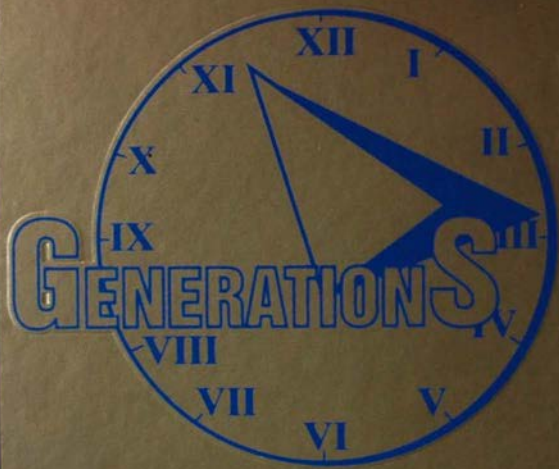


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It took a special kind of student of any age to make a commitment to a campus club. But those who did reaped rewards, and so did JCC.



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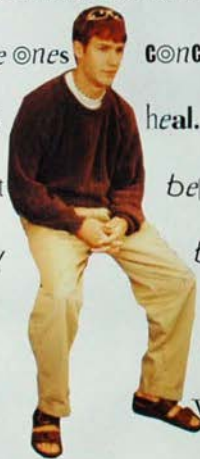
# Generation X

Ours is the era of MTV, videogames, heavy metal and  
We are the children of the eighties. We watched the  
and communism fall. We are the kids who studied

"Dream", then watched as LA burned in riots. They  
But we do care. We are the ones concerned with  
only things we can help to heal. We are a  
try to heal them. We are just beginning a



judged



Watch  
We are



microwaved food.

Challenger explode

Martin Luther King's



call us slackers, apathetic, "the lost generation"

the environment and our changing society--the  
revolution. We cry against our society's ills and

fight for freedom to be individuals. We can't be  
first faltering steps.



Closely.  
the future.

# Non-traditional

We've been there. We've done that. And now we are here--but for differing reasons. Something needs improvement in our lives. Or we've made that decision to start a new career or instill new life in one we love. Or we seek personal fulfillment by getting that degree, finishing what we started, never wanting to stop learning. We have overcome obstacles--

both within and without--to be here. We balance the children, job, spouse, house, classes, homework. We fit it all in any way we can.

because education is VERY important. Sometimes experience has been our teacher at the School of Hard Knocks. We are rusty

and sometimes we ask the "young people" for help. **We are determined. Give up? NEVER!**



# Spanning the generations

We are a mass of changing phases,  
blend of vivacity and drive, wisdom and  
a non-traditional student  
through in life, what brings  
students see Generation  
dressed in the dark...and



where they are  
clash of generations is  
alike than we are different.

We all have a common goal:

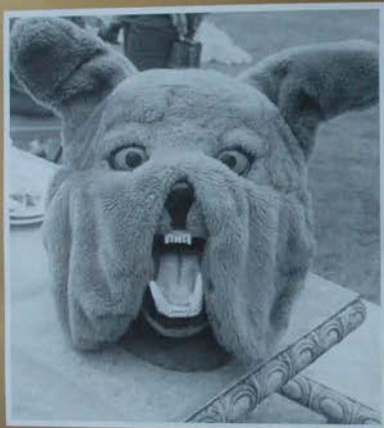
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enriching each other with a  
experience. Generation X sees  
wonders what they've been  
them here.  
X'ers and  
inevitable.



Non-traditional  
wonder if they got  
headed in life. The  
But we are more





## STUDENT LIFE

**T**he different generations at Jackson County Campus agreed that just getting to class was tough enough at times and that working on term papers or last minute studying helped us make friends out of everyone. But student life at JCC was more than that. We could never pass up the chance to get out of class and do something fun, no matter what.  
**SO WE DID.**

Some of us were movers. Some of us were shakers.

Some of us were note-takers.

Some of us just liked to strut our stuff.

Some of us even got out of ourselves

and gave our time and energy to benefit others.

Some of us were just there for the food.

Whatever the reason, campus activities gave us all a reason to get involved—together.

# GREAT BAND!

## Oktoberfest '97

### COOLEST ON CAMPUS

Oktoberfest gave clubs the opportunity to raise money and gave students a fun event to stick around for. *Three Doors Down*, a local alternative band from Escalawapa was a popular feature. Clubs were spread out in the Garbo area with food and games like the SNA drinking booth and the VICA Jail. BSU provided a pitching booth and FBL had guessing jars. The clubs were in full swing with food offered by HOSA. P.A.S.T.E., Reflections, Phi Beta Lambda and PTK. Art Guild's realistic temporary tattoos, for people too indecisive to get a real one, decorated the students who were not in Halloween costume. Student Council, the driving force behind the events, gave door prizes and sold t-shirts designed by sophomore Greg McLelland of Ocean Springs. But the most sought after prize was Seawolves tickets for the Coolest Guy and Girl winners. Contestants sat on blocks of ice and the last one sitting won the tickets. When it looked like the contest would go on forever, the Student Council reverted to tricks to speed up the game by dumping ice chests full of water on the contestants. After over two hours of sitting on blocks of ice, Chad Reeves, Steve Kumpunen, Elizabeth Corzine and Toni Guidry won the honorary titles (and the tickets!) "I thought the band was good, but these people sitting on the blocks of ice were crazy!" said Jeff Page of Ocean Springs.



Dahlia Jackson in the VICA Jail



▲ **COOL THAT'S COLD!**  
When it looked like the contestants might outlast the blocks of ice they were sitting on, the Student Council doused them with water to make the Coolest Guy and Girl on Campus contest end earlier. Joanne Mischen, far left, got soaked with cold water. Phi Beta Lambda members dressed up like Herbie's Knease, left, and science instructor Viki Stringfellow got dunked, below.

▼ **THE COOLEST!**  
David Dunnaway, Chad Reeves and Steve Kumpunen, below center, were among the ice-sitters at Oktoberfest. Sophomore Taylor Hulsey, below, one of the finalists, had to hold his ice well as he sat out.



▲ **PLENTY OF ACTION**  
A member of the Art Guild, far left, did her painting magic on a student's arm while members of P.A.S.T.E. entertained at the end of Oktoberfest, center. The band Two Doors Down was a crowd pleaser on the perfect October afternoon.

**ROCKING!**  
Three Down Down band members Todd Hamill, Brad Arnold and Mel Roberts rocked Oktoberfest with alternative music, right. Jennifer Murphree, right center, got an ice cooler stroller when the Student Council grew impatient when the Coolcat Student Contest lasted two hours. Elizabeth Garzine demonstrated her ice bucket song techniques while David Dunaway got guitar lessons, far right. Many students took the opportunity to dress up for Halloween at Oktoberfest.

**COOL SHIRTS**  
Student Council members James Prince, Antonio Pitalo and Dustin Pule wore their Oktoberfest shirts to promote the event.



**INTO IT!**  
Members of PASTC had more fun making the cotton candy than selling it, center. The Offshore Center brought out the smallest spectators to enjoy the weather and games. Facing page, Gonkies from center. Coolcat Guys Chad Reeves and Steve Kumpainen finally won the Seawolves tickets! These children might have been the youngest Oktoberfesters. Nursing instructor Gary Loft manned the dunking booth for Student Nurses Association. Dorian Jones had an unusual costume, complete with plastic posterior.



**CROWNING MOMENT** ▼  
JCC's delighted queen Antonia Pitalo adjusted her crown after halftime ceremonies, as JCC Student Council president Dustin Polk looked on.

# **HOMECOMING ROYALTY** ▼

Representing JCC on the homecoming court were made, from left, Amy Baker, Alexis Vaporia, Farrah Pierce, queen Antonia Pitalo and Christy Boney. Each was escorted by her father.

## **RAINY DAY** ▼

Even the rain couldn't put a damper on the homecoming pageantry.

## **REPRESENTING THE CAMPUS** ▼

Nominated and elected to represent the campus were, from left bottom, sophomores Antonia Pitalo, Farrah Pierce and Amy Baker and freshmen Aakira Vaporia and Christy Boney, all escorted by their fathers.



# **ANTONIA CROWNED** *Homecoming '97*

Antonia Pitalo was crowned JCC's Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies on the Perkinson Campus Nov. 1.

Although umbrellas became a needed accessory and the traditional walk across the field had to be exchanged for lining up on the track in front of the home stands, even the rain couldn't put a damper on the spirits of court members who were nominated and elected by the student body.

Sophomores representing JCC were Antonia Pitalo, Farrah Pierce and Amy Baker. Freshmen were Christy Boney and Aakira Vaporia.

Antonia, who didn't know she was queen until it was announced at halftime along with the queens from the Perkinson and Jefferson Davis campuses, is a nutrition/exercise physiology major from Ocean Springs. She is a member of the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa scholastic honorary and a sophomore representative on the Student Council. She was named a freshman class favorite for 1996-97.

Farrah, a psychology major from Hurley, is vice president of the Student Council. Amy, a pre-veterinarian medicine major from Ocean Springs, was a freshman Student Council representative, freshman homecoming maid and freshman class favorite in 1996-97. Christy is an accounting major from Ocean Springs and a member of the Honors Program. Alexis is a pre-physical therapy major from Ocean Springs.



**HAVING FUN** ▼  
Antonia and Christy were caught in a light moment before halftime, top. The court, above, was featured in the parade in Wiggins.



**THROW ME SOMETHING!** ▼  
Queen Antonia allowed to get away from the evening event in Wiggins.

**WINNERS!**  
Student Council members (from  
left): Kelly Hargis, Dawn Pile,  
Taylor Hulse and Katelynn Blair.  
Wiggins accepted the trophy for the  
MOCCS campus, with the most  
entries.

**GO DAWGSI!**  
Delta Epsilon Chi members posing  
in their float were Christopher Crowe,  
Cynthia Lister, Jewel Gates,  
Mary Gorm and Liz Salinas.

**GETTING READY**  
Phi Beta Lambda members their float.



**HOSA WON!**  
Health Occupations Students  
of America, at JCC, middle  
right, won the trophy for the  
best theme for their float.

**SHIPWRECKED**  
Reflections members: Shari  
Miller, Chris Kemp, Kati Sigala,  
and Delana Gibson posed in  
their Giggles Island float  
before the parade.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
JCC students at the parade,  
from left, sitting: Claudia Dobbin,  
Tammie Crofford, Kelly Hargis,  
Jonika Murphree and Elizabeth  
Cortina; standing: Alissa  
Viparis, Chival Bunney, Michael  
Viparis, Anthony Pardo, Brent  
Rogers, Dawn Pile, Taylor  
Hulse, Kimberly Reynolds,  
Cynthia Dobbie, David Durm  
away and James Pardo.



**PARADE ENTRY**  
Brian Looman and Crystal  
Fox of the Reflections team  
received trophies. Their Giggles  
Island entry lived up.



Homescoming brought the annual parade in  
Wiggins featuring entries from all three Mis-  
sissippi Gulf Coast Community College cam-  
pus.

For the second year in a row, Jackson County Cam-  
pus won the trophy for having the most entries of any  
of the campuses, even though it is the campus farthest  
from Wiggins. HOSA also took the trophy for best  
theme with their huge entry.

Student Council, Reflections, Health Occupations  
Students of America, Delta Epsilon Chi and Phi Beta  
Lambda created floats and handed them to Wiggins.  
In addition, the five-member homescoming court rode  
in convertibles.

Float themes ranged from Student Council's rock  
and roll poodle skirts and leather jackets to Reflections's  
Gilligan's Island authentic characters. Then  
there was PBL's "Smoke the Tigers," HOSA's Titanic  
Bulldog and DEChi's traditional Bulldog theme.

## Most campus floats JCC TOOK TROPHIES HOSA--Best Theme

**HOCKEY AND HOLLERS**  
Student Council members who helped design 1989 were Claudia Dobbin, Kelly Hargis,  
Tammie Crofford, Cynthia Lister, Jonika Murphree and Elizabeth Cortina.



**FULL PARKING LOT ▶**  
The largest enrollment ever at JCC meant full parking lots. There were enough spaces, but some meant a long walk to buildings.

**ELECTION TIME ▼**  
Sociology instructor Faye Jones helped Student Council by working the polls in the class representative election in September.



Registration and elections always signal new beginnings. JCC experienced the largest enrollment in its history with approximately 3,200 students registering for fall semester, a 6.1 per cent increase over the previous year. The increase of 150 students, mostly freshmen and fulltime night students, caused changes in campus parking, the addition of math, English, science and language classes and the money the college can expect to get from the state next year for fulltime students. Although campaigns to fill representative positions for freshmen and sophomore classes on the Student Council drew low voter turnouts, those elected were ready to begin working.

## *top enrollment* **YEAR STARTED GREAT** *busk elections*



### ▲ A FRESH START

After the flurry of final registration, everything settled down as students got used to their schedules and the routine of assignments and tests.

### ▲ NOW WHAT?

Many students wanted to get early registration for the next semester. The only way to get it was to get it now. These students got a jump on spring semester scheduling by registering early in December.

**IN THE BOOKSTORE ▶**  
Although the bookstore staff was efficient, lines were inevitable at the fast shop in the final registration process.

### CHOICES ▼

These voters in the representative election, bottom left, were the recipients rather than the rule. JCC students didn't turn out in large numbers for any student elections this year.

### SCHEDULING ▼

Kidney instructor Mary Richlin, bottom middle, helped a student select a schedule during final registration.

### CAMPAIGNING ▼

Sophomore Otto Zoller, bottom right, stopped to consider some of the campaign posters during Student Council elections.



# CLUB DAY

*Annual event recruited members*

Although club support of the campus's annual Club Day was lower than in past years, student participation was high for the Aug. 28 event devoted to getting students involved with campus organizations. Student Council served free cheese nachos to over 300 students and staff and promoted intramural sports and representative elections. The 10 participating clubs benefited from the personal contact with prospective members and students benefited from the opportunity to get involved on campus beyond the classroom—a definite plus on a commuter campus.



#### OVERVIEW ▲

Clubs provided their members around the pavilion area—and the free cheese nachos—to give students the opportunity to find out about campus organizations.

#### LET ME TELL YOU ▶

Baylor Student Union members signed up a lot of potential intramural basketball players for Club Day.



#### ▲ ASKING QUESTIONS

Assistant's Judy Dismore answers a student's questions about the student program.

#### ▼ ORDER UP!

Instructors Marilyn Moss, Jennifer Thomas and Cindy Smith helped Student Council officers serve food.



#### ▲ RECRUITING

Members of Health Occupations Students of America, student publications and Baylor Student Union sold interesting materials about their activities and goals.

#### ▲ SIGNING UP

Swapping nachos and a soft drink, the students, parents, etc., signed an interest sheet for one of the clubs.

#### ▲ IDENTIFICATION

Baylor Student Union members at Club Day were easy to identify—they wore the orange wearing their red club t-shirts.



Say the word blood and most people get squeamish. But at JCC, blood meant giving life to others through the annual fall and spring blood drives for the American Red Cross.

Chairpersons Amanda Magee, fall, and Cecilia Frisbee, spring, spearheaded the efforts of the largest drives in the region. Fall semester, 313 pints were collected. Spring semester, 248 pints were collected.

"I was real pleased with the turnout," said Mrs. Magee who noted that the drives were so successful because of the hard work from faculty, students and

▼ **WINNER!**  
Elizabeth Seward won a shirt from the Red Cross at the blood drive.



# 313 pints in fall BLOOD DRIVES 248 pints in spring

campus clubs.

Campus clubs and the science department again provided the backbone for donor recruiting efforts and clubs again publicized the drive with posters and banners.

"The JCC blood drive is one of, if not the largest community college blood drives in the country," said Mrs. Liz Gaultke, senior donor recruitment representative for the Red Cross.

In fact, the October drive was so successful that the Red Cross workers and volunteers could not keep up with the number of donors, a problem that was addressed and corrected for the April drive.

"It's something you can't make; you've got to give it to receive it," said Norbert Lloyd, JCC grounds supervisor, who has donated 12 gallons and four pints through the years.



◀ **ON THE TABLE**

Director of Admissions Charlene Kozik donated in the fall.



◀ **GETTING STUCK**

Ear sticks replaced finger sticks at this station on the way to giving blood.

▼ **GOING GOOD!**

Sandra Sherman, of the campus bookstore, was all smiles as she donated blood last semester.

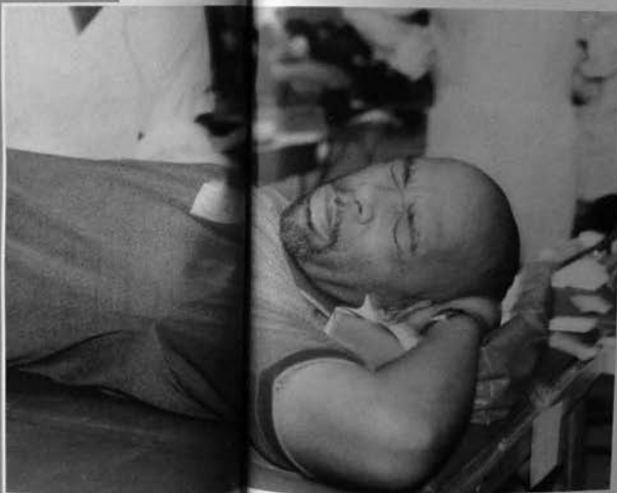


▲ **SMOOTH PROCESS**

Spring semester's drive was smooth although almost 300 people came through the doors. At the day's end, 248 pints had been collected.

◀ **TAKING A SNOOZE**

The donor caught a few ZZZZZ's as he gave blood during the fall drive which collected 313 pints.



# Great fun! BULLDOG BASH

Cheer contest, free burgers

Bulldog Bash brought out school spirit as the Student Council-sponsored event Nov. 6 promoted the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College game with Hinds held in Moss Point Nov. 8.

Every year, JCC plays host to a Bulldogs "home game" and the Student Council and campus clubs work to stir up some school spirit and encourage attendance. Often, JCC students don't realize that they do, in fact, have a football team because the team is headquartered on the Perkinston Campus.

Free hamburger plates enticed a crowd of around 800 and the club cheer contest provided the entertainment.

Phi Beta Lambda took first place for their cheer, followed by Health Occupations Students of America and New Horizons. Clubs also helped promote the event with spirit posters and helping at the grill.

One of the most popular features of the event was the faculty cheer and an impromptu football throw contest was an instant hit with guys and gals alike testing out their throwing arms.



▲ **SCHOOL SPIRIT**  
HOSA members, top left, put up their names competing for Bulldog Bash, a campus pep rally for "Bulldog Bash" game against Hinds Community College. Student Council's James Prince and Kelly Nagai, and club members got it home gill hours at the Bash.

▲ **DAWG DAZE**  
Dashing instructors Tom Bawin and Amanda McGee, top left, enjoyed watching the cheerleaders. Lynn, New Horizons instructor, and New Horizons in their Bulldog Bash cheer.



▲ **WE ARE THE BULLDOGS!**  
Students, top right, gathered around to throw down and watch various club contests for the most original and spirited cheers. Faculty staff members - Tara Langston, Lane Huggard and Deborah Adams, center right, showed the students how to cheer during the faculty cheer. According to the spirit banner by New Horizons, Dash Poole's puppy seems get off the field.





## BULLDOG BASH

### ▼ LEADER

Student Council president Dustin Pull announced the clubs as they competed in the cheer contest.



### ▲ GO DOGS!

From Brown left, bar school spirit show, even when sitting down!

### ▲ CHEERLEADERS

Karen Goudreau, Yvette Giampavolo, Felicia Johnson and Theresa Kilorsky (top left) presented Health Occupations Students of America's cheer at the Bash. Student Council, sponsor of the contest, got into the act with a cheer of their own (top right). From left, back: James Prince, Kimberly Reynolds, Michael Williams, front: Antonia Plazo, Jennifer Murphree, Kelly Naquin, Farnah Pierce.



### ► EVERYONE CAME

Non-traditional student Dolores Hill, left, enjoyed her free burger plate and a break from classes. PBL's Susan Johnson, center, during her club's cheer. Phi Beta Lambda cheerleaders Patti Sommer, Marjorie Johnson, Karen Lamey and Susan Johnson, far right, cheered their way to a first place win while James Edwards caught it all for the yearbook.



### ► SCHOOL SPIRIT

Cheerleaders all in a row were, from left, Debbie Smith, Karen Lamey, Felicia Johnson, Alice Rushing and club representatives Karen Lamey, Yvette Giampavolo and Felicia Johnson with their club's trophies.

#### ► FIRST PLACE WINNERS

holding trophies for taking first place were Joni Ales, Susan Johnson, female student walker; Julia Atkins, male faculty walker; Vanessa Descaux, female faculty walker; Eleanor Douglas, female faculty runner; Seneca Wilson, male student runner; Ben Steadman, male student walker; Tammy Cochran, female student runner. All again enjoyed the Turkey Trot, center right.



The twelfth annual Turkey Trot and its participants raised \$77 and collected six boxes of food for Thanksgiving baskets distributed to a needy family in St. Martin and by the New Horizons program on campus. The event also promoted the walking track and health and wellness.

Sponsored by the Student Council, the event drew 78 participants, down considerably from previous years. Over 50 others came to watch and eat the free hot dog lunch.

"We wanted to help out with canned goods. Lots of people need help," said husband and wife team Kevin and Clantonie Reese. Entry fee was canned goods or cash for food.



## Twelfth annual TURKEY TROT Fun in the great outdoors

Winners of the one-mile run and half-mile walk included Seneca Wilson, Charlie Stallings and James Prince, male student runners; Ben Steadman, Jonny Brown and David Mobley, male student walkers; Tammy Cochran, female student runner; Susan Johnson, Daquini Fennell and Debbie Sewell, female student walkers; Julius Atkins, male faculty walker; Vanessa Descaux, Bessie Cates and Kay Bevil, female faculty walkers; Eleanor Douglas, female faculty runner.

The Turkey Trot not only promoted the walking track and raised money for food, but it also served over 150 free hot dog and chips lunches to students and faculty.

Math instructor Raymond Tanner helped serve the lunches.

"I support all of my students' activities," said Tanner. "I hope that my presence out here helps them."



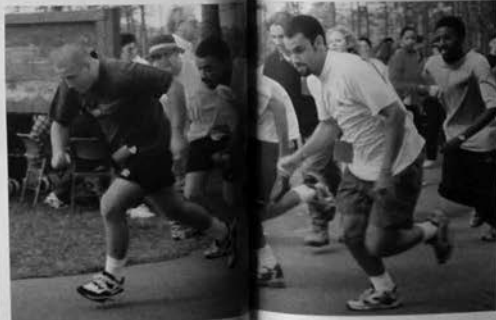
#### ▲ GET SET...GO!

Fredman, James Prince, above, caught his breath after running in the Trot. Charlie Kooki called the runners to their places, center right, as Durbin Pate, David Curbisney, Charlie Stallings, Seneca Wilson, James Prince and the Turkey (Michael Williams) got on their marks for the start of the mile run. Charlie Stallings, far right, finished before the Turkey.



#### ► FREE LUNCH!

This student enjoyed the free hot dog lunch served as part of the Turkey Trot. Stallings, Wilson and Prince, center right, who got a quick start in the run, were the run winners with Wilson first, Stallings second and Prince third.



**TOY GETTER ▼**  
Math instructor Raymond Tanner helping his students to choose their 500 toys and 500.



Jackson County Campus made history by more than tripling its goal of 500 toys to overstuff a 9-foot high stocking during the annual "Fill the Stocking" toy drive Dec. 10 and 11. The campus-wide toy drive simply asked for new or used toys in good, working condition or a donation to be used to buy new toys. The toys were distributed through the Salvation Army and the DuBach Club of Ocean Springs.

Although Student Council formally sponsored the event, the real leaders of the "Fill the Stocking" toy drive were math instructor Raymond Tanner and PE instructor Kay Bevil. In years past, Tanner has been known to bring in literally truckloads of toys on the last day of the "Fill the Stocking Party". After an inspirational speech to each class about the joys of giving (and being liked by the man who grades your tests), Tanner's classes alone donated 600 toys and \$100 cash.

Surrounding the enormous pile of toys, in what space was still left, was a swinging party full of Christmas spirit planned as a "thank you" to toy donors with entertainment by Dan Zwerg on



#### ENTERTAINMENT

Aranya Platt, center, sang a part in the 1942 "The Southern Christmas" for entertainment of the members of HOSA, too right, who Christmas, 1942.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Student Council members presented toys and cash collected in the Fill the Stocking Party to the Salvation Army, far left, and DuBach Club member Cecelia Frasier. The two groups donated the proceeds from the project to children in Jackson County.



## True holiday spirit FILL THE STOCKING made children happy



the sax, Student Council in a modern and twisted takeoff of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* written by freshman president David Dunnaway and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) singing Christmas carols.

Free food and door prizes were compliments of Student Council who also offered Fill the Stocking t-shirts. Even the proceeds from sale of the specially designed t-shirts were donated to the toy drive.

In addition to requesting toys, the Student Council raised 265 for gifts for a St. Martin family in need by placing decorated jars in 10 classrooms around campus.

But despite the hilarity of the party, everyone who made "Fill the Stocking" a whopping success got something much bigger back: a good warm feeling that they helped someone else.



#### HAVING FUN

Student Council members Aranya Platt, Michael Williams, Dustin Pyle, Xavier Parris, James Parris, Tammy Cochran and David Dunsen, Jr., sat in their A Christmas Carol take-off. Social commercial instructor Dan Zwerg, shown, entertained with his sax.

#### HOLIDAY SKIT

James Parris and David Dunsen, Jr. were featured in the 1942 presentation by the Student Council.

# For children of students, staff Christmas Party

Family fun for the holidays

Christmas came to 200 children of JCC students and faculty as the New Horizons Club hosted their third annual holiday festival in the gymnasium Dec. 5.

"We wanted students and faculty to have a chance to enjoy an evening with their children, as a reward for a year of hard work," said Daris Lyons, basic skills instructor and co-sponsor for New Horizons Support Group. "Adult students overcome so many obstacles, they deserve all the help they can get especially during the holiday season. It's difficult for single parents to get quality time with their children."

Children from infant to age 14 enjoyed games and booths like pin the beard on Santa, a candy room where the children had an opportunity to grab as much candy as possible in an allotted

amount of time, a cookie decorating booth, face painting, bean bag toss, duck pond, football toss and cupcake walk. A clown made animals out of balloons and hot dogs and popcorn were served. A police officer from Gauthier's DARE department provided information about fingerprints and identification cards for the children.

Santa and his special helper Gerry Anne Woodward arrived with help from the Gauthier Fire Department. Every child received a special gift from Santa.

New Horizons coordinator Kay Martin noted that the support of local merchants and volunteers added to the success of the annual project.



## ◀ HOLIDAY FUN

Scores from the Christmas party hosted by New Horizons included bean bag toss, eating, games and a talk by a DARE officer. All children of JCC students and faculty were invited to this annual event.

# MID-WINTER BREAK ▼

Ashley Dickson of Lucidville worked at the BSU drink booth while Trent Sullivan and other members of SNA sold po-boys. This mother and daughter, far right, enjoyed their lunch break at Mardi Party

## ▼ MARDI GRAS FUN

HOSA members, below left, sold their own oyster chili pies while PTK, below center, sold BBQ plates. Working at the table were: Josh Smith, Kaitlin Williams and Leigh Harris. The Sunhaven drummer, bottom, was concentrated on his music. Student Council members: Farnah Pierce, Antonio Piro and Kelly Naguin, right, served up King Cake. This event drew students of all generations; opposite page, who signed up for door prizes



Student Council did it again—fun by any means possible!

The spring semester Mardi Party featured free king cake, food and a rocking alternative band composed of all MCCC students, Sunhaven—all ingredients to prepare students for the Mardi Gras holiday February 19.

Although the day was overcast, cool and damp, the event drew a constant flow of spectators. Interestingly, there was a wide range of ages of people who stopped by. There were about as many non-traditional students as Generation Xers and there were a surprising number of children of JCC students who came with their parents.

Participants and king cake eaters gave their critique of



## King cakes, beads Mardi Party and the band Sunhaven

the day's festivities:

- "It rocked! It was the best!" —Dennis St. Pierre, Ocean Springs
- "I would have liked to have a better selection of music instead of just death metal (alternative music) and more participation of students. But the food was great!" —Debby Sewell, Moss Point
- "I think Sunhaven rocks on!" —Sara Michels, Ocean Springs
- "I liked the band and the guy wandering around with a tiger on his shoulder. I didn't eat—I'm on a diet." —Joshua Ridgedale, Vancleave
- "The band was the best band I ever heard. I should know—I'm in it!" —Trey Bourlet, Perkinson Campus
- "The King Cake was great—but how do I get this sugar off my clothes?" —Chris Williams, St. Martin
- "I'm just here for the music!" —Josh Fisher, Vancleave

Mardi Gras beads adorned the necks of students as they consumed over three dozen king cakes and assorted other treats being sold by campus clubs. Club food included Student Nursing Association's po-boys, HOSA's unbeatable chili pies and PTK's BBQ plates and brownies.

Door prizes, such as a \$25 dollar gift certificate to Singing River Mall, an original print by Carol Moradmand, and Very Important Bulldog parking spaces, were given away by the Student Council.

"Students got to come out, socialize, get large and let the pressures of school life just go away," said Dustin Polk, Student Council president.



Jackson County Camp was host to three special events in February:  
**● BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
 Celebration of the Black Poet was the featured program Feb. 10 as a number of persons from the community came

# *Visions for Leadership* **SPECIAL EVENTS** Vo-tech Week Black History Week

to read and dramatize poetry. Celebration of the Black Musician was featured Feb. 26 when the Moss Point High School Jazz Band performed.

## **● NATIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

Campus events highlighted National Vocational Education Week Feb. 8-14. The theme of the national observance, Get Your Career in Gear, emphasized the partnership of the community college and local businesses and industries.

"We enjoy an excellent relationship with the community," said Charlie Neumann, assistant dean. "We provide them with the highly skilled, trained employees that are needed and they support our programs by serving on advisory boards that keep us informed about work-force needs and cutting edge technology."

The campus's vocational department hosted a breakfast Feb. 9 honoring business and industry representatives. The event, designed to celebrate the partnership of the college and the community, was attended by over 100 persons. Other activities to raise both student and community awareness about the effectiveness of JCC's vocational programs included a Student Appreciation Day Feb. 12 and a week-long display of over 20 information booths in the cafeteria that highlighted the diversity of classes.

## **● VISIONS FOR LEADERSHIP**

Speakers were presented Feb. 26 with Visions for Leadership, a joint project between MGCCC and the University of Southern Mississippi. Speakers at JCC were Dr. Ollie Shirley of Jackson, Miss., Executive Director of Visions 2000, and Ms. Cindy Marano of Oakland, Calif., Executive Director, Wider Opportunities for Women.

"These speakers were outstanding," said Tom Boone, JCC human services instructor and campus coordinator for the event. "This was an excellent opportunity for our students and staff to hear persons who have had national impact."



**▲ VOCATIONAL WEEK:**  
 Students at the breakfast kickoff of National Vocational Education Week were honored for their support of JCC vocational programs. Far left, Bruce Tolpelt, director of admissions of Black Bay Motors, and Dean Payne, executive director of Jackson County Civil Action, discussed the environmental technology display with instructor Don Zwarg. Other participants were, from left, JCC vice president Dr. Neumann, Mississippi Community College President Larry Hammonds, JCC assistant vocational dean Charlie Neumann, Head Start director Janet Hayes and director of child development at Gulf Coast Medical Center Robert Harris.

**▲ LEADERSHIP**  
 Speakers at Visions for Leadership Feb. 26, above, were Cindy Marano of Oakland, Calif., Executive Director, Wider Opportunities for Women, and Dr. Ollie Shirley of Jackson, Miss., Executive Director of Visions 2000. Some members of the small audience are pictured at bottom center. The program was part of a joint project between MGCCC and the University of Southern Mississippi.

**▲ BLACK HISTORY WEEK:**  
 Carolyn Claiborne, center left, dramatized the poem "The Negro Mother." Above, the Moss Point High School Jazz Band and another poetry speaker were part of the celebrations.

Level II nursing faculty designed a unique physical assessment experience to promote confidence and competence in the Level II registered nursing students for their future clinical assignments.

Students demonstrated the nurses' roles while faculty played the patients' roles. Five scenarios were developed including surgical patients, confused elderly patient, trauma and medical patients.

The scenarios took much time to organize, but the time was well worth the results. The student nurses gained valuable experience that can be used in nursing at the bedside," said Brenda Davis, Level II nursing instructor.

Each group of student nurses had to assess each patient and document their findings.

"I believe it was a great teaching tool to prepare them before entering the hospital setting," said Davis.

#### DIAGNOSING ▼

Students Ramona Swann, on left, and Randy Johnson, below, covered nursing scenarios needed for "test case" Gary Lee, Level II instructor, and Muncie, below right, was the patient for Rebecca Webb, John Saylor and Kristi Adams in the simulated test.



#### TAKING CARE ►

"Patient" Muriela Harris, on left, had plenty of attention from David Murray, Randy Johnson and Patricia Box. "Patient" Gary Lee was examined by Deloris Dorey, on right, and Ramona Swann, on left, and Randy Johnson, below left, Rebecca Webb, John Saylor and Kristi Adams, below right, assessed "patient" Janet Muncie.



▲ **EXAMINATION**  
Gary Lee, nursing instructor, was assessed by students Deloris Dorey and Constance Rogers, left. The "bedside manner" of students Chris Hoot, Mary-Ann, and Deloris Swann were checked out by instructor Brenda Davis, above.

#### CHECKING SIGNS ►

Jessica Hill, Amanda DeBord, Sabrina Swann and Mary McManis dealt with a "difficult" patient, Level II instructor Martha Onick, right.



## A different way to test NURSING SKILLS TEACHERS BECAME PATIENTS

# *Great fun!* **SINGLED OUT** Great laughs, great contestants

It was the most ruthless case of discrimination JCC students had ever seen, and the students fell out laughing over it.

On March 26, Singled Out forced the men and women at JCC to reveal their innermost dating secrets, kissing styles, and clothing preference to find the "Perfect Date."

Female contestants, assembled onstage out of view of the male contestant, were eliminated from such categories as "bathing suit" according to the contestant's preferences. As a slap in the face, the rejected ladies made a point of sauntering past the guy.

The audience went wild over some of the ladies' answers to personal questions from the contestant.

Then it was the guys' turn to be singled out.

"I liked the comments of the audience, because everyone was laughing and really getting into it!" said Karen Hebert of Ocean Springs.

Each contestant and the dates they chose—Olivia Quinn, Danyelle Harris, Carlissa Moore, Shalett Weary, Marcus Haynes, Michael Michel, Tyrus Richardson and Ales Payton—received individual dinners, compliments of local restaurants. That meant that they didn't have to actually go out with each other if they didn't want to.

All the hilarity was brought on by the Student Council, who also provided the tropical refreshments and cake and gave away dinners donated by Ruby Tuesday's, Cucco's, Cadypso's Buffet and Germaine's to each of the winners. David Dunnaway and Antonia Pitolo were hosts for the show.





#### ALL IN A DAY'S FUN!

Some of the children who attended the Easter egg hunt gathered for a picture with the bunny after the hunt was over.



#### SUCCESS!

With over 2000 plastic eggs in hand, children of JCC students and faculty were sure to fill their baskets at the hunt. Face painting, right, was another popular feature of the afternoon event which drew around 1500 children.

Easter gave a good excuse to invite the children of students and faculty to campus for an old-fashioned egg hunt, complete with bunny, prizes, games and refreshments.

Even though it got rained out on the first try, the rain-out date worked perfectly as over 150 children came to the JCC walking track to find their share of 2000 plastic eggs filled with candy. Toys were given to the finders of two prize eggs in each category.

The Student Council sponsored this fourth annual event (with appreciated help from Baptist Student Union) especially for the non-traditional students who juggle families, classes and often jobs.

"This is a great way for students and staff to bring their children to campus," said Mrs. Terry Fountain, student activities counselor. "It's also a good family activity. You should have seen all the cameras out there!"

There was plenty for proud parents and grandparents to take pictures of. Children entered into several enthusiastic games of Simon Says during the gathering time and many got designs painted on their faces. Of course, there was the hunt for 2000 eggs for four sets of age groups—just to keep things fair—and plenty of cookies and punch.

## 2000 eggs found Easter egg hunt in record time



▲ SIMON SEIZ  
Many of the children gathered for rounds of Simon Says before the hunt began. Prizes were given to the winners.

Phi Beta Lambda took first, followed by second place Baptist Student Union and HOSA and third place, faculty green team.

● "I think the ice cream drop was a riot." —Leah Kimble, Pascagoula

First

## Almost Anything Goes

- "When BSU got blown away by the girls in the 4-legged race." —Tyvus Combest, Gautier



WHEW

Members of the Shafter Student Union have begged race teams, for off, caught here month after the year. Reflecting member Jackie Oak, left, tries to get a good aim on the cork held by Jennifer Exton.

▼ COME ON, NOW!

Drafting instructor Patrick Moore, far left, was the faculty member representative at the musical ice bucket competition. Faculty members Julie Quarty, Joanne Stewart and Sandy Davis, center left, gave out their best tip in the four-legged race. Drafting instructor Amanda Magee, below, sits in the driver's seat in the obstacle course competition.



## ▶ HAVING FUN

Baptist Student Union members left, stopped a shaving obstacle course run while Student Council vice president Patrick Pierce headed the next batch of takers. Yearbook editor and Phi Theta Kappa member Ann Sato, center, was the target in the ice cream plow event. Baptist Student Union guys and Phi Beta Lambda girls, right, were in a tight race during the foot-wrangled race.



#### GREAT MUG BUGS ▶

The 600 pounds of free crawfish were gone in under two hours. These students, top and bottom right, enjoyed their live meals. Teachers who volunteered for the event were, from left, right center, Gerry Ann Woodward, Barbara Haygood, Bill Snell, Tachina Gibson and Vanessa Dedaux.



#### JAMMING!

For the second year in a row, the band The Nocturns from Gulfport played a wide variety of music including lots of blues for Lagniappe Day entertainment. Groups of students spread out all over the Gazebo area to enjoy the event, above and opposite page.

#### LOOK ALIKES ▶

Twins Cynthia and Cecilia Dobbs, opposite page, top right, showed off the tie-dyed Lagniappe Day t-shirts sold by the Student Council.

Lagniappe Day marked the end of the spring semester with crawfish, sunshine and genuine jazz music at the Gazebo April 23. Sponsored by the Student Council, Lagniappe Day offered students a chance to relax before finals and enjoy free crawfish and the Nocturns.

What did students love BEST about Lagniappe Day?

- "The band—Yeah! Yeah!"—Sophomore Karen Hebert of Ocean Springs
- "I loved being outside in the sun. I loved the crawfish even though they were cold."—Sophomore Susan Canafax of

## Crawfish and spring weather Lagniappe Day Music by "The Nocturns"

#### Long Beach

- "The free crawfish and the band."—Freshman Jeff Kopszywa of Ocean Springs
- "Cajun cuisine at its very finest!"—Sophomore Dustin Johnson of Pascagoula

● "Very nice to see all of the students participate and have a good time."—

Donald Hyde of Moss Point

● "The students enjoying the weather and the good entertainment. I had some crawfish and some fun, too."—Groundskeeper John Waltman

Festivities at Lagniappe Day included the "Dress up a Teacher Contest" in which clubs competed to dress up their teacher in big sunglasses, flowered mini skirts, floppy hats, umbrellas and other funny items. Fastest dressed teachers and clubs were first place—Barbara Haygood and the Reflections team; second place—Vanessa Dedaux and the Phi Beta Lambda team; third place—Gerry Ann Woodward and the Health Occupations Students of America team.

Student Council once again sold t-shirts to commemorate Lagniappe Day. These fast-selling tie-dyed shirts designed by Michael Dawkins featured a cute one-mudfish band complete with guitar and drums. The courtyard was filled with music and students kicked back and relaxed, enjoying the sounds of jazz and the smell of spicy crawfish.



# Something to

*Spirituality:  
Misunderstood, feared or ignored.  
How spirituality affected our daily living.*

Although students ranked family and spirituality first and second respectively as the most important aspects in their lives, did they really practice what they preach?

The responses of 100 students (50% under the age of 25) revealed that over half considered attendance at church a very important factor in their personal spirituality.

Well, why didn't more traditional college age students go to church?

This conclusion was verified by the observations of preachers along the Coast in many different denominations and places of worship. Episcopal, Pentecostal, Baptist and Catholic church leaders along the Coast who were surveyed said they have noticed a smaller number of their congregations to be in the 18-22 age group than any other. So, how important is it?

Carol Moradmand, sponsor of Life Christian Support at JCC and Human Growth and Development instructor, gave her observations of JCC students

and spirituality.

"The first members of Life Christian Support were, for the most part, non-traditional females. But in recent years I have seen more younger male and female students take an active interest in spiritual growth. Despite this change in age groups, I feel that the older you get, the more important spirituality gets. This might explain the gap in church attendance," said Moradmand.

"I had an assignment for my students to write their own obituary. Not one talked about how much money they made. Most stressed that they lived a spiritual, moral life," she said.

Her definition of spirituality? "A growing process, just like physical and emotional growth. For young men and women in college, this process is just beginning," she noted.

According to a survey of 100 JCC students, 40% agreed that their upbringing had some, if not a very significant affect, on their spirituality today.

Gary Blackwell, sponsor of Baptist Student Union and associate pastor as Riverside Church in Pascagoula, gave some reasons for the popularity of the Baptist faith and other influences on spiritual orientation.



"In the south-eastern part of the U.S., there has been a strong identification with Christianity in Southern culture."

He will help me make the right decisions. Basically, my future decisions go to God and the little things, too," she explained.

A current fad among Christians this year might have helped students remember just how to make decisions, based on what Jesus would do.

The "What Would Jesus Do" bracelet bears the letters W.W.J.D. and reminds the wearer to keep in mind what Jesus would do if faced with a difficult situation.

Wearing the bracelets gave students of all ages, on and off campus, the opportunity to share their spirituality with others who inquired about the bracelets. According to an article by Debbie Anglin of *The Mississippi Press*, the W.W.J.D. phenomenon swept across the

explained.

"I went on a trip to Peru for nine months. Before, I had always been in church having the preacher speak to God for me."

"But all the churches were in Spanish and I didn't know anyone. It was then that I realized that I had to depend on myself to find out what I really believed. It was a time that I decided and looked in the Bible for answers," she recalled.

So how does she use it? How does spirituality benefit her life?

"In my choices, I pray to God that He will help me make the right decisions. Basically, my future decisions go to God and the little things, too," she explained.

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nation with media coverage on CNN and in *The Washington Post*. But despite all the hype, spirituality is not limited to religions.

"Spiritual things may come in a wide range of topics. Some students may be interested in New Age tools or religions that go against the grain of their parents to search for their own identity and values," said Blackwell of most college student's interests in spiritual growth.

Going against the grain was great for one JCC student, a Wiccan, whose religion was the total opposite of how she was raised. She said she found a calmness and serenity in her life since changing religions.

Others had mixed views on spirituality and religions.

"Spirituality in public schools is fine, as long as everyone's ideals are considered, and not just those of Catholics," said sophomore Spencer Buskirk.

Out of the responses on the survey, many people declared spirituality to be a highly personal issue. It continues to be a personal issue for many people in college and off campus. It's just hard to get people to talk about their spiritual lifestyles when asked.

But there is some good news. Only two respondents out of the 100 agreed with the statement "There is No Supreme Being or God."

Obviously, atheism isn't very popular at JCC.

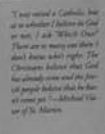
# Believe In



## Personal Glimpses



"I had always been going to church, but for the seven months I went to Peru and spoke with God. And he placed the right people in my life and now I don't feel without spirituality and God in my life, my life wouldn't be complete." —Juliana Brown of Moss Point



"I was raised a Catholic, but as an adolescent I believe in God as man. I ask 'Which One?' There are so many out there I don't know which right. The Christians believe that God has already come and the Jewish people believe that he has not come yet. I believe in the son of the Father."



"I practice my faith through prayer and Bible study. When I was raised, the February 1 I came to realize what Jesus did for me. After you come to that realization, you know how much He loved you. He did greater things. He was crucified." —Brenda H. Stewart of Ocean Springs



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When asked about  
their career goals

## They Said...

"I wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl and my long-term goal is to be a RN with a Master's degree," said Yolanda Packer, Canton, sophomore.

"I've always liked to write, so I just chose a career in what I like to do. I plan to be a career journalist," said C. J. Debbis, Ocean Springs, sophomore.

"I plan on getting a bachelor in Christian education and a masters in social work because I love God and want to help people," said Kathy Cook, Ocean Springs, sophomore.

"In junior high, my eighth grade class had a career day. These pharmacists came to us and told us all about the joys of pharmacy. I found the health inspiring and decided to go to JC for two years then to Ole Miss for pharmacy school," said Eric Miller, Moss Point, freshman.

"My major is special education. I chose it because I wanted to make a difference in the world tomorrow. I hope to go on and get my bachelor's and master's degree in emotionally handicapped children," said Steve Weston, Prichard, sophomore.

"In addition to the fact that I like to write, I also like to risk questions and find out new information about things. I also plan to become a successful journalist," said C. J. Debbis, Ocean Springs, sophomore.

"I have always been involved in sports, and journalism is becoming a major concern for the public, so I intend to major in athletics with an emphasis on extensive photography. With this degree, I hope to help people plan a diet and exercise program to fit their own personal body composition," said Lauren Packer, Ocean Springs, sophomore.

# Career Choices

## What Are You Going To Do?

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Remember when everyone you knew wanted to be a fireman, an astronaut, a teacher or a nurse when they grew up? Those days may seem to be miles behind you, but the reality of those childhood fantasies are staring you in the face. What you are going to do now that you are all grown up?

According to a random Phases survey of 50 JCC students, a surprising 50% claimed to be very absolutely sure of their current career choice while another 30% said that they were pretty sure. Only 12% of students surveyed were undecided about their career choice.

While the survey showed that many JCC students believe they have made final decisions about what they plan to do with their lives, the reality is that most students change majors five or six times before settling on a final one.

Mrs. Linda Switzer, Dean of Students, said that it is important for students to decide upon a major early in college so they can schedule the classes that they need instead of classes that have nothing to do with their field of study, often wasting time and money.

According to Mrs. Switzer, choosing a good major requires thought and should not be a decision that is just made without putting any thought into it.

"A person who makes a good choice has a goal in mind and it is easier to do

well in the subjects that you know you have to take," said Mrs. Switzer.

The Phases survey showed that students did put some thought into the picking of their majors. Non-traditional students and traditional students alike picked majors that fit their interests and skills. Other factors that affected non-traditional students' choices, in order of importance, were job availability, salary and status. Traditional students were persuaded by salary, job availability, status and encouragement from parents and teachers.

Other than the influencing factors for picking majors there was little difference between traditional and non-traditional students surveyed. Mrs. Switzer added that generally, non-traditional students seemed more goal oriented.

According to Rebecca Gregory, the career/placement manager in JCC's Career Development Center, the most popular majors were business, education and computer science. This was consistent with findings from the Phases survey in which the three most popular majors were business, education and medical related.

Enrollment figures provided by Mrs. Switzer showed that 504 students are

studying medical related majors, 326 are studying business related majors and 309 are studying education related majors.

Freshman Paul Hultz, 19, of Gautier, is one of many JCC students who is sure of his major, dentistry. "I guess I've always wanted to do that. It's always been my goal," he said.

Freshman Jessie Spain, 22, of Gautier is majoring in science education. She is not always plan to be an education major she used to want to study psychology that she could become a child psychologist.

"I decided to change to education because I could not deal with the stress involved with the course work," he said. "If you choose a major too late, you may have to go back and take the classes that you need, but could have taken earlier. It would also be a waste of your time and money by taking classes that you don't really need."

"The road is smooth; why throw rocks before you?" is a phrase that I like because it means that once you have chosen a major then you can look ahead and map out what classes you need to take. But if you don't look ahead, it is like trying to walk up a steep, narrow, rocky road. It is not impossible to walk that path; it is just harder and it will take longer," she said.

According to Doran Johnson, Counselor's Human Resources Representative, "Many employers look at applicants' core classes during college and then they look at the person's grade point average. If you know what you want to study in school, then you can avoid taking classes that you don't need and you can graduate sooner which puts you in the job market sooner.

The sooner you get into the job market, the better your chances of finding a good job."

He also added that it is good for students to get involved in internships or co-op programs as soon as possible.

"It is a good way for them to get experience and for us (potential employers) to evaluate their skills and tell how well they work with others as a team," he said. "If you're good, then you are pretty much a shoe-in."

Internships and co-op programs give students practical experience that they can receive only through these programs.

"Practical experience is different than textbook experience," Johnson said, adding that in addition to practical experience, co-op students are able to get their foot in the door with perspective employers and have the opportunity to see what the job involves.

"Sometimes students see what the job involves and they realize that it is not really what they want to do, and it is better for them to find this out before it is too late.

According to Hilton Murray, MGCCC's Cooperative Education Program Coordinator, there were about 170 students involved with the co-op program each semester this year. Of those, about 125 were on-the-job.

The co-op program at JCC encompassed a variety of majors from account-

ing to engineering. The biggest demand for co-op students was in the area of electronics.

"These are very big in demand due to the ever-changing technology involved," said Murray.

"Co-op has been real good at helping students see what the job is like," said Murray. "Sometimes a person will want to go into something like physical therapy and they will see all the contact that is involved and quickly change their mind."

Murray believes that a lot of job opportunities will open up in the future as the technology of jobs develops because there are not going to be enough people who will want to go through all the re-training involved with the new technology.

"Try to be very of my ability to match students up with the job that is best suited for their skill," said Murray who has seen many students go on to succeed after they have entered the co-op program. One student wanted to study industrial electricity, but he needed to earn his GED. He earned his GED and is now working for Exxon in Baton Rouge.

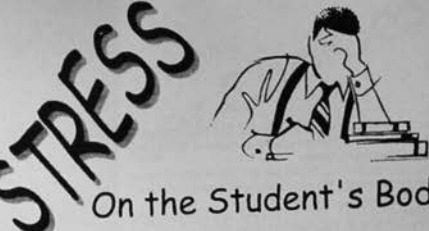
Another success story is of one student who worked for BFI and needed to make some more money to in order to support his family.

"After taking some welding classes, he began to do some welding of damaged garbage barrels for BFI and it helped to double his income," said Murray who encourages students who do not know what they want to study to explore as many different career options as they can until they find one that they like.

While choosing a major was highly personal, JCC students of all generations were united in their quest for career decisions.

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## On the Student's Bodies

Stress comes in all shapes and sizes, an unavoidable consequence of life that seems to permeate everything and everybody.

No matter what endeavor people embark on today, it inevitably carries some form of stress with it. This definitely holds true for today's college student.

Students have always been susceptible to the common school-related stress, like exams, term papers or semester projects. However with many students now holding jobs, and with the increase in enrollment of older non-traditional students who are returning to school to further their careers, there is the added stress of juggling work and school that today's student must deal with.

These added pressures were seen in a Phases survey of 50 JCC students which asked aspects of their lives caused them the most stress. The leading causes of stress in the 50 respondents were school, 31%; work, 21%; family, 14%; relationships, 14%, and finances, 7%.

More specifically, many of the students said they had trouble budgeting their time, which led to their increase in stress.

According to the survey, the top stress-related symptoms reported by JCC students were frustration and being short-tempered. Others were anger, pounding heart and tense muscles, sleep disturbances, getting emotional and digestive problems.

Not feeling like you have enough to perform all the tasks assigned to you, whether it be at work or at school, is defined by JCC psychology instructor Becky Posey as "overload," which,

she said, is widely accepted in the psychological field as a major factor in stress.

There are, it seems, two differing opinions as to why so many students feel overloaded. According to Jeffrey Anderson, a 19-year-old JCC freshman, "The teachers think that there is the only class you have... I just don't have time to do all the work sometimes."

Ms. Posey, on the other hand, said that most students let things pile up on them, and eventually it hits them. "Of course you are going to feel like you don't have enough time if you let things pile up," she said.

Whatever the reasons, colleges and universities across the country, including JCC, have recognized that lack of time management is a leading cause of stress among students and they have taken steps to aid students by providing some kind of class or seminar on how to better manage time.

Colleges and universities are not the only institutions that have offered support and advice to stressed out individuals.

In recent years, with the increased emphasis on stress reduction in the workplace, institutions have formed whose sole purpose is to study the causes, effects and coping strategies of stress. One of these institutions is the American Institute of Stress, which is dedicated to advancing the knowledge of the role of stress in health and disease.

For private counseling services have also added stress management programs to their list of services. One such service is North Shore Resource Center. Located across the Coast, North Shore offers personal counseling to help

individuals first identify what might be causing their stress and then find methods that would be most effective in reducing the stress.

Identifying what is causing the stress is, of course, the first step in figuring out how to reduce it. For some this is more difficult than for others.

Page Copeland, a 23-year-old elementary education major from Pascagoula, has not been able to pinpoint exactly what causes her stress. She simply said, "Everything stresses me out."

The list of events below, called the Undergraduate Stress Questionnaire (USQ), is a commonly used questionnaire that can be found in the textbook *Introduction to Psychology* used by the JCC psychology department. It is a useful tool for determining the levels of stress a student may have and is valuable in pinpointing the cause of the stress. Take a moment to see the list and find which of the items have happened to you recently.

Once the cause of stress is identified, then the process of reducing the stress must begin. It is important to point out that stress reduction is not to eliminate goal rather than the complete elimination of stress.

According to the American Institute of Stress, "Increased stress results in increased probability... up to a point." The institute makes the comparison between stress on the human body and stress on a violin string.

"Hot enough produces a dull, raspy sound. Too much makes a shrill, annoying noise, which causes the string to snap. However, just the right degree can create magnificent tones."

There are some simple steps that an individual

can take to reduce his or her stress. On the far right is a list of eight simple stress reduction techniques that the North Shore Resource Center recommends their clients attempt.

Sean Skaggs, a 21-year-old history and secondary education sophomore, has been using one of North Shore's techniques all along:

"I go to the gym and work out all the time," he stated, noting his love of reducing stress.

Unfortunately, many college students do not utilize any stress reduction techniques. When Jeffrey Anderson's teachers gave him too much work to do and he became stressed out, he just looked pass it.

"I really do not know how I reduce my stress," said Anderson.

When "everything" stresses Page Copeland out, she doesn't dwell with it.

"I just stay stressed out the entire semester and it gets worse the week of finals... I am just a bundle of nerves," she admitted.

If either of these students knew of or employed the techniques suggested by North Shore Resource Center, which are also readily available from numerous other sources, they could have reduced their stress this year to the harmonious level that the American Institute of Stress thinks is beneficial.

Most people would agree that stress is a fact of life and that, with the exception of the 13% of respondents to the JCC survey who said they were never stressed out, attending college carries a whole inevitable load of stress. The trick is to not allow the stress to become too overpowering.

"When one stressful aspect of an individual's life becomes too overpowering, that can often lead to burnout," said Ms. Posey, who noted that burnout is the most frequent reason for students dropping out of school before obtaining a degree.

Eventually, most people will figure out the best way for them to deal with their stress, but for those who still haven't a clue, Ms. Posey offered this advice: "The most important thing is to get organized, and to prioritize... and don't sweat the small stuff."

What can I do? HELP!!!

The following list of suggestions was compiled by North Shore Resource Center to help their patients reduce their stress

- Structure each day to include a minimum of 20 minutes of aerobic exercise**
- Eat well balanced meals, more whole grains, nuts, fruits and vegetables. Substitute fruits for desserts.**
- Avoid caffeine. The substance may aggravate anxiety, insomnia, nervousness and trembling**
- Reduce refined sugars. Excess sugars cause frequent fluctuation in blood glucose levels, adding stress to the body's psychological functioning**
- Get at least seven hours of sleep nightly**
- Reduce alcohol and drugs. These substances may add to headaches and swelling, decrease coping mechanisms and add to depression**
- Spend time each day with at least one relaxation technique - imagery, daydreaming, prayer, yoga or meditation**
- Take a warm bath or shower**

### Undergraduate Stress Questionnaire

Check all of the following stressful events that have happened to you in the last two weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> Dead in the family	<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent on other people	<input type="checkbox"/> Had a lot of tests	<input type="checkbox"/> Did badly on a test	<input type="checkbox"/> Have disturbed you while studying	<input type="checkbox"/> Feel insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed too long without sexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Closest to your marks and compare your score
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# Leisure Time!!!

What do you do and who are you with?

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**R**elationships-spending time with family or friends appeared to be what JCC students of all ages enjoyed most during those all too brief moments of leisure time.

According to a *Phases* survey of 171 students, there wasn't just one pastime in which students participated. And, the responses of non-traditional students varied greatly to those of Generation Xers.

The only factor that connected the groups was that everyone enjoyed having those sometimes brief moments of free time.

Of those surveyed, both males and females most enjoyed spending time with their families and hanging out with friends. Most of the students who enjoyed spending time with their families commented that they usually ate out or just relaxed with their family members. Those who could usually be found hanging out with their friends said that they usually watched a movie or went out drinking.

Almost as much as spending time with family and friends, many

students said they enjoyed the ever-popular pastime of sleeping.

Mrs. Kay Bevil, JCC physical education instructor, thinks that most college students don't have very much free time, but when they find some, it is her opinion that they spend it at the movies or at the beach.

Star McGee, a sophomore from Pascagoula, said that on weekends, she usually rents a movie or plays pool.

One male sophomore from Pascagoula said that on most weekends he is pretty hard to find because he is either working, being an umpire, or going out somewhere such as a jazz club or Bombay Bicycle Club. He said that while he is out at clubs, he plays pool and football or dances and drinks beer after beer.

Out of the 171 JCC students surveyed, many Generation Xers commented that on the weekends they

enjoyed going to clubs and drinking, or going to a party to drink. On the other hand, most non-traditional students said that they enjoyed spending their weekends at home with their families.

In fact, partying and drinking seemed to play a big role in how many students spent their weekends. One Pascagoula sophomore said that he goes surfing or drinks beer while a Moss Point freshman kept it simple when describing his average weekend activities. He said only, "I party." His response was echoed by a male sophomore from Gautier who said that on the weekends he can be found at a party in Gautier or Pascagoula.

As one might have expected, although both males and females both enjoy watching sports, more

males said they enjoy playing them. Almost as much as they enjoy sports, JCC students said they enjoy personal hobbies which range from fishing to playing video games. Many students also enjoy watching videos or going to the movies.

With over 3,000 customers, Kim Broome, manager of Blockbuster Video in Pascagoula, finds it hard to give a specific number of college-aged students who rent videos and games from them.

"There are a lot of young people that rent movies and games. It's what they do for fun," she said.

Other differences were seen on the surveys between students of the various age groups. Most notably, most non-traditional students said they spent between six and 10 hours a week studying, while

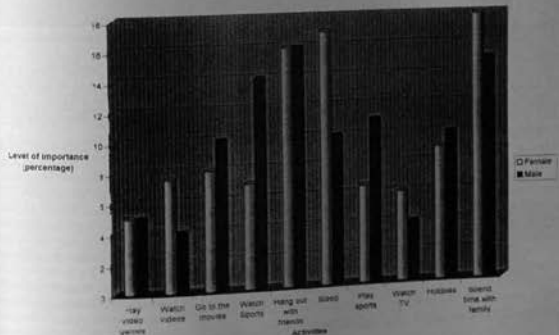
most Generation Xers only spent between 0 and 5 hours studying. Generation Xers also, on an average, spent between \$26 and \$50 on leisure in a weekend, while non-traditional students usually spent between \$1 and \$25.

Most non-traditional students felt that with the responsibilities of work, school and family, they couldn't find much time for leisure. For these students, most of their time was spent at work or at home, taking care of their children or cleaning the house.

Although there were marked differences between what the generations chose to do with their leisure, it all boiled down to the age-old story of the younger ones putting more emphasis on partying and the older ones concentrating on family.

## WEEKDAY LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Leisure activities and Level of importance



SARA MASON AND KENNY FOUNTAIN FOUND TIME TO ENJOY A BREAK BETWEEN CLASSES.

# Art is the glue..

events. But only 15 percent said that they actively participate in the fine arts. Of the 89 students surveyed, 37 percent said they attended fine arts events at JCC. "I think the fine arts at JCC are amazing—I'm not artistic myself so I enjoy observing art. It's always very impressive to me!" said Shea Weston.

Randy Chemt, a civil engineering student said, "I learned to appreciate the arts through a former teacher, Mary Hardy, last year."

"I believe fine arts are essential in order to have a civilized society," said Nicole Sonnier, a fine arts student.

Shari Kozubale, another fine arts student said, "For a smaller school, I'm impressed by the quality and diversity of the MCCCC arts department."

Students who attended fine arts events at JCC said they enjoyed plays the most. This year the campus drama department presented two plays, *Who Walks in the Dark* and *A Court for His Mistress*.

The second most favorite type of fine arts events students said they liked to attend were the monthly art exhibits held in the gallery that featured the works of professional artists as well as students.

Eight graduating art students were featured in the art gallery in April.

"This is one of the most diverse shows we've had in the gallery this year, as far as style and technique," said art instructor Patti Odum.

## Favorite types of JCC events



"The show contained 2-D and 3-D work, but within the 2-D work we had one student who works in impasto so thick that it stands out the canvas a good inch," said Odum. "Another works in a romantic impressionist style and another in a type of neo-realism action work which takes the ideas of Jackson Pollack and turns them toward realism and adds layered grounds. Quite unique!"

The exhibit included three stoneware pieces—a basset hound, a froxy French bulldog and a dangerous yellow dog—which were the works of Lisa F. Bouvette, a ceramic arts major.

Aaron Dale, a fine arts education major placed in every art show he has entered, including two statewide community college shows, the Skidell Mixed Media Exhibit and the Jackson County Culture Shock. His neo realism work are a combination of wood, porcelain and other objects on a canvas to make the two-dimensional painting more like a three-dimensional installation.

A fine arts major, Linda H. Hill, exhibited five pieces, four of which were oil on canvas with themes ranging from light to moral support, embracing love and family life. Her style included



Renoir, pallet knife and impressionistic.

the soft technical style of Renoir, pallet knife and impressionistic.

Jennifer Hutchinson, a commercial art major, was awarded an art scholarship from the Art Council of Cory, Penn. Jennifer had two pottery pieces in the show as well as several paintings. Her style represented non-objective and abstract with an intense use of colors to evoke strong feelings in the viewer.

Gena M. Schillereff, a fine arts major with an emphasis in ceramics, used stoneware clay with the subject matter of her dreams and feelings in a style that is symbolic in nature.

A commercial art major, Brian Shaw used an impasto style in his oil paintings which involved the use of very thick paint that runs off the canvas to add a three-dimensional texture to his work.

Rebecca Stockton, a visual arts major, displayed two ceramic pieces, including an old man's face, a sand cast wall hanging and a plaster carving.

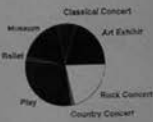
Mike Walker, commercial art, film design and film production major, had six pieces. Three pieces were still life and figurative oil painting and three pieces were drawing which included realistic, expressionistic and a study in light and dark.

The Jackson County Fine Arts Council works with the college, acting as a catalyst to preserve and promote the cultural heritage and to develop and enhance the cultural life of Jackson County.

The college, Jackson County Fine Arts Council, Jackson/Cerge Regional Library System, City of Gauthier, Painesville/Moss Point

GRADUATING ART STUDENTS, above, whose work were featured in the gallery are, from left, top: Brian Shaw, Lisa Bouvette, Mike Walker, Jennifer Hutchinson, Aaron Dale, Linda Hill, bottom: Rebecca Stockton, Gena Schillereff. OPPOSITE PAGE: Graduate Gena Dale performed on campus in March. Gena teaches guitar at Clatsop Community College and the students have won many awards. Students also brought plays by students and by a Shakespeare group.

## Favorite Types of Fine Arts Events





# HONORS

Success is defined  
as the achievement of something attempted.  
Whether that achievement meant getting a 4.0  
or a passing grade,  
being named to the USA All Academic Team  
or balancing work, family and classes,  
students and faculty worked hard to succeed.

Everyone had a success story—  
obstacles overcome, dreams realized, goals set.  
But some of us didn't just achieve.

## SOME EXCELLED.

Some put in extra hours studying to make  
top grades and some put in extra hours  
working to make campus life more meaningful.  
Those recognized publicly by the college  
for excelling and going the extra mile  
are honored here.



## ◆ MR. & MISS JCC ◆

### **MICHAEL CAMERON WILLIAMS**

Ocean Springs. Secondary education/history. Student Council; Sophomore class president. Intramural football and soccer.

*"The age diversity at Jackson County Campus has given me a chance to experience an entirely new atmosphere, more like the real world than any other situation I had been placed in before. I believe that this will be a tremendous benefit to me."*

### **ANTONIA MARIE PITALO**

Ocean Springs. Dietetics/Exercise Physiology. Student Council; Sophomore representative. Homecoming Queen. Freshman class favorite. Honors program. Phi Theta Kappa. Honors scholarship. Chevron scholarship. Hall of Fame. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. All American Scholar President's List. Citizenship Award.

*"Different aged classmates have offered much wisdom on what is to come in the future. This diversity also offers variety and maturity which has enhanced my growth."*



Dustin Polk and Farrah Pierce



Taylor Hulsey and Tammy Cochran



## ◆ SOPHOMORE FAVORITES ◆

### AMY NICOLE BAKER

Ocean Springs, Veterinary medicine. Student Council: Freshman representative; Freshman Involvement, Freshman and Sophomore Housecoming Maid.

*"The diverse age groups at JCC have studied my communication better with a wider range of people."*

### TAMMY MARIE COCHRAN

Ocean Springs, Occupational therapy. Student Council: Sophomore representative; Phi Theta Kappa, Students for Environmental Action, Intramural Volleyball, President's and Vice President's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

*"I have learned from the older students that it is much harder to get to school later in life. I should finish now and enjoy it."*

### FRANK DACCARDI

Ocean Springs, Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism major.

### CECILIA DOBBS

Ocean Springs, Journalism. Student Council: Tennessean Association staff: Counselor and Phases, Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Vice President's List.

### TIMOTHY A. DRAKE

Biloxi, Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism internships.

*"The diversity of ages at JCC made me work harder and do the best I could do."*

### TAYLOR HULSEY

Hurley, Athletic Administration/Business. Student Council: Sophomore representative, Baptist Student Union, Intramural sports, Freshman class favorite.

*"I have learned a lot about people, life and how to handle situations at JCC. The older students can give you different perspectives on life and vice versa."*

### KELLY CHRISTINE MAGUIN

Pascagoula, Marketing. Student Council: Freshman and sophomore representative, Housekeeping Court, Freshman maid.

*"The diversity has helped me understand how important it is to get my education early in life and how one should never give up one's dreams, because if you want your dreams bad enough, they will come true."*

### SEAN O'GRADY

Biloxi, Business management.

*"The age diversity is great because you learn and see from all angles and walks of life. The experience at JCC is eye-opening."*

### FARRAH ROACHELLE PIERCE

Hurley, Psychology. Student Council: Vice President, Housecoming Court, Sophomore Maid.

*"No matter how old someone is, they strive for education."*

### DUSTIN J. POLK

St. Martin, Computer information systems. Student Council: President, Baptist Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Beta Gamma, Hall of Fame, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

### BRANDON MATTHEW PONDER

Ocean Springs, Medical radiographic technology. Basketball/football internships, Vice President's List.

*"The diversity at JCC has helped me realize the importance of a good education. When I see older students who have come back to get an education, it only reinforces that a good education is needed in today's world."*

### BRENT ROGERS

Top: Carey Jenkins  
Center: Scott Henry and Alexa Vaparis  
Bottom: Damian Jakubik and Jamie Herrod



Olivia Quinn and Michael Treadway



Christina Pitalo and Jeff Kiciak



## ◆ FRESHMAN FAVORITES ◆

### JAMIE HERROD

Ocean Springs. Business marketing.  
*"I have noticed a lot of age differences, which is great. It's great that the older students want to come back to school."*

### DAMIAN J. JAKUBIK

Ocean Springs. Accounting. Intramural football and basketball. Phi Theta Kappa.  
*"The age diversity has had a mild effect on me while at JCC. The older people that I have come in contact with have helped me along the way."*

### CAREY JUANICO

Ocean Springs. Foreign language education. Reflections Team. Transferred to USM mid-year.  
*"Class sizes and the different ages add more to the classroom."*

### MICHELLE KING

### JEFFREY MICHAEL KOPSZYWA

Ocean Springs. Pre-medicine. Phi Theta Kappa.  
*"I believe that having many peers at various ages has helped me to grow and mature into being a young adult."*

### STEVEN McCARTER

### CHRISTINA LEIGH PITALO

Ocean Springs. Education.

### OLIVIA QUINN

### SCOTT REEDY

Ocean Springs. Business administration. Honors program. Phi Theta Kappa. Vice President's List.  
*"The diversity at JCC has given me the chance to meet people from the different cities along the Gulf Coast."*

### MICHAEL TREADWAY

Ocean Springs. Accounting. Phi Theta Kappa. Intramural basketball. Student Council. Associate member. Honors program.

### ALEXIA VAPARIS

Ocean Springs. Occupational therapy. Honors program. Freshman maid.  
*"Because of the diversity of ages at JCC, I feel that through my educational experience I have become more responsible. Being a part of the adult atmosphere has made me more independent and given me a chance to look at reality."*

Q:

How has the age diversity at Jackson County Campus enhanced your college experience?

A:

"The age diversity allows for the older students to share their experiences with the younger ones. By sharing their personal experiences, it enhances our understanding of the subject." DIANA BORN

## Spanning the GENERATIONS

"I found that the more years of life people have under their belts, the more interest they take in learning." KELLY DYRANE COLE

"In all of my classes, I have had the joy of studying with both older and younger students and draw upon their knowledge and experience." CLIFTON H. DAVIS

"I came to America when I was 12 without speaking any English. I couldn't believe that I can make it successfully this far. My parents' wish, also mine, is that I'll do good in college and get a B.S. degree in engineering. Also, I'm very thankful to all of my professors at JCC. They are very nice and friendly!" THANH-THAO THI DOAN

"While attending JCC I have met many people of different ages. The diversity at this campus has been a major plus because it has helped me grow socially and intellectually. Being around all the different people has also allowed me to become more involved in activities." CECILIA BETH DOBBS

"The age diversity has enhanced my college experience in that I have become friends with people of all ages. I have learned so much from them. Even meeting the different people, they have helped me to participate in many school activities." CYNTHIA ANN DOBBS

"I have had a pleasant experience with all my fellow students and have enjoyed meeting new people. Attending JCC has truly given me a sense of freedom and self-worth. 'Only the educated are free'." DAIQUIRI FENNEL

"The age differences bring groups of people together that don't normally come in contact with one another. In doing so, students are allowed to learn from others who have had experiences that are different from their own." MELISSA LEIGH HANNA

"It has helped by offering a wide insight of different viewpoints on subject matters. The diversity has also helped me to interact with a variety of age groups throughout my learning experiences." CLIFFORD E. HERMES, JR.

"I think it's a wonderful idea for many different age groups to be attending the same school. People can always learn from one another. I also believe that people should never stop learning." AMANDA LEIGH HESTER

"It is in the midst of people who are younger and older than me. I feel very fortunate to receive wisdom from my older classmates and the energy and attitude from my younger classmates. It is an exhilarating combination." COLETTE S. HOUGHTON

"My college experience has been enhanced through the younger generation because when I am around them I am constantly reminded of the importance of being all you can be and never giving up, no matter how hard things may seem. I get my energy from them and my joy from their delight in life." IVY JOANN McCALL



## HALL OF FAME

All of the students named to the Jackson County Campus Hall of Fame by the faculty were also named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students are pictured in order, left to right by row, as listed below.

**DIANA BORN**, Gautier. Psychology major. Phi Theta Kappa; Vice President of Scholarship. Honors Program. President's List. National Dean's List.

**KELLY COLE**, Vancleave. Registered nursing major. Phi Theta Kappa. President's List. 1997 Nursing Spirit Award.

**CLIFTON H. DAVIS**, Gautier. Physician's Assistant major.

**THANH-THAO THI DOAN**, Pascagoula. Chemical engineering major. Phi Theta Kappa. Honors Program. Vice President's List. National Dean's List.

**CECILIA BETH DOBBS**, Ocean Springs. Journalism major. Student Council: Treasurer. Vice President's List.

**CYNTHIA ANN DOBBS**, Ocean Springs. Journalism major. Student Council: Secretary. Vice President's List.

**DAIQUIRI FENNEL**, Ocean Springs. Accounting major. Phi Beta Lambda: President, Treasurer.

**MELISSA LEIGH HANNA**, Gautier. Marine biology major. Phi Theta Kappa; Vice President of Leadership. All Mississippi Academic Team. All Academic Team for the nation sponsored by USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa.

**CLIFFORD E. HERMES, JR.**, D'Iberville. Registered Nursing major.

**AMANDA LEIGH HESTER**, Pascagoula. Business Administration major. Anola Club Scholarship.

**COLETTE S. HOUGHTON**, Gautier. Registered Nursing major. President's and Vice President's Lists. Mary Agnes Gautier Scholarship. Toni and Abe Abrams Scholarship.

**IVY JOANN McCALL**, Grand Bay, Ala. Child Care major. Post Secondary Association of Student Teacher Educators: Fundraiser Chair.

Q:

*How has the age diversity at Jackson County Campus enhanced your college experience?*

A:

"Witnessing the age diversity at JCC has allowed me to realize the importance of get-

# Spanning the GENERATIONS

ting my education while I am young. It has also made me aware of each student's individual needs. The combining of generations makes classes interesting and broadens the perspective at which we view the given topic." **BRANDY PARRISH**

"This broad spectrum of ages represents a cross section of society and has given me a wider perspective of life." **ANTONIA MARIE PITALO**

"I believe the age diversity brings a well balanced atmosphere to the classroom. It has helped improve my capability to interact with the older generation. The diversity also seems to bring a calmness to some of the 'would be' classes." **CHAD ERIC PUGH**

"It has helped prepare me for my future career as a physicist or engineer where age diversity is inevitable." **JESSICA TANNER**

"Having people older than me in my classes has really enhanced my college experience. They share with me their life experiences which I myself have not experienced. This helps me to broaden my perspective on life." **LISA DIANE VAUGHN**

"My outlook on life has expanded by learning from older and younger students whose viewpoints differ from my own." **ROY WILLIAM VEST, JR.**

"The age diversity at JCC has allowed me to meet many different people with contrasting views. It has enhanced my college experience because I have learned the needs and views of those older than me." **CHARLES MARTIN WERNETH IV**

"The age diversity has enhanced my experience because not only do young people learn from older people, older people can learn from 'us kids as well!" **BROOKE WERNOWSKY**

"More life experience, a realization of the importance of a good education." **OTTO J. ZOLLER III**



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**BRANDY PARRISH**, Pascagoula, Bachelor of Science Nursing major, Phi Theta Kappa, Reflections Team, Achievement Award in Anatomy and Physiology I.

**ANTONIA MARIE PITALO**, Ocean Springs, Nutrition major, Student Council, Sophomore representative, Phi Theta Kappa, Freshman Class Favorite, Homecoming Queen, Honors Scholarship, Chevron Scholarship, Citizenship Award.

**DUSTIN POLK**, St. Martin, Computer information systems major, Student Council, President, Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union, Sophomore Class Favorite.

**CHAD ERIC PUGH**, Grand Bay, Ala., Business Marketing major, Phi Theta Kappa, Vice President, Campus Bible Study, Vice President's List, Second Place, Honors Biology Mentorship Program.

**NATALIE B. ROBERTS**, Vancleave, Anthropology and History major, President's List.

**ELIZABETH LINDA SWORD**, Pascagoula, Bachelor of Science Degree Nursing, Phi Theta Kappa, National Student Nurse Association.

**JESSICA TANNER**, Lacedale, Physics and Engineering major, Phi Theta Kappa, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, Multi-media project merging the arts and sciences, Dean's List, President's List, Nominated for Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

**LISA DIANE VAUGHN**, Wade, Speech/Language Pathology major, Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa.

**ROY WILLIAM VEST, JR.**, Gautier, Meteorology major, College Republicans, Baptist Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Program, President's List, Vice President's List.

**CHARLES MARTIN WERNETH IV**, Ocean Springs, Mathematics and Physics major, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Program, Honors scholarship.

**BROOKE WERNOWSKY**, Pascagoula, Psychology major, Phi Theta Kappa, English tutor in Learning Lab, President's List, Vice President's List.

**OTTO J. ZOLLER III**, Pascagoula, Science major, *Gastliner* staff.

# Who's Who *Among Students in American Junior Colleges*



● Amanda Hester ● Brooke Wernowsky ● Kelly Reish



● Roy Vest, Jr.  
● Brandy Parrish  
● Jamie McCarty  
● Diana Born

● Leigh Hanna  
● Inquiri Fennell  
● Jessica Tanner  
● Shirley Abston



● Brandon Sherwood ● Brooke Wernowsky ● Amanda Hester  
● Charles Werneth ● Ivy McCall ● Roland Creed

● Clifford Hermes  
● Colette Houghton  
● Chad Pugh  
● Thanh-Thao Doan  
● Natalie Roberts  
● John E. Williams



● Dustin Polk  
● Cynthia Dobbs  
● Antonia Pitolo  
● Cecilia Dobbs



The 1998 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES will include the names of 42 students from JCC who were selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory included the names of these students based on their academic achievement; service to the community; leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They joined an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning and their portraits were published, along with a biography of accomplishments, in the annual directory for Who's Who.

Not pictured from Jackson County Campus are Cathy Bood, Kelly Cole, Malinda Cumberland, Clifton Davis, Patricia Hodges, Pete Pinchard, Tanja Reynolds, Brooke Roberts, John D. Saylor, Stella J. Smith, Winifred L. Smith, William H. Meyer, Jr., Linda Sward, Karin D. Tarant, Lisa D. Vaughn, Karrina Williams, Orso Zoller, III.

## All Academic Team

**M**elissa Leigh Hanna was one of 20 in the nation to be named to the All USA Academic First Team, being awarded a 2,500 scholarship from USA Today.

She and Harry Stewart represented JCC at the state level when Leigh was named to the first team and Harry was named honorable mention.

The All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa, was composed of an elite group of community and junior college students from all 50 states who were judged on an essay based on an experience in college that changed their outlook on life, community service and academic achievements. Extra points were given for heavy work load, rigorous course work or challenging personal circumstances in the pursuit of the student's education.

Leigh was featured in a color page of the April 27 issue of USA Today with the other 19 members of the First Team. To receive her award, Leigh was the special guest at the AACC Annual Convention in Miami, Fla., accompanied by JCC Vice President Dr. Houshang Morandmand, MGCCC President Barry Mellinger, PTK sponsor Kay Sims and her mother.

"I've learned that you get back 10 times of what you give," said Leigh who served as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, was a member of the Honors Program and volunteered at the Gautier Public Library and was an assistant girls' softball coach. At 19, she was one of the youngest to be selected for the national honor. The majority were non-traditional students.



## HOSA won again

Members of Health Occupation Students of America who won the coveted Lofton Award as the most outstanding student organization on campus for 1997-98 were, from left, seated: advisor Eleanor Douglas, Talitha Thomas, Vernet Giamposio, Amanda Orr, Lawanda Rogers and advisor Tabatha Gibson; middle: Paula McCuller, Felicia Johnson, Debbie Sewell, Dorethe Grayhan, Kelly L. Martin, Thomas Kilosky and Karen Goussault; back: Karen Zettler, Judy Hays and Chad Williamson. The award honors Billie Joe Lofton who was Dean of Student Services from 1966 until his retirement in 1991.



## 1998 Citizenship Awards

**C**itizenship at Jackson County Campus is honored each year by recognizing two outstanding sophomores chosen by the faculty based on character, leadership, scholarship and participation on campus and in the community.

This year, Antonia Pitalo of Ocean Springs and Chad Pugh of Grand Bay, Ala., received the Citizenship Awards—the highest given by the faculty—during annual Awards Day ceremonies April 24.

### ANTONIA PITALO

Antonia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pugh, is a nutrition/exercise physiology major. She served as a sophomore representative on the Student Council and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. A member of the Honors Program, she received a Chevron Scholarship and was a President's List Scholar, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She was elected Miss Jackson County Campus, 1997 homecoming queen and a freshman favorite.

### CHAD PUGH

Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pugh. He is a business marketing major and served as the Vice President of Service for Phi Theta Kappa and was on the Vice President's List. He was a member of a campus Bible study club and received second place in the honors biology mentorship program in 1997. He was a member of the Honors Program.



## 1998 Lofton Award

Health Occupations Students of America was named the most outstanding JCC student organization, receiving The Lofton Award, followed by Phi Beta Lambda, second, and Reflections Team, third. Clubs received points for participation in campus-wide events during the annual competition sponsored by the Student Council. At the presentation, from left, were Dustin Polk, Student Council president; Cynthia Dobbs, Student Council secretary; Amanda Orr, HOSA vice president; Daquiri Fennell, Phi Beta Lambda president; Jennifer Eaves, Reflections treasurer; Cecilia Dobbs, Student Council treasurer.



## 1997 Top Instructor

**D**EBBIE HILL was named Instructor of the Year for 1997. She received her masters in nursing in 1977 at the University of Mississippi and taught at Mississippi University for Women. She began teaching psychiatric nursing at JCC in 1983 and was nominated for Jackson County Nurse in 1989 and Who's Who in American Nursing 1990. She is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, the American Nurses' Association, the National League for Nursing and the Mississippi Faculty Association.

In the community, she is known for her work with the disadvantaged and has volunteered time to the children's shelter and Project H.O.P.E.—Help Overcome Poverty Through Education.

"She is one of the most exceptionally talented individuals I have ever had the privilege to work with in nursing," said RN chairperson Nica Cason. "She is compassionate, caring and is always willing to give of herself and time to her peers, students and patients."

Janie Brenden, a former student of Debbie Hill's and now her peer, said that "as a student she was so in tune to our needs in clinicals that we thought she could read our thoughts. Now that I am her colleague, I know it is not the student's thoughts she reads; it is their hearts."



## 1998 Top Instructor

**R**EBECA MORETON was "absolutely flabbergasted" at receiving the 1998 Instructor of the Year award, saying "No, no, no! Speech teachers don't get awards!"

Fine arts department chair Martha Richardson was less surprised. "She is consistent and understands her craft. She is involved in a lot of outside projects, such as a statewide project on children's literacy. She gives up her own time to the students working on the Scholar's Bowl. She's dedicated and that's hard to beat," Richardson said.

She began teaching at 21 as a public and professional speech instructor at Ole Miss. After a seven year hiatus, during which she worked as a medical representative and raised a family, she returned to teaching in 1990.

"When I get up in the morning, I have to feel like I am making a difference. I get that feeling from teaching," she said.

In her seven years at JCC, Mrs. Moreton has received such awards as Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's H.E.A.D.W.A.E., outstanding educator award last year and the State Humanities Council Teacher of the Year Award in 1996.



## Lamplighters

**I**nstructors Mrs. Karen Jenner and Mrs. Vanessa Dedman were selected to participate in Lamplighters 1997 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Hattiesburg.

The Lamplighters Program is an annual project sponsored by the west Delta's Association that recognizes effective teaching in Mississippi community and junior colleges. The project also allows teachers to share teaching experiences. Each year JCC selects one academic and one vocational/business instructor to attend this prestigious conference.

The theme this year was "Growth: Educated in Hill Country." Instructors listened to speakers, attended workshops, went on a riverboat ride and most important, ate lots of food. The speakers were Susan Baile from the Covey Leadership Center and Carl Harley who is known as America's Funniest Professor.

"It was like a mini vacation," said Mrs. Dedman, a business and technology instructor at JCC since the fall of 1996. She previously taught at D'Beriville High School for four years. She is a co-sponsor of Phi Beta Lambda.

"Everything we did was very motivating and inspirational and we were treated like royalty," Mrs. Jenner said. She has taught creative writing, world literature and composition classes at JCC since the fall of 1989.



## Top in Science

**J**CC science instructor Ben Moffatt received the 1997 Outstanding Science Teacher Award from the Mississippi Science Teachers Association. "I think very highly of Ben Moffatt. His accomplishments and professional attributes speak for themselves," said Dr. James Dunn, science department chair. Dr. Moffatt was named as second best excellence in 1993 as director of the summer Chemistry Day Camp, sponsored by JCC and First Chemical Corporation.



## Humanities Council Award

**J**ason Pugh, JCC physics instructor, was one of four MGC/JCC instructors who received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Mississippi Humanities Council in October given to only 19 college and university instructors from around the state who teach traditional humanity courses.

Award recipient selection was based on lectures and presentations by the instructors. Pugh's presentation topic was "A Mad Simile: Merging of the Arts and Sciences" in which he sought to bring out the common aspects of the arts and sciences by comparing NASA-produced satellite images of Haiti Island and the artwork of Walter Anderson done on Haiti Island.

A resident of Gautier, Pugh has been a physics instructor at JCC for the past five years.

"I am pleased to have received this envoy-

ment from the Humanities Council. As a scientist, I often feel to bridge the science/humanities gap. This recognition will heighten my awareness of the coexistence of the two disciplines," he said. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College was the only college to have four winners. Other Gulf Coast Award winners were Janina Barnhill in Perkinston, Dr. Juan Puch in Jefferson Davis and Marilyn Lost in Perkinston.

Pugh was also elected vice president of the Mississippi Association of Physicists and was selected as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration-American Society of Engineering Education Fellow for the summer of 1996 to develop laboratory exercises and other curriculum support material.



# ORGANIZATIONS

Being a member of a campus organization  
told the rest of the world  
what was important to you.  
It also told the rest of the world  
how hard you were willing to work,  
how willing you were  
to go beyond what was required  
and reach for something desired.  
Community service, fund raisers,  
sacrifice of spare time  
and participation in campus activities  
often centered on club involvement at JCC,  
not to mention the hard work  
members and advisers put forth  
for causes they cared about.  
But we never let those responsibilities  
interfere with having a great time  
or getting better acquainted  
WITH STUDENTS OF EVERY GENERATION!

## Clubs provided backbone

Clubs were the backbone of campus life at JCC. Headed by the Student Council, under a common goal, each club spanned the gaps between generations by service, activities and support.

While each club had their own agendas, many of them joined with other campus organizations to support campus-wide activities sponsored by the Student Council. Although this year experienced a slight decrease in club participation on the campus level, JCC's organizations still provided foundational support and opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom.

Among the active groups on campus were:

**LIFE CHRISTIAN SUPPORT:** A student support group started in the fall of 1996, provided fellowship for Christians with 5-minute morning devotionals giving students the chance to gather in prayer before starting the school day and helping focus on strength in daily struggles. Sponsored by Mrs. Carol Moradmand, LIFE joined Baptist Student Union in sponsoring "See You At The Pole," a nationwide day of prayer in which students and faculty gathered at the flagpole to pray. Life Christian Support sold "Little Faith" pins that represented the size of a baby's feet 10 weeks after conception. The funds raised were donated to the Morningstar Pregnancy Center to help with expenses and to show Pro-Life support.

**HUMAN SERVICES CLUB** worked to establish a comprehensive recycling program on campus by attending a "Developing a Green Campus" meeting to do an environmental audit of the waste stream on campus. "The emphasis of the club is to get people to be aware of their community and to help them become civic minded," said Tom Boone, human services instructor and club sponsor. HSC helped promote campus projects such as blood drives, Earth Day and food drives.

**STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION** made it their goal to awaken the student nurses to issues affecting the community and promote professional development among nursing students in a changing healthcare system. Ranging from ages 25 to 50, SNA's members planned service-oriented activities including a toy drive for the Children's Shelter, Santa For Senior Citizens and volunteering at the Mullet Festival. SNA was recognized at the state level with the Silver Circle Award for service and with JCC naming student Jennifer Proctor being elected a state vice president.

**ALPHA BETA GAMMA** was the newcomer on campus, inducing members for the first time April 23. Sponsor Becky Rutz stated that the business honorary exists to recognize excellence in academics and motivate students in the business field. Beta Tau chapter of ABG requires its members to maintain a 3.0 GPA in all curriculum and prior completion of 15 hours of college credit toward a degree recognized by the college. "Recognition of achievement, leadership opportunities through chapter officers and over \$500,000 in scholarships nationally are among the benefits of membership," said Mrs. Rutz.

**VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA** participated in the Vocational/Technical Education Week on campus February 8-14 and promoted unity among a diverse number of occupational fields from automotive technology to health occupations to electronic technology. The aim of VICA was to promote leadership and excellence in the working world and encourage teamwork skills among members.

**POST SECONDARY ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT TEACHER EDUCATORS (P.A.S.T.E.)** members were enrolled in the childcare development curriculum.

**ALL IN FUN:** campus clubs entered decorating contests and chess contests, participated in Oktoberfest and even dressed instructors in the crazy scavenger hunt at Lagniappe Day. Top row, from left, are Neil Horstman's humorous Christmas door decoration, Psi Theta Kappa's original Christmas door decoration, P.A.S.T.E.'s annual Trick or Treat tour of campus for children in the daycare and faculty members Kevin Turner and Sarah Thigpen in the VICA pajama contest.

**WARMING UP:** to campus events, clubs provided the main support for campus-wide events. Center, from left, ModCloth Lab Tech produced is creative Christmas decoration and LIFE's sponsor Carol Moradmand. Far right, gave proceeds from the sale of their spirit for LIFE's projects. Looking at her works were Joy Gibson, Kathy Clark, Marjorie Moss and Hilda Cason. Representatives of campus clubs, bottom, accepted trophies for Harvest Hay Date display.

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**STUDENT COUNCIL** members were, from left, seated: Tammy Cochran, treasurer Cecilia Dobbs, Kelly Naequin, Kim Reynolds, secretary Cynthia Odoles, associate member Michael Treasdale, freshman president David Dunnaway, Elizabeth Corrine, Antonio Pilsa, associate member Geoff Burnett, and James Prince, standing. Junior Murphree, president Dustin Polk, Taylor Hulsey, sophomore president Michael Williams and vice president Farrah Pierce. Not pictured: Mrs. Terry Fountain, sponsor.

**GO DAVEN!** was the cry of Student Council cheerleaders at the Bulldog Bash, above right from left, Antonio Pilsa, Cynthia Dobbs, Jennifer Murphree, Taylor Hulsey, Kelly Naequin, Kim Reynolds, James Prince, Cecilia Dobbs, Farrah Pierce and Michael Williams.

**KING-CAKES** were a big hit at Mardi Party. Cutting slices, at right, were Farrah Pierce, Antonio Pilsa, Kim Reynolds and Kelly Naequin.

**FILL THE STOCKING** antics featured James Prince and Elizabeth Corrine, center right, in a carnival version of a Christmas Carol presented by the Student Council.

**SERVING FOOD** at campus events was one of the ways Student Council members worked to make activities successful. Taking a quick break above were James Prince, Kim Reynolds, Cecilia Dobbs, Dustin Polk, Cynthia Dobbs and David Dunnaway.

**LOOK ALIKE** photo stars made it easy to tell who was working on the Student Council. Posing at Mardi Party were, from left, seated: David Dunnaway, Kelly Naequin, Kim Reynolds and Elizabeth Corrine, standing: Taylor Hulsey, Dustin Polk, Antonio Pilsa and Farrah Pierce.



## Student Council led the way to an active year on campus

**S**tudent Council led the way for the movers and shakers on campus as they planned, promoted and put on the campus-wide activities offered to students.

From Club Day to Lagniappe Day, members were the driving force in making things happen as they worked behind the scenes to guarantee that students had opportunities for on-campus college life. It wasn't easy juggling a full load of classes with painting banners, hanging up signs, setting up parties, picking up trash and cleaning up after parties, but they did it.

They also tried to read the pulse of the campus in deciding what events to offer. First semester's events were pretty well established by the calendar. Club Day gave high visibility to the campus's organizations and Oktoberfest gave everyone a chance

to get outdoors, listen to the band Three Doors Down and buy food from campus clubs. This year the Council added a new twist, The Coolest Guy and Girl on Campus Contest. The winners? The ones who could sit on a block of ice the longest!

Student Council wasn't alone in making this happen on campus. They had terrific support from student organizations who participated in every event, often providing the entertainment. Student activities at JCC were honored all

homecoming when the campus won the trophy for having the most entries in the tri-campus parade, an even sweeter reward considering that JCC students had to travel the longest distance to get to Wiggins.

Other fall events were the annual Bulldog Bash with free burger lunches and cheer contest, the Turkey Trot that raised canned goods given to New Horizons for holiday food baskets and the Fill the Stocking Party to collect toys for needy children in the county.

Spring semester saw the Mardi Party with the band Sunhaven, Singled Out with lots of contestants, Easter egg hunt with 2000 hidden eggs, Almost Anything Goes with plenty of messy games and Lagniappe Day with the band The Nocturnes and 600 pounds of crawfish.

### Leading the way

JCCA MEMBERS from left, seated: Peggy O'Neil, David Calender, John Walker, Scott Carr, Tim Werner, Tonja Reynolds; standing: JCCA sponsors Steve Brown and Tom Zito.

JCCA's BULLDOG (far right) Chris King joked around with Timothy Brewer during an activity at the Bulldog Bash. King is a member of Reflections.

REFLECTIONS members (below) from left, front row: Crystal Holt, Crystal Eldridge, Malinda Cumberland, Delana Giddon and Heather Tillis; middle: Jesse Delk, Tori Smith, Keli Sigalas, Catherine Anderson, Sherri Rushing; back row: sponsor Mrs. Teri Ormes, Chris King, Carey Janico, Sherie Miller, Elizabeth Corzine and Adam Wilkerson.

COMPUTER SKILLS were perfected for state competition by JCCA members right from bottom, Donald Sopi, Jr., and Spencer Baskirk while John Thomas Williams and Tim Werner looked on.

CAUGHT WORKING (center) were Reflections members Chris King and Crystal Holt who all smiles as they hung balloons and posters at the Gazebo in preparation for Bulldog Bash '97.



## JCCA and Reflections did what it took to make JCC a better place for everyone



RECRUITING MEMBERS during Club Day (above) were from left, Tonya Reynolds, Chris Gray and JCCA co-sponsor Steve Brown who were kicked back and relaxed at the JCCA table. Their efforts paid off when they won two trophies at state competition in April.

Advancing JCC was the common goal of the Jackson County Computing Association (JCCA) and the Reflections Team.

JCCA was focused on advancing JCC by participating in projects such as creating interactive courseware to assist faculty in presenting course materials to students, providing tutoring services to students in computer science and math and renting computer hardware to students on a semester basis.

A major accomplishment was taking third and fourth places in the statewide computer programming competition in April.

Reflections, the official hospitality/recruiting team, advanced JCC by actively recruiting students from local high schools and the community through such activities as hall visits in the schools and booths at the Jackson County Fair and at the Singing River Mall Show.

## Advancing JCC

One of their major goals was to raise money to provide scholarships for JCC. Preview Day and the Explosion of Excellence through carnation sales and the Gayfers Benefits ticket sales.

This selected group of dedicated students had fun as they sponsored the Random Acts of Kindness project in which they awarded one person every week with a surprise for doing a random act of kindness on campus. They also provided an inspirational quote or saying, Reflection of the Week, seen on television monitors on campus.

"Reflections is hard work, time consuming, rewarding and fun," said Mrs. Teri Ormes, sponsor, of the group which won third place in the Lofon Award competition for the year and participated in most student activities. Their Wellness project was collecting 4300 cans of food for Our Daily Bread in Pascagoula.

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**PHI BETA LAMBDA** members, right, from left, back row: sponsor Vanessa Dedeaux, Kevin Reese, Tim Werner, sponsor Jeanette Thomas; front row: Patti Sonnier, Susan Johnson, Karen Lamie, Daquiri Fennell, Toni Gudry, Marjorie Johnson, Carolyn Coleman.

**MEDICAL LAB TECH** members, below, from left, back row: Amy Lancaster, Brett King, Pamela Akins, front row: Cheryl Bernhard, Kurt Forshag, Lisa Edelen, Ruben Jacobs, Georgia Jenkins.



**MEDICAL LAB TECH** members, above center, from left, back row: Allen Johnson, Peggy Caldwell; front row: sponsor Gretchen Cunningham, Cheryl Ellington, Marcella Peters, Melissa Nichols, Bridgette Butler. More MLT members, above from left, back row: Kimberly Edwards, April Pison, Bridgette Butler; front row: Jacqueline Weikel, Kurt Forshag, Denise Nelson, Deanna Loper, Dennis Givley. Members not pictured: David Mathis, Crystal Rogers, Kim Runney, Steven Shoemaker, Steven Torrey, Lathia Vaughn, Carolyn Willett.



## TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

Students learn about their professions

and have fun in MLT, PBL organizations

**M**edical Laboratory Technology and Phi Beta Lambda, both career oriented organizations, offered students a chance to learn more about their chosen courses of study in a fun "out of class" environment.

The Medical Laboratory Technology Club's (MLT) purpose was to promote the role of the medical laboratory technician in the health care field. Its members had chosen medical lab technology as their course of study and their future careers.

MLT officers were Becky Jacobs, president; Allen Johnson, vice president; Pam Akins, secretary/treasurer; and Denise Nelson, reporter. Faculty sponsor was Ms. Gretchen Cunningham.

Their goal was to recruit more members into the field of medical technology. They coordinated their annual goodwill tour of area hospitals in April, where MLT members and the Easter Bunny brought Easter holiday cheer to hospital patients.

Phi Beta Lambda, a national business Greek letter organization, was also active this year, winning second place in the annual Lofton

## aking time to explore major in club setting

Award competition for outstanding campus organizations.

The 11 members participated in every Student Council-sponsored campus-wide event including Bulldog Bash, the Christmas door decorating contest, the food drive and the MGCCC homecoming parade.

In addition to campus events, Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) sent a five-member delegation to their annual business convention and competition in Jackson, Miss., and held their annual St. Jude Bowl-a-thon which raised over \$1,000 for St. Jude's hospital.

PBL's executive committee consisted of Daquiri Fennell, president; Karen Lamie, vice president; Carolyn Coleman, secretary; Susan Johnson, treasurer; Patti Sonnier, historian and Tim Werner, reporter. Ms. Jeanette Thomas and Mrs. Vanessa Dedeaux were the faculty sponsors who president Daquiri Fennell, in speaking on behalf of all PBL members, said "were invaluable".

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**FLIPPING** for JCC at the Bulldog Bash was PBL's Susan Johnson, top, who was caught doing a cartwheel.

**EASTER VISIT** to local hospitals by the MLT bunny, center left, is an annual project. The bunny was released by Dr. Lyman Dornier, right, and Dr. Charles Collins, left, at Ocean Springs Hospital.

**SYNCHRONIZED** PBL members Patti Sonnier, Karen Lamie, Marjorie Johnson and Susan Johnson, center right, performed at Bulldog Bash.

**PBL** performed the homecoming parade at left was PBL's: Brett Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Toni Gudry, Patti Sonnier, Daquiri Fennell and Tim Werner.

**FULL OF THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT.** Dan Zwerg of Ocean Springs, co-sponsor of Students for Environmental Action, played his saxophone at the Fall the Stocking event at JCC.



**NEW HORIZONS CLUB** members, from left, back row: secretary Sylvia Shields of Ocean Springs; Chrissy Taylor of Ocean Springs; Kriston Goshaw of Ocean Springs; Dee Robinson of Gauthier; president Faen Thibodeaux of Pascagoula; sponsor Kay Martin of Pascagoula; front row: Pamela Daburner of Vieux-Ibis; Alice Buehling of Gauthier; Candrine Little of Gauthier; sponsor Darla Lyons of Gauthier.



**STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CLUB** members from left, back row: Harry Stewart of Ocean Springs, vice president Choe Munoz of Pascagoula, public relations John Sherman of Pascagoula; front row: president Renee Purditt of Ocean Springs; secretary Alyssa Blaker of Ocean Springs; Dan Zwerg of Ocean Springs; Dan Zwerg and Jo Ann Carey were co-sponsors.



**SANTA'S VISIT** highlighted the Christmas festival. Hosted by New Horizons for the children of all JCC students and faculty. Over 100 children attended the event and enjoyed toffee featuring a variety of activities and food.



**SEA MEMBER** Harry Stewart performed a variety of duties while serving as a summer intern on Ship Island.

**THE MCCC BULLDOG** was the center of attention as New Horizon members secretary Sylvia Shields and vice president Diane Hudson grill some pointers at the Bulldog Bash cheer competition.



Community involvement was the major drive behind the New Horizons Club and the Students for Environmental Action Club (SEA). The purpose of New Horizons was to offer services and support for single parents and displaced homemakers and other students in transition, especially students returning to school after a long absence.

"A lot of clubs on campus are all younger students; some of the adult students do not feel comfortable with that," said Mrs. Darla Lyons, sponsor. New Horizons allowed non-traditional students to become active on campus and interact with other students in similar situations.

Activities included Thanksgiving dinners for students, a Christmas party for children of all Jackson County Campus students and four Opportunity Seminars which offered information on developing positive self-esteem, values and goals, assertiveness, money, time and stress management, careers, job search and resumes.

SEA membership was mobilized into two groups, each with a major event. One group led by sponsor and environmental technology instructor Dan Zwerg sailed to Horn Island to participate in the Coastal Island Clean Up, joining hundreds of volunteers in collecting tons of marine debris from the beaches and enjoying a wonderful day on the island.

The other group led by environmental technology instructor Jo Ann Carey assisted in the Jackson County household hazardous waste collection because of their commitment to educate the general public on the proper disposal of hazardous materials.

"We have a vision for educating the public and for community service work," said member Debbie Barton.

"This is an action oriented student group interested in helping the local area. Good common sense is the focus of their goals and objectives," said Zwerg.

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## ommunity Involvement

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**BSU RACERS** in the Almost Anything Goes four-legged race (right) were Alex Payton, Chad Reeves and Brandon Sherwood.



**MARDI PARTY** found BSU members Ashley Dickson and Dusty Shemell (right) serving drinks to raise funds for missions.

**DELTA EPSILON CHI** members (above) are from left, bottom row: photographer Josh Tolleson, Julie White, vice president Liz Salzman, Kimberly Pierce, Youjin Chong, Mary Goetz; top row: secretary Chris Lovely, Corey Crockett, president Camilla Liddell, sponsor Mrs. Joy Mitchell.

**BAPTIST STUDENT UNION** members (below) from left, top: Brandon Sherwood, Daman Sanders, Seneca Wilson, vice president Johnny Brown, associate director Gary Blackwell, middle: Jessica Deik, Christian growth chairman Dusty Shemell, missions chairman Kelly Cox, president Kathy Cook, bottom: Ben Sheadman, fellowship chairman Joanne Flussett, intramurals/recreation chairman Chad Reeves, Steve Mayo.



**DELTA EPSILON CHI** members (above) who put their creative talents to work on their poster promoting the campus blood drive for the Red Cross were, standing from left, Camilla Liddell, Josh Tolleson, Kim Pierce, Malisha Montgomery and Christopher Lovely; seated from left, Youjin Chong, Jewel Gates, Corey Crockett, Betsy Hurt, Mary Goetz and Julie White.



**ATTENDING STATE CONFERENCE** was a highlight for the Jackson County Campus Delta Epsilon Chi members who also entered several competitions at the late February meeting in Jackson. Enjoying the banquet at the annual state career development conference (above) were, from left, Josh Tolleson, Camilla Liddell, Christopher Lovely, Jewel Gates, Mary Goetz and Timothy Wall.

*From summer missionaries to blood drives*

## BSU, DEChi HELPED OTHERS

Delta Epsilon Chi's emphasis was professional development through programs, activities and publications that were increasingly focused on helping its members grow and develop as professional marketing and management leaders.

Throughout the year, Delta Epsilon Chi participated in activities like the blood drive, Turkey Trot, Harvest Hay Daze, Oktoberfest, homecoming parade, Student Appreciation Day of Vocational Education Week, the Christmas decorating contest and their annual state career development conference.

The age range in Delta Epsilon Chi allowed them to plan events for all ages instead of just focusing on the younger students. Delta Epsilon Chi entered and placed in state competition and worked to increase their membership.

Baptist Student Union sought to provide Christian fellowship opportunities and growth in Christ. The active Christian organization with high appeal for traditional students offered activities that included speakers, Bible studies, Bowl-a-thons and a Battle of the Sexes to raise money for summer missions. They won the intramural football championship, tied for second at Almost Anything Goes and members won walking and running divisions of the Turkey Trot.

Two BSU members chosen as summer missionaries were Terri Sudduth of Gautier, Indio, Calif., and Kathryn Graeco Cook of Ocean Springs, South Dakota.

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**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA** members, from left, front row: HOSA sponsor Eleanor Douglas, Charlotte Dawson, Mike Hubert, Theresa Klonoski, Judy Hays, back row: president Paula McCuller, Felicia Johnson, Talitha Thomas, Debbie Sewell, national Karen Goudreau.



**MORE HOSA MEMBERS** standing from left: vice president Amanda Orr, Tyne Walker, Anthony Brown, Dominique Edge, secretary Chad Williamson, reporter Yvette Gumpwolt, Kelly Martin, treasurer Lawanda Rodgers; seated: Karen Zetter, Catherine Magee, Alice Weems, Dorene Graydon. Below: Amanda Orr served up hot chili (see p. 10) at the '97 Building Bash.



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**PHI THETA KAPPA** members, at right: from left, front: Lisa Vaughn, Antonia Pitak, vice president Diana Born, vice president Jamie McCarthy, vice president Leigh Junkin, sponsor Ms. Tara Langston; back: Sunny Johnson, Charlie Werneth, Bridgette Sullivan, Chris Lovely, Than Thao Doan, Cherise Armstrong Wilson, Harry Stewart, president Wendy Smith, vice president Chad Pugh, Selesia Olivier, Bill West, secretary Katrina Williams, treasurer Melissa DiGangi, Tammy Cochran, sponsor Mrs. Kay Sims.

**PTK PLAYED SANTA**, bottom left, as president Wendy Smith and members Karen Hebert and Antonia Pitak presented gifts at the Children's Christmas Party.

**NEW MEMBERS** Olivia Quinn, Michael Treasday and Brandon Ross, bottom right, were inducted into Phi Epsilon chapter by Bridgette Sullivan.



## HOSA Led The Way

**W**Health Occupations Students of America's goals were to provide a unique program of leadership development, motivation and recognition and to support the Student Council in all efforts to promote and enhance activities beyond the classroom.

Led by sponsors Eleanor Douglas and Tabitha Gibson, HOSA participated in every campus activity and won the coveted Lofton Award. They also won first place for best theme for their float in the MGCCC homecoming parade and every member took

part in the Turkey Trot to raise money and canned goods for the needy. HOSA took second place in the Bulldog Bash cheer contest and won best theme in the Harvest Hay Daze display and Christmas door decorating contests.

HOSA was big on leadership, attending leadership, district and state conferences and bringing home plenty of ribbons. One member, Glenda Smith, was the first to represent HOSA in the respiratory therapy category at competition.

Ranging in age from 18 to 65, members of HOSA strived for excellence academically and in promoting career opportunities in the health care industry. They learned what it takes to succeed and have fun at the same time.

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## PTK: More than grades

**R** Epsilon chapter earned five-star chapter status for the second year in a row, a designation given only to Phi Theta Kappa chapters whose dedicated officers and members are community minded and meet strict criteria of service in leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. The theme for the 100-plus member chapter, "Family Myth, Metaphor, Reality", focused on the modern family, a perfect topic considering the diverse age ranges in the chapter.

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Off-campus speakers lectured about family related topics and the chapter sponsored Red Ribbon Day and AIDS Awareness Week, asking students to wear red ribbons to support AIDS research and understanding of AIDS victims. Speakers from the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force informed students of the facts and myths of AIDS. They adopted a family from New Horizons for Christmas when they provided a Christmas dinner, gifts and \$120 worth of gift certificates to department and grocery stores.



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**MOVING THE SCENE** These students trip left) rehearsed for their fall production, Fall Coastline (center) rehearsal and Paul Rusty (right) compared notes while rehearsing the play. Spring publications staffers (opposite page, top, from left) Amber Flynn, Ann Tabb, John Waters, Jonathan Parker and Julia Starkey worked on putting out fall newspapers and their faculty yearbook designers.

**JUNIOR THEATRE** performances of *A Gown for His Mistress* were presented by JCC drama students spring semester. Above, Jared McCarty, Jennifer Davidson and Robert Berkman rehearsed a scene. The French farce was directed by the top instructor, Wanda Stewart, and included French cuisine at both the dinner and dessert tables. All tickets went sold for this performance that featured JCC students on stage and behind stage.



**TAKEING PART** in the drama students' act for the faculty Christmas party center, were Samantha Hiebert, sponsor Wanda Stewart, and Jennifer Davidson. Above, fall photographer James Edwards had shots of PRR, a cheerleader at the Building West.

## Students exhibited talent

**D**elta Psi Omega, sponsored by Wanda Stewart, offered a bonding between members—ages 19 and beyond—who were involved in and supported theatre activities and sought to recognize students who contributed to campus theatre.

JCC's radical drama club provided the campus with two very successful plays. Fall semester's gruesome suspense thriller, *Who Walks in the Dark?* by Bram Stoker, came just in time for Halloween.

Their production of the French farce *A Gown for His Mistress* by Georges Feydeau was presented in April. Between rehearsals, they visited The Splendors of Versailles exhibit in Jackson and put on a skit for the faculty Christmas party.

Officers were president Samantha Hiebert; vice president Jamie McCarty; secretary Elizabeth Kralovic; and treasurer Rebecca Rutz. Members included Dawn Freeman-Dement, Patricia West, Leon Gray, Martha Richardson, Gloria Camus, Marilyn and Craig Oratt and Edward Bonham.

**C**oastline Publications sponsor Terry Fountain kept the ball rolling as the staffs published six issues of the Coastliner student newspaper. When deadlines began creeping up on a non-existent yearbook staff spring semester, Ann Tabb jumped in as executive editor with Jonathan Parker as assistant editor. The Coastliner staff—editor John Waters, Amber Flynn, Julia Starkey—

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and Jeannie Hinkel helped get the book out. Fall semester paper co-editors were Brandon Ross and Sherie Miller with staffers Steven Baker, Bryan Bosio, photographer James Edwards, Lene Krohn, Ann Tabb, Mandy Williams, Otto Zoller and associate staffers Cecilia Dobbs and Cynthia Dobbs.



# GENERATIONS

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## A MELTING POT OF GENERATIONS.

It was a melting pot of individuals,  
each with a story.

Whether fresh out of high school  
or spoiling their grandchildren,  
students at JCC had opinions  
as different as their lives.

And we didn't hesitate to express them!

We may not have shared  
common heritages or common viewpoints,  
but what we lacked in commonality  
we made up for in the richness  
of diversity—you could see it  
in our eyes and in our ages  
as we connected here for a moment in time  
to weave a tapestry of lives  
that made this year uniquely ours.



ADMINISTRATION at JCC included, from left, Top: Linda Switzer, Dean of Student Services; Tom Eason, Dean of Business Services; Dr. Barry Mellinger, President; William Martin, Dean of Instruction; Center: Charlie Neumann, assistant dean of vocational education; Dr. Alex Carlet, assistant dean for learning resources; Bottom: Dr. Houshang Moradmand, JCC's new Vice President, with students at the beginning of the year and giving the welcome at the Vision for Leadership symposium.



## Dr. Moradmand named VP

**D**r. Houshang Moradmand, a former JCC faculty member for seven years and business administrator for 14 years, took on the job of vice-president of Jackson County Campus in June, 1997, after the retirement of Dr. Royce Lake.

The 52-year-old native of Abadan, Iran, came to America at the age of 18. His degrees include a bachelors in economics, a masters in business and administration and a doctorate in higher education and administration.

oversee the move of admissions, financial aid, career center and student activities to the new N building which also houses New Horizons, literacy and workforce development.

He anticipates the construction of a new building for administration and the laying of fiber optic cable to handle the technological advances being brought to JCC in addition to an upgrade to the science labs, gymnasium and pool.

"We believe that if the pool is covered, it could run programs 12 months out of the year," Moradmand said. All of these projects are part of a plan to keep JCC a quality choice for residents seeking higher education.

"My goal is for this to be the place where the community can go and get the services a client or customer deserves. When the students leave here, they should be totally prepared to go in a job or higher education," he said.

"I think we are rapidly moving in that direction. I want to be able to stand up and say that you can't receive a better education anywhere. We have that now and I want to see it maintained and improved upon," Dr. Moradmand said.

But Dr. Moradmand's main concern is not the future. It is communication with students.

"This is a good place to be lost," he said jokingly, emphasizing that JCC helps students make plans and set goals. He advises students to examine their strengths when deciding on a major.

Dr. Moradmand, who has taken on his new role on campus with charm and dutiful intent, looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead.



His wife, Carol, is a human growth and development instructor at JCC, and together they raised two children, Christy and Greg.

With the campus's 6 per cent increase in fall enrollment, Dr. Moradmand said that the campus must satisfy a variety of student needs and keeps these needs in mind as each new improvement to the campus takes place.

During his first year as vice-president, Dr. Moradmand oversaw the computer upgrade of the campus, which involved networking computer systems on all MGCCC campuses as well as getting JCC on the Internet.

He reorganized administrator positions this year, combining academic, vocational and technical education under one Dean of Instruction, William Martin. Tom Eason, a drafting instructor, moved to the position of Dean of Business Services, and Jerold Shepherd, Dean of Vocational Education, retired in September after 28 years with the college.

Linda Switzer, Dean of Student Services,

## FACULTY/STAFF

Acker, Ellen Admissions  
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Jackson, Debra Science

Jenner, Kevin Language Arts  
Langston, Tara Language Arts  
Lloyd, Norbert Grounds Maintenance Supervisor  
Marshall, Juliana Business Office  
Martin, Kay New Horizons Coord.



**GETTING INVOLVED** in campus events were (top right) Dan Zwarg who played the sax during the Fall the Stocking Party; nursing instructor and student (middle) who danced for class, standing—Janie Brindley, Melody Scott, Wanda Smith, Pam Hill, Holly Deigan, Gary Lott and Nicky Cason; sitting—Laurie Clark, Mary Farrow, Terri Thomas, Penny Davis and Debbie Hill and (above) Julie Overly and Vanessa Dedeaux who decided on a cheer at Bulldog Bash while Barbara Haygood, Wendy Nettles, Tara Langston, Lane Hoggard, Stephanie Allison, Sandy Davis and Sarah Tringle looked on.



**ENJOYING HOLIDAY EVENTS** were, left, Wanda Stewart in a skirt at the faculty Christmas lunch and, right, Cecilia Friebel, Barbara Perry, Eleanor Douglas and Violet Lett at Fall the Stocking.



**Q:** DESCRIBE THE INTERACTION OF GENERATIONS OBSERVED IN YOUR CLASSES.

"At first, there isn't much interaction, but usually the students discover that they all have something to offer each other because of their different attitudes and experiences." • **ANGELA SIMS**, Math Instructor

"Age makes no difference to students interacting in class, but attitudes sometimes do." • **BARGARA HAYGOOD**, Developmental Department Chair

"Typically, there is not always, there is some positive interaction among young and old students—and it seems as though both can learn from one another." • **RUSTY BROWN**, Science Instructor

"Age doesn't matter when it comes to interaction in my journalism class. They all tend to jump right in there with their opinions. However, age has generally been a factor when it comes to course work. The non-traditional students are usually more serious about learning and learning in quality work." • **TERRY FOUNTAIN**, Student Activities Counselor



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McDonald, Barbara Bookkeeper, Business Services  
 McDonald, Rick Auto Technology Instructor  
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 Melton, L. Hollis Science  
 Moak, Rex Science  
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FACULTY JAILBIRDS Sandy Davis, Kevin Turner, Sarah Tringle and Debra Jackson got caught in the VICA jail at Oktoberfest, below.



VICA PRISON



**SUPPORTIVE FACULTY AND STAFF** Joanne Stewart helped a student in some students' second home, the Learning Lab, above, while Alonzo Waltman of the maintenance staff helped clean up the grounds after a student event. Alonzo retired this year.

**LEADING THE WAY** was PBL co-sponsor Vanessa Dedonzo, right, during the faculty cheer at the Bulldog Bash.



**FACULTY MEMBERS** Like electrical instructor Debra Matthews, center right, were always hard at work. Learning Lab ladies Joanne Stewart and Sarah Tringle, far right, worked with Monica Gonsky at Oktoberfest. Gail Collins, above, got a laugh out of nursing. Collins retired this year.



Alexon, Shirley, Sophomore, Moss Point  
 Abernethy, Shanae, Freshman, Gautier  
 Almond, Shelia, Freshman, Ocean Springs  
 Barclay, Howard, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Barnes, Angela, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Barnes, Tania, Sophomore, Moss Point  
 Barton, Josh, Freshman, Biloxi  
 Bass, Dewey, Freshman, Gautier

Betts, Taina, Sophomore, Pascagoula  
 Black, Stacy, Sophomore, Gautier  
 Blackman, Russell, Freshman, Vardonia  
 Born, Dana, Sophomore, Gautier  
 Bose, Bryan, Sophomore, Pascagoula  
 Boyda, Felicity, Sophomore, Pascagoula  
 Brabson, Amy, Pascagoula  
 Bradsher, Cliff, Sophomore, Gautier

Brazile, Eric, Freshman, Moss Point  
 Brown, Steve, Freshman, Pass Christian  
 Brewer, Timothy, Freshman, Vardonia  
 Brinkman, Margaret, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Brock, Lashae, Sophomore, Moss Point  
 Brown, Anthony, Sophomore, Moss Point  
 Brown, Melissa, Freshman, Moss Point  
 Buland, Roy, Freshman, Ocean Springs

Burke, Vincent, Freshman, D'Arbonne  
 Burnett, Geoff, Freshman, Ocean Springs  
 Burr, Betty, Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
 Bush, Crest, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Bush, Felicia, Sophomore, Moss Point  
 Byrd, Larry, Sophomore, Vardonia  
 Byrd, Michael, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Campbell, Michael, Ocean Springs

Casper, Terrell, Sophomore, Pascagoula  
 Clardy, Patricia, Sophomore, Gautier  
 Clark, Grant, Sophomore, Gulfport  
 Clark, Melissa, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Clark, Paul, Sophomore, Moss Point  
 Cochran, Tammie, Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
 Connelly, Jackie, Freshman, Gautier  
 Cook, Jeremy, Freshman, Gautier  
 Cook, Katherine, Sophomore, Ocean Springs

Cook, Laura, Sophomore, Pascagoula  
 Coyle, Toy, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Coppinger, Jim, Freshman, Monroeville  
 Corrine, Elizabeth, Freshman, Ocean Springs  
 Cox, Michelle, Sophomore, Gautier  
 Crabtree, Tracy, Freshman, Vardonia  
 Craver, Laura, Freshman, Pascagoula  
 Cruse, Brandy, Freshman, Biloxi

Cruz, Yolanda, Sophomore, Pascagoula  
 Curtis, Lisa, Freshman, Ocean Springs  
 Daccord, Frank, Ocean Springs  
 Daniels, Reivette, Freshman, Moss Point  
 Davis, Summer, Sophomore, Vardonia  
 Delaney, Rochelle, Freshman, Vardonia  
 Dell, Jess, Freshman, Hurley  
 Denison, Evelyn, Sophomore, Gautier



# You tell us

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT/FAST FOOD PLACE?**



"McDonald's, while at school, because I like their milkshakes." • **CYNTHIA DOBBS**, Ocean Springs

"Bayview Gourmet in Ocean Springs because of their awesome breakfast." • **JAMES PHINCE**, Ocean Springs



"Wendy's, because they have taco salad!" • **KATHY COOK**, Ocean Springs

"Anything with a buffet! And especially ones with fried crab claws." • **ANTONIA PITALO**, Ocean Springs





# You tell us

**Q:** WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE IT?



"I decided on a pre-dental major that would give me enough money to raise happy children. I plan on moving on to dental school and getting cash out the window!" • **CHRISTOPHER FAIN**, Ocean Springs.



"Elementary education/reading because I want to help older children who have difficulty reading find out how beautiful and exciting this world is when you can read." • **STEFENA OLIVER**, Ocean Springs.



"I chose a career in physics since I have always been fascinated by how the universe works. I plan to get my doctorate at Cornell University in theoretical physics." • **KYLE MCCALLISTER**, Ocean Springs.



"I chose forensic science as my major because all my life I have wanted to work in a lab and I think this field would be very interesting. I plan to attend Ole Miss to get my degree." • **WENDY SMITH**, Hurley.



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Duke, Cynthia Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Dugan, Tanya, Ocean Springs  
Dwyer, Vince Freshman, Venice  
Dyer, Gary Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Dyck, Teresa Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Dunham, Shawn Freshman, Pascagoula

Dunaway, David Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Edwards, James Sophomore, Venice  
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Ellis, Heather Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Ellis, Richard Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Elliott, Susan Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Farr, Christopher Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Farley, Shante Sophomore, Gulf

Faulk, Stuart Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Fennell, Daniel Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Ferguson, Andrew Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Furr, Jackie Sophomore, Venice  
Fisher, Angela Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Fitzgerald, Darlene Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Gibbs, Anthony Freshman, Gulf  
Gale, Martha, S. Sophomore, Venice

Genco, Larita Sophomore, Venice  
Gibson, Denise Freshman, Lucedale  
Gilford, Jennifer Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Ginn, Jackie Sophomore, Venice  
Ginn, Angela Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Grogg, Heather Freshman, Pascagoula  
Guffy, Tracy Sophomore, Gulf  
Hall, Lisa Sophomore, Ocean Springs

Hall, Terry Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Hickman, Bob Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Hixley, Lucie Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Hise, Chris Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Hix, Jody Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Hogen, Brand Freshman, Pascagoula  
Honey, Mary Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Hose, Renora Freshman, Gulf

Hilton, M. Freshman, Moss Point  
Hill, Helen Freshman, Biloxi  
Hosler, James Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Hoffert, Mike Sophomore, Venice  
Holloway, Monica Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Hollman, Andrew Sophomore, Moss Point  
Hornum, Jennifer Freshman, Gulf  
Howard, Kimberly Lucedale

Howell, Gabe Freshman, Lucedale  
Huckley, Donna Freshman, Moss Point  
Hudson, Amanda Sophomore, Lucedale  
Hudson, William Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Hye, Crystal Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Jay, Shavon Freshman, Lucedale  
Jackson, Jennifer Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Jackson, Jill Freshman, Ocean Springs

Jackson, Robin Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Jett, Terry Freshman, Gadsden  
Jensen, Angela Sophomore, Moss Point  
Johns, Amanda Freshman, Gadsden  
Johnson, Dustin Freshman, Pascagoula  
Johnson, Felicia Freshman, Gadsden  
Johnson, Marjorie Freshman, Pascagoula  
Johnson, Sherry Sophomore, Ocean Springs



Johnson, Susan Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Jones, Brent Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Jordan, Charles Freshman, Moss Point  
Kassirer, Dominique Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Kell, Matthew Freshman, Pascagoula  
Klonsky, Theresa Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Kimbrough, Walter Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Knight, Rebecca Freshman, Pascagoula



Lewis, Sonya Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Lutz, Tanny Freshman, Lucedale  
Leggett, Amy Freshman, Lucedale  
Lewis, Jessica Freshman, Pascagoula  
Lutz, Chip Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Ludlow, Lisa Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Mann, Maria Z. Sophomore, Vancleave  
Manning, Sandra Freshman, Ocean Springs



Martin, Eileen Sophomore, Pascagoula  
McAlister, Kyle Freshman, Ocean Springs  
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McGuffee, Posee Freshman, Moss Point  
McKee, Heather Ocean Springs  
McLoud, Wendy Sophomore, Lucedale



Means, Garfield Sophomore, Moss Point  
McGosick, Tajana Freshman  
Meyer, William Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Milender, Latoya Freshman, Gadsden  
Miller, Lara Freshman, Pascagoula  
Miller, Lori Freshman, Pascagoula  
Miller, Sherie Freshman, Gadsden  
Miller, Stephanie Freshman, Lucedale



Mohr, Pam Freshman, Vancleave  
Moore, Carlisa Freshman, Moss Point  
Moore, Elisea Freshman, Gadsden  
Morrison, Brandi Freshman, Biloxi  
Morrison, Nick Freshman, Pascagoula  
Murphy, Jordan Freshman, Gadsden  
Murray, Shelia Freshman, Gadsden  
Mustard, Richard Freshman, Biloxi



Nagay, Kelly Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Nehlig, Brandy Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Nettel, LaShandra Freshman, Pascagoula  
Newman, Ken Sophomore, Vancleave  
Nicholson, Chelton Freshman, Lucedale  
Nicholson, Lynette Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Nunes, Shari Freshman, Gadsden  
O'Dwyer, Colleen Freshman, Gadsden



# You tell us

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF MUSIC?



"I'm a fan of Celine. Their lyrics are on a contemporary Christian basis but their heart is steady, so it makes a good witness of music." \*DAVID DUNN, AHS, Ocean Springs



"K-C and Jody because of the smooth and relaxing sounds. Master P because of the fast sounds he makes the music." \*SCOTT ROBINSON, Moss Point



"I like modern country, because they sing of many things in a soft, soothing way." \*TIM WERNER, Gadsden



"I like many types of music, after all, this is my kind, I love it and listening." \*GAVIN LETTE, Ocean Springs

O'Neil, Peggy Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Oliver, Sierra Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Parker, Dustin Freshman, Pascagoula  
Patt, Jay Freshman, Pascagoula  
Peltier, Thomas Sophomore, Gulfport  
Perrin, Tomika Sophomore, Moss Point  
Perkins, Donovan Freshman, Biloxi  
Perreras, Virginia Sophomore, Biloxi



Plato, Christina Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Plato, Arnelia Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Parker, Rash Sophomore, Huxley  
Palk, Dustin Sophomore, Biloxi  
Poole, Lela Freshman, Gulfport  
Preysler, Tamekia Freshman, Moss Point  
Prince, James Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Proctor, Chris Sophomore, Ocean Springs



Pugh, Chad Sophomore, Grand Bay, Ala.  
Qualls, April Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Quinn, Chris Sophomore, Vanden  
Randal, Charles Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Reinard, Chris Freshman, Gulfport  
Reines, Chad Sophomore, Gulfport  
Reedy, Scott Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Reeves, Tina Sophomore, Ocean Springs



Rail, Cynthia Freshman, Moss Point  
Reynolds, Kimberly Freshman, Pascagoula  
Rhule, Cheryl Freshman, Pascagoula  
Robinson, Tara Freshman, Moss Point  
Robinson, Daniel Freshman, Gulfport  
Robinson, Paula Freshman, Pascagoula  
Rodriguez, Rebecca Freshman, Pascagoula  
Rogers, Leawanda Sophomore, Moss Point



Ross, Brandon Freshman, Lucedale  
Russett, Joanne Sophomore, Gulfport  
Ryan, Shena Freshman, Pascagoula  
Salinas, Elizabeth Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Sanders, Daniel Sophomore, Moss Point  
Sanders, Damien Sophomore, Moss Point  
Santora, Lydia Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Santos, Angela Sophomore, Ocean Springs



Scarpone, Richard Freshman, Pascagoula  
Schulke, Alana Freshman, Pascagoula  
Self, Kimberly Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Sewell, Cynthia Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Sewell, Debbie Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Shaw, Brian Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Shelton, Jennifer Sophomore, Moss Point  
Shepherd, Sandra Freshman, Pascagoula



Spikes, Kell Freshman, Pascagoula  
Shak, Nicole Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Simmons, Angela Freshman, Pascagoula  
Sipp, Donald Freshman, Gulfport  
Sizemore, Cindy Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Skinner, E. Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Smith, Adrienne Sophomore, Biloxi



# You tell us

**Q** HOW HAS ASSOCIATING WITH JC STUDENTS OF ANOTHER GENERATION HELPED YOU?



"It has taught me that others work, the same education that I do and that the opportunities are out there for everyone." • **ELENA MILLER, Moss Point**



"You're able to learn someone else's way of the world. People get different things out of a thing or lesson and you might be able to relate it with what they have to say." • **ANNA WESTON, Pascagoula**



"Jules Adams is a great security guard here and he's put showed me the art of common courtesy." • **TAYLOR HULSE, Huxley**



"I've gained respect for people who want to better their education, young or old. We've been there, done that in the world. We have the new classes and young people learn to that." • **FLAVIA DUNLAP, Pascagoula**





# You tell us

**Q:** WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY AND WHY?



"I love spending time with my friends, playing basketball, going to parties, being with my friends is relaxing, a chance to get away from real life." • **BRENT JONES, Latimer.**



"Duck hunting or fishing because you can watch the sun set on a big flock of geese while fly by. You are enclosed over a creek and you pull in a huge snapper or whatever bites. It's great!" • **RYAN BOSIO, Pascagoula.**



"I love to swim. It gives me peace." • **DANIEL SANDERS, Moss Point.**



"Spending time with Amanda, my girlfriend, and going out and spending money!" • **NICK MORRISON, Pascagoula.**



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Smith, Lindsey Freshman, Gulfport  
Smith, Wendy Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Sokal, Felicia Freshman, Ocean Springs

Staring, Robbie Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Stewart, Heidi Freshman, Gulfport  
Stewart, Cory Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Stewart, Shantel Freshman, Pascagoula  
Stewart, Jaleen Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Stewart, David Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Stewart, Amanda Freshman, Pascagoula  
Tall, April Freshman, Moss Point

Taylor, Angela Freshman  
Taylor, Geoffrey Freshman, Gulfport  
Taylor, Mary Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Taylor, Duane Freshman, Pascagoula  
Thomas, Tawana Sophomore, Gulfport  
Thomas, Wallace Freshman, Pascagoula  
Thompson, Beverly Freshman, Gulfport  
Thompson, Candace Freshman, Gulfport

Tobias, Josh Freshman, Pascagoula  
Tobias, Michael Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Tucker, Jonathan Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Tucker, Amanda Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Tynes, Emily Freshman, Gulfport  
Tynes, Lee Tyn Freshman, Pascagoula  
Umar, Paul Freshman, Moss Point  
Vaughn, Lee Sophomore, Gulfport

Wall, BJ Sophomore, Gulfport  
Wall, Doree Freshman, Gulfport  
Wallace, Jeffrey Freshman, Gulfport  
Wallace, Angela Freshman, Gulfport  
Wallace, David Freshman, Pascagoula  
Wallace, David Freshman, Gulfport  
Wallace, Jeffery Freshman, Ocean Springs  
Wall, Jennifer Freshman, Pascagoula

Wells, Brian Freshman, Gulfport  
Werner, Timothy Sophomore, Gulfport  
Werner, Steve Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Wicks, Tiffany Freshman, Gulfport  
Williams, Barbara Sophomore, Moss Point  
Williams, Karina Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Williams, Michael Sophomore, Ocean Springs  
Williams, Chad Freshman, Pascagoula

Wilson, Brandy Freshman, Pascagoula  
Wilson, Sandra Sophomore, Pascagoula  
Wilson, Todd Freshman, Pascagoula



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# FINISH





*BSO members were number one in football.*



*HOSA members winning at state were Tracie Clumpine, Debbie Larrall, Traci McCuller, Tasha Thomas, Chad Williams and Karen Goodenough.*



*James Edwards and Alan Tabb won state journalism awards.*



*Alpha Beta Gamma business honorery was chartered in April.*



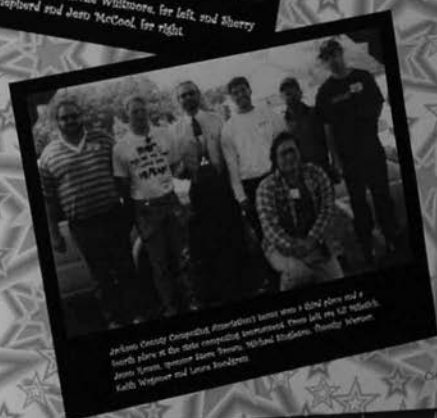
*Delta Epsilon Chi members did a great job with their Joy Vase display.*



*Graduates with perfect 3.0 GPAs were Melinda McDaniel, Melissa Wiggins and Tranny Cochran.*



*Among the 1992 retirees were Christie Whitmore, for left, and Sherry Whitmore, Jerold Shepherd and Jero McCoil, for right.*



*Jackie County Community Association's home, with a third place and a fourth place at the state competition. From left are: 1st place, Jero McCoil, 2nd place, Jero McCoil, 3rd place, Jero McCoil, 4th place, Jero McCoil, 5th place, Jero McCoil.*



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# CENTRAL OFFICE

**F**or all our antics at JCC, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Central Office was behind the scenes providing direction and support. Central Office, the powerhouse for new visions of academic excellence, was led by Dr. Barry Mellinger and the Executive Council composed of the college's vice presidents. They tirelessly looked for new ways to serve the community and new ways to serve its students—14,866 credit and 6,879 non-credit. Fifty-eight percent of MGCCC's students were full-time, 42% were part-time, more proof that MGCCC was a place where the GENERATIONS CAME TOGETHER.

## Welcome ...

I welcome and introduce to you the Central Office section of the 1998 Tri-Ad. Here, you'll read about major events happening at Gulf Coast during 1997-98. You'll read about the special message Miss America Kate Stinville 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 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 those counties to the busy shores of the Mississippi Sound in Jackson and Hattiesburg communities, our promise to you continues to be an open door to an affordable, quality education.

Our college is a community-based and locally supported 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: Don Dee Hatten, secretary to the executive assistant for Development, enjoys an afternoon of music and fellowship at the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop.



ABOVE: Left, Carolyn Brooks, left, and Karen McQueen, left, both during the 1997 Fall Faculty Workshop held at the top floor of Andrews, Carper, and McQueen's new home for the vice president for International Affairs.



BELOW: Left, Barry Bynum, a longtime employee at Gulf Coast, is responsible for the college.

ABOVE: Center, Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mellinger's office staff, more than likely you'll talk to one of these ladies. Clockwise, from left, are Jane Drake, Nondia Ford and Gloria Bradford, all secretaries in the president's office.

At left: Dr. Joseph Chisholm, executive vice president for International 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. Dennis Taylor, AD Campus vice president; Dr. Barry Mellinger, MUCCC president; Dr. Mary Graham, Community Campus vice president; Dr. Rick Christmas, vice president for International Affairs; and Dr. Willie Lott, Parkman 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 Sahlbach 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 33rd 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 milestone by holding a luncheon in the Sahlbach Center.

I believe we can safely assert that no single thing, events, department or campus in the state makes us more successful in reaching our enrollment goals this fall. However, we might assume our enrollment record is working better, working smarter — and working together.

That team work was evident in several areas of the college: faculty members who signed up to be the first to teach classes in an accelerated manner;

those who pushed to offer new programs, college personnel who took responsibility for changing course structure and students and the many who showed student excitement 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-changing opportunities for people through education and training.

I think that Staff Sgt. Peach has truly read the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College motto: *Integrity, Innovation, and Achievement*. With the thousands of our students, he has expressed that motto because we are providing life-changing opportunities for people through education and training.

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 institutions 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 success of our students.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is an integral part of the state's economy and provides an education opportunity 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 1929, 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 is 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 phase-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 mission, 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 collectively), 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 Alnsworth, 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 Brzjanac, left, Associate Degree Nursing chair at the Jefferson Davis Campus, and Joan Doris Workforce Development director at the Perkins Campus, review SACS criteria at the Fall Faculty Workshop. Doris is chair of the Student Development Services principal committee, and Brzjanac is chair of the Programs and Services subcommittee, which falls under the Student Development Services area.



Kate Shindle, Miss America 1996, met with a group of local elementary children when she visited the Perkins Campus in December.



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



Shindle performs for the crowd in Malone Hall Auditorium. During her visit, she spoke about her platform and the special needs of the Perkins campus, and she joined the students for the Perkins performance of "The Yellow Boat."

## Miss America shares special message

Kate Shindle, Miss America 1996, visited the Perkins Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Oct. 27, 1997. Shindle's visit coincided with the Perkins Players production of "The Yellow Boat" and the exhibit of "The Nurses Project: Interlamin AIDS Memorial Quilt" in Malone Hall Gallery. She spoke and performed prior to the play. Her appearance was sponsored by MGCOC and The Bank of Wiggins.

"The Yellow Boat" tells the story of Benjamin Naar, 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 Dainia 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 in 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 Epsom, N.H., 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 1960. Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995 and an Alabama native, brought her platform to Perkins when she visited the campus in 1994 as part of the Perkins 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."



# 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 Perkins, Central Office. Fayr Colley (not pictured) was chosen for the honor at the Perkins 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 Perkins 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, Tenn. The college won Gold Medallion Awards for Internet Homepage, Video Spot and Webpage, and a Bronze 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 and special events coordinator; coordinator for Marketing and Recruitment; and Melissa Lattin, marketing assistant.



Nora Newbill, left, and Ray Burdick, members of Gulf Coast's literacy staff at the Perkins Campus, brought home top awards from the 1997 MAAACE (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, Literacy Start and ITTPA.



The annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day—Working for Academic Excellence) program held in Jackson on Feb. 17, 1998, featured Jefferey Davis Campus language arts instructor Dr. Jon Fisch, center, and Perkins 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 Clinton, 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 Jory Hess (fourth, from left) as Gulf Coast's 1997 Alumni Hall of Fame recipient. From left are his son Trey; his wife, JoAnne; daughter-in-law, Frances; with baby Katherine Marie; Hess, his daughter, Jennifer; and his son Matthew.



Park student James Salley won first place in Entrepreneurial Speaking at the 31st annual VCA (Vocational and 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' 1994 Outstanding Student of the Year award.



Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry Mellinger, left, is pictured with Margaret Galt '97 law graduate, from left, Jory Hess, Matt Lyons and Charles Wang. Galt, who is currently at Wiggins' Pine Bluff Community College, raised a record \$14,000 in scholarship and attracted over 150 golfers.



1997 homecoming queens are Gulf Coast's three campus beauties. From left, Kelly Ryan of Grand Springs, Perkins Campus; Julie Farris of Tallapoosa, Davis Campus; and Jessica Paine 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 Gulf Coast Community College campuses. In fact, 13 international students were enrolled this past fall at the Perkinston Campus, Collegeville, near Biloxi. In 1997, 21 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 "international life." Besides completing all the necessary paperwork and making sure they have dorm rooms, their students are also looking for a few friendly faces.

Brenda Hargett, Perk's 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," Hargett 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're educated in an American college. It's a ticket to a better future."

What Gulf Coast's international students truly set aside is that they're giving the college's American-born students something to return.

"We live in a global society. The international students on campus enrich the college experience for Mississippi students," says Dr. William Loft, 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 Hensela from Ecuador, Sergio and Cleopatra Bernal and Gray Yermak, all from the Ukraine; Ulla Sergio, Turkey; Ali Said Alghamdi, Saudi Arabia; Carlos Cruz-Correa, Nicaragua; Sandra Gahler and Christa Brugg (an American citizen and the niece of Dr. McInerney, wife of Gulf Coast President Dr. Barry McInerney), both from Germany; and Takamasa Chikashi and Kazumasa Suzuki, both from Japan.

Ann Parris 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.



Five of the Perkinston Campus' 13 international students in 1997-98 included, clockwise, from left, Olivera Djordjevic, Ulla Sergio, Sergio Bernal and Marko Kostic. In 1997, 21 international students were enrolled at Gulf Coast's three campuses.



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



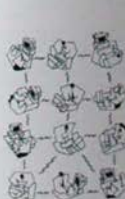
## New programs debut at Gulf Coast

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.



## Central Office



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"I have felt right at home on the Central Office team. I enjoy my work and was glad to show my family that getting an art degree didn't mean I would starve!"

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"Working at MGCCC for 14 years has made it seem like my co-workers are part of my family. Not only has MGCCC provided me with a job that I love, but it has allowed me to pursue my education at an affordable rate and to benefit from memberships in professional organizations. To tell you the truth, I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be working."

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Instructional Affairs



"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."

Carolyn Brooks  
secretary to the dean of Academic  
Instruction



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Central Printing



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Driver/Operator



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## Neil Murray retires Former administrator credited with many firsts

None of them lived here. Some found her home was intelligent. But the woman of word was a mixture of the three emotions because, after all, it was their home. A day crowded with history and more for rocky financial situation in some of more local home. The little the sense of a homecoming, embracing them could be a last step.

Enter Neil Murray.

"I've always wanted to be a clown," says the recently retired instructor, assistant for Development. And working Murray was headhunting of such students from nearby Perkins Elementary School, the Murray school joined development in case to get him was the ultimate chance to find out more as a high level employee in the college's Central Office.

Murray's first assignment responsibility: the Development at Gulf Coast in 1982. Murray, a 1963 Perkins Junior College graduate, transferred the college's first capital campaign, "Building On Our Heritage." The successful three-year fundraising raised more than \$2 million for Gulf Coast scholarships, instructional programs, campus enhancement projects and staff facility working conditions.

Murray's second big effort for Murray, who first came to Gulf Coast in 1981 as Tulsa 50 coordinator, was the implementation of a college-wide Workforce Development program. This 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 involved with serving groups in external banking, which resulted in such programs and services as career centers, research and staff development, and Cooperative Education. In addition, she also served as executive assistant for Institutional Relations.

Murray will plan to be involved with the college in whatever capacity she may be needed. And given her success, she probably had a few choices around.



Neil Murray (right), former executive assistant for Development in her latest career move — clowning around. Murray was in hand when Perkins Elementary kindergarten classes visited the Park Campus on Halloween eve 1997.

Neil Murray, former executive assistant for Development, retired in October 1997.

## Executive Council

Council members help direct the efforts of our large campus system. They're aggressive in their support of innovations which will better serve the local community. In 1997, two members of the council retired — Dr. Wayne Lake, former vice president of the Jackson County Campus, and Neil Murray, former executive assistant for Development and vice president of the college's Community Campus. Coming on board in the 90 Campus vice president position was Dr. Howard McQuinn, and Dr. Mary Graham replaced Neil Murray as Community Campus vice president.



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Campus



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Vice president, Jefferson Davis  
Campus



Dr. Howard McQuinn  
Vice President, Jackson County  
Campus



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Campus



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## Board of Trustees

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.



