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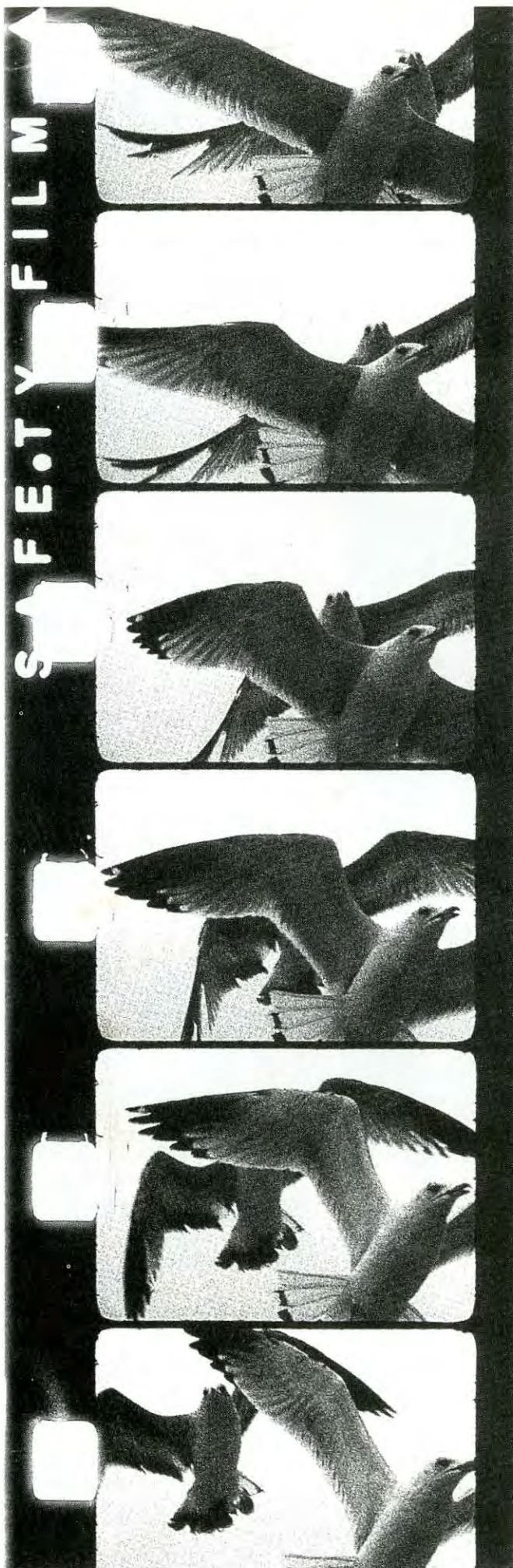
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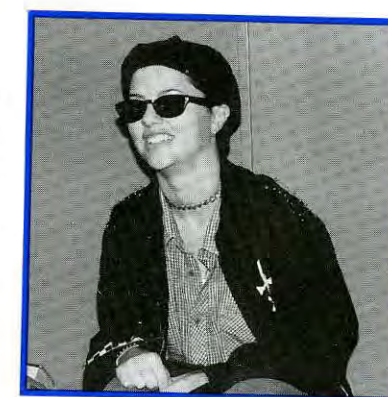
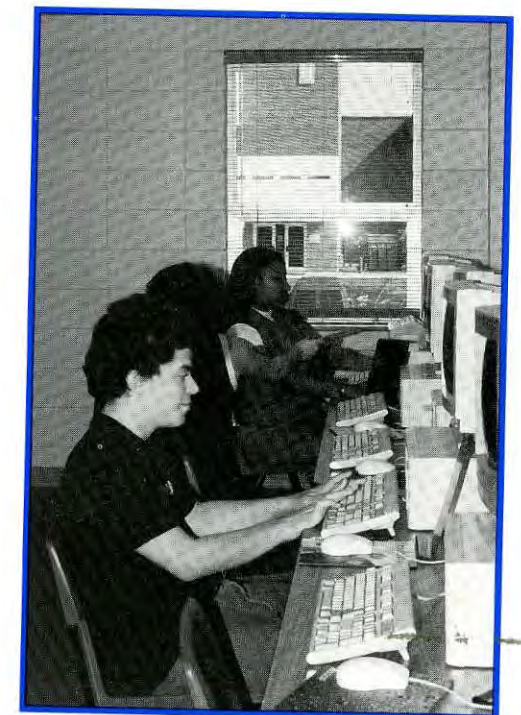
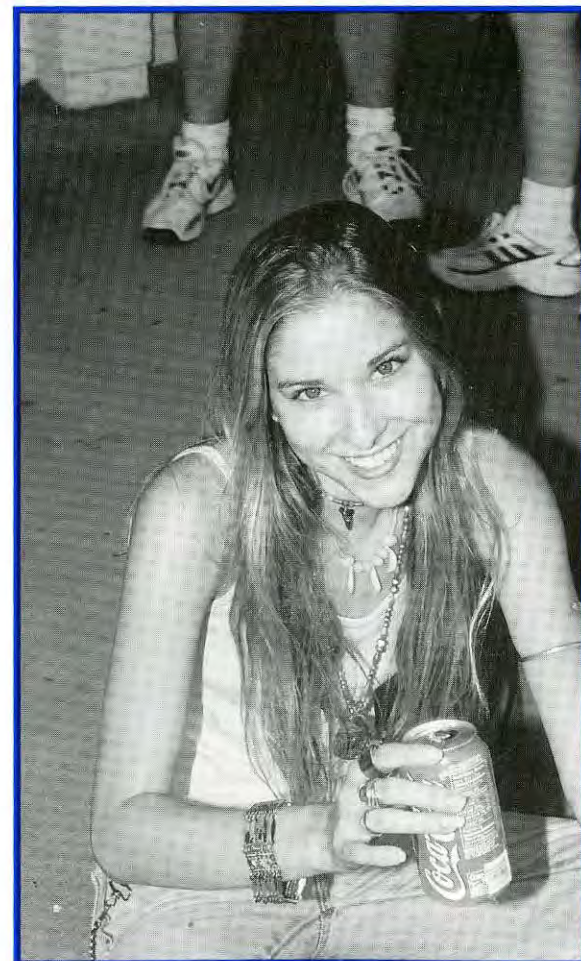
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**"We are not human beings on a
spiritual journey.
We are spiritual beings on a
human journey."
—Stephen Covey**



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Learning Lab instructor, Sandy Davis

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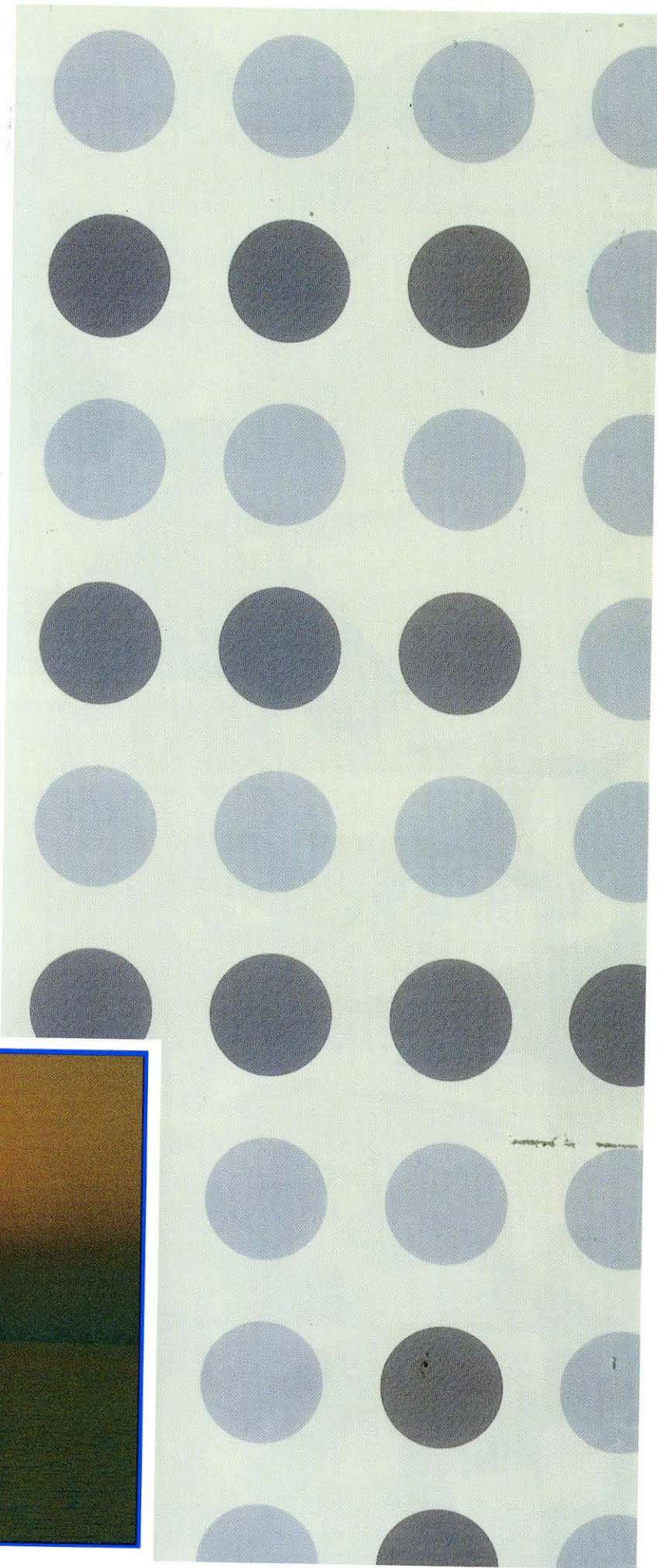
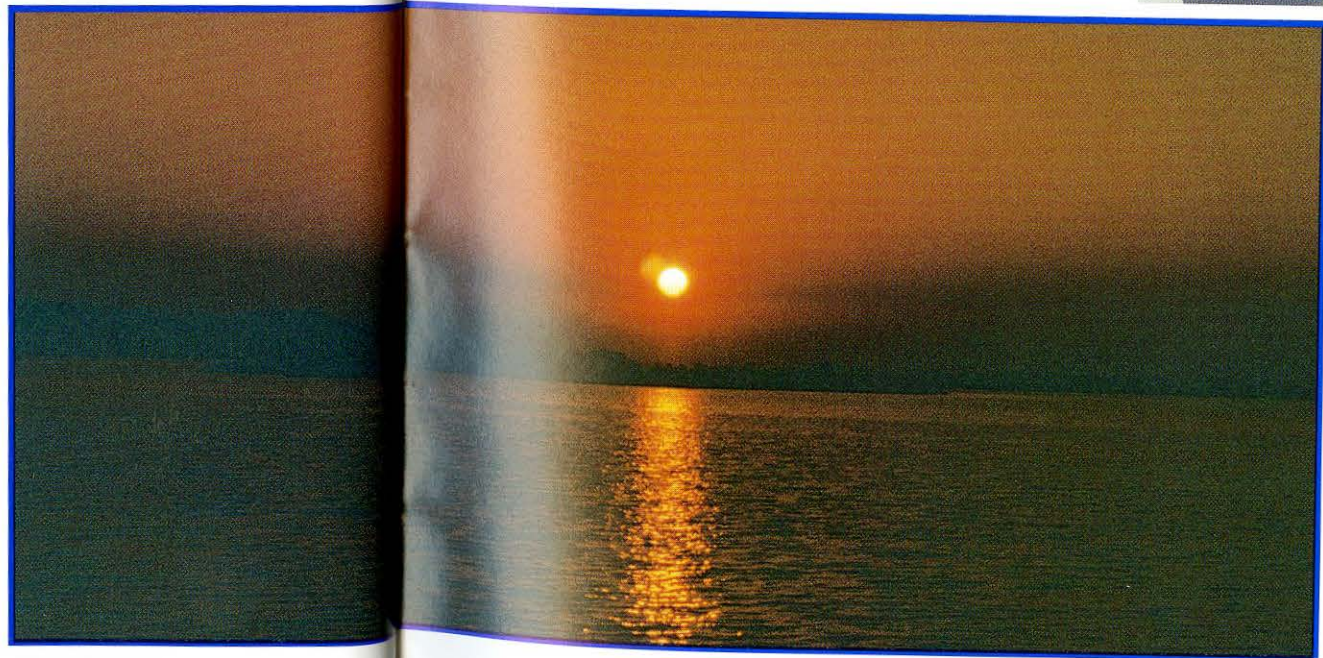
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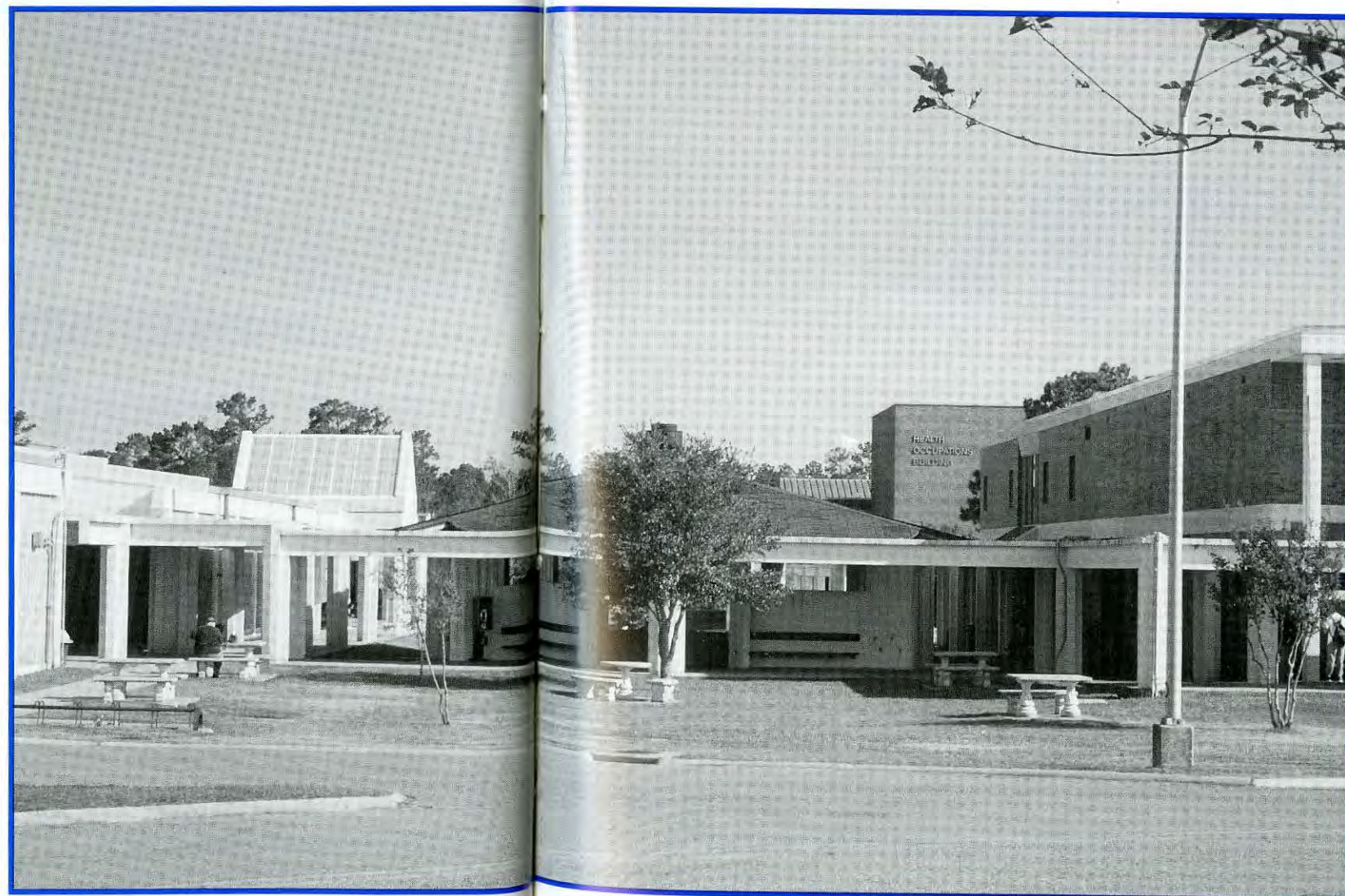
top right: hangin' out at the Gazebo

center right: Nick Morais hackin'

bottom: Melissa Clark

**"Not knowing
when the dawn
will come,
I open every door."
—Emily Dickinson**





**"To travel hopefully
is a better thing
than to arrive,
and the true success
is to labour."**

-Robert L. Stevenson

STUDENT LIFE



OVER 500 ATTEND BULLDOG BASH

The Bulldog Bash this year was a great success as participants kept an eye on the clubs that performed cheers. The purpose of the pep rally was to get students "pepped" up for the big football game in Pascagoula, the home game for the MGCCC Jackson County Campus students. This is the only home game the Jackson County Campus has for the football season, so it is an event that is looked forward to and celebrated.

Club winners for the cheering contest were: 1st place, Phi Beta Lambda; 2nd place, VICA; 3rd place Reflections.

The Student Council sponsored this event in which 500 students and faculty were served hamburgers, chips and drinks.

MGCCC Bulldogs hosted the Pearl River Wildcats at War Memorial Stadium in Pascagoula. The Bulldogs were victorious over their strong rival, the Wildcats, by winning the game 34-13.

Left: Student Council Members, Aaron Barksdale, Josie Woods and Michael Treadway, serve food. Below left: VICA grilling hamburgers. Below right: BSU member, Melissa Keenum and Student Council President, David Dunnaway hamming it up as the "Spartan Cheerleaders"

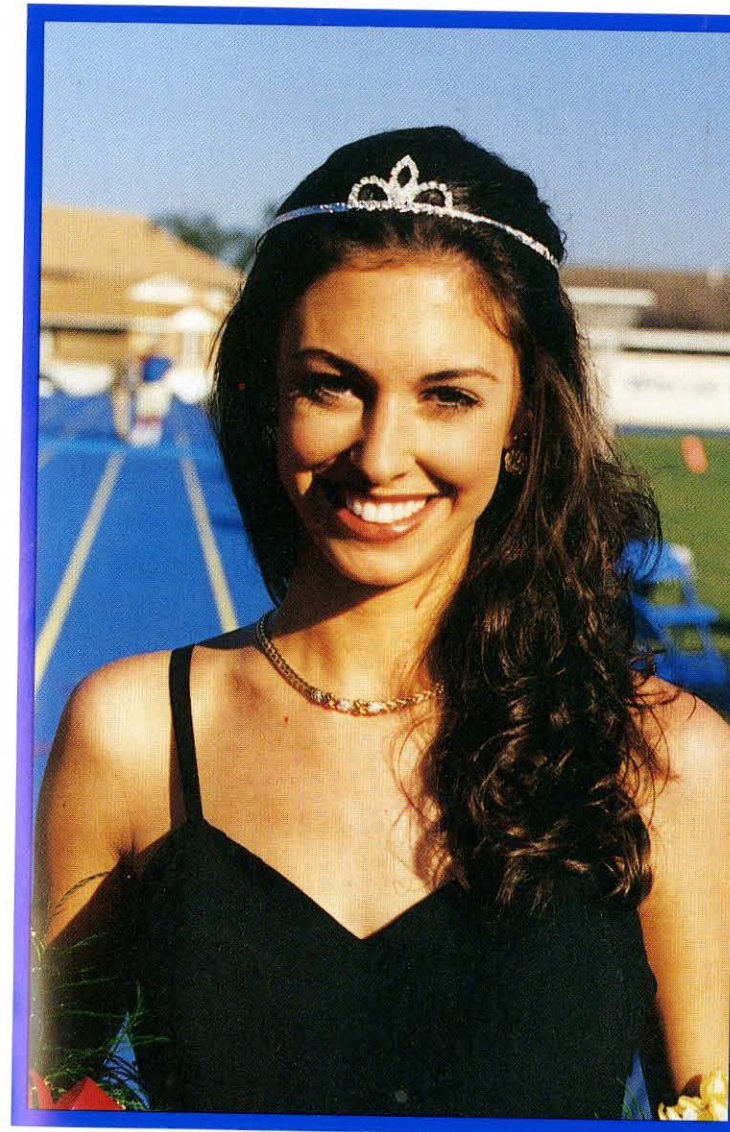
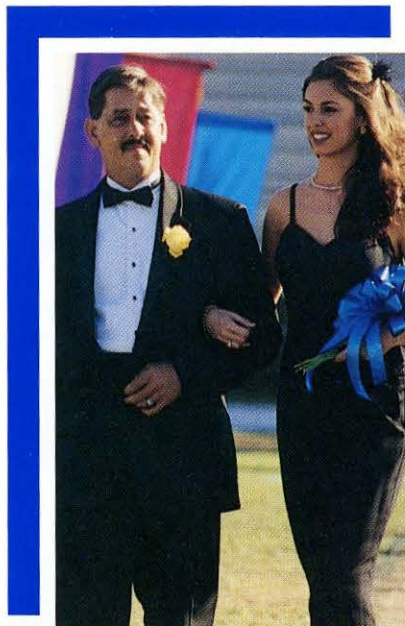


Top: "Bunny" having fun. Right: Reflections members Jill Laiche & Ahna Bales. Far Right: Phi Beta Lambda members cheering for the Dawgs.



Left: Psychology instructor, Becky Posey and Learning Lab instructors, Joanne Stewart & Sandy Davis as the "Nerdette Cheerleaders". Right: Hillary Collom enjoys the day. Bottom left: Instructors, Leon Gray, Raymond Tanner & Bill Snell judge the club cheers. Bottom right: Sophomore Class President Olivia Quinn gets VICA member Bennie Massey to sign in for wearing blue & gold.



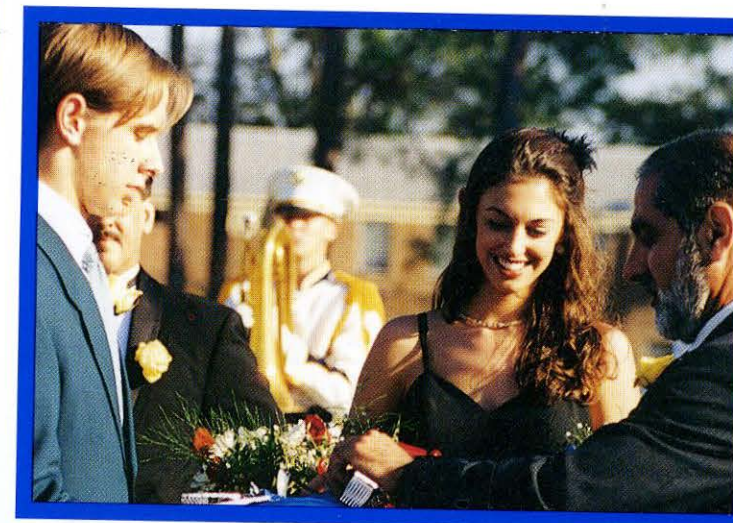


ALL SMILES

opposite page right: Jefferson Davis Queen, Erin Krohn, Jackson County Queen, Christina Pitalo, and Perkinson Queen, Arlene Bryant - This page left: Christina Pitalo after being crowned J.C. Campus Homecoming Queen.

CROWNING CEREMONY

David Dunnaway, Student Council President assists Dr. Houshang Moradmand with the crowning of the queen.



CHRISTINA PITALO REIGNS AS HOMECOMING QUEEN

Christina Pitalo of Ocean Springs was elected to represent Jackson County Campus as Homecoming Queen during Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's tri-campus homecoming events on October 10, 1998. She and her court of two sophomore and two freshman maids were nominated and elected by popular vote of the student body. Bright, sunny skies created an excitful atmosphere for the cheering fans.

Christina was joined by sophomore maids, Olivia Quinn and Morgan Watts and freshman maids, Mary Beth Casto and Melissa Keenum.

Christina is a secondary education major and is a member of the student council. She also was a freshman class favorite. She was escorted by her father. Olivia is a pre-med major and is the sophomore student council president. A member of the honors program, she was also a freshman class favorite. She was escorted by her father. Morgan is a pre-med major. She is a member of the student council and Phi Theta Kappa. She was escorted by sophomore, David Lynn. Mary Beth is a history major and is a member of the honors program. She was escorted by Jean-Paul Hust. Melissa is a pre-med major and member of the Baptist Student Union. She was escorted by freshman, Clayton Younts.



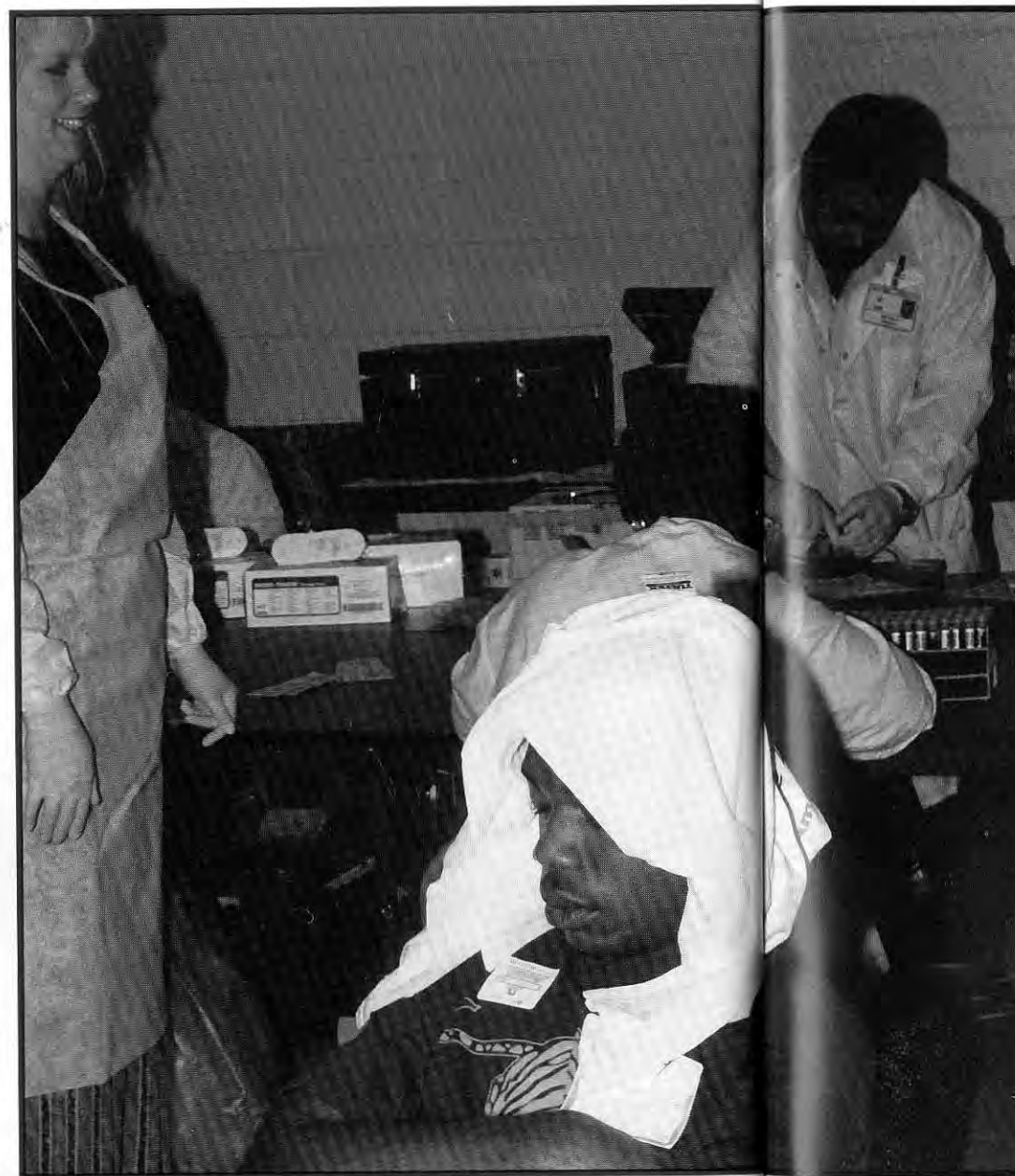
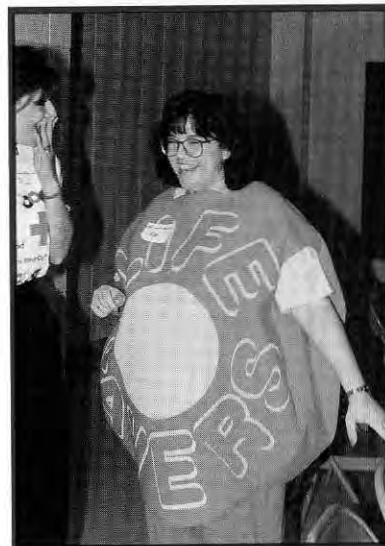
PICTURE PERFECT

Sophomores: Olivia Quinn, Morgan Watts, Christina Pitalo, J.C.C. Vice-President Dr. Houshang Moradmand, Freshmen: Melissa Keenum, Mary Beth Casto

Below left: Melvin Pope & Ann Tabb waiting. Below right: Faculty, Carol Moradmand, Maria Baumann & Brenda Davis sign in Jennifer Gollott & Blakeney Firmin



Above: workers for blood drive, Cassandra Borden, Anissa Biggs, Liz Gerkhe (Red Cross Staff), Jill Laiche, and Bettie Pierce
Right: Joy Mitchell, blood drive chairperson, and Liz Gerkhe, Red Cross Staff, share a laugh.



Left: This guy had to chill out after giving blood. Below: Yolanda Haywood knows that it does not hurt to give blood!



BLOOD DRIVE WAS A BIG SUCCESS



The only way to meet the blood drive goal was individually, pint by pint, given by real people for real causes. Donors were recruited by instructors and students who combed the campus for willing volunteers. Instructors gave extra points for the sacrifice. Those faculty members said that learning to participate in society was a valuable lesson in itself.

Three hundred and fifty-six people were presented and 305 pints were actually collected Liz Gerkhe of the Red Cross said, "The Jackson County Campus is one of our two largest contributors of blood for Jackson County." Mrs. Joy Mitchell, this year's chairperson of the drive, said that she was very proud and thankful for all those who gave and worked.

Several clubs were workers for the drive. HOSA worked with the Red Cross nurses directly. VICA helped set up early that morning. Phi Beta Lambda, Human Services, Reflections, the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, and BSU assisted with registration, canteen, walking donors to seats, and whatever was needed.

The theme for the drive was Halloween and entertainment was provided by Coast 102.1 radio station. Free t-shirts were given to all donors. The instructors who won for most donors recruited were Ms. Becky Posey and Dr. Jim Dunn.

Jackson County Campus students & faculty are lifesavers

Right: Anita Cunningham, Phi Beta Lambda member, was into the Halloween spirit as she greeted the blood donors.



Right: Phillip Drake and Chanya Stone are excited about donating blood as Jackson County Campus students.

Below: Angela Jackson assists the Red Cross with labeling test tubes.



Above: Laura Carter, Miranda Tucker, Phi Beta Lambda member, and Lisa Welborn, Honors Program, made sure that all donors received a free t-shirt.

Right: Students did not mind the short wait to give blood. Their wait was entertained by Halloween videos.



Left: Faculty members, Rusty Brown, Joanna Stewart & K.C. Williams, assist with the blood donors registration table.

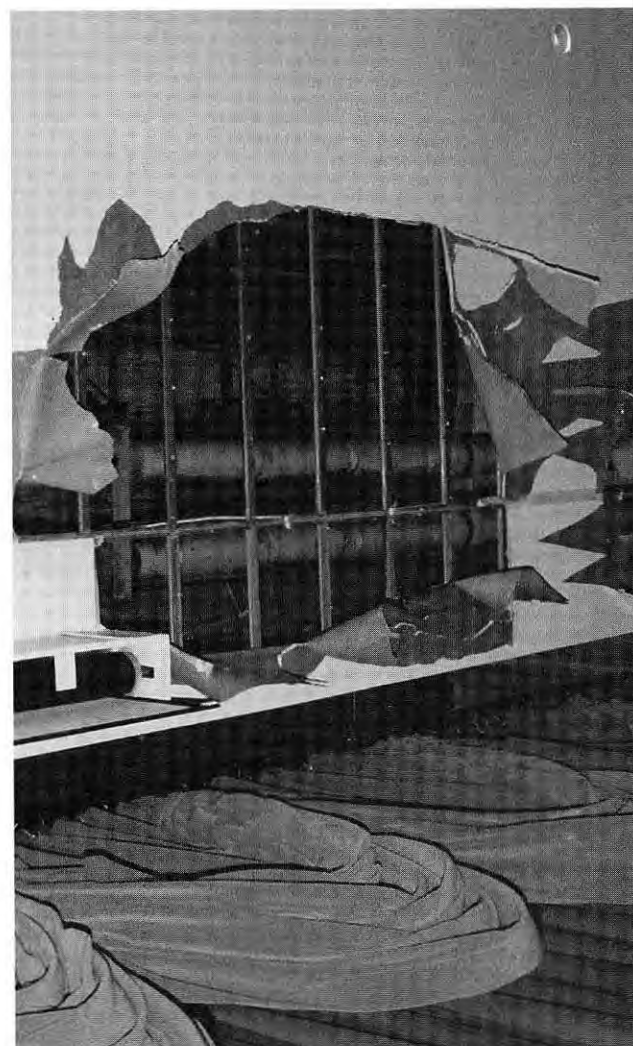
Bottom left: Delena Gibson, Nicole Lee and Jennifer Schwartz encourage Amber Shields as she donates.



Above: Red Cross members might have looked scary, but really they were great.

The Fine Arts Auditorium was put out of commission for several weeks because of damage from the hurricane

Hurricane Georges shows his might on the beaches of the Gulf Coast. Native coastians knew what to expect but not for how long. Georges was one of those annoying guests who did not know when to leave.



Above: The Fine Arts Building took quite a beating. The north side of the building lost glass windows and doors. The north entrance was closed for a month and a half while repairs were made.



Above: Lamar University of Beaumont, TX sent an 18-wheeler full of hurricane supplies to aid the students at MGCCC. Shown here are Human Services and New Horizon club students and maintenance workers unloading the truck at D Building.



Convicts from the Adult Detention Center were enlisted to come help with the clean up at MGCCC- Jackson County Campus.

We did survive

Even though Hurricane Georges tried to devastate the Gulf Coast, we escaped death.

Georges will be a name not to be forgotten. Hurricane Georges pounded the Mississippi Gulf Coast the last weekend in September of 1998. Not since Hurricane Elena (1985) has the Coast seen such wrath. Unprecedented flooding and winds gusting up to 150 m.p.h. was what many Jackson Countians had to deal with. The gym here at the Jackson County Campus became a refuge for many hurricane evacuees. However, that refuge turned into being a defenseless place to be. Hurricane force winds ripped the roof off the gym. Victims of that shelter were transported by ambulance to the Administration Building.

Hurricane Georges will be remembered as the storm that did not go away. Georges stalled out for two days forcing many people to just sit and wait it out. When Georges did decide to leave, many people had much work to do. Jackson County made history with record flooding. Many students at J.C. were faced with having to come to grips with losing houses, cars, furniture, etc., etc..... We were thankful that death was not part of the drama of it all.

The Jackson County Campus was closed for one week while maintenance, faculty and staff worked tirelessly to get things back in order. Even when classes resumed, there were still students who had to miss because of the massive cleanup all over the county.

The national media kept the nation abreast as to the devastation on the Coast. Lamar University's Student Council in Beaumont, Texas heard the news and got to work collecting hurricane supplies for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. L.U. got Wal-Mart to donate an 18-wheeler truck and a driver to bring the supplies to the Jackson County Campus. The hurricane supplies were distributed through the campus's New Horizons Program.

Jackson County showed great courage by picking up the pieces, literally, and getting back on its feet. Georges was quite a journey. But this generation has endured too many storms, Camille, Frederic, Elena, and now Georges, to let it get us down. We SHALL overcome!

Georges a costly disaster

Hurricane Georges makes his mark.

Hurricane Georges was the costliest disaster in the 117 years of the Red Cross relief efforts, topping the \$81.5 million the agency spent on Hurricane Andrew. Georges ripped up through the Dominican Republic, Florida Keys and into the Gulf of Mexico before it slammed into the Mississippi Gulf Coast. All eyes were on the weather reports. Georges was supposed to hit New Orleans but he changed his mind and came to Mississippi. Flooding in East Jackson County was measured in feet not inches. For Jackson County it was the costliest storm. Preliminary industry estimates put Georges' cost to insurance companies at \$2.5 billion, the third-costliest storm on record. Georges' costs rank behind Hugo in 1989 and the No.1 hurricane for damage, 1992's Andrew.



Left: P.A.S.T.E. poses by their "Funny Foto" display.



Above: Mr. Snell "performs" as one of the Looney Gooneys.

Right: Delena Gibson, Reflections member, goes psychic to raise money for her club.



Right: Mr. Steve Brown has a "little" pie to raise money for the Jackson County Computing Association.



Oktoberfest gave students time to relax in the sun, listen to great music, and enjoy a variety of activities and food. There was a big turnout of clubs and students.

The clubs were not only successful in entertainment, but also with delicious food. VICA's prison, Phi Beta Lambda's guessing jars, and J.C. Computing Associations's Pie in a Teacher's Face were just a few of the activities the students enjoyed. Along with the Art Guild selling pottery and Student Council selling the

Left: HOSA members have fun with their bake walk.

Clubs raise money at Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest T-shirts, P.A.S.T.E. got our sweet tooth with cotton candy. Baptist Student Union sold chili and sodas, Phi Theta Kappa sold B.B.Q. sandwiches and Human Services sold out of their grilled chicken sandwiches and hamburgers.

Besides the food and games, the band, "First Offense", kept students hanging around for more.

Much time and effort went into the Oktoberfest and it definitely paid off.

by Genna Herring



Above: Vocational Counselor, Mrs. Jennifer Bell, was sentenced to be a jailbird in VICA's prison.



Above: Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, Miss Tara Langston, sell BBQ plates and sweets.

Fall Fever hits big at Oktoberfest '98

Right: Human Services club quickly sold out of grilled chicken and hamburgers.

Below: Phi Beta Lambda's booth had "Guessing Jars" and sold baked goods.



Right: The "Looney Gooneys" made their appearance at Oktoberfest. In disguise were faculty members, Mr. Bill Snell, Ms. Becky Posey, Mrs. Sandra Davis and Mrs. Joanne Stewart.



Above: Baptist Student Union members, Trina Wilson and Tresa Turner, serve up some chili at the BSU booth.



Above: Glynda Beech of VICA is hiding behind that veil!



Left: Suzanne Lewis and Jennifer Angle enjoy the food and fellowship at Oktoberfest.

Below: First Offense band members jammin' are Brett Orrison (lead guitar), George Zorn (drums), and David Gaethe (bass).



Left: The Coolest Guy & Gal contestants were subjected to freezing their bottoms on a block of ice to see who could sit the longest.



Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk for charity



Right: Students & faculty sign in to either walk or run. Clubs which participated were: HOSA, PBL, PTK, DEX, BSU, VICA, Human Services and Reflections.

Below: Americorps members, Adam Burdick & Ed McKee, take a leisurely stroll at the Turkey Trot.



Right: Mrs. Stanford, Student Council sponsor, talks with Mr. Wiley Clark of Community Campus about his Olympic racing wheelchair.



Left: Winners were front row: Trina Wilson, Christina Pitalo, Mrs. Dedeaux, Mr. Clark, second row: Nicole Fayard, Robin Terrell, Christy Boney, Colleen O'Dwyer, Dr. Moradmand, back row: Allan Hubbard, Calvin Franklin, Mr. Seals, James Prince, Mrs. Cluff

To enter the Turkey Trot, participants brought four nonperishable food items or paid \$2. All proceeds went to charity for Thanksgiving baskets. Over ten large boxes of food and \$131 was raised.



Above: Delena Gibson, Reflections member and Mr. Turkey or should we say, Miss Turkey, welcomed the Turkey Trot participants and spectators.



Left: The walkers wait for the go signal. Over 100 students and faculty members participated in the Turkey Trot this year.



Right: Butterworth (Aaron Jackson) listens to Von Helsing (Ray Miller, Jr.) as Miss Wells (Erika Farmer) looks on.

Below: Lucy (Jill Laiche) and John Harker (Jeremy Cook) share a kiss.



"Dracula" takes his bite in Gautier



Top left: Aaron Jackson as Butterworth and Clint Wright as Count Dracula



Above: Von Helsing (Ray Miller, Jr.) is brought under the evil spell of Count Dracula (Clint Wright).



Above: Erika Farmer as Miss Wells



Above: Amy Couey as Mina



Left: "The Cast" includes top row: Ray Miller, Jr., Marcel Welch, Clint Wright, middle, Josh Ridgell, Amy Couey, Aaron Jackson, Erika Farmer, front row, Jill Laiche, Jeremy Cook, and Mrs. Wanda Stewart (director/instructor)



Above: Josh Ridgell as Renfield in full costume after performance



Left: Jennings (Marcel Welch) attempts to rescue Renfield (Josh Ridgell) from Count Dracula (Clint Wright).

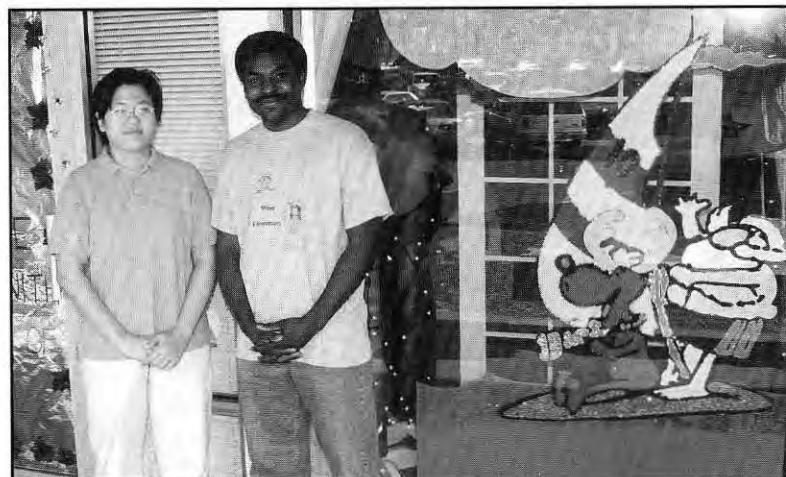


CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

This year's Christmas Decorating Contest was a big hit. Fifteen entries vied to win. The Christmas decorating really helped lift everyone's spirits after dealing with Hurricane Georges. Groups that entered were Reflections, The Career Center, Workforce Development, Financial Aid, Phi Beta Lambda, Freshman X-ray Class, HOSA, Phi Theta Kappa, VICA, The Learning Lab, Media Services, Human Services, Delta Epsilon Chi, Alpha Beta Gamma and PASTE. The winners were: Best Theme-VICA; Most Original - Reflections; Most Humorous - Delta Epsilon Chi; Most Traditional - Phi Beta Lambda; Most Creative - The Learning Lab; and Most Outstanding - Media Services.



Above: Best Theme - VICA members, Mrs. Debra Matthews and Billy Tucker.
Right: Most Traditional - Phi Beta Lambda members, Avonell Butler, Pamela Esters, Bettie Pierce, and Mrs. Vanessa Dedeaux.
Below: Most Humorous-DEX members, Youjin Chong and Calvin Franklin.



Left: Most Original -Reflections members, from top, Amanda Paul, Angela Bevill, Delena Gibson, Jill Laiche, Ahna Bales.
Below left: Most Creative - The Learning Lab, Evelyn Clark, Sandra Davis, Joanne Stewart, Monica Goretski. Below right: Most Outstanding - Media Services, Paula Thorp and Angie Bridges.



J.C. makes a bright Christmas for kids

Once again, the students, faculty and staff at J.C. came through for the needy children of Jackson County. Over 500 toys and \$240 were collected to donate to the Salvation Army. At the Fill the Stocking Party, Gautier Middle School's seventh grade choir entertained with a "CoolYule", HOSA sang the "Nurses' Twelve Days of Christmas". Jill Laiche of Reflections read, with cajun dialect, "A Cajun Night Before Christmas". Garfield Brown of VICA got us thinking when he read the poem, "The Night Jesus Came". Emmanuel McKinney of BSU sang a beautiful rendition of "Silent Night". Mr. Dan Zwerg, environmental tech instructor, gave us spiritfilled Christmas music from his saxophone.



Right: Student Council members presented the Salvation Army gifts for children. Front row: Olivia Quinn, Nicole Lee, Nicole Goff; back row: James Prince, Capt. Stewart, Taylor Hulsey, and David Dunnaway.

Below: Gautier Middle School's seventh grade choir presented a song and dance show.



Left: Mr. Dan Zwerg jams out on his sax.



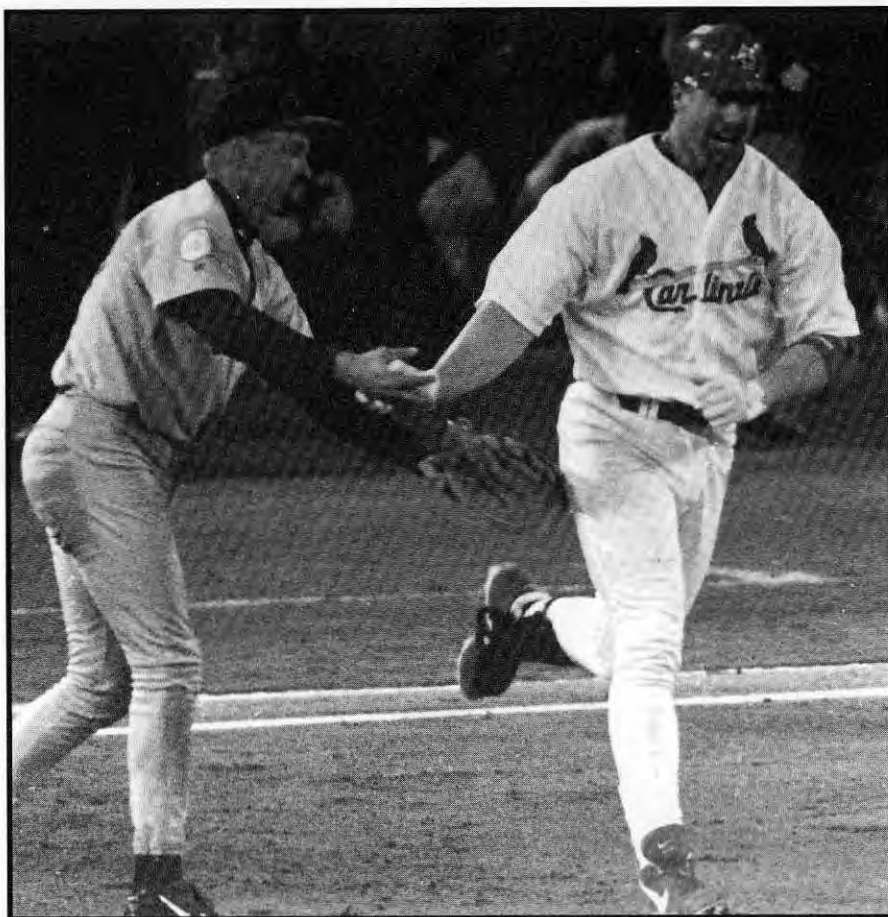
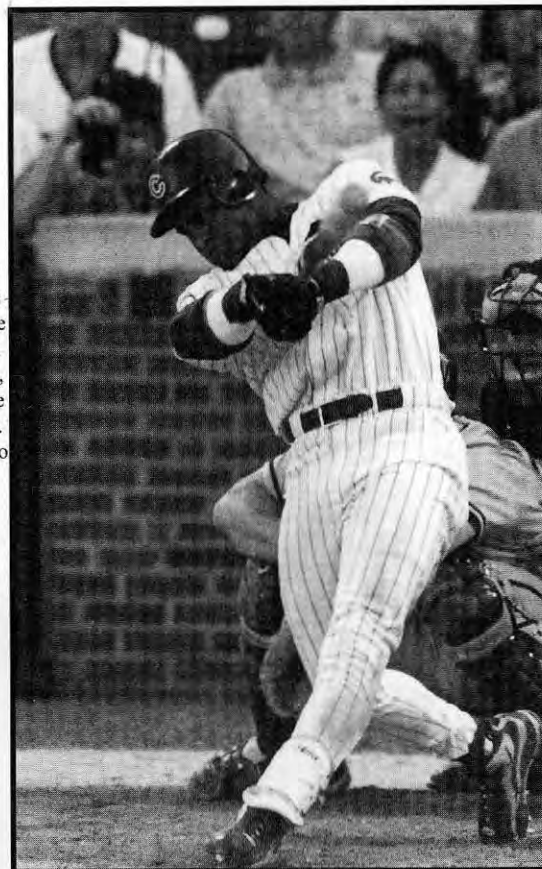
Above: VICA member, Garfield Brown, puts gifts under the tree.



Left: Captain Stewart of the Salvation Army gives a word of thanks to the faculty and students for the toys.

Record-Breaking Year

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, two power-hitters in the game of baseball, were in a battle of home runs during the summer. Both were looking to beat the home run record of 61 set by N.Y. Yankee Roger Maris in 1961. When the dust settled at the end of the season, McGwire, a 34-year-old right handed hitter from the St. Louis Cardinals, won the home-run record with 70. Sosa, a 30-year-old right handed hitter from the Chicago Cubs, hit 66 home runs.



The World Cup competition is held every four years. The 1998 games were held in France and it was the French team that won the nation's first-ever World Cup title by defeating Brazil 3-0. More than a million revelers packed the historic Champs-Elysees to celebrate the victory. The broad avenue became the focal point of celebrations and many called the impromptu street party the largest outdoor celebration since Liberation Day in 1944.



Left: Four funky females, collectively known as All Saints, brought a smart, soulful spirit straight to the top of pop charts worldwide. A potent combination of streetwise edge and true musicianship, All Saints' members brought an assortment of international influences to the mix: Caribbean, English, French and Canadian.



Left: In sharp contrast to some of their previous work, K-Ci & JoJo produced their latest album, "Love Always", which has a more subtle approach and at the same time a more romantic theme. One critic said, "There is an almost spiritual quality that comes through here and the music is richer for it."

Below: George Strait became the most-nominated performer in Country Music Association history by getting five nominations, including one as Entertainer of the Year. Shania Twain has recorded three albums and 15 music videos. Twain has become one of the top selling female singers in the United States, with sales approaching 17 million albums worldwide.



Entertainment

THE WASHINGTON SOAP OPERA

Right: Special Prosecutor, Kenneth Starr



Below: The First Family

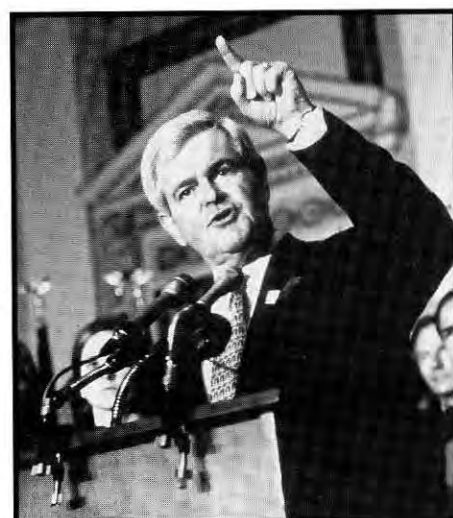


Left: Woman of the Year? Monica Lewinsky

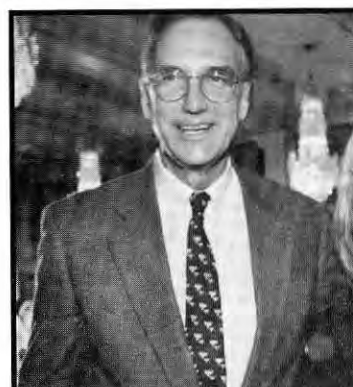
The House of Representatives had a majority of votes to begin the impeachment trial of President William Jefferson Clinton. Newt Gingrich was not there to vote because he had resigned as Speaker of the House a month before with the speculation that his resignation could help the Republican Party. House Speaker — designate Bob Livingston followed in Gingrich's steps. Livingston, too, resigned because of press allegations of Livingston's extramarital affairs. At press time, the trial has begun in the Senate with Majority Leader Trent Lott of Pascagoula, Mississippi at the helm.



Far Right: Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott
Right: Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich



Right: The Speaker who would not be, Bob Livingston



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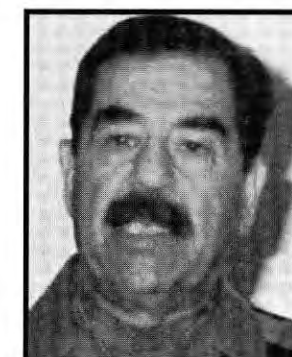
President Bill Clinton became embroiled in a White House scandal that led to Congressional hearings on possible impeachment. It all started when Republican attorney Kenneth Starr was appointed as a Special Prosecutor to investigate President and Hillary Clinton's failed investment in an Arkansas real estate venture called Whitewater and the Paula Jones sexual harassment civil lawsuit. A grand jury was called and that led to several other investigations that eventually focused on accusations that the President was involved in obstruction of justice and perjury. He was accused of having an 18-month sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky, then a 21-year old White House intern. President Clinton eventually did admit to inappropriate behavior, but Congress pushed forward to bring the President to an impeachment trial in the Senate.



Left: President William Jefferson Clinton



Above: Monica's "friend from hell," Linda Tripp (secretly tape recorded a conversation with Monica which detailed Monica's sexual affairs with the President).

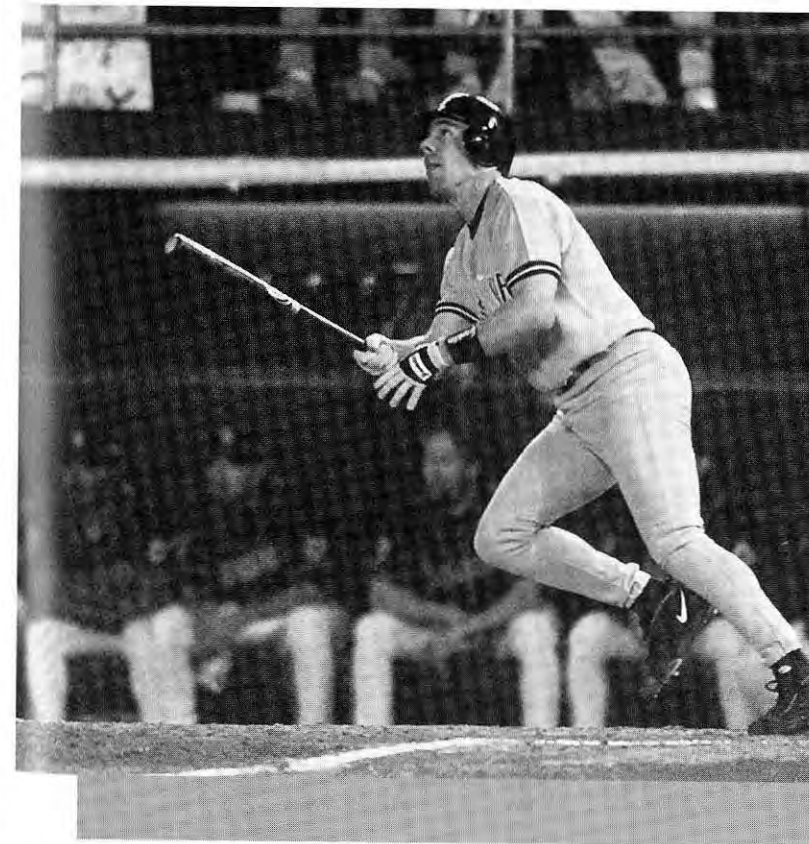
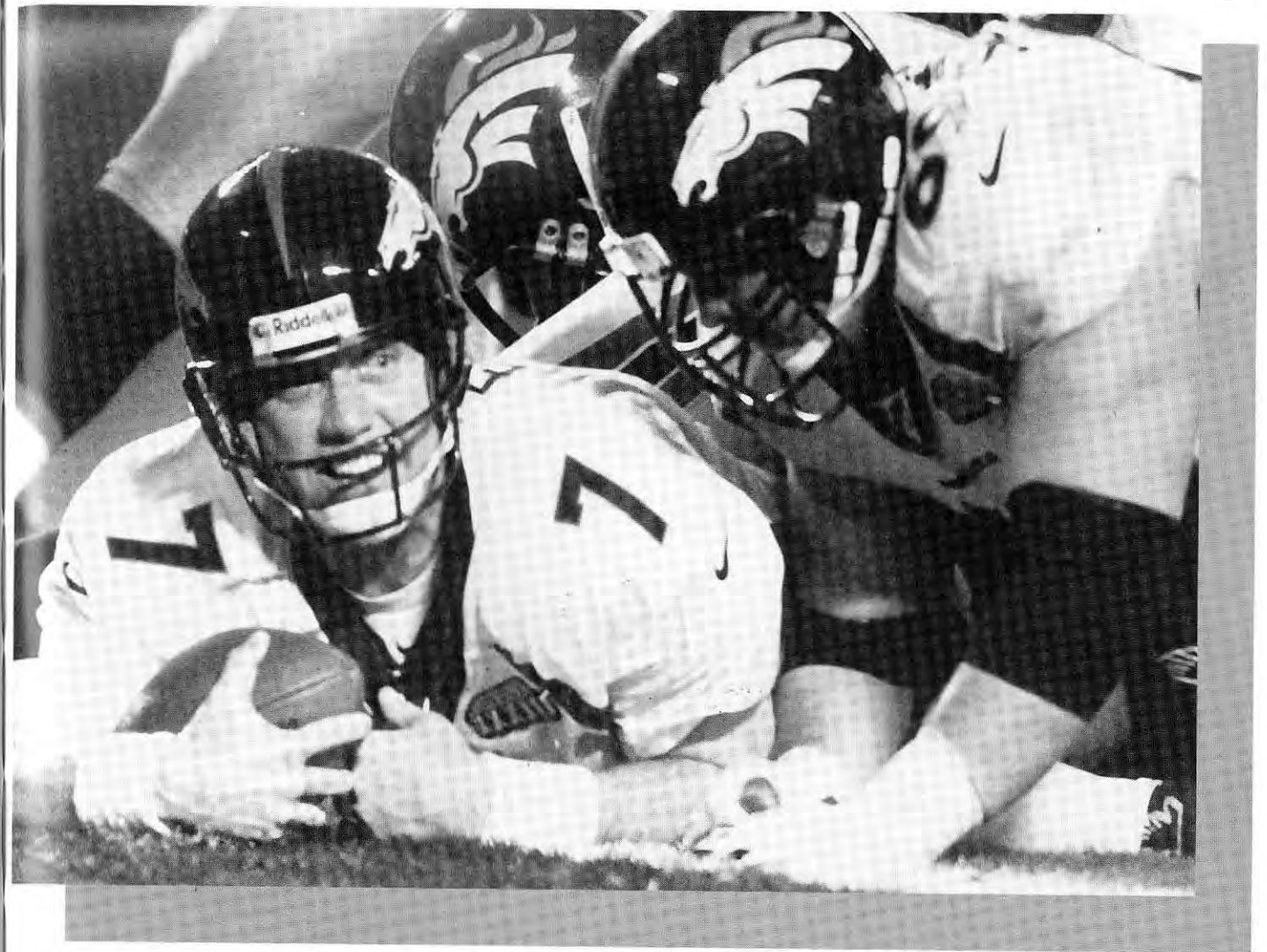


Left: Saddam Hussein, Iraq's Prime Minister. President Clinton authorized bombing Iraq just three days before the House began voting on his impeachment. Watch the movie Wag the Dog to get the full story.

THE YEAR UPDATED.....



Above: House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, a Republican from Illinois, led the House of Representatives in the impeachment of President Clinton. He then delivered the Articles of Impeachment to the U.S. Senate (shown). On February 12, 1999, after hearing both sides presenting their case and viewing videotaped depositions of witnesses, the Senate voted for acquittal on all counts of impeachment against President Clinton. Right: U.S. Senator John Glenn ended his long career in the Senate with a return to space. Astronaut Glenn, 77, who made a pioneering space flight in 1962, returned to space in November, 1998, aboard the Discovery Shuttle on a ten day mission.

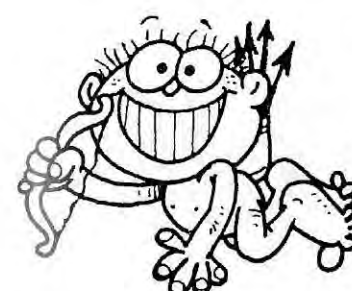
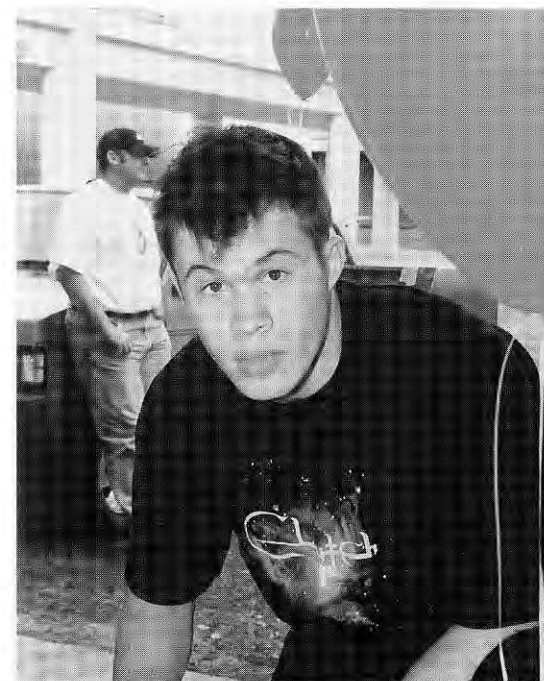
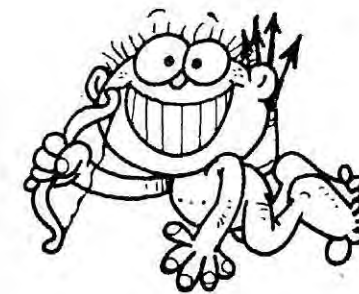
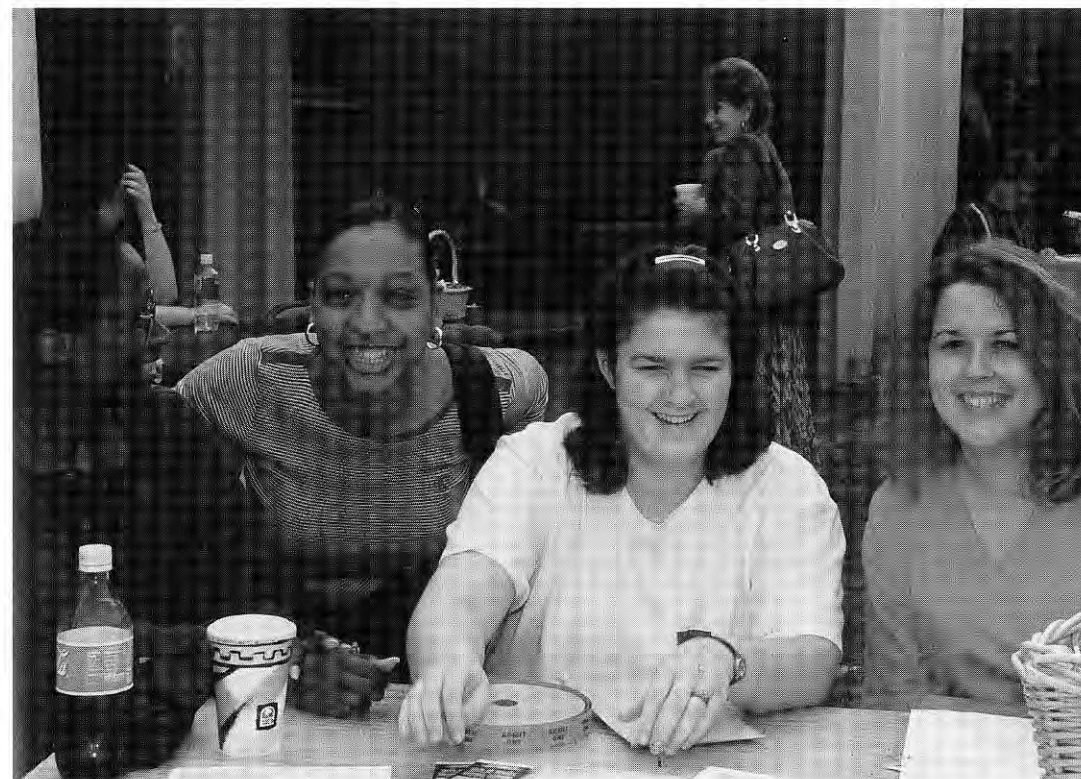


Above: Quarterback John Elway led the Denver Broncos to a 34-19 win against the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. The Broncos scored 17 points in the game's first half and then 17 more in the fourth quarter alone. Left: The New York Yankees won a record 24th World Series championship with a sweep of the San Diego Padres. In addition to dominating the Series, the Yankees dominated the 1998 baseball season. Scott Brosius, New York Yankee, is seen here at the plate in the third game of the World Series.

VALENTINE FUNDAY



Left: Alex Payton (BSU), Anita Cunningham (PBL) and Keenan Benefield (SC) "Twisting." Below left: HOSA had a Valentine Basket giveaway. Below: Cupid (Keenan Benefield) shoots Student Council President David Dunnaway. Far below left: PASTE members had a Romantic Dinner giveaway. Far below right: Students had fun playing Twister. Opposite page; Top: Moneka Jackson tries to win the PASTE giveaway. Far right: Cupid (Keenan Benefield) lets Dean Switzer play with his bow & arrow. Left: Students signed up to try and win the Very Important Bulldog Parking Space. Middle right: Student Council members, Nicole Goff and Christina Pitalo take bids for Win-A-Date. Bottom: Mr. Gary Blackwell, BSU sponsor, helps sell baked goodies.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED

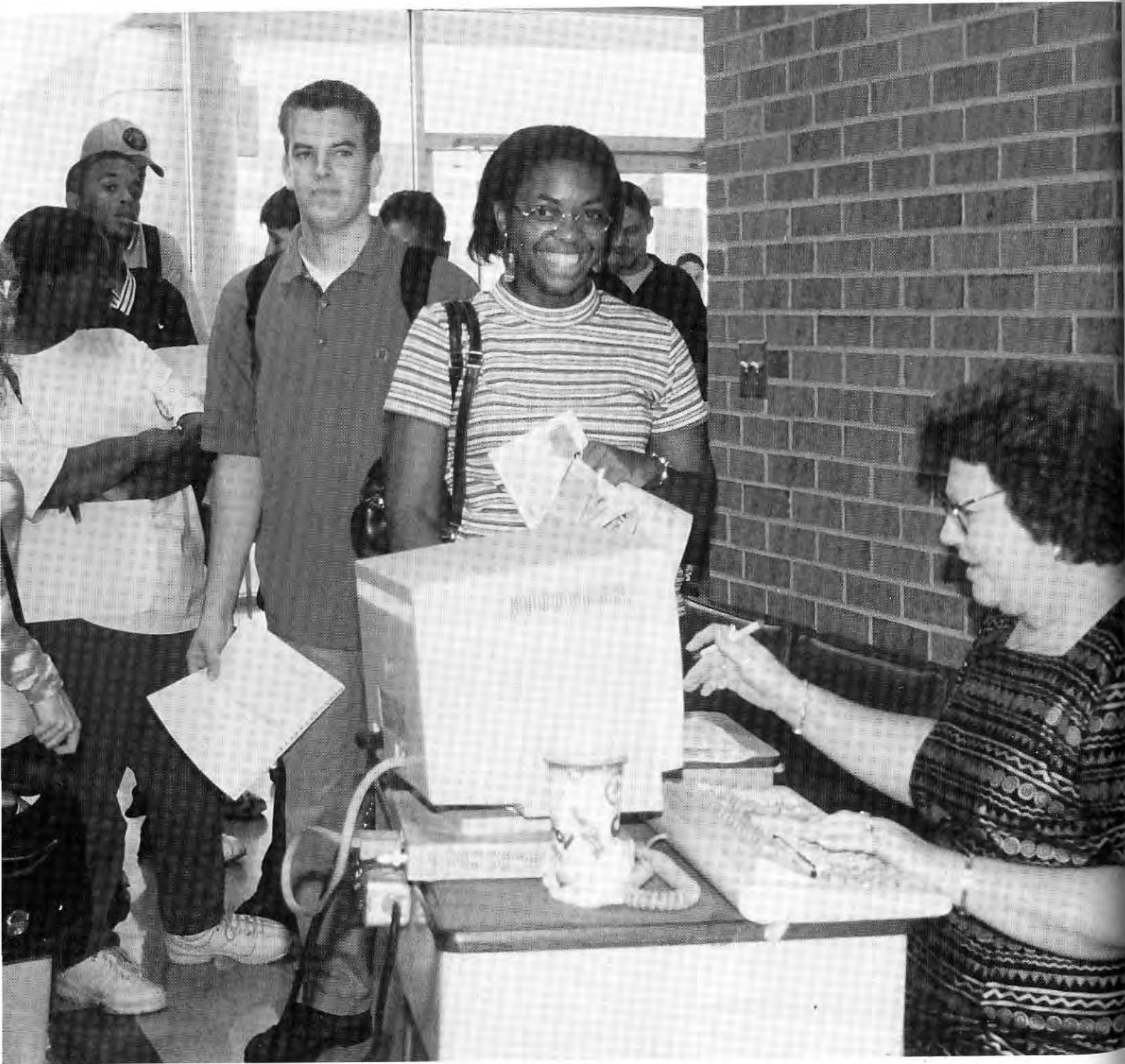
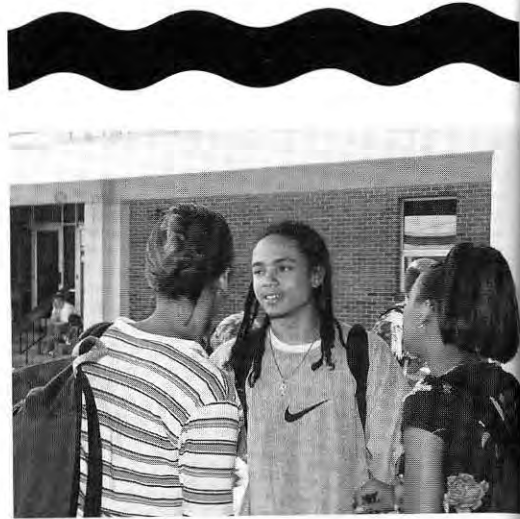


In February, JCC celebrated Black History Month. Mrs. Violet Lett (Vocational Secretary), Mr. William Harris (Welding Instructor) and Mrs. Shirley Holliday (Health Occupations Secretary), pictured above, orchestrated the event. Ed Mayo Junior High School Choir of Moss Point, under the direction of Ms. Alicia Bell entertained students and faculty in the cafeteria with spiritual songs.



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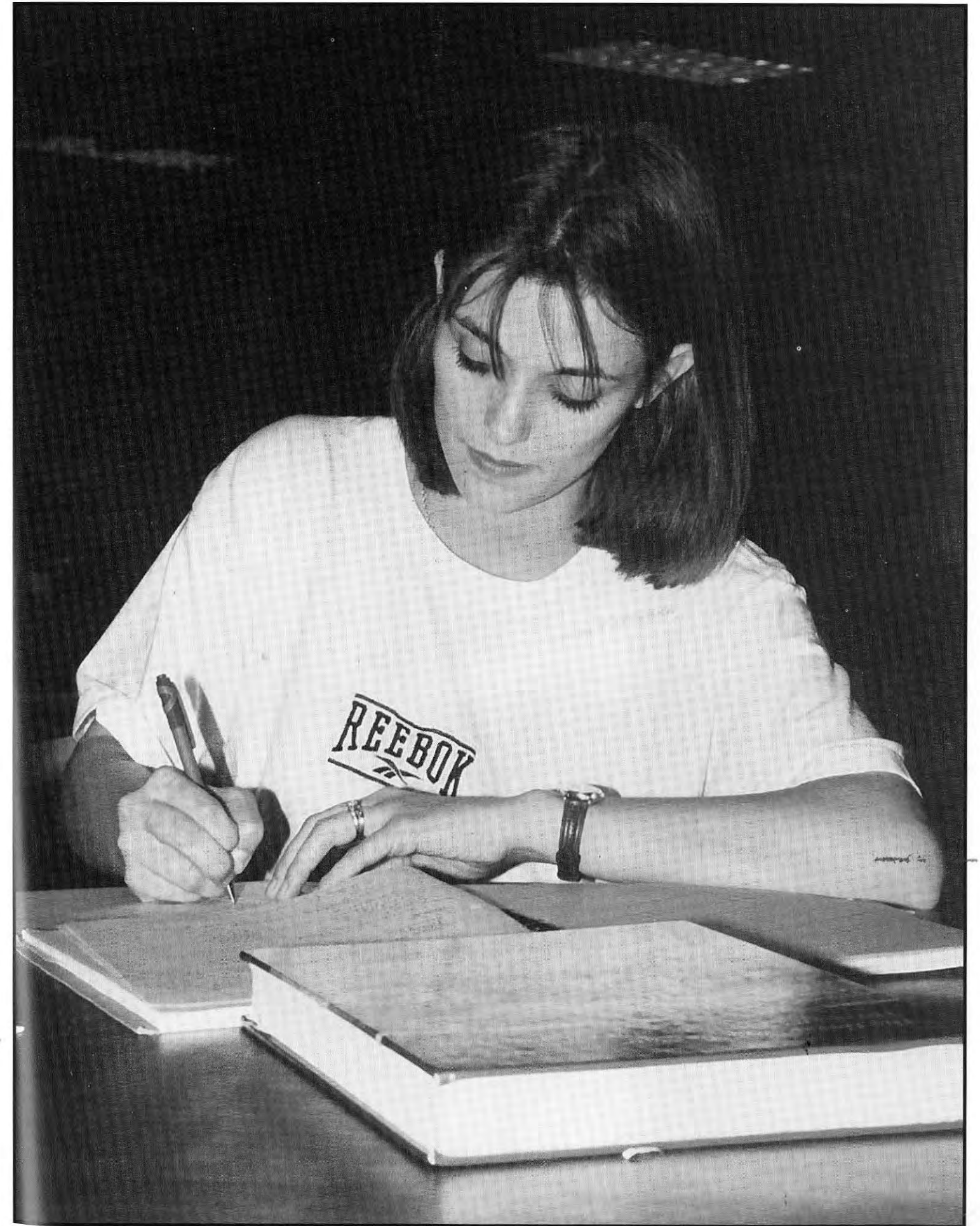




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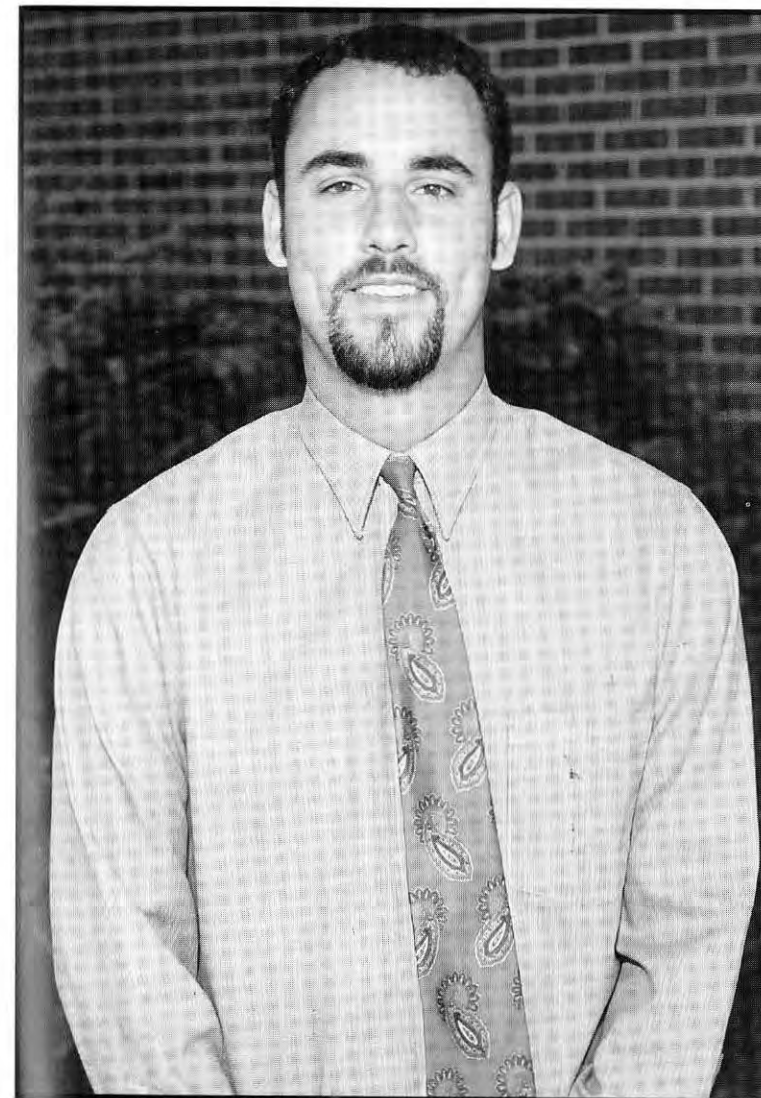




Mr. Jackson County Campus

James Prince

James is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School. He has been on the Student Council for two years and serves as secretary this year. James is also a member of the Baptist Student Union on campus and Wesley United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs. James plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.



Miss Jackson County Campus

Olivia Quinn

Olivia is a graduate of Mercy Cross High School. She is a pre-med major. She was a freshman class favorite and a sophomore homecoming maid. Olivia is the Student Council Sophomore Class President and a member of the Honors Program. She is a trained English equestrian and teaches English riding lessons. Olivia plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Medical Center and become an anesthesiologist.

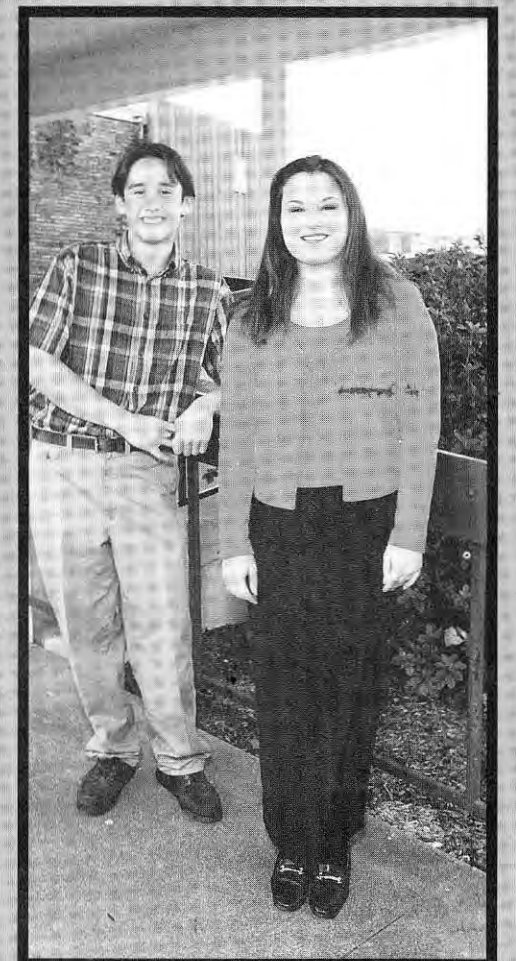
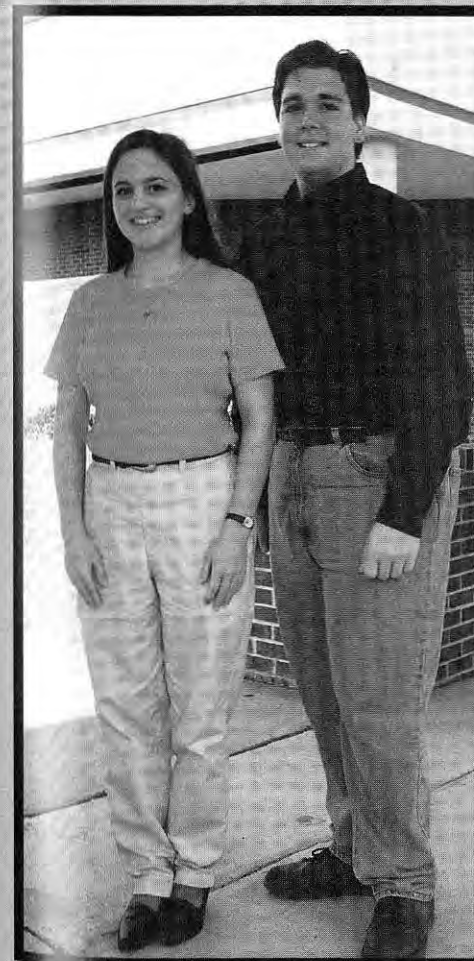
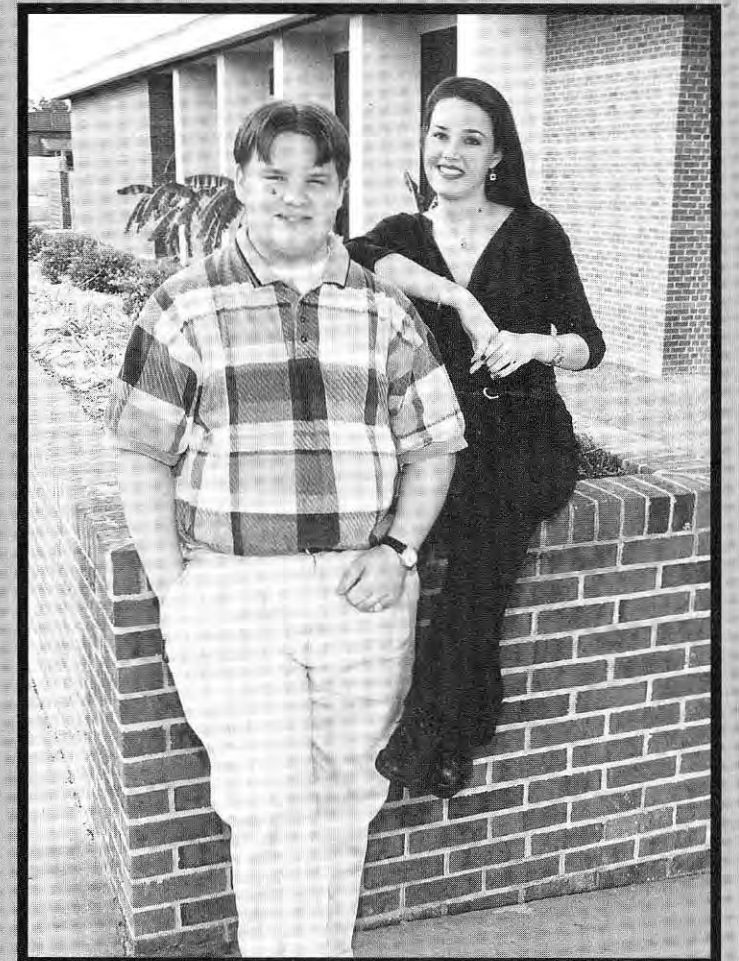
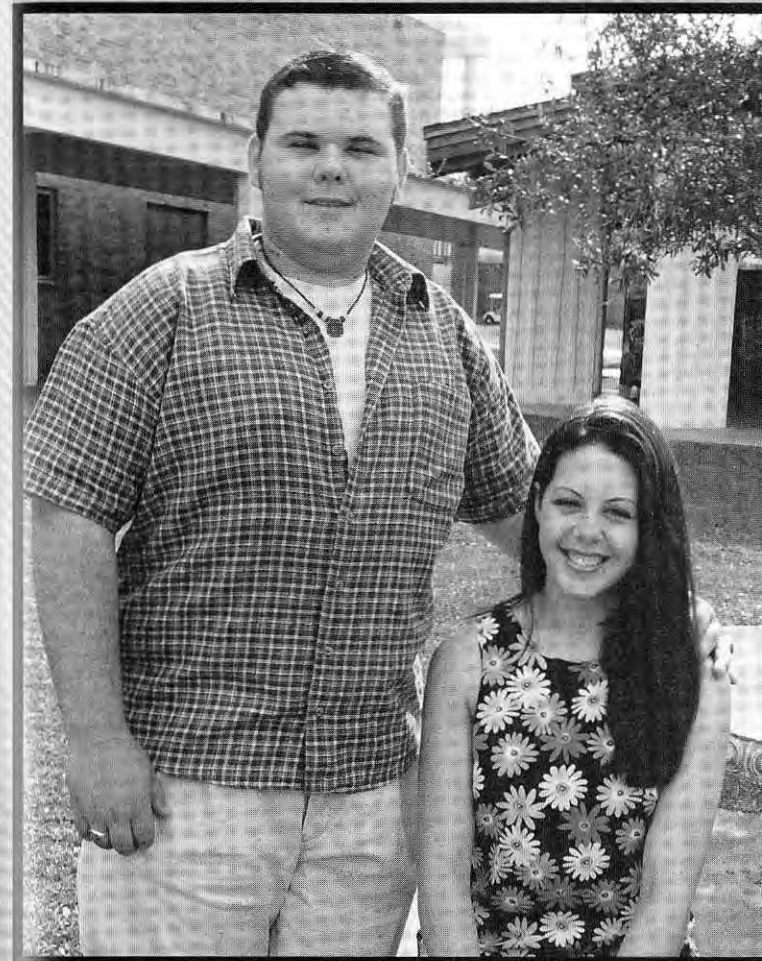


FRESHMAN FAVORITES



guys: Aaron Barksdale, Keenan Benefield, Dominic Martin, Clark Price, Paul Williams

gals: Nicole Lee, Melissa Keenum, Josie Woods, Summer Mason, Moneka Jackson

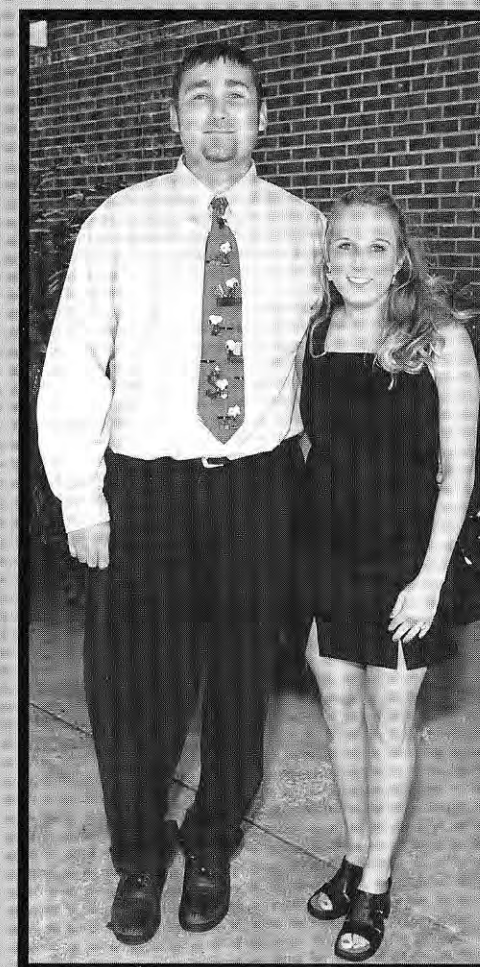


SOPHOMORE FAVORITES



guys: Seneca Wilson, Brian Clark, David Dunnaway, Jeff Kopszywa, Taylor Hulse

gals: Johanna Langlinais, Christina Pitalo, Juanita Weinberg, Christy Boney, Morgan Watts



1999 HALL OF FAME



Colleen Ann O'Dwyer
Business Administration

Phi Theta Kappa: Vice-President of Service. Alpha Beta Gamma. Honors Program. President's List. National Dean's List. "JCC has given me a strong foundation. I think JCC is the beginning of good things to follow on my journey of life."



Jennifer Hosmon
Chemical Engineering

Phi Theta Kappa: Treasurer. President's List. National Dean's List. Honors Program. "This experience at JCC has given me the basics to build my education on."



Linda Fosby
Accounting

Vice President's list. President's List. Thompson Scholarship. Alpha Beta Gamma. "The teachers and students have helped me to achieve the goals I want. The experience I have had at JCC will be carried throughout my journey in life"



Jessica L. Rushing
Nursing

Phi Theta Kappa: President. Vice-President of Leadership Committee. Academic All American. HEDWAE Award Nominee. President' List. Honors Scholarship. "My experiences will help me to better prepare myself for the more difficult classes I will encounter at USM."

Wesley George
Mechanical Engineering

Student Tutor in Learning Lab. "JCC taught me to keep an open mind and that any thing can happen only within the limits that you set yourself."



T.D. Huckabee
Nursing

Phi Theta Kappa. Academic Scholar. President's List. "Working in volunteer programs at JCC made me feel like a contributing part of this community."



Charles Justin Ormon
Business Information Systems

Phi Theta Kappa. Vice President's List. "My experience at JCC will help me on my journey by providing me the support and encouragement needed to continue my journey."



Scott P. Beebe
Elementary Education

Americorps: Reading Tutor. Scholar's Bowl. President's List. "JCC provided a firm base for my future educational goals."



Susan A. Escobar
Elementary Education

Phi Theta Kappa. President's List. "This school is the starting point that will lead me to my goal of becoming a teacher."

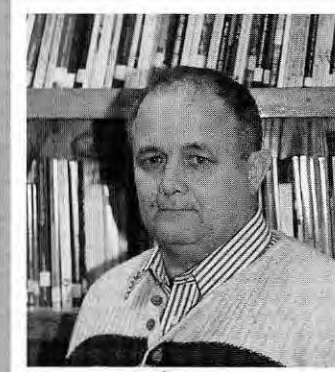


Leah McRae Walling
Pharmacy

Phi Theta Kappa. President's List. National Dean's List. Scholar's Bowl: Captain. NASA Scholar. "JCC has made me well prepared to transfer to Ole Miss."



1999 HALL OF FAME



Jimmy W. Pursell, Sr.
Engineering

President's List. "JCC has helped me renew my belief in myself and my abilities to continue towards a second B.S. degree."



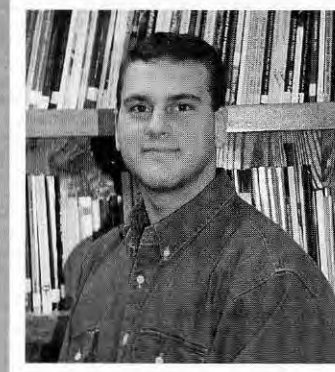
Rachel Korn
Accounting

Phi Theta Kappa. Alpha Beta Gamma. President's List. "JCC has helped me reach my educational goals to go forward in my career goals."



Karen E. Little
Accounting

Phi Theta Kappa. Alpha Beta Gamma. President's List. "This start of my journey at JCC is preparing me for the future."



Jeffrey M. Kopszywa
Pre-Medicine

Phi Theta Kappa. All-American Scholar. Class Favorite. Vice-President's List. "The instructors at JCC paved the way for my success. I am very grateful to them."

1999 HALL OF FAME



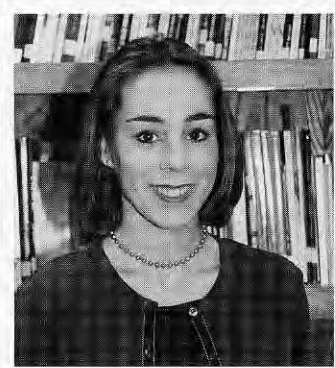
Mary Lorna Cumbest
Nursing

Phi Theta Kappa. Bible Club. President's List. "I feel that I have gained much knowledge that will be a great help on my journey to realize the goals I have for my life and career."



Nancy Yegge
Nursing

Student Nurses Association. President's List. "Instructors at JCC have taught me that I can continue to learn and grow."



Morgan Deanne Watts
Pre-Medicine

Phi Theta Kappa. Student Council. President's List. Class Favorite. Homecoming Maid. "JCC promotes self-esteem and this really gave me the drive to do my best."

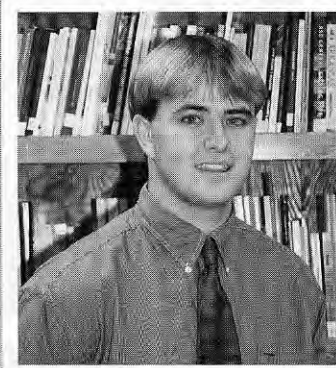


Natalie Lynn Dollar
Mathematics

President's List. "My experience at JCC has helped me on my journey of life by establishing a foundation for my continued education."

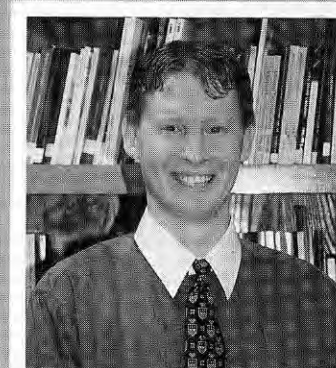
Timothy J. Brewer
Chemical Engineering

Phi Theta Kappa. Honors Program. President's List. National Dean's List. "I believe that JCC has provided me with the beginning of what will be a successful and enjoyable journey."



"Chip" Gavin Lott, Jr.
Chemical Engineering

Phi Theta Kappa. Honors Program. Baptist Student Union. President's List. Intramural Football. "My experience at JCC has given me a sense of responsibility, maturity and has opened my mind to new people and ideas."



Not Pictured:
**Clay Anderson, Brenda Baumeister,
Stephanie Crenshaw, Tu Tran**

1999 HALL OF FAME



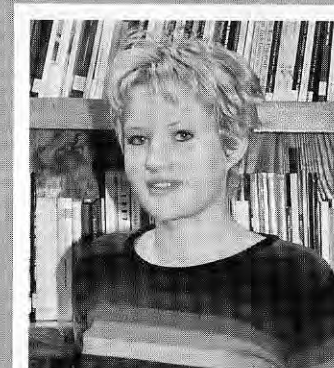
Kasey R. VanCourt
Elementary Education

Phi Theta Kappa. Vice-President. President's List. "I believe my experience at JCC has exposed me to a learning environment which fosters a genuine concern for a student's needs."



Jennie R. Alexander
Medical Technology

Phi Theta Kappa. Medical Lab Tech Club. President's List. Biology I Award. "JCC has brought me one step closer to achieving my goal."



Sherie M. Miller
Art

Phi Theta Kappa. Vice-President of Fellowship. Art Club. Secretary/Treasurer. "The art instructors have been excellent teachers. They have given me experiences and memories that I will always have."



Lacey L. Cox
Pre-medicine

Phi Theta Kappa. President's List. Academic Scholar. Miriam Scarborough Scholarship. "I consider JCC to be just as good as a four-year college. The instructors have more time for one-on-one because of the smaller classes."

1999 WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

The 1999 edition of Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges are students who have been selected by the faculty on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These students join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states and several foreign nations.



Rachel M. Korn, Jeffrey M. Kopszywa, Susan A. Escobar, Tana L. Rountree

front row:
Teresa N. Mowdy
Karen E. Little
Jennie R. Alexander
back row:
Nancy G. Yegge
Mary L. Cumbest
Christy A. Randall
Sherie M. Miller
Kasey R. VanCourt
Maya A. Carlisle
Sherrlyn R. Welch

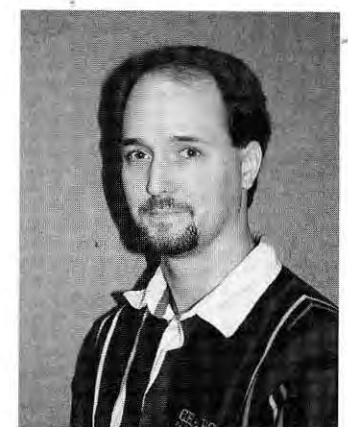


NOT PICTURED:

Clay Anderson, Eva Blue, Stephanie Crenshaw, Edward McKee, Jennifer Roy, Ann Tabb, Casey Tootle, Tu Tran, Morgan Watts, Tiffany Wilks



Selena W. Oliver



Jason S. Anderson



front row: Teresa L. Sessions, Jennifer L. Hosmon
back row: Leah M. Walling, Wesley I. George, Gavin "Chip" Lott, Jr., Timothy J. Brewer, Dana R. Matro

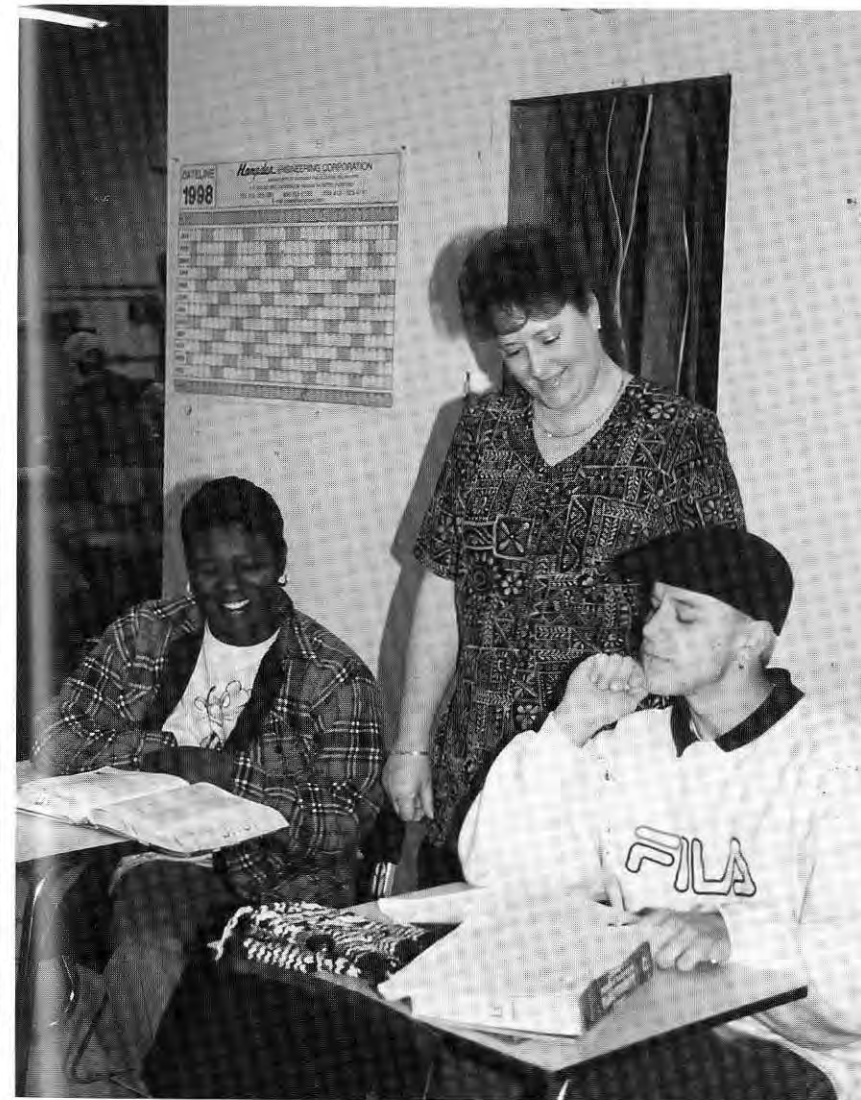
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Linda J. Fosby
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Jimmy W. Pursell, Sr.
T.D. Huckabee
C. Justin Ormon
Sheri A. Gilmore



1999 INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR



DEBRA MATTHEWS
Electrical Technology



Instructor of the year for 1999 is Mrs. Debra Matthews, electrical technology instructor. In 1979, she was the first female to graduate from the electrical technology program at JCC. She received her associate's degree in 1992 and is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Matthews began instructing at JCC in 1986 and also started her own electrical contracting business, Matthews Electrical Contracting.

In addition to instructing, Mrs. Matthews sponsors SKILLS-USA/VICA club. Mrs. Stanford, activities counselor said, "Mrs. Matthews has a lot of school spirit and gets her students to really be involved in the campus activities." Mrs. Matthews is a member of several organizations, such as: Women and Minority Business Owners, Vice-President's Advisory Committee, Learning Resource Committee and she supports the New Horizons group which she was a member of when a student at JCC. Her hobbies include art and horticulture, consequently, the atrium in D Building was landscaped by her.

"This award is well deserved," said vocational secretary, Barbara Perry. Mr. Robert Seals, co-instructor, said, "Mrs. Matthews enjoys teaching her class." Mrs. Matthews is dedicated and very skilled in her field; surely many of her colleagues agree.

— Angel McDonald





"A person's true wealth

THE LAMPLIGHTER AWARD

The Lamplighter Award for 1998 was received by two caring and very hardworking instructors. Mrs. Debra Matthews, electrical technology instructor, and Mrs. Debra Jackson, chemistry/physical science instructor, both showed outstanding leadership and commitment to students this year. This program is held annually by the state Dean's Association, specifically to commend excellent instructors statewide. The 1998 Lamplighter conference was held in Tupelo, MS at Itawamba Community College.

Mrs. Matthews has been instructing at JCC for 13 years. For her, attending the conference was an "honor". "It is inspirational to be in the presence of other great teachers. I came home with a renewed determination to be the best teacher possible and to help students achieve new heights."

It was a "pleasant surprise" for Mrs. Jackson to be selected as Lamplighter. She has been an instructor at JCC for three years. For her, the conference proved effective in its effort to improve communities and leadership in our vastly changing world.

Angel McDonald



is in the good he does in this world." Benexline

HUMANITIES COUNCIL AWARD

Each year the Mississippi Humanities Council seeks out outstanding instructors of humanitarian subjects. These subjects include: social studies, fine arts, allied arts and physics. Winning the Humanitarian Council Award requires the nominee to present a program to the council and the winner is chosen by their presentation.

This year's winner, Mrs. Wanda Stewart, is one of JCC's many wonderful instructors. She teaches speech, theater and allied arts. Her program, "Voices of Pascagoula: Music and Monologue, Voices from the Past," was an excellent production. It was a monologue which told the story of four women from the Gautier area who lived here during the Civil War. Mrs. Stewart used letters and songs from the ladies' lives to captivate her audience.

Mrs. Stewart has taught at JCC for ten years. Her creativity and involvement on campus has become well known among colleagues as well as students. Her presentation won a much deserved award.

Angel McDonald



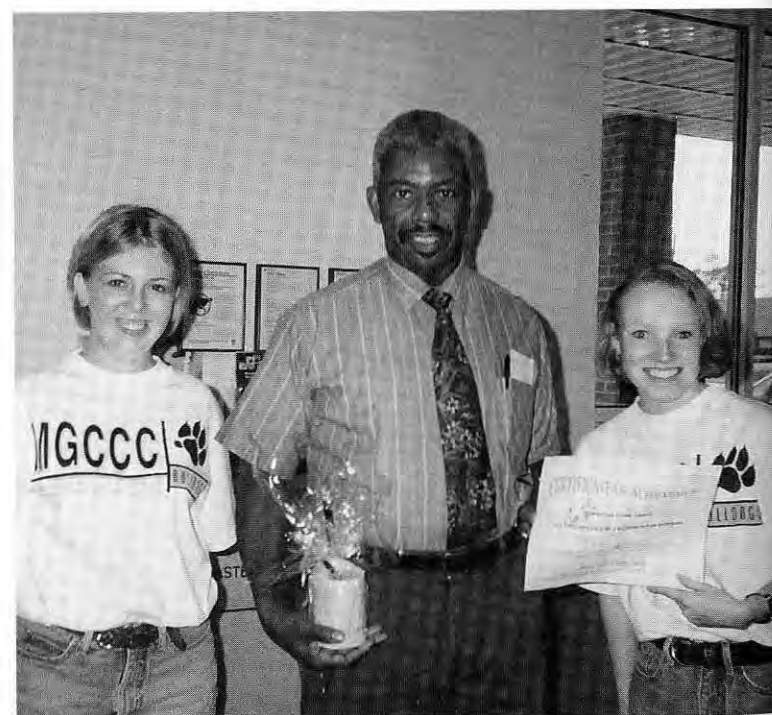
ORGANIZATIONS



REFLECTIONS

The Reflections Team members serve as the student recruitment, hospitality, and public relations ambassadors for JC. The team provides guided tours of the campus to visitors, promotes JC at community functions and local high school presentations, volunteers time at the Boy's and Girl's Club and visits the children's ward at the hospital. Reflections' goal for the current year is to earn enough money through fundraisers to provide two scholarships to local high school seniors. To raise money, the team participates in a variety of campus activities such as Funny Fortune Telling at Oktoberfest, Turkey Grams before Thanksgiving, and selling carnations for Valentine's Day. The special fun project for the last few years has been to arrest and sentence (make an award presentation) to students and faculty members "caught" in the act of doing a random act of kindness. The challenge to future Reflections Team members is encourage greater participation by a more diverse student population and provide an even greater participation by a more diverse student population and provide an even greater number of scholarships for future students.

Right:standing:Mrs. Terri Ormes(sponsor), Crystal Holt, Jennifer Eaves, Amanda Paul.
Seated: Mandy Johns, Delena Gibson, Jill Laiche, Angela Bevill



STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council worked to sponsor a variety of campus-wide activities, encourage participation in clubs and be a student advocate to the administration. Fall activities sponsored by the Student Council included Club Day, Bulldog Bash, Oktoberfest, Turkey Trot, Fill the Stocking Party, Valentine Activity Day, Easter Egg Hunt for kids, and Lagniappe Day. Planning, organization, sign-making, setting up cleaning up had to find room in Council members' schedules that were already filled with full class loads, work and family responsibilities. The Council was also responsible for running all of the campus elections. According to Council members, clubs were a key factor in the success of campus events. While the Council participated in hosting many of the events, they always participated in the action, such as cheering, walking or donating.

Below left: back row: Morgan Watts, Christy Boney, Nicole Goff, Taylor Hulsey, David Dunnaway, Keenan Benefield, Christina Pitalo front row: Robin Terrell, Genna Herring, Nicole Lee, Aaron Barksdale, Josie Woods



MEDICAL LAB TECH



SOPHOMORES Seated: Kim Rumery, Karen Armstrong, Mariella Peters, Jackie Weeks, Denise Welborn, Deanna Loper. Standing: Ms. Gretchen Cunningham (sponsor), Jennie Alexander, Fawn Thibodeaux, Allen Johnson, Dennis Gurley, Niki Harris, Melissa Nichols, Mrs. Peggy Caldwell (sponsor).



FRESHMAN Seated: Donna Wallis, Daria Sabino, Katrina Polk, April Hanshaw, Falena Bivins, Alfie Dailey. Standing: Ms. Gretchen Cunningham (sponsor), Roger Bolton, Jacquelyn Loper, Lionel Mattos, Dinah Furniss, Ramon Richardson, Jacqueline R. Magee, Sherry Parnell, Tiffany Haskins, Allyson Randall, Mrs. Peggy Caldwell (sponsor).

The MLT Club's annual project is the Easter Bunny Visit to area hospitals and nursing homes. The club raises money with po-boy sales and other fund raisers to purchase surprise baskets for this visit. The club members also used this money to attend the annual Mississippi/Louisiana American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists Convention and participate in the student bowl.

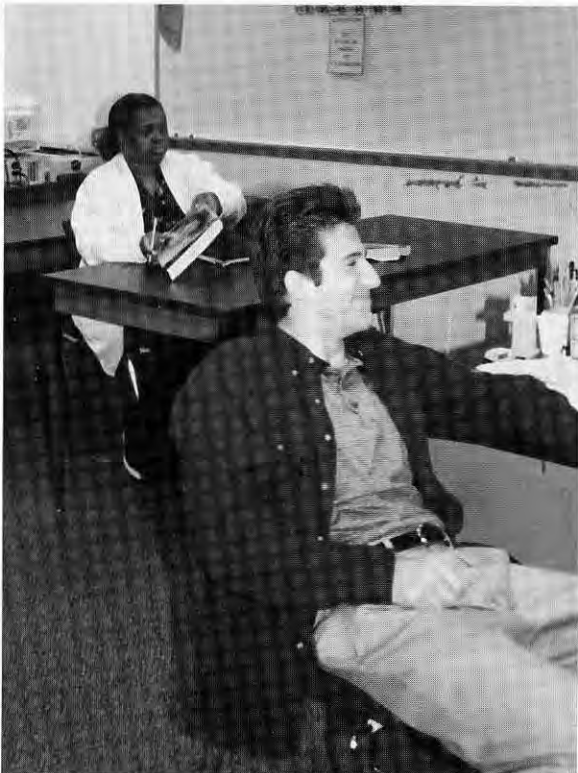


NEW HORIZONS



Seated: Sylvie Shields, Carol Dill, Miss Darla Lyons (sponsor), Mrs. Kay Martin (sponsor). Standing: Joanne Eyler, Debbie Smith, Teresa Baylis, Pam Durboraw, Bettie Pierce.

The New Horizons Support Group members were very busy on campus this year. Whether at work or play, they always seemed to be right in the thick of things. They participated in the blood drive, won most creative and 3rd place overall in the Harvest Hay Daze display contest and assisted in the Fill-the-Stocking Toy Drive. The highlight of the semester was the fourth annual New Horizons Children's Christmas Festival held for the children of all JCC staff and students. This is all part of New Horizons' commitment to be a haven of information, support, camaraderie and fun for adult students and their families. The true success of New Horizons this semester was measured in the smiles of the children and the individual accomplishments of each member.

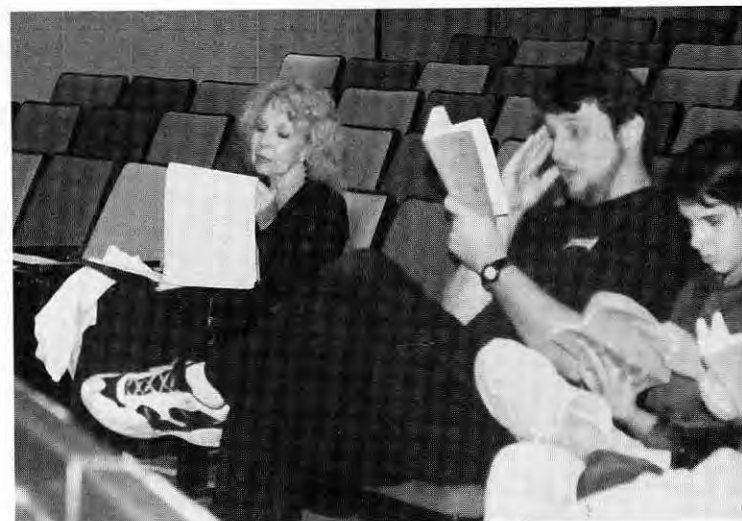
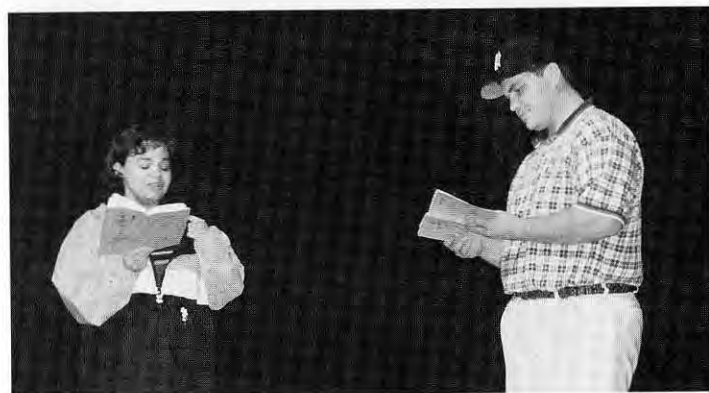
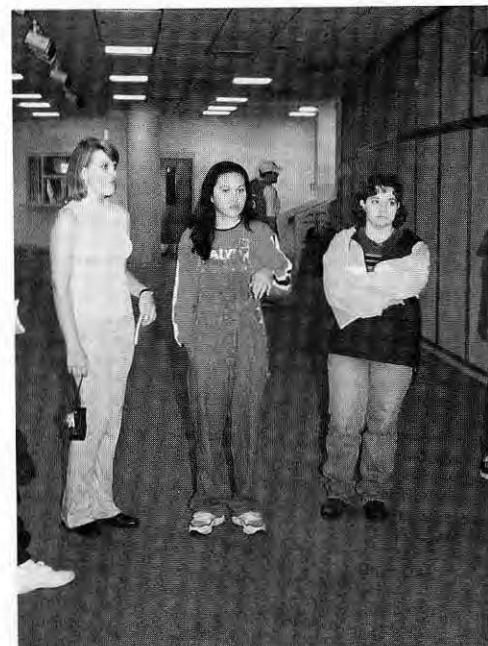


DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club has had a busy production year. In the fall semester, they presented the play adaption of Bram Stoker's "Dracula". The old saying, "The show must go on", took on a real meaning to members because Hurricane Georges caused damage to the Fine Arts Auditorium. But through it all, the thespians worked hard to bring about a rousing performance. The spring production was a comedy by Neil Simon, entitled, "Rumors."



front: Nick Morais. First row: Kim Cannan, Beverly Bounds, Angel Desrochers, Nichole Lent, Steve Mayo, Jason Pittman, Daniel Presley. Second row: Christopher Fain, Erica Farmer, Doug Ed, Marcel Welch, Jill Laiche, Theresa Koffel, Aaron Jackson, Josh Ridgell. Third row: Mat Seiller, Aaron Barksdale, Taylor Hulsey, Alex Payton, Amy Couey, Ray Miller, Mrs. Wanda Stewart (sponsor).



PHI THETA KAPPA



Front row: Jennifer Gollott, Coryt Ellis, Tyler Tran, Nicole Lee. Back row: Lisa Welborn, Kiera Green, Jaime McFerrin, Nicole Housley, Christy Boney, Mary Beth Casto, Tu Tran, Erin Goff. Behind: Michael Treadway, Keenan Benefield, Jessica Rushing (President/Fall Semester), Cliff Pugh



Left: Dana Matro, VP of Scholarship; Colleen O'Dwyer, VP Of Service; Jennifer Hosman, Treasurer; Kasey VanCourt, President, Right: Sherie Miller, VP of Fellowship; Selena Webb Oliver; Secretary; Colleen; Mrs. Kay Sims; Sponsor



Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary organization in which members are invited based on grades. The goal of PTK is to enhance member's college experience by providing opportunities for scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. JCC's Phi Theta Kappa was named a Five Star Chapter at the 1998 National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. This is the fourth year in a row that they have been recognized as a Five Star Chapter. Activities for the year included tutoring for Americorps, donating over 50 books to elementary students and the Salvation Army's Domestic Violence Shelter, providing two families with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts, assisting PTK members in their search for senior college, and participating in campus activities. PTK activities give members opportunities to give back to the community and to grow intellectually and personally.

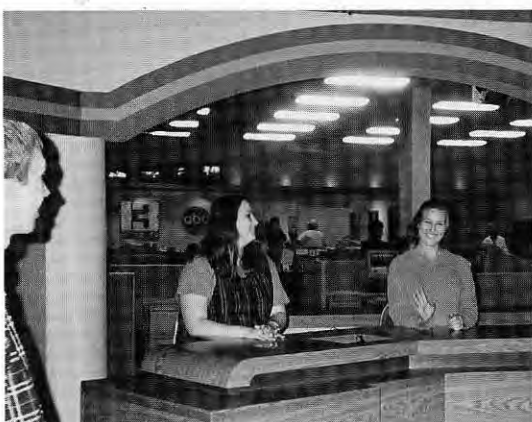


DELTA EPSILON CHI

Floor: Phillip Drake, Calvin Franklin.
Seated: Corey Crockett, Lana Urrea, Amy Wiggins, Annie Luc, Jennifer Thweatt (Secretary), Kimberly Pierce.
Standing: Mrs. Marsha Cluff (sponsor), Tayonka Thomas, Karen Gray (Vice-President), Sally Richards, You-Jin Chong, Melissa Ellzey, Matt Taylor (President), Josh Tolleson.



Delta Epsilon Chi's programs, activities, and publications are increasingly focused on helping its members grow and develop as professional marketing and management leaders. DEX won seven first places at the state competition in Orlando, Florida in April. DEX was busy with activities on campus. They won the Most Outstanding award for the Harvest Hayday Contest. Mrs. Cluff, sponsor, won first place for staff women's walker and Calvin Franklin won first place for male student walker at the Turkey Trot. DEX won Most Humorous for the Christmas Door Decorating Contest and participated in the Fill the Stocking party. Trips were made to WLOX-TV13 and The Sun Herald (as pictured). DEX is committed to building a foundation for future marketing developments.



HUMAN SERVICES



Left: Seated; Shirley Holmes, Debra Keels.
Standing: Jennifer Angle, Carol Dill, Joni Hindman, Tonya Moye, Chala Boone, Melinda Byrd, Lillian Bangs, Amanda Kinlaw, Zondra Hutcherson



Left: Front row; Sharita Capers, Lashonda Washington, Angela Barnes, JoAnn Miller, Melinda Peters, Vanessa Jacobs. Back row; Herbert Anderson, Jr., Letetia Miller, Letoscia Creer, Maurice Feliciano, Jamika Steele, Felicia Dixon, Patricia Pickens, Carlin Slaughter. Not pictured: Mr. Tom Boone (sponsor).



Human Services Club (HUS) members found that working together in campus and community outreach activities was fulfilling and that teamwork made helping more people easier and more enjoyable. This year, HUS, assisted with the campus disaster relief supplies distribution, beach clean-ups, blood drives, and whatever community volunteer services needed help in.

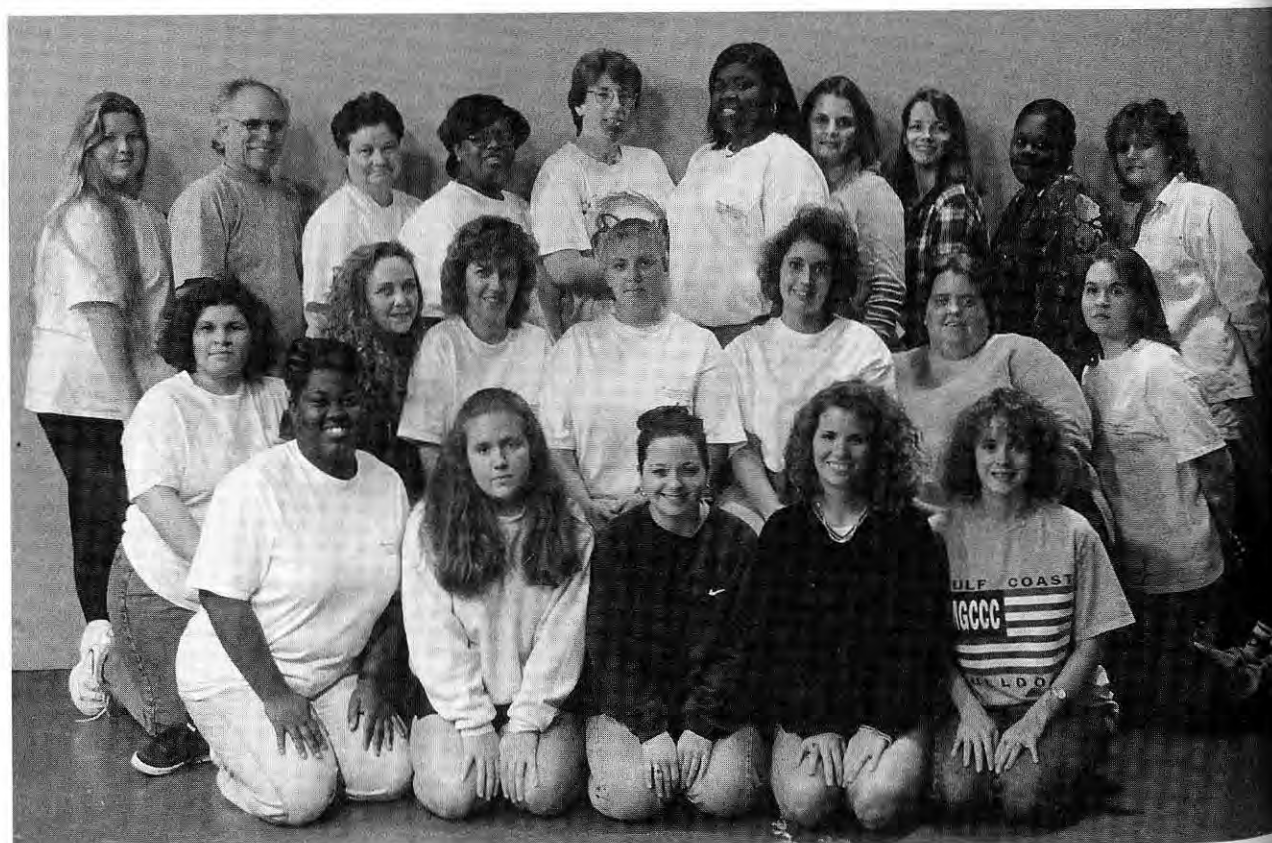
HOSA



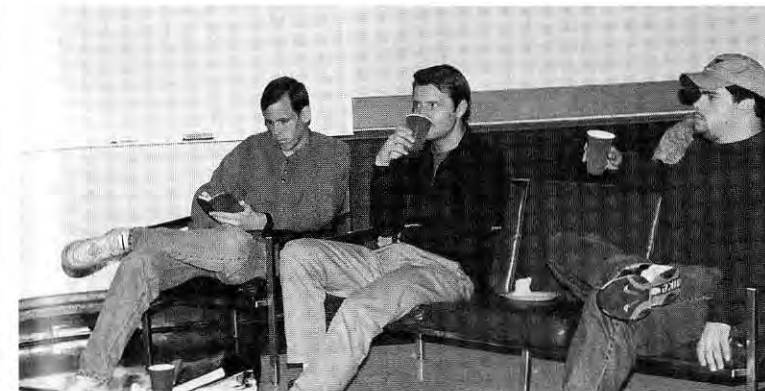
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) increased awareness of their fields and was present at every campus function from Bulldog Bash to the Blood Drives to the Valentine Day Activity. Being part of the campus activities broadened their experience of health care and to learn leadership, communications and educational values.



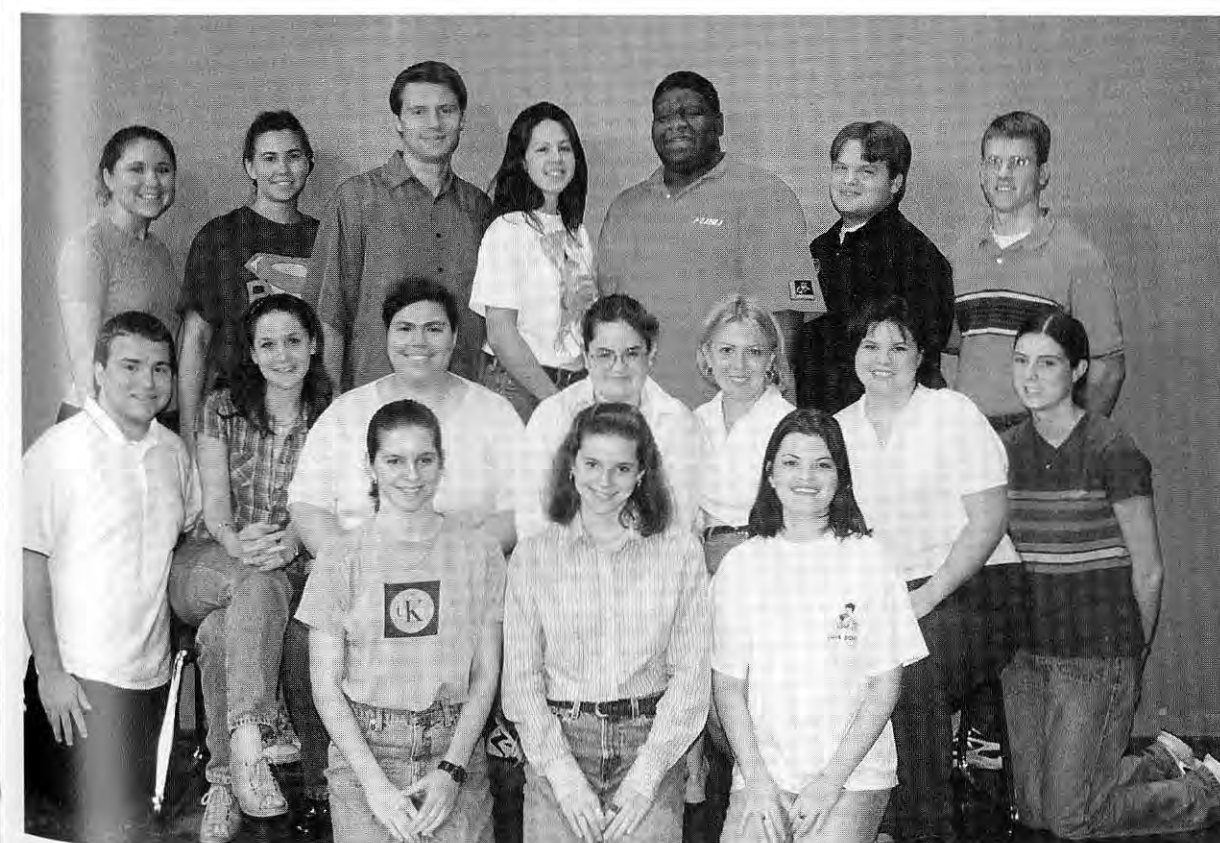
Floor: Summer Joyner (President), Tisha Collier (Secretary), Kathryn Stringer, Angelina Pelusi (Treasurer), LeeAnn Havard. Sitting: Helena Huerta, Delana Hearndon, Kim Branham, Joelle Callender, April Tamburo, Jennifer Roy, Doris Scruggs. Standing: Angela Ostrowski, Benny Cantin, Patsy Chandler, Lashonda Howard, Erma Beard, Kutina Carter, Victoria Hunter, Chrystal Zeruth, Ronnikell Broadnax, Candy Tynes (Vice-Pres.). Not Pictured: Laticia Latimore, Debra Tucker.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION



Baptist Student Union (BSU) aimed at helping students improve their spiritual journey as they improved themselves educationally. BSU enjoys membership of all Christian denominations. BSU is an organization committed to providing a Christian atmosphere for fellowship, worship, Bible study and ministry to the JC Campus.



Front row: Dawn Carter, Tracy Carter, Ashley Dickson. Middle row: Phillip Busby, Robyn Mason, Diana Ramos, Jennifer Sturgill, Amanda Paul, Jessica Ross, Robin Terrell. Top row: Lisa Welborn, Rena Stockley (Secretary), Victor Zakalashnyuk (Vice-Pres.), Melissa Keenum, Johnny Brown, Paul Williams, Dusty Sherrell (President). Sponsor: Mr. Gary Blackwell.



ALPHA BETA GAMMA

Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) is an International Business Honor Society established in 1970 to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students in business curricula. Membership is by invitation only and is based on GPA. Alpha Beta Gamma is new to JCC receiving its charter in the fall of 1997, initiating charter members in the spring of 1998. ABG members participated in various campus activities such as Turkey Trot, Fill the Stocking, Christmas Door Decorating, Valentine Day Activity and sponsoring a guest speaker from Mississippi State University. ABG offers its members many benefits, with one primary purpose being to encourage superior achievement.



Seated: Ashley Dickson, Joanne Eyler, Alisha Calogero (Vice-President), Trent Hyland, Michaelle Wyatt (Treasurer). Standing: Mrs. Rebecca Rutz (Sponsor), Karen Gray, Ginger Knight, Colleen O'Dwyer, Donald Sipp, Robin Stephenson, Deva Travis (President), Linda Fosby.



PHI BETA LAMBDA



The goal of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is to teach business students leadership skills and successful business practices. This year was a nonstop, exciting one for PBL. Each active member participated in any and all of the activities on the JC Campus. Phi Beta Lambda won first place in the Cheering Contest at Bulldog Bash. PBL continued with the winning spirit with all other activities on campus.



Seated: Nicole Goff (President), Jessica Hutcherson, Pamela Esters, Miranda Tucker (Parliamentarian). Standing: Ms. Jeanette Thomas (Sponsor), Bo Bowman (Vice-President), Robin Stephenson, Anita Cunningham (Reporter), Heather Graham, Heather Kibby, Bettie Pierce (Historian), Cindy Smith (Treasurer), Shelby Meeks, Avonell Butler (Secretary). Pictured in Turkey Trot pic: Mrs. Vanessa Dedeaux (Sponsor)

PASTE

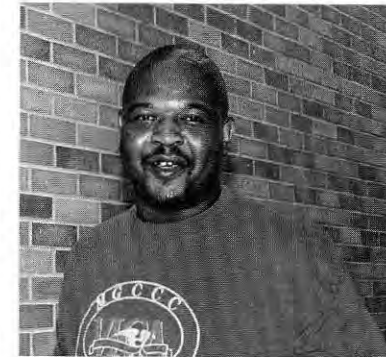


Members of Post Secondary Association of Student Teacher Educators (PASTE) were busy with the many activities on campus as well as their studies. The purpose of PASTE is to provide an organization for anyone interested in the field of Home Economics with special emphasis in child development and child care. This year, PASTE participated in the blood drives, Oktoberfest selling cotton candy and taking "funny fotos" (see pic left), Turkey Trot, Christmas Door Decorating, Fill the Stocking and the Valentine Day Activity. At Christmas, PASTE also donated toys to the Women's Shelter of Jackson County (see pic below).



Above: Khaliah Whatley, Laura Carver, Jennifer Teryak (fundraising), Jennifer Fink (secretary). Right: at "lab" Child Care Center; Toya Stanton, Tina Lambert (Vice President), Susan Odom, Ahna Bales (President), Barbara Nelson, Heather Lewis, Mrs. Darlene King (sponsor), Ms. Gerri Swilley (Child Care Center teacher), Nakeysha Mason.

SKILLS USA — VICA



Skills USA — VICA was formerly VICA but changed its name because it is now an international organization. Any student enrolled in vocational, technical and health occupation courses is eligible to join. USA—VICA was another active club participating in campus activities. At Bulldog Bash, they placed in the cheering contest (pic below). For Oktoberfest, they sold baked goods and had a jailhouse. USA—VICA also participated in the blood drives, Christmas activities (pic below left), Turkey Trot and Harvest HayDays. USA—VICA is especially proud this year because Mrs. Debra Matthews, co-sponsor, was named MGCCC—JCC Instructor of the Year.



Seated: Lisa Glover, Charles Randal, Josh Barron, Lisa Millender, Glynda Beech, Edward Bridges. Standing: Mr. Robert Seals (Sponsor), Garfield Means, Garfield Brown, Brian Robinson (Vice-President), Cliff Brandenstein (President), Jarvis Brown, Billy Tucker, Diane Broadus (Treasurer), Ian Woodworth, Mrs. Debra Matthews (Sponsor).



JCCA

The Jackson County Computing Association (JCCA) is a student organization to promote the use and understanding of computers and computer science technology, both on campus and in the community. JCCA serves as a source of social and educational affiliation for members. This year, JCCA participated in Club Day, Oktoberfest (with the pies in the instructor's face — pics left) and Harvest HayDays (placed as Most Humorous). JCCA will go to competition on April 16 at Pearl River Community College.



Seated: Mr. Steven Brown (sponsor), Donald Sipp, Mr. Tom Zito (sponsor).
Standing: Larry Stewart, John Williams, Kristy Everingham.

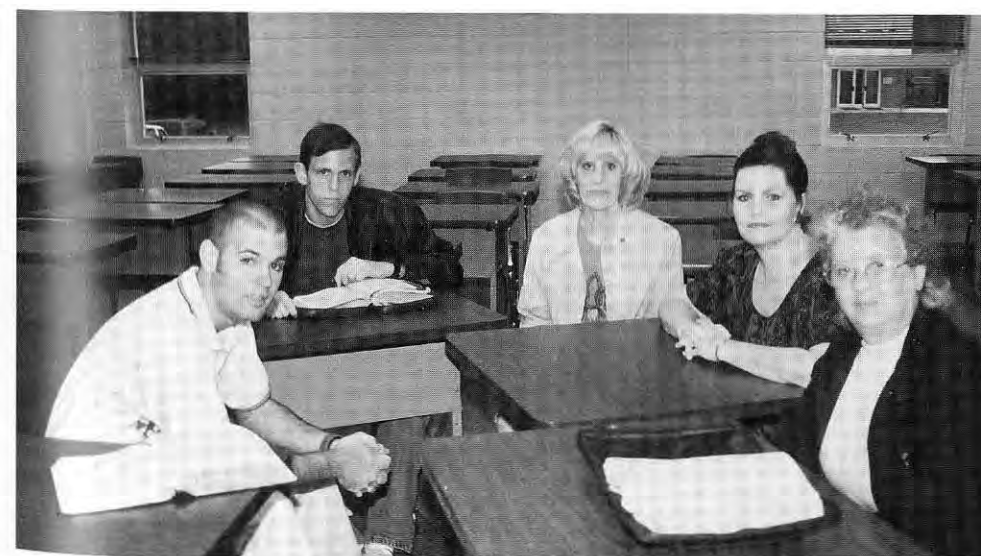


AMERICORPS

Americorps made their presence known at the JC Campus. Americorps recruited JCC students for tutoring area elementary school children. Central Elementary in Pascagoula and Gautier Elementary made room at their schools for JCC students to mentor their students. Americorps utilized the campus activities such as Turkey Trot, Fill the Stocking and College and University Day for recruitment.



Marsha Johnson and Ed McKee



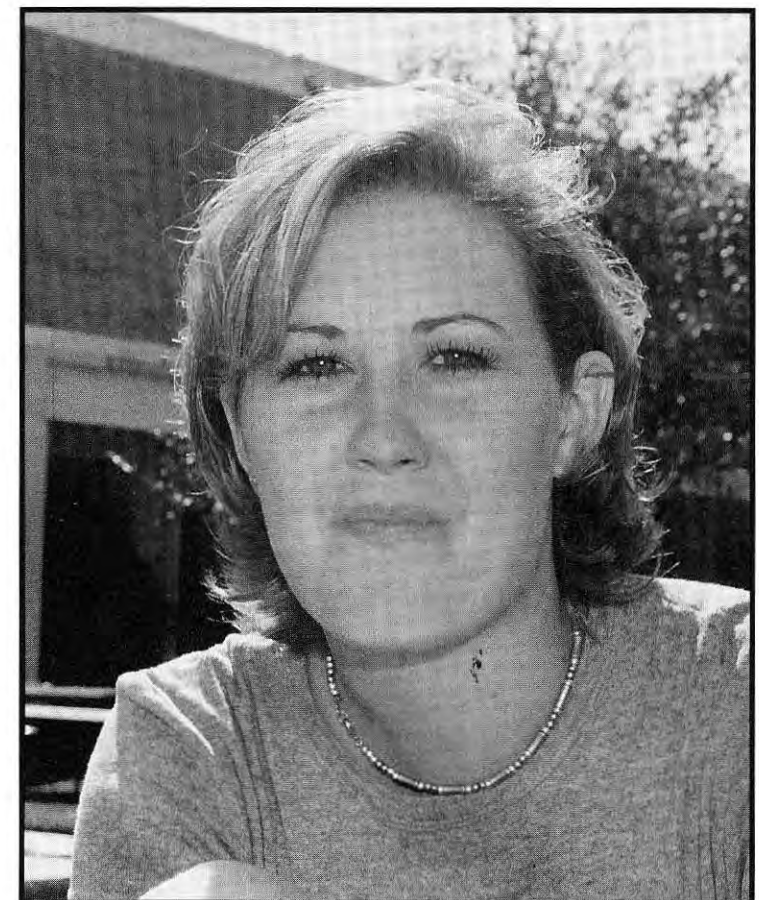
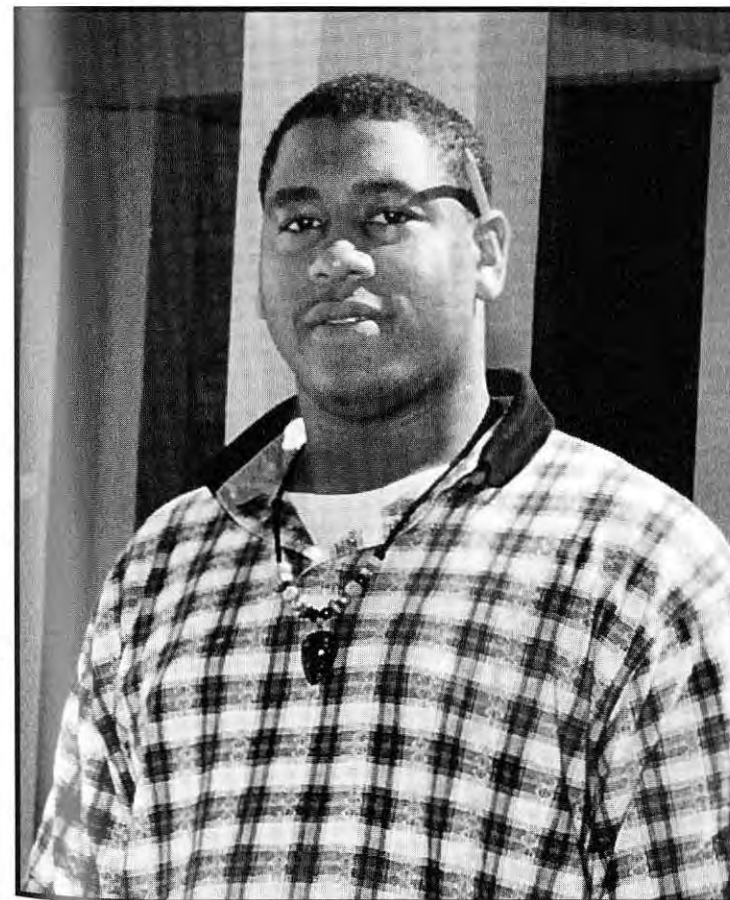
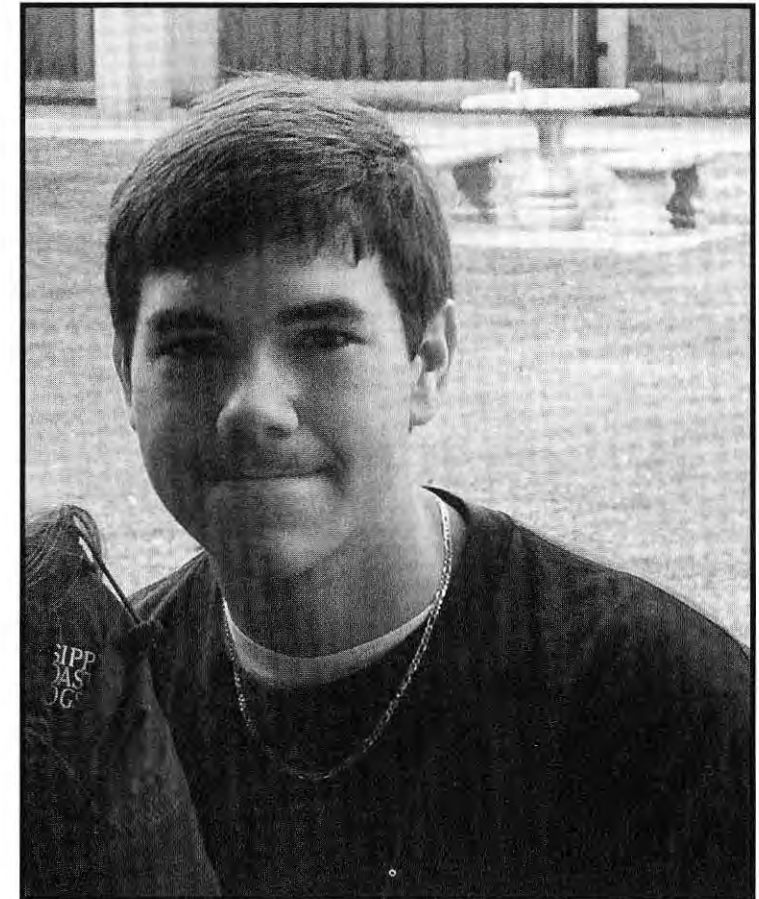
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LIFE

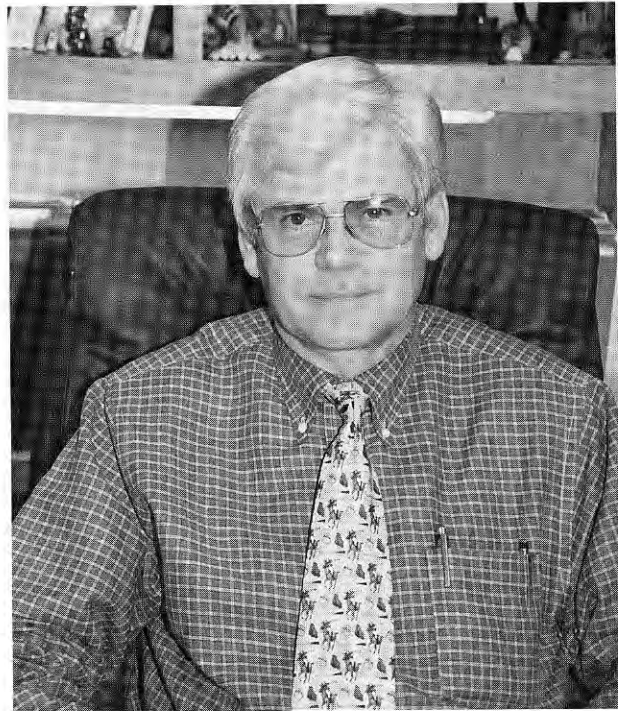
Life is a Christian support group. They sponsor Christian based activities such as devotionals, concerts and films. Money raised during the year is donated to such causes as AIDS patients and Crisis Pregnancy Centers. The group meets at 7:45 a.m. in L113 for devotionals.



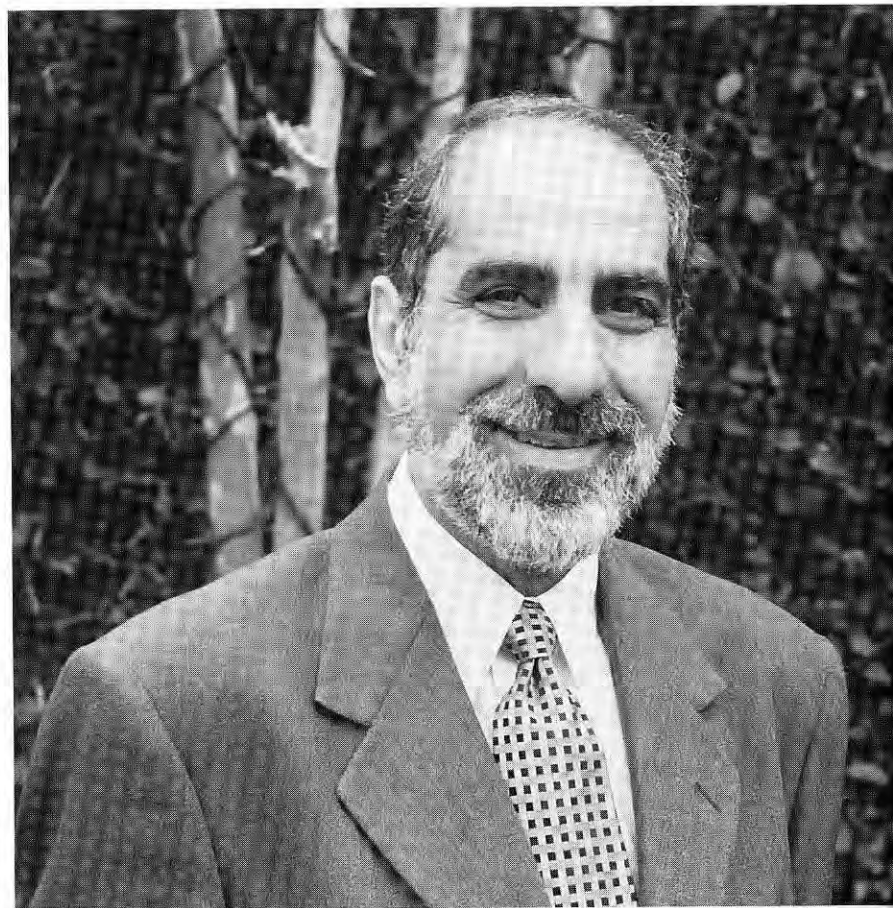
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ADMINISTRATION



Mr. William Martin
Dean of Instruction



Dr. Houshang Moradmand
Vice-President of the Jackson County Campus



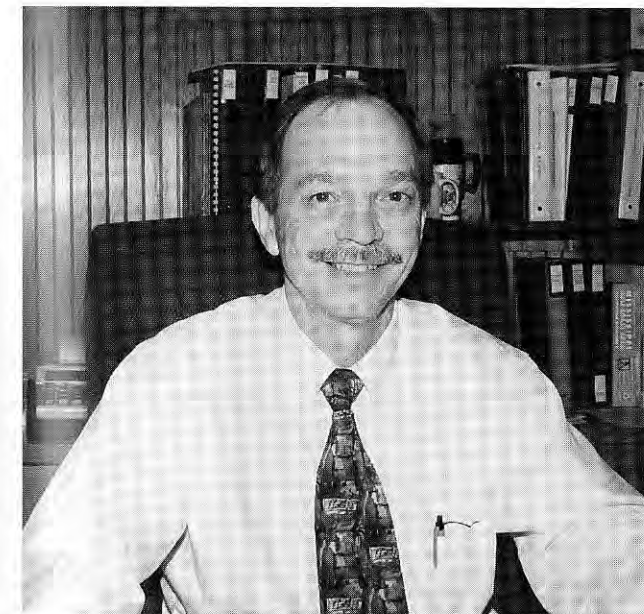
Mrs. Linda Switzer
Dean of Student Services



Mr. Tom Eason
Dean of Business Services



Mr. Joe Tillson
Assistant Dean of Vocational Education



Mr. Charlie Neumann
Assistant Dean of Technical Education



Mrs. Joy Mitchell
Assistant Dean of Instruction



Dr. Alex Carter
Assistant Dean of Learning Resources

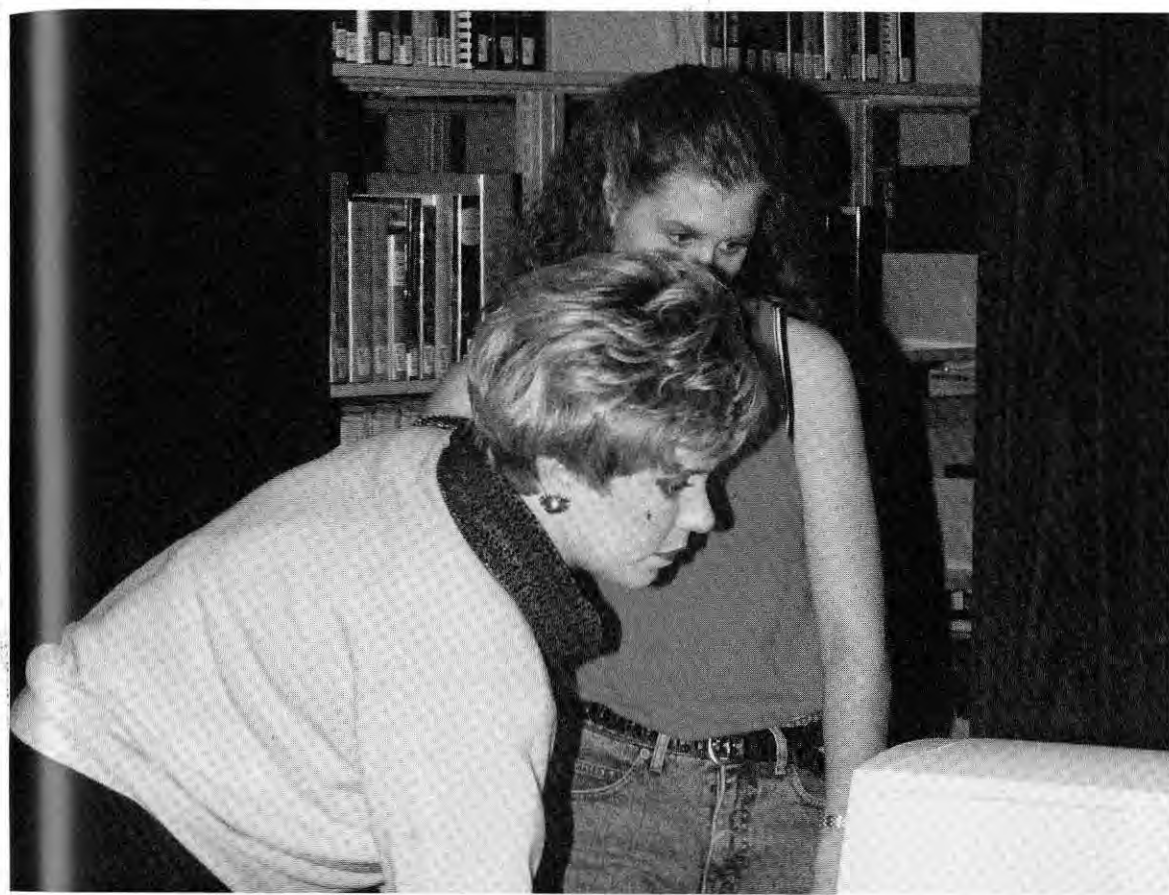
A leader

is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

~John C. Maxwell~



Faculty and Staff get us going on the "Journey"



Right: Faculty members are really great at JCC. Not only do they help students to be successful in their academics, but they can act crazy at activities. Mrs. Sandy Davis cuts a rug at Oktoberfest.

Left: JCC Faculty members go the distance. Director of Library Services, K.C. Williams, assists a student looking for references on the computer.

- Acker, Ellen - Admissions
- Bevill, Kay - Physical Education
- Bhowmick, Gopa - Developmental Math
- Bosarge, April - Receptionist
- Briggs, Sandra - Library
- Brown, Rusty - Science
- Carmichael, Stacy - Workforce Director
- Carter, Alvin - Maintenance
- Clark, Kathy - Language Arts
- Cluff, Marsha - Fashion/Marketing
- Coleman, Carolyn - Financial Aid
- Dedeaux, Vanessa - Tech. Business
- Devours, Lee - Business
- Dyle, Mary - Media Services
- Egerton, Charles - Science
- Gregory, Rebecca - Career Center Director
- Haygood, Barbara - Dev. Dept. Chair
- Helms, Brenda - Developmental Studies
- Hinton, Cheryl - Library
- Hoggard, Lane - Health Occ. Counselor
- Jackson, Debra - Science
- Jenner, Kevan - Language Arts
- Johnston, Brad - Learning Lab
- Langston, Tara - Language Arts
- Lloyd, Norbert - Maintenance
- Mansfield, Juiliana - Business Office
- Martin, Kay - New Horizons Coordinator
- McDonald, Rick - Auto Technology

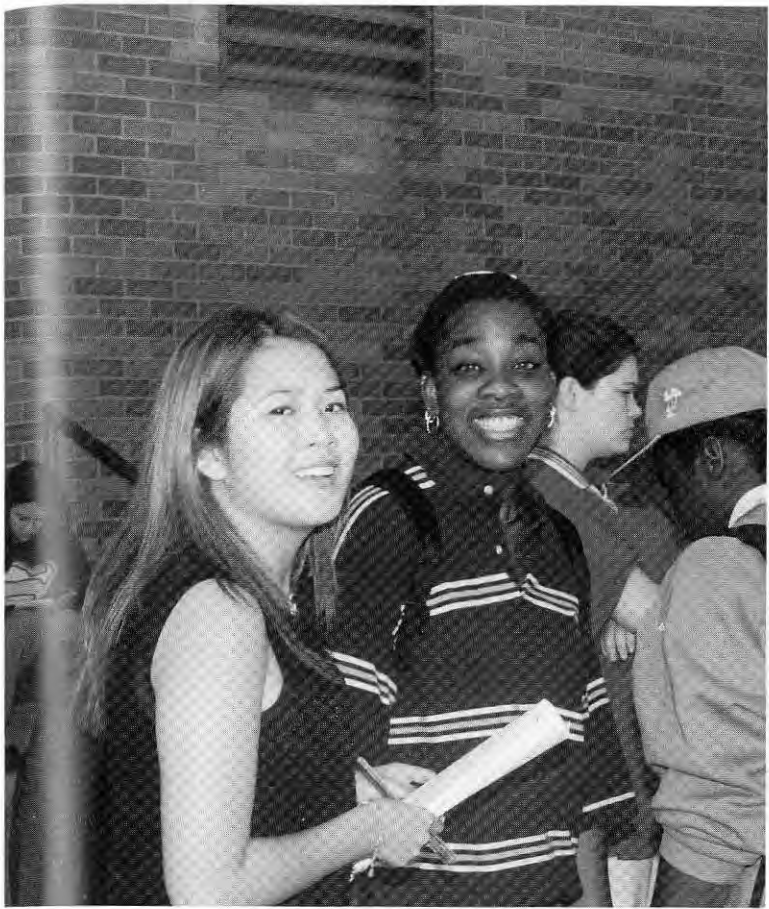


- McMillan, Shirley - Maintenance
- Melton, H. Lena - Science
- Moak, Rex - Science
- Moffatt, Bess - Science
- Moradmand, Carol - Psychology
- Moss, Marilyn - Language Arts
- Mullen, Jan - Developmental English
- Ormes, Terri - Recruitment
- Poelma, John - Electronics Tech.
- Posey, Becky - Psychology
- Pugh, Jason - Science
- Read, Patricia - Financial Aid
- Richardson, Martha - Fine Arts Chair
- Robertson, June - Admissions
- Rogers, Becky - Student Services
- Rutz, Rebecca - Business
- Shannon, Sandra - BookStore
- Shaw, Dean - Social Science Chair
- Shaw, Edna - Language Arts Chair
- Sims, Kay - Language Arts
- Tanner, Raymond - Math
- Thomas, Jeanette - Business Chair
- West, Pat - Speech
- Williams, K.C. - Library Director
- Williams, Rebecca - Naval Homeport
- Yates, Bill - Financial Aid

FRESHMEN

Here at the Jackson County Campus, there are people from all walks of life who learn and grow together. Looking around a classroom at JC is like looking over the entire world in one small space. There are many cultures here at JC all laughing and learning together. We can be ourselves and probably find other people who share our same goals and interests, although not always our same skin color. Being with different cultures helps us to expand our knowledge of the world around us. We learn that being different does not mean strange, but rather something that we can learn to broaden our scope

Sabrina Roberts



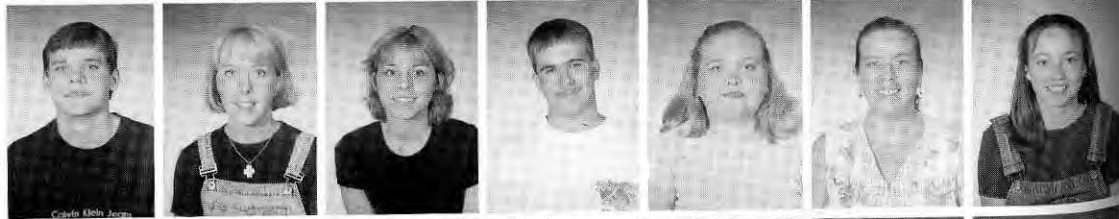
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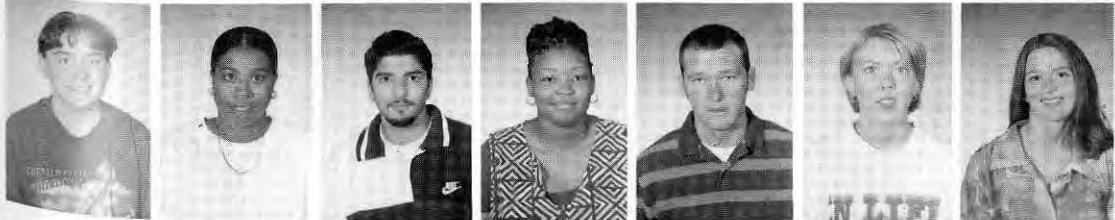
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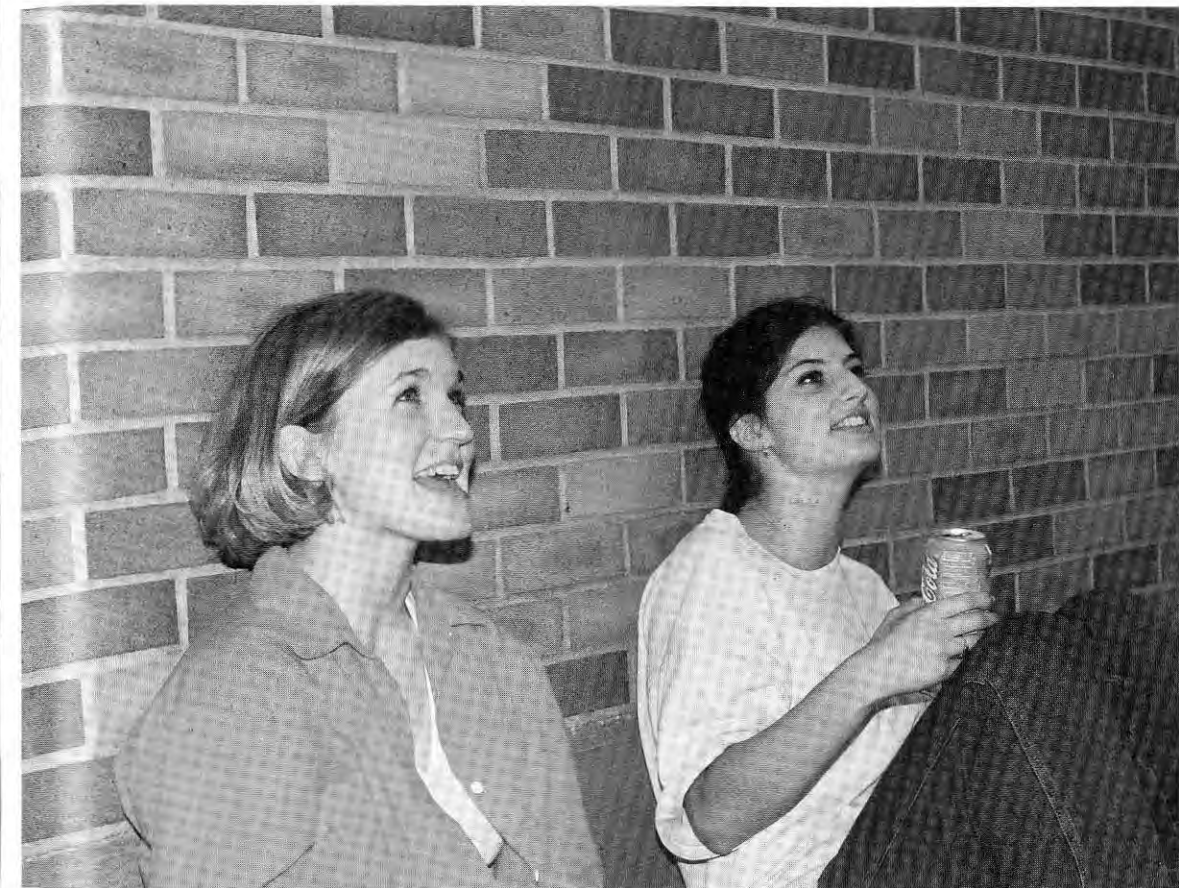
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SOPHOMORES



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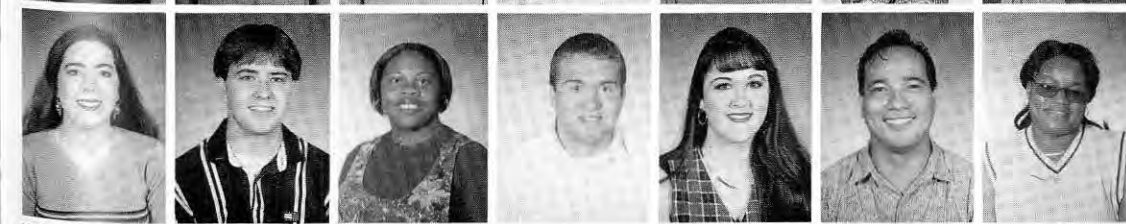
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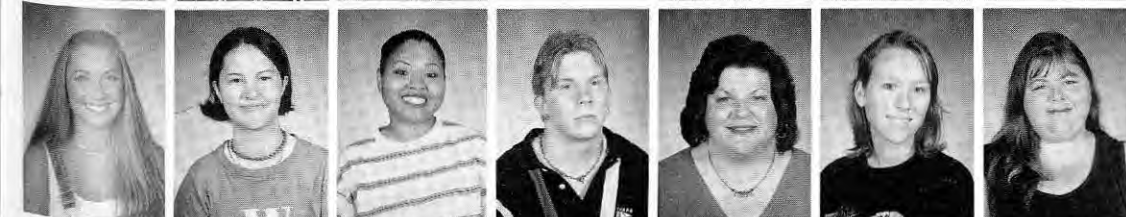
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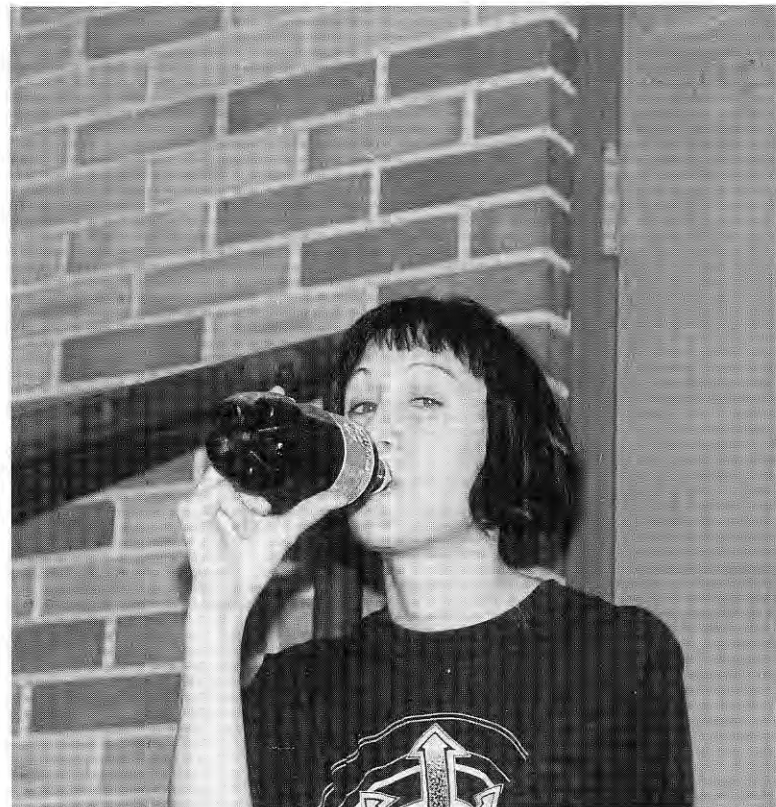
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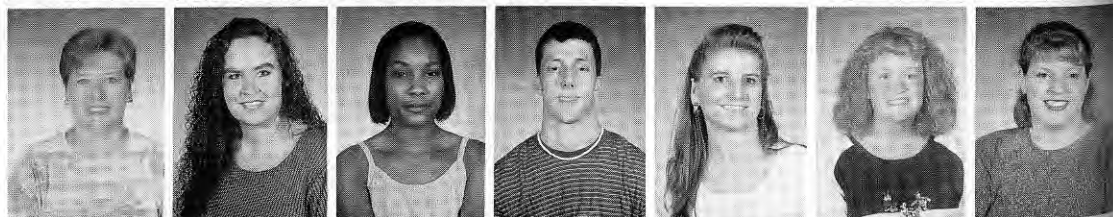
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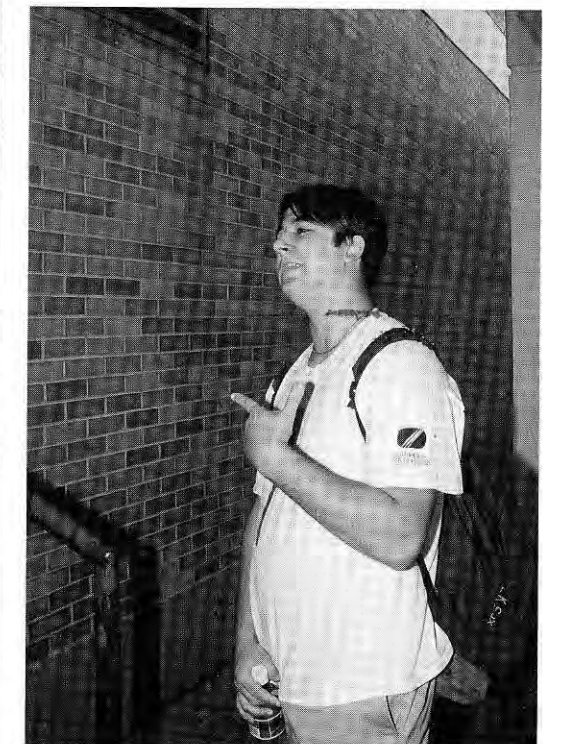
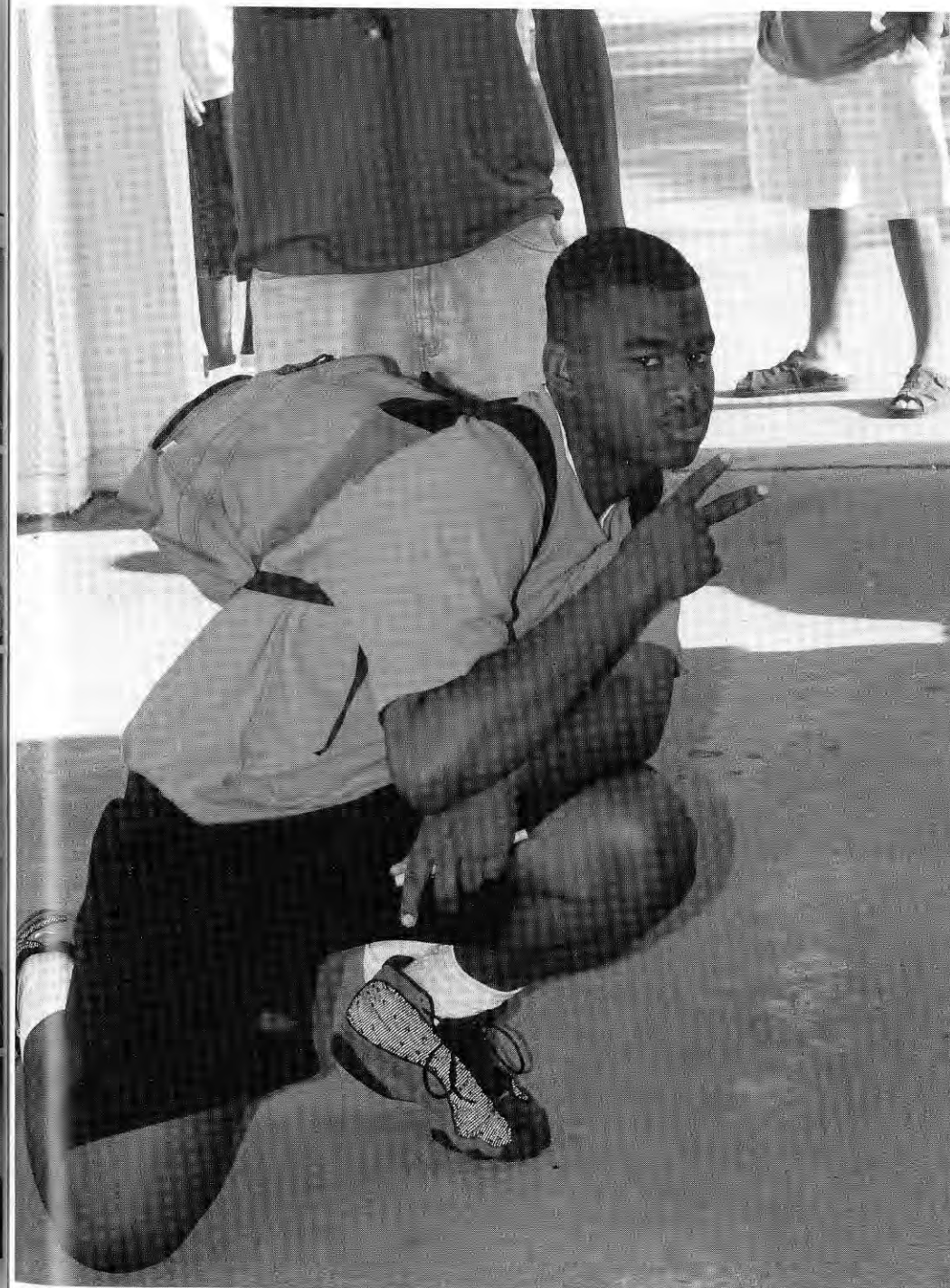
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Robinson, Paula
Sanders, Damien

These are the times of our lives.

Whether in class, studying or enjoying times with friends, JC has kept us on the never-ending journey of living, loving and learning. College life is a time to take in all we can and live life to its fullest. As we travel on to our next passage in life's journey, we will certainly remember our moments here at JC.



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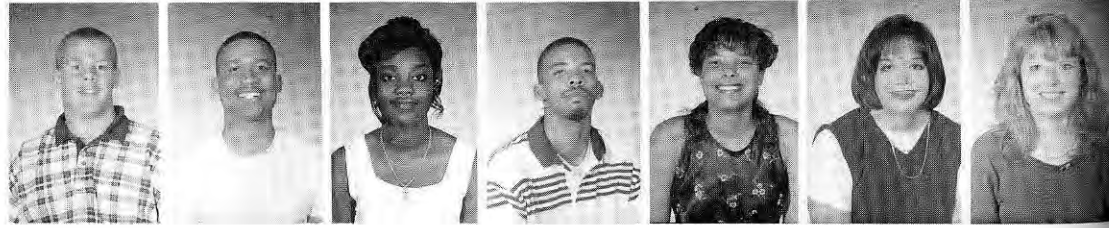
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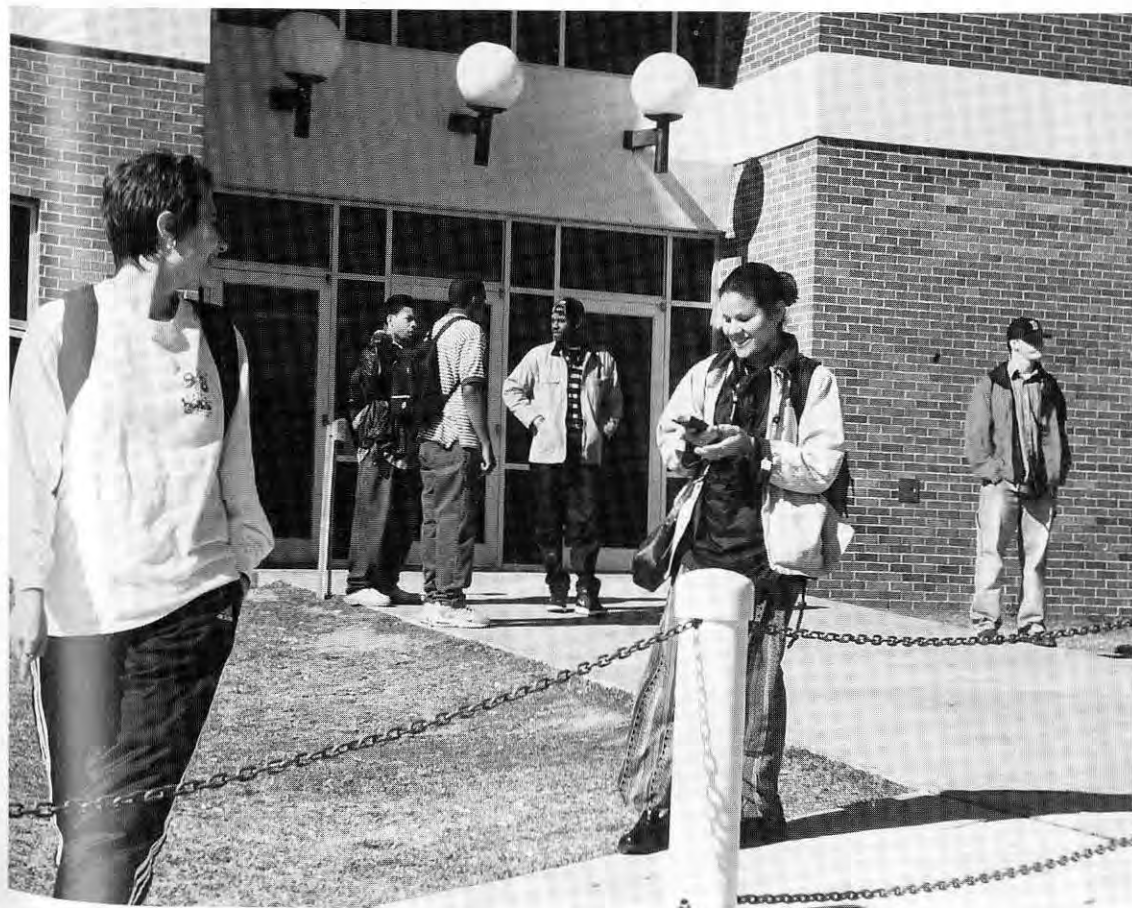
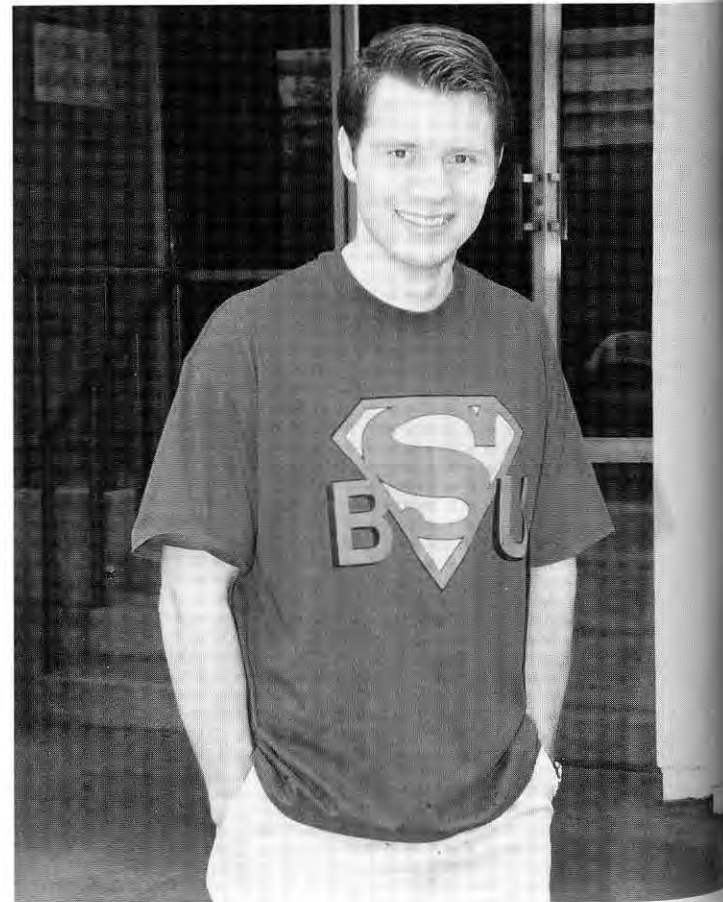
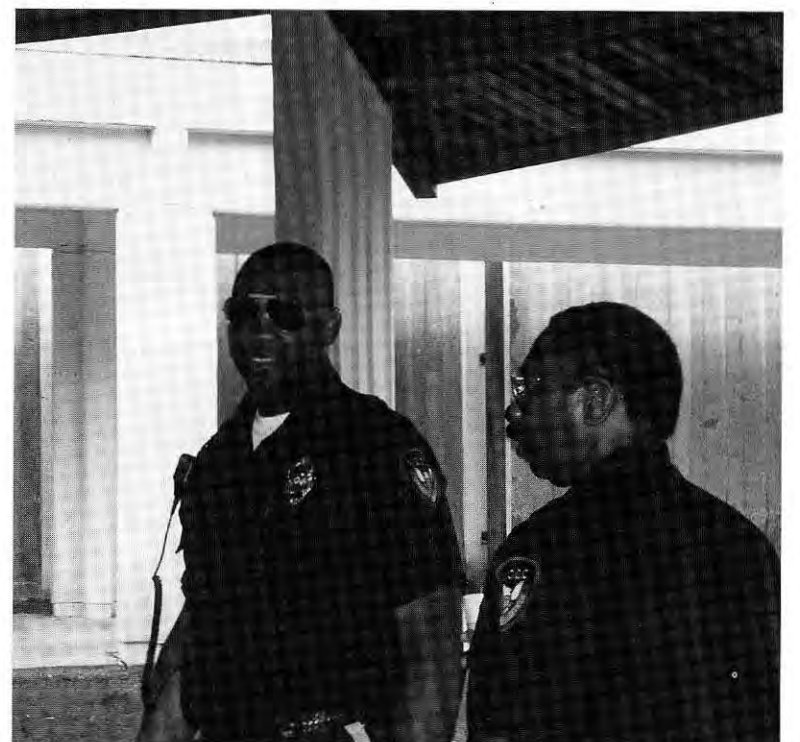
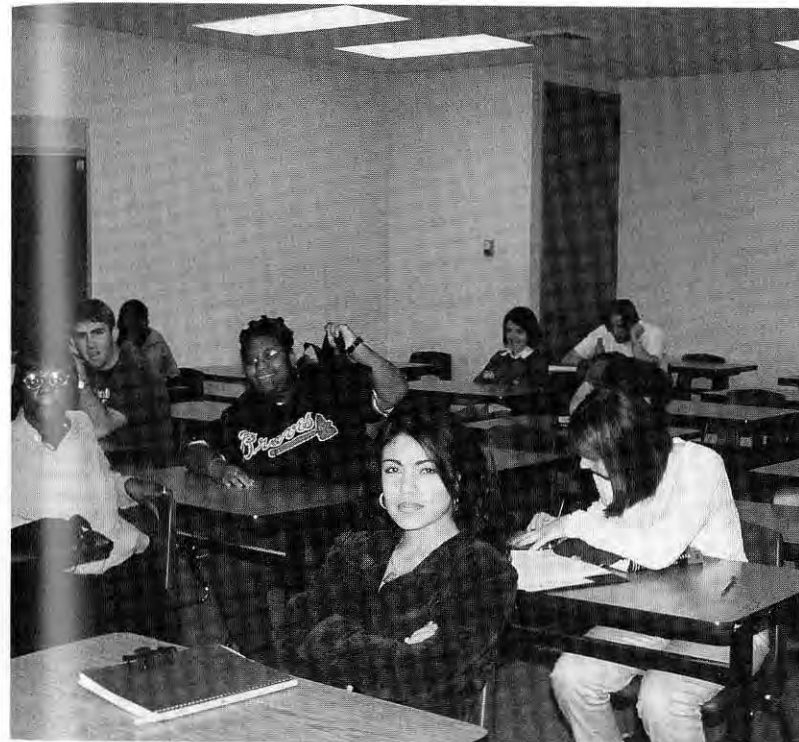
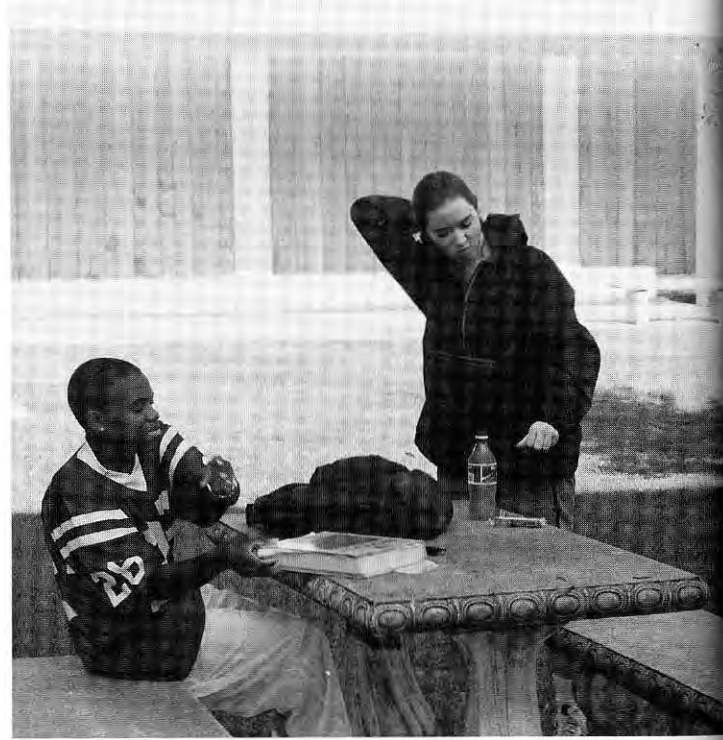


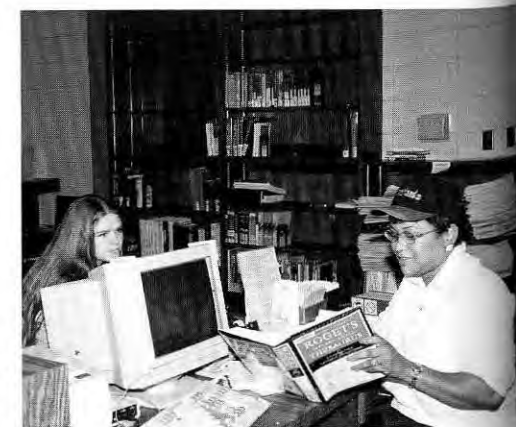
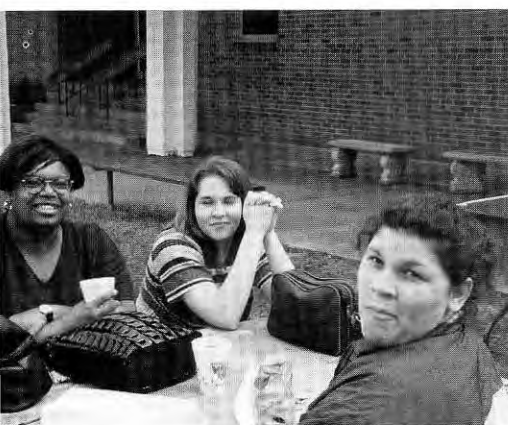
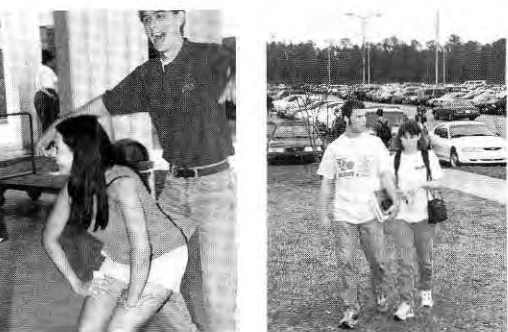
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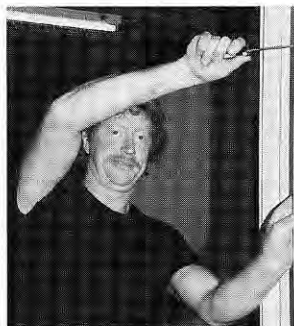




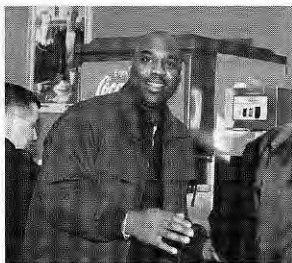
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Mr. Alvin Carter/Maintenance



Mr. Paul Tomlinson/Maintenance



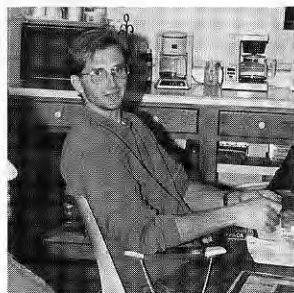
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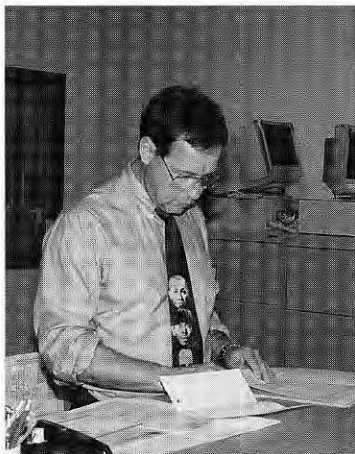
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Mr. Jeff Matthews/Maintenance



Mr. Willy Showah/Machine Shop



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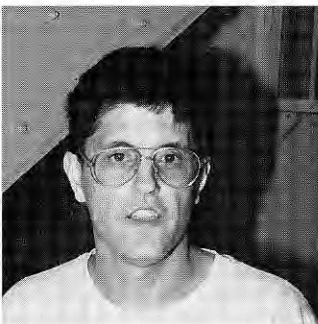
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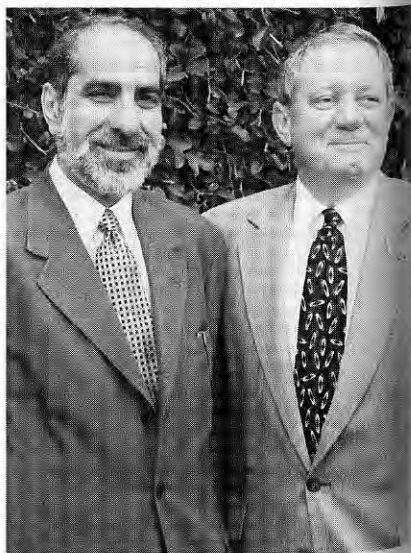
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Mr. Dale Box/Pipefitting



Mrs. Angela Sims/Math



Dr. Houshang Moradmand — Vice President of MGCCC
Dr. Willis Lott — President of MGCCC



Mrs. Maria Baumann/Bookstore



Charlotte, Pat, Brenda, Lisa, Dennis, Sharon, Mary, Melissa



Ms. Kathleen Lott/Vice President's Secretary



Ms. April Bosarge/Receptionist



Mrs. Janae Brown/Financial Aid



Mrs. Jan Yarber/Dean of Instruction's Secretary



Mrs. Pat Read/Financial Aid



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Mrs. Tammy Franks & Mrs. Barbara Richerson/Business Office



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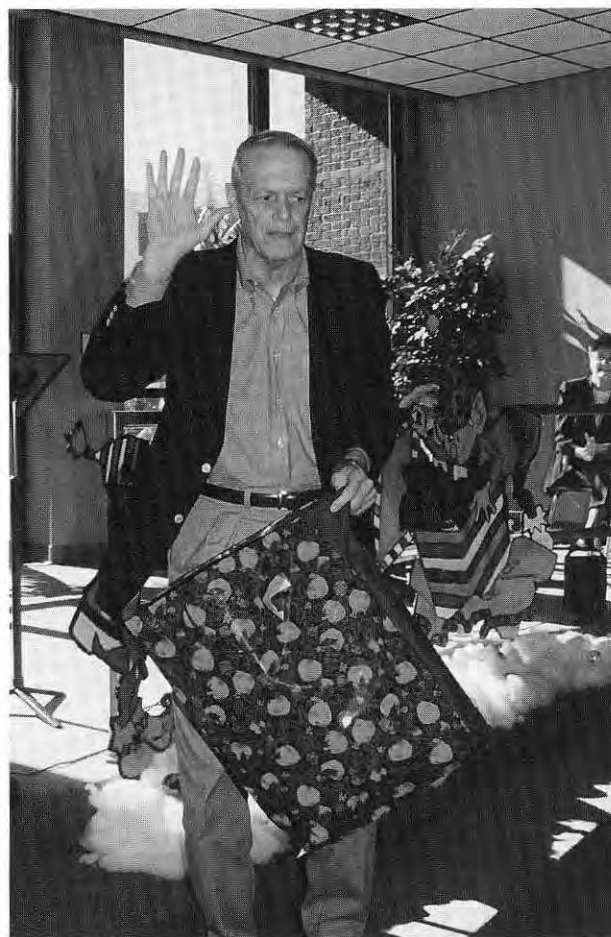


FAREWELL

It is time to wish one of JCC's finest farewells. Mr. Ronald Ainsworth, math instructor, retired in December of 1998. Mr. Ainsworth began instructing at JCC in August of 1970. For the last 28 years, he has been a very visible asset to JCC. His character can clearly be defined as: dependable, knowledgeable, sincere and kind. His colleagues have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for him. Mrs. Yarber, Dean of Instruction's Secretary, says, "He made my work a lot easier because of his dependability." "There is no doubt that his vast quantity of experience and knowledge is being greatly missed in JCC's Math Department," said Mr. Tanner.

Farewell, Mr. Ainsworth. Faculty and former students will always remember you. Good luck and God bless in your retirement endeavors.

—Angel McDonald



WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?

As a whole, one would like to think that this world is advancing as far as education, careers, family and technology. At JCC, instructors try to help students reach their goals. However, it is up to the students to set those goals, as well as, go beyond them. In five years what do you see yourself accomplishing in our vastly growing world?

*"In five years, I'll be entering into my course of study (Respiratory Tech.) and will be living in the Motor City (Detroit, MI) with my husband and two kids."

—Shynithia Campbell

*"In five years, I'll be a registered nurse working in labor/delivery in one of the local hospitals."

—Becky Whifield

*"In five years, I'll be in a higher position at the bank. Hopefully, I'll have my degree in business and working on my masters."

—Jamie Draper

*"I plan on owning my electronic shop and getting my masters degree in electrical engineering."

—Charles Finklea

*"I will be a nurse and married."

—Lauren Hays

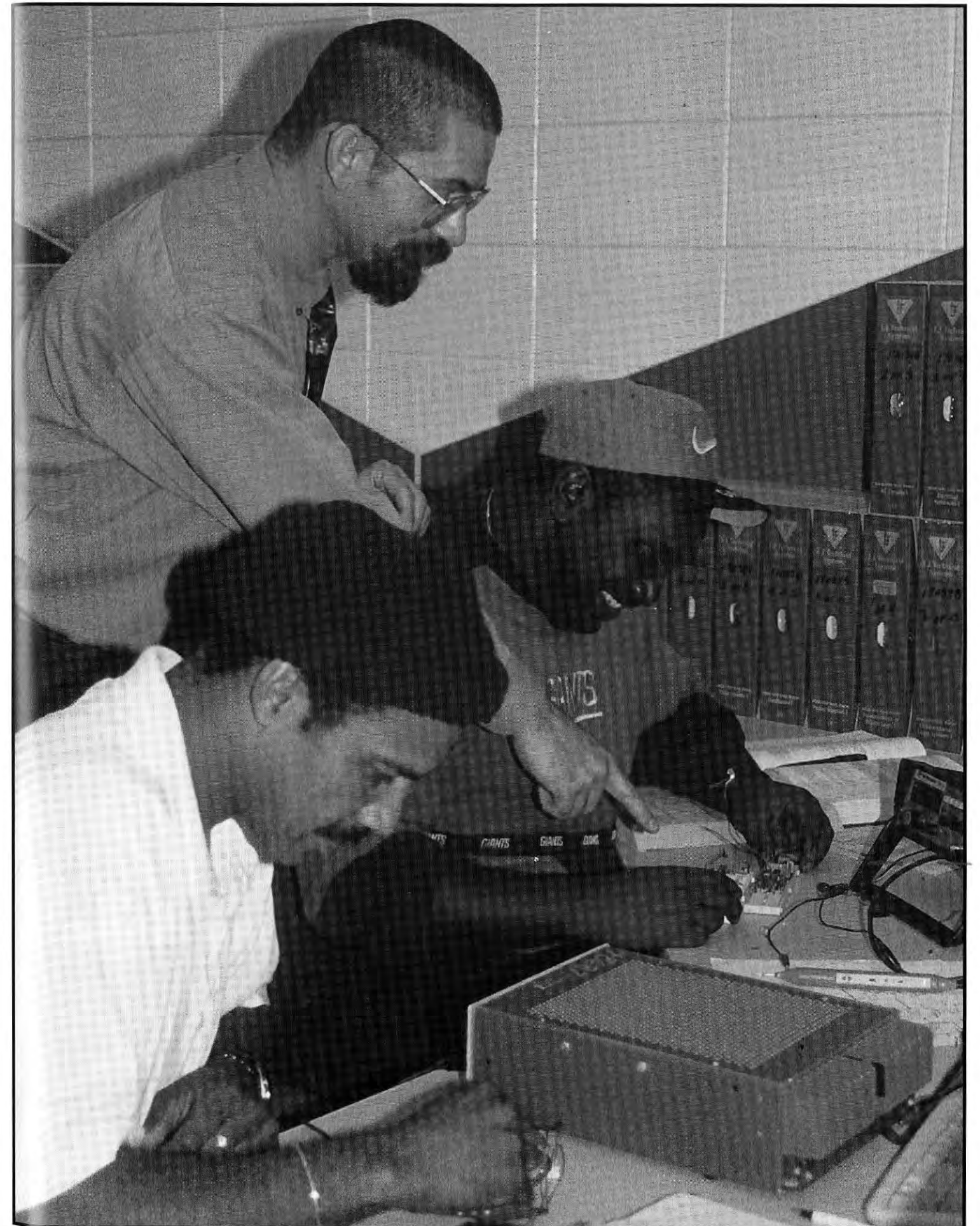
*"I will still be in college, trying to get my masters in health care administration."

—Joneisha Gatson

*"Hopefully, I'll be set in my career and on the road to a successful life."

—Laura Soper

DEPARTMENTS





Mrs. Debra Jackson



Mr. Jason Pugh



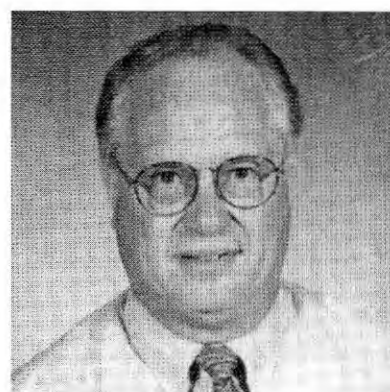
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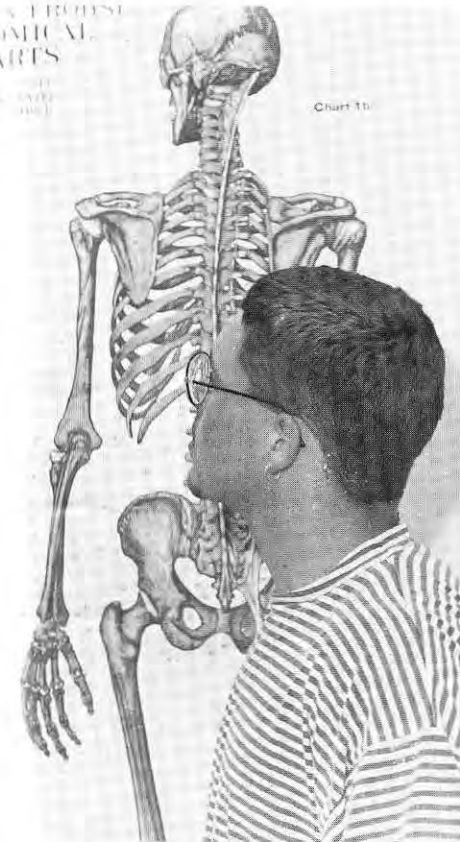
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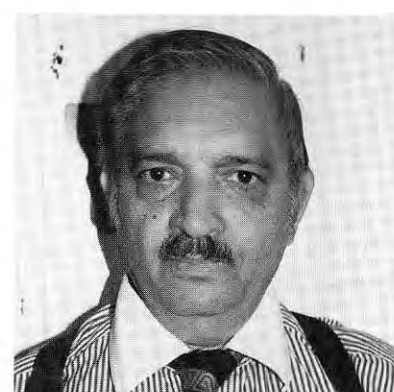
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Mr. Van Stringfellow



Dr. Lynne Lohmeier



HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR AND PRODUCE OUTSTANDING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

For the past twenty years, JC has committed to providing the medical field with capable, well-educated medical professionals. The campus offers an Applied Science Degree in Associate Nursing (ADN) as well as Practical Nursing (LPN). The former being a two year course and the latter being a one year vocational program. Both programs require intelligent, determined and patient individuals who are willing to contribute excellence to the steadily increasing medical teams.

Good nurses are needed nationwide in order to help ease the pain of others and JC is helping to do just that. The program here is nationally accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and state accredited by the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, State of Mississippi. (IHL). JC's nursing program creates nurses who are capable of handling a variety of tasks dealing with health and illness. The ADN should be a provider of care, manager of care and a member within the discipline of nursing. Both the ADN and LPN are highly trained health care providers; however the ADN is most responsible for the direct care of the patient.

The Health Occupations Department offers programs in radiologic technology, medical laboratory technology, respiratory care technology and practical nursing.

JC has a highly trained and very experienced staff that teach the medical students to be all that they can be.

Among JC's faculty credentials, there are two with doctorates, the rest with masters and some with extra certification in specialized areas. Teachers help students to learn in the classroom, but students also have hands on experience called clinicals. Clinicals are actual hospital visits where students use the knowledge that they have learned in class within the hospital. This program is very effective and because of its tremendous popularity, there is a waiting list. Students are required to submit applications a semester in advance.

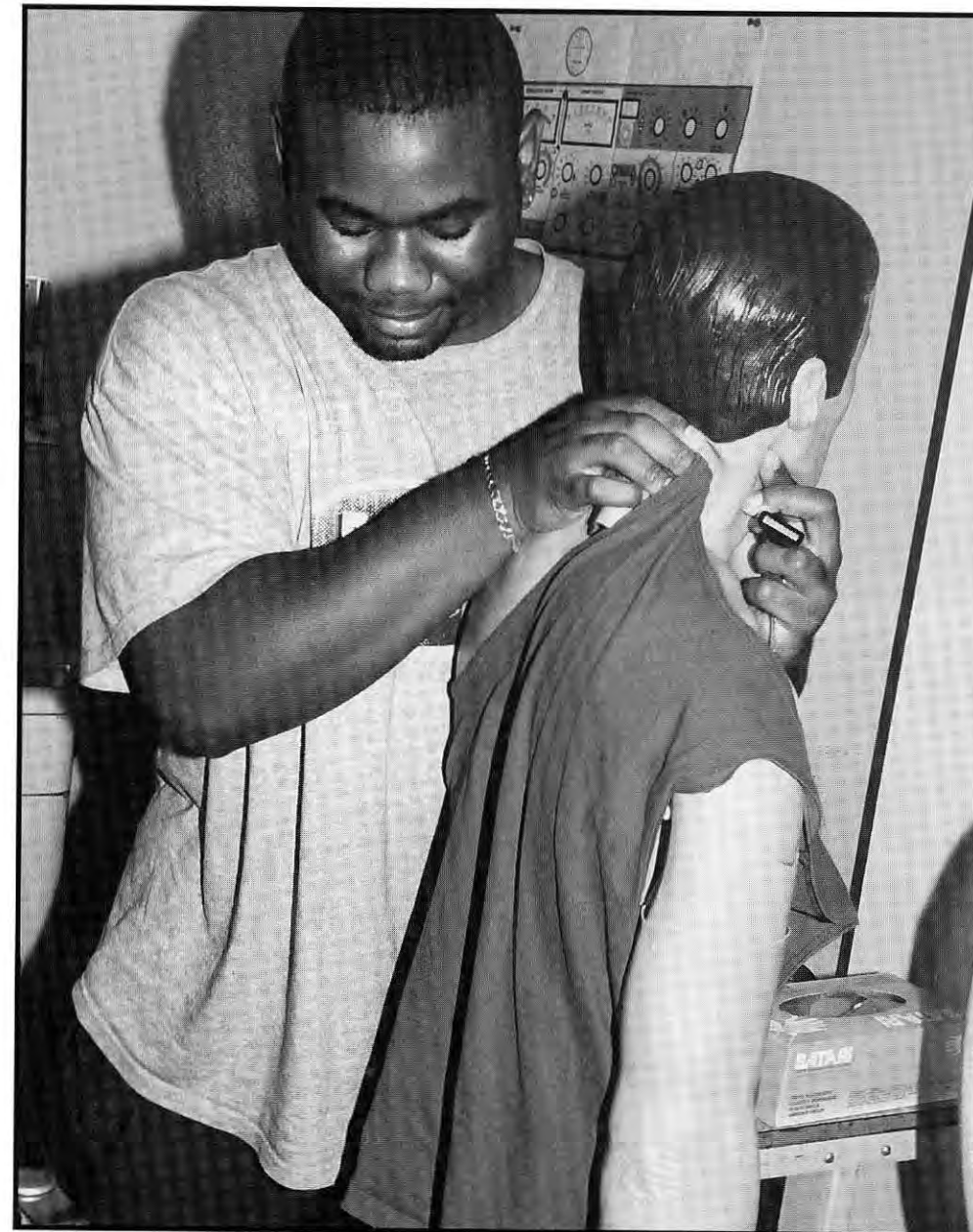
Despite the demands of the medical program, there are many rewards as a result of hard-work and resolute determination. Employment being one of them. Employment in hospitals, clinics and sometimes health representatives are often available to qualified medical professionals. "Employment in this area is very good," says Mary Trichell, chairperson of Health Occupations.

Therefore, as an end result, by obtaining a degree, license, and medical career, the world is rewarded with yet another much needed professional; and, JC with the pride of knowing it helped.

Angel McDonald



top: ADN instructor, Alice O'Neal instructs students in the lab.
above: Respiratory student, Melody Taite, takes vital signs.
left: ADN students, Daryl Deville, Kerri Walding and David Vierling in lab.



right: Respiratory student, Damion Randolph checks a "dummy" in lab.
below left: Nursing students, Amy Havard, Robin Quinn-LaGrone and Christy Couevas practice vitals.
below: Nursing student, Staci Shirley, going to clinicals at the hospital.





Patt Odom
Art Instructor

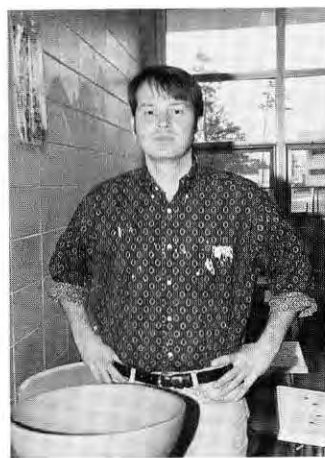


Rebecca Moreton
Speech Instructor

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Kevin Turner
Art Instructor



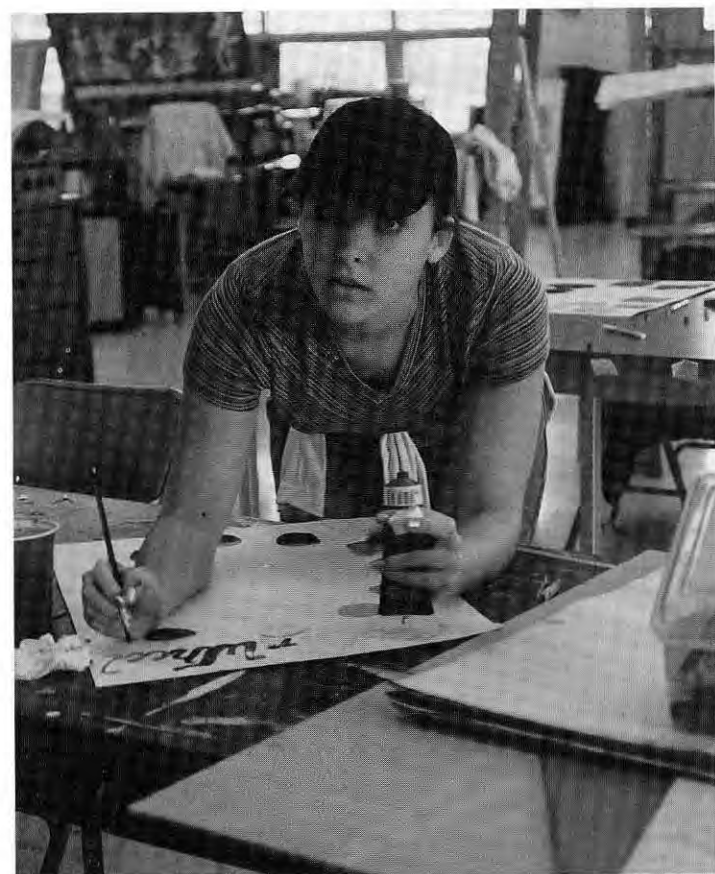
Pat West
Speech Instructor



Leon Gray
Music Instructor



Martha Richardson
Fine Arts Chairperson



Wanda Stewart
Drama Instructor





VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Just look in the classified section of a Gulf Coast newspaper and you will see that many industries are hiring people who have prior vocational training. Employment opportunities for those with vocational training are expected to grow in response to anticipated growth in residential, industrial and commercial construction along the Coast.

JC offers six vocational programs for full-time or part-time students. Each program is an open-entry/open-exit, self-paced program. Part-time students can attend on a flexible schedule. Students may enter the program any Monday of the regular school year when space is available.

The pipefitting program's new instructor, Dale Box, says, "I am excited to be with Gulf Coast, Jackson County because of the opportunity to teach and help students be successful in getting jobs with local industries." Pipefitting student, James Wallace of Helena, said, "I want to pick up a trade to make a good living here along the Coast."

The electrical technology program instructors, Debra Matthew and Robert Seals, teach basic electrical theory, residential, commercial and industrial wiring and motor controls. Instruction is designed with a balance of theory and practical application. Electrical student, Brian Robinson of Gautier, said, "I was at the unemployment office looking for help in getting a skill and they told me about the electrical technology program at JC. The courses here are good and the instructors are very helpful."

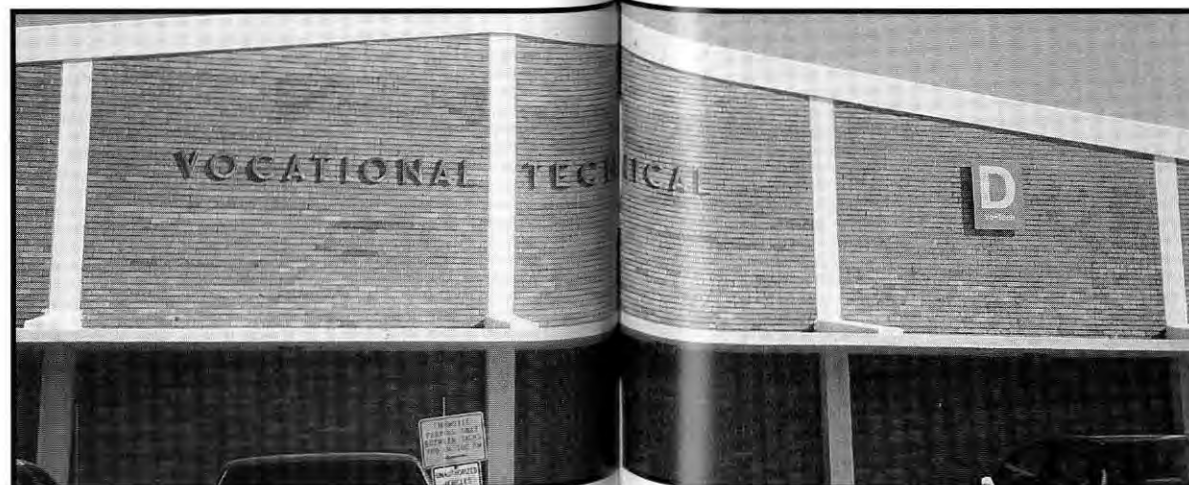
MEET THE NEED

The machine shop program offers up to date technological training with state of the art equipment on campus and training in computer numerical control machinery. Willy Showah, machine shop instructor, said, "Many of our students are hired before they finish the program and then complete the program on a part-time basis. We want our students to be successful, so we make sure that they get the best training possible." Jason Dordon of Pascagoula, machine shop student, said, "Being in the machine shop program at JC gives me a wide learning experience because of the modern equipment we have."

The welding program provides students with the training required for entry-level positions. Welding student, Dorothy Gary of Gautier, said, "I wanted to better my employment."

The automotive technology program is designed to prepare students for an entry level position in the automotive industry. JC offers one of three auto electronics labs in Mississippi where students can learn the computer-oriented side of auto mechanics, which makes up about 70% of automobile repair work, according to Rick McDonald, automotive technology.

The marine engine maintenance program is designed to satisfy the fundamental needs of the beginner in marine maintenance. Graduates of this 40-week program will also be qualified as entry-level mechanics in small engine repair and automotive engine repair.



opposite page top: Gwen Thigpen, pipefitting student, practices on the threading machine. opposite page bottom: Shawn Payton and Jarvis Brown, electrical technology students, doing lab work. top: Charles Randall and Lisa Millender, electrical technology students, doing class work. middle: Mr. Willy Showah (right), machine shop instructor, demonstrates the computer numerical control machine to students, Jason Sistrunk and Ken Williams. above: Mr. Dale Box (standing), pipefitting instructor, goes over blueprints with students, Cliff Johnson and James Wallace.



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Keep your mind set
on the future, Your
memories planted in
the past, and always
your heart where it is
right at this moment.

—JC



AUTOGRAPHS



**CENTRAL
OFFICE**

Barry

For over 12 years, Dr. Barry Mellinger gave his leadership to Mississippi Gulf Coast

Community College. He led it with a keen sense of finances, of what students want in a community

college, and of what employees want in the work place. Now, in retirement, Mellinger

still supports the college and its mission. We expected nothing less from a man dedicated to making

Gulf Coast THE choice for students of all ages.

For 12 and one-half years, Dr. Barry L. Mellinger was president of his alma mater, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. In that time, the Colorado Springs, Colo., native earned respect for both his management tactics and his trustworthiness in providing learning opportunities for students.

Mellinger, who retired Aug. 1 for health reasons, knew coming into the presidency that cuts in legislative appropriations, combined with a drop in enrollment, had reduced Gulf Coast's budget by \$1.2 million, and additional cuts had been ordered by the state.

Faced with finding areas in which to save money both for the current and upcoming fiscal years, he began a "belt-tightening" strategy, which included hiring and equipment freezes, that resulted in a balanced budget four months after the 46-year-old former Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) administrator took office.

Then, in 1990, he initiated a budget chop of more than a half-million dollars from the college's operating funds in anticipation of a 5 percent state funding reduction the following year. The slashing, along with other Mellinger-directed management measures, steered Gulf Coast to an enviable debt-free status in FY95.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Everett Compston says the college's lean years were "hard times." But he credits Mellinger for his commitment to "maintain high employee morale and enable the college to survive without reducing the quality instruction offered to its students."

Making the accomplishment even more admirable was the board-sanctioned funding outlay Mellinger recommended when the financial crunch ended in FY93-94. Disbursements included more than \$300,000 for the purchase of much-needed instructional supplies and equipment; \$64,000 for additional staff positions; and \$1.3 million to accommodate a 7 percent salary increase



Dr. Barry L. Mellinger

(3 percent over the mandated 4 percent) for the college's 700 employees.

The college began a workforce development division that same year, when the Legislature passed the Workforce and Education Act of 1994. Mellinger also directed \$150,000 in state matching funds for the operation of Gulf Coast's three Educational Services centers, one at each campus. The following year, \$3.8 million was committed to the undertaking.

Equally as impressive as his resolution of the college's financial crisis is Mellinger's role in the creation of Gulf Coast's Community Campus and the area of developmental studies and learning labs.

He describes the former as "an outstanding arm of the college to not only take the college to the community, but to bring the community to the college." The latter, he says, came about as a result of efforts to help students succeed in college.

Also to his credit are enrollment turn-

around methods, such as adding 10 new vocational-technical programs in a two-year period (1993-95); weekend and short-term credit classes; and special programs like General Education Core (GECOs).

When asked what role he believes higher education will play on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the future, Mellinger says a major part of its success will be based on the combination of institutions working together for the benefit of students.

"I would hope that we try not to shape these in traditional boxes, but look at new ways... It will be a challenge to the college to adapt its programs and services," he adds.

Mellinger, whose first connection with the college was as an apprentice plumber in 1958, describes his association with Gulf Coast as a "40-year love affair."

His suit-and-tie experience began in 1960, as assistant director of Vocational-Technical Education. Following a 13-year intermission and a Purdue doctorate of philosophy, he returned as the college's executive assistant for Instructional Affairs.

Even in retirement, Mellinger says he plans to be "involved with the college in some way." But, for now, the college's 10th president says he and his wife of 34 years, Dot, are looking forward to spending more time with their grandchildren and becoming full-time residents in their "still-rough-in-spoils" 2,500 sq. ft. home.

Built "right in the middle of the woods of 11 acres in upper Big Level," he says the hideaway started out as a pole shed and only recently has the added luxury of a telephone.

Another highlight of retirement, Mellinger says, will be the opportunity for him to pursue his hobby, "messing around with old cars."

Of his tenure at Gulf Coast, the retired says, "Hopefully, they will remember me not only as a leader, but as a friend... a person who had a dream for a college and, if that dream, the role of many people to help in making that dream happen."

Willis

He sports the college's lapel pin every day. He greets everyone with a smile and a hand-

shake. Basically, he's Gulf Coast's No. 1 Cheerleader. Most importantly, Dr. Willis Lott has a sincere

concern for our students. Here, we introduce you to the college's 11th CEO, a CEO with

a new vision. But, like his predecessor, he puts students and employees at the top of his list. In fact,

he's their No. 1 fan.



Dr. Willis Lott

Willis Lott has a job that he loves. And it shows! From the pro Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College testimonials he fervently recites at every opportune occasion to the school's lapel pin he proudly sports daily, he leaves no doubt that the new CEO of the state's largest two-year institution also is its "No. 1 cheerleader."

But if Lott, recently named the college's 11th president, sees himself as portraying the lead role in telling the Gulf Coast story, then he sees the multi-faceted educational icon's employees as principal players.

"The college's employees are among its strongest assets," he says. "And, as aware as I was of their abilities and potentials prior to taking office, I've discovered since that they're even better than I knew." According to Lott, the reliability of the "Gulf Coast family" makes his job much easier.

Another key element that probably makes the former public school educator's job easier is his unmistakable concern for the welfare of students, including alumni, whose impact on the college includes sharing their Gulf Coast experiences with the community.

"I've never met a student who didn't want to be successful," he declares. "But I've met some who didn't know what it takes to be successful." And he says part of his job as president is to help them realize not only what it takes to succeed as students, but what it takes to reach "life goals."

Evidence that Lott's vigilance on behalf of students is more than lip service can be seen in many ways, including the avenue-opening communications that he's initiated with the college's many publics during his first months in office.

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But Lott, who succeeds now president emeritus Dr. Barry L. Mellinger, claims all participants benefit from the "connections," which center around services and needs, and finding workable solutions that accommodate both.

"We should continuously look at what we do to see how we can expand upon it," asserts the 55-year-old former Collins resident.

In keeping with his affirmation, geared to ensuring that Gulf Coast fulfills its mission,

he says not all of the college's learning wares will be delivered by traditional vehicles in the upcoming century.

"We'll be doing some things a little different," Lott confides. He cites the college's relatively new Community Campus and technology as two means by which Gulf Coast will extend its capabilities to meet the assorted educational requirements of its demographics.

Prior to assuming the presidency, Lott, married to the former Ethel Rea Meyers, was vice president for four years at the Perkins Campus. To accept the 24-hour-on-call post, he relinquished a vice president position he'd held since coming to the college in 1992 to shoulder collegewide responsibilities for Instructional Affairs.

His pre-Gulf Coast career consists of 17 years at neighboring Pearl River Community College, where, among other titles, he was dean of Academics. In his presidential acceptance address, Lott, who holds a doctorate in higher education from the University of Southern Mississippi, told the board: "It will be my role to be an advocate for a student-centered institution, a community college that is dedicated to meeting the needs of a diverse student body that spans all ages and backgrounds."

So, ever in character, Lott's focus on providing "Learning for Your Lifetime" options for students should come as no surprise. Nor is it likely to change.

"I like to use the phrase 'The college of the people and for the people.' Our employees are for the people, and what we do is for the people," he says.

Translated, Willis Lott has a job that he loves. And it shows!

BELOW:Ken "Curly" Farris, center, visits with former Gulf Coast baseball players Greg Hibbard, left, and David Povey during the Oct. 10 homecoming festivities on the Perkinson Campus. Farris, head baseball coach from 1963 to 1989, coached Hibbard in 1983-84 and Povey in 1984-85. Hibbard, a former pitcher for the Chicago White Sox and the Seattle Mariners, was Gulf Coast's 1992 inductee into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

AT RIGHT:Verna Farmer, left, accepts the Sam Owen Trophy for the late William "Ship" Frantzen during Oct. 10 homecoming festivities. At right is Jon Lewis, director of Development. The 42-year-old award, presented each year to an individual for outstanding support and service to the college, was presented during the Hall of Fame/Reunion Luncheon in the gym. Frantzen, who died in Mobile in September 1998, is the college's first-ever million-dollar donor.



ABOVE:Retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry G. Walker, seated, receives a plaque from Gulf Coast President Dr. Willis Loft during the homecoming luncheon, where Walker, the 1998 Alumni Hall of Fame, was the guest of honor.

AT RIGHT:The late William "Ship" Frantzen, center, was honored posthumously at homecoming 1998 as the Sam Owen Trophy recipient and as the first-ever million dollar contributor to Gulf Coast.



Alumni

Here today ... gone tomorrow? Not so with Gulf Coast alumni. They come back year after year for events such as homecoming and the Spring Banquet. Here, you'll see a sampling of what alumni and the college's Alumni and Development offices do throughout the year.

Some of the busiest folks you'll meet at Gulf Coast are the ones who work in the Alumni and Development offices. April Grace, Alumni Officer; Jon Lewis, director of Development; and Dee Dee Hatten, Development secretary, all do their part to coordinate college events throughout the year. From the annual Showcase Golf Tournament held in Wiggins to the year's biggest extravaganza, homecoming, you'll always see these three working ... and enjoying it.

By their sides, you'll usually see dedicated alumni, some who graduated just a couple of years ago, some who graduated 50 years ago. Those two pages represent several of the functions coordinated by the Alumni and Development offices in 1998.

On May 1, the Alumni Association held its annual Spring Banquet, where the college's three instructors of the Year were honored. Recognized were Rebecca Moreton, Jackson County

Campus oral communications and theater instructor; J.B. Brown, Perkinson Campus welding instructor; and Margaret Andresen, Jefferson Davis Campus language arts instructor.

On Sept. 19, the annual Showcase Golf Tournament was held at Wiggins' Pine Bar Country Club. Although rain cut the event short, \$15,000 was raised for student scholarships.

On Oct. 10, alumni once again kicked into high gear. This homecoming day included class reunions, special reunions for the 1948 football team and baseball players who played under retired coach Ken "Curly" Farris, the Hall of Fame/Reunion Luncheon, and, of course, the football game between Gulf Coast and Northeast and the crowning of queens. Elected queens were Erin Krehb, JD Campus; Christina Pitalo, JC Campus; and Arlene Bryant, Perkinson Campus.

Also honored at the luncheon was the late William "Ship" Frantzen, who came to Harrison-Some Agricultural High School (now Gulf Coast) in 1919. The college honored Frantzen, who passed away in September 1998 in Mobile, with the annual Sam Owen Trophy. For 42 years, the award has symbolized the immense contributions made to the college by individuals such as Sam Owen himself. This year, the college honored Frantzen for his love, support and admiration of the college that gave him an education and the social life he didn't have during the 25 years he lived on Mississippi's Ship Island.

Frantzen's contributions to the college include the 1996 transfer of ownership of 170 acres of timberland (valued at \$765,000) to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Foundation — the largest single contribution ever received by the college. The money is being used for the Eta V. Frantzen Scholarship and Eta V. and William A. Frantzen funds and for the future construction of the William A. Frantzen Lodge on the site of the timberland. In the summer of 1997, the first cutting of the timberland, located two miles south of Perkinson, netted over \$264,000. (Prior to his death, Frantzen made an additional donation to the college, making him Gulf Coast's first-ever million-dollar donor.)

Also honored at homecoming was the Honorable Harry Grey Walker, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Alumni Association 1998 Hall of Fame inductee. A 1944 graduate of Perkinson Agricultural High School, Walker traveled the halls of justice in Gulfport and, finally, in the Mississippi Supreme Court as chief justice.

As you can see, Gulf Coast and its alumni make a great team. Partnership — that's what it's all about.



Rebecca Moreton
JC Campus



J.B. Brown
Perkinson Campus



Margaret Andresen
JD Campus



Delores Sumrall, retired educator and member of the college's Board of Trustees, was elected chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees for 12 years.



Jackson County Campus student **Leigh Hanna** was named to the 1996 All-USA Academic First Team for Community and Junior Colleges, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and USA Today. Other Gulf Coast students named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team, to which Hanna was also named, included Marko Kostic and Jennifer O'Neal, Perkinston Campus; Harry Stewart, Jackson County Campus; and James Cannon and Darin Flynn, Jefferson Davis Campus.



Faye Jones, JC Campus sociology instructor and Professional Development coordinator, won the John Fry Individual Merit Award, which recognizes an individual in each of the five regions of the National Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development.



Crystal Acker, pointing, shows **Michelle Hadden** and Allied Health students how the **Computer Health Related Information System (CHRIS)** supplies drug and first-aid information. CHRIS, a database created by students in a variety of Gulf Coast programs and funded by Tech Prep, debuted at the JD Campus on Nov. 10, 1998.

The **George County Occupational Training Center** celebrated its 25th anniversary on April 2, 1998. The center has graduated almost 500 students since it opened its doors in 1973.

The college's **Association of Educational Office Professionals** celebrated its 25th anniversary on Feb. 17, 1998, at the JD Campus. The event involved AEOP members from all Gulf Coast campuses and centers and Central Office. **Nancy Lee**, secretary to the vice president for Administration and Finance, was honored at the event with the first-ever Nancy M. Lee Distinguished Service Award.

In 1998, the Board of Trustees approved the **Education Improvement Plan**, headed by Dr. Edsel Godby, as the firm to submit a proposal for the college's 10-year master plan, which encompasses all facets of the college's growth.

In preparation of the Coast's year-long Tricentennial celebration in 1999, the city of Biloxi commissioned **Mary Ott Tremmel Davidson**, art instructor at the JD Campus, to sculpt bronze statues of Pierre LeMoyne, Sieur d'Iberville, and Jean Baptiste LeMoyne, Sieur de Bienville, the French Canadian brothers who founded coastal Mississippi. Davidson has two other life-sized works exhibited at the George E. Ohr Arts and Cultural Center in Biloxi.

Year in

So much happens at Mississippi Gulf Coast

Community College in just one year, it seems like you can't keep up with it all!

It just goes to show we're a progressive school with outstanding students and employees and unbeatable programs offerings. Here, on these two pages, is

a SMALL sampling of all that we accomplished in 1998-99.



AT LEFT: Dr. Barry Mellinger, left, accepts a Board of Trustees Resolution naming him president emeritus of Gulf Coast. At right is Mellinger's wife, Dr. Mellinger served Gulf Coast as president for 12 years before retiring on Aug. 1, 1998.

BELOW: Head Bulldogs basketball coach **Bob Weathers** talks with his players during the Dec. 3 game against East Central in Perkinston. This night brought Weathers his **800th career win**, making him one of only four coaches in the NCAA's 50-year history to ever reach this lofty plateau. The Bulldogs defeated the Warriors 72-59. Weathers has coached for over 39 years.



AT LEFT: **Vigil for Leadership**, a service sponsored by Gulf Coast and the University of Southern Mississippi, was held Dec. 24, 1998, at the Perkinston Community Center and at Central Gulf Coast Campus in Long Beach. The event featured **Delores Sumrall**, acting director of the Mississippi Bureau of Labor, and other speakers included Robert Weathers, head coach of the Bulldogs. Dr. Thomas Leland, Mississippi's commissioner of Higher Education for the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and Dr. Olin Ray, executive director of the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

ABOVE: The annual **HEADWAVE** (Higher Education Awards) program featured more than 70 college, corporate and faculty members in Jackson on Feb. 16, 1998. The event featured, from left, Gulf Coast President **Dr. Barry Mellinger**, Jefferson Davis Campus language arts instructor **Carol Hester** of Biloxi, and JD Campus student **James Cannon** of Biloxi. **HEADWAVE**, established in 1980 to recognize excellence, honors individual academic achievement and the overall contribution to the state's public and private institutions of higher learning.

HAVING FUN AND ENJOYING LIFE

ILR TAKES RETIREES WHERE THEY'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO

Gulf Coast's Institute for Learning in Retirement has really caught on with the 50-plus crowd on the Gulf Coast. ILR belongs entirely to the older learner—the older learner created it. It's an unconventional approach to education that makes learning fun and easy. And there are no tests, grades or registration lines.

All activities of the ILR, an affiliate of the National Elderhostel Institute, are membership-driven. Members decide the what, when, where and how of the learning situation. It could be a week-long computer class or a year-round health and fitness program. It could be a travel course that takes members to, say, New Orleans or Bellinardi Gardens in Mobile.

"When I started working with the Institute for Learning in Retirement, people wondered why," says Shanna Murray, Gulf Coast's Community Services director. "But they now know that ILR is where it's happening... it's fun-filled learning. The ILR stresses that you're never too old to strengthen your intellect or enrich your life."

Although, ILR boasts of over 225 members, Callie Randle, Community Services manager at the Jackson County Campus, thinks her 80-member group is wonderful. "It's one of the favorite parts of my job."

Randle, a 1996 Auburn graduate who interned with the Community Campus that same year, joined Community Services in June 1998. On her second day, she traveled with the ILR group to the Versailles exhibit in Jackson. Since then, she's scheduled such activities as once-a-month luncheon lectures and regular classes such as Spanish and writing memoirs.

"These are the busiest people I've ever met," Randle says. "They're volunteers, literacy tutors, visitors to the JC Fitness Center and art students."

Staying busy has never been a problem for Robert Norris of Gulfport. These days, he adds ILR activities to his monthly calendar. He says the fellowship is what he enjoys most about the group. "It's well worth the cost and time," says Norris, whose wife, Becky, is president of the Jefferson Davis Campus ILR.

Norris has ventured with the ILR on several excursions since the group's organization three years ago. "It gives us something to do, even though we're on the go all the time," he says.

Although there are three ILR groups at Gulf Coast, members can attend events at any campus. The Horn Island trip arranged in May 1998 by the JD ILR attracted members from every campus. "It was an excellent trip, even though the weather was a little chilly," Norris says.

The Horn Island trip is just one of the many highlights Betty Malone has had since she became JD's ILR coordinator three years ago. And even though her office hours are technically two days a week, she spends more than 12 hours a week doing the job she absolutely loves.

"It's gratifying to work with these people," says Malone, a retired Gulf Coast language arts instructor. "We've crossed all learning boundaries by offering a variety of classes. The great thing is that our members choose these classes, some even volunteer to instruct the classes."

Perkinson retired Pat Spring, who switched from the JD ILR to the Perkinson Campus ILR in fall 1998, says, "The ILR has been a wonderful experience for me. I've enjoyed getting together with old friends and meeting new ones, getting to travel to places we always wanted to visit, and taking courses we always put off taking. Best of all, we always have something fun that we look forward to doing."

Being an ILR member gives members a long list of benefits, including a campus parking permit, discount rates at campus fitness centers, a student rate at sporting and performing arts events, and much more. All this for just \$50 a year.

The Perkinson Campus ILR, which kicked off in September 1998, has become the rage with local retirees. With 72 members, coordinator Leslie Cudd keeps busy scheduling classes and trips and just having a good time with her "kids."

"It's fun working with people who are interested in learning more about something they're already familiar with and being exposed to something they've never done before," says Cudd, a former elementary school teacher.

"We get new members every day," Shanna Murray says. "Retirees have been through more changes in their life than any generation, and more than likely, of those to come. If we will take the time to listen and learn, we will all be better for it."

Pat Spring says it best: "In order to enjoy life, you have to have fun."

Barbara Seaman was among 40 Institute for Learning in Retirement members who boarded the Glenn L. Swetnam schooner last May for a trip to Horn Island. Computer classes, lecture luncheons, and visits to museums and exhibits are among the many activities offered to ILR members.

SAILORS LEARNING ON SHORE AND AT SEA

GULF COAST SETS UP SHOP AT NAVAL STATION PASCAGOULA

In the United States Navy, it's generally accepted that education opens the doors, according to Capt. Patrick Allen, commanding officer of the U.S.S. Thomas Gates, an Aegis guided missile cruiser assigned to Naval Station Pascagoula.

"So, my job is to make sure that those opportunities are available to this crew," the captain says.

That's why he instructed his ship's education officer, Lt. J.G. Mulville, to find out about the higher education options for sailors aboard the Gates when it docked in June 1998. Rebecca Williams, Gulf Coast counselor, has been assigned to the naval station since February 1998, when the Navy selected Gulf Coast as a partner in its Smart Base program. Williams met with Mulville to discuss ways the community college could meet the demand for college courses aboard ship. The result: 71 applications from personnel aboard the Gates and five courses with 56 sailors enrolled.

In another example of Gulf Coast's tradition of taking the college to the people, the partnership between the college and the Navy is flourishing. Williams' office is visited by a steady flow of enlisted personnel who are interested in earning college credit while learning one of the hundreds of highly skilled jobs aboard ship. However, Williams is just as likely to be found out among the ranks as she makes her rounds at the naval station.

You'll find her navigating narrow passageways and the steep, steel steps that sailors fly up and down during the course of their duties. During the summer of 1998, there were three cruisers and two frigates at the base. Her main contact is the ship's Education Service Officer (ESO); however, she makes a point to visit each command every month.

Classes are worked "ship by ship," meeting the needs of the enlisted personnel, while scheduling classes around their duty rosters, Williams says. She speaks highly of Capt. Allen, saying, "He's spirited and committed to his crew and the opportunities higher education can provide."

When Allen welcomes new sailors to his command, he invariably asks their reasons for joining the Navy. "The very common answer is to save money for college," he says, to which he replies, "Well, you're in luck. You don't have to wait until you get out of the Navy. We have a program where you are going to be able to take college courses with tuition assistance, right here, right now."

The average age of sailors on the cruiser is 18-20 years old, according to Allen. A former enlisted man who began his Navy career as a cook, Allen says he enrolled in intermediate algebra to show his crew how important he takes a college education is for enlisted personnel. "I've been banging this drum pretty regular for the crew to take advantage of this opportunity," he says.

Consequently, some sailors sit beside the captain in a Friday night class on base. All are giving up the previous off-duty time they have when in port.

Allen says the Navy has a vested interest in its enlisted personnel obtaining a college degree. First, it's a ticket to officer training. Second, the sophisticated technology that keeps a cruiser combat-ready requires increasing knowledge and skills. "Living and working on this ship requires skills—a range of skills that are expanding all the time. Education is becoming less a luxury and more of a requirement," he explains.

He also believes that as the general level of knowledge increases among the crew, it also increases war-fighting capabilities.

"Our mission is to be ready for sustained combat at sea. Anything that contributes to our ability to do that is a plus," he says.

The captain contends that the education provided by the community college is important in terms of personal excellence, but more importantly, in terms of national security.

Frank Bogus of Nebraska is a fire controlman aboard the Gates. He's working on a degree in law enforcement and has classes on Saturday and Sunday. When new orders sent the cruiser out to sea, the Gulf Coast algebra instructor worked with the ship's ESO to keep assignments on schedule.

Bogus and shipmate Joseph Gavin of Pennsylvania say that Gulf Coast instructors are key. "If it came early and stay late to work with the sailors, while flexibility is the key, 'If it were not for the instructors and Mrs. Williams, we wouldn't have the program.'"

Williams says, "The Navy is a positive influence for our community. It makes me proud that our college can accommodate the special needs of the crews on the ships."



ABOVE: Seventy-one sailors applied for admission to Gulf Coast after Rebecca Williams, part-time Gulf Coast counselor, was assigned to the base as part of the college's commitment to the Navy's Smart Base Program.





In summer 1998, soccer was added to the Gulf Coast sports program. The men's team finished second in the state, with a 12-6 overall record. The women's team, which ended the season at 5-5, also finished second in the state.



The 1997-98 men's tennis team finished eighth in the nation, won its third state/regional title and had two players advance to the national tournament's quarterfinals, with one finishing in the semi-finals.



The baseball Bulldogs finished with a record of 35-19 in 1998. Other baseball accomplishments included winning an eighth South Division title in nine years, runner-up in the state playoffs and coming in third in regionals.

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Sports

Gulf Coast is a powerhouse when it comes to such sports as basketball, baseball, and most recently, soccer.

Corner

Here, you'll read about what we accomplished on the playing fields in 1998 and some of what happened in 1999.

From the soccer field to the basketball court, Gulf Coast can hold its own. In 1998, such sports as track and golf made good showings in competition. The track team, headed by Kelvin Lyon, won the Gulf Coast Invitational, beating out five other teams for the title and went on to finish third in the state.

The golf team, headed by Chris Calcote, finished fifth in the state and sixth in Region 23. Golfer E.J. Harrick of Hurley also made it to the national competition.

Last year's softball team (19-20, 10-14) made it to the semi-finals of state competition. Led by Carolyn Patterson, the team boasted of nine more wins in 1998 than the previous year.

The men's tennis team, led by Charles Spence in 1998, won its third state/regional titles and advanced to national competition. In 1999, Charlie Serpente, counselor at the West Harrison County Center, became the new tennis coach for the men's and women's teams.

In 1998 baseball, Gulf Coast didn't bring home any South Division or state/regional titles, but the 36-19 team did make it to all the tournaments. In 1999, the baseball team, headed by Cooper Faris, was on the road to tournament play again.

The 1998 football team, led by Steve Wright, ended its season with a 17-14 win over the East Central Warriors on Nov. 5 at Eliot's Yankee Stadium. With the win, the Bulldogs finished the season with a 6-4 record (4-2 in the South Division), marking their first winning season in six years and the second in the past 12 years.

New to the Gulf Coast sports program is soccer.

AT LEFT: In basketball action, the men's team made it all the way to the final game of the 1999 regional competition held in March at Mississippi College in Clinton. The Bulldogs finished the year at 24-9.

Bary Thrash headed up this program, which began in the fall of 1998. Boasting of men's and women's teams, the soccer program fielded great results in its debut year. Both teams finished second in the state, and the men's team (5-5) finished second in regional competition after losing to Hinds 7-0 on Nov. 6 at Hinds. The men's soccer team started the season with an 8-0 record, with only one goal scored on the team.

In basketball action, the men's team made it all the way to the final game of the 1999 regional competition held in March at Mississippi College in Clinton. The Bulldogs, going into the March 4 game as an underdog to a more aggressive Meridian Community College, were riding the high of beating nationally-ranked Bossier Parish Community College the night before. That win and the support from the Gulf Coast faithful were not enough as the Bulldogs fell to the Eagles 70-57, finishing with a mark of 24-9 for the year.

The women's team, headed by Greg Holmes, finished 1999 at 14-11 and competed in the South State tournament. The team finished 6-18 in 1998. Also of note is the fact that head Bulldog basketball coach Bob Weathers achieved his 600th career win on Dec. 3 in a game against East Central at Perk. The win made him one of only four coaches in the National Junior College Athletic Association's 60-year history to ever reach this lofty plateau. The Bulldogs defeated the Warriors 72-59 that night. Weathers has coached at Gulf Coast for 39 of his 42 years as a coach.

BELOW: The 1998 football team ended its season at 17-14, finishing the season with a 6-4 record (4-2 in the South Division). This marked the Bulldogs' first winning season in six years and the second in the past 12 years.



Central Office

Running a large community college takes professionalism, dedication and lots of energy. Central Office folks have all that, plus the hospitality you'd expect to find in South Mississippi. Here, we introduce you to the people

whose work takes them all over the college, from Perk to Gautier.



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Executive

What can you say about Gulf Coast's Executive Council?

Well, for one, this group directs the efforts of the college and aggressively supports innovation in and out of our classrooms. And as in any successful business,

Council

they put the customer—the student—first.

In late 1998, the Executive Council added one new member, and two members changed leadership roles. Dr. Willis Lott, former Perkinston Campus vice president, became the college's president in August 1998, while Dr. Mary Graham, former Community Campus vice president, moved into the vice presidency at Perk.

New to the council is Cliff Quinn, Community Campus vice president and a former hospital administrator with 17 years of senior management experience. Quinn, who joined the college on Jan. 4, oversees the non-credit programs and services of the college, including workforce training, literacy and adult basic skills programs, continuing education, and special programs for retirees and youth.

Dr. Willis Lott, Gulf Coast president, says, "Cliff Quinn brings a new perspective to the leadership team at the college. His business background and proven abilities as a CEO who produces results are attributes that will help our college be even more responsive to the education and training needs of our local community."

Quinn says, "I am bringing to the table multi-state experience and a high level of interest in working with community representatives to bring about the goals of the community college."

Quinn has served primarily as a member of the senior administrative team for health care organizations in Tennessee, Ohio and Alabama. His experience includes nine years as chief executive officer. A native of Alabama, he most recently served as CEO of Stone County Hospital in Wiggins in 1997-98. He has also served as vice president of a business management firm and as a senior physician specialist responsible for the recruit-

ment of primary care and specialty physicians. At Gulf Coast he leads a division that trained over 16,000 workers for 57 local employers last year.

The Community Campus, often described as a campus without walls, was created in July 1996 in a plan to expand the college's continuing education offerings at community facilities, business and industry sites, local schools, and mobile computer training labs. The campus also helps direct distance education offerings, including telecourses, the interactive video Community College Network and the Internet.

Quinn says, "We are very much a part of the college. In fact, we are striving to make sure that all campuses will see the Community Campus as a partner to assist them in achieving their individual goals."

As the Community Campus focuses its efforts on expanding its services, Quinn says easy access to lifelong learning for people of all ages — working, unemployed or retired — will be a priority.

A resident of Stone County for the past two years, Quinn, whose office is located at the Applied Technology and Development Center, is a board member of the county's Economic Development Foundation. He has a master's degree in hospital and health services administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of North Alabama. He also completed a two-year fellowship in health care management and a residency in health care management at Miami Valley Hospital and MedAmerica Health Systems.



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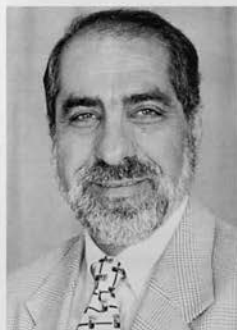
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