Kinabrew named to top state academic team

State education and government officials honored four Pearl River Community College students, including Thomas Kinabrew, as members of PRCC's Academic Team in Jackson.

Lee Kinabrew, of Hattiesburg, a student at PRCC's Forrest County Center, was named to the first team and received a $1,000 stipend. He is a business administration major.

Lee Kinabrew is an international honor society for students in two-year colleges. Advisors for the Beta Tau Gamma chapter at the Forrest County Center are Douglas DeLong, Dr. Ben Baker and Dr. Tim Terry.

Deadline this week to apply for presidential scholarships

The deadline for applying for two presidential scholarships at PRCC is May 1.

The William L. Amoss Presidential Scholarship is awarded annually to five students of outstanding academic performance attending the University of Southern Mississippi. The value of the scholarship is $10,000, payable in two increments of $750.

The criteria for this scholarship are:

■ Demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service organizations,
■ Never attended U.S.M. or any other four-year college,
■ High GPA of 3.5 or better at PRCC, and
■ A minimum of 48 transferable community college hours.

In addition to being recognized as a Five Star chapter, the organization's highest level designation, the Beta Tau Gamma chapter at the Forrest County Center was elected to be a charter member of the Mississippi Association for Community College Students.

Satisfactory Academic Progress policy now in affect for spring semester

This spring, PRCC is requiring all students in the community college, by holding matriculate from the U.S. Department of Education, in achieving more stringent federal financial aid requirements. The policy is effective immediately for the spring 2011 semester. All students are responsible for being familiar with these new regulations and the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy is also in the PRCC Office of Financial Aid.

Spring faculty lecture series

The Spring Faculty Lecture Series at the Forrest County Center will finish with the semester’s two more presentations. Thursday, April 14, Dr. Tavy Washburn will present “Psychology: Psychology Changes the So-called ‘Real’ World.” The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. in the Eric Legrand Auditorium at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 30. The lecture series is sponsored by the PRCC Department of Fine Arts, the PRCC Department of Psychology, and the Department of Critical Thinking.

This spring, PRCC’s Center for Learning Resources is offering a free series of lectures that are presented to the multipurpose room in Building D.

Campus notes of interest

■ The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges is getting a make-over change.

Gal Gasior published a bill on March 14 changing the name of Mississippi Community College Board.

The change will be effective July 1.

■ Nine PRCC students qualify for mortgage assistance from the Home Means Home Mississippi Home Program, called Home Serve.

Starting April 14, Home Serve will continue to be available to community college students to assist a need for housing.

As Garrett of Hattiesburg is the trainer who will work with Pearl River Mississippi Gulf Coast and Southwestern community colleges.

Non-discrimination statement

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Jones and Heather McLain attended Mr. and Mrs. Pearl River Community College

My dad followed to college

By BRITTANY JACKSON

Going to college, everyone has those spontaneous moments through which all of us live.

This was it, the beginning of the rest of our lives.

There is excitement at the thought of being free, but the excitement also comes with the realization of having to make important decisions. After making the right ones at the house, the ones that were the best for me at that time, I decided that I was going to make the right decision, and not let any other choices influence the rest of my life.

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So much for a lazy boy. My mom told me I had to get to my classes and I did. I was told, well mostly, since classes were done already.

The next morning and the one that followed I was changing bright and early making sure that everything was done and copied in the right places.

I was following the right path, and I knew that I was going to make the right decision, and not let any other choices influence the rest of my life.

This is what I have done with my high school career and I am going to continue doing it in college.

My story starts at the beginning of the race.

I was a junior in high school.

After two full years of running and being in track.

I woke up to the sound of music.

Because now when I step down the track with my running shoes on my feet.

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Animal cruelty and how Mississippi hasn’t measured up

By ADAM JONES

An article written by Dr. Charles Booras, he states that “an allergic reaction is a response by the immune system when it recognizes something foreign, and can be transferred on skin, clothing, shoes, pets, and even plants.”

There are four states that consider animal cruelty to be a misdemeanor: Oklahoma, South Dakota, and our very own Mississippi. The other 48 states consider it a felony, however those convicted are required to complete community service, or buy the animal back from the shelter, or both.

Our neighboring states of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee also have strict laws to protect animals. There are no animal shelters in our state; it takes 16 years for one person to pass through our entire population.

This article is for informational purposes only, and should not be used as a substitute for professional advice, diagnosis, or treatment.

Pink Game fundraiser

By BRITTANY JACKSON

When you look out the window, what do you see? When you look around at the teams across the country, September leaves changing all around, at the first snow falling, or the first winter snow falling.

In order for us to be able to help other people we need to do the same around us and need to help our neighbors. Every small step counts to helping a better world for us to live in.

Everyone has something that they can do to help others and to make this world better. I am involved in an animal shelter, working to help the animals.

No one said it would be easy

Success/might not come from the first time around.

To keep your skin and your head high, you may have to go back to the beginning by several publishers. It only takes one person to make a change. If every state was to join the fight then Mississippi could become free.

People are wrong. The matter whether discrimination is against a person. It doesn’t matter how much money you have, how tall you are, or where you’re from, you are born equal.

Failure may not always be easy.

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The group provides training in character building, sex education, ACT preparation, brotherhood and leadership to an at-risk population. "I love the need for programs for young men," he said. "We're losing them to the prison system." The Purple Knights operate in Jackson County with plans to expand to Atlanta next year, he said. The group will meet with Reid for two hours every other Tuesday through December.

If you want something different in your job, you've got to do something different." he said. "If you want something different in this institution, you've got to do something different." he said.

Lee Reid, R-Picayune and Tommy Gollott, R-Biloxi. Photo by Alan Henderson, Senate Senior Page 3

Lee Reid conducts the first meeting of the Leadership Class. The students will spend a lot of time looking at different departments at PRCC to build leadership skills.
**PRCC students initiated into English honor society**

The Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta held its first initiation ceremony Monday, Feb. 28, at the Forrest County Center of Pearl River Community College. The organization is an English honor society for students at two-year colleges. The chapter was formed in Feb. 28, at the Forrest County Center of Pearl River Community College. The organization The Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta held its first initiation ceremony Monday, PRCC students initiated into English honor society

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How are you going to choose to spend your day?

By TONIA MOODY

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Calendar of events
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■ Beta Pi Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa spring induction, 4 p.m., multipurpose room, Forrest County Center.
■ Saturday, March 20 – Wildcat Softball hosts Gulf Coast, Wildcat Stadium, 12 and 2 p.m.
■ Wildcat Baseball hosts East Center for doubleheader, Wildcat Stadium, 1 p.m.
■ Tuesday, March 20 – JazzCats and RiverRoad spring concert, 7 p.m., Olivia Bender Cafeteria.
■ Tuesday, March 22 – Wildcat Softball hosts Gulf Coast for doubleheader, Wildcat Stadium, 4 p.m.
■ Wildcat Softball hosts Jones, Wildcat Stadium, 4 and 6 p.m.
■ Thursday, March 24 – Iota Mu Wildcat Softball, Pearl River Community College, 7 p.m.
■ Friday, April 1 – Last day to withdraw with a guaranteed “W” grade.
■ Friday, April 8 – Wildcat Softball at Southeast, 5 and 7 p.m.
■ Saturday, April 9 – Wildcat Softball hosts Pine Belt, LSUE, Estaur, Wildcat Stadium, 3 p.m.
■ Tuesday, April 12 – Wildcat Softball hosts Co-Lin, Wildcat Stadium, 4 p.m.
■ Wednesday, April 13 – Forrest County Center Spring Fling.
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■ The Glass Menagerie, 7 p.m., Cafeteria; admission $5
■ Friday, April 15 – The Glass Menagerie, 7 p.m., Cafeteria; admission $5
■ Saturday, April 16 – Wildcat Baseball hosts Co-Lin, Wildcat Stadium, 4 and 6 p.m.
■ Monday, April 18 – Symphonic Band concert, 7 p.m., Bender Cafeteria.

To register or for more details, visit http://www.olemiss.edu/admissions or contact Community College Admissions Counselor Jason McCormick at 662-915-7226.

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PRCC Honors Institute to serve top scholars

Pearl River Community College is accepting applications for its inaugural Honors Institute this fall.

To be admitted into the Honors Institute, students must have a minimum composite ACT score of 25 and a minimum grade point average of 3.4. Successful applicants will receive a full scholarship.

“Students in the Honors Institute will be in a special "honors" section of a course," said Dr. Becky Adams, PRCC chief planning officer and committee chair. "In addition, two to four high-profile speakers will be invited to showcase their interests and scholarly pursuits. In addition, students will be assigned into small groups along with four classrooms, offices and the center's physical plant."

The Pearl River Community College Honors Institute is led by the steering committee, from left, Dr. Becky Adams, chief planning officer and committee chair; Dr. Terri Ruckel, English instructor, Forrest County Center; Dr. Stephen Black, history, Poplarville; and Wendy Abue`, Poplarville campus. Robin Nix, English, Forrest County Center; Jan Walsh, history instructor, Forrest County Center; and Dr. Stephen Black, history instructor, Poplarville. Not pictured is Maggie Smith, director of the Hancock Center. PRCC Public Relations photo

To earn the designation of Honors Institute Graduate, students must complete at least 25 hours of Honors coursework with a cumulative 2.4 GPA and a Capstone project. To earn an Honors Certification, students must complete 25 hours of Honors coursework. The Honors Institute faculty will be directed by committee, with certain courses taught by co-instructors. The inaugural Honors Institute faculty for the Chase Allen History and Geography, Forrest County Center; Linda Berry, speech, Poplarville; Stephen Black, history, Poplarville; Dr. Ryan Ruckel, history, Forrest County Center; Great Underwood, Spanish and Spanish instruction. Poplarville; Dr. Ryan Ruckel, English Instructor, Forrest County Center; and Maggie Smith, director of the Hancock Center. PRCC Public Relations photo

The faculty for the Pearl River Community College Honors Institute meet recently with PRCC President Dr. William Lewis and Dr. John Grant, vice president for instruction. They are, seated from left, Chase Allen; history and geography, Forrest County Center; Mary Ann Stewart, speech, Forrest County Center; Laura Berry, speech, Poplarville; Jim Walsh, history and political science, Poplarville; standing, Lewis, Dr. Ryan Ruckel, history, Forrest County Center; Dr. Stephen Black, history, Poplarville; Greg Underwood, English, Forrest County Center; Dr. Justin Wiliamson, English, Poplarville; and Grant, PRCC Public Relations photo

Plans are being finalized for the Career Education Building to be built at the Forrest County Center, in a project being funded by a $3 million Agriculture and Environment grant.

The building will house welding, electronics technology and the heating, air conditioning, ventilation and refrigeration technology programs along with four classroom offices and the center's physical plant. The building will be located north of the Allied Health Center. Construction is expected to begin in late spring or early summer.

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Pearl River Community College student Carter Center of Sumrall, left, takes a break from the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) to network and submit resumes. The annual fair is sponsored by the PRCC Counseling Center.

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Title II update: Projects add to student experience

The Pearl River Community College’s Department of Fine Arts and Communication is currently in the process of developing several projects that will enhance the educational experience for students at the university. Among these projects is the development of a new course in the Department of Fine Arts and Communication, which will be piloted in the Fall 2011 semester.

The course, titled “Theatre and the Arts,” will focus on the relationship between the performing arts and the humanities. Students will have the opportunity to explore the history of theatre and the arts, as well as the impact of these disciplines on society.

In addition to the new course, the Department of Fine Arts and Communication is also working on a number of other projects that will benefit students. These include the development of a new museum on campus, as well as the creation of a new performance space.

These projects are part of a larger effort to improve the educational experience for students at the university. The Pearl River Community College is committed to providing students with the best possible education, and these new projects are a testament to the university’s commitment to excellence.

The Pearl River Community College’s Department of Fine Arts and Communication is working hard to improve the educational experience for students. These new projects are just the beginning of this effort, and the university is committed to continuing to invest in the future of its students.
Moody Hall progress

Work is progressing on the addition to Moody Hall and the renovation of the choral department’s practice facility, which are expected to be open next fall.

Little Black Dress Charity Luncheon

The PRCC Student Support Services invited faculty and students to join them for Red Hot Recognition. Work is progressing on the addition to Moody Hall and the renovation of the choral department’s practice facility, which are expected to be open next fall.

Wellness Center hosting a day of appreciation

By GABE WALLIS

The 2011-12 school year was closing to a close and the Pearl River Community College Wellness Center plans to finish with a bang.

The “Ultimate Powerlifting Competition” that was scheduled for March 25 turned out to be a little delayed and will now be held on April 21-22.

These individuals include April 21-22.

Wellness Center planning more events

The Wellness Center will continue to put on events throughout the end of the school year.

You may also visit our website: prc.edu/health.

Staff profile

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FAMILY: Married to Jamie, two daughters Lindsey and Kelsey


POSITION AT PROC: Systems Analyst in the Development Team for PRCC Development Foundation.

FAVORITE BOOK: The Bible, and programming books that help as references in my work.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS: Never, Never, Never give up!

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ADVICE FOR STUDENTS: One of my favorite quotes from my favorite movie. "Point when you think you can or you think you can't, you're right.”
The Lady Wildcats off to 12-6 start

Pearl River's Lady Wildcats swept Marion Military Institute (Ala.) last week with 8-2 and 4-3 victories to improve to 12-6 overall.

In the first game, Marion Military went up 2-0, but PRCC scored a run in the top of the fourth,扳平比分.

In the second game, Marion Military took an early 4-0 lead, but PRCC scored 6 runs in the bottom of the fifth before holding on.

2011 PRCC softball team

Members of the 2011 Pearl River Community College softball team include from left:

Front row - Paris Reed of Lafayette, Bredey Farmer of Biloxi, La., Brandy Rister of Poplarville, Amber Lehman of Pearl River, Lauren Luecke of Iuka, Miss., Megan Amundson of Pearl River, Alyssa Grazier of Poplarville, Sam Spence of Lucedale, Kasey Watkins of New Augusta and Dianne May of Taylorsville.


drill pair with Jones

CLINTON - Pearl River's softball pair with Jones, Marion Military Institute.

2011 PRCC baseball team

Members of the 2011 Pearl River Community College baseball team include from left:

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Head coach Leigh White, assistant coach Megan James, Miss. Lauren Luecke of Pearl River, Alexis Hall of Detroit, Mich., Robert Marzoni of Purvis, Jose Sola of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, Derek Sanders of Mendenhall.

PRCC team photos by Mitch Deaver.
Maciel Epps Jones Crawford

Three Pearl River Community College men’s and women’s sophomore basketball standouts have earned post-season accolades. Wildcats forward Emil Jones of North Forrest High and center Phillip Crawford of Murphy High in Mobile, Ala., have been named to the All-Region 23 and All-MACJC first teams; while Lady Wildcat guard Kenyatta Epps of Yazoo City High has been named to the All-MACJC second team.

Jones, a Troy University (Ala.) signee, was a two-year starter for head coach Richard Mathis’ squad. This past season, he averaged a team-high 18.3 point per game and boasted a 49.8 percent field goal percentage; while hitting 37.7 percent from three-point range. Jones was a 69.8 percent shooter from the free throw line, while hauling in a team-best average of 7.9 rebounds per outing.

Crawford was also a two-year starter for the Wildcats and averaged 18.2 points per game and hauled in 7.9 boards per game. He hit 59.9 percent from the field and 69 percent at the foul line.

All told, Pearl River was 47-10 overall during the two seasons in which Jones and Crawford were starters for the Wildcats. PRCC won the MACJC state championship with a 24-5 record when the duo were freshmen in 2009-2010. This past season, the Wildcats finished 23-5 and were runners-up in the state.

Epps was a two-year starter for Lady Wildcat coach Toby Bush. She averaged a team-high 10.9 points per game this past season, while hitting 69 percent from the field. Also, Epps was a 35 percent shooter from three-point range and 7.1 percent from the free throw line. She also averaged 3.8 rebounds a game.

Meanwhile, these PRCC men’s and women’s sophomore basketball standouts have earned spots on their respective South Division All-Star squads set to take on the North Division team Monday, March 28, in the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games at East Central CC in Decatur.

The women’s game starts at 5 p.m., followed by the men’s contest at 7 p.m.

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Pedro Maciel, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, is lauded for his ball handling skills and led the Wildcats in assists with a 5.5 per game average. He averaged five points a game and hit an impressive 76.2 percent of his free throws.

Other South Division women’s all-stars include Kierra Addison and Brittany Robinson of Pearl River, Tu-Tran Truong of Jones County, Destiny Robinson of Montgomery, and Alexi Jones of Simpson, and Chasity Courtney and Alexi Jones of Simpson.

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The South division women’s All-Stars are coached by Sandra Sumrall of Mississippi Gulf Coast; while the South division men’s All-Stars are coached by Bubba Skelton of Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Epps, Crawford, Jones, Maciel get post-season basketball honors

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Brackins, Morgan a double-barrel punch for A-10’s Philadelphia Soul

The Philadelphia Soul’s new addition, Anthony Brackins, a two-time All-American at the University of Maryland, and his teammate, Kyle Morgan, a 2010 second-round draft pick of the Soul, have formed a dynamic pass-catch tandem.

Brackins, a two-year starter at Maryland, is a receiver who has caught 114 passes for 1,569 yards and 13 touchdowns in his collegiate career. He is expected to make an immediate impact for the Soul.

Morgan, who played for the University of Detroit Mercy last season, caught 12 passes for 180 yards and three touchdowns in his collegiate career. He has the speed and athleticism to stretch the field and create mismatches for the Soul’s offense.

Together, Brackins and Morgan have the potential to be one of the most formidable pass-catch tandems in the A-10’s history. Their chemistry and ability to work well together could be the key to the Soul’s success this season.

The Soul is looking to improve on last season’s 6-12 record and make a deep run in the A-10 playoffs. With Brackins and Morgan in the lineup, the potential for the Soul to achieve those goals is certainly increased.