmen

Katlysa Latrice Coleman, from Gulfport, is the daughter of Beverly Coleman. Katlysa has a 2.2 GPA and plans to attend the University of Southwestern Louisiana and major in Pharmacy. In high school she was a member of the basketball, track, and dance team, Men + Women of Distinction, and chose *At Risk*. Katlysa plays on our Women's Basketball team. Her philosophy is "Love 'em or Leave 'em." Ten years from now Katlysa sees herself married to Damien McMillan and having two children.



Jammy Marie Cochran, from Ocean Springs, is the daughter of Ed and Dill Cochran. Jammy has a 2.6 GPA and plans to get a degree in Environmental Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. While in high school she was a member of the Beta Club, Cross Country, SADD, Volleyball Team and Men + Women of Distinction. At Risk, Jammy is a member of the Perkyette Dance team. On Weekends Jammy enjoys seeing her family, friends and boyfriend. Jammy's philosophy is "Do the Dumps to the Dumps, Dumps, Dumps." In ten years Jammy expects to be standing near a hot stove, hairfroot and pregnant, and have ten other kids.



Favorites



Alfred E. Coleman Jr., from Moss Point is the son of Alfred and Gladys Coleman. Alfred has a 2.5 GPA and plans to major in Civil Engineering at Harvard University. In High School he was a member of Men + Women of Distinction and the Student Council. Alfred wants to know, is it "To be or Not to be, and Why?" In ten years Alfred plans to be climbing his way up a multi-million dollar corporation.

Roy T. O'Bryant III, from Ocean Springs is the son of Bob Steiner and Joppy O'Bryant. Roy has a 2.6 GPA and plans to major in Business at The University of Mississippi. In high school Roy was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Baseball and Football team and SADD. At risk, Roy is a member of the Football team. He likes to spend time with friends on the weekends. Roy's philosophy is "All it takes is all you got." He enjoys sports and collecting baseball cards. In ten years Roy plans to be making money and partying!



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Jodi Leigh Ann Agent



Benjamin Allen
Albritton



Christopher Eugene
Anderson



Stacie D. Davis



Olivia Dawn Dellenger



Melissa Jan Harvey



Ledier Elizabeth
Austin



Julianna Marie Bell



Kenly Lynn Byrd



Chang W. Hong



Angela Elaine Hunt



Andrea Lamera
Jackson



Anthony James
Cunningham



Amanda Lachelle
Davenport



Nicole Yolanda
Jefferson



Fontella D. Jones

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Bryan Andrew King



Natalie Brooke Long



Gregory Dean Loose



Amy Rebekah Rahrer



Noymi Adweeda
Ramey



Rankin Robinson
Rouse



Janet Clarissa Miller



David Charles
Neumann



Heidi Marie O'Neal



Elizabeth Ann Selvage



Wanda R. Strickland



Kimberly Elizabeth
Tatam

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Jessica Lynn Oliver



Jennifer Nicole Pitts



Bradley Alan Walker



Benjamin Clement
Wood

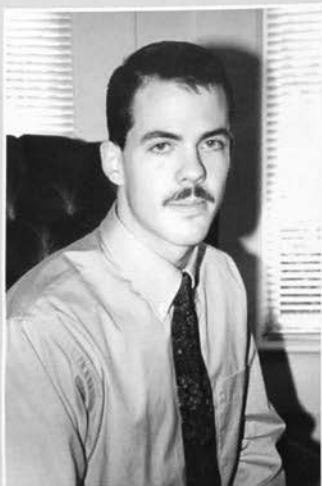
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HALL OF FAME

Benjamin Allen Albritton

Benjamin Allen Albritton, the son of Marianna and Allen Albritton, has a 4.0 GPA and plans to earn an Engineering Degree from MSU. While at Perk, Ben was an Honors Student, involved in Phi Theta Kappa, president of the Delta Club and a published author. Ben also did weekly social work through the BSU.



Julianna Marie Bell

Julie, daughter of James and Rebecca Bell, of Ocean Springs has a 3.5 GPA and plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in Education. While at Perk, Julie served as captain of the Perkette Dance Team, Student Council Sophomore class president, and a Sophomore maid on the Homecoming court. She was also elected Freshman and Sophomore Beauty and participated in the drama production of *The Wiz*. She believes: "Never let the odds keep you from pursuing what you know in your heart you were meant to do."



HALL OF FAME

Kenley Lynn Byrd

Kenley is a Sophomore theatre major from Lucedale, Mississippi. He is married to Amy Byrd of Lucedale. While at Perk Kenley maintained a 3.75 GPA as an Honor Student. Kenley toured with the Perk Players and has appeared on the Perk stage many times. After Graduation he plans to attend William Carey College to earn his BFA in Theatre, then attend Graduate School at USM.



Olivia Dawn Dellenger

Olivia, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dellenger of D'Iberville has a 3.4 GPA and plans to attend USM and major in Interior Design. While at Perk, Olivia was actively involved in Softball, Student Council, where she served as Executive Secretary, and she was also a Resident Assistant for Andrews Hall Dorm. Olivia was selected as a class beauty her Freshman year. Her Sophomore year Olivia was chosen to be on the Homecoming Court and served as the Homecoming Queen. She also was selected Miss Perk. Olivia has the honor of being selected for Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. She has also made the Vice President's list along with the Dean's list. She believes: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



HALL OF FAME



Fontella D. Jones

Fontella Jones, son of Lene Jones of Pass Christian, has a 2.95 GPA and plans to attend Texas Tech University. He will be majoring in Business. While at Perk he received various awards: Mr. Perk, Who's Who among Students in American Junior Colleges, Dean's list and was drafted by the New York Yankees. He says: "Perk gave me my second chance to pursue my hopes and dreams. So I would like to thank all my teachers, GOD and my mom Mrs. Lena Lois Jones."



Gregory Dean Loose

Greg is the son of Dr. Roger and Janet Loose of Wiggins. He has a 3.5 GPA and will attend The University of Southern Mississippi next year where he will major in Biology and Pre-Optometry. While at Perk he was on the cheerleading squad, a Resident Assistant, a member of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences, the Honors Program, and a mentor at Stone Middle School.

HALL OF FAME

Janet Clarissa Miller

Janet Miller, of Poplarville, maintains a 3.95 GPA. She majors in Court Reporting. Her awards and campus activities include: President, Vice President and National Deans Lists, Who's Who among American Junior Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda and Student Court Reporters Association. She is a non-traditional student who left the work force after fourteen years to return to school. Her experience at perk has been a treat. Upon graduation she plans on going into business for herself. She believes she will begin her new career fully prepared because of her time at Perkinston. She would like to say thank you to the instructors who made this possible; giving of their time and knowledge



Noymi Advveeda Ramey

Noymi, daughter of Gary and Raquel Ramey, has a 3.9 GPA and plans to attend The University of South Alabama. She is majoring in Physical Therapy. Noymi was active in the Student Council and serves as executive President. She is also in the honors Program. Noymi was voted as Perk's Most Beautiful and was also on the Homecoming Court. She believes: "Life is what you make of it."



HALL OF FAME

Elizabeth Ann Selvage

Ann, wife of Micheal Selvage, and mother of three teenagers, Chris, Brian, and Jessica, has a 4.0 GPA. While at Perk, Ann was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Program, and SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise). She was also actively involved in the community as a foster parent. She believes: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6"



Kimberly Elizabeth Tatum

Kimberly Tatum, daughter of Joseph and Mary Tatum of Lucedale, Mississippi, attended George County High School and then Perk. While at Perk she was involved in the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, President of SIFE, and the mentorship program. She was also a member of the MCCC Lady Bulldogs Softball Team. She was on the President's List. She had a 4.0 GPA. After graduation at Perk, she plans to attend The University of Southern Mississippi and get a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.



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Perk Students Enjoy College Life

Brian York and Julie Smith prepare for Mr. Sutherland's Comp. 2 class.

Alina Kopp and Ginger Wixon recruit students for the annual staff at Club Fest.

Stacie and D-Mack are hanging out before a pep-rally.



Handle enjoys a daiquiri from Perk O'Briens.

Penelope displays her school spirit by wearing "Killer" slippers.

"And what are you grinning about?"

Cheerleaders till the end!



1997 Mardi Gras Ball



Perkinston Campus Residents Assistants and Student Council sponsored the 1997 Mardi Gras Ball held at Pine Burr Country Club February 4, 1997. Members of the Royal Court are Rene Richard, Leonard Stewart, Melissa Harvey, Ryan Alexander, Adrian Holly, Katrice Harris, Ledeir Austin, David Bohn, Mike Davis, Greg Loose, Jack Lastorka, Stacie Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Chris Blake, Damian McMillian, Denise Parsons, Brian York, Aleta Bailey, Amanda Scarborough, Mark Huerkamp, Julie Smith, Jodi Agent, Andrew Penroe, Kim Tatum, Marko Kostic, Raegan Winland, Collin Caillevet, Olivia Dellenger, Fontella Jones, Ginger Wixon, Bryan King, Escorts Brittany Breazeale, Teendell Edward's, George Lee, Kelly Ryan.

1997 Mardi Gras Ball King and Queen are Damian McMillian and Jodi Agent.



Melissa and Natalie enjoy themselves at the ball.

Members of the Royal Court dance with a partner of their choice.



Students enjoy themselves at the Mardi Gras Ball.



Resident Assistants



Standing (Left To Right): Tequila Hall, Natalie Long, Charity Mitchell, Heidi O'Neal and Supervisor Tammy Weathers. Sitting: Olivia Dellinger, Lieder Austin, Henrietta Watson, Stacy Means

(Left to Right) - Ed Hilliard, Jack Lastorka, Jeremy Lomas, Josh Turner, and Bryan King.



Sitting: Matt Driskell, Greg Loose. Standing: Marko Kostic



Sitting (Left to Right): Latisha Moran, Aleta Bailey

Left to Right: Matt Driskell, Eddie Hilliard, Heidi O'Neal, Stacy Means, Olivia Dellinger, Henrietta Watson, Charity Mitchell, Tequila Hall. Left to Right (2nd row): Jack Lastorka, Bryan King, Natalie Long, Jeremy Lomas, and Greg Loose.

Automotive Parts Program and Automotive Mechanics

The Automotive Parts and Accessories Marketing curriculum includes classroom lectures, laboratory experiences, workshop and specialized learning experiences relating to receiving, stocking, selling and shipping merchandise in the automotive parts store. This program provides students with job skills that give them an advantage in the job market. Graduates will know the correct part required by the customer, advise the customer according to the description given, correctly use various catalogs to determine the part number and price, display merchandise, determine

correct interchange parts; accept telephone orders, take inventory and mix paint. Students will also learn the use of catalog and price sheets, automotive engine theory and operation, automotive systems, office machine operations, automotive parts store management, customer relations and mathematics as related to parts store business operations.



The Automotive Mechanics program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is a four semester comprehensive program designed to train students for employment as Auto Mechanics and Service Technicians. Students have the opportunity to learn all aspects of auto repair, from basic service procedures to the most advanced electronic system diagnostics. The college furnishes all tools and equipment used during the training process. The test equipment is state of the art and designed for use on late model vehicles.



Child Development Technology



Child Development Technology provides students with the knowledge needed to help young children grow and develop so they can reach their full potential. Teaching techniques include the use of classroom instruction and hands-on experience with children in a laboratory setting. This gives students an opportunity to practice the techniques in a state-of-the-art child-care center. Pam Jones is the child-care instructor and center director. Tammy Farmer is our child-care assistant.

Top 5 Things to Do:

5. Taking Naps
4. Games
3. Storytime
2. Playground
1. Eating Cookies



TOYS



With such a wonderful child development program our children have a great start for the future!

Drafting I & II

Whether it's a spacecraft or a skyscraper, the exact dimensions and specifications for construction of the entire design and each of its parts are provided by drafters, because of their training, they are able to translate engineering ideas into realities. Students are taught how to reproduce detailed drawings using cad systems. This utilization is predicted to increase 100 percent by the year 2000. Gulf Coast graduates are prepared for employment with companies that provide the services required to meet diverse drafting and designs—Electrical, Architectural, or Mechanical.

Left to Right: Jonathan Rodkey, Charmayne Bonnet, Teresa Edwards, Adam Huddleston, Randall Fox, Tommy Glaser, Barry Thrash, Advisor

Boy They're working hard!



Back: Tony Dotts, Wesley Ladner, Barry Thrash, Advisor.
Front: Vince Carlisle, Melissa Smith.

Drawing takes so much time.

Computer Repair Technology



Computer Service is a rapidly growing field. It has been estimated that by the year 2000 there will be computers in over half of the homes in America. This field is not limited, however, to just working with computers. Nearly all electronics manufactured today have microprocessors and employ the same principles as computer systems.



Otto Sisson has been instructing students in many phases of electronics including troubleshooting, digital electronics, AC and DC electronics, and computer servicing.



Mr. Sisson leads the "Elite" in trouble-shooting a laser printer.

Annual Staff

Perk's Annual Staff consists of a small group of students devoted to the yearbook. These students worked under the supervision of Mrs. Kathy Thrash and Mrs. Pam Farmer, who made this time enjoyable. Working on the annual staff also brought the students and advisors closer together. We appreciate everyone's time and effort that was put forth to make this yearbook a success.

Selena, Ginger, Mandy, Bryan, Ginger, Darlene, Heidi, Katrina, Tommy, and Gloria



Editors: Ginger Wixon and Mandy Herrmann

Advisor: Kathy Thrash seeks advise from a yearbook representative.

Editors: Ginger and Mandy assign pages to staff members.



Trina seeks help from Mandy.

Bryan types copy for an upcoming deadline.



Ginger is caught off guard by the camera.

Bryan and Ginger represented the yearbook staff at the Mardi Gras Ball.



Members work patiently to make perk's annual the best ever.

Ad Club



The Perkinston Ad Club is sponsored by the Graphic Design/Commercial Art program affiliated with the Mississippi Coast Advertising Federation (the local chapter of the American Advertising Federation), the club sponsors activities that reflect the goals of the Graphic Design program.

This year's activities include visits with local industry; a business luncheon and design projects provided by local businesses, giving some members actual work experience and a chance to be "published."

Each year, Ad Club members visit the Walter Anderson Museum in Ocean Springs. And this year, the group threw in a little more fun with a design competition day, a cookout and Pictionary contest and decorating the campus during the Christmas season. Ad Club members, who designed and printed their own club t-shirt at a local silk screen company, also competed against local universities in the the Mississippi Coast Ad Federation's design and advertising, or "ADDY," contest. This gave them the chance to attend the disco-themed ADDY award show at the Grand Casino.

Ad Club members, who are also involved with other school- and campus-sponsored activities, produce several class projects throughout the year, including posters, brochures, greeting cards, and t-shirts for school activities and student organizations.

Ad Club members

Back Row: Mark Heurkamp, Joshua Smith, Jeff Jones, Jon Wong, Chris Lofton and Richard White.
Front Row: Erica Hodges, Michelle Payne, Amanda Scarborough, Marcy Galle, Stacy Means and Sherry Stone.
Not Pictured: Christi Ostenson



Left: Amanda, Chris, Mr. Jones and Mark proudly display a Christmas billboard.
And Christi Ponders Design Concepts below that.



Above: Marcy shows off the t-shirt designed by the Ad club. Each member got to pull his/her own shirt.



Left: Stacy and Amanda, once again, prove that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Vice President: Amanda Scarborough
President: Marcy Galle
Secretary: Michelle Payne





Top: Jeaneane, Jodi, Natalie, Melissa and Jessica give us their pretty smiles.

Side: Jodi and Benji stop flirting with each other for a moment to have their picture taken.

Side: Pam, Jessica, Eddie, Melissa, Jodi and Benji, don't they all just take beautiful pictures! Bottom: Hey, everybody! Look out the back window! Ha! Ha! I got a picture.

Below After a long, hard day, everybody decides to get a bite to eat.



Baptist Student Union



The Baptist Student Union (BSU) is a Christian organization that is sponsored by Southern Baptists and is open to all students. BSU meets weekly and provides students with many opportunities to enhance their spiritual life. Weekly events include Bible study, gender bender and gospel choir.



Top: Andrew and Jodi give a big cheese for the camera.

Middle: Melissa, Jodi, Benji, Alisa and Jessica love being in pictures.

Bottom: The BSU crew get together for a group shot during their trip.

Below: Luke, Jodi, Chris, Jessica, and Benji go to the BSU to change clothes after getting soaked at a water fight.



Reflections



Reflections leader Michelle Sekul with officers left to right: Anzela Hickman, Anzle Shippee, and Kelly Ryan.

The MGCCC Reflections Team is a student recruiting organization composed of full-time MGCCC students (academic or vocational) from in-district high schools (George, Stone, Harrison, and Jackson counties), out-of-district and out-of-state high schools, as well as adult students of the same classification. The Reflections Team participates in all recruitment functions such as high school visits, mall shows, and Perk Preview Day. The team is well educated on the policies and procedures of MGCCC and is available to answer any questions prospective students may have. The team is lead by Michelle Sekul, Perkinson Campus Recruitment officer.

Left to Right: Rhonda Loper, Anzle Casle, Darlene Fleming, Anzela Hickman, Ginzer Wixon, Tori Daniels, Juanita Weinbers, Natalie Lons, Heidi O'Neal, Colin Caillavet, Raeann Winland, Kelly Ryan, Kristen Sherman, Anzle Shippee, and Leader Michelle Sekul.



Scholars Bowl



Back Row: James Strickland, John Jenkins (Sponsor) and Everett Minchew
Front Row: Celia Robinson, Jonathan Basilio, Karen Spence, and Geoff Whetstone

The Scholars Bowl Team meets every Thursday to prepare for competitions. They will compete at the South Mississippi Scholars Competition which is being held at MGCCC, Perkinson Campus. The Scholars Bowl will travel to The University of Mississippi for a scholars competition and will try out for scholarships.



Phi Beta Lambda

PBL is a national organization for students at the college level who are preparing for careers in business and industry or for business-related careers. They try to develop strong, aggressive leadership so that members, as future businessmen and women, may participate more effectively in the business and community life which they will be a part of.



Literary Society



Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa is the Nationally recognized scholastic honorary society for junior college students. The goals of Phi Theta Kappa are to provide opportunities for development of leadership and service and to encourage continuing academic excellence.

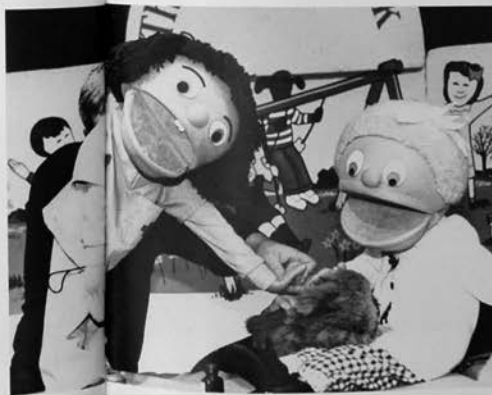
Jack and The Wonder Beans



Jack and the Magic Wonder Beans is a play that tours elementary schools introducing children to the theater. Kids on the Block also tours to elementary schools. They use puppets to teach children the differences between learning disabilities and mental retardation.



Kids On The Block



Perk's Performing Arts

Mr. Allen is definitely a "diverse" artist.

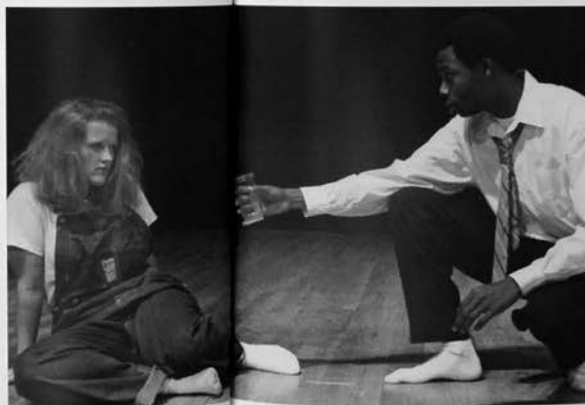
The dance classes gather for a pose before the fall recital.

The modeling class definitely knows how to strike a pose.



Michelle Payne marches in the Homecoming parade.

Our trumpets are very "serious" about the Band of Gold.



Olivia Dellenzer puts the final touches on her pastel portrait.

Jodi and Andrew in their remarkable performance of "My Sweet Charlie."

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

VICA is a national organization for any student enrolled in vocational, technical and health occupation courses. VICA develops the whole student-social and leadership abilities as well as skills. The members of the Perkinson campus charter attend local, state and national competition in surveying, leadership, machine drafting, carpentry, architectural drafting, auto mechanics, commercial art and welding. Together VICA members are preparing for leadership in the world of work.



Students socialize at VICA cookout.



Horticulture



Horticulture Technology is the art and science of producing, processing, distributing, maintaining and using ornamental plants. It includes the study of selecting, arranging, planting and caring for plant materials in the proper manner. Many horticulturists own or manage nurseries, garden centers, retail florist shops, orchards or vegetable farms that sell plants, fertilizers, planting soils and a variety of garden and outdoor products. Others work as sales representatives for manufacturers and wholesalers of insecticides, fertilizers and other horticulture supplies and equipment.



Mr. McCoy gives instructions to his class.

A Definitely Different Halloween Bash

The Cheerleaders get dressed up for Halloween!

Will Tee sink or swim?



Yolanda and Denise scramble for some candy!

Celia and Donna play along with the Band at Dr. Mellenger's house.



These athletes anxiously await to "bob for apples"



Somebody got dunked!

Raegan and Juanita give a Halloween cheer!

Definitely Different Student Council

Student Council brings names activities to the Perkinson Campus. Some of the many activities that they are involved with are: PRC week, Homecoming, Spring Fever, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, and many after school extra curricular activities. 1996-97 Student Council: Bottom row: Julie Bell, Olivia Dellinger, Robin Rusk, Noyomi Ramey, Eve Gillian, Reagan Winland. Top row: Kelly Ryan, Andrea Jackson, Alina Kopp, Fontella Sones, Selena Henderson, Penelope Runnels, Juanita Weinburg, Tracy Carter (Advisor).



Executive Council: Top row: Eve Gillian (Treasurer), Robin Rusk (Vice President), Olivia Dellinger (Secretary). Bottom: Noyomi Ramey



Sophomore Officers: Top: Andrea Jackson (Representative), Fontella Jones (Representative), Selena Henderson (Secretary/Treasurer). Bottom: Alina Kopp (Vice President), Julie Bell (President).



Freshman Officers: Top: Juanita Weinburg (Representative), Kathryn Webb (Secretary/Treasurer), Penelope Runnels (Representative). Bottom: Kelly Ryan (Vice President), Reagan Winland (President).



Student Council shows their spirit at the Homecoming parade. Their float won most spirited.

Student Council Members Heidi O'Neal, Alina Kopp, Ashley Wilkes, Andrea Jackson, Beth Haled, Noyomi Ramey, Olivia Dellinger, Selena Henderson and Eve Gillian guard the Rat's Casket during the PRC pep rally.



Look how enthusiastic the student council is to be in the PRC Parade.

The Student Council members that rode in the PRC Parade were Eve Gillian, Noyomi Ramey, Olivia Dellinger, Beth Haled, Alina Kopp, Selena Henderson, Heidi O'Neal, Ashley Wilkes and Andrea Collins.



Band of Gold



Perkettes and Guard



Members of the 1996-97 BAND OF GOLD and PERKETTES are—Baritone: Matt Huggatt, Saxophone: Richard Joyce, Matthew Karamzki, Jamil Dugan, Reed: Blaine, David Shepherd and Harry Wynn, Clarinet: Kevin Bismore, Emily Gibbs, Michelle Ehl, Erica Lyman, Wendy Nichols, Veronica Perez, Kananda Sautter, Sabrina Tarpley and Hope Tipton, Drum Major: Rand Frazier, Michael Green and Anna Simpson, Flute: Cleo Blackston, Tammy Burger, Daphnia Griffin, Corrie McMillan, Jennifer Sanders and Pam Walmsley, Corset: Janay Adams, Rebecca Barbour, Tajana Claude, Myka Hale, Karline Harter, Kelly Harfield, Michelle Hill, Nicole Jefferson, Liz Kramnick, Heather Newman, Michelle Payne and Bribe Sesholtz, Horn: Todd Adams, Yolanda Ashley, Bill Daniels, Cheryl Gray, Danielle Harter, Kelly Holland, Kathryn Jones and Renee Richard, Manager: Thomas Davis (Ed Carter, Andy MacCoy, Carly Ross and Ryan Salmer), Percussion: Jonathan Basilio, Jason Bourgeois, William Brummett, Charles Burgie, Alfred Coleman, Stephen Gaspelich, Chris Casvan, Alex Dutt, Terrell Edwards, Jeremy Enos, Mike Green, Melissa Hall, Lee Haydon, Dennis Holland, Kristie Kelley, Tammy Leventine, Derrick McDonald, Mike Miller, Celia Robinson, Jonathan Sayre, Brock Sesholtz, Mirab Sheller, Leonard Stewart, Marissa Truitt, Josh Turner, Carl Watson, John Dwyer and Brian York, Perkettes: Yvonda Barnes, Brandy Beckham, Julie Bell, Jamie Brown, Cathleen Cochran, Tammy Cochran, Tara Fennan, Tara Gallagher, Leah Gentry, Shila Harwell, Melissa Holliman, Heather Holliman, Erin Jacob, Nicole Latham, Hope Moore, Lisa Paulk, Amy Rahner, Angie Scholtz, Julie Smith, Erin Tillery, Kathryn Webb and Keri Woods, Sax: Erin Collins, David Dawkins, Dakota James, Bobby Johnson, Everette Mitchell, Amanda Fyke, Rand Waldron and Olivia Wise, Sax: Amy Rahner, Julie Smith and Joseph Williams, Trombone: Kenneth Adams, George Andrews, Brent Blackston, Chas Coleman, Jeremy Davis, Greg McCalland, Tara Melvin, Myron Nicholas, Brad Russell, Ricky Scholtz, Mike Tennant and Christopher Upton, Trumpet: Christopher Benoit, Erin Berg, Elizabeth Budden, Trey Butler, Ryan Byrd, Joey Crump, Heather Eggen, Andrea Jackson, Richard Kelley, Bryan King, Jack Lanier, Tim Marshall, Trevaun Martin, Jeremy Morgan, Jelsa O'Neil, Stephen Severn, Craig Shompham, Brian Stewart and Russell Wiley, Tuba: Paul Bennett, Kirby Everling, Tim, Don Green, Tracy Robinson, Paul Sanning, Brian Stevenson and Kevin Wentz.

Drum Majors: Rand Frazier, Anna Simpson and Mike Green.



RIGHT—Perkettes, front row, from left: Captains, Julie Bell and Elisha Harwell. 2nd row, from left: Julie Smith, Melissa Holliman, Jamie Carnley, Kerri Woods, Brandy Beckham, Amy Rahner, Yvonda Barnes and Leah Gentry. 3rd row, from left: Angie Schultz, Tara Fennan, Cathleen Cochran, Tammy Cochran, Kathryn Webb, Erin Tillery, Erin Jacob, Nicole Latham, Tara Gallagher, Hope Moore and Lisa Paulk.

RIGHT—Guard, front row, from left: Nikki Jefferson, Brock Barbour and Tajana Claude. 2nd row, from left: Kelly Harfield, Bobbie Sesholtz and Michelle Payne. 3rd row, from left: Liz Kramnick, Jenny Adams and Myka Hale. 4th row, from

Band of Gold



Under the leadership of head director and 1996 Instructor of the year David Dueitt, Assistant director David Allen, and Perkettes Instructor Kathleen Braun, the 1996-1997 season with their acclaimed halftime show, "SPACE...the final frontier". Thrilling audiences everywhere, the band entertained thousands of people this past fall, performing at home football games, pep rallies, and parades. As usual, the heralded Band of Gold was invited to several marching exhibitions in the Southeast to perform as guest exhibition band, and won the acclaim of other seasoned performers and band directors everywhere. The Band of Gold constantly strives to achieve their famous motto and goal, get better every day in every way.



Band on the practice field during band camp.

John plays the drum for halftime show



Drumline leads the band into the stands.



Quote: "Sasa-frasin: just one more time, everything on God's green earth has a price."



Perkette Dance Team



First Row: Jamie Brown, Brandy Beckham, Amy Rahner, Julie Bell, Elisha Hartwell, Tara Pintar, and Yvonne Barnes.
Second Row: Melissa Holliman, Julie Smith, Angie Schultz, Hope Moore, Tara

Gallagher, Lisa Paurik, and Leah Gentry. Third Row: Erin Jacob, Keri Woods, Kathleen Cochran, Erin Tillery, Kathryn Webb, Tammy Cochran, and Nicole Latham.



Captains Julie Bell and Elisha Hartwell



The 1996-1997 Perkette Dance Team under the direction of Kathleen Braun and Captains Julie Bell and Elisha Hartwell and managers Carley Russ and Julie Canfield. The Dance Team definitely dazzled the crowds during this years football and basketball seasons. The Dance Team is required to take one hour of dance a semester either a ballet, jazz, tap, or modern and in November they performed in the 1996 dance recital. The team performed this year at halftime shows, pep rallies, parades, exhibitions, and basketball games.



Color Guard



Front row: Kelly Hartfield and Jenny Adams. Second Row: Becca Barbour, Nikki Jefferson, Bobbie Senholtz and Tajana Glaude. Third row: Liz



Captain Kelly Hartfield.

Kratnick, Katrice Harris, Heather Norman, Ann-Michelle Hill, and Michelle Payne.



The 1996 edition of the MS Gulf Coast Community College Band of Gold enjoyed an extra splash of color, poise, excitement and beauty in their eleven-member color guard line. These extremely talented young ladies devoted more hours of hard work and extra rehearsals than almost every organization in the college. Their precision and visual beauty could be seen this year at bulldog football games, pep rallies, parades, and marching festivals both inside and outside of the district. Their work ethic is simple yet effective: TEAMWORK!



The Band is Definitely Gold



Whether practicing or resting this band is Definitely Gold



Left: saxaphooners take a break. Below: Ed, did Killer get a hold of you? Right: These gys definitely look ready for the football game.



Mississippi Sound, Soundwaves,

Members of Soundstations are Jessica Oliver, Hope Powell and Renee Richard. Benji Wood performs at the Alumna House during Homecoming Festivities.



Members of the Soundwaves dazzle the crowd. MS Sound Entertains



And Soundstations DAZZLE!!!

Soundwave members are Jason Chatfield, Chris Anderson, Benji Wood and Luke Stewart.

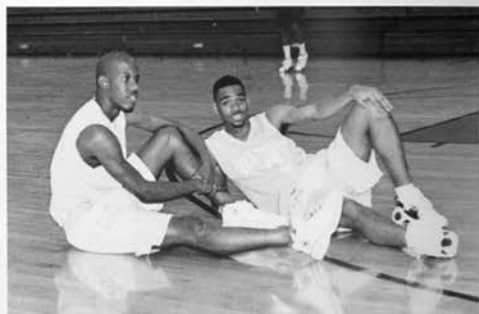
Dr. Mellinger is enjoying a dance with Jessica Oliver.



Chris Anderson is performing.

MS Sound Members are Chris Anderson, Penelope Ranzetta, Benji Wood, Hope Powell, Chet Landry, Haakon Sooye, Andrew Perene, Jessica Oliver, Jason Chatfield, and Denise Parsons.





WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?



Coach Steve Wright
Head Coach



Coach Ode Burrell
Defensive Back Coach



Coach Kelvin Lynn
Offensive Line Coach



Coach Robert Cloud
Defensive Coordinator and
Administrative Assistant



Coach Steve Nagy
Assistant Head Coach



Jerry Sharp
Athletic Trainer



Hunter is hunting a hole through the offensive line.

Coach Wright let the dogs out in this '96 football season. This year was guided by the four corner stones of the program. Having an aggressive, hard-hitting football team, having the district's best player, and having creative offensive and defensive kicking game plans, are the products that are exciting to watch and that people are proud to associate with because it's done right and with class. Win, Lose or Draw we will be proud of our Dogs.



Girls Softball

The Softball team this year has been definitely different from the past years. They started getting ready for the season by meeting their new coach. Coach Patterson demanded that all of the girls work hard and become dedicated to the sport and their team. We are proud to have her to coach our girls. Back Row: Stacy Wyatt, Julia Smith, Elizabeth Davis, Danielle Tackett, Coach Carolyn Patterson, Kristy Tilley, Denise Bonds, Robinette Harry. Middle Row: Erica Lymon, Liz Krafnick, Brittany Breazeale, Jenny Pitts, Olivia Delenger, Missy Hall, Selena Henderson, Casey Burns. Front Row: Gloria McDonald, Manager Tamara Lewnau, Kimberly Tatum. Not Pictured: Katherine Cates and Student Coach Chris Blake.



Silly Sophomores pose for the camera.

Hey, somebody catch!!

I've got it!!!



Coach Patterson is in serious thought.

What happened to our chairs?



No, I've got it!



Quack, Quack, Quack.



Robin Plusk and Joel Moore demonstrate a great extension during an away game.

MGCCC Cheerleaders pose for a quick picture on the Elbow Beach at Media Day.



Bulldog Cheerleaders

Exciting moves and athletic ability were both seen this year during football and basketball games; not only on the field but also on the sidelines. Eight Women, eight men, and the team mascot made up this years Gulf Coast cheerleading squad. This is one of the largest squads the college has had in years, said Coach Tammie Weathers. "It's really exciting, especially that we have a large enough squad

to do more of basket tosses, pyramids and crowd involvement cheers that the crowds like to see," Weathers said. This team has taken their responsibilities to another level and the cheerleaders play a major role during games, Weathers said. "Not only do they cheer but they are involved in football and basketball recruitment and will be able to participate in more competitions," Weathers said. In

Tuscaloosa, the squad attended Universal Cheerleading Association's annual summer camp. They were one of 33 collegiate squads present. Superior ribbons were given to Gulf Coast in all evaluations throughout the week and brought home two trophies for final competitions. They also received a second place finish in the cheer category competition, and in the sideline competition, they received a third place finish. "Before coming totally co-ed, we were limited to what we could do as a squad," Weathers said. "We had to compete in the all-girls competition. Now, we're up against more collegiate squads. It's much more competitive."



Girls (left to right) Robin Plusk, Jerry Pitts, Raigan Winland, Jennifer Hultstetter, Lacey Austin, Kelly Ryan, Justina Weinburg. Boys (left to right) Joel Moore, Jeremy Tootle, David Bohm, Matt Thomas, Jeremy Lomas, Jeremy Conner, Greg Loose.

Jeremy Tootle throws footballs to the crowd at the first Pep Rally.



Killer is on the prowl.

MGCCC Cheerleaders cheer on the dawgs.

Bulldog Babes



First Row: Kelly Ryan, Angie Cagle, Reagan Winland, Ashley Wilkes, Beth Halstead, and Kathryn Webb. Second Row: Marlene Moore, Katrice Harris, Robin Rusk, Selena Henderson and Tori Daniels. Back Row: Amy Diddlemire, Tajuana Geould and Carly Russ.

Bulldog Baseball



Row One: Cedric Theodore, Josh Williams, Chris Jenkins, Jason Long, Jason Parker, Con Wyatt, David Neumann and Desmond O'Quine. Row Two: Chad Davis, Frankie Shoemaker, Adam Huddleston, Kevin Dees, Scott Wells, Andrew Odom, P.J. Boudreaux, Chet Batson and Trey Bullinger. Row Three: Robbie Dambrino, Rusty Seaman, Tim Concoran, Tres Wells, Derek Koller, Bryan Pisanich, Fontella Jones, and Brent Elmer. Row Four: Pat Lyons, Joey Beattie, Mickey Cronch, Randy McBride, Timmy Duprey and Adrian Holley.



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Bulldog Baseball



Top Left Corner: Adrian Holley gets out at first base with plenty of time to spare. Above: The whole team comes out to congratulate Duprey after hitting a homerun. Far Left: Chad Davis practices his fast pitch. Left: Chris Jenkins kills the ball during practice. Bottom Left: Jason Parker pitches to David Neumann. Bottom: Scott Wells strikes a pose for the camera.



Above: Joey Beattie, Kevin Dees and Pat Lyons catch pitches during practice. Right and Far Right: Josh Williams and Frankie Shoemaker practice their swing, so they can knock the ball out of the park.



Right: Brent Elmer works out in the weight room so he can build up his muscles. Far Right: Timmy Duprey heads for second as Coach Cudd watches the ball go over the fence.



Proper form is key to a perfect swing. Cedric, David and Con display proper form.

Basketball



Top Row: Wilton Peters, Stephen Clark, Sam Murray, Julius Hilliard, Leonard Osborne, Mike Fairley, Duane Luckett. Bottom Row: Damian McMillian, Meshawn Walker, Mark Williams, Wanuto Tillis, Teco Hicks.



Lady Bulldogs

Natisha Crosby - 15
 Sharree Gordon - 21
 Kristie Reed - 32
 Stacie Davis - 33
 Tee Coleman - 35
 Kieda Lewis - 40
 Robinette Harry - 42
 Lashonda Plainer - 44
 Keisha Nelson - 50
 Denise Bonds - 52
 Ledore Holins - 54
 Yolanda Galloway - 55



Head Coach
 Greg Holmes

Assistant Coach
 Carolyn Patterson

The Lady Bulldogs played a great season. Thier greatest accomplishment was going undefeated in a tournament played against PRC. They also beat PRC at home on January 23rd by 9 points. All in all the Lady Bulldogs played a great season.



Basketball



Stacie Davis soars high to score.

Natisha Crosby fights to pass the ball.

Administration, Faculty and Staff

George County Occupational Training Center

The George County Occupational Training Center, located in Luodale on Hwy. 63 South, was constructed in 1972. The center offers both post-secondary and secondary programs including Administrative Office Services, Practical Nursing, Welding, Cosmetology and Surgical Technology. High School students are bused to and from the center for instruction in business computer applications, intensive business training, carpentry, welding, occupational food service, and allied health cluster.



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George County Occupational Training Center



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George County Clubs



The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) was started at the George County Center in 1975. They have approximately 65 members. These students will compete in state and national competitions. Students compete in leadership skills and skill trade areas. Officers for 1996-97 include Chrissy Havens, President; Nancy Galoway, Vice President; Marion Riley, Secretary; Dora Parker, Treasurer; Rachel Minyard, Reporter; Wendy Rich, Parliamentarian. Mr. Ronnie C. Mizell is the overall advisor and each program instructor is the faculty advisor for that program.



The Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) was started at the George County Center in 1982. They have approximately 23 members. These students will compete in District, State, and National Competitions. Students compete in Leadership skills and practical nursing skills areas. HOSA promotes career opportunities in the ever expanding health care professions while enhancing the delivery of quality health care for everyone. Officers for 1996-97 include: Debbie Raines, President; Julie Mourina, Vice President; Debra Harris, Secretary; Michael Knotts, Treasurer; Tommy Johnson, Reporter; Youlan Douglas, Parliamentarian. Ms. Audrey Barth and Mrs. Gloria Havard, instructors for the practical nursing program are the advisors.



Phi Beta Lambda was established at the George County Occupational Training Center in 1973. It presently consists of 20 members. Students attend the State Regional Leadership Conference and compete in competitive events during the Spring Leadership Conference in Jackson. Students learn interpersonal skills, and attend seminars to strengthen their preparation for entry into the workplace. Officers include: Becky McLeod, President; Brand Edwards, Secretary; Zonya Fairley, Treasurer; Teresa Peace, Reporter; Marion Riley, Parliamentarian. Mr. Larry Burney is the Phi Beta Lambda faculty advisor.

Mr. Mizell is giving instructions to one of his welding students. George County students take a break during class time.



Computer class stays glued to the screen!

A student and instructor discuss diversified health occupations.





James Wilcockson. A former Vietnam Vet, helps put up the Wall. These men were also POW's.



Mrs. Jones assists Tavor Thrash with a rubbing. People visit Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall.

A member of the Black Horse Jump Team parachutes from the sky.



The Moving Wall Visits Perk. April 6-11, 1996



The Wall is solid. Its granite face designed to resist the elements for all time. Yet, as visitors touch it's surface, the Wall becomes almost fluid. Small ripples of hope and healing spread ever outward. Like the concentric circles created when a stone is tossed into a pond, the impact of the Wall arouses and arouses. In 1982 John Devitt, a former helicopter door gunner and Army veteran, visited Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and to participate in the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. This visit and experience changed Devitt's life and led to the creation of the "Moving Wall," which has since moved millions of people. His story is one of thousands spawned by the memorial. As Devitt explains, "When you approach the memorial, you don't recognize what's going on. It's a visual experience that words can not describe ... Then suddenly, as the words inscribed on the Wall come into focus, it's so subtle you're drawn in and it's too late ... You're riveted and the emotions just pour fourth."

Students of the play "A Piece of My Heart" take part in the Moving Wall.

A display of crosses bearing names of men who died while serving in the Vietnam War.

Participants of the 6K run to the Wall. A few of the thousands of names listed on the Wall.



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COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Delivering educational opportunities and meeting community needs.

Gulf Coast's Community Campus brings together the college's workforce training, adult and continuing education, distance learning, small business development, and the Institute for Learning in Retirement.

This internal reorganization at Gulf Coast, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in the summer of 1996, has created a conceptual campus, not a place. Operating on a district-wide basis, the Community Campus supports the college's transfer, vocational and technical programs, while also providing a direct link between the campuses across the district, which includes Stone, Harrison, Jackson and George counties.

According to Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mellinger, the Community Campus formalizes a strategy for delivering non-traditional offerings that are not tied to a campus or center, or offered on a semester basis.

Since the passage of the Work-

force Education Act of 1994, the demand for Gulf Coast to deliver programs and services that are outside the realm of traditional college programs has increased.

The Community Campus is enabling the college to expand the number and type of classes or courses it offers in a variety of settings.

Besides offering courses at its three physical campuses and four centers, Gulf Coast is also providing, through the Community Campus, local residents more continuing education offerings at community facilities, business and industry sites, local schools and mobile training labs, as well as through television and computer modems.

The continuing education of local residents, including workforce development, is an important part of the college's mission. The Community Campus is intensifying the college's efforts in this area, and Gulf Coast intends to set the standard for a model community education program.



Workforce development and basic skills instruction fall under the Community Campus umbrella.



ACADEMICS



From left, Dr. Barry Mellinger, Gulf Coast president; Farah Mokuadkin, Jefferson Davis Campus sophomore and student honoree, Rebecca Morrow, Jackson County Campus speech/theatre instructor and teacher honoree, at the HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day) — Working for Academic Excellence program held in Jackson. The 10th annual event was sponsored by the Mississippi Legislature.



For the second year in a row, the Jefferson Davis Campus scholars bowl team won the annual Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl Tournament at The University of Mississippi. Each team member will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from Ole Miss and a plaque.



Mississippi State Treasurer Marshall Bennett speaks to a crowd of adults and first-graders at a press conference announcing IMPACT (the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program), which allows parents and grandparents to prepay their children's college tuition at today's rates. A flexible program, IMPACT should save parents the burden of rising tuition costs, plus it's tax deductible for state income tax purposes. To inform South Mississippi residents and college personnel about IMPACT, Gulf Coast held IMPACT and financial aid seminars at each campus, plus a training session was held for college personnel.

Gulf Coast has a plan, a plan worth \$8.6 million. It's called the Technology Plan, and it involves everything from the Internet to multimedia training.

In 1995, library automation, multimedia work stations and an engineering study kicked off the beginning of the plan's implementation. The next year brought a new telephone system for the entire college, a system which includes voice mail and the installation of fiber optics.

This year, several projects are in the works: interior data cabling, network electronics, administrative hardware/software, an optical storage system, frame relay-Wide Area Network, a Community College Network (CCN) site at the George County

Technology Plan, Web debut make headlines at Gulf Coast

Center, and collegewide Internet access.

Coming up in 1998 will be equipment modernization, which will include PCs, network interface cards and kiosks, and a voice response system, which will lead to phone registration and information requests.

Another advancement in technology was the debut of the Gulf Coast homepage on the World Wide Web. The site went on line on July 31, 1996, and has made it easier for prospective, current and past students to stay in touch with the college. Webmaster Kimberly Jones, along with Melissa Ladner (marketing assistant for Institutional Relations) and Dr. Joseph Cliburn (administrative assistant for Institutional Research and Planning), developed the site, which is user-friendly and even includes the college's Application for Admission and collegewide job openings.

Colleen Hartfield, administrative assistant for Institutional Relations, says, "Our site is a 'new access road' for the community. In the information age, a homepage is an effective marketing tool for businesses, including community colleges. And with our site on line, people of all ages and backgrounds can find out what Gulf Coast has to offer, from academic courses to special community services."

Other happenings in the technological area at Gulf Coast is multimedia training. Professional Development coordinators at each Gulf Coast campus offers workshops on programs such as Compel and PowerPoint.

"Multimedia offers more variety and a more personalized presentation in the classroom," says Edna Shaw, English instructor and Compel workshop leader at the Jackson County Campus. Compared to using video and lugging library books to the classroom for presentations, she says multimedia is a "real beauty." She adds that the students are fascinated by technology. "And if they're not, they pick it up," she says. "They just can't say no."



Edna Shaw, left, JC instructor and leader of Compel workshops, says students are fascinated by technology. "They just can't say no to it," she says.

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At right, Ed Evans, a 1950 alumnus of Perkinston Junior College, accepts the Sam Owen Trophy award, an honor given for the past 44 years for distinguished service to the college.

Sam "Prof" Jones, leader of the MGCCC band and Perkettes from 1952-78, sits with today's Perkettes during halftime activities at the Gulf Coast homecoming football game. Prof was honored at homecoming, along with band members and Perkettes dance team members from the band leader's years at Gulf Coast.



Homecoming 1996 One to remember

Even after homecoming was over, people kept saying what a great day it turned to be. With Sam "Prof" Jones and his band Perkettes; the 1971 national championship football team; Alumni Hall of fame honoree Rita Baker Sheffield Hester; and Sam Owen Trophy award winner Ed Evans all sharing the same spotlight, homecoming day was, well, a blast.

The homecoming luncheon, which honored all the folks mentioned above, had a record turnout of about 600. And the bleachers were filled with Bulldog fans as Gulf Coast met the East Central Warriors at A.L. May Memorial Stadium. The Bulldogs almost snagged a victory, but lost 28-23 to the Warriors.

During the game's half-time, Sam "Prof" Jones was recognized, as were band members and Perkettes who played and danced under his leadership from 1952-78. Rita Hester, a Wiggins native, was one of those Perkettes. In 1965, she became one of the first freshman Perkettes to head the dance team. Thirty years after leaving Perk, she lives in Sherman Oaks, Calif., where she's a successful pro-

ducer and director.

From her performing days at the University of Southern Mississippi to stints on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in the Big Apple to her success with "Roundhouse," a kind of "Saturday Night Live" for kids on Nickelodeon, Hester has built a resumé that includes such prestigious awards as the American Center for Children's Television's Ollie Award for Excellence in Television Programming for America's Children.

Ed Evans is a star in his own right, and that's why he received the 44-year-old Sam Owen Trophy award, given annually to someone for his or her distinguished service to the college. Evans worked at Gulf Coast for 34 years. His last job title at Gulf Coast before his 1990 retirement was administrative assistant for Vocational-Technical Education.

Other notable homecoming personalities were 1996 homecoming queens Olivia Dellinger, Perk; Bernadette Bilancich, Jefferson Davis; and Alicia Dunnaway, Jackson County.



Johnette Dees, standing, and her mother, Margaret Rose Dees, participate in the Dedication of the Garden of the Oaks in front of Perk's Dees Hall. The garden was dedicated in memory of the Dees family and its loyal support of the college. Funds to landscape and furnish the area were donated by Margaret Rose. Johnette is dean of Business Services for the Perkinston Campus.



Rita Baker Sheffield Hester, 1996 Hall of Fame for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and student at Perkinston Junior College in 1965-66.

Below, Fred Turner, band member from 1955-57, practices for the reunion band Perkettes homecoming performance. Turner played under the direction of Sam "Prof" Jones.



At left, Rita Hester with longtime friend Kathryn Lewis, fine arts chair at the Perkinston Campus.

Crowned homecoming queens for Gulf Coast campuses were, from left, Olivia Dellinger, Perkinston; Bernadette Bilancich, Jefferson Davis; and Alicia Dunnaway, Jackson County.

At right: Dorothy Gilmer, left, scholarship chair for the Jackson County Chapter of the Alumni Association, accepts a plaque recognizing that chapter as gaining the most members during 1996. The presentation was made during 1996 homecoming festivities.

Below: Pat Descher, left, and MGCCC President Dr. Barry Mellinger at the 1996 Showcase Golf Tournament. The annual tournament raised \$13,000 for student scholarships to Gulf Coast.



At far right: William and Etta Frantzen. In 1996, Mr. Frantzen, or "Ship," made the single largest donation ever given to the college's Foundation — 172 acres of timberland in Stone County with an estimated value of \$675,000.

At right: With Nell Murray (second from left), executive assistant for Development for Gulf Coast, are new donor members to the Foundation. From left are Dr. J.J. Hayden Jr., Etta Switzer, Louise Roberts, Delores Mauldin, Mary Williams and Stewart Ramsay. Not pictured is Bessie Peacock.



Dr. Barry Mellinger, third from left, with Showcase 1996 winners, from left, Mike McCabe, Mercer Miller, Jeff Dahl and Ted Roberts.



Alumni/Foundation

A year to remember

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Building On Our Heritage Campaign wrapped up in the summer of 1996 with a bountiful harvest.

The Foundation's goal of \$1.5 million was surpassed by the generous contributions of caring alumni, community members, businesses, groups and individuals. More than \$2 million was raised during the campaign.

The single largest donation ever given to the Foundation was the gift of 172 acres of timberland in Stone County. With an estimated value of \$675,000, the land was signed over to the college in March.

The land, which is never to be sold or clear cut, was donated by William A. Frantzen of Mobile, Ala., who in the 1920s attended Perkinston Junior College, where he met his late wife, Etta Clayton, also a student.

"The biggest winners in the campaign are the students," said Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mellinger. "Of the money raised, more than \$650,000 was designated by donors for student scholarships and leadership development."

During the 1995-96 school, 120 scholarships totalling \$168,953 were awarded.

The Thomas S. Leatherbury Student Lead-

ership Fund was established to help students develop their leadership skills. A \$15,000 endowment announced by Merchants and Marine Bank in Pascagoula, the Leatherbury Fund will be used to enhance leadership experiences for students at all campuses of the college.

Leatherbury, who died in October 1995, was retired president and chairman of the board of Merchants and Marine Bank. He served on Gulf Coast's Foundation Board from 1977 until his death.

The Foundation funds also helped sponsor the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall visit for one week in April at the Perkinston Campus. Designed to heal the wounds of war, the 250-foot replica of the memorial in Washington, D.C., attracted about 8,000 people of the community to the campus.

The Foundation also supports summer camps for kids in performing arts, math and science at both the Perkinston and Jackson County campuses, and staff development for multimedia computer applications.

Through the Foundation, the college continues to touch the lives of alumni, friends and the communities it serves.

At right: About 8,000 visitors came to the Perkinston Campus to see the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall last April. The wall, brought to Perk thanks to Foundation funds, called the campus home for a week.

Below: People of all ages visited the Wall during its week-long stay on the campus. The structure is a 250-foot replica of the memorial in Washington, D.C.



Making a difference

Last April, three Gulf Coast instructors were honored for doing what they do best — teach. David Dueitt, Perk; June Jefferson, JD; and Rusty Brown, JC, were each honored at the Alumni Association's annual Spring Banquet as Instructors of the Year.

David Dueitt, music instructor and Band of Gold director, says his desire as a teacher is to create an environment where musicians can reach their true potential. "My goal is to give all my students a desire to keep music in their lives, regardless of their field of study," he said.

Since coming to Gulf Coast from the University of Alabama, where he was a graduate assistant, Dueitt has seen the band membership grow from under 100 members to more than 150.

June Jefferson, Teacher Assistant program instructor, was awestruck when she got the call

about her selection as an Instructor of the Year.

For four years, Jefferson has worked at the JD Campus. In her program, students get the development skills and study techniques to enter the workforce or continue their education.

A Perkinson Junior College alumnae, Jefferson says one of the most rewarding experiences in her career was when five former students enrolled in the elementary education associate degree program.

Rusty Brown, biology instructor at the JC Campus, says it's her job to turn students on to biology. She does this by frequently asking herself, "How would I feel if I were one of my students?"

"As a student, I had both good and bad experiences with instructors, and I have tried to draw upon those experiences as a teacher," says Brown, who attended the JC Campus.



TOP RIGHT: June Jefferson, JD Campus Instructor of the Year, with family.

BELOW RIGHT: Rusty Brown, Jackson County Campus Instructor of the Year.



ABOVE: David Dueitt, Perkinson Campus Instructor of the Year.

The Total Picture

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College wrapped up its 1996 football season on Nov. 9 with a disappointing 38-28 loss to Hinds Community College.

"Our guys played their hearts out," said Steve Wright, head coach. "We were in there blow-for-blow against Hinds, but we weren't able to get to their quarterback and backfield very well."

Anyone who jumps to quick decisions after looking at Gulf Coast's 3-7 record isn't seeing the total picture.

Of the 10 games Gulf Coast played, four were lost by a touchdown or less, and seven were determined with two minutes or less in the game.

At least three new school records were set in passing/rushing yards, passing yards and rushing yards.

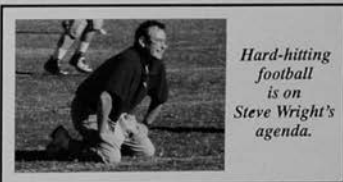
All Star game features Gulf Coast coaches, players

Gulf Coast football players and their coaching staff made an honorable showing at the annual Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association All Star game held in Booneville on Dec. 7, 1996.

Steve Wright, defensive coordinator Robert Cloud, offensive line coach Kelvin Lyon and student assistant Brandon Walker led the South team, which lost 21-11 to the North team. Seven Bulldog players contributed to the game.

Gulf Coast runningback Reginald Carter of Moss Point had 97 rushing yards during the game and was named the South's Offensive Player of the Game, while Jose Gonzales, a Bulldog defensive back, took the South's Defensive Player of the Game title, with two interceptions and 18 tackles.

Other Bulldogs appearing in the game were Michael Funches, offensive lineman; Lee Morris, offensive lineman; Greg Rudolph, kicker; Jacco Cooper, defensive lineman; and O'Neal Carter, runningback.



Hard-hitting football is on Steve Wright's agenda.



Former and present Gulf Coast coaches were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Hall of Fame during 1996. From left are Hall of Famers **Charles Cooper**, retired golf coach; **George Sekul**, retired head football coach; **Ken "Curly" Farris**, retired head baseball coach; and **Bob Weathers**, head men's basketball coach for 36 years.



Pictured at this year's Family and Media Day on the Mississippi Beach are Gulf Coast cheerleaders. From left, **Kelly Ryan**, **Raegan Winland**, **Jennifer Huffstatter** and **Jaunita Weinburg**. This year's squad won superior ribbons, two trophies for final competitions, a second place finish in the Cheer category competition and a third place finish in the Sideline competition at the Universal Cheerleading Association's annual summer camp in Tuscaloosa. Other squad members include **Robin Rusk**, **Dallas Crosby**, **Jeremy Conner**, **Patricia Taylor**, **Joel Moore**, **Dax Frayer**, **Greg Loose**, **Jeremy Lomax**, **Matt Thomas**, **David Bohn**, **Jeremy Tootic**, **Laderie Austin**, and **Jenny Pitts**.



The Gulf Coast baseball team opened the 1997 season with two high-powered wins (12-6 and 6-0) in a doubleheader against East Mississippi on Feb. 15 in Perkinston. (Other details on the 1997 season were unavailable at press time.) Last year's season was a hard-fought one, with the Bulldogs making it to the finals of the regional tournament before losing to nationally-ranked Meridian. Gulf Coast finished last season 39-19.



TOP RIGHT: Gulf Coast's **Natisha Crosby**, right, meets at Jones Lady Bobcat. The Lady Bulldogs won South State this year, creating a great deal of excitement around South Mississippi. The team, which was 13-12 overall and 5-7 in the division last year, went on to regional competition in March. Co-Lin defeated Gulf Coast 76-55 in the final round, giving the Lady Bulldogs a season-ending record of 21-11.

ABOVE: Lady Bulldog **Keisha Nelson** gets excited about Gulf Coast's 86-80, double-overtime win over Co-Lin's Lady Wolves. The win clinched the South Division championship for Gulf Coast.

Lady Bulldogs win division title, men's tennis goes national

Gulf Coast's Lady Bulldogs clinched the South Division title in a double-overtime battle against nationally ranked Copiah-Lincoln on Feb. 20 in Wesson. In the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 competition held March 4-6 at Mississippi College in Clinton, Gulf Coast fell in the final round, losing to Co-Lin 76-55.

Gulf Coast went into the South State tournament as third seed and earned an 86-80 victory over Co-Lin, the top women's team in the South Division that finished regular season with a 12-0 record and a No. 17 national ranking.

After winning the South State title, Gulf Coast went on to the state tournament, held Feb. 24-25 at Pearl River Community College. Despite a game-high 38 points scored by Gulf Coast's Stacie Davis in the first round, the Lady Bulldogs were knocked out by Northeast Mississippi Community College in

an 88-74 loss.

Davis of Mobile, Ala., and teammate **Natisha Crosby** of Gulfport were named to the 1997 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-State Basketball Team.

Sweet victory

After tasting sweet victory over arch rival Hinds Community College in regular and state championship competition, the 1996 Gulf Coast men's tennis team went on to make its mark in the nation.

Gulf Coast had its first win against the dominating Hinds team in March 1996. But beating Hinds out of the state title by one point was even sweeter for Spence, who made it a goal to defeat the arch rival since he began coaching the team four years ago.

In their appearance at the national tennis tournament held in May 1996 at Corpus Christi, Texas, the Bulldogs made a fair showing, earning 4 points (one for each match won).

The women's team evened out 1996 with a 4-4 record.



Gulf Coast's men's tennis team made it to national competition in 1996. From left are team members **Charles Spence** (coach), **Drew Spradley**, **Ryan Hinton**, **Josh Weaver**, **William Weaver**, **David Taranto**, **Jose Rodriguez**, **Shae Sullivan**, **Felipe Monsalve** and **Juan Silva**.



Former Building football player and 1996 Perkins County graduate **Doug Thompson** was named to the 1995-96 David Ross Award Male Student Athlete of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association. At Gulf Coast, Thompson earned the top rank in the nation for earned run average (.78, 12-3) and second in total strikeouts (104 innings pitched, 129 strikeouts). Thompson now plays with Louisiana State University.



A highlight of the 1996 track season was when Gulf Coast's pole vaulter **Cedric Smith**, of Moss Point, cleared the bar at 15 feet, 1 inch, setting a new state record. **Kalvin Lyon** coaches the track team. In other spring sports, the **golf team** wrapped up the season by placing seventh in the state tournament held in Piquette.



Taking a break from playing on the sidelines during a Gulf Coast football game are Bulldog fan **Taylor Thrash** and **Killer**, Gulf Coast's new mascot. **Killer** is owned by **Johannette Dees**, dean of Business Services at the Perkinston Campus.



Gulf Coast forward **Leonard Osborne** goes for a shot. The Bulldogs ended the season 10-15 overall and 4-8 in the South Division.

Band of Gold keeps growing and growing and growing

The Band of Gold has performed in and around the community for more than half a century, and like the communities it serves, it has seen a growing spell. Band director David Dueitt says since he came to Gulf Coast, membership in the band has grown from under 100 to more than 150 last year.

The Band of Gold has participated in many band exhibitions, including the Deep South Marching Festival in Mobile, Ala., and marching exhibitions in Theodore, Ala., and Gulfport, Miss.

A major part of the band is the Perkettes Dance Team. Directed by Kathy Braun, the group has broken the mold of the old-fashioned drill team style. Their sleek look and high-energy routines complement the band and perk up football games, parades and other events.

To assist members in performing the eye-catching choreography, all Perkettes are required to take a modern, tap, jazz or ballet dance class.

In addition, the band and Perkettes practice eight hours a week throughout the school year. Both groups also attend the annual two-week, 12-hour-a-day band camp held in August at the Perkinston Campus.



Above, the Perkettes cheer on the Bulldogs and rev up the crowd.

At inside right, drum major Anna Simpson leads the Band of Gold off the field after its homecoming halftime show.

At far right, the Band of Gold performs at the 1996 Media and Family Day on the Mississippi Beach. The special day introduced the football team to the community, and to local papers, radio stations and newspapers.



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From left, Delores Sumrall, Jean Peden and Gertrude Allen at the Association of Community College Trustees national meeting in Miami Beach, Fla. Peden, first vice chair of the MGCCC board, was re-elected Southern Region director for ACCT.



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Leading with students in mind

Executive Council members are team leaders. They lead the college in many aspects, from budget planning to day-to-day operations. Yet, they make all their decisions with over 20,000 people in mind — our students.

The council, led by President Dr. Barry Mellinger, includes Dr. Willis Lott, Perkinston Campus vice president; Dr. Donnie Taylor, Jefferson Davis Campus vice president; Dr. Royce Luke, Jackson County Campus vice president; Nell Murray, executive assistant for Development; Dr. Rick Christmas, vice president for

Instructional Affairs; and Everett Compston, vice president for Administration and Finance.

Council members help direct the efforts of a large complex institution that will serve over 20,000 in the upcoming year. They're aggressive in their support of innovations which will better serve the local community. And with every idea that's suggested and every decision that's made, the Executive Council keeps one question in mind: How will this benefit the students of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College? For these team leaders, that's the bottom line.



Gulf Coast's Executive Council includes, front, from left, Everett Compston, Nell Murray, Dr. Willis Lott, and back, from left, Dr. Barry Mellinger, Dr. Royce Luke, Dr. Donnie Taylor and Dr. Rick Christmas.

Dr. Rick Christmas, Gulf Coast's new vice president for Instructional Affairs, touches familiar ground at his family's place in McHenry.



Rick Christmas comes home to South Mississippi.

Dr. Rick Christmas knows South Mississippi, and he's happy to be back home.

In August 1996, Christmas returned to these parts to become Gulf Coast's new vice president for Instructional Affairs. Before coming home, he was assistant campus dean for Colorado Mountain College's Timberline Campus in Leadville.

"It's a really exciting opportunity to come back home," he said. "After all, my mother went to school here."

Since joining Gulf Coast, Christmas has visited old family home sites, including where his mother, the former Elva Downing, grew up and the grammar school in Wiggins he attended. In 1957, his father started working on the Coast, so the Christmas family moved to Ocean Springs.

Christmas had made the arduous city his home again, along with his wife, Nancy Napier, a 1964 graduate and former Perketie.

Since leaving the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Christmas has made several moves, from an Army tour beginning in the late 60s to a position with the Department of Defense in Europe from 1975 to 1978. He's traveled in more than 30 countries, as well as all of the United States.

At Colorado Mountain College, Christmas held several positions before moving up to assistant campus dean, including vocational guidance and placement specialist and interim supervisor of community education and director of special programs/conferences. In 1991, he was a visiting professor at Clemson University's Recreation Travel and Tourism Institute.

Today, however, this graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Northern Colorado is back home. And home, he said, is where you go back to.

