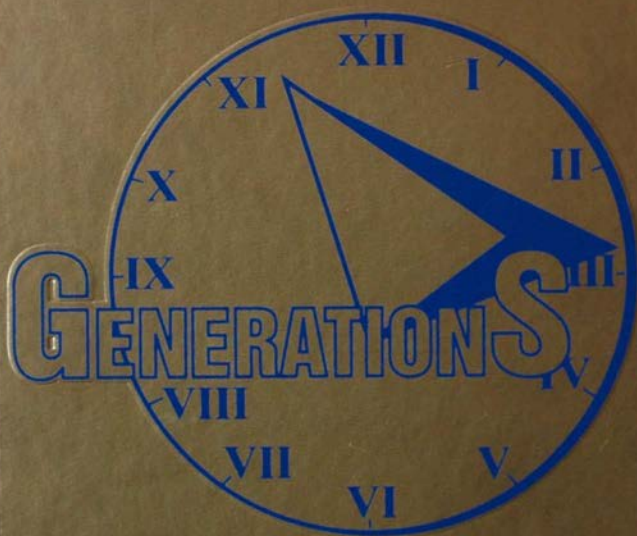


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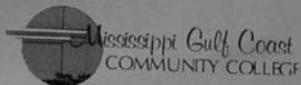


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I see the
Sound step atop
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Distilled effervescence;
Of foreign hands cupped
Around dusty mud
Breathing the day in
As a fairy tale
Flips through its pages.
Gentle soul takes flight into the
Aerial blue leap of
Penciled perspective though
and
Fading construction paper stars.
Find, time races with,
As the head of orange leg twists.
And, the movements flow
Through melting torso,
To drip down shoulders
thickened of muscle,
into the grip of meshing palms.
Only now, placating
The runny noses
of before,
from attained heights,
To gently fall into
youth decaying,
sharing yesterday's moves
and
seeing the colors of now.
The Dance.



New Students line up for ID-Cards



Getting a little practice before class



Time to renew old friendships and start new ones



A jam session between classes



Check out his locker first day of school.



Editor Cheryl Buccola and instructor Steven Roberts take a break between lectures.



Students share thoughts during break from class.



Getting in some last minute study before class



Student resources ... one another



Coffee and cross examination before class



Why are you sitting alone, Miranda??



Another day in Lab



Friends Forever

Phi Theta Kappa at its best



Mr. Guider explains the circular flow.



Phi Theta Kappa Mother Daughter Induction



Mr. Roberts does an Experiment with his (Physical Science Class).



Alina Kopp works in Admissions Office.



Finally got you without your camera!



Cute, huh??

Did you win?



Getting a Tan



True Love

Josh does what he does best



Friends Forever!



Play Time



Homecoming Maids



Freshman Twana Brown



Freshman Sharlott Laster



Sophomore Jennifer Priddy

Homecoming Court Jett Davis



Sophomore Maid Camila Osorio.



Homecoming Court: Jeff Davis



Mrs. Daniel looks on as Homecoming Court pictures are taken



Homecoming queen in front of J.D.



Homecoming court and escorts line up for presentation.



Homecoming Court Ready to go



Homecoming queen Julie Fain being crowned by Dr. Taylor



Homecoming queens from Perkinson, Jefferson Davis, and Jackson County

HOMEcoming 1998



"What are you looking at?"



"No, ACT NATURAL for the camera!"



Been there, done that!



"Where did everybody go?"



So in love!



Andra Agassi, eat your heart out!



Patience never was my strong point!



"Hey, I was supposed to get those fries!"

ADMINISTRATION

For the Record

MOCCC provides many varied educational opportunities to individuals living in our college district. Credit and non-credit courses offer proper avenues for immediate employment or the opportunity to transfer to other institutions and ultimately find a place in the job market. The Jefferson Davis faculty, staff, and administration are pleased that they play a part in this endeavor.



Dr. Clifton Taylor — Vice President — Jefferson Davis Campus



Dr. David Dreye — Dean of Student Services — Jefferson Davis Campus

For the Record

"When you ask someone to do something, explain why. Good supervision is the art of getting average people to do superior work. Don't worry about all your problems at once, pick your most critical problems, give it all your thought, do something about it and move on!" //

ADMINISTRATION

For the Record

"An evolutionary process by which skilled instructors are constantly developing and delivering instructional objectives and strategies so that students can attain their educational goals by incorporating content knowledge with their need for learning and the skills and knowledge they already possess when they enter the classroom." //



Mr. T.J. Smith — Dean of Business Services — Jefferson Davis Campus



Mrs. Ouida White — Dean of Academic Services — Jefferson Davis Campus

For the Record

"Education is the building of future citizens. Advances in technology have effected great change now and in the future for all citizens. It is education's purpose to cultivate in students the ability to meet the challenges of life."

ADMINISTRATION

For the Record

"Through education we are given the opportunity to gain windows to world knowledge. Accessing these opportunities through the Internet, video, and electronic journals reinforce learning and enhance our lives."



Mr. Wendell Thornton — Dean of Vocational Services — Jefferson Davis Campus



Mr. Foster Flint — Dean of Media Services — Jefferson Davis Campus

For the Record

"Evening college students as a whole are distinguished by their maturity, motivation, and unyielding pursuit of personal growth and a better tomorrow. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve students who have taken a nontraditional road to college."

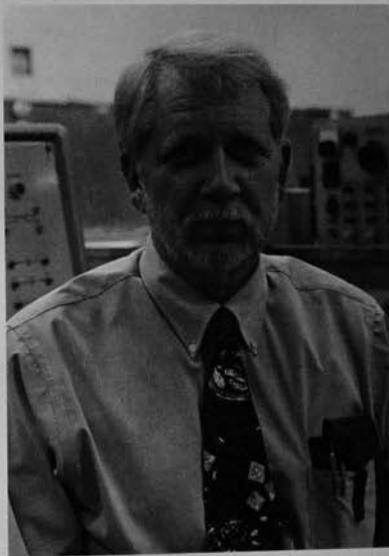
ADMINISTRATION

For the Record

"There is a place for everyone and as educators we must strive to help students find their niche."



Mr. Howard Geiselman — Assistant Dean Evening college — Jefferson Davis Campus



Mr. Glynn McDaniel — Assistant Dean Vocational Services — Jefferson Davis Campus

INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Instructor of the Year — Information

Teaching should be done with gusto! Enthusiasm for a subject is contagious. I believe that teaching should be student-centered and that the classroom should be a learning community where ideas and information are learned, shared, and practiced. I use a variety of strategies to facilitate learning, but one of the most effective is humor; a smile and a joke can defrost even the iciest student. A shared laugh can open the lines of communication and strengthen the student/teacher relationship.

Seeing my students blossom is a great thrill for me. I enjoy watching them conquer their fears, triumph over adversity, and succeed beyond their expectations. I am always happy to hear about their successes, and I am proud of their accomplishments.

I have truly come full circle. My education, which began at Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, led me on a path of lifelong learning. My instructors at the Jefferson Davis Campus inspired me to aim high and to search for excellence. They led by example. And it is that spirit that I have tried to infuse into my own teaching. I know the value of a community college education — it is priceless. I want to pass along to my students the same quality education that I received.

I am proud to be Instructor of the Year for 1997.



Angela Jones, Carol Holley, instructor, and Shawni Harvey



Shawni Harvey, Marie Ladner, Angela Jones, Ms. Carol Holley

FACULTY AND STAFF

TRADITION
WITH A
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Faculty and Staff

Ash, Betty
Bailey, Mary
Bennett, Sue
Bennett, Harry



Bennett, Willie
Bickford, Ross
Bourgeois, Gerald
Brown, D'Shea



Bruce-Breland, Leslie
Burns, Linda
Cadett, Wayne
Dempsey, John



Dennan, Kirk
Drye, Ann
Drye, David
Effinger, Helen



Payard, Karen
Fitch, Joan
Finst, Foster
Gentile, Debbie



Griffith, Veta
Henderson, Richard
Hensley, Patricia
Holley, Carol



Holley, Mary
Johnson, Sandra
Knight, Dorothy
Koch, Frank



Kreckler, Judith
Lancaster, James M.
Larsen, Cheryl
Laubenstein, Archie

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McNally, Mary
Miller, Dorothy
Mitchell, Elvira Anne
Mohseni, Linda



O'Brien, Betty
Pigon, Watson H.
Richmond, Libby
Saul, Wanda



Schruff, Marcile
Smith, Janet
Somrall, Sybil
Taylor, Tom



Taylor, Vicki
Thernill, Bill
Thompson, Terry
Trowles, Roxanne



Van Court, Marilyn
Waldorf, David
Waldorf, Elizabeth
Walters, Janie



Walters, Howard
White, Pierce
Wilson, Cynthia

Faculty and Staff



FRESHMAN CLASS



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Allgood, Adam
Andrews, Simone
Ball, Jerome
Bibbo, Charles



Blackwell, Anita
Bohinger, Jason
Bongiorno, Krista
Boose, Edmund



Bowell, Tina
Brands, Jamie
Breland, Vered
Brown, Kim



Buford, Melissa
Burton, Toni
Butler, Roberta
Cameron, Angela



Campbell, Terrial
Carter, Jennifer
Chelnis, Dimitrios
Chernish, Wendell



Clayton, Shanta
Collins, Emily
Conley, Sean
Conner, Jennifer



Cook, Colin
Curvas, Donna
Curvas, Rose
Darden, Gia



Davis, Jasmine
Demetz, Susan
Dobrowski, Steven
Dronet, Brandi



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Eley, Tynnelle
Fayard, Janet
Fertitta, Sandra
Fortenberry, Angela



Gebiss, Coen
Geiselman, Jonathan
Gillum, Chris
Gonder, Michelle



Grillot, Dennis
Harris, Charles
Harrison, Rose M.
Harvey, Reshawna



Harvey, Shani
Hettinga, Barbara
Himel, Crystal
Howell, Judith



Jackson, Travis
Jamison, Lorraine
Johnson, Brandon
Johnson, Chiquita

Johnson, Matthew
Jones, Angela
Kelly, George
Klobe, Angelica

Kepp, Richard
Koenigman, Rachel
LaFrance, Amanda
Langley, Traci

Lister, Sharlott
Lawrence, Jessica
Le, Phuong
Lelani, Janice

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Lopez, Charles
Loveless, Michel
Lynch, Emily
Madden, Teri



Magelssen, Jaclyn
Martin, Jennifer
Mays, Kimberly
Mazur, Trenita



McDonald, Janellie
McDonald, Kenneth
McEldowney, Daniel
McMichael, Aaron



Middleton, Reginald
Miskell, Barbara
Moore, Ann
Mullins, Theresa



Newbold, Brooke
Nguyen, Nhan
O'Neill II, Marty
Paret, Anita



Paret, Kaylene
Perry, Christine
Perick, Mandy
Phan, Doy



Polk, Ervin
Purcher, Jeffrey
Rawls, Jimmy
Rayner, Rebecca



Robertson, Rowlyn
Rockko, Jaclyn
Rager, Claire
Rosneriana, Karie

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FRESHMAN CLASS



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Routhier II, George
Scott, Kenya
Simon, Carla
Smith, Renee



Soulie, Jessica
Sowell, William
Stacks, Travis
Stansbury, Ryan



Stuten, Steve
Surfens, John
Stackey, Olga
Tarpley, Selina



Taylor, Lamont
Teller, Takatha
Terrell, Sharley
Thames, Tonya



Thomas, Corinn
Tigner, Dawn
Tigner-Arnold, Denise
Tins, Maria



Trahan, Allison
Vincent, Kimberly
Walkey, Clinton
Wagoner, Jennifer



White, Ann
Wiley, Dambria
Winans, Sarah Jo
Wortel, Leiana

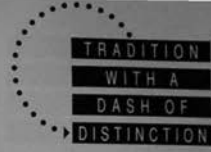


Wright, P.
Ziz, Ashleigh

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SOPHOMORE CLASS



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Albert, Angela
Alexander, Phillip
Ayodele, Thomas



Bacuzzi, Paul
Bamerni, Cindy
Bolin, Jesse
Brooks, George



Butler, Nancy
Camp, Beth
Campbell, Lawanda
Cannon, James



Carama, Mary
Carlos, Nick
Carpenter, Darlene
Carr, Belinda



Carter, Lonnald
Charlton, Joshua
Curry, Jacquelyn
Dickerson, Lisa



Dodson, Adrian
Dominguez, Frances
Ewing, Jennifer



Fain, Julie
Ferland, Wayne
Freeman, Cheryl
Fryer, Christopher



Goudy, Stephanie
Hanshaw, Carl
Hicks, Holly
Hoda, Jerry



Hollins, Angela
Hoyer, Suzanne
Huff, Darlene
Jackson, Frank



James, Toni
Jones, Robert
Kayers, Timothy
Kopp, Alina



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SOPHOMORE CLASS

Kopp, Janette
Krohn, Erin
Ladner, Linda



Lewis, Sadako
Lonner, Johan
Monsalve, Felipe
Morrisette, Bessie



Morris, Suzanne
Mullinax, Cynthia
Murphy, Helen
Maugrave, Vicki



Nguyen, Huong
Olney, Debra
Ossert III, Charles
Ottark, Umi



Page, Lynn
Pittman, Jimmy
Pride, Alberta
Riley, Rodric



Roderick, Darlene
Saucer, Adela
Scifres, Susan



Seavry, Debra
Shaw-Hartway, Vida
Sheehan, Edward
Shepherd, Sr., Robert



Smith, Patricia
Steele, Bobby
Strickland, Janet
Teller, Tania



Thomas, Mary
Tinker, Jamie
Tomson, Gail
Walker, Patrick



Williams, Evelyn
Williams, Nakisha
Woodard, Greg
Woodard, Nella



PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS

Life offers us many challenges. Most of us do not reach out to find the ones that will enrich our lives and make us more knowledgeable. One such challenge is Oral Communications. Although Oral Communications I is required, Mrs. Janie Walters makes Oral Communications II a lot of fun as well as a learning experience worthy of the challenge. Her enthusiastic, energetic, and optimistic approach to life in general makes her classes a success. You cannot help but come away refreshed and ready for a new challenge.

Mrs. Janie Walters did not choose to be a public speaker, it "chose" her. What a great choice it was! She is the ultimate speaker with great communication skills, including a wonderful sense of humor, facial expressions that everyone understands, and use of large gestures in the classroom to get her point across.

There will never be another Janie Walters. Take advantage of Oral Communications II and make your college experience a complete learning environment.



Mary Thomas, Janie Walters, Talia Gunter (seated); John Van Steensburg, Sherri Hudson, Randy Arnest, Jason Finch, and Brad Labaie.

There is a wide variety of clubs and organizations for the students of the Jefferson Davis Campus, including College Publications, Student Council, Criminal Justice, Health Occupations, and our newest club, The Environmental Club. There is something for everyone! They sponsor bake sales, service projects for the community, and campus projects such as "Who's Who", etc. — all this as well as having a good time. Belonging to a club or organization at Jefferson Davis is a rewarding experience as well as an educational one. Students learn from their club activities not only through service projects to the community (i.e. clothing and canned goods drives), but also through assistance to other students (i.e. Connections). Two of the newest organizations on campus are the Environmental Club, which gives tips and ideas to save the planet, and Connections, which consists of upper-classmen serving as mentors for new students. So, check out the clubs and organizations in your student handbook and see what's there for you. You can be a member of a club and at the same time help others.



Nursing student mentor/mentee program

MEET THE CLUBS



Ms. Daniel and members of the Student Council



Mentors sign up to be a "connection" for new students.



Couch Bennett, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Kehler (sponsors) with PTK.



Ms. Edna Boone addresses New Horizon

RIGHT NOW



Nursing students at Fall Fling showing that volleyball supports physical fitness.



CSA sponsors Ashley Tibbs and Dianne Hurlbert with members of CSA in front of St. Joseph's Altar



College Democrats and College Republicans sponsor voter registration.



S.E.A. Student Education Association

STAND UP STAND OUT



Ms. Keltner — Social Studies and Psychology Instructor



Dr. Henry Black — Social Studies Instructor



Ms. Young prepares students for an experiment.



Ms. Keltner discusses the law with Judge Kavita Valabos.

MOVING ON



Coach Bennett wearing cultural attire for his Anthropology class



Mr. Golder anticipates "kissing the pig."



Our "men in blue" — Navy Recruiters



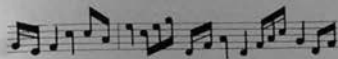
Coffee with the President



JUST HAVING FUN



MGCCC Band walks out onto the field at Perkinson Campus.



MGCCC's Bull Dog walks out onto the field as MGCCC's Pepkette's, Cheerleaders, and Guard Line stand at attention, awaiting the football players' entrance.



MGCCC Band sounds-outs when MGCCC's football team scores against Pearl River.



Mr. Dueitt directs a football cheer during the home game against Pearl River.

Behind the Scenes



Mr. Dueitt listens to the band to find out who is playing out of tune.



MGCCC Band practices for the upcoming exhibition in Mobile, Alabama.



MGCCC Percussion's stands at attention, on the practice field.



MGCCC Band of Gold march into homecoming practice.



MGCCC Band march and the Perkettes run into homecoming position.



STOP, LOOK, & LISTEN



MGCCC Band awaits outside Theodore High School in Mobile, Alabama for the exhibition.



MGCCC Tubas warm up before the performance.



MGCCC Band await to make their grand entrance onto the field of Theodore High School, in Mobile.



After ALL OF THAT practice, it finally pays off.



MGCCC's Band of Gold fires up the field with their blazing performance of "Malagueña."



MGCCC Percussion's show off their musical talents.



MGCCC Band receives standing ovation for its excellent performance.

CHARLES SPENCE begins his fifth season as coach of the men's and women's tennis teams. Last season, when his squad made its last trip to the national tournament, he was named **Couch of the Year** by the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association. Spence also has two state/regional titles to his credit.

A science instructor at Gulf Coast's Jefferson Davis Campus since 1992 and a tennis player since 1967, he has attended Harry Hopman's International Tennis Camp in Saddlebrook, Fla., and has served as captain of a local United States Association team.

Spence, a human anatomy and physiology teacher, received his teacher's degree in zoology and a master of education degree in biology from Arkansas State University. He came to Gulf Coast from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was working toward his doctorate and was an adjunct instructor in USM's biological science department.



JEFFERSON DAVIS —
WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM



JEFFERSON DAVIS —
MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

SPORTS



Great Serve!

Is this doubles?



Looks like he's ready for action.



Practice makes perfect!

TIME TO PLAY

THE GAME

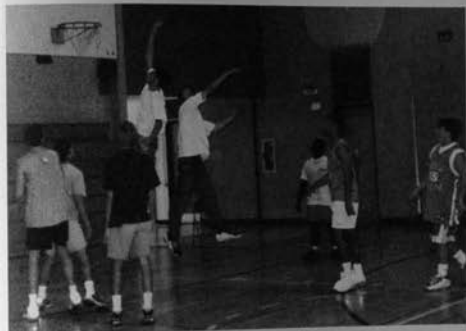
SPORTS



Look at that jump.

TIME TO PLAY

THE GAME



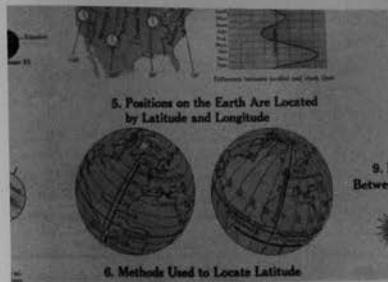
He made it!

EVENING SCHOLARS

The "Evening Scholars" of the Jefferson Davis Campus are a special breed and are to be admired. The enrollment is approximately 1300, consisting of students who work during the day, have families to raise, or otherwise have a daily schedule, circumstances which do not allow them to attend classes during the day. Working towards a college degree is hard enough without the added stress of job, family, etc. These special people have to make time in their very busy schedules for homework, research papers, tests, exams, etc. Some or even most of them come to us in the evening straight from work without having the opportunity to go home, see their families, or even have dinner. Dinner usually consists of fast food on their way to school! They are dedicated, inspiring students with a goal in mind, that being to earn a college degree. The work is hard, the hours are long, but the rewards are immeasurable! We are proud of our "Evening Scholars" and would like to commend them for a job well done!



Looks like a party to me!



It's all in the chart.

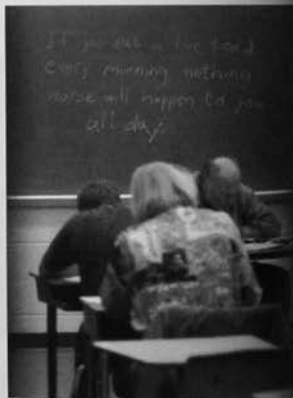


Getting in a little extra study time before class.

EVENING SCHOLARS



Demonstrations always work.



Look at the Board! ... "If you eat a live toad every morning nothing worse will happen to you all day."



Test time!!!



It's now time to tell us what you've learned.

EVENING SCHOLARS



I don't think you're supposed to look at the keys.



A picture is worth a thousand words, or in this case, a video.



Class will be over soon; hang in there!



And who said science was dull??

EVENING SCHOLARS



That's right, keep your eye on the copy.



What's for dinner??



Dr. Fitch explains assignments.



You know you know the answer.



WHO'S WHO



Mr. & Miss Jefferson Davis
James Cannon & Julie Fain



Most Likely to Succeed Male
Wittiest Male
James Cannon



WHO'S WHO



Most Likely to Succeed Female
Jennifer Ewing



Most Attractive Male
Jason Triplett



WHO'S WHO



Most Attractive Female
Camilla Osorio



Most Diverse Male
Darrin Flynn



WHO'S WHO



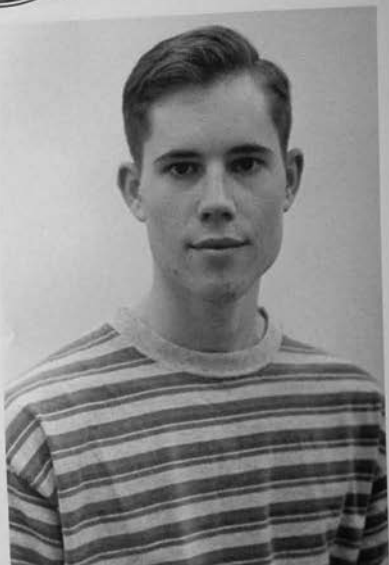
Most Diverse Female
Julie Fain



Most Intellectual Male & Female
Darrin Flynn & Jennifer Ewing



WHO'S WHO



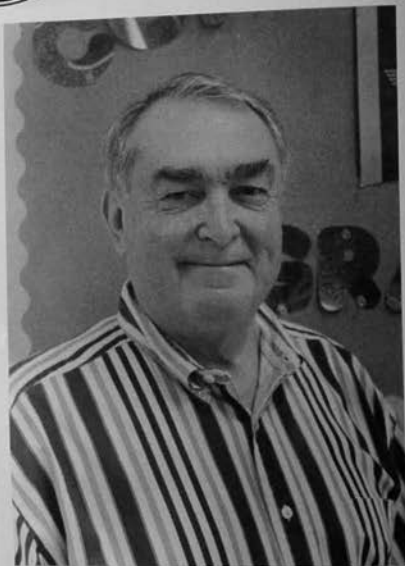
Most Congenial Male
John Stephens



Wittiest Female
Angela Landrum



WHO'S WHO



Most Inspiring Instructor
Coach Harry Bennett

The winners of the "Who's Who" contest are as follows:

Mr. & Miss Jefferson Davis
James Cannon & Julie Fuin

Most Likely to Succeed Male & Female
James Cannon & Jennifer Ewing

Most Attractive Male & Female
Jason Triplett & Camilla Osoyo

Most Diverse Male & Female
Darrin Flynn & Julie Fuin

Most Intellectual Male & Female
Darrin Flynn & Jennifer Ewing

Most Congenial Male & Female
John Stephens & Jennifer Priddy

Wittiest Male & Female
James Cannon & Angela Landrum

Most Inspiring Instructor
Coach Harry Bennett

Most Interactive Staff
Destine Daniel

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS,
AS WELL AS THE NOMINEES.



LITERARY LIGHTS



STUDENT WRITERS SPARKLE IN ANNUAL
JEFFERSON DAVIS CAMPUS WRITING CONTEST



Theresa Miles — 1st place, Short Story



John Stephens — 1st place, Critical Essay



LITERARY LIGHTS



David Waltman — 1st place, Informal Essay



Scott Nielson — 2nd place, Informal Essay



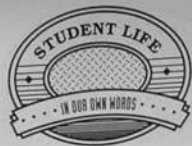
LITERARY LIGHTS



Patti Briscoe McAdory — 1st place, Poetry



Lashaudra Smith — 2nd place, Poetry



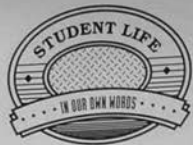
LITERARY LIGHTS



Wilma Knox — 3rd place, Poetry



Jerry Hoda — 1st place, Haiku



LITERARY LIGHTS



Della Singh — 2nd place, Haiku



Pattie Briscoe McAdory — 3rd place, Haiku

THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE

SPECIAL HONORS

STAND UP
STAND OUT

Debbie Beningo, Melissa Ridgeway and Whitney Johns are members of the *Coast Chorale*, a local musical group that is directed by Ms. Joy Mehrtens. Current members range from those who have little experience to those who sing at a professional level. The Sunday following Thanksgiving, 1997, the group performed *The Magnificat* at Carnegie Hall in New York City, under the direction of composer John Rutter. They were accompanied by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra to a sell-out crowd.

All three students received chorale training under Ms. Mehrtens in high school and were invited to join the group without the required audition. The group has been invited to participate in a musical festival in Verona, Italy, next spring.

STAND UP
STAND OUT

THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE



Pictured left to right, Debbie Beningo, Whitney Johns, Melissa Ridgeway

FITNESS CENTER DEDICATION

Fitness Center Recognizes One of Its Finest

Ms. Agnes Vallack has been coming to the Jefferson Davis Fitness Center since it opened in 1995. What's so special about Ms. Vallack? She just celebrated her 79th birthday! The Fitness Center gave her a birthday party and Ms. Vallack was estatic. She told Ms. Drye that this was the first birthday party she had ever had in her entire 79 years! I'd say that's pretty special Ms. Vallack and so are you!

We asked Ms. Drye to give us a comment on the festivities and Ms. Vallack's reaction, and this is what she had to say, "Miss Agnes is a very special young lady with a heart of gold, who enjoys life. We feel honored to have her working out in the Fitness Center for 9 straight semesters. At ninety pounds she lifts our spirits with every visit."



Ms. Agnes Vallack — "FITNESS CENTER'S FINEST"



Janette Kopp — "This is dedication and determination to live!"

AWARDS DAY



Richard Kopp "photo guru" receives Journalism Award.

Albert, Angela D.
Anderson, Jennifer L.
Andrus, Thea M.
Ashbaugh, Ann M.
Ashbaugh, George E.
Barnes, Paul Z. Jr.
Bellew, Carrie C. T.
Benie, James W. Jr.
Black, LaWanda T.
Bodmer, Bernard D.
Bracknell, Stephanie
Brown, Richard A.
Brown, Tammy W.
Buckheiser, Victoria L.
Camp, Beth A.
Cannon, James D.
Cantrell, Connie L.
Carpenter, Darlene M.
Castro-Cooper, Jackelin
Cenac, Marie Sylvie
Chelms, Dimitrios
Cheng, Minder
Cherne, William L.
Coleman, Andrew L.
Couch, Starlin Reynolds
Dahn, Kristopher K.
Dalcour, Claudius A. III
Dark, Derrick M.
Dawson, Karen A.
Dobson, Christopher
Donitzen, James A.
Dukes, Christine M.
Erhard, Darren J.
Erwin, Megan M.
Eychner, Kenneth B.
Fain, Julie C.
Fayard, Delisa D.
Flynn, Darrin, M.
Fountain, Kim M.
Franks, Carolyn N.
Freeman, Cheryl F.
Frierson, Gina L.
Fuller, Barbara
Garcia, Sada M.
Gaston, Cynthia L.

1997-1998 Award recipients

Gauthe, Verna M.
Godwin, Tammy B.
Goggins, Robert A.
Goudy, Stephanie
Griffin, Randall
Hamshaw, Carl N.
Harvard, Crystal L.
Helmert, John C. Jr.
Hobbs, Carol S.
Hoda, Jerry W.
Holland, Darlene M.
Howk, Wade C. Jr.
Hungerford, Heather L.
Hurley, Jimmy D.
Jackson, Hazel
Jamison, Lorraine J.
Joiner, Robin Marie
Jones, Yvonne B.
Jordan, Ronald S.
Jordan, Scott
Kennie, Bonnie J.
King, Cheryl E.
Kopp, Richard A.
Kornman, Rachel H.
Kowalski, Kathleen M.
Kreiser, Norma Gayle
Lacy, Colleen P.
Lamerksi, Roman
Lanclos, Andrew J.
Landrum, Angela K.
Layton, Richard E.
LeLeaux, Janice T.
Looney, Roy C.
Matos, William
McAdory, Patricia B.
McDaniel, Deidra S.
McVeary, Kati A.
Morgan, Heather S.
Morris, Anita Suzanne
Morrissette, Bessie L.
Murray, Louise O.
Nguyen, Thu H.
Nielson, Victoria F.
Oliver, Wayne
Osorio, Zayda Camila

Ozburn, Kevin
Patterson, Susanne M.
Perkins, Bryan J.
Pisarch, Theresa R.
Polito, Victor R.
Reeves, Linda L.
Reinke, Ryan S.
Rouse, James E. Jr.
Rutherford, Thomas J.
Rutledge, Naomi C.
Saucier, Tellias, Jr.
Savage, Jerry A.
Savarese, Jason R.
Saylor, Sharon Jesse
Scafid, Marilyn S.
Scifres, Susan R.
Seavey, Debra A.
Sellier, William Kalif
Shaw, Katrina Lynn
Smith, Caprice R.
Spence, Odie
Steele, Bobby D.
Stine, Karen A.
Sullivan, Daniel E.
Tate, Bobby I.
Taylor, Charles J.
Thomas, David R.
Thomas, Lisa D.
Thomas, Mary J.
Thompson, Hezekiah W.
Tipton, George R.
Virgil, Nina G.
Vital, Michael A.
Walker, Matthew M.
Wallace, Lindsay N.
Weise, Stevan A.
Williams, Twanna L.
Winans, Sarah J.
Woodard, Nella P.

Congratulations!

AWARDS DAY

Congratulations!



Award winners strike a proud pose.



Mr. Scott Davis presents Scholars Bowl Team Trophy to members John Belmont (left) and Matt Walker (right).

THE ADMINISTRATION



Mr. Don Christensen — Dean of Vocational and Technical Services



Ms. Tommye Skinner — Assistant Dean

THE ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Betty Towles — Administrative Assistant



Mr. Charles Sargent — Counselor



Ms. Barbara Himes — Bookkeeper

FACULTY AND STAFF

A Place 2 Belong

FACULTY AND STAFF

Bates, Rebecca
Cole, Ron
Conley, John
Crochet, Greg



Eason, Maria
Hill, Charlie
Himes, Barbara
Jobe, Lil



Joiner, Larry
Kately, Fred



Lyon, Shelia
McCaffrey, John
Murphy, Michael
Serpente, Charles



Stopson, Sarah
Stopson, Tom
Thacker, Vaughn
Towles, Betty



Towles, Bill
Wenzel, John



FACULTY AND STAFF

EVENING SCHOLARS

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Billingsley, Ava Maria
Bonds, Clifford
Browner, Jeff
Brewster, Al



Briggs, Carolyn
Caccioppo, Christine
Carpenter, Alana
Dahlgreen, Nancy



Edmund, Galvez
Fleming, Robert
Gamocheau, Andre
Hoda, Brent



Holliman, Christel
Jenkins, Lee
Johnson, Candance
Lawton, April



Lawton, Clayton
Lurvey, Brian
Newman, Joel
Nguyen, Thuy



Owens, Michelle
Salvago, Roger
Sanders, Michael
Spille, Chris



Sullivan, Joan
Summers, Harold
Taylor, Jerry
Vance, Tanya



Wooppa, Jonathan
West, Stacy
Williams, Juan
Wright, Cheryl



Wyman, Jarrt

EVENING SCHOLARS

YOU DON'T SAY

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: FIRST TEAM GRADUATES

When I entered MGCCC-WHCOTC as a student with my daughter Jennifer in 1994, I had no idea that we would be setting a precedent, or "blazing a trail," as Dean Christensen called it. By this I mean that we became the "first family team" to graduate from the West Harrison campus of MGCCC. This added to the exuberance that I was already feeling just knowing that I had finally accomplished a dream that I had waited thirty years for — a college education — and was getting it at the same time as my youngest daughter.

I enrolled in the Office-Computer technology Program and Jennifer in the Culinary Arts Program as we started our college careers together. After graduating from West Harrison in 1996, Jennifer married and now lives in Pass Christian with her husband Steve. As for me, my thirst for knowledge had not as yet been quenched, so the following fall I enrolled the Jefferson Davis campus of MGCCC to pursue an Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Education degree, and will graduate in the spring of 1998. Upon completion of my studies at Jefferson Davis, I plan to continue on with my education, with my ultimate goal being a Journalism degree.



Cheryl Freeman and daughter Jennifer Malley were the first family team graduates.

OUR SOON TO BE CHEFS

Students entering the Food Production and Management technology Program at the West Harrison campus of MGCCC will embark on a course which affords comprehensive information working with foods, their ingredients, basic cooking methods, and cost factors. Actual cooking procedures and techniques are emphasized through a dual goal, which provides the students with understanding not only how to cook, but also how to use this knowledge to achieve a successful career.

A combination of classroom and laboratory instruction is used to teach food, service, bakery production, management, menu planning, cost control, and catering. Emphasis is placed on effective receiving and inventory practices through food purchasing and storage. All students learn safety methods and sanitation practices in food preparation at the beginning of each course.

Students actually plan menus, determine amounts of food products needed for each portion, and then they are taken to purchase the items needed for each dinner. Each student plans a menu of his or her own and is responsible for all aspects of that meal. The meals are served in the campus dining room several nights a week to faculty and students at a cost determined by the student whose menu it is that night. As a part of my research, I was afforded the opportunity of being a guest for dinner so that I could witness the preparation from beginning to end, and I must say that I was amazed. The meal was perfect, the atmosphere serene, and the service excellent; what more could I have asked for?

Upon completion of the course, students are prepared for entry-level job opportunities, fast food opportunities, quantity food operations, and catering. All of this is because of Chef Ron Cole, whose dedication, compassion, and concern for his students is astounding. Chef Cole's students look to him for guidance, and several have gone on to become chefs. Thank you for your dedication Chef Cole; you are an asset to MGCCC.



Chef Joel Newman shows off her award winning meal.



Mr. Cole's "Soon-to-be-chefs"

STUDENTS LANDSCAPE CAMPUS

The Landscape Management Technology Program at MGCCC-WHCOTC is under the instruction of Ms. Rebecca Bates. It is a part of an ever-growing industry. This industry is referred to collectively as the "Green Industry."

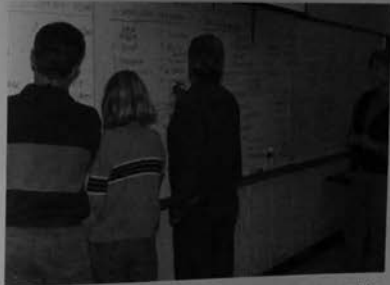
This industry is becoming more technical and advanced with the introduction of new equipment and new products every year. The study of Landscape Management and Technology at the West Harrison campus allows the students to combine the study of plants, production, maintenance, and application along with the study of business and management. Students are taught the basics as well as the latest technological advances in landscape design.

Students use "hands on" applications to learn Landscape Management Technology and have done all of the landscaping on the campus, including the water pond in the center of the campus and the new flower beds in front of the Aquaculture building. Part of their class assignment is the upkeep of these areas.

Job opportunities in this field are continuously increasing, and one look at the landscape of the West Harrison campus would tell you that Ms. Bates' students should have no problem finding employment upon completion of their studies. One has already been hired at Walt Disney World in Florida. As for Ms. Bates, she has only been with MGCCC-WHCOTC for approximately two years; however she has made quite an impact on the campus in that her work has been noticed by the WLOX television station, who interviewed her twice. She is a very dedicated person and we would like to say that we are "proud to have her as a member of the MGCCC staff."



Carlos Fernandez, instructor Rebecca Bates, Elizabeth Gardener and Roy Clark work on patty garden.



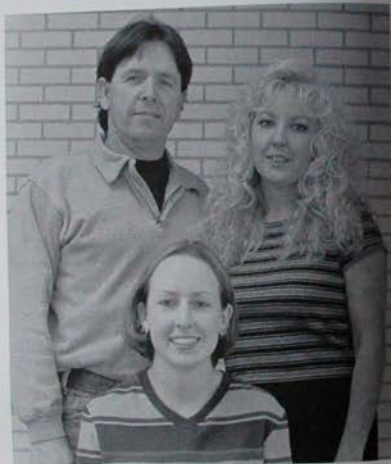
Roy Clark, Elizabeth Gardener and Carlos Fernandez fill in a landscape chart as instructor Rebecca Bates watches.

Richard, Janette, and Alina Kopp know the true meaning of togetherness. Father, mother, and daughter are all students at MGCCC-J.D. Janette and Alina will be graduating together in the spring. This is what it's all about ... generations.

Richard is a Biloxi native graduating from Biloxi High in 1974. After completing high school, Richard joined the military where he spent 22 years. He met Janette in 1978 and they were married in 1980. Richard is a member of the newspaper staff, and Photo Editor for the yearbook. He has worked as a professional photographer, and is now employed as a Sports Photographer for WLOX.

Janette is a 1997 Associate degree graduate from Trident Technical College in Charlotte, S.C. She transferred to MGCCC-J.D. in the spring of 1997, and will graduate in the spring of 1998, while also attending USM Gulf Park in search of an elementary education degree. She is a member in good standing of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Upsilon Omicron chapter. Janette tells us that she is very proud of the fact that she has accomplished this while working and raising a family. She is excited about attending college with her husband and daughter and believes that she is setting a good example for her son, who is a sophomore at Biloxi High School, and anticipates attending MGCCC-J.D. upon graduation.

Alina is a 1995 graduate of Biloxi High School. She attended MGCCC-Perkinson campus before transferring to J.D. and was a member of the yearbook staff and Reflections. She served as sophomore vice president on the student council while at Park. After graduation in the spring, Alina plans to continue her education at USM in Hattiesburg and major in Broadcast Journalism.



Rich, Janette and daughter Alina Kopp all attend MGCCC



Ms. Elvira Mitchell, sponsor

As I look back at this year's roller coaster world of yearbook publications, I can only say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the ride. Of course, we have had our twists and turns, thrills, spills, and bumpy rides. We have covered our eyes and listened to our hearts pound as we negotiated those sharp corners and death-defying curves.

Yet we have had our share of triumphs. This year found us in comfortable new quarters where we planned and worked. A new publication, The J.D. Chronicle newsletter, joined the *Beauvoir* and J.D. Current. A rejuvenated darkroom resulted in beautiful and timely photographs.

Then, of course, there is the wonderful 1997-1998 *Beauvoir* staff. Without them, we would have missed the ride and lost the adventure. Sifted by Cheryl Freeman (editor supreme) and Richard Kopp (photo editor and darkroom magician), this crew put one hundred percent of their time and talents into making the *Beauvoir* a success. They came, they saw, they cut and pasted! They wrote, they photographed, they searched the campus for news and information, doing it all with flair and a palpable spirit of concern and cooperation. Their sponsor is most appreciative of their energy and creativity (not to mention their habit of regular and informative meetings).

As sponsor of the *Beauvoir*, I am proud to have worked with such a dedicated, responsible and considerate staff. On behalf of the staff and myself, enjoy the adventure of the *Beauvoir*.

LOOKING BACK

As I reflect on the time I spent working on your yearbook, *The Beauxoir*, I think of how I have grown from the experience. I started writing at a very early age; my father was a professor of English at Tulane University, and I had the privilege of meeting Carl Sandburg when I was in high school. These were the incentives for my choice of careers, that being Journalism. Working on *The Beauxoir* has given me the opportunity to live a dream and reach an achievable goal, that being to produce the best possible yearbook for the students, faculty and staff of Jefferson Davis Campus.

When I first joined the yearbook staff I was serving as a liaison between West Harrison and Jefferson Davis doing feature articles and candid photos. Midway through the year I found out that our editor was going to be leaving. Since I had worked closely with her, I assumed the duties of editor for the next semester. Working with her had been relatively easy because I always had assignments given to me. When I became editor and became the one who had to make the decisions, hand out the assignments, contact the staff, hold the meetings, teach layouts, etc. it didn't look as easy. However, all of those long hours, tedious tasks, re-writes, re-assignments, etc. have all been worth it.

I also have a lot of thanks to give for a job well done, and that is to the staff who worked so hard and never once refused when I asked for help. On many occasions I even had staff members who either stayed after school, came before classes, and even some that came on days that they didn't have classes to help insure that we met deadlines. These people deserve an extra thank you from me: Janice LeLeaux, Kaylene Pareti, Tom Burton, Yvonne Jones, Misty Woodson, Alejandra Smith, Jennifer Heise, Camilla Osorio, Mary Thomas, Jamie Tinker, Adrian Dodson, Reginald Middleton, Shani Harvey, Max Igich, Jennifer Conner, Colin Cook, Rachel Kornman, Steve Staten, Emily Bingham, and Rich Kopp. I couldn't have done it without you!

I would especially like to thank Ms. Elvira Mitchell for her confidence in me in giving me the position of editor. She has always had an open door policy whenever it came to needing her advice, help, keeping her updated on my progress, or just needing to hear her say, "You're doing a good job." A very special thanks goes to Rich Kopp, my photo editor, for always finding time to take the pictures I asked him to take and also for developing them so that I could meet deadlines.

This brings me to two very extraordinary people without whose help at times I might not have met deadlines. They are my husband, Eric Freeman, who has given his time to work with me as a photographer when needed, helped type articles and copy for layouts and has always been supportive of my work. The other person is my four-year old grandson, Timothy Lynn, who is my "Honorary Layout Editor." Timothy learned how to do layouts with me while waiting at the airport for his daddy to come home from a deployment in Spain and he did a fabulous job drawing "those little boxes," as he called them! When I showed the layouts to Ms. Mitchell, she was quite impressed and suggested the title of Honorary Layout Editor.

Working on the yearbook has been an experience that I will never forget and one that I hope will inspire the students of Jefferson Davis. I met many new people and made many new friends that I will always cherish. Through our efforts we tried to give you your year in perspective with memories for everyone from administrators to students. In conclusion, I hope that everyone enjoys this yearbook as much as we enjoyed publishing it for you.



Cheryl (Reba) Freeman, editor

Welcome ...

I welcome and introduce to you the Central Office section of the 1998 Trident. Here, you'll read about major events happening at Gulf Coast during 1997-98. You'll read about the special message Miss America Kate Shindler shared with the local community during her visit in October 1997; the college's record enrollment in 1997; the latest in sports; and more.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is a uniquely local institution committed to open admission and accessibility. Our college is united under one word—community—because it is in the local community that we focus our energies and foster our successes.

The character of the community is reflected in the programs and services we provide. From the rolling hills of rural Georgia and Stone counties to the busy shores of the Mississippi Sound in Jackson and Harrison counties, our promise to you continues to be an open door to an affordable, quality education.

Our college is a community-based and locally supported teaching institution. We are proud of the students who are enrolled here, the employees who work here, and the people who support the college's efforts to serve the local community.



Dr. Barry L. Mellinger

CENTRAL OFFICE

Behind the Scenes



ABOVE: Drs. Sue Train, secretary to the assistant president for Development, enjoys an afternoon of music and fellowship at the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop.



ABOVE, center: Call Dr. Barry Mellinger's office and more than likely you'll talk to one of these ladies. Clockwise, from left, are Sue Train, Wendy Ford and Gloria Bland, all secretaries in the president's office.

At left: Dr. Joseph Colburn, assistant vice president for Institutional Research and Planning, is also director of the college's Self-Study.

ABOVE, left: Carolyn Brooks, left, and Karen McQueen, center, during the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop held at the Redwood Grove Campus. Brooks is secretary for the college's Office of Academic Resources, and McQueen is secretary for the vice president for Institutional Affairs.

MELLINGER: Barry Peach, a longtime employee at Gulf Coast, is responsible for the Trident.



Gulf Coast celebrated a record enrollment when it recognized Staff Sgt. Todd Peach in the 9,500th student to enroll in credit classes in fall 1997. With Peach (fourth from left) are Dr. Christine Taylor, ST Campus vice president; Dr. Barry Mellinger, MCCC president; Dr. Mary Graham, Community Colleges vice president; Dr. Rick Chapman, vice president for Financial Affairs; and Dr. Willis Lott, Perkinsville Campus vice president.

College celebrates record enrollment

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College celebrated a record enrollment when it recognized Staff Sgt. Todd Peach as the 9,500th student to enroll in credit classes during a presentation in the Sablich Center at Keesler Air Force Base on Sept. 8, 1997.

Peach represented the largest credit program enrollment in the college's history. The last record enrollment in college degree or diploma programs was in fall 1995, when 9,238 students were enrolled.

College President Dr. Barry Mellinger said, "By the end of the school year, we expect more than 22,000 individuals to enroll in credit and non-credit classes at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College."

A native of Columbia, Tenn., Peach is a curriculum developer for the 333rd Qualification Training Flight. A partnership between Gulf Coast and the Community College of the Air Force is helping Peach get his associate's degree. He's taking academic classes at Gulf Coast's Keelsler Center while getting his technical training from the Community College of the Air Force. An engineering major, he is married with two children and has served in the Air Force for 11 years.

The 1997 fall semester offered students a wider selection of course offerings, including weekend and short-term courses, a special degree program for adults who work full-time, telecourses, and new technical degree programs such as Funeral Services Technology and Computer Networking Technology.

A letter
from
the president

Dr. Barry L. Mellinger

On Sept. 8, 1997, we recognized Staff Sgt. Todd Peach, a student in our Keelsler Center, as the 9,500th person to enroll in credit classes this fall and year.

I believe we can safely state that no single thing, person, department or campus in the whole history we were successful in reaching our enrollment goals this fall. However, we might attribute our enrollment record to working hard, working smart—and working together.

That same work was evident in several areas of the college. Faculty members who signed up to be the first to teach classes in an accelerated semester, those who pushed to offer new programs, college personnel who took responsibility for checking out borrowing one student, and the many who shared our success as everyone's responsibility.

I sincerely appreciate your hard work, your imagination and innovation, and your dedication to serving our students.

There will always be new goals to set, still records to break, and a never-ending attitude that says, "We can do better." I am confident that our college will continue to flourish because we are providing life-enhancing opportunities for people through education and training.

I assure that Staff Sgt. Peach has over 9,500 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College success stories. Yet, like thousands of our students, he has experienced that mission because of the people who work at the college.

Our college mission is not just words on a page. How successful we are at achieving our mission has little to do with the complex institution the college has become. The college mission is about individual effort and commitment.

Thank you for traveling our college mission from more words on a page to action and activities which shape the success of our students.

Mission Statement: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is an integral part of the area's service and primarily recognizes its inherent responsibility to enhance the educational development of all persons able to benefit from its services. The programs and activities are designed to develop innovative citizenship and leadership in a constantly changing and highly complex society.





Self-Study Taking a closer look

First accomplished by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1928, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College began the process of reaffirmation and began its Self-Study in the spring of 1997. Led by Dr. Joseph Cliburn, with Dr. Carol Holley as Steering Committee chair, the Self-Study will provide a comprehensive examination of the college with the goal of strengthening the institution.

"The goal is not just to meet regional accreditation. It's also to strengthen the institution," says Cliburn, who is also the college's associate vice president for Institutional Research and Planning. "Every 10 years, all institutions that are regionally accredited by SACS are required to conduct a comprehensive self-study."

A SACS self-study involves everyone, from students to the board of trustees. And it's a long process that ends with a photo-book site report. The upcoming report is due out in summer 1998.

Basically, a self-study takes an in-depth look at the college's projects, policies and procedures, ensuring that it's in compliance with the details and guidelines of SACS' "Criteria for Accreditation."

Holley, Jefferson Davis Campus language arts chair, is the "people" end of the process, according to Cliburn. She works with the principal committees (about a dozen of them on campus), which look at every aspect of the college, from the institution's purpose to educational support services.

In spring 1999, a visiting committee, made up of peer evaluators from other institutions, will come on-site to observe, interview people and visit college facilities. "The committee may make recommendations for improvement in certain areas," Cliburn says. The college will have until mid-1999 to follow up on any recommendations.

"At that point, the Commission on Colleges of SACS will have a reaffirmation vote, probably in December 1999," Cliburn adds.



Carol Holley
Chair, Self-Study
Steering Committee



Dr. Joseph
Cliburn
Self-Study
director



Ron Ainsworth, Jackson County math instructor and chair of the Self-Study Institutional Purpose subcommittee, speaks with members during the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop, where a number of college employees learned about their part in the college's Self-Study.



Members of Self-Study committees met during the Fall Faculty Workshop, held at the Jefferson Davis Campus in Gulfport. These meetings marked the beginning of two years filled with meetings, writing and editing.



Wanda Brigueux, left, Associate Degree Nursing chair at the Jefferson Davis Campus, and Joist Davis, Workforce Development director at the Perkins Campus, review SACS criteria at the Fall Faculty Workshop. Davis is chair of the Student Development Services principal committee, and Brigueux is chair of the Programs and Services subcommittee, which falls under the Student Development Services area.



Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998, met with a group of local elementary children when she visited the Perkins Campus in October.



Shindle shares her crown with several local children before her performance in Polk's Malone Hall.

Miss America shares special message

Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998, visited the Perkins Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Oct. 27, 1997. Shindle's visit coincided with the Perk Players production of "The Yellow Rose" and the exhibit of The Names Project Interfaith AIDS Memorial Quilt in Malone Hall Gallery. She spoke and performed prior to the play. Her appearance was sponsored by MCCC and The Bank of Wiggins.

"The Yellow Rose" tells the story of Benjamin Saxe, who was born with congenital hemophilia and died of AIDS-related complications in 1987. He was only 8 years old.

"The purpose of Miss America's appearance in combination with the play and the Quilt was to make people aware that this disease affects everyone, even children, who are innocent victims of circumstance," says Darius Walker, fine arts instructor and director of "The Yellow Rose," which Walker says is about the "inspiration that children give us, even in life-threatening situations."

Several lucky Stowe and Perkins elementary students were the winners to two tickets to see Miss America. "The Yellow Rose" and the Quilt exhibit. Winners of the contest met with Miss America prior to her performance and had a group photo taken.

During her visit, Shindle, a native of Evanston, Ill., and the second Miss America to visit the Perkins Campus since 1994, will discuss her platform of AIDS Education and Advocacy. (As part of the Miss America Organization's mission statement, winners take their personal platform to each city they visit during their reigns.)

The platform concept has been a part of the Miss America program since 1990. Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995 and at Alabama native, brought her platform to Perk when she visited the campus in 1994 as part of the Perk Players production of "The Miracle Worker," a play about Helen Keller, who had multiple disabilities, including deafness. Profoundly deaf and with the platform "Anything is Possible," Whitestone was the program's first winner with a disability.

"We try to find subjects that will bring awareness and education to our community," says Walker about the special guests and exhibits that have visited the Perkins Campus. "Theater and Miss America's appearance are powerful tools to that end."



Shindle performs for the crowd in Malone Hall Auditorium. During her visit, she spoke about her platform, and she joined the audience for the Perk Players performance of "The Yellow Rose."



1997-98 A Review



Chosen as Office Professionals of the Year by the college's Association of Educational Office Professionals were, from left, Sandra Shannon, Jackson County Campus; Linda Everett, Jefferey Davis Campus; and Sharon Parker, Central Office. Faye Cooley (not pictured) was chosen for the honor at the Perkinson Campus and was chosen as the overall Office Professional of the Year for the college.



Instructors of the Year for 1997 included, from left, Deborah Hill, nursing instructor at the Jackson County Campus; Marilyn Lott, fine arts instructor at the Perkinson Campus; and Carol Holley, English department chair at the Jefferson Davis Campus. They were honored at the college's Alumni Association Spring Banquet in April 1997.



Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College brought home four Medallion Awards from the 1997 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, Dunbar II, conference held in Chattanooga, Tenn. The college won Gold Medallion Awards for Internet Homepage, Video Spot and Videotape, and a Silver Medallion Award for Annual Report. Accepting the awards at the conference were, from left, Colleen Harfield, associate vice president for Institutional Relations; Kimberly Jones, publicity staff specialist; Brenda Donahue, coordinator for Marketing and Recruitment; and Melissa Latham, marketing assistant.



Nora Newbill, left, and Ray Burdick, members of Gulf Coast's literacy staff at the Perkinson Campus, brought home top awards from the 1997 MAACE (Mississippi Association for Adult and Continuing Education) conference. Burdick, campus literacy manager, was honored as the state's Supervisor of the Year, and Newbill, trainer for Adult Basic Education (ABE) and ITTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) Basic Skills, was chosen as the Southern Region's Teacher of the Year. In 1996, over 1,800 people participated in Gulf Coast's four literacy programs—ABE, English as a Second Language, Even Start and ITTPA.



The annual HEADWAT (Higher Education Appreciation Day)—Working for Academic Excellence program held in Jackson on Feb. 17, 1998, featured Jefferson Davis Campus language arts instructor Dr. Joan Fitch, center, and Perkinson Campus student Marko Konic. Left, Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mullinger, left, was also on hand for the program.



Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College President Dr. Barry Mullinger, left, with Dorothy Gilman, the 1997 recipient of the college's Sam Owen Award. Established in 1956 by its namesake, the Sam Owen Trophy is presented annually at homecoming to individuals who make special contributions to the continued growth and development of Gulf Coast.



The Hess family joined the Nov. 1 homecoming crowd to honor Jan Hess (Hess, from left) at Gulf Coast's 1997 Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony. From left are her son Tracy, his wife, JoEllie, daughter-in-law, Frances, with baby Katherine Marie; Hess, his daughter, Jennifer; and his son Matthew.



Perk student James Suley won first place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the 31st annual VKA (Vocational Clubs of America) Skills USA Championships held in June, 1997. Suley was also chosen as a co-winner of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators' 1998 Outstanding Student of the Year award.



Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mullinger, left, is pictured with Showcase Golf '97 low-gross winners, from left, Jerry Nelson, Matt Lewis and George Hogg. Showcase, held in September at Wiggins' Pine Bluff Country Club, raised a record \$14,000 for scholarships and attracted over 170 golfers.



1997 homecoming queen for Gulf Coast's three campuses (including, from left, Kelly Ryan of Ocean Springs, Perkinson Campus; Julie Pate of Gulfport, Jefferson Davis Campus; and Amanda Pate of Ocean Springs, Jackson County Campus).

Calling America home

language living in the Ukraine, Ecuador or even Turkey, and then deciding to come to South Mississippi to attend a rural community college. That's what's happening more and more on Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College campuses. In fact, 13 international students were enrolled this past fall at the Perkinston Campus, Colquhoun, over 25 international students were enrolled in fall 1997.

Although students from Sweden to South Africa and every place in between can be found in classes at Gulf Coast campus, Perk's situation is unique because the students actually live the "dorm life." Besides completing all the necessary paperwork and making sure they have dorm rooms, these students are also looking for a few friendly faces. Brenda Bates, Perk foreign language instructor and chair of the campus' International Student Affairs Committee, says, "International students want to be drawn into community life. They're willing to talk to church and civic groups about their customs and their culture."

"What we'd like to see is families in South Mississippi welcoming these students into their homes for just a day, a weekend or even spring break," Bates adds. "The hardest part of being an international student in an American school is being away from family. And these kids miss their families. But it's such an advantage to have an American education. They learn the language and about the culture. And when they begin looking for a job, whether here or in their home countries, employers are impressed that they've studied at an American college. It's a ticket to a better future."

What Gulf Coast's international students may not know is that they're giving the college's American hosts students something in return.

"We live in a global society. The international students on campus enrich the college experience for Mississippians," says Dr. Willis Lott, Perkinston Campus vice president.

Some of these students are already familiar with America's educational system. In fact, some began their education in the United States to exchange students in states other than Mississippi. And international students who have a positive experience living on campus often recruit other students from home to the college.

For example, Marko Kovic of Serbia has been at Perk for three years. Before that, he was an exchange student in Colorado. This past year, he was joined by his friend Olivera Djurdjevic, also of Serbia and a former exchange student in California.

Kovic, a former member of the Gulf Coast cheerleading squad, says, "Gulf Coast is the most affordable college for international students in the United States. It's the perfect opportunity for a student to get a good foundation for a really good education."

Other international students attending Perk this semester include Christina Hendrix from Ecuador, Bessy and Orlinda Bogard and Oleg Yarmolenko, all from the Ukraine; Ulko Sevin, Turkey; Ali Said Alghamdi, Saudi Arabia; Carlos De Contreras, Venezuela; Sandra Gubler and Owen Buegg from American citizens and the niece of Dr. Muller, wife of Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Muller, both from Germany; and Takasumi Okazaki and Karen Suzuki, both from Japan.

Ann Price says that with over 1,000 students attending Perk—about 700 live on campus—international students usually have no problem making new friends. "It's a culture for all of us to learn about other cultures and what education is like in other nations," she adds.



Four of the Perkinston Campus' 13 international students in 1997-98 included, clockwise, from left, Olivera Djurdjevic, Ulko Sevin, Bessy Bogard and Marko Kovic. In 1997, 25 international students were enrolled at Gulf Coast's three campuses.



Wiggins Mayor Russell Hatten, left, welcomes Perk student Christina Hendrix, a native of Ecuador, to the city in a special ceremony conducted by the City Council for Perk's international students.



Funeral Services Technology, offered at the Perkinston Campus, is one of Gulf Coast's newest programs that began in 1997.

New programs debut at Gulf Coast

Perk's Funeral Services Program began in fall 1997, with Freddie Hargett as the program instructor. The program serves South Mississippi, and prior to its beginning at Gulf Coast, only two other Mississippi community colleges offered the program.

Funeral services needs are a constant in society. This need provides continuous employment opportunities for trained persons, with the special qualities of personality and interest as prerequisites to successful employment in this field.

The benefits of offering FST include having a number of local funeral homes available for students to receive hands-on training and the number of possible students who can receive training while staying close to home and work. After operating one year, the program will be eligible to file for accreditation, which would allow students completing the two-year program to receive a Funeral Service License.

The program's curriculum provides students with both training and an exposure to career options available within the field, including managing people and equipment resources, as well as the ability to prepare an individual for burial. The curriculum also leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree from Gulf Coast.



Computer Networking Technology, another new course offered at Perk, began in October 1997. Offered for the first time by Gulf Coast, it is designed to teach students how to design, build and implement computer network systems. This type of training also teaches students to maintain the system so it runs effectively and efficiently.

The course gives students the skills employers are looking for in potential employees. In fact, networking means cost-effectiveness for businesses, so a networking background is valuable to the students.

CNT also encompasses e-mail and Internet, making the training even more valuable as more and more businesses join the world in cyberspace.

The expanding field of computer networking will provide extensive opportunities for those who have the knowledge and expertise in local area networks and wide area networks. The CNT program provides this, plus the curriculum leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree from Gulf Coast.





Bulldog players set college records

Boonville Golf Coast Community College's Bulldog football team finished the 1997 season on Nov. 8, 1997, with a 47-21 loss to Marsh Community College in Moss Point, dropping their record to 2-8 in the season.

The Bulldogs and players to the graduating sophomore, eight of which graduated with a 3.25 G.P.A. The Bulldogs were most represented in the Mississippi All Star Game on Dec. 6, 1997, with four players from Golf Coast attending. Telfa Wadsworth, defensive tackle from Pascagoula, Jarvis Perkins, offensive lineman from Stone County, Kevin Robinson, quarterback from Mobile, Ala., and Denson Robinson, wide receiver from Mobile, Ala., played in the All Star game.

The Bulldogs also established 12 highlights in the record book this season. Brent Dupont scored four touchdowns in the game against Pearl River Community College, making him third in most touchdowns rushing in a game.

The offense ranked overall in best team offense, picking up 5,870 yards this season. Kevin Robinson, quarterback, engaged his name in the record book three times this season. Robinson leads in most yards gained passing with 2,014. He also holds the record for most yards gained rushing/passing with 2,214 and most pass completions with 128 completed.

Denson Robinson is ranked second for most passes caught with 43 receptions and is ranked third for most yards gained pass receiving with 821.

Jermaine Carter is ranked second in the category (rbs), 130 yards since in one season with 122 yards against Jones County Junior College and 100 yards against Southport. Carter also established himself fifth in most touchdowns rushing with eight.

Nathan Monroe finished the season with 62 tackles, tackling him second in the most tackles unfinished. However, he finished with 68 tackles assuming tying him for fourth overall.

Despite the loss of graduating players, the Bulldogs look forward to a productive season next year with 32 returning linemen.

"They will be the nucleus of our team," Wright said. "I think they will be our best yet."



The Band of Gold performs at Golf Coast's Family and Media Day held in August in Moss Point. The band is directed by David Dierck, with Clifford Taylor II as the addition as assistant director.



Sherron Peace, left, up defensive starter for the Bulldogs in 1997, talks with local reporter Jimmy Creed at Golf Coast's second annual Family and Media Day, held this year in D'Berneville.



Golf Coast got a new mascot in 1996 -- a Kellie, an English bulldog owned by Johnathan Davis, Park's dean of Business Services.



Here, Golf Coast's cheerleading squad performs at the 1997 Fall Family Workshop at the Jefferson Davis Campus. This year's squad included Kelly McClain, Robert Ripley, Raegan Winstead (captain), Mary Chesser (captain), Molly Rayner, Nathan McIntire, Kelly Ryan, Gloria Lachar, Tahisha Jones, Marko Kovic, Angie Norman, Stacy Wynn (captain) and Josh Olsan.



Last spring, the Bulldogs ended the season at 38-13, claiming South Division and state titles and earning a spot in the Region 23 Tournament in Meridian. Unfortunately, Mississippi Delta knocked Golf Coast out of the tournament.



The 1997-98 Perkettes Dance Team includes, front row, from left, Tanya Gentry, Tara Finstein, Nicole Latham, Tara Gallary, Hope Moore and Melissa Holliman, and back row, from left, Jamie Alday, Arlene Bryant, Stephanie Wilson, Rachel Pittman, Crystina Harrison, Robyn Davis and Christy Fryfogle.

Golf Coast tennis player Johann Lomert, a freshman from Vasteras, Sweden, was ranked the No. 1 singles player in the nation. Lomert also won the Bolan National Small College Championships in which he finished fifth.



Bulldogs take talent to the court, diamond and track

Men's Basketball: After coming back from a disappointing 10-14 season last year, the Bulldogs came back in 1997-98 with a talented, dedicated squad. This year, the Bulldogs ended the season at 19-15 after making it to the Region 23 Tournament held in March at Mississippi College in Clinton. The group lost out in the South Division Tournament after a 76-70 loss to East Central, ending the Bulldogs' chances of competing at the state level.

Women's Basketball: Coming back from a South Division title, the Lady Bulldogs began this year with few returns. This season, however, the squad ended the season at the worst of ways, taking a 30-5 point loss to the Pearl River Lady Wildcats in the South Division Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs, 5-19 for the season, went into the tournament at the fifth seed.

Baseball: Last spring, the Bulldogs ended the season at 38-13, claiming South Division and state titles and earning a spot in the Region 23 Tournament in Meridian. Unfortunately, Mississippi Delta knocked Golf Coast out of the tournament. At press time, Golf Coast was 28-12 for the year. Further details on the season were unavailable.

Also of note, three former Golf Coast players participated in the 1997 National Junior College Athletic Association College World Series. Doug Thompson of Bolivar, David Kelly of Perryville, Fla., and Damian Sorenson of Des Moines, Ia.

Softball: The Lady Bulldogs ended 1997 at 20-18 after losing a vital game just before state playoffs. This year, the team is going for the playoffs once more, with second head coach Carolyn Peterson leading the way. With 14 players on her team, Peterson has only four players returning from last year. Details of the 1998 season were unavailable at press time.

Tennis: In 1997, for the second year in a row, the men's tennis team brought the state Region 23 title home to Golf Coast. With it, they also earned a top six national competition. This year's season was ranked No. 3 in last fall's Intercollegiate Tennis Association preseason ranking. For at Tennis Association preseason ranking, Johann Lomert, a freshman from Vasteras, Sweden, was ranked the No. 1 singles player in the Division II rankings. Even bigger news was the Division II Championship in October, advancing him to the Bolan National Small College Championships in which he finished fifth. Season details were unavailable at press time.

Golf and Track: In golf action, Golf Coast finished in 1997 as fourth in the state and fifth in Region 23. Matt Detschik of Vasteras was named All Star and All Regional player and competed in the national tournament. In track, Golf Coast brought home 15 medals last season, including the bronze for placing third in the MAJCA state tournament. Sophomore Ronald Brinkman of Moss Point, the only gold medal winner from Golf Coast, was named to the first All Star team.

Details of this year's season for both sports were unavailable at press time.

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"I've been here 21 years, and I can't say enough about the wonderful leadership I've worked under during that time. Everyone has become like a part of my family. And working with faculty and staff has been a true joy. We work together and work things out. That's the way it should be."

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Nell Murray retires Former administrator credited with many firsts

Some of them lived. Some lived but some were children. The way, lots of ways was a mixture of the three emotions. Some, it was the first. As they reached with hands and eyes for sticky (clown) stickers at least 10 years with him. So, even the act of clowning, clowning, there could be a few.

But Nell Murray, 71, is chosen to be a clown, says the monthly letter newsletter for Development. And, watching Murray was hundreds of stick stickers from nearly Parkview Elementary School, the 10th grade class, several hundred stickers in each of the 100 stickers in the school's 100 stickers.

Shortly after assuming responsibility for Development at Gulf Coast in 1981, Murray, a 1963 Parkview Junior College graduate, worked with the college's first capital campaign, "Building the New Future." The successful three-year fundraising effort raised more than \$2 million for Gulf Coast scholarships, international programs, campus enhancement projects and staff facility training.

Another successful life effort for Murray, who has come to Gulf Coast in 1981 as Title III coordinator, was the implementation of a college-wide Work Study Development program. She was named a vice president when Gulf Coast adopted a Community Campus concept and the college's Board of Trustees named Murray as the director of the project.

Murray has also held administrative positions in Institutional Research and Academic Affairs and served as interim vice president for Institutional Affairs. She is credited with setting goals for student learning, which resulted in such programs and services as senior centers, mentors and staff development, and Cooperative Education. In addition, she also led to secure the student for Institutional Research.

Murray will plan to be involved with the college in whatever capacity she may be needed. And, given her record, she probably will be.



Nell Murray (right), former executive assistant for Development in his lastest career move—clowning around. Murray was on hand when Parkview Elementary kindergarten classes visited the Park Campus on Halloween in 1987.

Nell Murray, former executive assistant for Development, retired in October 1987.

Executive Council

Council members help direct the efforts of our large complex institution. They're aggressive in their support of innovations which will better serve the local community. In 1997, two members of the council retired—Dr. Roger Lusk, former vice president of the Jackson County Campus, and Nell Murray, former executive assistant for Development and vice president of the college's Community Campus. Coming on board in the JC Campus vice president position was Dr. Hershberg McFarland, and Dr. Mary Graham replaced Nell Murray as Community Campus vice president.



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At Gulf Coast, the job of trustee is not a one-day-a-month meeting obligation. Involved and connected to the counties they represent, trustees are the voice of the community as the college strives to meet its mission. Also, their leadership extends beyond the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Jean Peden serves as Southern Region director for the Associate of Community College Trustees and Delores Sumrall serves as president of the Mississippi Association of Community College Trustees. Our board members are champions for area residents who can improve their lives through education and training offered at our college.

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The college sadly noted the passing of long-time Jackson County trustee Warner Peterson in November 1996. Peterson served as a trustee for 36 years, 1960-1996.



