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Rees also represented the state of Mississippi in the National Association of State Retirement Systems, as well as the chair-manship of the College of Social Work's Retirement Systems.
PRCC offers First Aid/CPR courses for college credit

By SOBIE NALL

Summer vacation is fast approaching and our children are wondering what to do. PRCC’s Adult First Aid training can teach youth how to respond to a choking emergency or a first aid injury.

The American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the American Stroke Association, and the American College of Cardiology have all endorsed the skills learned in the First Aid class. The courses are approved by the American Red Cross and give you the skills to help someone during a medical emergency.

Some of the classes offered by the PRCC First Aid/CPR/Healthcare Providers Program include First Aid/CPR for Home/Workplace, First Aid/CPR for Infants,basic CPR and safety for infants and young children. These classes provide the knowledge and skills to help others in a healthy, safe environment.

PRCC offers First Aid/CPR courses for college credit

By LESLIE CHERIME

The PRCC Center for the Arts, which hosts the Arts show, was the first place recipient of the 2012 Pearl River County Arts League Spring Show with this painting of her Arabian horse, Leader of the Band. PRCC Public Relations photo

Students take firsts in Arts show

PARELLAH—Jayde Beards, a PRCC student from Poplarville, Miss., won a first prize award during the Poplarville Regional Kennel Club’s 2012 Spring Sports and Show Festival.

Beards, a PRCC student, raised and trained her medium-sized Jindo dog named Cherime. "I think I like the degree," she said. "I have two dogs I’m planning to show."

"I want to become an instructor and teach others," said Beards. "I have several, but none."

The prides of my freshman year that I’m most proud of this year, being part of the student group, RiverRoad directed by Ms. Madalyn Thompson, being a cheerleader, being a cheerleader, being a cheerleader, staying so busy, it not only keeps you busy, it also helps you to stay in shape. It becomes easier to make friends as you get around. Although everyone will be there next year, you’ll be the best choice to go to, if you want something done.

The first time I’ve tried other foods in the cafeteria. "I used to just grab a salad," Beards said. "I want to try something new."

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The National Safety Council not only offers First Aid/CPR/AED courses, but also offers classes in Swimming, Caregiving and Babysitting, Teen CPR, Red Cross Volunteers, and First Aid for Animals. These courses are approved by the American Red Cross and give you the skills to help others in a healthy, safe environment.

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By CAROLYS THOMAS

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The DRAW

Dr. Hornsby begins term as president of MPE

BY DR. BENNY HORNSBY

It was my honor recently to become president of Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE), the state’s largest organization for paraprofessionals, for the 2012-2013 school year. It was a tremendous honor to lead all MPE members during this past school year.

While we are definitely not a “saints” in the traditional sense, we believe it is time to re-engage and re-focus on the important educational issues that have been on the back burner for too many times, without any action. They are why we continue to be in education share truths, transforms lives, and inspire students to change.

MPE believes very strongly that educators should act as professionals and be treated as professionals in the world of rapid change, economic downturn, increasing healthcare insurance and employment rights protections to them. In education, we believe that they may consistant on performing and growing. MPE provides the highest level of minimum cost.

It is also important to educate that educators belong to a professional organization not only to help improve the current events in the classroom but to help shape our future in the process of public policy. In this regard, we have a quanti- mative approach to bridging the gap, which I strongly believe that I can expect to publish “goals” for the upcoming year in the May issue of our MPE Journal. Here’s a few of them just to give you an idea of what those “goals” are:

■ Offer one MPE sponsored internship training opportunity for each of the ten MPE districts during the 2012-2013 school year.
■ Make MPE staff headquarters from the education reform movement.
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■ Advocate more effectively with legislators on behalf of public education.

Whether in the classroom or in a position of leadership, teaching is a great profession and a great profession of leadership. It is an opportunity to make a positive impact as a possible career choice, lived to know to me the people of MPE.

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First year a good one for Beta Tau Gamma chapter

By Dr. Ryan L. Reckel
PRCC wire

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The PRCC Honors Institute marks successful first year

**By DR. TERRI SMITH RUCKEL**

The inaugural year of The Pearl River Honors Institute at the Forest County Campus has been provocative and challenging, above all. With cultural and literary activities including The King and I and the domestic comedy Noodles and Funions, the Honors Institute has been wonderful. "It's exciting to be a part of a program that is being built from the ground up. We have the opportunity to create something unique and special that will benefit the community for years to come."

Faculty who attended the honors faculty appreciation dinner in Hattiesburg include from left: Greg Underwood, Jana Causey, Christie Brady, Cherie Alder, Dr. Becky Askew, Dr. Stephen Black, Jim Walsh, Dr. Ryan Ruckel, Dr. Terry Ruckel, Dr. Justin Williamson.

About the work, Hall said, "I kept thinking to myself, 'Oh no! Honors?' That means that college is going to be super hard and I'm going to get so stressed out. I mean, 'What? Honors?' It's a label with negative connotations.

"But being an Honors student Chelsee Johnson said, 'I really enjoyed being a part of the honors program. It brought me together with the Poplarville Campus. It's good to feel like a whole group.'"

"We have been the source of much camaraderie among the students. Thanks wholeheartedly. 'What an incredible institution is truly blessed.'"

"We thank you from the bottom of our minds. Of course, the proof is not just in the cultural and culinary entertainment; the classroom experience is at the heart of our organized matter of excellence.""
Here We Go Again!

New changes in Federal Student Aid programs for 2012-2013

By DONALD A. O'BRIEN

American Council on Financial Ed.

You can't get away from it. Whether you're at school, work or home, you're hearing about the changes in Federal Student Aid programs for the 2012-2013 school year.

Some of the major changes include:

1. A new FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which will be released in October 2011. This new form will help students to more accurately report their financial information.

2. Changes to the Pell Grant program. In the past, the Pell Grant was awarded based on the student's unmet need. Beginning in 2012-2013, the Pell Grant will be awarded based on the student's expected family contribution (EFC), which is calculated using a new formula.

3. Changes to the Direct Stafford Loan program. In the past, students who received a Direct Stafford Loan were required to make payments during their grace period. Beginning in 2012-2013, students will not be required to make payments during their grace period.

4. Changes to the Perkins Loan program. In the past, Perkins Loans were awarded based on need. Beginning in 2012-2013, Perkins Loans will be awarded based on a combination of need and merit.

5. Changes to the Federal Work-Study program. In the past, students who worked in the Federal Work-Study program were required to work a certain number of hours each week. Beginning in 2012-2013, students will be able to choose the number of hours they want to work.

6. Changes to the Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) program. In the past, parents of undergraduate students were required to make payments during their grace period. Beginning in 2012-2013, parents will not be required to make payments during their grace period.

These changes are intended to make Federal Student Aid programs more efficient and effective. However, they will also result in increased costs for many students. It is important for students to be aware of these changes so that they can make informed decisions about their financial aid options.
DECA students attend conference

By DELANA HARRIS
Business Marketing Instructor

College DECA recently hosted its annual international Career Development Conference (ICDC) at Mississippi College. This year’s conference marked the 50th year the organization has had students attending it. This is a great opportunity for students to gain professional experience and networking their career goal. Priscilla Priester, DECA advisor, had to place in the top three at the state conference to compete at ICDC. Students had to attend the conference this year in order to attend the conference by two business marketing and one sales. Students who attended the conference received the opportunity to network with professionals from the field of marketing, sales, and entrepreneurship. The conference is a great way for students to see where they need to go in their career area.

On May 4, during the conference, DECA students from competing in their competition were able to compete at ICDC, students had to place in the top three at the state conference to compete at ICDC. Students had to attend the conference to compete at ICDC. Students had to place in the top three at the state conference to compete at ICDC.

DECA students from both Bay St. Louis and Picayune attended the conference. Dannielle and Nicole DiRienzo of Carriere graduated from the business marketing program in 2003.

By DELANA HARRIS
Business Marketing Instructor

Students enrolled in the course attend conference at Pearl River Community College. Students from the course attended a conference at Pearl River Community College. Attendees were able to learn and network with professionals from the field of business marketing.

Each year students in the course use the skills and knowledge they acquired throughout the semester to create a business plan. The plans can be original ideas or ideas that they had last year to be a successful venture if created and operated within the state of Mississippi. Students had the opportunity to be a successful venture if created and operated within the state of Mississippi. Students had the opportunity to create a business plan.

Two former graduates from PRCC also attended the conference this year. The former graduates were able to network with professionals from the field of business marketing.

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PRCC recognizes outstanding graduates

The beginning of a new decade brought new graduates and the bright young Pearl River Community College Class of 2012 was honored Thursday, April 26, during a Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Forrest County Center. Thirty-year recognition went to Kersh and after earning degrees from Mississippi State University in 1982, she joined Pearl River and has spent the past 35 years as program director. Despite the downpour, we continued to have a great evening for the PRCC family,” said PRCC President William Lewis.

Students have also sponsored charity softball games, and have hosted dog trial events that turned out to be a hit. I even saw some folks sitting in the porch with their dogs. "It was a wonderful time." Wessel said.

An unexpected rainstorm cut short the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner on May 3 outside the home of President William and Janet Lewis.

The rain certainly spoiled what was proving to be a hit. I even saw some folks sitting in the porches of the home. "It was a wonderful time." Wessel said.

Fifty years of service pins were presented before the weekend event.

The "rain storm" was a great evening for the PRCC family," Lewis said. Wessel moved on to what "Fashions and Fads." She described the teachers as superior, "Fashions and Fads," she said.

As part of the college's festivities, "Fashions and Fads" magazine featured a special section on the college's history with an article on the first issue of the magazine. The issue included a photo of the magazine's first issue and a list of all the students who have been featured in the magazine over the years.

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Fine Arts & Communications

Spring semester included a full schedule of top performances.

The Pearl River Community College Department of Fine Arts & Communications presented the spring semester with a flurry of performances. The department presented "The Apple Tree," a series of three musical melodramas, on April 12 and 13.

Cast members were Stephen Berry, Hannah Pierce and Tina Morris, all of Columbia; Samantha McRae and Austin Price, both of Poplarville; Dainelle Rogers and Taylor Young, both of Purvis;online Lancaster and Jonathan Merrow, both of LeFlore; Michael Boyte of Sumrall; Maritha LeBlanc of Purvis; Skyler Ducasse of Florence; Emily Murray of McComb; and Timothy Pedofill of Poplarville.

Working on the crew were Amber Scott, Justin Krey, Deston Long and Kendall Easter, all of Hattiesburg; Zachary Huddleston of Purvis and LaDona Tyson of Poplarville. The Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mike Bass, Dr. Kyle Hill and Dr. Ann Moore, followed with its spring concert on April 16.

The program included Finest of the Fair by John Philip Sousa, Requiem by James Cameron in Flight by Samuel Read, The Soul Laidbare by Erte Whiteman, l'Entregarde of the Gitanes by Adolph Roth and Frank Erickson's Rhythm of the Winds.

The Pearl River Singers concert choir and The Voices ensemble presented their spring concert on April 16 to digits in血糖.


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POPLARVILLE - RiverRoad and The JazzCats wrapped up their 2011-12 season Tuesday, April 3, with their spring concert on the Poplarville campus of Pearl River Community College.

RiverRoad’s performance included Earth Wind and Fire Megamix, Beautiful Day, If You’re Out There, Dynamite and More. Soloists were Ryan Morris and Chancellor Montgomery, both of Columbia; Michael Boyte of Sumrall, Claire Loper of Laurel and Justin Taylor of Brooklyn.

Under the direction of LaDona Tyson, RiverRoad is made up of 28 students selected by audition.

RiverRoad, JazzCats end year in big way

The JazzCats performance April 3 at their spring concert at Pearl River Community College.
Group exercise takes a new SPIN at the Wellness Center

By JAMIE DICKSON
Assistant Director of Wellness Center

The Wellness Center is expecting a huge turnout for the new group exercise classes being offered this semester. The center, located on the second floor of the Pearl River Community College Wellness Center, will be offering several new classes aimed at helping individuals improve their overall health and well-being.

The new classes include Zumba, a high-intensity, dance-based workout that is perfect for those looking to get their heart rate up and burn calories. Other classes offered include yoga, Pilates, and circuits, which focus on building strength and flexibility.

According to the PRCC Wellness Center, the new classes are designed to meet the needs of the local community and promote a healthy lifestyle. The center is located at 658 College Blvd. in Poplarville, and is open to the public.

For more information on the new classes or to register, visit the PRCC Wellness Center website or call 601-769-4449.

Zumbathon fun

The Wellness Center is hosting a Zumbathon on Thursday, March 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature a variety of dance-based exercise classes.

The Zumbathon will include Zumba, a cardio workout that combines dance and exercise, as well as yoga and Pilates classes. The event is free to attend, but a donation of $5 per person is suggested to support the Pearl River Community College Foundation.

For more information or to register, contact the PRCC Wellness Center at 601-769-4449 or visit their website at prccwellness.com.

Spring: Time for significant changes for students

By TONIA MOODY
ADA/504 Rights Coordinator

It’s that time of year again—Spring Break. The warm weather brings forth some of our favorite things: blue skies, blooming flowers, and that feeling of new beginnings.

For many, Spring Break is a time to relax and recharge, but for others, it’s a time to start planning for the future. Whether you’re a student or a faculty member, there are several ways to make the most of your Spring Break.

One way is to take advantage of the weather and get outside. Enjoy a walk in the park, go for a hike, or even just spend some time in your backyard. Not only will you get some fresh air, but you’ll also get some exercise.

Another way to make the most of Spring Break is to use it as an opportunity to recharge your batteries. Take some time to read a book, listen to some music, or just relax and unwind.

Finally, don’t forget to take care of your health. Get some exercise, eat well, and try to get some extra sleep. This will help you feel your best for the rest of the semester.

So, whether you’re planning to spend your Spring Break relaxing or recharging, make sure to make the most of it. You deserve it!
Discover your spiritual gifts that God blessed you with

By MATT LEE

Matthew 28:19-20 says that the Lord has given His church the privilege of being witnesses to all nations. He tells us to do it. In the same way that He tells us to do it, we have to listen for the voice that says go. It’s a voice that has invaded our lives and told us to do everything that we can to spread the love and joy of Jesus Christ to people who need to hear the message of salvation.

Everybody has their own opinion about spiritual gifts. Peter Wagner says that a spiritual gift is a special attribution given by the Holy Spirit to help every member of the Body of Christ in accomplishing the work of the Kingdom of God. You have to listen to that voice to know what you can do. But many people say, “I’m not very spiritual or anything. I just can’t think of anything that I can do.”

In the Bible and 1 Corinthians 12:18-10 it is said that “There are different graces given for the good of the whole Body of Christ.” God has gifted you. This will lead you as His child on the path of His works. If we do not have love it means nothing. It’s a very important thing to know your spiritual gifts. Everybody has their own spiritual gifts.

There are several types of spiritual gifts such as knowledge which helps people to connect the gospel and the Bible in the world. It also teaches people to work together in a loving, humble, and gentle environment. Administration people with this gift have the ability to store and keep track of detailed and intricate things. They have the knowledge and the ability to be humble and meek. They are the kind of people who are patient and keeping the body of Christ united. This gift means that you have the ability to be a pastor, a church leader, etc. It also teaches you that you need to be humble and meek.

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Wildcats lose final two, finish season with 24-19 record

POPLARVILLE – Pearl River's baseball season ended with a pair of losses Saturday to South Mississippi Community College in Baggins. The River finished 24-19 overall and 10-14 in division play.

In Saturday's first game, SMCC scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning. SMCC had runners at first and third with one out when right fielder Chase Lewallen of Sumrall High was hit by a pitch and catcher Braxton Lee of Picayune High walked to load the bases. Designated hitter Forrest Dungan hit a sacrifice fly to right center to score the winning run.

In the nightcap, PRCC wound up using eight pitchers in the loss before River pitcher Roy Gasaway Jr. of Pascagoula High retired the third and last hit one batter before Taylor Ford, a Nicholls State (La.) closer who prepped at Petal High, picked up the ninth. Anthony Laczynski of Roy High had the fifth, giving up two hits. Bradley Barham of Petal High was the sixth, giving up a hit. On Friday, Alex Ashford also pitched in the seventh, giving up two hits and hitting two batters.

Pearl River finished with 11 hits, led by Lavion with two doubles, Freshman Dallas Washington and Austin Carter of Sumrall High, while Best and Krisjohn Marquette each hit a home run against Hinds Community College in Bay St. Louis. They also scored two runs, tying for the team lead with two doubles, and Carson Bivens led the team with four RBIs.

Itawamba was also unable to go more than seven innings against SMCC, giving up 15 hits and hitting two batters. After Wildcat starter Christian High flew out to center to end the inning.

Wayne County High hit into a double play to end the fifth, while Pearl River scored its only run in the sixth inning. Livingstone hit a lead-off single to right for the Wildcats, while Best and Krisjohn Marquette each hit a home run against Hinds Community College in Bay St. Louis. They also scored two runs, tying for the team lead with two doubles, and Carson Bivens led the team with four RBIs.
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Wildcat Club honors PRCC student athletes

Pearl River Community College’s Wildcat Club recently hosted a reception for all student athletes who will graduate or leave PRCC after the spring and summer semesters. Each athlete received a framed certificate of participation from PRCC President William Lewis and Josh Mars, current president of the Wildcat Club, a t-shirt from the Wildcat Club and a one-year free membership into the Wildcat Club. Left photo: From left—Mars, women’s basketball coach Toby Bush, Samantha Gunn of Canton, Quentessa Bullock of Columbia, Branita Malone of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Stephanie Fratesi of Leland, assistant coach Zaria Williams and Dr. Lewis. Right photo: Mars, men’s basketball coach Richard Mathis, Yondarius Johnson of Plain Dealing, La., Zane Knowles of Nassau Bahamas, and Dr. Lewis.

Photos by Mitch Deaver

Honored members of the football program include from left—Mars, Seth Roberts of Tallahassee, Fla., head coach Tim Hatten, Adam Nasan III of Poplarville, Melvin German of Port Myers, Fla., Hunter Graves of Sumrall, Leonard Johnson of Columbia, Rashod Merritt of Lumberton and Dr. Lewis.

Honored members of the softball program include from left—Mars, head coach Leigh White, E’Trareo Warren of Meridian, Alyssa Graeter of Poplarville, Janessa Dedeaux of Poplarville, Heather Hester of Pascagoula, Heather Hester of Picayune and Dr. Lewis.

Honored members of the soccer program include from left—Mars, coach Paul Martin, Jered Foulon of Pearl River Central, Austin Blake of Poplarville, Sariah Lavoie of Laurel, Stephanie Freese of Leland, Ashley Arrue of Hattiesburg, Stephen Harris of Poplarville, Jacob Foulon of Pearl River Central, Carleigh Holley of Tupelo, Jordan Organ of Forrest County AHS, Victoria Lusco of Bay St. Louis, Jeramey Anderson of Moss Point and Dr. Lewis.

Honored members of the baseball program include from left—Mars, head coach Josh Hoffpauir, Roy Gasaway Jr. of Pascagoula, Chael Lexington of Starkville, La., Aaron Lee of Pearl River Central, Dounia Scott of Wayne County, Taylor Byrd of Petal, Matt Linton of East Central and Dr. Lewis.

PRCC’s Wildcat Club hosted a reception for all student athletes, including those who played a part in forming the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter on campus. They include from left—Brandon Dedeaux of Poplarville, Presley Stygler of Hattiesburg, Whitney West of Hardinburg, Kevin Warren of Wesson, P.J. Stennis of Grenada, Brandon Whitten, Zaria Williams, Aaron Lee of Pearl River Central and Forrest Dungan of Columbia.