PRCC attorney Martin T. Smith dies at 80

Graduation ceremony honored at gala April 30

Outstanding alumni to be honored at gala April 30

Phi Theta Kappa chapters bring home top rankings

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Spring Break Fever: just when did it start?

By LUCY KOOPER

It is that time of year again, when the weather begins to warm up, and people start to get that anticipatory feeling in the air. The time when you break out your swimsuit and start to get that summertime vibe is also accompanied by the start of the spring break season. But, have you ever wondered just when did spring break first start? And, is it still relevant today?

Spring was always a time of celebration for the ancient Greeks. Originally, the Greeks held a festival in honor of Dionysus, the god of wine and fertility, and the celebration was called the Dionysia. The celebration would include processions and theatrical performances, and it was a time for people to come together and enjoy each other's company.

According to the Greek historian Plutarch, the Dionysia festival included a competition between two cities, Athens and Sparta, to see which city could put on the best play. The winner would receive a prize and the city would be hailed as the victor. This tradition eventually evolved into the modern-day spring break festival.

Although the Greeks were the original creators of the spring break tradition, the festival has evolved over the years. Today, spring break is typically associated with college students who take time off from school to travel to warm-weather destinations and party.

However, the origins of the spring break tradition can be traced back to ancient Greece. So, the next time you find yourself on the beach, remember the ancient Greeks and their celebration of spring.
Faculty, students attend Honors Conference

More than 20 Pearl River Community College Honors Institute students and faculty visited the Lee E. Grady Honors Colloquium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from March 23 to 25. The event featured presentations by regional and national universities.

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When asked about his weekend experience, Honor Student John Grimes said, “I would say the company of our group - in particular, getting to know the Poplarville group - was the best part of the event.”

Ashley Calabrese and Cameron Howard provided a poster presentation as part of a lecture presentation by Drs. Ross and Stern Back - “The A Game versus Chaos Theory,” which was entered in the Faculty and Student Poster category of the conference.

Students participating in the Honors Conference included Alcorn State University, Delta State University, East Mississippi Community College, Jackson State University, Mississippi College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Pearl River Community College, Southwest Mississippi Community College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A student-led and presented event, the conference was planned and carried out by the MDW University Honors Council.

Poplarville PTK students who attended the 2014 Regional Conference in Baton Rouge included Sam Adkins, Sam Mose, Natalee McCormick of Poplarville, Katrina Heinold of Carriere, Jennifer Medina of Bay St. Louis, Megan Mills of Picayune, Tracy Risler of Columbia, Dr. Helmut Pottelf of Kiln, third row, Bailey Reeder of Poplarville, Brian Rogers of Columbia, Shelby Sorey of Bay St. Louis, David Smith of Poplarville, Joanna Sletten of Picayune, Megan Skisletti of Kiln, Kimberly Slaughter of Poplarville, Kristen Tak of Carriere, Victoria Vose of Picayune, Lorne Warren of Poplarville, Bryant Hensleigh of Purvis, Vena Eillas of Carriere, Ashley Smith of Poplarville, Keely Fairley of Wiggins and Katherine Arguelles of Biloxi. Advisors are Stephanie Lee and Dr. Justin Williamson.

PRCC Public Relations photo

PTK induction at Poplarville campus
By EMELY MANFRE
Special to the Sun
Pearl River Community College is proud of its various student clubs and organizations. Among them is a group, the History and Humanities Club, that thrives and offers students an excellent opportunity to participate in campus life.

Jared W. Lott, 19, of Hattiesburg, holds degrees in history and political science. Lott asserts that History and Humanities is a fantastic club for anyone interested in history and a great opportunity to meet new people.

History and Humanities is responsible for both the Women’s History Program in the fall and the Black History Month Program in the spring at the Forrest County Campus. We are also involved in Fall Fest, Spring Fling, and Community Day with Phi Theta Kappa.

PRCC, History and Humanities does not have any academic requirements such as specific GPA.

You don’t even need to be enrolled in a history course. The yearly for the History and Humanities is $10 which includes your membership, a t-shirt, and transportation paid for anywhere we go including Spring Break. I am often asked what you get out of being a member of History and Humanities Club.

When I joined the club, I only leave a handful of people on campus. Through the club, I have met lifelong friends who share interests with me.

Other than meeting amazing people, I have gotten to travel. For example, during the 2014 Spring Break, we traveled to Washington DC. We also take occasional excursions to local venues.

Without the History and Humanities club, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to travel and experience it for myself.

History and Humanities Club meets every other week interested in joining the History and Humanities Club. Feel free to email Emily McIntyre at emily.mcintyre.24@student.prcc.edu with any questions.

Emily McIntyre is a sophomore student from Hattiesburg.

Heather Dupuis (left) of Hattiesburg sang the National Anthem for the Criminal Justice banquet. Right, guest speaker for the event was Lamar County Sheriff Billy McGee.

PRCC Criminal Justice Instructor Randy Johnson (center) poses with Lamar County Sheriff Danny Rigell (left) and Hal Kittrell (right), district attorney for the 15th Judicial District. Sheriff Rigell and Mr. Kittrell were students. Right, PRCC student Taylor Green of Waveland cleans the teeth of patient Takell Warrington. PRCC student Miranda Fazende of Poplarville cleans Scott’s teeth.

A Madness of Marigolds

It was a beautiful day, March 18 at the Forrest Community College Criminal Justice banquet. Right, guest speaker for the event was Lamar County Sheriff Danny Rigel.

PRCC Dental hygiene student Anna Werner of Long Beach cleans patient Solomon Powell’s teeth during the annual HEADWAE observance in Forrest County last month. Before becoming a dental hygiene student, Anna Werner started at PRCC dental hygiene program in 2011. Since then, Anna Werner has been a part of the dental hygiene program at PRCC, as well as a volunteer at the Forrest Community Dental Clinic.安娜Werner在福斯特县的年度HEADWAE庆祝活动中帮助清洁病人Solomon Powell的牙齿。在福斯特县的牙科卫生项目中，安娜Werner在2011年开始了她的课程。自那以后，安娜Werner一直是牙科卫生项目的志愿者。

The PRCC students cleaned and polished the teeth of the children, while the dental society provided supplies and hands-on experience in learning the proper technique for brushing and flossing. A wonderful learning experience for our students." said Dr. Shana Allen, director of the PRCC Dental Hygiene Program. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back to the community," said Dr. Shana Allen, director of the PRCC Dental Hygiene Program. "It's also a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back to the community.

From piercings and tattoos to video games to architecture, many miscellaneous subjects have no academic requirements such as specific GPA. If you attend the Forrest Hattiesburg Campus and are interested in joining the History and Humanities Club, feel free to email Emily McIntyre at emily.mcintyre.24@student.prcc.edu with any questions.

Dr. Amanda Parker of Petal and Shannon Farmer of Richton were honored Feb. 17 during the annual HEADWAE recognition.

“As is customary, Parker selected the student for the HEADWAE recognition. “Shannon was an excellent student in my course,” Parker said. “I spoke to her after class and she told me herFloats to the Sun: PRCC dental hygiene student Anna Werner of Long Beach cleans patient Solomon Powell’s teeth during the annual HEADWAE observance in Forrest County last month. Before becoming a dental hygiene student, Anna Werner started at PRCC dental hygiene program in 2011. Since then, Anna Werner has been a part of the dental hygiene program at PRCC, as well as a volunteer at the Forrest Community Dental Clinic. Anna Werner在福斯特县的年度HEADWAE庆祝活动中帮助清洁病人Solomon Powell的牙齿。在福斯特县的牙科卫生项目中，Anna Werner在2011年开始了她的课程。自那以后，Anna Werner一直是牙科卫生项目的志愿者。"As is customary, Park selected the student for the HEADWAE recognition. "Shannon was an excellent student in my course," Parker said. "I spoke to her after class and she told me her

Excellence - was established by the Legislature to honor academically talented students who maintain a full-time job and major in a very high GPA. Above all, she was interested in class, participated in class, and showed a true desire to help.

Farmers, 38, is a Hattiesburg native and is taking the prerequisites to apply for PRCC’s associate degree nursing program.

Students give local kids lessons on cleaning teeth

First-year students in the Pearl River Community College dental hygiene program brightened the smiles of 24 kids from the Harrison Army Base and Gulfport of Hattiesburg.

The students and childrens took part Feb. 6 in the annual Give Kids A Smile event sponsored by the South Mississippi Dental Society and PRCC.

The PRCC students cleaned and polished each child’s teeth and made sure they knew the proper technique for brushing and flossing. A wonderful learning experience for our students. “It’s also a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back to the community,” said Dr. Shana Allen, director of the PRCC Dental Hygiene Program.

PRCC provides the hygienist and the clinic while the dental society provides supplies and hands-on experience. If you are interested in joining the dental hygiene program at PRCC, or to make an appointment at the clinic, call 601-554-5509.

History and Humanities: ‘The Little Club That Could’

By EMELY MANFRE
Special to the Sun

March 18 at the Forrest Community College Criminal Justice banquet.

The History and Humanities Club is a diverse group of students whose passion is not only in history but in English, language, religion, culture, and any academic subject which represents students.

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HATTIESBURG - New members of the Beta Tau Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society were inducted Feb. 9 at the Forrest County Center of Pearl River Community College. They include from left: Seated - Taylor Abney of Purvis, Matt Green of Hattiesburg, Devin Bridges of Bay Saint Louis, Carriee Davis of Ocean Springs, Capt. Robert Andrews of Bassfield, and Ryleigh Collins Andrews of Hattiesburg. China Johnson of McClain, Raven Johnson and Hannah-Landrum of both, Columbia, Camerena Maddox of Hattiesburg, Teaun Hamilton of Ocean Springs, James Shannon of Hattiesburg, Aaron McKnight of Columbia, Alexandria Moore of Purvis, Men Gutierrez Picking, Karen Provit, and Joshua Stroup, all of Hattiesburg, Dash Dennings, PTK advisor, and Sandra Averette of Columbia. Second row - Ty Groves of Bay St. Louis, DSC Henry of Biloxi, Hannah Hopstein of Hattiesburg, Chai Bedwell of Oak Grove, Jordan Williams and Cameron Howard, both of Hattiesburg, PTK advisors Cane Dqithomas, and Drs. Ryan and Terri Ruckel. 

Lewis, Bryant earn doctorates in higher ed

Taylor Abney of Purvis received the title of "Dr." By Lewis, director of student business services, successfully defended her dissertation the week of March 10 to complete her doctorate in higher education administration. Melissa Bryant, director of student retention, successfully defended her dissertation on the week of March 10 to complete her doctorate in higher education administration.

HATTIESBURG - New officers of the Beta Tau Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society at Pearl River Community College were sworn in for 2015. The new officers include from left: Keegan Hall of Hattiesburg, president; and officers Shamiraca Williams and Cameron Howard, both of Hattiesburg, PTK advisors Cane Dqithomas, and Drs. Ryan and Terri Ruckel.

Dr. Terri Ruckel receives Roueche Excellence Award

FORREST COUNTY CENTER. Dr. Terri Ruckel received the Excellence Award in 2013 from the League for Innovation in the Community College. The Excellence Award is one of the most significant achievements of my career," said Dr. Terri Ruckel of the Excellence Award received during special events at the conference March 19-22 in Boston.

FCC Honors Institute students

FORREST COUNTY CENTER. Students brought home several trophies from the 2014 Regional Conference in Biloxi, Ms. On hand for the awards picture were seated - Hannah Hopstein of Dixie, Matt Steen of Forrest County Center, and Eric Henry and Candy Clark, both of Hattiesburg. Hattiesburg, Tierney Manning of Hattiesburg, Shay Williams of Oak Grove, Keegan Hall of Oak Grov...
Celebrating Black History Month at PRCC

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Subjects include funding for education programs

It was sausage biscuits, coffee, fresh fruit and a side of lawmakers when Pearl River Community College hosted its annual Legislative Breakfast at the Forrest County Center on March 3.


Above, State Sen. Toby Barker (right) of Hattiesburg visits with PRCC students during the fifth annual Legislative Breakfast. Below, State Sen. John Polk of Hattiesburg addresses the crowd at the PRCC Legislative Breakfast. The 90-day legislative session started Jan. 6 and ends April 5.

Area legislators visit with PRCC students

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The PRCC nursing program before her retirement. PRCC Public Relations photos

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Woodyruff’s welding sculpture wins first place in Skills USA

Mirenda Woodyruff of Lumberton spent about 3 hours creating the piece that won first place in the welding equipment competition at Skills USA Mississippi competition the week of March 16.

"It started out as a tatttoo design," she said. "I knew I wanted a dream catcher and the magnolia." Woodyruff was inspired to create the piece after hearing Sen. Tommy Tuberville, a Memorial and Native American warrior. "I’m not sure I know how to make it, it would be a lot easier," she said.

"I wanted to do something different," she said. "The welding equipment competition is the first event that is part of the Skills USA competition." Woodyruff's sculpture wins first place in Skills USA competition. PRCC Public Relations photos

Mirenda Woodyruff with her first-place sculpture in the PRCC welding shop.
Nearly 50 percent of our students are transfers, so we understand where you’re coming from and where you want to go.

Southern Miss is the next step in your journey.
Newson, Andrews Mr. and Miss PRCC

Freshmen, sophomore class favorites elected

**POLKVILLE** - Two Marion County students have been named Mr. and Miss PRCC by their peers at Pearl River Community College.

Jared Newson of Columbia will be featured in the PRCC Wildcat yearbook as Mr. PRCC along with Michael Andrews of Foxworth as Miss PRCC.

Sophomore class favorites on the Poplarville campus are Leslie Bickham of Poplarville and Adam Smith of Pass Christian. Freshmen class favorites are Asia Thibodeaux of Gulfport and John Cornish of Olive Branch.

Forest County Center sophomore favorites are Lauren Link and Dominique Cole, both of Hattiesburg. Freshmen favorites at the Forrest Center are Asia Thibodeaux of Gulfport and John Cornish of Olive Branch.

The Hancock Center to Waveland, sophomore favorites are Wendy Scelson of Bay St. Louis and David Hale of Theodore. Freshmen favorites are Marissa Bennett of Pearlington and Brandon Ellis of Bay St. Louis.

Newson, 19, is the son of Dr. Bickham of Poplarville and Bickham of Olive Branch.

Newson is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of the Hancock Center Student Government. He plans to attend Mississippi State University.

Andrews plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi to study social work and psychology.

Bickham, 19, is the daughter of Keith and Lorrie Cornish of Poplarville. She was elected 2015 homecoming queen, is a student athletic trainer and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and a member of the Hancock Center Student Government.

A graduate of Poplarville High School, she plans to study kinesiology at USM before transferring to the physical therapy program at William Carey University or the University of South Alabama.

Graves, 33, is the son of Pam and Robert Graves of Bassfield. He is a business major and an outfielder on the Wildcat baseball team. He plans to transfer to Mississippi State University.

Thibodeaux, 19, is the daughter of Paul and Maria Thibodeaux of Gulfport. A graduate of West Harrison High School, she plays on the Lady Wildcat basketball team and is the plane and workshop leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She plans to attend Texas Southern University and hopes to continue playing ball while pursuing a degree in teaching and coaching.

Cornish is the 19-year-old son of Kyle and Leigh Cornish of Olive Branch where he graduated from Olive Branch High School. He was elected 2015 homecoming king, which won the 2014-15 state championship and is FCA president. He hopes to play Division I football which studying actuarial science or business administration.

Forrest County Center

Link, 22, is the daughter of Mark Link and Ali Harvey, both of Hattiesburg. She is a graduate of Oak Grove High School and a member of the Hancock Center Student Government.

A business administration major, she plans to transfer to William Carey University or the University of Southern Alabama to study physical therapy.

Cole, 23, is the son of Linda Cole and Antonio Cole, both of Hattiesburg. A business administration major, she is a graduate of Hattiesburg High School.

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Bennett is the 19-year-old daughter of Marlene Bennett and Michael Bennett of Waveland.
Above, Ron Jewell brought his one-man show, Mark Twain at Large, to the Brownstone Center for two performances on Feb. 10. His appearance was made possible by a grant from the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation.

Two musicians in the PRCC Spirit of the River marching band will spend the summer traveling and performing with drum and bugle corps.

Robert Perry of Pearl will be with the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps, based in LaCrosse, Wis., and Devin Boothe of Lucedale will perform with Southwind Drum and Bugle Corps, based in LaCrosse, Wis.

Perry auditioned on snare drum in December but didn’t know for about a month whether he had been selected. He will go to a weekend camp in April to learn the show before moving to LaCrosse in May.

“He goes across the United States and spends an entire month,” he said. “We’ll go in August to Lucas Oil Stadium where the Indianapolis Colts play football to凑凑热闹.”

Boothe, a tuba player, took part in two auditions for Southwind this past fall and was notified shortly after the second try-out that he made the final competition will feature a drum and bugle corps.

“With the extra competitions across the country throughout the summer, the drum and bugle corps, and performing with drum and bugle corps, will spend the summer traveling and competing,” he said.

The two groups compete at Drum Corps International which stages competitions across the country throughout the summer, the drum and bugle corps, and performing with drum and bugle corps.

Several students have careers in the music field.

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To kick off the new year, we have a variety of fitness classes to help you stay healthy and active. But that’s not all! We also have classes that focus on mental health and personal growth. So, if you’re looking to improve your physical or mental wellbeing, we’ve got you covered.

**3) Walk!**

Even if it’s still a little cold and wet outside, more pleasant weather is on the way and there’s no better time to start walking. Spring time walk? Going for a walk or run, in my opinion, is the perfect meditation. Being active outside can clear your head or focus your thoughts all while improving your overall mood. Mental health is just as important as our physical health. So, grab a friend and get started on a health kick! If you need suggestions or structure, try one of our classes that focus on fitness and mental health.

**5) Clean Out the Clutter:**

This spring say goodbye to the daily chore of cleaning! Each season brings a clean slate and a unique opportunity to get your home in order. Challenge yourself to utilize these valuable resources. Nothing turns better than producing fresh items from the garden or picking up recipe ideas that will help you stick to a well-balanced diet. We only get one body. Let’s be selective as to what we put in our bodies. We are fortunate our communities have local farms, garden centers, and pick-your-own farms that can provide us with fresh, healthy ingredients.

**2) Try a New Hobby:**

For Forrest Lamar Alumni Chapter

The course will be run like a job with participants clocking in and out for each class meeting. The course will start on April 6 and run for five weeks at the Woodall Manufacturing Center. For more information, contact the PRCC Foundation for more information at 601-403-1183.

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**3) Try New Recipes:**

Even if you’re not a fan of the treadmill? Bored with your current exercise routine? Make a change to something new. What is your current exercise routine? A group of adults in search of a new, active lifestyle. The DRAWL March 2015 • Page 10

**4) Build Your Confidence:**

Of course you could take up walking, since your childhood love of basketball or dance, but hobbies do not have to involve high intensity physical activities. Many hobbies can help improve your confidence. So, join me and jump start a healthy lifestyle. Does this sound like you? Then try a new hobby.

**1) Find Fitness that is FUN:**

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**Gift basket from PRCC**

A gift basket from Pearl River Community College was presented recently to Hancock Bank in appreciation of the bank’s support of the college and its students. Ronnie Huddleston, center, accepted the basket from Candice Harper, left, and Shanna Breerwood, who serve on the STORM (Striving Together: Oneness, Renewal, Mission) committee which also acts as a campus hospitality committee.
Hancock Center Report

Welding students help Katrina Museum

By RAYMUNDA BARNES
Assistant VP: Hancock Center

The Hancock Center is located on Highway 90 in Waveland. Its proximity to Highway 90 in Waveland means that it is a convenient location for students. In fact, many students have commented that the convenience factor is great. One student, who saves money on gas and avoids the hassle of traveling to Poplarville, said that coming to the Hancock Center allows her to save money on gas and avoid the inconvenience of traveling. Another student commented that the location of the class is taught on campus allows students to save money on gas and avoid the hassle of traveling.

Many students have decried the fact that they have to travel to Poplarville or take a night class in order to complete their science classes. The Hancock Center takes pride in contributing to the local community and looking forward to offering Career Technical Training to the citizens of Hancock County.

The Welding Program at the Hancock Center, which is under the direction of Instructor Raymond Jarrell, has been cited to contribute back to the community. Student Senate President, who is working on the community-based project, said that the opportunities for involvement are great. His experience with the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, a former transfer student, has changed his entire perspective.

The Welding Program at the Hancock Center is an example of how community colleges are doing better than the national average when it comes to finishing their degrees. The recent report issued by the National Student Clearinghouse shows that students who start in community colleges are more likely to finish than those who transfer to four-year institutions. All Mississippi community colleges have made a strong commitment to help our students complete their degrees, said Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board.

According to the study, our 15 community colleges’ total completion rate is actually 6% higher in the country. This has been done through great cooperation between our community colleges and our public universities. When a student earns an Associate’s Degree or Bachelor’s Degree, that person benefits and all of Mississippi benefits as well.”

The fall report can be found at this link: http://nscresearchcenter.org/signaturereport8-2015.html.

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—Haley, Mechanical Engineer

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HALLEY, a former transfer student from Mississippi, is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Last summer, Haley traveled to Togo, Africa with the group Engineers Without Borders after becoming involved during her first year on campus.
Members of the 2015 Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees include from left: Front row—Coupy Willley of Picayune, Frank Wilson of Picayune, Linda Voyles of Hattiesburg, Dr. Gale Harrell of Poplarville, Standing—Will Russell of Picayune, Dennis Davis of Hattiesburg, John Harrell of Poplarville, W.A. (Sonny) Knight (secretary), Al Brooks of Columbia, Dale Purvis (vice chairman), and Dr. Gale Harrell of Poplarville. Standing—Will Russell of Picayune, Dennis Davis of Hattiesburg, John Harrell of Poplarville, W.A. (Sonny) Knight (secretary), Al Brooks of Columbia, Dale Purvis (vice chairman), and Dr. Gale Harrell of Poplarville.

Young scientists compete

Hundreds of South Mississippi middle school students traveled to Pearl River Community College recently to participate in the Skills USA regional competition. The winners advance to state competition next month in Jackson. PRCC Public Relations photos

PRCC hosts high school Skills USA competition

PRC team placed third in the high school division and advanced to state competition. Upper right, Pearl River Community College to advance to the national competition in Orlando, Fla. in April. “The conference quality approach- ests from Pearl River will be making travel plans and are having case-study problems. The students are looking forward to competing against other members from across the state,” Delana Harris said.

If any student is interested in joining DECA, email or call Delana Harris at 601-402-6110 or aharris@prcc.edu.

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Congratulations to Dr. Ross Setze, Instructor of Physics and Mathematics. His name was randomly selected by the computer to receive the monthly River Rewards prize for January, a four-piece set of American Tourister luggage, presented to him by Dr. William Lewis on behalf of the River Rewards Committee. The presentation includes Dr. Jana Causey (left), Assistant Vice President for Forrest County Operations and Tara Rouse (right), Chair of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department; both are River Rewards Committee members.

River Rewards program Career Fair at PRCC

SGA president Michael Andrews of Foxworth gets a flyer about the PRCC anonymous police tip line for Shane O’Malley, right and Albert Linzell, both of Picayune, during a Violence Against Women event Feb. 18 in Crosby Hall. With Andrews is Hunter Williams of McNeill, freshman class vice president. Students can access the tip line through www.prcc.edu, current students, campus police, anonymous tip tabs.

Violence Against Women event

Robert Collins of Carriere talks to Navy recruiter Tim Hooten during the Career Fair at Pearl River Community College.

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Piccola Johnson, left, and Barbara Rees of DAK Americas LLC in Bay St. Louis talk to Pearl River Community College student Nick Davila of Picayune during the annual Career Fair.

Career-Technical Education Conference at PRCC

High school students watch as Pearl River Community College electricity technology instructors Buddy Ebbers and Tony Oldmixon demonstrate that liquid conducts electricity. They were attending the PRCC Career-Technical Education Conference.

PRCC Math contest winners

Winners of the regional Junior High Mathematics Competition held Feb. 23 at Pearl River Community College are, from left, Thomas Sanchez, seventh grade second place; Shyan Yake, eighth grade first place; Shavon Masterson, eighth grade first place, all from Petal Middle School; and Timothy Lewis, eighth grade second place, Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg. They will advance to state competition April 11 at Hinds Community College.

PRCC Public Relations photos

Human resources manager Jo Ellen Robinson talks to students at Pearl River Community College about the employment opportunities at her company, Textron Systems Marine and Land, in Hattiesburg and New Orleans locations. They are, from left, Jake Cameron of Lumberton,Blake Taylor of Carriere and Austin Johnston of Picayune.
River signs 27 prospects on National Signing Day

Pearl River Community College head baseball coach William Jones signed 27 high school prospects for the 2015 season on National Signing Day in Farmerville.

The signees (last name, first name) included:
- REED BENSON (Greenwood): Baseball, Greenwood High School, 6-foot-3, 180 pounds
- KELLY BORDEN (Carriere): Baseball, Callaway High School (Jackson), 6-foot-4, 275 pounds
- JETHRO BOWIE (Picayune): Baseball, Picayune Memorial High School, 6-foot-2, 195 pounds
- KAREEM BRAGG (Biloxi): Baseball, Gulfport High School, 6-foot-4, 180 pounds
- KEVIN BRAY (Flora): Baseball, Poplarville High School, 6-foot-6, 300 pounds
- BRANDON BROWN (Eagle, Idaho): Baseball, Eagle High School, 6-foot-3, 200 pounds
- LEANNE BURKE (Tylertown): Softball, Tylertown High School, 6-foot-2, 170 pounds
- TE'KODEE PETERS (Tylertown): Softball, Tylertown High School, 6-foot-2, 200 pounds
- MICHAEL VESSEL (Lorman): Baseball, Quitman High School, 5-foot-11, 185 pounds
- TYQUARRIUS THOMAS (Pascagoula): Softball, Pascagoula High School, 5-foot-5, 130 pounds
- LEXI TIGGES (Picayune): Softball, Picayune Memorial High School, 5-foot-6, 110 pounds

William Jones now has 175 commitments. The River got a run back in the bottom of the second off a solo homer by Hurdle, while The Wildcats tied it up in the bottom of the fifth when Mount led off with a home run and Hankins followed two runs later with a single to center.

The Wildcats outslugged the Tigers 5-4. The River posted 13 hits in eight innings, while the Tigers mustered only eight hits.

Lady Wildcas off to a 15-10 start this season

Pearl River's Lady Wildcas girls with Montgomery CC in NAJCT South Division softball action, falling to the Lady Biggers 13-12 in the first game of a doubleheader with an 8-5 victory in the nightcap game.

PRCC's record improved to 5-2 with the win.

McKee added appreciation for Coach Bush's efforts this season.

7th-3 0.0 21-5 18 0.8

Baseball standings

Softball standings

5th-3 0.0 3-6 15 0.0

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Soccer news

Holmes 1-3 2.5 0.0 10-8 55.6

Dr. Lewis also said that the search for a successor would begin immediately.

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To place an order you may contact:

Dr. Barbara Landry

1500 Game of the week:


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Wildcats bring home another state crown

River bombs Holmes 65-54

The 24th-ranked Pearl River Wildcats claimed their seventh MACJC basketball state championship in the 23-year reign of head coach Richard Mathis Feb. 26, defeating the Holmes Bulldogs 65-54 in the championship round of the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College and handing both a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament.

The 24th-ranked Wildcats finished the season 26-0 (seven offensive, 18 defensive), while the Bulldogs managed to tie it up at 25-0 (seven offensive, 18 defensive) to Holmes' 25 overall - including a perfect 12-0 mark at home.

The Wildcats outscored the Bulldogs 65-54 in M.R. White Coliseum - after falling to Region 23 champ Holmes CC 92-87 in the region title game. A week earlier, Pearl River claimed its seventh MACJC state title with a 27-23 victory over Region 23 runners-up Holmes.

Wildcats dominate all five stats in MACJC semifinals

PRCC's John Corrigan Mitchell from Jackson Callaway drives past a Holmes CC defender while taking control of the basketball.

Three Wildcats standouts grab postseason basketball honors

Freshmen Cortez Mitchell and Darral Willis have garnered post-season basketball honors for the 2014-15 season.

Both members of the state champion Pearl River Community College baseball team, Mitchell and Willis garnered All-MACJC second-team honors, while Willis, a 6-8, 210 center-forward from Madison West (Wis.) High, was named All-MACJC selection - making up a near-two-high 3.4 points per game and all 4.0 rebounds from the field and all 5.9 points in 45.0 percent from the field.

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PRCC claimed the men's South Division regular-season title with an 11-0 record.

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