Closed this Friday

Dorms close this Friday

Dorms close through 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 and reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5. Faculty return the following day. Reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5. All staff members will return to work Jan. 5 and faculty members will return to work Jan. 6.

The PRCC Bookstores in Poplarville and at the Forrest County Center are having a winter sale through Jan. 20.

Crown Wildcat soccer teams champs

Men make it 3 straight in MACJC; women make it 2 of last 3 in state

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New Steinway piano here

One of the newest examples of PRCC's commitment to excellence arrived on campus in November with the delivery of a Steinway Model D concert grand piano. Piano instructor Hope Bass and Choral Conductor LeClair invited invited the Fine Arts Department and Communication students and faculty to observe the unloading of the piano.

Piano instructor Hope Bass (left photo) gives a private tour of the Steinway factory, including observing the bending of a nine-inch spruce beam, and Steven Kinchen, co-owner of Hall Piano Company in Hattiesburg, Miss. The two participated in a private tour of the Steinway factory, including observing the bending of a nine-inch spruce beam, and Steven Kinchen, co-owner of Hall Piano Company in Hattiesburg, Miss. The two participated in a private tour of the Steinway factory, including observing the bending of a nine-inch spruce beam, and Steven Kinchen, co-owner of Hall Piano Company in Hattiesburg, Miss.

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My journey at PRCC has been an enjoyable one

By LEO SHELTER

I do think, and you must come on an end. Moving on is the next time, and now time for this time.

In the spring semester, my intentions are to attend PRCC and for giving me the honor and for making me an honoree. Thank you, Mrs. Carolyn and Richard of Columbia, Garrett Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis and David Morgan of Hancock.

The past instructor I want to thank is Dr. /Bro. Lee Fletcher of Columbia, Garrett Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis and David Morgan of Hancock.

I especially thank you Dr. E for helping me, Stan Davis for praying for me to not only finish my degree, but also to become what you do. Like a fire burning with warm light, the flame slowly flickers, but as time goes on, the fire grows and becomes even stronger.

Memories never fade: PRCC a shining light

Won’t forget those cherished moments

By LEO SHELTER

If reading this article, you’re more than likely a student, faculty or alumni of Pearl River Community College.

Pearl River Community College has reached its current state in a dynamic environment. The college is committed to excellence through innovation, diversity, regional engagement and effective teaching.

We do not always need to seek an answer before we ask a question. Sometimes it’s good to ask the question first, and then find the answer.

Non-discrimination statement

Pearl River Community College is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. Pearl River is also committed to providing equal access to its facilities to people with disabilities.

SACS accreditation

Pearl River Community College is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees.

The Off-Site Review Committee is an arm of the SACSCOC and comprises members of the college community who are not employed by the college.

PRCC will prepare and submit the Compliance Certification with supporting documentation by March 15, 2015.

Human Rights Day occurs during month of December

By VERN SIBBER

Every year, many people around the world celebrate Human Rights Day. It is a time of peace, love, and joy, and most importantly, a day that promotes peace, love, and joy.

Pearl River Community College

Student Support Services

The Pearl River Community College Student Support Services has several offices that help students with a variety of needs. These offices include the Office of Admissions, Student Financial Services, Student Life, Career Services, and the Student Success Center.

So at this very moment, I challenge you to be the best that you can be. Like a fire burning with warm light, the flame slowly flickers, but as time goes on, the fire grows and becomes even stronger.
Student finds internship exciting

By KERRI PAC
Special to The Drawl

When I learned that the Environmental Protection Agency was looking for interns who were majoring in environmental science, I felt that I had a great opportunity to emerge from the box. I found the internship opportunity at the EPA to be exciting and I felt that the project was something that I could contribute to. I felt that being an intern at the EPA would be a great opportunity to learn more about the field, and I was excited to see what opportunities were available.

As an intern at the EPA, I was able to work on a project that was focused on improving water quality in the Gulf of Mexico. I was able to work closely with the agency’s staff and learn more about the various issues that are affecting water quality in the Gulf. I was able to work with other interns and develop my skills in working with different people and teams.

The internship was a great opportunity to learn more about the field and to gain experience in a real-world setting. I was able to work on a project that was focused on improving water quality in the Gulf of Mexico and was able to work with other interns to develop solutions to the challenges that we faced. I was able to gain valuable experience in working with other people and teams and in developing solutions to complex problems.

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Veterans Day event draws a big crowd

Col. Mark Prine looks at Mount Rushmore and sees the Face of America’s past. “But four gentlemen who placed their lives on hold,” he said. “They were citizen soldiers.”

“I have always been such a fan of the Declaration of Independence, and Abraham Lincoln’s brief service in the Illinois militia,” said Col. Mark Prine. “I have had many students come up and hug me – so many people coming up and hugging me...military history is something I don’t know about military matters during the Civil War.”

Theodore Roosevelt served as assistant Navy secretary; his influence helped to become a colonel in the New York National Guard and secretary, used his influence to become a colonel in the Virginia militia to help write the Declaration of Independence, and Abraham Jefferson resigned his commission as a colonel in the American military, by act of Congress, “I see four gentlemen who placed their lives on hold, serve and have a great time. This would launch his career that led to the White House.”

After all, they had a lot to be thankful for. On Nov. 18, the Respiratory Therapy faculty and students set out to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal together. “The events are more than symbolic,” said Col. Prine. “They did what the American service people do today – they put their lives on hold, serve and serve for our freedom.”

Respiratory students find some Thanksgiving spirit

By DR. JANA CAUSEY

Assistant VP for Faculty Operations

On Nov. 18, the Respiratory Therapy faculty and students set out to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal together. “It was a lot to be thankful for since they were working during a season of family and food,” said Prine.

This group celebrated with a traditional potluck meal, including turkey, ham, homemade potato casseroles, cranberry sauce, rolls, dressing, and various desserts. The group fellowshiped and had a great time. At the end of the meal, a ton of food was left over. A student by the name of Jaime Massie thought the food should go to a charity. She made a call and set arrangements to get on the phone to find a place to take all the food. The students and instructors loaded up the food and donated it to Lighthouse in Hattiesburg.

Massie and Chary Edel, both respiratory therapy students, truly felt the Thanksgiving spirit. “It’s hard to be a part of such a great group. Massie and I were the only two that were on the day. Remember, don’t be selfish and think of others, it always turns out amazing. ALWAYS!”

Congratulations to respiratory therapy for your act of kindness.
and employees have donated a total of 79,419 food items. Since the Forrest Counter Center kicked off the Salvation Army program in 2000, students donated 5,690 food items. First place went to Medical Laboratory Science Club (1,377 items, 68 per student), second place to Medical Radiologic Tech program (1,873 items, 60 per student), third place to the Science Club (930 items, 34 per student), fourth place to the Office Systems Tech program (1,377 items, 68 per student), fifth place to the Business program (1,005 items, 30 per student), sixth place to the Business program (1,005 items, 30 per student). Students at the Forrest County Center outdid themselves again this year when it comes to collecting non-perishable food donations for the Salvation Army. Following behind this year’s food items are from: Salvation Army representative Lasha Keel, Major Andrew Gilliam, Wavone Howard, and PRCC counselor Joe Wesley. Students and employees of the Forrest County Center donated 6,600 food items. First place went to Medical Laboratory Science Tech program (1,077 items, 68 per student), second place to Medical Radiologic Tech program (1,873 items, 60 per student), third place to the Science Club (500 items, 34 per student) and fourth place to the Office Systems Tech programs (143 items, 20 per student) and fifth place to the Business program (1,423 items, 38 per student). Students and employees have donated a total of 78,410 food items.

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**NASA program rewards students**

PRCC received $5,000 in unsolicited scholarship money from a NASA program aimed at increasing STEM education. The money was awarded through the scholarship money for the young scientists. The money was awarded through the Mississippi Space Grant Consortium to help pay for education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The scholarship money is part of the program and scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Dr. Aleta Sullivan, Dr. Ross Seto and Dr. Glenn Dale set the requirements for the scholarships after NASA notified PRCC of its inclusion and their opportunity to apply.

**Calendar of events**

- **Monday, Jan. 1 - Doctor’s Day**
- **Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday**
- **Wednesday, Jan. 7 - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Mississippi Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m.; PRCC Band Clinic, Brownstone Center, 2 p.m.; PRCC theater production, reserved seating $10; 601-403-1180.
- **Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 5-6 - Faculty return**
- **Wednesday, Jan. 7 - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Mississippi Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m.; PRCC Band Clinic, Brownstone Center, 2 p.m.; PRCC theater production, reserved seating $10; 601-403-1180.
- **Monday, Jan. 8 - Women's Health Expo:**
- **Monday, Jan. 12 - Employees meet and greet**
- **Tuesday, Jan. 20 - Online classes begin**
- **Thursday, Jan. 22 - Tuesdays and Thursdays begin**
- **Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Friday, Jan. 30 - CTE at large: Flex credit**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Thursday, Feb. 12 - Online classes begin**
- **Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Online classes begin**
- **Tuesday-Monday, Feb. 24-23 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Monday, March 2 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Tuesday, March 3 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Wednesday, March 4 - Online classes begin**
- **Friday, March 6 - Online classes begin**
- **Monday, April 6 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Wednesday, April 8 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Friday, April 10 - Online classes begin**
- **Tuesday, April 14 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Monday, April 20 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Tuesday, April 21 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Wednesday, April 22 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Thursday, April 23 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Friday, April 24 - Online classes begin**
- **Tuesday, May 5 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Wednesday, May 6 - Online classes begin**
- **Thursday, May 7 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Friday, May 8 - Online classes begin**

**Christmas parades**

- **Sunday, Dec. 21 - The Nutcracker, Brownstone Center, 2 p.m.; PRCC theater production, reserved seating $10; 601-403-1180.**
- **Monday - Friday, Dec. 15 - 19 - Session break.**
- **Monday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Dec. 23 - The Nutcracker, Brownstone Center, 7 p.m.; reserved seating $14; 601-403-415-1160.**
- **Monday, Dec. 29 - Online classes begin**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 30 - Online classes begin**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 31 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Thursday, Jan. 1 - Online classes begin**
- **Friday-Saturday, Jan. 2-3 - Women’s Health Expo**
- **Sunday, Jan. 4 - The Nutcracker, Brownstone Center, 2 p.m.; PRCC theater production, reserved seating $10, 601-403-1180.**
- **Monday, Jan. 5 - Staff return**
- **Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Faculty return**
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- **Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 6-7 - Dorms open at 1 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Honors Lecture Series; featuring Dr. Setze and Dr. Glenn Dale in the selection of the recipients.**

**PTK talk about Mars**

Dr. Scott Milloy from the University of Southern Mississippi talks to PRCC Phi Theta Kappa members and other interested students about the Mars and other marine science researches are doing to explore whether microscopic algae could survive on Mars. PRCC Public Relations photos

**Polarvile PTK induction**

Three students representing the Iota Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Pearl River Community College were inducted Monday, Dec. 8, 2020 on the Polarville campus. They include, from left, Sydney Graham of Picayune, Kelly Rigney of Poplarville, Stephanie McDaniel of Poplarville, Bily Smith of Poplarville, Kiness Dean of Poplarville, Alex Cooper of Carriere, standing, Tanner Bryan and Cayne Landrum, both of Picayune, Jackie Holder of Petal, Seth Bowman of Belhaven University of Mississippi, Daniel Saucier of Columbia, Jacob House of Hattiesburg, Seth Bowman of Belhaven University of Mississippi, standing, Benita Lang and Lexus Rodgers of Poplarville, pictured. The induction signals the beginning of a new era for students at two-year colleges. PRCC Public Relations photos

**Forrest County Center PTK induction**

Belt Tau Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society held its induction ceremony Nov. 3 at the Forrest County Center. New members included from left, front row - Benita Lang and Lexus Rodgers of Poplarville, Derrick Cagins of Columbia and Gage Butler of Picayune. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for students at two-year colleges. PRCC Public Relations photos

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The Spirit of the River marching bands were among the festive groups in the Prentiss, Sumrall parades in the afternoon and the Petal parade in the morning that drew the largest crowds.

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Come see for yourself.

SCHEDULE A TOUR
Schedule your tour today to come see why others have made Delta State University their home away from home.

HOMECOMING
November 15, 2014
Fall brings the perfect weather for football, friends and fun. Each year, students celebrate Homecoming with a week-long lineup of activities. Your campus becomes your place to play.

STUDENT FOR A DAY
What better way to experience college at Delta State than for yourself? Plan a day to walk in the shoes of one of our current students. You will get to see campus, talk to professors and maybe even meet the Okra!

GO GREEN WEEKEND
Spring 2015
The spring brings green, so why not celebrate with a weekend in the green and white nation? Spring Visit Day, the annual Springfest on the Quad, tailgating, crawfish, sports and more!
Cast performs Alexander play

The String of Pearls dance as The JazzCats play Santa's in Town for the Holiday Pops on Dec. 4 at the Brownstone Center for the Arts.

Holiday Pops! a gala event

The PRCC Department of Fine Arts and Communication presented Holiday Pops! on Dec. 4 at the Brownstone Center for the Arts.

The show featured a variety of well-known Christmas favorites performed by The Voices, The JazzCats, the campus show choir, and the men of RiverRoad show choir.

The Wildcat mascot greeted the audience before the show as the Guitar Ensemble playedsteel. The Brass Quartet provided post-show music in the lobby as the audience before the show as the Guitar Ensemble played.

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Impact of our alumni on students positive

By CANDICE HAPPER

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AEOP busy with projects

The Association of Educational Office Professi- als has selected Dr. Adams Breerwood as Administrator of the Year and Cheryl May as Office Professional of the Year. The AEOP's national organization chose Dr. William Lewis as state Administrator of the Year and Marilyn Dillard as state Office Professional of the Year.

In addition to these profession- al awards, AEOP members have been busy with other projects:

- Christian Gulf is involved in researching for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.
- Cheryl May attended the Florida Educational Office Professionals Conference in St. Petersburg.
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Happy Holidays from the Wellness Center. We're sorry to report that we can't have our usual Saturday hours here at the Wellness Center beginning Dec. 6. Our hours will be from 6:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday. Our hours will shorten for Dec. 13 and 16 as we will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 13 from the holidays on Monday, Dec. 5. We hope all of our members have enjoyed having the extended hours that have been inte- grated this semester. This would have not been possible without the dedicated work of our Wellness Center Assistants. Students Zachary Seal, Ritchie Reed, Keke Johnson, Brian Hales, Brandon Howard, Jackie Ellis, Letitia Tipton, and Meyre Johnson, have this opportunity to have a group of stu- dents to represent the Wellness Center. Most of our students will be returning this coming spring.

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Looking forward to many new opportunities for exercise and nutrition in which these students will make possible during the spring semester. For all BSU students, the final day to exercise for class credit is Thursday, Dec. 11. This in- cludes participation in all on campus opportuni- ties.

Check your exercise program grade now. Make plans now to get those last minute exer- cise minutes completed.

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BSU annual Yard Sale

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Where can an Ole Miss degree take you?

Across the globe.

HALEY, 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.

"Ole Miss provides so many unique opportunities for involvement. My experience abroad changed my entire perspective."

—Haley Mechanical Engineer

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Hancock welding program premier training ground

By RAYMUNDA BARNES
Assistant VP for Hancock Center

The Hancock Center of Pearl River Community College has been the starting place for many students desiring to enter the workforce on the coast with valuable technical skills. The welding program has been a premier training ground for prospective welders (Hancock County) to enter the workforce.

As Sen. Forrest U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor attended PRCC’s program to enhance his welding skills for personal projects.

On Dec. 10, Huntington-Ingalls Industries will conduct a career testing session for students interested in pursuing welder-related careers with a view to the workforce. PRCC welding students from other campuses will be at the Hancock Center to display the skills learned at PRCC, in hopes of starting their careers.

Instructor Raymond Jarrell teaches welding at the Hancock Center. Jarrell is a 1972 graduate of the welding program at PRCC, under the tutelage of Herman Tynes. He serves in Purvis and brings a wealth of knowledge to the welding program. He has 43 years of welding experience.

Thirty of those years he spent at Stennis Space Center contributing to the support of the NASA Space Shuttle Program by maintaining the welding equipment. Jarrell is embraced by his students and demanding high standards of production and punctuality from the students enrolled in the welding program at the Hancock Center.

Center Supports Hancock Renaissance

On Nov. 21, the Hancock High Educational Foundation celebrated its annual gala that supports the Hancock High Educational Foundation. This is the fourth year that PRCC has supported this effort. Pearl River Community College supports all schools within its district.

Instructor Jarrell teaches welding at the Hancock Center.

Students in the welding program at the Hancock Center include from left: instructor Raymond Jarrell, Matthew Boudreaux, Thomas Costi, Chaz Gill, Steve Jackson, Dylan Miller, Calvin Moore, Michael Jason Rollins, and Jason Trowbridge.

Students pull lollipops from a pumpkin, trying to find the ones marked for prizes, during Fall Fest at Hancock Center.

Hancock Fall Fest

Students and staff take a break from the games and food for a picture during Hancock Center’s Fall Fest.

Above, student Megan Brouillette of Bay St. Louis throws a roll of toilet paper at a commode seat, one of the games during the Hancock Center’s Fall Fest. Below, Raymunda Barnes, center, assistant vice president for the Hancock Center, poses with students.

Right, Katherine Lefevre of Waveland came to Fall Fest in a colorful costume. Left, Hancock Center students had a chance to throw pies at the teachers.
Congratulations to Robbie Shaw, instructor of machine shop technology on the Poplarville Campus, for receiving the Mike C. Lockhart Community Service Award for October. A Life Pro Heater, presented to him by Dr. William Lewis and Dr. Jerry Alder, instructor of machine shop technology, is the prize for October. The Mike C. Lockhart Community Service Award is a proclamation approved by the college’s Board of Trustees in honor of Mike C. Lockhart, a former PRCC employee who had a deep commitment to the college and the community. The award was created to recognize the service of students, faculty, and staff who contribute to the college’s mission and goals.

Congratulations to Albert Chen for being the recipient of the November River Rewards prize. Mr. Chen was selected by the PRCC President’s Office, the Office of Student Life, and the Office of Communications and Marketing. The River Rewards program is designed to recognize and reward employees who consistently go above and beyond in their duties. The program provides a variety of rewards, including gift cards, tickets to local events, and other incentives. Employees who participate in River Rewards will have their names entered into a drawing to win a variety of prizes, including travel packages, electronics, and other items.

Congratulations to Shelby Sampson of Carriere, Hannah Wilson of Purvis, and Bertha Conley of Brooklyn for winning the SNA Bake Sale and Silent Auction. The SNA Bake Sale and Silent Auction is an annual event organized by the PRCC Student Nurses’ Association. The event raises funds for various nursing scholarships and educational programs. The SNA Bake Sale and Silent Auction benefitted breast cancer research, and the proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Congratulations to Dr. William Lewis for being inducted into the USM Alumni Hall of Fame at the University of Southern Mississippi during homecoming weekend of Nov. 7-8. The induction was held dur- ing the University of Southern Mississippi’s 138th anniversary celebration. Dr. Lewis is the first president of PRCC and was a member of the college’s board of trustees. He earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Texas A&M University and a master’s degree in educational administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He was named a distinguished professor at PRCC in 1991. During his tenure, the college gained accreditation and implemented a comprehensive educational plan.

Congratulations to the PRCC students who were named to the Academic Honor Roll for the fall semester. The Academic Honor Roll recognizes students who maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The Academic Honor Roll is a prestigious honor that is awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence.

Congratulations to Sherry Jackson, instructor of English, for earning the Faculty of the Year Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. The Faculty of the Year Award is presented to the faculty member who demonstrates outstanding teaching, research, and service. The award is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business and Economics.

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A year ago, Pearl River Community College baseball labored, losing a baseball team with 11 freshmen and only six sophomores.

As a result, the Lady Wildcats were stuck in the outhouse of the MACJC, without a single player that had played a game and with a 0-18 overall record.

This year, the Lady Wildcats’ win at 7-5 in the opening of the 2015 season.

"I was really hit as consistently as we should have," said White. "They really played to our slappers and bunters. I am working with our slappers and bunters. I am working with them."

"The Lady Wildcats open the season Feb. 2 at Northeast CC in Booneville."

"We were a good team defensively, working with our slappers and bunters. I am working with our slappers and bunters."

"We have needed for a long time. We are excited of the 2015 season."

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"The versatile sophomore sported a 3-1 win-loss record last season on the mound with two saves, a 3.14 earned run average, and 35 strikes. In 20 innings pitched, Lusky was the every day starter at third base."
PRCC teams find White Coliseum just fine

Men off to 8-0 start; women winning early

Pearl River Community College split with Southwest Mississippi in women’s and men’s MACJC South Division action Thursday with the Lady Wildcats falling 59-53, while the Wildcats remained undefeated with a convincing 81-69 victory.

The contests were the division openers for both schools. PRCC’s women dropped to 4-2 overall. The men are now 8-0.

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In the women’s contest, The River held the Lady Bears scoreless for the first three minutes while building a 7-0 lead before Southwest responded with a 15-6 run over the next six minutes to take its first lead of the game.

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Former OLA soccer standout Lyndsey Lee signs with PRCC

The reigning MACJC-Region 23 women’s soccer champion Pearl River Lady Wildcats have signed University of Southern Mississippi transfer Lyndsey Lee for the 2015 season.

Lee, a midfielder who prepped at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis, will be on the PRCC campus for the 2015 spring semester after playing her freshman season for coach Mohammed El-Zare’s Lady Golden Eagles.

Lee was an All-State, All-District performer for OLA coach Andy Fillingame and is the daughter of Dion and Holli Cuevas of Picayune and Ryan Lee of Jackson.

“We’re fortunate to sign a player of Lyndsey’s talent and ability,” said Lady Wildcat coach Jack Byrd. “She’s going to be an immediate contributor to our program.”

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