Flu shots are still available

A Valentine’s Day gift idea

Black History month event

Career Fair set for March 6 at Technology Center

Cardiovascular screenings offered at Wellness Center

Spirit of the River makes school history

Career Fair sees 50 prospective employers

PRCC Band impresses

Sports teams are hitting book

Non-discrimination statement
Advice to all new students: use your spare time wisely

By SHADWELL THOMAS

Welcome back fellow Wildcat! I hope that everyone enjoyed your break. I know that I did. I’m currently in the middle of my New Year in with my fund. I also went to the top on my scholarship applications that I could. I also worked out at the gym. That’s how I got in shape. And the best part of the winter was that I was able to relax and enjoy the winter. Thank you.

While wandering around campus and going to class I found that they got a lot of new ones. And I just wanted to get a good grade in my class. If this is your first semester here, I encourage you to get involved in a lot of activities.

We will make sure that you have more enjoyable and useful activities to do. Whether you are looking for new friends and spend more time with your friends, we are here to help.

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The Honors Institute's spring activities

By DR. STEPHEN BLACK

Department of English

The Honors Institute has many events planned for this semester. Besides planning for our first graduating class of students, the institute has arranged several events to bring our students closer together.

Dr. Pamela Jones, Honors Program Director, said, "Our students will attend the MACJC Legislative Appreciation Luncheon on Jan. 22 in Jackson. Our students will tour the capitol in Jackson on March 6. Our event in touring our state capitol is an opportunity to participate and observe other honors programs in action." Honors student Allison McDonald recently returned from Jamaica. During the last break in December, McDonald and other students who participated with the University of Southern Mississippi Caribbean Studies Program. Allison completed a class in social work in Jamaica with an "A" in the subject. The Honors Institute is very proud of Allison's accomplishments.

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Honors Institute student enjoys her off time studying abroad

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PRCC Honors Institute sophomore Alison McDonald of Columbus spent part of the Christmas break studying in Jamaica. McDonald participated in the University of Southern Mississippi’s Caribbean Studies Program from Dec. 17 to Jan. 11, taking six weeks of courses.

As a community college student, McDonald initially was concerned about attending a six-week compressed course. “I would definitely recommend it,” she said. “I worried about the workload, but it wasn’t too much to handle.”

The program included community service projects and excursions to cities and tourist spots. “One of the little girls took my heart,” she said. “She just grabbed my hand and held on the whole time.” Southern Miss offered 12 courses during the 2012 Caribbean program, which it has sponsored for 25 years. Students and faculty were based in Montego Bay and enjoyed day and overnight trips to Ocho Rios and Kingston.

Non-students enjoyed day and overnight trips to Ocho Rios and Kingston. McDaniel learned of the program through the PRCC Honors Institute. “We were all excited, but I was the only one able to go,” she said.

After graduating from PRCC, she hopes to study video game animation at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is learning Spanish while maintaining an interest in sociology. "I would like to do something on the side with it and merge the two," she said.

Discover CAREY

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FAMILY: Married to Ben Smith, one daughter, Madison, 1.  
RESIDENCE: Hattiesburg  
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:  
- Graduated from Florence High School, A.A. in Liberal Arts from Hinds Community College, B.S. in Business Technology from the University of Southern Mississippi, M.Ed. in Education from Delta State University.  
POSITION AT PRCC: Political Science Instructor in Business School  
TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 4.5 years  
FAVORITE BOOK: The Twilight Saga Collection by Stephenie Meyer  
FAVORITE FOOD: Mexican  
FAVORITE MOVIE: Christian  
FAVORITE VACATION TRIP: Alaska  
WHAT THINGS WEB SITES Do YOU VISIT EVERY DAY?  
- Facebook, Twitter, PRCC Blackboard, CengageNOW  
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOU THAT WOULD SURPRISE US?  
- I am a huge football/baseball fan.

**Surgical Technology graduates**

Graduates of the surgical technology program at Pearl River Community College's Forrest County Center received their diplomas and pins during a ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at PRCC's Woodall Advanced Technology Center.

They are from left: Front row - Tammy Allhoff, program director; Leslie Haney of Columbia, honors; Kristi Cole of Hattiesburg; Emily Powers of Brookhaven, honors; Brittney Hawkins, clinical instructor; and Angelia Polk of Tylertown, Kristi Cole of Hattiesburg; Emily Speights of Carriere. Third row - Brittany Howell of Oak Grove, honors; Leighann Prescott of Wiggins and Ozella Dumas of Hattiesburg. Fourth row - Emily Powers of Brookhaven, honors; Bonnie Tyrone of Hattiesburg and Brittney Hawkins, clinical instructor. Second row - Stephanie Peas of Carriere, Honors; and Jackson Hanks of Hattiesburg.

**Forrest County Center**

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**PRCC treats kids to a brighter smile**

Give Kids A Smile Day helps youngsters

HATTIESBURG - First-year student at the Pearl River Community College Dental Hygiene program highlighted the smiles of 25 kids from the Salvation Army in a quick and efficient day.

The students and children took part in the annual Give Kids A Smile event sponsored by the Mississippi Dental Society and PRCC. The event, which gives free dental care, was sponsored by the school and the Salvation Army.

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The $3.6 million Career Education Center at the Forrest County Center is nearly complete. Some career-technical programs will move into the facility during spring break. The front of the multipurpose room. PRCC students are raising money to attend the Mississippi Practical Nursing Convention in April in Biloxi.

More and more G.E.D. graduates are enrolling in college classes

By TERRI WARD

G.C.E. Success Counselor

Often times, students enrolled in PRCC’s Adult Education Program have one goal: to earn their G.E.D. This is one reason we see an increasing trend in students not only earning their G.E.D., but enrolling in college as well. This spring semester, we have many lifetime college students enrolled.

However, I want to spotlight two new students (G.E.D. recipients) enrolled at our Forrest County Center. Both of these men were not successful in high school and failed to graduate. However, they made the decision to better themselves. To add to their education; in turn this will bring them many new job opportunities.

One is battling seizures and has many health-related issues that could hinder him from continuing his education. He felt, he also believes that he has done. The other graduate has battled obesity, has been homeless, and is currently reading in a remedial class. He could blame his lack of education on his addictive past, but doesn’t. You see, both men made the decision to better themselves. To not only see their G.E.D. but to continue their education. In turn this will bring them many new job opportunities.

So, in behalf of the entire staff in Adult Education, Joseph and Mark we are proud of PRCC’s Adult Education Program. We wish these two men the best of luck in their efforts. When they graduate, we will gladly share their journey with everyone.

We currently have G.E.D. recipients in all of our career-technical and academic programs.

If you know of anyone 17 years of age or older who is not currently enrolled in school, but who have them call the Office of Adult Education at (801) 304-5555 for enrollment information.

CDL program begins; Howze joins ATC staff

By LEE BELL

Director of Woodall Center

The new year has brought several new training opportunities as well as new faces to the center.

A month was spent in Hattiesburg to allow us to start a CDL program at our center, and work has started on a new Department of Labor training grant. We all hope that this will make a great impact on our community. For those interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact our Adult Training Coordinator.

In November 2012, Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources was awarded a $1.1 million grant through the Department of Labor Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Grant to help mitigate unemployment in our area. Under the leadership of Director of Veteran’s Workforce Investment Program, Ramon Hazlewood and LaKinta Griffin, this grant has already become a great success.

Since its inception in May 2013, the grant has served more than 240 eligible veterans. As of March 2014, more than 100 veterans have completed the program and have gained employment. The program is helping veterans transition from the military to civilian life by offering employment and education services.

The grant will allow us to offer more additional programs through the Woodall Center. We are excited about this new, direct and paid work programs. Both programs will use the NCCER curriculum and will allow direct access to qualified veterans.

We are strategically building funding sources for these classes so that we can open up more available spots in the classes to the public. In the future, we will be able to offer a CDL program and hope that veterans will be able to attend.

“Students will get the best opportunities that will lead to their careers helping them choose their path,” Hazlewood said.

We are very excited about the success of the program. The grant has allowed us to help veterans find employment and continue their education.

Veterans who are interested in the program can contact the Woodall Center at (801) 304-5555 or email Ramon Hazlewood at rhazlewood@prcc.cc.ms.

The Woodall Center is part of the PRCC campus and is located on Sullivan Drive.

Retirement

Faculty and staff at the Forrest County Center hosted a retirement reception for Harold Schultze, long-time biology instructor at Pearl River Community College. The reception was organized by the colleagues and catered by Jody’s Bake-

Respiratory therapy graduates

Graduates of the respiratory therapy program at Pearl River Community College’s Forrest County Center received their diplomas and pins during a ceremony on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Forrest County Center. Professional faculty oversee the program, which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, from left, Jane D. Tate of Columbia, Kristina Lisa Williams of Byhalia, special guest; Whitney Lane Taylor of Poplarville, Prince Christian School; Jennifer Howze of Byhalia, poplarville; Lauren R. Lassiter of Hattiesburg, Joann Eliabeth Guillot of Poplarville, Ashely Nicole Wells of Columbia, honors; Brittany Jamie James of Petal, special honors with a 4.0 GPA; Lauren Rachea Garner of Hattiesburg, Joann Eliabeth Guillot of Poplarville, Ashely Nicole Wells of Columbia, honors; Brittany Jamie James of Petal, special honors with a 4.0 GPA; Kristina Lisa Williams of Byhalia, special guest; Whitney Lane Taylor of Poplarville, Prince Christian School; and Jennifer Howze of Byhalia, poplarville.

The reception was organized by his colleagues and catered by Jody’s Bakery in Hattiesburg.
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Denicka R. Jones of Laurel, Kayla Ladner of Picayune, Billie S. Landrum of Columbia, Picayune, Lindsey M. Cook of Carriere, Tatiama L. Dillon and Courtney Dubose, both of Picayune, received their diplomas and pins Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, in a ceremony at Olivia Bender Britt.

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Health Symposium provides information and fun

Faculty profile

NAME: Silvia Preston

FAMILY: Married to Lucas Preston, 6 years, one daughter, Lila, two daughters, Frances, 4, and Sophia, 3


TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 10 years

FAVORITE BOOK: The Purpose Driven Life

FAVORITE MOVIE: Forrest Gump

FAVORITE MUSIC: Brazilian

FAVORITE VACATION TRIP: To de Janeiro, Brazil

WHAT THREE WEBSITES DO YOU VISIT EVERYDAY? Videos, Blackboard, ReadyGrade

WON'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOU THAT WOULD SURPRISE US? Besides speaking 2 languages, nothing really.

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Changing landscape at PRCC

Work continues on Marvin R. White Coliseum. The projected completion date is sometime this summer. Rod Cooke Construction is the general contractor.

Whatever you do, always think before you park

An exterior shot of the $10.4 million Ethel Holden Brownstone Center for the Performing Arts, which is scheduled for completion later this spring.

Are times when we are tempted to

Handicapped parking use a wheelchair or have adequate space for entering and exiting the vehicle. Otherwise, they do not have the access isle on the passenger side to let the individual with the disability.

As individual with a disability who uses a wheelchair or a van may not be able to walk over 10 feet without it affecting their health. However, a wheelchair user may not be able to walk over 10 feet without it affecting their health. Therefore, they may need the access isle on the passenger side to let the individual with the disability.

However, if you have a忍不住, you could be causing a huge inconvenience to a person with a disability.

Remember, Van Accessible parking is for individuals using vans and it is essential - - whether you choose the handicapped parking spaces. Individuals who use a van must have the access isle on the passenger side to let the individual with the disability.

One designated for handicapped parking space does not have to walk far or have to walk over 10 feet without it affecting their health. Therefore, they do not have the access isle on the passenger side to let the individual with the disability.

The fine for illegally parking in a handicapped space is $75 for the first offense and $157. So if you don't remember anything else, remember to think of the impact your act will make on an individual with a disability before illegally parking in a handicapped space.
Choral department hosts Showchoir contest

The Pearl River Community College Choral department hosted the Mississippi Showchoir Contest Feb. 1 and 2 at William Carey University in Hattiesburg. Twenty-four junior and senior high school showchoirs from across the state performed. The PRCC choir, The Voices ensemble performed in exhibition both days.

Members of both groups as well as PRCC Singers chor- inner court along with parent volunteers worked selling t-shirts and souvenirs. Parents: Dr. Mark Mosley of Carey, formerly of Malone of Carey, formerly of Vicksburg; and Carl DeFrance of Vicksburg, Brice Johnson of Wiggins, Amber Unbehagen of Carriere, Danielle Rosquere of Pascagoula and Carl DeFrance of Vicksburg.

The group will serve as a host choir at the 2013 Show Choir National Championship Series for high-school choirs.

LaDonna Tyson is director of PRCC choral groups.

Above, the Voices sing at the Mississippi Showchoir Contest. They are, from left, Malorie Trimmington of Petal, Ethan Martin of Poplarville, Macley Cunningham of Picayune, Allen Holfield of Laurel, Mariah LeBlanc of Picayune, Frank Henry of Poplarville, Claire Light of Laurel, Alayna Furlow of Brookhaven, Rachel Pierce of Columbia, Rachel Pierson of Poplarville and Carl DeFrance of Vicksburg.

Middle left, RiverRoad sings and dances. "Me and My Gang" during an exhibition performance.

Above left, Keilea Beth Robertson of Surrounded and Ethan Martin of Poplarville perform. Above right, Javetta Jarvis of Poplarville, Christoph Garner of Columbia, Kharderius Davison of Moss Point, Ca'Standra Hart and Valdericka Raine, both of Poplarville, and Jovondra Moore of Ellisville.

"I used to sing in the choir at South Jones," said Jovondra Moore of Ellisville. "I missed it." "This is student-led," Antonnio Benton, pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Laurel, Miss., said of Malone. "I've been leading church music programs since I was 15 years old. This is my life."

English instructors Antonnio Benton and Maryrose Thrash work with the choir.

"This is student-led," Benton said. "Someone approached me and said they wanted to have a gospel choir and her husband, Autunno Benton, pastor Salem Baptist Church in Laurel and she has been leading church music programs since she was 15 years old. This is my life."

The choir usually has about 30 singers. A former basketball game on the campus is a virtual practice for the choir, she said.

"This is a choir at my church." The choir is working on enough music to present a concert later in the semester. "This is the latest stage," Benton said.

FINE ARTS

Fine Arts at Pearl River Community College

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**Hancock Center plans for 2nd annual Spring Fling**

By RAYMUNDA BARNES

The spring semester at the Hancock Center begins, and so does the fun, with the 2nd annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Hancock Center is located at 2304 North Street and Faculty Row.

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By CANDACE HARPER

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By CINDY HAGGARD

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For tickets, contact the Foundation at 601-403-1183. The event is first come, first served.

**Bicycles and dolls are in Bloom in Hancock**

Hancock Center students, from left, Kedah Johnson, Charmaine Daniels and Kassandra Bradley are engaged in a group study session in the Hancock Center library.

**Beautifully-dressed dolls on display**

Designer Dorothy Stone and the Little Miss PRCC drill (left) she designed and displayed in the Yard Party at the PRCC Annual Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on the Poplarville campus.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Mississippi Congressman Steven Palazzo greeted members of the Pearl River Community College “Spirit of the River” marching band on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the World War II Memorial. The band was one of less than 20 marching bands selected nationwide and was the only group from Mississippi to participate in the 2013 Presidential Inauguration Parade. “This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our Pearl River students and an extraordinary honor,” Palazzo stated.

The University of Mississippi does not discriminate against any student protected by law based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, or genetic information.

The program is open to any student transferring to The University of Mississippi with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on 48 or more transferable community college hours. All students must have applied for admission prior to registering for the program. Scholarships are valid on the campuses at Oxford, Tupelo, Southaven as well as the Booneville and Grenada centers.

Registration is available at www.olemiss.edu/admissions.

For more information, please contact Regional Admissions Counselors, Jason McCormick at jason@olemiss.edu or Tyler Biggs at tyler@olemiss.edu.
Trip for PRCC band amazing experience

By JAMES HAMANN

One student's thoughts on the inauguration trip

I was one of those band members who got to go on our once-in-a-lifetime trip. It was an amazing experience. We got up early to be back on the bus there at 1 a.m. so we could begin going through security. The military fed us lunch as we traveled for such a long time.

Once the tour was over we got off of the bus first since we were the last ones on the bus. We had a long 18-hour drive to reach Washington D.C., where we marched for the President of the United States.

The mall that we stopped at was massive, and had more people than we could count. We didn’t step off marching until 4:30 a.m., when we got to the Lincoln Memorial. And many others made the trip possible.

I know that was a once-in-a-lifetime experience granting us that opportunity. It will be one phenomenal trip. If you ever have the chance you should go. It was the trip of a lifetime. I would definitely recommend it.

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One hundred and fifty members of the Spirit of the River band were selected to go to the inauguration in Washington D.C., where we marched for the President of the United States.

Many people were there cheering us on. When we hit Pennsylvania Avenue, we were so proud. There really aren’t enough words to describe the emotion that I felt when President Obama looked into the National Mall Community College Band.

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We passed many of the capitol to get some food, and everyone was waving at me. I’m pretty sure no matter what you do, you cannot not be impressed with our trip.

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These three men are only a few of the people who have helped students dedicated in their honor to what they did for America. Most of the PRCC band members felt as if they also were there the day the President was going to be sworn in. Some even said that they would rather walk for five hours in shorts and sandals than be there.

Once everyone was identified and their alarm set, at 5 a.m., the fire alarms went off in one of the hotels making everyone scramble to find their shoes. The tour guide led all off the bullet-proof block of glass that was protecting the President.

At the time the parade got to us many firefighters were there cheering us on. The 1.5-mile parade route was all on the bus there were thousands of people cheering us on.

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The screenings impressed the students, Hill said. "They were very excited, especially the day of the parade and once the security procedures showed them how important it is," he said.

After the screenings, the students got back on the buses and waited for the parade to start. They were provided box lunches before going to their line-up point about 2:30 p.m.

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Pearl River Community College’s Spirit of the River band makes its way down Pennsylvania Avenue in the 2013 Inauguration Parade.
School's back in session, and now it's time to  

**Coach Jones brings excitement to our program**

By LEIGHTON CHERAMIE

Since day one of hiring Coach William Jones there has been a drastic change of scenery on the Pearl River Community College campus.

The biggest change of pace has more than likely been football players waking up at all hours of the night doing team building exercises against Coach Jones' previous coaching counterparts.

I had the wonderful opportunity to work with the PRCC radio broadcast crew this past football season and I can already tell you that the drastic change has already occurred to your Wildcats.

Coach Jones is a great fit for our program. He replaces Coach Tim Hatten, who stepped down at the end of the 2012 season. Coach Hatten coached the team from 2007-07 after losing his job the previous year as a result of an accident in a truck. He also has the same record of success with the Wildcats as Coach Jones is a good fit for our program.

As the next head football coach at Pearl River Community College, where he has served as associate head coach and defensive coordinator coaching backup libby Brooks. He also served as associate athletic director and helped guide East Central (Miss.) to a regional championship in 2011, a Mississippi Community College Conference regular season championship, two MACJC championships and an NJCAA Division III regional season championship. “This is the biggest moment in my coaching career,” said Coach Jones. “I am very excited to be the head coach that will lead this team. We are national champions. We are the best in the world and we had the ability to win a national championship.” Coach Jones will bring added experience, a championship mindset and a fresh approach to the team.

“Coach Jones is a great fit for our program,” said PRCC President William Lewis. “I have full confidence that Coach Jones will bring a fresh approach to the team. He will still carry with him the same knowledge that is so important in this sport. This is a big step forward for PRCC. I want to thank Coach Jones for helping our team stay on track. He will be our fifth head coach in eight years. I have confidence that Coach Jones will bring a fresh approach to the team. We will still carry with him the same knowledge that is so important in this sport.”

Coach Jones also knows that this is his first challenge as the PRCC head coach and new assistants will be at ease against East Mississippi College.

After spending 20 years as a defensive coordinator in the Mississippi junior college ranks, Jones has had his work cut out for him. The team has a new look after losing many players on and off the field. He has a great opportunity to build his new team, but he also has the same record of success with the Wildcats as Coach Jones is a good fit for our program. .

Students can participate in an exercise incentive program called, “Workout Countdown prizes.” The only answer I can give you is, “I have to stop doing that because I don’t want to lose anything.”

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Photos by Mitch Deaver.

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MACJC Men’s South Division standings
Team       Division Overall
Paul Form  6-5       16-6
Jones JC  5-8        13-8
Hinds      4-6        9-12
 Gulf Coast 4-5        12-5
Co-Lin      3-9       8-15
East Central 1-6    5-14

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MACJC Men’s South

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One of Pearl River Community College’s newest signees this spring is Petal High School senior Dylan Favre. The 6-foot-1, 190-pound quarterback inked his commitment to UT-Martin on National Signing Day Wednesday morning.

Favre was recruited by UT-Martin coach R.B. Wilson after a strong performance in the Class 6A state title game last November, which featured a 10-7 victory for the Wildcats. Wilson has connections to the area through his time serving as the head football coach at Long Beach High School from 2004-2010.

“I have been in the game for 25 years, and right now the biggest thrill is sitting down with someone like Dylan,” Wilson said. “Dylan’s a gamer, very competitive and has great size. I know how to get the most out of him and I think he knows how to get the most out of himself. We have a great place to go to college and play football.”

Favre has spent his last two years of eligibility in the same state as his hometown, after transferring from Oxford to PRCC in 2011.

“I like the way the Skyhawks and Coach (Jason) Simpson run their offense. They ran the spread and like us up tempo, but we completely dominated them at 323 yards to 81. They’re going to have a hard time getting past fall for an 11th best 2,024 yards (224.9 per game) in school history. He is 16 touch-down passes were rated 10th best. In addi-

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As a sophomore in 2011, Favre played in five of PRCC’s 10 games and posted seven starts, completing 59 percent of his passes for 1,048 yards and 10 touchdowns in the Wildcats’ turnaround season. He rushed for 145 yards on 22 carries.

PRCC’s 2011 defensive coordinator, Mike Hines, saw the potential in Favre and worked with him to sharpen his skills. He said it was not unusual for Favre to throw the ball 60 times in a game.

“Dylan has true potential and he is very competitive,” Hines said. “I wish he would have played three more years for us.”

For the past two seasons, Favre has been a reluctant but effective quarterback as well as a true leader on the field. He has a 2-0 record in his two years at PRCC and a 3-6 record in 2012.

“I’m thrilled to be with Tennessee-Martin and look forward to getting on campus and getting to work,” Favre said.

Favre will be eligible for spring training and has two years of eligibility.