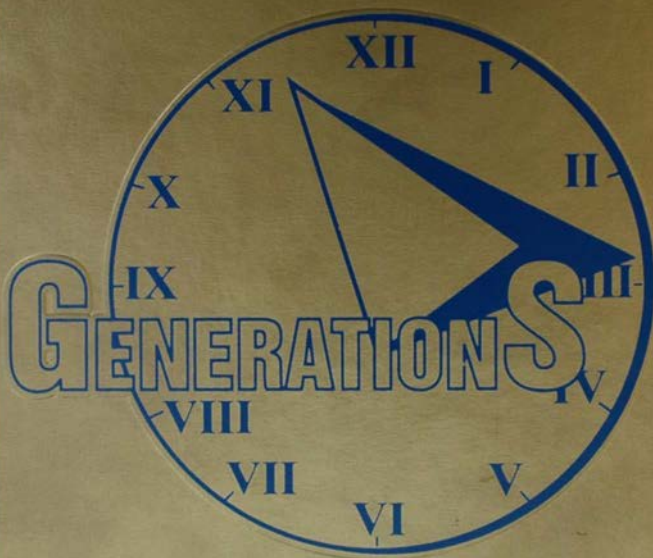


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AIDS Awareness brings "The Yellow Boat" and Miss America to the Perkinson campus.

Kate Shindle, Miss America 1998, visited the Perkinson campus on Monday, October 27, 1997. She visited Liaison, Dr. Barry and Dot Mellinger's home, mingled with students from Stone and Perkinson Elementaries, and spoke to local media representatives. She also discussed and answered questions about her platform, AIDS Education and Advocacy, at Malone Hall. Later, she performed for the audience and watched a special performance of "The Yellow Boat." The play, presented by the Perk Players and written by

David Saar, tells the story of a young boy named Benjamin Saar who died in 1987 from AIDS-related complications. Saar was a hemophiliac who contracted the virus from a blood transfusion and died at the age of eight.



Miss America 1998
Kate Shindle



Miss America, Kate Shindle speaks to a group of students at Malone Hall.



The AIDS Memorial Quilt shown is just a few of the panels that were on display in Malone Hall.



Above, Shawn Hickman, and Luke Stewart get into their characters as "Eddie" and "Benjamin." Left, The cast and crew of "The Yellow Boat" pose with Miss America 1998.

International Students

We asked the International students to summarize their experience at Perk and here is what they said.

1. Perk is great, the people are friendly, the environment is fun and the education is great.
-Christina Hevedia, Ecuador

2. The instructors are easy to understand and very helpful.
-Xoli Djordjeuk, Serbia

Miyoka Brounast from WLOX TV-13 interviews three of Perk International Students: Oksandr Bograd, Sergiy Bograd and Utko Sezgin.

3. First semester is almost over, I've met many many cool people & they have met me! Future will be cool!
-Sergie Bohrad, Ukraine

4. Perk is located amidst beautiful nature of the Mississippi Gulf coast not far from New Orleans - the town of my dreams.
-Oleg Yaremeko, Ukraine

5. I expected Perk to have 10,000 Students. I was surprised that Perk only had 1,000 or so.



Christina Hevedia takes pictures for the Yearbook at the Jones football game.



Alexander Bograd, Sergiy Bograd, Oleg Yaremeko, Utko Sezgin and Kaz Suzuki visiting the Museum of USA Alabama.



Marko Kostic and his parents, reunited again during Homecoming, stopped to pose for the camera.



Ali Alghamdi, Sergiy Bograd, Utko Sezgin, Alex Bograd, Kaz Suzuki and Christina Hevedia are relaxing at the International Student reception at the Alumni House.

This group of cheerleaders really needs something to do.



Greg Merrell



Taking a Break



Ginger, Danielle, Elizabeth and Kelly gather in their suite for a quick break.



Above: Reagan showing her spirit at the PBC pep rally.

Center: Robyn Davis

Center Right: No I am not too old to trick or treat.

Bottom: Bulldog Parade



Good Luck Coach

P R C WEEK

Kelly Ryan and Nelson Martinez showing spirit with their start.



Perkettes join for an inspiration ring right before their halftime performance.



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.



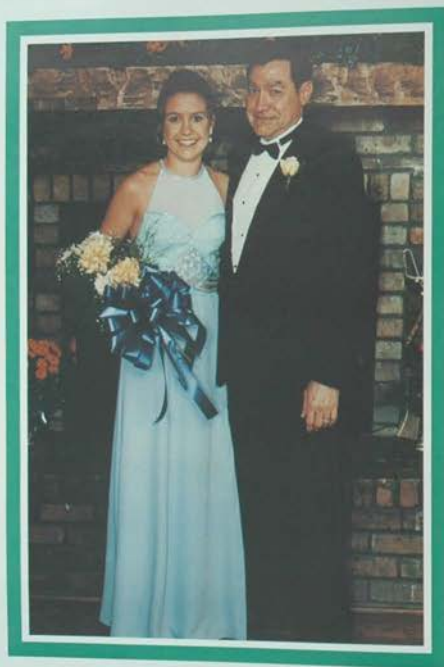
Carlos Bell leads the procession for "The Rat."

Coach Cloud screams words of encouragement.

The Mascot, Stacy Wyatt, drags the River Rat along.



Homecoming Queen



Kelly Ryan

Arlene Bergani



Angela James



Katrice Harris



Nicole Latham



Kathryn Webb



Raegan Winland

The Bulldog mascot shows his school spirit with a homecoming yell!



David Lewis wants to know who nominated him for this job:



The Reflections Team shows off the winning trophy for the most spirited homecoming float.



Homecoming



Freshman Maid, Arlene Bryant, throws candy to the crowd at the homecoming parade in Wiggins.

The Bulldogs smash the Coahoma Tigers in the homecoming "mud bowl."



The members of the Mississippi Sound perform at Dr. Mullinger's house during the homecoming festivities.

Homecoming Week

MGCCC queens are Kelly Ryan, Perkins-Lynn, Julie Fain, Jefferson Davis, and Arminia Priddy, Jackson County.

Travis Clark and football players Jeremy Crutchfield, Jeff White, Daniel Richardson, Joseph Thrasher, and Jason Holcomb sit and watch the floats in the homecoming parade.



Homecoming parade Grand Marshal Ed Evans waves "hello" to everyone.



Kristi Tilley, Casey Burns, Mandy Lusk, Angie Cagle, Christina Hendrix, and Jeffrey Huntley display their school spirit at the homecoming pep rally at Blaylock Park.



Elizabeth Davis, Kristi Tilley, Brittany Blevins, and Missy Hall show off their decorated suite for homecoming.



The VICA club proudly shows their homecoming float during the homecoming parade.



Campus Life

Ashley Redmond, Brent Elmer, Seth Willison, Arlene Bryant, Will Morrison, Robyn Davis are watching the Shakespeare play.



Amber Bond said "I'm not going to do it!"



David and Christina are getting food at the cook-out.

The Band of Gold flag line practices for their performance.



Shooting pool is one of the ways people spend their free time.



Kelly McLain, Angie Neumann and Danielle Baggette stop for a quick snap before going to class.



Brittney is on her way to go take a nap.

Life on Campus

Derek Williamson takes an extra few minutes to study.



Frank Shaw and Katiya Coleman chill at the Student Center.



Nick Kapiotis and Jason Wheat on the way to class.



Trey O'Bryant enjoys a slice of pizza before bed.



Terra Pierce looks excited to see a camera flashing her way.



Rene Stokley looks for a Christmas Card in the bookstore.



JTPA and ABE/GED



The students in the JTPA and ABE/GED classes have many reasons for attending. Some individuals are preparing for the GED exam, while others are preparing for the ACT, college entrance. Some individuals work on job skills to help them with job advancement. These classes are open entry and are self-paced. These unique classes allow individuals the opportunity to work around other schedules in their personal lives to achieve their individual goals.

Front Row L-R: Debra Willis-Secretary, William Leger, Letha McCray, Linda Leger, Sheila Main, April Storrs, Von-Hui Bardick, Theresa Smith, and Nora Newbill-Instructor. Back Row L-R: Donnie Goodman, Markiesh Thomas, Nell Palermo, Brent Parker, Amber Miller, Jason Stephenson, and Daighe Strumme.



AmeriCorps is a national service initiative that has been called the "American Peace Corps". The mission is to re-establish our nation's commitment to improving our communities and the quality of our lives by instilling a service ethic in the participants and in those people they service. AmeriCorps is based on four principles: getting things done, strengthening communities, encouraging responsibility, and expanding opportunity. Front Row L-R: Rachel Bell, Tonya Halem, Angela V. Lee, Terra Pierce, Kecia Brown, Jamikia Gray and Andi Fairley. Back Row L-R: Charlotte Cowart, Monique Altman, and Kasey Johnson.

AmeriCorps

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the nationally recognized scholastic honorary fraternity for community college students. The goals of Phi Theta Kappa are to provide opportunities for development of leadership and service and to encourage continuing academic excellence. Phi Theta Kappa offers opportunities for personal enrichment of the student through unique educational experiences and fellowship with other scholars.

Membership is by invitation only and a 3.5 grade point average on all college work. The Perkinson Phi Theta Kappa sponsors are Ms. Carole Pearce and Dr. Addie Lee.



Reggie Beech lights the candle at the induction ceremony.



Jennifer O'Neal is being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

Adult Student Association/New



New Horizons is a program which offers assistance to single parents, homemakers and adults in transition who must gain marketable skills and self-confidence to become economically self-sufficient. New Horizons provides a wide range of services which includes the following: personal and career counseling; basic skills and GED preparation classes; life skills and career workshops; support group activities; referral services; access to financial aid for traditional and non-traditional education and training; job search skills and job placement. The sponsor for the Perkinson Campus is Suzan Bounds.

Front Row L-R: Curtis Ellis, Tracey Jordan, Lena Breland, Wanda Strickland. Back Row L-R: Renee Harris, Kim Beech, Kathy Mathews, Tonya Taylor.



International Student Association

Organized in Fall 1997, this is composed of students attending Perk who are from outside of the United States. The ISA organizes social events, cultural activities and field trips to help foreign students get involved with campus life, acculturate themselves with the community college experiences and take advantage of the opportunities at MGCCC, Perkinson Campus.

Front Row L-R: Sergiy Bograd, Olek Bograd, Marko Kostic, Ali Alghamdi. Back Row L-R: Sandra Gabler, Brenda Batey (Sponsor), and Christina Heredia.

Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) is a nation wide college organization that allows students to enhance their spiritual life. Even though it is sponsored by Southern Baptists, the BSU encourages those of all denominations to attend. Activities of the BSU include biweekly Bible studies, gender bender, and participation at the Children's Village, a Christian based Foster home.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our Fellowship is with the Father and with the Son, Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3

Front Row L-R: Robin Morgan, Jennifer Lindsey, Shannon Wilson, Rachel Brown, Danielle Baggett, Kaytee Jones, Arlene Bryant. Second row L-R: Adam Meadows, Zach Anderson, Timothy Smith, Russell Wiley, Jennifer McMorris, Michelle Payne, Stuart McMorris, Jessica Cook, Rene Stockley, Delaina James. Back row L-R: Benjamin Wood and Eddie Hillard.



The Circle of Believers is an interdenominational prayer club. Membership is based on belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and a desire for an intimate relationship with Him. The Circle meets weekly to fellowship, study, and pray. The members share each other's valleys as well as mountain top experiences. The Circle also enjoys field trips to concerts and revivals. Back Row L-R: Julie Dobbs, Dallas Medlock, Earl Lew, Laurel Green, Claudia Fairley, Karen Bond, Mandy Warden. Middle Row L-R: Tina Jones, Larry Green, Kathy Hendry, Jodie Price (Sponsor), Rennee Stockley, Reggie Beech, Timmy Smith, Joseph Thrasher, Benji Wood. Front Row L-R: Rebecca Bull, Tammy Lewnau, Tammy Leverette, Jenny Breland, Steve Thamerl, Beth Hartmann.



Circle of Believers

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is an organization for students interested in careers in the business world. The association strives to develop competent, aggressive business leadership; strengthen the confidence of members; create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise; and develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.

The Perkinson Campus PBL members participate in various leadership training workshops and seminars. They also compete against other junior/community college, college, and university students from across Mississippi in competitive events. Left to Right: Lisa Cooley-Advisor, Curtis Ellis, Renee Harris, Kathy Mathers, Grace Clayton, Amanda Herrin, and Ginger Anderson.



The Delta Pi Epsilon Club has an open invitation for membership to engineering, mathematics, and computer science majors. The club is involved in field trips to industrial and scientific organizations where members are exposed to engineers, mathematicians and computer operators on the job. Also, field trips are taken to the Mississippi universities and guest speakers attend Perkinson classroom sessions. Finally, adding to the social element of the club are the cookouts, which are usually held at Flint Creek Water Park. The club was organized under the direction of Dr. Larry O'Neal in 1984. Mr. Jesse Jacobs is currently the club sponsor. Back Row L-R: Kelly Bond, Gary Hickman, Mr. Jacobs. Front Row L-R: James Strickland, Kirk Schultz. Middle Row L-R: Charles Burgess, Jeremy Bond, Desrae Drummond, Elizabeth Bull, Richard Park-er, Shannon Smith, Marko Kostic, Stewart McMorris, Kaytee Jones.



Delta Pi Epsilon

Student Council

Executive Officers are front row from left: Kristi Tilley-Secretary, Kathryn Webb-President, Carlos Bell-Vice President. Back row from left: Michelle Evans-Executive Member at Large, Raegan Winland-Treasurer, Holley Willison-Executive Member at Large.

Student Council is a very active club on campus. They consist of representatives from each class and executive members who act as the voice of the student body. Student Council hosts many activities throughout the year such as back-to-school cookouts, PRC week, Homecoming and Spring Fever Week.



Pictured front from left: Robert Rigsby, Hollye Willison, Raegan Winland, Kathryn Webb, Kristi Tilley, Michelle Evans, Carlos Bell. Back row from left: Angie Neumann, Ashley Wilkes, Rosie Russett, Tiffany Grimes, Ashley Redmond, Molly Rector, Chet Landry, Casey Burns, Leah Gentry, Nicole Latham, and Arlene Bryant.

Reflections



The Reflections Team is a group of students who act as ambassadors for the College and participate in all recruitment functions (high school visits, college nights, mall shows and Perk Preview Day). Reflections Team members facilitate tours for prospective students, write letters to applicants and potential students boasting of the great things we have to offer here on the Perk Campus. They also assist during orientation, registration, Homecoming, GED graduations and other functions that need some "public relations" assistance.

The 1997-98 Reflections Team implemented the Reflections Hotline to support students in need of direction or peer advice. They also collect non-perishable food items for those in need during the holiday season and donate the goods to a local organization. They sponsored three angels from the Student Council Angel Tree; and to spread holiday cheer, the team brought Santa along to pass out gifts and goodies to children in a local neighborhood. The Reflections Team is sponsored by Michelle Sekul.



Officers pictured Front Row L-R: Ginger Wixon-Historian, Raegan Winland-President, Kelly Ryan-Treasurer. Back Row L-R: Michelle Evans-Vice President, Angie Cagle-Secretary. Bottom picture Front Row L-R: Sponsor Michelle Sekul, Kelly Ryan, Rachel Brown, Kristen White, Michelle Evans, Raegan Winland, Angie Neumann, Danielle Baggett, Christina Heredia, Robyn Davis and Dr. Barry Mellinger. Back row L-R: Stephen Whittington, Kelly McLain, Amber Bond, Angie Cagle, Mandy Lusk, Ginger Wixon, Katrice Harris, and Ali Alghamdi.

Women's Resident Assistants

"The Resident Assistants" (RAs)

The role of the RA is very extensive. He or she is responsible for certain areas of their residence hall, along with the students of that particular section. An RA holds the largest scholarship available to students, due to the enormous responsibility that they undertake. They play a large role in supervising their hall, activity programming, and maintaining an atmosphere conducive to learning. RA interviews are held at the end of each spring semester, followed by a three day training period prior to fall registration. The experience that the RA develops through student to student interaction throughout the year, only further develops the leadership skills of the RA. There's no better role a student can partake in to better train themselves for future employment.



Women's Moran and Andrew's left to right-Kaytee Jones, Tammy Woethers, Michelle Evans, Kelly Wesley, Missy Hall, Hollye Willson, Olivera Djordjevic, Raegan Winland, Millie Guidry

Men's: Hank Tanner, Bo Long, Frankie Shoemaker, Eddie Hilliard, Benjamin Wood, (Not Pictured) Marko Kostic



Men's Resident Assistants

Mississippi Sound



Mississippi Sound, an auditional show choir, performs at local high schools, churches, and civic functions. In the past they have performed a Disney World, on cruise ships to the Bahamas and Mexico. The 1998 exhibition included a show choir for a National Show Choir Competition in Branson, MS.



Soundwaves: Luke Stewart, Greg Merrill, Adam Dugger, Chet Landry, and Thomas Hardy.

Soundstations: Kelly Lawson, Kacey Mann, Kirsten Moore, Celesta Williams, Stephanie Rhodes, Kirsten Brightman, not pictured Hope Wright.



Soundwaves

Perk Players

Perk Players is the campus performing arts group. Each year the Perk Players present two or three, sold-out productions. This year's first production was "The Yellow Boat" by David Saar. The play was based on the true story of David and Sonja Saar's son, Benjamin, who was born with congenital hemophilia, and died in 1987 at the age of 8 from AIDS related complications.

Being a member of the Perk Players means more than just learning a few lines and facial expressions. Members become part of a unique experience, and experience that puts them on stage and on the road to local schools, theatre festivals, workshops, conventions and the American College Theatre Festival for Mississippi. Back Row L-R: Chet Landry, Robert Rigby, Kathryn Lewis, Kirsten Brightman, Daisha Walker, Brandy Mixon, Kirsten Moore. Front Row L-R: Brook Haddad, Luke Stewart, Stacey Marshall, Shawn Hickam.



The Kids on the Block is a national group of multicultural puppets. Each year, the puppet group entertains more than 5,000 children in over 30 schools, while sending important messages about such topics as divorce, drug abuse, disabilities and many others. They dress and act like real children and are nearly life size. This bunch of kids is special to all the children of the future.



The Kids on the Block

Band of Gold



Drum Majors: Seth Willison and Andrea McElroy



Clifton Taylor-Assistant Director, David Duitt-Director, and Kathleen Braun-Perkette Director.

Under the leadership of Director David Duitt, Assistant Director Clifton Taylor, and Perkette Director Kathleen Braun, the 1997 MCCCC Band of Gold began the 1997-1998 season with an exciting half-time show featuring the time honored band classics, "Rhapsody in Blue", and "Malaguena". Thrilling audiences everywhere, the band entertained thousands of people this past fall, performing at home football games, pep rallies, and parades. As usual, the band was invited to several marching exhibitions in the Southeast to perform as the guest exhibition band. The winter months saw the band members active as members of the concert band, jazz ensemble, winter guard, and indoor drumline. Throughout the year, the Band of Gold members worked by their motto, "Get better everyday, in every way."

Band members by instrument:
Baritone: D. Blackwell, J. Booth, C. Eubanks, M. Hoggatt, V. Murray, D. Simmons, H. Watts, Clarinet: Y. Ashley, C. Bishop, Y. Cooper, C. Fullford, H. Granger, J. Henderson, A. Mann, M. Powers, C. Price, A. Stubbs, C. Williams, W. Wooten, Flute: S. Allen, T. Gates, K. Greenfield, J. Hawkins, D. Mulhern, A. Patterson, M. Roberts, J. Rousseau, R. Russell, J. Sanders, P. Walston, S. Wilson, Horn: A. Cox, C. Gray, K. Holland, K. Jones, G. Lunspey, R. Maddox, K. Vickery, J. Wheeler, Marm: Sav-Allo, E. Collins, L. Davis, D. James, A. Rahn, B. Reddy, Sax-Tenor: J. Kand, D. Morrell, A. Sorenson, J. Williams, Trombone: K. Adams, G. Andrews, J. Byrd, S. Craig, B. Glover, S. Melvin, F. Smith, Trumpet: J. Ainsworth, N. Angelo, J. Baker, M. Barlow, K. Barnes, M. Benedict, C. Bessitt, L. Bourlet, J. Crump, J. Dawson, H. Eagar, J. Magelssen, A. McMichael, O. Mire, C. Russell, S. Sawyer, K. Schaub, M. Shackelford, C. Shropshire, B. Wesley, R. Wiley, G. Woodard, Tuba: J. Gordery, K. Grove, A. Moskows, S. Ogburn, A. Pabst, T. Robinson, J. Smith, B. Stevenson, S. Wentzell.

Color Guard and Drum Line

Front Row L-R: Gina Pace, Christina Umbaugh, Caroline Jernigan, Keisha Fairley, Christi Pitts, Kylie Gibbs, Pamela Thompson, Second Row L-R: Michelle Payne, Rebecca Barbour, Tajana Glaude, Zac Roth, Liz Chaisson, Angela Jones, Kristen Kelly (Captain). Third Row L-R: Desiree Drummond, Christina Patterson, Jenny Adams, Anne-Michelle Hill, Katrice Harris (Captain), Sheri Davis, Cheryl McCully, Stephanie Cruthirds.



The 1997 edition of the MGCCC Band of Gold Color Guard and Drum Line added tremendously to this year's show. Their enthusiasm, many extra practices, and hard work made this year's show even better. This year's Color Guard was the largest ever with 22 members. In addition to performing at half-time, the Color Guard and Drum Line also performed at pep rallies, band exhibitions, and parades.



Drum Line Backrow: Missy Hill, Matt Sadlon, Heather Fernandez, Mike Green, Steven Whittington, Cornelius Robinson, Charles Burge, Jon Ludwig, Alberta Brewster, Daniel Taylor, Nathan Pendleton, Stephen Cospech, Mike Fay. Pit Front Row: Tammy Lovette, Ryan Stephenson, Tahasha Croon, Michelle Green, Carlee Daughdrill, Aimee Chapin, Will Brammer.

Perkettes, Majorette, and Managers



Front Row L-R: Leah Gentry, Tara Finnan, Nicole Latham, Tara Gallagher, Hope Moore, Melissa Holliman. Back Row L-R: Jamie Allday, Arlene Bryant, Stephanie Wilson, Rachel Pittman, Crystina Harrison, Robyn Davis, Christy Fryfogle.



Managers: John Chambers, Donald Tucker, Penelope Reynolds, Brian Jefferson, Brian Gospodinovich.

Amanda Freeman, this year's feature twirler, put in many hours creating and learning routines. Amanda has been twirling for many years and has won many competitions with her talent.



People
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Adams, Jenny
Saraland, AL
Adams, Kenneth
Pascagoula, MS
Alexandar, Nola
Wiggins, MS
Alghamdi, Ali
Saudi Arabia
Allday, Jamie
Vancleave, MS



Alley, Joe
Biloxi, MS
Almond, Casey
Pascagoula, MS
Anderson, Christy
Gulfport, MS
Anderson, Clifton
Wiggins, MS
Andrews, George
D'Iberville, MS



Angelo, Nick
Pensacola, FL
Arcement, Christie
Pass Christian, MS
Atwood, Brandy
Gulfport, MS
Ayodele, Chasity
Saucier, MS
Bachtel, Devan
Saucier, MS



Baggett, Danielle
Wiggins, MS
Baker, Johnathan
Ocean Springs, MS
Barrow, Jeremy
Lucedale, MS
Bass, Tashika
Lucedale, MS
Beech, Randy
Wiggins, MS



Beech, Reggy
Perkinston, MS
Beverage, Tony
Pineyune, MS
Blackmon, Adrienne
Ocean Springs, MS
Blackwell, Deon
Pensacola, FL
Bledsoe, Rebecca
Lucedale, MS



Bograd, Oleksandr
Kiro, Ukraine
Bograd, Sergiy
Kiro, Ukraine
Bond, Amber
Perkinston, MS
Bond, April
Perkinston, MS
Bond, Jennifer
Wiggins, MS



Bond, Rachel
Saucier, MS
Bond, Scooter
Saucier, MS
Booth, Jason
Pensacola, FL
Bourlet, Trey
St. Martin, MS
Brammer, William
Pass Christian, MS



Breazeale, Brittany
Pascagoula, MS
Breland, Jenny
Wiggins, MS
Breland, Lena
Wiggins, MS
Breland, Wyniki
Wiggins, MS
Brewet, Raynell
Houston, TX

Carlton Bell wins the "bark-
ing" contest by giving his
best Bulldog "bark" at the
PBC pep rally.



The Perkettes warm up for
band practice.



Kelly Holland adds new meaning to the phrase
"oot your own horn".

Kelly Ryan, Casey Burns, Raegan Winland, Brittany Breazeale, Kristi Tilley perform "Summer Nights" from the movie *Grosse* at The Karaoke Cook-out.



Nathan, Chad, Sam, and Otto give us a pose before practice.

Rachel, Mary, and Crystina cannot decide whether to clean up the mess now or later.

Brightman, Kirsten
D'Iberville, MS
Brooks, A.J.
D'Iberville, MS
Brown, Johnathan
Biloxi, MS
Brown, Kecia
Wiggins, MS
Brown, Ruby
Wiggins, MS



Brown, Tabitha
Lucedale, MS
Bryant, Arlene
Biloxi, MS
Bryant, Rebecca
Wiggins, MS
Bugg, Gwendolyn
Wuerzburg, Germany
Burge, Charles
Gulfport, MS



Burnett, Carol
Carriere, MS
Burns, Casey
Biloxi, MS
Butler, Pettis
Stateline, MS
Butler, Rebecca
McHenry, MS
Byrd, Josh
Pensacola, FL



Cagle, Angie
Ocean Springs, MS
Catalanotto, Anthony
Metairie, LA
Cates, Katherine
Biloxi, MS
Childers, Kelly
Marion, CA
Clark, Mitchell
Gulfport, MS



Clayton, Grace
Perkinston, MS
Collins, Erin
Woolmarket, MS
Collins, Remekia
Wiggins, MS
Coleman, Chad
Hurley, MS
Cornelley, Amy
Pascagoula, MS



Cornier, Andre
Gulfport, MS
Cook, Pasha
Houston, TX
Corcoran, Tim
Slaughter, LA
Courtney, Stephen
Perkinston, MS
Coward, Vicki
Wiggins, MS



Cox, Amanda
Ocean Springs
Craig, Josh
Gulfport, MS
Croon, Tarhassa
Pascagoula, MS
Cruthirds, Stephanie
Ocean Springs, MS
Curley, Kyle
Baton Rouge, LA



Daigle, Micheal
Houma, LA
Daniels, Tori
Perkinston, MS
Daughdrill, Carlee
Wiggins, MS
Davis, Elizabeth
Long Beach, MS
Davis, Jennifer
McHenry, MS

Davis, Robyn
Vanclove, MS
Davis, Tim
Lucedale, MS
Day, Amanda
Carnes, MS
Delaney, Jeff
Wiggins, MS
Deschamp, Tearziah
Wiggins, MS



Dixon, Carmen
Lucedale, MS
Djordjevic, Olivera
Leskovar, Yagoslavia
Dobbs, Julie
Gulfport, MS
Drummond, Desirae
Ocean Springs, MS
Dugger, Adam
Biloxi, MS



Easley, Angela
Wiggins, MS
Easterling, Bethany
Lucedale, MS
Easterling, James
Gulfport, MS
Edwards, Ken
Gulfport, MS
Elmer, Brent
Gulfport, MS



Evans, Michelle
Ocean Springs, MS
Fairley, Claudia
Wiggins, MS
Fairley, Keisha
Wiggins, MS
Fairley, Michael
Long Beach, MS
Farmer, Wanda
Gulfport, MS



Fasler, Crystal
Gulfport, MS
Finnan, Tara
Wiggins, MS
Fitzgerald, Cheryl
Lucedale, MS
Floyd, Adrian
Indianapolis, IN
Forester, Paula
Canton, MS



Fountain, Charles
Pascagoula, MS
Free, Heather
Perkinston, MS
Freeman, Amanda
Ocean Springs, MS
Gabler, Sandra
Trebula, Germany
Gallagher, Tara
Vanclove, MS



Garcia, Charlotte
Bay St. Louis, MS
Gates, Tracy
Perkinston, MS
Gentry, Leah
Long Beach, MS
Glaude, Tajana
Moss Point, MS
Glover, Brittney
Vanclove, MS



Grace, Nathan
Ocean Springs, MS
Green, Kathleen
Pass Christian, MS
Green, Mike
Gautier, MS
Greene, Tai'sheree
Detroit, MI
Greenfield, Kellie
Ocean Springs, MS



Chuck Burge, Amanda Freeman,
and Anne-Michelle Hill are
enjoying a sunny day at Foot-
ball's Meet-the-Team.

Trina Smith, Danielle Baggett,
Mandy Herrmann, Ginger
Wixon, Christina Heredia and
Katherine Cates eagerly listen to
the advisors at the yearbook
workshop.



Steve Whittington is thinking
"Do I come in on measure 2 ... or
is it measure 3?"

VICA shows their school spirit at the Homecoming Parade. Pictured: J. Rodkey, J. Jones, B. Thrash, P. Jones, Dr. Ferguson, G. Jacobs, A. Wood, J. Royston, R. Bond, K. Lawson, K. Moore, D. Shivers, J. Pierce, M. McNew, J. Craig, F. Hargett, J. Sims, J. Salley.

Liz Davis and Kathryn Webb hangin' out on a lazy day.



Tarhasa Croon's future is so bright, she has to wear shades.

We've got spirit! We've got spirit. Yes we do!
We've got spirit! How about you?

Grimes, Tiffany
D'Iberville, MS
Guntun, Richard
Long Beach, MS
Haley, Dwana
Wiggins, MS
Hall, Michael
Mount Olive, MS
Hardy, Brooke
Moss Point, MS



Harrison, Crystina
Biloxi, MS
Harvey, Victor
McHenry, MS
Hebert, Cynthia
Pascagoula, MS
Henderson, Danielle
Lucedale, MS
Henderson, Jonetta
Gulfport, MS



Heredia, Christina
Quitto, Ecuador
Herndon, Michael
Lucedale, MS
Herodes, DJ
Long Beach, MS
Herrien, Carmen
Wiggins, MS
Herrin, Amanda
Wiggins, MS



Herrmann, Mandy
Gulfport, MS
Hickam, Shawn
Moss Point, MS
Hickman, Angela
Wiggins, MS
Hickman, Herbert
Wiggins, MS
Hicks, John
Birmingham, AL



Hicks, Teco
Gulfport, MS
Hill, Maurice
Lucedale, MS
Hollimon, Dana
Gulfport, MS
Holliman, Melissa
Perkinson, MS
Huddleston, Adam
Lucedale, MS



Huddleston, Maranda
Lucedale, MS
Hunter, Andrew
D'Iberville, MS
Irvin, Janet
New Orleans, LA
Jack, Raven
Lucedale, MS
Jacob, George
D'Iberville, MS



James, Delaina
Ocean Springs, MS
James, Tyronica
Wiggins, MS
Jernigan, Carolyn
Biloxi, MS
Joiner, Chefrun
Ocean Springs, MS
Jones, John
Ocean Springs, MS



Jones, Kaytee
Fairhope, AL
Jones, Nathaniel
Bay St. Louis, MS
Jordan, Audrey
Lucedale, MS
Kelly, Kristin
Pensacola, FL
Koller, Derek
Texarkana, AR

Kostic, Marko
Serbia, Yugoslavia
Kuykendall, Drew
Pascagoula, MS
Ladner, Kiley
Pass Christian, MS
LaFontaine, Shealey
Bay St. Louis, MS
Landry, Chet
Biloxi, MS



Macmillan, Sean
Biloxi, MS
Mann, Kacey
Perkinston, MS
Mapels, Della
Lucedale, MS
Martin, Alena
Wiggins, MS
Martinez, Nelson
Gulfport, MS

Langlais, Johanna
D'Iberville, MS
Latham, Nicole
Biloxi, MS
Lawson, Kelly
Wiggins, MS
Lee, Darren
Wiggins, MS
Lewis, David
Moss Point, MS



Marshall, Stacey
Lucedale, MS
Mathews, Katherine
Perkinston, MS
McDaniel, Amanda
Wiggins, MS
McDougle, LaKendra
Saucier, MS
McGrath, Cindy
Gautier, MS

Lewnau, Tamara
Baton Rouge, MS
Lindsey, Jennifer
Ocean Springs, MS
Lott, Suzanne
Moss Point, MS
Lousseau, Jennifer
Love, Tabia
Moss Point, MS



McMorris, Jennifer
Diamondhead, MS
McQueen, Michelle
Wiggins, MS
Mesa, Tara
Perkinston, MS
Mhlanga, Bongani
Zimbabwe, Africa
Moore, Hope
Vancleave, MS

Ludwig, John
Ocean Springs, MS
Lusk, Mandy
Biloxi, MS
Lynn, David
Moss Point, MS
Lyons, Patrick
Biloxi, MS
Mack, Kevin
Ocean Springs, MS



Moore, Kirsten
Long Beach, MS
Moore, LaKesha
Gulfport, MS
Morgan, Robin
Gulfport, MS
Mulhern, Dana
Mobile, AL
Murdock, Jason
Ocean Springs, MS

Patricia Vogle "volunteers" help
with the Phi Theta Kappa dis-
play for Homecoming.



Keisha Nelson, Kristie Reed and
Sharee Gordon show off their
"singing" talents at The Karoke
Cook-Out.



Christina Patterson, Christina Umbaugh, and
Andria McElroy "dress up" for the Homecoming
Parade.

Stacy Wyatt goes for a home run.



Kristina, Michelle, Danielle, Seth and Kirsten are patiently waiting to meet the team.



Brian Depreo contemplates his next play.



Keisha Fairley calls home just to say "hey".

Newbill, Amber
McHenry, MS
Newmann, Angie
Ocean Springs, MS
Norman, Brenda
Wiggins, MS
O'Neal, Jennifer
Perkinson, MS
O'Quinn, Dedra
Perkinson, MS



Overcast, Kristina
Wiggins, MS
Patterson, April
Knoxville, TN
Patterson, Rickey
D'Iberville, MS
Payne, Michelle
Biloxi, MS
Peltier, Tabitha
Saucier, MS



Pendleton, Nathan
Ocean Springs, MS
Pierce, James
Biloxi, MS
Pierce, Terra
Wiggins, MS
Pitts, Christi
Ocean Springs, MS
Plumberg, Jeremy
Lucedale, MS



Ponder, Sharon
Gautier, MS
Prieboda, Haven
Wiggins, MS
Price, Carrie
Pascagoula, MS
Price, Stacy
Saucier, MS
Pride, Carl
D'Iberville, MS



Pubill, Adrian
Pensacola, MS
Rahn, April
Marianna, FL
Ramsey, Travis
Wiggins, MS
Redmond, Ashley
Philadelphia, MS
Rigsby, Robert
Ocean Springs, MS



Riley, Shonte'
Gulfport, MS
Roberts, Desiree
Wiggins, MS
Roberts, McCall
Ocean Spring, MS
Robinson, Heather
Biloxi, MS
Rogers, Richard
Biloxi, MS



Royston, Jesse
Escataway, MS
Russett, Christina
Ocean Springs, MS
Russett, Rosemary
Ocean Springs, MS
Ryan, Kelly
Ocean Springs, MS
Sawyer, Stephen
Bay Minette, AL



Seaman, Rusty
Moss Point, MS
Sezgin, Utku
Izmir, Turkey
Shayshine, Craig
Biloxi, MS
Sims, Jeffrey
Piscataway, MS
Slade, Jeremy
Gulfport, MS



Smith, Wayne
Wiggins, MS
Smith, April
Poplarville, MS
Smith, James
Perkinson, MS
Smith, Jeremy
Wiggins, MS
Smith, Timothy
Natchez, MS



Smith, Trina
Lumberton, MS
Spans, Tauna
D'Iberville, MS
Sterling, Rico
Mobile, AL
Stevenson, Ryan
Ocean Springs, MS
Stewart, Luke
Lucedale, MS



Stokley, Alice
Wade, MS
Stone, Sherry
Perkinson, MS
Street, Nina
Lucedale, MS
Strickland, Wanda
Wiggins, MS
Stubbs, Amanda
Gautier, MS



Suzuki, Kazunori
Odawara, Japan
Tackett, Danielle
Saucier, MS
Tarbin, Manson
Lucedale, MS
Teal, Lemuel
Ft. Meyers, FL
Thrasher, Joseph
Pascagoula, MS



Tilley, Kristi
Lucedale, MS
Towroend, Jason
Gulfport, MS
Tucker, Charlette
Baton Rouge, LA
Umbaugh, Christina
Ocean Springs, MS
Uqdah, Syid
Ocean Springs, MS



Vickery, Karen
Ocean Springs, MS
Volesky, Kenneth
Ocean Springs, MS
Wallace, Chris
Lucedale, MS
Wallace, Jonathan
Lucedale, MS
Wallace, Jon
D'Iberville, MS



Ward, Chuck
Gautier, MS
Warden, Jaime
Wiggins, MS
Washington, Reginald
Orange, FL
Weaver, Scott
Ocean Springs, MS
Webb, Kathryn
Ocean Springs, MS



Weeks, Nicole
Lucedale, MS
Wells, Scott
Ocean Springs, MS
Wells, Tres
Moss Point, MS
Wesley, Bryan
Wiggins, MS
Wheat, Jason
Gulfport, MS

Jerrell Barron is thinking when-
ever you get in a jam, just run.
Run as fast as you can.



Nathan, Colen, Billy, Matt,
Chuck, and Joseph at PRC pep
rally supporting the Dawgs.



Ashley Wilkes smiling brightly at The
Karoke Cook-Out.

Nathan Havens taking a stroll on the
road to success.



Nathan Havens acts like a baby to win a prize at the Real Deal Crazy Game Show.

Bryan Gospodinovich, Mike Faye, and Christi Pitts joke around during Andrews Hall open dorm.

White, Jeff
Vance, MS
White, Kristen
Wiggins, MS
Wiedermann, Jessica
Ocean Springs, MS
Wilborn, Khalilah
Ocean Springs, MS
Wiley, Russell
Vance, MS



Wilkes, Ashley
Ocean Springs, MS
Williams, Celesta
Hattiesburg, MS
Williamson, Derek
Gulfport, MS
Willison, Hollye
Perkinson, MS
Willison, Seth
Perkinson, MS



Winland, Raegan
Ocean Springs, MS
Witty, Aaron
Baton Rouge, LA
Wixon, Ginger
Pascagoula, MS
Woehchan, Kenneth
Ocean Springs, MS
Wood, Amber
Pascagoula, MS



Wood, Benji
Gautier, MS
Wooten, Wanda
Ocean Springs, MS
Wyatt, Stacy
Ocean Springs, MS
Zuller, Kimberly
Perkinson, MS
Zuller, Daniel
Perkinson, MS



Rayburn, Pam
Carnes, MS



Acres, Charles
Anderson, Brenda
Batey, Brenda
Bond, Edna



Bond, Sherree
Bounds, Suzan
Braun, Kathleen
Burnside, Joanna



Calcoste, Chris
Catalano, Cheryl
Cooley, Faye
Cooley, Terry



Davis, Joan
Davis, Sylvia
Dees, Johnnette
Donahoe, Jeff



Dueitt, David
Farmer, Pam
Farmer, Tammy
Ferguson, Dr. Travis



Goble, Sandra
Grant, Belinda
Green, Jimmy
Guevara, Becky



Hall, Tammy
Hargett, Freddie
Hartfield, Rick
Hatten, Debra



Hatten, Russell
Hendry, Kathy
Jacobs, Jesse
James, Angela



Tracy Carter and Tammie
Weathers show us their win-
ning smiles at the Football
Meet-the-Team Pep Rally.

Bob Rominger (far right) calls
a "time-out" for the staff.
From Left: Sherri Morrison,
Trudy Lee, Pam Ladner,
Sylvia Davis, Tammie Weath-
ers, Carole Pearce, Monica
Miller.



Dean Rominger, Dean Dees,
Mr. Whingham and Marko
Kostic show how "intense"
singing karaoke can be at The
Karoke Cook-Out.

Charlie Sullivan shows us
how he keeps his many stu-
dents in line at his infamous
map window.

Chris Calcote, Athletic Director, introduces the football coaches at Media Day in D'Iberville.

Some of Perk's faculty and staff are enjoying the entertainment at the Football's Meet-the-Team Pep Rally.



Carole Pearce, Academic Counselor, is always ready to help students with their class problems.

Nell Murray, Executive Assistant for Development, shows Jeff Donahoe, Dean of Student Services, what she means by "clowning around".

Jones, Pam
Keis, Rob
Lee, Dr. Addie
Lee, Trudy



Lewis, Kathryn
Lott, Marilyn
Marshfield, Dot
Morrison, Sherri



Nafziger, Cindy
Nalepa, Brenda
Naramore, Teri
Nichols, Drennan



Patterson, Carolyn
Pearce, Carole
Price, Dana
Price, Jodi



Provis, Ann
Puckett, Terry
Roberts, Dr. Diane
Sekul, Michelle



Sheffield, James
Smith, James Ray
Sullivan, Charles
Taylor, Clifton



Taylor, David
Turek, Sandra
Walker, Daisha
Weathers, Bob



Weathers, Tommie
Whingham, Arthur
Willis, Billy Joe
Wright, Steve



Mr. Bob Rominger enjoys refreshments at the Alumni House International Student reception.



Mr. Charles Acres poses with his art work for the AIDS Quilt.

Dr. Addie Lee enjoys the Mardi Gras festivities.



Mrs. Jane Sullivan and Coach Cooper Farris pose for a Hal-loween photo.

Security officers Ricky Farmer and Mike Farmer observe the "Back to school cook-out" with Mr. Jeff Donahoe and his daughter Katie.

Mrs. Kim Jones and son Lake pose for the camera.



Resident hall supervisors: Tammie Weathers, Kirk Ladner, Ed Wilson and Coach Wendell Weathers.



Dr. Joe Cliburn, Mr. Jeff Donahoe and Mr. Rick Hartfield keep an eye on the football game.

Mrs. Edna Bond and Ms. Sandra Goble take a much needed break in the Business office.



Ms. Carole Pearce assists Dale Patterson with a Phi Theta Kappa application.

Perk Sports

Trina Melton #33, drives the wide open lane to score a basket.



John Hicks shoots a jump shot in his opponents face.



Stacy Wyatt, the mascot, is ready to take on her rival in a one-on-one boxing match.



Gulf Coast slides into 3rd base as the 3rd baseman tries to get him out.



In Action

Gulf Coast Bulldogs recover the ball.



Watch out! It's shake-and-bake time!



All the teams come together to represent the school.

Student Snaps



Mr. Perk
Carlos Bell



Miss Perk
Casey Burns



Most Handsome
Drew Kuykendall



Most Beautiful
Kathryn Webb



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Tres Wells



Adam Casey



Brent Elmer



Hope Moore



Elizabeth Davis



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Randy Beech



Sherrod Peace



Johanna Langlinais



Angela Jones



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Teherence Hinton



Charlotte Tucker



Mandy Lusk

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Luke Stewart



Tara Gallagher



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Who's Who Among

Amber Roxanne Bond



Jane R. Brown



Erin L. Collins



Vicki Colleen Cowart



Rachael J. Cunningham



Olivera Djordjevic



Helen Michelle Evans



Andi M. Fairley



American Junior Colleges

Tara M. Finnan



Heather D. Free



Tara M. Gallagher



Nathan C. Havens



Amanda L. Herrmann



Brooke P. Johnson



John B. Jones



Marko Kostic



Who's Who Among

Deborah L. Lane



Rachel M. Lawson



Melissa C. McNew



Jennifer Nahlik



American Junior Colleges

Pam Rayburn



Kelly A. Ryan



James Byron Smith



Leanne R. Vineyard



Jennifer S. O'Neal



Michelle L. Payne



Jarvis N. Perkins



Terra L. Pierce



Kathryn L. Webb



Kristen R. White



Hollye Lorae Willison



Raegan L. Winland



HALL OF FAME



Amber Roxanne Bond, 20 year old daughter of Gerald and Carolyn Bond, of Perkinston, Mississippi is majoring in accounting. She is the secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of Reflections, Honors, Work Study, Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and an active participant of Sunflower Baptist Church. She tutors at Stone Middle School and Perkinston Elementary School and is a Mentor at Stone Elementary School. She has a GPA of 4.0 and her plans for the future are to attend the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and continue her studies in Accounting.

Olivera Djordjevic, the 20 year old daughter of Nadica and Blasko Djordjevic graduated from Victor Valley High School in California. She is a native of Leskovac, Yugoslavia and is majoring in International Business with a minor in computers. Her activities include Moran Hall dorm resident, assistant basketball scorekeeper, European team handball, a member of PBL, PTK, and international student organization. She has a GPA of 3.94 and her plans for the future include studying International Law.



HALL OF FAME



Tara Gallagher, 19 year old daughter of Georganne Cochran, of Vancleave, Mississippi, graduated from Vancleave High School. Her activities include Perketette captain and "The Yellow Boat." She is in Phi Theta Kappa, and Delta Club. She is majoring in Physical Therapy with a GPA of 4.0. Her plans for the future include attending Jackson Medical Center and continuing with her studies in physical therapy.

Marko Kostic, the 21 year old son of Nikola and Vida Kostic, of Glenwood Springs High School, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, is from Leskovac, Yugoslavia. He is majoring in Electrical Engineering with a GPA of 4.0. He is a member of the All-Mississippi Academic Team, President's List recipient, Annual Physics Award, Annual General Chemistry Award, and Honorable Mention Short Story Writing Award. His activities include President of Phi Theta Kappa, International Honors Society, President of Delta Club, engineering club, Volunteer Tutor in the Learning Lab for Math, Physics, General Chemistry, and History. He was a tour guide for the Vietnam Moving Wall Exhibit and a 1997 MGCCC cheerleader. He plans to conduct research in electrical engineering in the future.



HALL OF FAME



Jennifer O'Neal, 20 year old daughter of Don and Peggy O'Neal, graduated from Stone High School and lives in Perkinston, Mississippi. She is majoring in Marketing and has a 4.0 GPA. Her after school activities include being a pharmacy technician and real estate salesperson. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa (V.P. of Scholarship) and All-Mississippi Academic Team. She tutors at the elementary school and is a soup kitchen volunteer. Her plans for the future include receiving a Master's degree in Marketing at the University of Southern Mississippi in order to be a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative.

Kelly Anne Ryan, 19 year old daughter of Walter and Regina Ryan, graduated from Ocean Springs High School and is a native of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. She is majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology with a GPA of 3.65. Her activities include St. Alphonsus Youth Mission Team, and 1997 Homecoming Queen. She is a member of the Reflections Recruitment Team (Treasurer), Who's Who among American Junior Colleges, Bulldog Babe, Phi Theta Kappa (Vice President), and a cheerleader. She volunteers as a Gayfer Girl. Her future plans include attending Delta State University where she will major in Speech Pathology.



HALL OF FAME



Kathryn Webb, 20 year old daughter of Ronald and Candice Webb, graduated from Ocean Springs High School and is a resident of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. She is majoring in Art with a GPA of 3.5 with Honors and a minor in Business. Her activities include Executive Student Body President, Honors, Vice President of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa and Bulldog Babe captain. She was a freshman Perkette. Her plans for the future include becoming an Insurance lawyer.

Kristen Rebecca White, 19 year old daughter of Roger and Tamar White, is a resident of Wiggins, Mississippi and a graduate of Stone High. She is majoring in Speech Pathology with a GPA of 3.8 with special honors. She is Historian for Phi Theta Kappa and Reflections. She volunteers as a tutor at Perkinston Elementary and a mentor for Stone Elementary. Her future plans include receiving a Master's degree in Speech Pathology.



HALL OF FAME



Raegan Lane Winland, 19 year old daughter of Robert and Diana Winland, is a resident of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where she graduated from Ocean Springs High School. She is majoring in Business with a GPA of 4.0 and a minor in Marketing. She is a member of Reflections, where she is the President, vice president of Leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, Executive officer for Student Council, and Captain of the cheerleading squad. Her plans for the future include attending the University of Southern Mississippi.



Benjamin Clement Wood, 21 year old son of Dennis and Susan Wood, is a resident of Gautier, Mississippi, where he graduated from Pascagoula High School. He is a Child Development Technician major with a GPA of 3.4. He is a member of VICA, BSU, Mississippi Sound, Soundwaves, Who's Who among American Junior Colleges and a Perk Player. His future plans include becoming a full-time Minister.



Perkinston Campus

Happy Howlidays from Dees Hall.



Thanks for the beautiful decorations in Dees Hall, Mrs. Ethel Lott!



Mr. and Mrs. Acres admiring the Clydesdales while waiting for a ride.



Tammy Leverette puts the final touches on the Christmas tree in Malone Hall.



Celebrates Christmas



Rickey Patterson takes off on Santa's ride.



Merry Christmas from the Student Council.



Mandy McDaniel, Robert Rigby, and Amber Wood, spread Christmas cheer.



April Sanzing and Jessica Kard prepare to "toot their horns."



It's a tradition for the children from the community to visit with Santa on campus.

Funeral Service Technology

The curriculum for educating prospective funeral service professionals is a structured series of course experiences.

The goal of the funeral service technology program is to provide training that prepares students for entry level positions after graduation and licensure. Students pictured L to R Back Row are Sharon Ponder, Jeff Sims, Clifton Anderson, Mike Hall, George Jacobs, Darren Lee; L to R Middle Row are Cynthia Hebert, Dana Holliman, Kathy Green, Josh Craig and Center: Rickey Patterson. Not pictured are Carl Butler, Bongani Mhlanga, Josh Ladimer, and Jamie.



Bongani Mhlanga inspects the casket lining.



Sharon Ponder, Jeff Sims, and Cliff Anderson see just how cold the refrigeration system is.



Mr. Freddie Hargett, instructor, Darren Lee, and Kathy Green listen with eager ears.



Josh Craig and Rickey Patterson practice for their funeral directing final.

Kathy Green, Daniel Zuller, Josh Craig, and Sharon Ponder set up the casket marketing room.



Dr. Ferguson and Mr. Hargett discuss purchase orders and affiliation agreements.

The Reflections Recruiting Team display school spirit on their homecoming float. They received first place on this float.

Students participate in karaoke at the Student Council "Back-to-School" cocktail.



The Reflections Recruiting Team pose with Santa Claus in Wiggins while passing out coloring books and candy to the children as they sat in Santa's lap for pictures.



The choir sings a few Christmas melodies for the students and faculty at the "Lighting of the Campus".

Canned goods collected by many clubs and organizations on campus for a needy community are being loaded onto a truck by Michelle Evans.

Amber Bond lights a candle at the Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony.



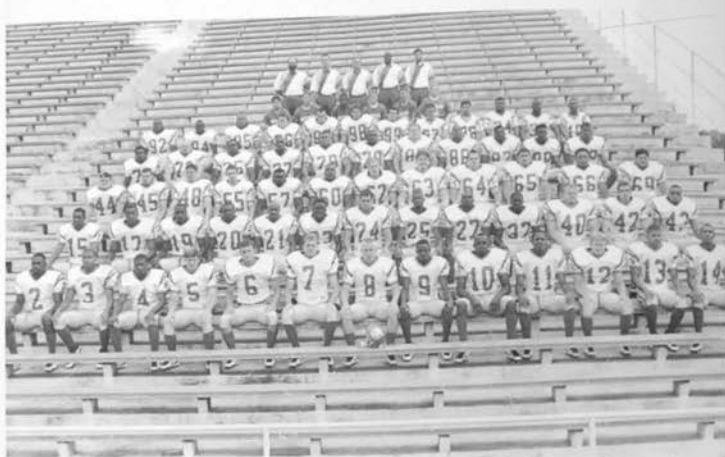
Kristi Tilley, Michelle Evans, Raegan Winland, Kathryn Webb, and Hollye Willisen are introduced as the Student Council executive officers at the "Meet-the-Team" day.





Sports

Football

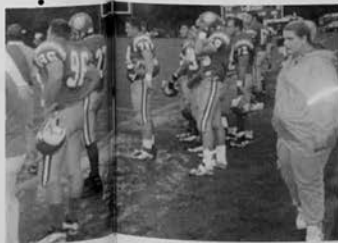


1st Row L-R: Derrick Washington, Jarvis Well, Gary Moore, Billy Dorgan, Danny Hudson, Jeff White, Sean MacMillan, Dennison Robinson, Kelvin Robinson, Tyrus Burton, David Lewis, Geoffrey Nichols, John Green. 2nd Row L-R: Jamie Henderson, Andree White, Jermaine Curtis, Carl Pride, Herman Robins, Otto Crawford, Brian Depreo, Gary Brown, Kasey Smith, Clarence Fairley, Sam Huff, Andy Hunter, Darius Giles. 3rd Row L-R: Chad Coleman, Joseph Thrasher, Chuck Ward, Randy Beech, Demetrius Beverly, Jarvis Perkins, Mance Bullock, Nathan Grace, Scott Harper, Jason Holcomb, Brandon Long, Richard Rogers. 4th L-R: Donzell Bolton, Daniel Richardson, Jermaine McGilberry, Kenneth Lunzy, Randy Hogan, Trey O'Bryant, Kody Edwards, Johnny Sterling, Arvuan Hayden, Jerrell Barron. 5th Row L-R: Rodney Young, Mike Jones, Sherrod Peace, Mark Holmes, Nathan Havens, Matt Spitzer, Byron Smith, Colen Brown, Wayne Smith, Richard Crosby, Tellis Weathersby, James



Thomas. 6th Row L-R: Scooter Bond, David Crutchfield, Antonio Mason, Thomas Smith, Drew Kuykendall, Erica Davis. Last Row: Coaches, Mike Gavin, Robert Cloud, Steve Wright, Kelvin Lyon, and Jerry Sharpe, trainer.

L-R: Trainer Jerry Sharpe, Coach Robert Cloud, Head Coach Steve Wright, Coach Mike Gavin, Coach Kelvin Lyon.



Darius Giles (#43) and Brian Depreo (#24) take a break at practice.



Billy Dorgan (#5) takes a water break while watching his teammates.



FOOTBALL



Coach Cloud and Coach Lyon give pep talks to players Andy Hunter (#42), Demetrius Beverly (#57), and Otto Crawford (#23).

Football players and Erica Davis watch the Bulldogs win from the sideline on Homecoming.

Bulldog Cheerleaders

Our cheerleaders show off their spirit by doing their pyramid.



Mascot, Stacy Wyatt, shows off some sharp moves.



Cheerleader Sponsor, Tammie Weathers



Kelly McLain, Robert Rigby, Raegan Winland, Marty Clower, Molly Rector, Nelson Martinez, Kelly Ryan, Gavin Ladner, Tabitha Brown, Marko Kostic, Angie Newman, and mascot Stacy Wyatt.

The cheerleaders show off their spirit at Blaylock Park in Wiggins for the homecoming Pep Rally.



Josh Odum & Molly Rector pose for a quick snap.



Tabitha and Jason show off their stunt with Marko spotting.



The cheerleaders pose for the camera.

Kelly Ryan puts complete trust in her teammates.

Let's see how strong the girls are!



Men's Basketball

Team Members: Mark Williams, Tecardo Hicks, Dewayne Luckett, Lawrence Martin, Mitchell Clark, Jeremy Slade, Adrian Floyd, Michael Fairley, Raynell Brewer, John Hicks, Travis Ramsey, Chris Dames, and Cedric McCrory.



The basketball team is warming up for a winning game.

BASKETBALL



Coach Bob Weathers, head coach



Coach Wendell Weathers, assistant coach



Don't let them score!



Adrian Floyd shoots a hoop from the free throw line.

Lawrence Martin is getting warmed up practicing his lay-ups before the game.

Lady Bulldogs

Bottom Row L to R: Chiquita Moses, Raven Jack, Pash Cook, Mandy Theobald, Felicia Hayes, Charlotte Tucker, Trina Melton, and Millie Guidry. Top Row L to R: Utka Sezin, Nina Street, Amy Connelly, Tabia Love, Janet Irvin, Keisha Nelson, Tashika Bass, and Alex Bograd.



Coach Carolyn Patterson, assistant coach, and Coach Greg Holmes, head coach.



Keisha Nelson goes for a basket while team members watch.



Coach Holmes reviews the play with the team.

BASKETBALL



Pasha Cook shows off her talent by shooting a basket.



The team is ready for action.

Chiquita Moses fights to pass the ball.



Baseball

The 1998 bulldog baseball team is fired-up for another great year after coming back as the defending state and South Division champs. With a season-ending record of 38-13 in 1997, the bulldogs claimed the two championship titles, plus a spot in the NJCAA Region 23 tournament in Meridian last May. The bulldogs will have the entire infield back this year, including six pitchers, who as freshmen claimed 22 wins among themselves last season. Players are as listed: Front row: L to R - Jonathan Wallace, Jason Murdock, Jeremy Parker, Durrey Hudson, Bo Long, Jon Wallace, Brent Elmer, Pat Lyons, Desmond O'Quinn, and Rusty Seaman. Middle row: L to R - Frankie Shoemaker, Adam Huddleston, Lance Allen, Tres Wells, Andrew Odum, Johnny Herbert, Chet Batson, Trey Bullinger, Tim Davis and Joey Bastris. Back Row: L to R - Joey Hubble, Casey Almond, Derek Koller, Brandon Davis, Sean Black, Adam Casey, Scott Smith, D.J. Herodes, Hunter Hornsby, and Adrain Holley.



Jeremy Parker steps up to the plate.



Assistant coach Michael Cudd and head coach Cooper Farris.

"Smokey" helps clean up around the concession stand.



Trey Wells knocks yet another ball out of the park!



The team congratulates Trey Wells on his homerun as he crosses the plate.

Players show their spirit as another runner scores.

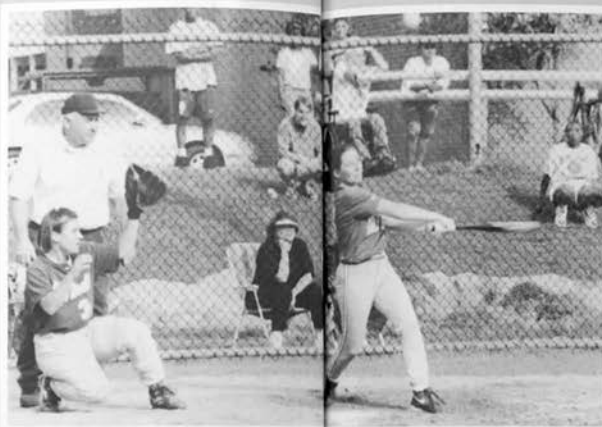


Bulldog Babes pictured from L-R Front Row: Tiffany Grimes, Kathryn Webb, Raegan Winland, Angie Cagle, Ashley Wilkes, Kelly Ryan. Middle Row L-R: Michelle Evans, Angie Neumann, Mandy Lusk, Tabitha Brown, Kelly McLain, and Johanna Langinas. Back Row L-R: Mrs. Moore, Arlene Bryant, Carmen Dixon, Robyn Davis, and Maranda Huddleston.

"SOFTBALL"

This year's team is very young. The roster, complete with 18 players, consists of 12 freshmen and 8 sophomores. We expect to have a very competitive year. The girls seem excited to be here and be part of what we are trying to build. If their dedication and hard work remains, we will improve over last years' 10-18 mark.

Sophomore, Brittany Breazeale pops up a foul ball.



Casey Burns doing incline repetitions while Kiley Ladner looks on.



Sara Vansteensburg, Brittany Breazeale, Casey Burns, and Kiley Ladner loosen up before practice.



Liz Davis spots Alicia Hoda with her squat exercises.

Team players "crunch up".

1998 Softball team pictured front row L to R: Stacy Wyatt, Kelli Wesley, Karen Farmer, Johanna Langlinas, Kiley Ladner, Shanika Wells, Kim Fallon, Suzanne Lott, Sharree Long. Back row L to R: Sara Vansteensburg, Katrina Johnson, Shantar Adams, Brittany Breazeale, Kristi Tilley, Elizabeth Davis, Maranda Huddleston, Alicia Hoda, Juanita Hawkins, Missy Hall and Coach Carolyn Patterson. Not pictured, Casey Burns.



Softball players stretch their legs in a strenuous wall exercise.

MGCCC Golf Team



Transportation Crew



L to R: Ronnie Sims, David Newbill, Gary Moore and Tommy Wells



L to R: Dale Taylor, Patricia Milligan, Jack Brewton, Darlene Bunn, Jerry Windham, Ricky Farmer and Doyle Sargent

Campus Police

Mighty voices of Praise Gospel Choir



BSU gospel choir: Bottom row L to R - Renekia Collins, Latasha Nobles, Adrian Pubill, Franklin Smith, Carlos Bell, Khalilian Wilborn, Carmen Herrien. Middle row: L to R - Tashasa Croon, Celesta Williams, Wanda Wooten, Johathan Brown, Dedra O'Quirne, Catrice Harris. Top row: L to R - Rena Stockley, Lakeshia Moore, Gregory Merrell, Chefrun Joiner, Joseph Williams.

Not shown - Daniel Francis, Reverend Francis, Preston Hughes, Dwight Johnson, Nathaniel Jones, Thomas Marx III, David Mobley, Shelia Murray, Tiffany Triplett, Danielle Wells.

Carlos Bell, a man of many things, is head of the gospel choir.



A black history month celebration

Robert Rigsby showing off his talent with ballet dance pose.



Amazing angels perform as guests at the black history program.



An instrumental song of Amazing Grace was played by Joseph Williams and Franklin Smith.



Tammy Leverette and Nathaniel Jones play characters in a skit called "Keep the Dream Alive".

"A Little Touch of Shakespeare"

Duncan Inches plays Shakespeare and introduces the audience to the writings and characters that Shakespeare created over 400 years ago. The insights provided by Inches offers a unique look into how Shakespeare's plays were presented in their original form and the meanings that lie within his famous soliloquies. Inches has devoted his life to studying and playing the Bard of Avon. He has performed with the New Hampshire Repertory and Boston Lyric Stage. On several occasions, he joined the Syracuse Symphony and the Milwaukee Symphony for concerts with conductor Neil Gittleman.

Mr. Inches
snarls
at the
thought!



Mr. Inches shares camera time with Becca Barbour, Kyle Gibbs, and Robert Rigsby.



ACTUNG! I KILLED PRIVATE

The concept and script for this murder mystery was the product of the Oral Interpretation class. They felt that students needed to increase their awareness of the Gregory War Memorial Chapel and they also needed to be actively involved in its renovation. The murder mystery provided the perfect vehicle for this. Some of the situations in the play written by members of the Oral Interpretation class were written to interest, entertain and involve students in the audience. However, everyone can understand and enjoy the events as they unfold. Everyone had a wonderful time working to put this together for a good cause.

The star of the show: Private Charles Sullivan.

Russell Hatten was defending himself of the murder to Sherlock Holmes(Shannon Hilbun).

Private Charles Sullivan and his wife, Jane Sullivan (Jennifer Rouse) withstand with their kids.

Scooby Doo(Shawn Hickman) and friends(Adam Meadows, Delaina James, Brooke Hardy and Becca Barbour).



Buster Stringfellow and Kojack(Adam Meadows) are racking their brains over this mystery.

Charlie Sullivan autographs a hurricane book won by Ray.



Everyone stands at attention before they are pinned with the iron cross.

The man in disguise(Robert Rigsby) and Sherlock Holmes(Shannon Hilbun) are looking far and wide for the killer.



Adam Meadows holds the iron crosses for Charles Sullivan to pin on the conspirators.

Members of the audience join in by singing the song "Lili Marlene".

CHARLES SULLIVAN

MARDI

1998 Mardi Gras Court:
Michelle Evans, David
Lewis, Robyn Davis,
Stuart McMorris, Ashley
Wilkes, Pat Lyons, Rae-
gan Winland, Marty
Clowen, Queen-Katie
Jones, Charles Burge,
Keisha Moore, Joe
Williams, Katrice Harris,
Robert Rigsby, Chistina
Heredia, Christian
Lopez, Crystina Harri-
son, Larry Bates.



The Street band en-
tertains the guests at the
Mardi Gras Ball.



Robyn Davis & Chip
Lott get down at the
Mardi Gras Ball.

Amber, Kris-
ten &
Heather
show off
their Mardi
Gras smile.



Child devel-
opment
classes show
off their
Mardi Gras
spirit with a
parade.



GRAS



Hollye Willison, Carlen Bell,
Mandy Herrmann, Rickey Pat-
terson, Michelle Payne, Mike
Shackelford, Amber Bond,
Reggie Beech, Kelly Ryan,
King-Ali Alghamdi, Brandy
Mixon, Ashley Redmond,
Kimberly Zuller, Jonathan
Chambers, Brooke Hardy,
Shawn Hickman, Kristi Tilley,
Mark Holmes, Keisha Nelson,
Mark Williams.

1998 Mardi Gras
Queen-Katie Jones



Wayne Smith &
Tammy Leverette
share a slow dance
at the Mardi Gras
Ball.

Michael Daigle adds a little
"touch" to the punch.



Tracey Carter & Tammie
Weathers

Yearbook Staff

The Trident/Perkolator Yearbook staff worked extremely hard to produce a book that would reflect upon the 1997-98 school year. Through all the long meetings, hard work and deadlines, we all managed to come out on top with a great book that captured the activities and memories of the Perkinson Campus. This year the staff was sponsored by Mrs. Pam Farmer and Mrs. Sylvia Davis. We would like to thank both of them for their hard work and dedication to the staff because we would not have made it without them. Mandy Herrmann and Ginger Wixon continued their jobs as editor from last years staff and also did a great job. The 1997-98 yearbook staff members are as pictured: Top: Rickey Patterson, Mandy Herrmann, Ginger Wixon; Bottom: Sponsor Mrs. Davis, Stephanie Cruithrds and Tarhasha Croon. Not pictured: Pam Rayburn



Mandy Herrmann demonstrates how to draw a layout to new staff members.



Rickey Patterson and Stephanie Cruithrds are hard at work on their assignments for an upcoming deadline.



Editors Mandy Herrmann and Ginger Wixon pose for a picture at the Mardi Gras Ball.

Top: Herff Jones yearbook representative Chris Creswell discusses a layout theme with editors Ginger & Mandy. Below: Ginger says "just shoot me!"



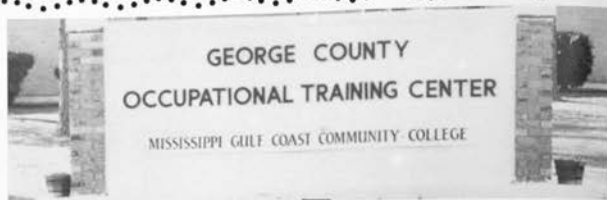
Pam Rayborn contemplates why she got herself into this mess!



Mandy Herrmann & Rickey Patterson proudly represent the yearbook staff at the 1998 Mardi Gras Ball.



Mrs. Davis types the copy for a deadline into the computer.



Burney, Larry
Harris, Tinker
Havard, Gloria
Jackson, Carrie



Johnston, Benjamin
Mizell, Ronnie
Roberts, Brenda
Smith, Jannie



Anna Faye Kelley, Dean

The George County Occupational Training Center, located in Lucedale 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.



George County Occupational Training Center

Allman, Chasity
Bailey, Kattie
Barbour, Jamie
Bastine, Crystal
Beckham, Brandy



Blair, Pamela
Bosarge, Shawn
Bounds, Gina
Breland, Tanisha
Brewer, Nancy



Byrd, Jennifer
Cooley, Anita
Crocker, Melany
Cumbest, Candi
Daigs, Zina



Davis, Martha
Davis, Melissa
Duran, John
Erwin, Lisa
Eubanks, Carolyn



Eubanks, Melissa
Eyler, Joanne
Ezelle, Colleen
Fairley, Kim
Fields, Brenda



Grady, Latoya
Greer, Van
Harvison, Jennifer
Harvad, Janis
Hoffman, Johnnie



Holloway, Lisa
Howard, Dorothy
Jackson, Lacy
Jenkins, D Lynn Jones
Jones, Nicole



Kittrell, Sarah
Kittrell, Sherry
Lawson, Belinda
Lawson, Tara
Leonard, Elizabeth



Julia Yates, Vivian Seals, Jennifer
Harvison, and Donna McLeod
decide how to do Nancy Brewer's
hair.



Tabita Ekhart and Brandi Allen
spend another hard day washing
dishes.



Maples, Laura
Martin, Sandra
McMillian, Eric
McNeely, Callie
Miller, Peggy



Moye, Ellen
Nash, Julie
Olson, Sharon
Parker, Clinton
Rich, Wendy



Ross, Lois
Sanders, Janice
Tilley, Beth
Walker, Stephanie
Walsh, Teresa



Ward, Diane
Watson, Kathy
Weeks, Melissa
Whittington, Angela
Williams, Amy



Sarah Kittrell and Wendy
Rich are discussing and
practicing the latest
hairstyles.



Jackie Persons and Kim Whitcomb are showing everybody how clean up should be done in Foods Class.

The bell has rung and class is over at GCOTC.



Ms. Kelley is busy at work.

Williams, Annie
Williams, Claude



Julia Yates, Donna McLeod, Jennifer Harrison, and Candi Cumbest look on as Vivian Seals does Nancy Brewer's hair.



Eric MacMillan, Lisa Erwin, and Teresa Walsh work on their projects for Office Systems Technology.



Peggy Miller, Amy Williams, Sharon Olson, Belinda Lawson, and Instructor Sandra Murphy are discussing important aspects of the medical field.



Instructor Shirley Cossey shows Jennifer Harvison the best way to dry hair.



Geraldine Jones is working hard on her Office Systems Technology Project.

Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America

VICA Members 1997-98: Nancy Brewer, Candi Cumbest, Kim Fairley, Jennifer Harvison, Vivian Seals, Shane Capps, Melanie Crocker, Butch Fryfogle, Belinda Fultz, Van Greer, Shane Harrell, Terry Parker, Beth Tilley, Tom Duran, John West, Claude Williams, John Duran, Tanga Sherman and Diane Ward.



Health Occupations Students of America

Chasity Allman, Crystal Bastine, Brandi Beckham, Pamela Blair, Gina Bounds, Tanisha Breland, Tammy Cochran, Anita Cooley, Martha Davis, Melissa Davis, Zina Daigs, Latoya Grady, Doretta Jenkins, Peggy Miller, Nichole Jones, Sharon Olson, Lois Ross, Linda Sutullo, Stephanie Walker, Melissa Weeks, and Amy Williams.



Phi Beta Lambda



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 Conferences 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.



Mr. Larry Burney explains to Carolyn Eubanks how to work the program.




Darlene Ladnier practices hairstyling.




Freddie Ellis and Chasity Ingle set the table for lunch.



Students preparing for a test!



Autographs



Autographs

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 Shindle 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 George 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, center: Calli Dr. Barry Mellinger's office and more than likely you'll talk to one of these ladies. Clockwise, from left, are Sue Dean, Vonda Ford and Gloria Breland, all secretaries in the president's office.



ABOVE, left: Carolyn Breakey, left, and Karen McQueen take a break during the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop held at the Jefferson Davis Campus. Breakey is secretary for the college dean of Academic Instruction, and McQueen is secretary for the vice president for Instructional Affairs.

BELOW, left: Jerry Bryan, a longtime employee at Gulf Coast, is a supporter for the college.



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



Gulf Coast celebrated a record enrollment when it recognized Staff Sgt. Todd Peach as the 9,500th student to enroll in credit classes in fall 1997. With Peach, (fourth from left) are Dr. Donnie Taylor, JD Campus vice president; Dr. Barry Mellinger, MGCCC president; Dr. Mary Graham, Community Campus vice president; Dr. Rick Christmas, vice president for Instructional Affairs; and Dr. Willis Lott, Perkinston 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 Keesler 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 at our Keesler Center, as the 9,500th person to enroll in credit classes this fall and celebrated the highest enrollment in our college's history.

I believe we can safely assert that no single thing, person, department or campus is the sole reason we were successful in reaching our enrollment goal this fall. However, we might attribute our enrollment record to working harder, working smarter ... and working together.

That team work was evident in several areas of the college: faculty members who signed on to be the first to teach courses in an accelerated semester, deans who pushed to offer new programs, college personnel who took ownership for obstacles confronting our students, and the many who viewed student recruitment 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, old records to break, and an ever-present 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 doubt that Staff Sgt. Peach has ever read the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College mission statement. 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 translating our college mission from mere words on a page to actions and attitudes which shape the successes of our students.

Mission Statement: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is an integral part of the area it serves and genuinely 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 responsible citizenship and leadership in a constantly changing and highly complex society.





Self-Study Taking a closer look

First accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1920, 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 receive 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 phone-book size report. The upcoming report is due 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 college-wide), 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 Brignac, left, Associate Degree Nursing chair at the Jefferson Davis Campus, and Joan 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 Brignac 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 Perk's Malone Hall.



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 Boat."

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 Boat" 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 MGCCC and The Bank of Wiggins.

"The Yellow Boat" tells the story of Benjamin Saar, 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 Daisha Walker, fine arts instructor and director of "The Yellow Boat," which Walker says is about the "inspiration that children give us, even in life-threatening situations."

Several lucky Stone and Perkins elementary students were the winners to two tickets to see Miss America, "The Yellow Boat" 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 platforms to each city they visit during their reigns.)

The platform concept has been a part of the Miss America pageant since 1990. Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995 and an 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 pageant'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."



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, Jefferson 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, District II, conference held in Chattanooga. The college won Gold Medallion Awards for Internet Homepage, Video Spot and Viewbook, and a Bronze Medallion Award for Annual Report. Accepting the awards at the conference were, from left, Colleen Hartfield, associate vice president for Institutional Relations; Kimberly Jones, publicity specialist; Brenda Donahoe, coordinator for Marketing and Recruitment; and Melissa Lohr, 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 JTPA (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 JTPA.



The annual HEADWAE (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 Kostic, left. Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mellinger, left, was also on hand for the program.



Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College President Dr. Barry Mellinger, left, with Dorothy Gilmer, 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 individual(s) who make special contributions to the continued growth and development of Gulf Coast.



The Hess family joined the Nov. 1 homecoming crowd to honor Jere Hess (fourth, from left) as Gulf Coast's 1997 Alumni Hall of Fame recipient. From left are his son Trey; his wife, JoElla; daughter-in-law, Frances, with baby Katherine Marie Hess; his daughter, Jennifer; and his son Matthew.



Perk student James Salley won first place in Extemporaneous Speaking at the 31st annual VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Skills USA Championships held in June 1997. Salley 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 Mellinger, left, is pictured with Showcase Golf '97 low gross winners, from left, Jerry Nelson, Matt Lyons and Gordon Bittig. Showcase, held in September at Wiggins' Pine Burr Country Club, raised a record \$14,000 for scholarships and attracted over 130 golfers.



1997 homecoming queens for Gulf Coast's three campuses include, from left, Kelly Ryan of Ocean Springs, Perkinson Campus; Julie Fain of Gulfport, Jefferson Davis Campus; and Amelia Pardo of Ocean Springs, Jackson County Campus.

Calling America home

Imagine 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's Gulf Coast Community College campuses. In fact, 13 international students were enrolled this past fall at the Perkinston Campus. College-wide, 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 campuses, 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 Batery, 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 countries 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," Batery 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-born students something in return.

"We live in a global society. The international students on campus enrich the college experience for Mississippi students," 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 as 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 Kostic 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 Djordjevic, also of Serbia and a former exchange student in California.

Kostic, 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 Heredia from Ecuador; Sergiy and Oleksandr Bograd and Oleg Yarmenko, all from the Ukraine; Uko Sargin, Turkey; Ali Saad Alghamdi, Saudi Arabia; Carlos Contreras, Venezuela; Sandra Gabler and Gwen Buggan, American citizens and the niece of Dr. Harry Mellinger, wife of Gulf Coast President Dr. Harry Mellinger, both from Germany; and Takesumi Okazaki and Kazumasa Suzuki, both from Japan. Ann Poyry 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 chance 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 Djordjevic, Uko Sargin, Sergiy Bograd and Marko Kostic. In 1997, 25 international students were enrolled at Gulf Coast's three campuses.



Wiggins Mayor Russell Hatten, left, welcomes Perk student Cristina Heredia, 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.

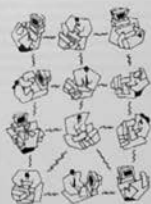
New programs debut at Gulf Coast

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 networking 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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Bulldog football team finished the 1997 season on Nov. 8, 1997, with a 47-27 loss to Hinds Community College in Moss Point, dropping their record to 2-8 for the season.

The Bulldogs said goodbye to the graduating sophomores, eight of which graduated with a 3.25 G.P.A.

The Bulldogs were well represented in the Mississippi All Star Game on Dec. 6, 1997, with four players from Gulf Coast attending. Trelis Weatherby, defensive tackle from Pascagoula; Jarvis Perkins, offensive lineman from Stone County; Kelvin Robinson, quarterback from Mobile, Ala.; and Denison Robinson, wide receiver from Mobile, Ala., played in the All Star game.

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

The offense ranked second overall in best team offense, picking up 3,870 yards this season. Kelvin Robinson, quarterback, engraved his name in the record book three times this season. Robinson leads in most yards gained passing with 2,034. He also holds the record for most yards gained rushing/passing with 2,214 and most pass completions with 128 completed.

Denison Robinson is ranked second for most punts caught with 45 receptions and is ranked third for most yards gained passing with 821.

Jermaine Curtis is ranked second in the century club, (100 yards twice in one season) with 125 yards against Jones County Junior College and 100 yards against Southwest. Curtis also established himself fifth in most touchdowns rushing with eight.

Nathan Havens finished the season with 62 tackles, ranking him second in the most tackles unassisted. Havens also finished with 68 tackles assisted tying him for ninth overall.

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

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



The Band of Gold performs at Gulf Coast's Family and Media Day held in August in Moss Point. The band is directed by David Durrett, with Clifton Taylor Jr. on the sidelines as assistant director.



Sherrod Peace, left, top defensive returner for the Bulldogs in 1997, talks with local reporter Jimmy Creed at Gulf Coast's second annual Family and Media Day, held this year in D'Berenville.



Gulf Coast got a new mascot in 1996 — Killer, an English bulldog owned by Johnnette Dees, Per's dean of Business Services.

Here, Gulf Coast's cheerleading squad performs at the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop at the Jefferson Davis Campus. This year's squad included Kelly McClain, Robert Rigby, Kaegan Winland (captain), Marty Clower (captain), Molly Rector, Nelson Martinez, Kelly Ryan, Gavin Linder, Tabitha Brown, Marko Kostic, Angie Neumann, Stacy Wyatt (marco) and Josh Odum.



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

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Bulldogs take talent to the court, diamond and track

Men's Basketball: After coming back from a disappointing 10-16 season last year, the Bulldogs came back in 1997-98 with a talented, dedicated squad. This year, the Bulldogs ended the season at 19-9 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 74-70 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 returners. This season, however, the squad ended the season in the worst of ways, taking a 50-point loss to the Pearl River Lady Wildcats in the South Division Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs, 8-19 for the season, went into the tournament as 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 Gulf Coast out of the journey. At press time, Gulf Coast was 28-12 for the year. Further details on the season were unavailable.

Also of note, three former Gulf Coast players participated in the 1997 National Junior College Athletic Association College World Series — Doug Thompson of Boloxi, Heath Kelly of Pensacola, Fla., and Damian Scones of DeSoto, La.

Softball: The Lady Bulldogs ended 1997 at 10-18 after losing a vital game just before state playoffs. This year, the team is going for the playoffs once more, with second-year head coach Carolyn Patterson leading the way. With 18 players on her team, Patterson 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 Gulf Coast. With it, they also earned a trip to national competition. This year's team was ranked No. 5 in last fall's International Tennis Association preseason ranking for Division II colleges. Even bigger news was that Johann Lommer, a freshman from Vasteras, Sweden, was ranked the No. 1 singles player in the nation. Lommer also won the Rolex Southeast Division II Championship in October, advancing him to the Rolex National Small College Championships in which he finished fifth. Season details were unavailable at press time.

Golf and Track: In golf action, Gulf Coast finished in 1997 as fourth in the state and fifth in Region 23. Matt Driskell of Vancleave was named All State and All Regional player and competed in the national tournament. In track, Gulf Coast brought home 15 medals last season, including the bronze for placing third overall in the MACIA state tournament. Sophomore Ronald Broadus of Moss Point, the only goal medal winner from Gulf Coast, was named to the first All State team.

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

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