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Campus Events

Friday, April 20
MAR08: Last day to drop
QQ: Last day to drop

Saturday, April 21
Softball game
Baton Rouge
Summit, MS, 1:00 & 3:00
Baseball game
Coahoma
Summit, MS, 2:00

Tuesday, April 24
APR04: 60% date
Baseball game
Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
Summit, MS, 3:00

Wednesday, April 25
Awards Day/Faculty
Appreciation Day

Friday, April 27
APR04: Last day to drop
JAN15: Classes end

Saturday, April 28
Baseball game
Northeast MS CC
Booneville, MS, 1:00

Monday, April 30
Classes End

Tuesday, May 1
Final exams
8:00-10:00 1 MWF
10:15-12:15 4 MWF
1:00-3:00 B TR
3:15-5:15 6 MW

Wednesday, May 2
Baseball game
Hinds CC
Raymond, MS
1:00
Final exams
8:00-10:00 5 MW
10:15-12:15 C TR
1:00-3:00 2 MWF
3:15-5:15 E TR

Thursday, May 3
Final exams
8:00-10:00 A TR
10:15-12:15 3 MWF
1:00-3:00 D TR

Friday, May 4
Classes end

Saturday, May 5
Baseball game
East Mississippi CC
Scooba, MS
2:00

Monday, May 7
Career Tech graduation
practice
9am

Tuesday, May 8
ADN graduation
11am
Career Tech graduation
3pm

Wednesday, May 9
Academic graduation
3pm

Sunday, May 13
Mother's Day

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29
Evening classes begin
last day to register

Tuesday, June 5
Summer Session I: Classes
begin and late
registration with late fee

Saturday, June 9
National ACT Testing

Sunday, June 17
Father's Day

Thursday, June 28
Classes end

Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day

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Lauren Wroten, Sarah McMillan, Michael Wilson, Emma Walls, and Charyanna Johnson; second row: Brooke Wells, Jasmine Haynes, Anna Klaiere Dorr, Anna Grace Thomas, Trevor Davis, Will Fauver, Erika Alford, and Evan Busbin sing "Start a Fire." photo by Chuck Barnes

Stage band fires up fans with "Great Balls of Fire"

By Jonathan Scot,
co-editor

The musicians, singers and dancers of the Southwest Stage Band are putting on their annual Spring Stage Band Show. The talented students light up the stage with an array of fire-themed musical performances ranging across multiple genres. The performers ignite the flame with the appropriately titled show opener "Start a Fire," led by soloist Michael Wilson. The show continues with the band performing a jazz piece called "Brass Machine," followed by soloist Sarah McMillan singing "Fire."

The show features the island sounds of the Southwest Steel Band as well. The steel band comes to the stage to play "Margaritaville," before returning the concert into the hands of the stage band. Brook Wells sings "Set the World on Fire" and Anna Grace Thomas brings the heat with the smooth jazz tune "Fever." One of the big highlights of the show is the performance of Johnny Cash's hit song "Ring of Fire," which is sung by Trevor Davis. After Davis' crowd pleasing solo, the band plays another classic tune—"Great Balls of Fire." The dancers join the band on stage to add fiery choreography to the song. The band plays "The In Crowd" as the singers and dancers prepare to present another classic song.

The stage band singers and dancers return to the stage to perform Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." The stage then grows a bit more calm with "I See Fire," led by Emma Walls and Evan Busbin. Charyanna Johnson comes to the stage to sing a powerful and stage-dominating rendition of "Girl On Fire," before Lauren Wroten and the singers present

"Radioactive." Walls and Erica Alford sing the beautiful and warm melodies of "Eternal Flame," and the steel band returns to perform the more upbeat and fun "Rant and Rave."

Perhaps the most grand and inspirational piece of the night is "Midnight Cry," sang by the Four the King Quartet. The quartet is comprised of Nick Kleppinger, Evan Busbin, Trevor Davis, and Branson Blanton. The four young men blend strong vocal harmonies and are met with a standing ovation from the crowd. In keeping with the inspirational mood set by the quartet, Alford returns to the stage with the rest of the singers to present "What a Beautiful Name." The great show comes to an end with the highly energetic and pumped-up selection "Legendary," led by Loryn Hollis. The Spring Stage Band show serves as a great follow-up to the annual Christmas show. In keeping with the tradition of Southwest Stage Band shows, the variety of genres and musical tributes are an example of the students' practice and hard work. Many aspects of the show resonate throughout the audience and connect with the audience visually and musically.

The show is a fun experience, considered by some to be the best SMCC Stage Band show yet. It is fun and rewarding for the band members, singers, dancers, and for those who come out to enjoy it. A majority of those who are participants in the show are sophomores, and it is their final Stage Band Show at Southwest. While some of the graduating sophomores may feel a bit emotional, they will be able to keep the memories of performing with the group and look back on the joy they felt while doing the shows as they look toward the future.



Emma Walls sings "Eternal Flame." photo by Chuck Barnes



Evan Busbin performs a Bohemian Rhapsody. photo by Chuck Barnes



Anna Grace Thomas, Trevor Davis, Emma Walls, and Sarah McMillan sing "I See Fire." photo by Chuck Barnes

Putting the "Art" in Article

By Madison VanNess,
co-editor

Miss Rachel Ryals certainly "draws" a crowd with her most recent achievement among the art world. In February, Ryals submitted a drawing to the MC/JCAIA, or Mississippi Community/ Junior College Art Instructor's Association. After much anticipation, Rachel was awarded the 2018 Best in Show for her artwork on March 29th. Out of 140 entries from all over Mississippi, Miss Ryals won the grand prize. When asked about this award, Ryals stated, "I didn't really expect to win. I had submitted a piece last year and I didn't receive anything for it, so this came as a big surprise." She comments that she spent anywhere from 20-25 hours working on her winning piece.

Rachel Ryals is a sophomore at SMCC, and she is planning on attending University of Southern Mississippi this fall to obtain a degree in Art. Rachel is a self-taught artist who has been creative since she was eight years old, and she is a master in multiple art medias. This young lady specializes in drawing, embroidery, design, dress making, and even woodwork. During her interview, Ryals was hard at work on a floral embroidery piece. When asked if her work is for sale, she exclaimed, "You know, people always ask me that, and I really think it should be!"

In terms of fashion, Rachel enjoys designing clothing from various historical eras. She also has successfully created wedding gowns and a replication of the ball gown from 2017's Beauty and the Beast. Ryals revealed that she puts quite a lot of time into each of her works, and she has been asked to make a commissioned wedding dress for a friend getting married in the fall. "They've offered to pay me over \$1,000 as of right now," said Rachel when asked about the price of the dress. This comes to show just how talented Miss Ryals truly is. I encourage everyone to take the time to view Rachel's drawing in the Fine Arts Building. This is something you can't miss. To see more of her work, go to @constellumiere on Instagram.

Summer registration

By Kimi Jeanson,
Editor

One more week before summer vacation. Before you go, make sure that, if you are planning on returning in the fall, you have registered for classes. The worst feeling you could have at the beginning of the semester is one that you forgot to complete registration before the cutoff date. So, talk to your advisors about setting up your classes ahead of time before classes fill up. You can even do it yourself online with permission from your advisor and a little bit of research. On your degree plan in Access Southwest, you can see all of your degree requirements and then choose the classes you need. Using this method grants you full autonomy over your semester. After that, just to make sure, check with the Registrar's office to find out, definitively, if you are done with registration and in the system. Then, if you want to check on scholarships or have questions, visit the Financial Aid office. Finally, to pay for the semester, go to the Business office and solidify your spot. Doing these steps will guarantee a worry-free return to college in August.

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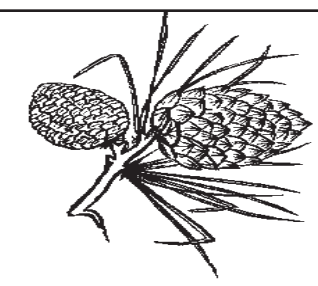


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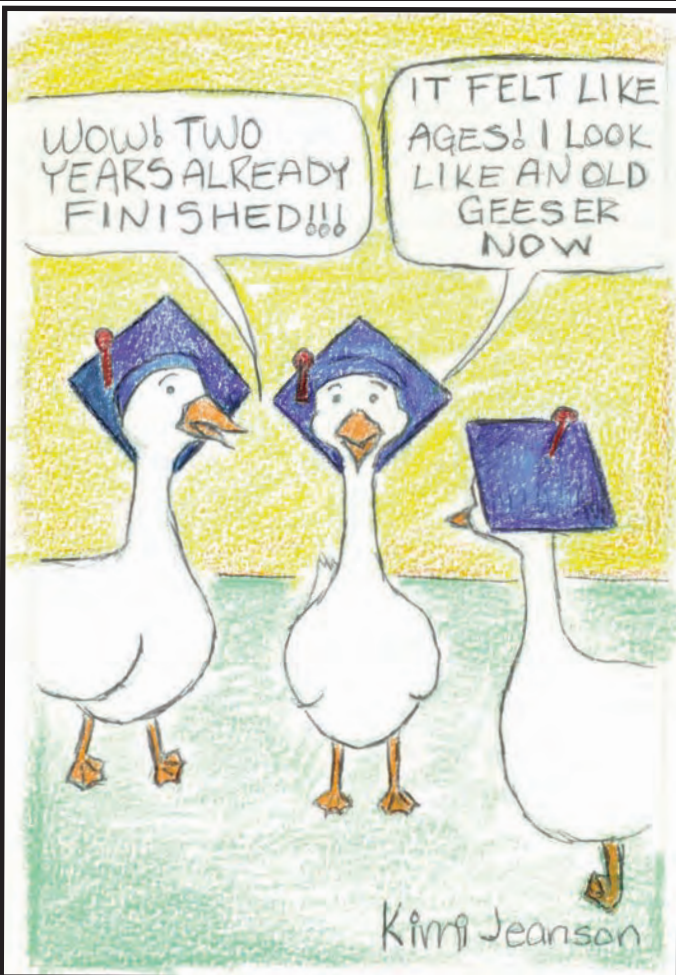
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Quote of the Month

“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”
-Walt Disney



BEAR AWARE

In order to effectively communicate emergency information to SMCC employees and students, SMCC has implemented a rapid alert and notification system developed by SchoolCast. BearAware is a service that allows employees and students of SMCC to receive alerts, news, or other emergency information via text, email, or by phone. Participation in Bear Aware is not mandatory but encouraged. At this time, the only information entered into the SchoolCast database is the student's "smcc.edu" email address.

Please read the following because our procedures for handling Bear Aware have changed. An email has been sent to all current students, faculty, and staff with their login information for Bear Aware. Students, faculty, and staff no longer need to request this information by emailing bearaware@smcc.edu.

Dear Students,

You should have received an email with your Bear Aware Login Information on August 31, 2017. An additional email will be sent to your email account at 9:00 AM (September 26, 2017) with your login information. It's basically the same email that was sent on August 31, 2017. If you have already logged in and set up your account, no additional action is required on your part. We will be sending more of these login information emails on the 20th of each month this semester to encourage participation in the system.

Again, if you have already set up your account, no action is required on your part. We do recommend logging in to Bear Aware at least once a month and verifying the accuracy of your information.

Please read the login information email in its entirety. It will explain why your password may be represented by asterisks (*) and what to do if you cannot log in or if you forgot your password.

If you have any questions, send them to bearaware@smcc.edu from your SMCC email account. We cannot communicate about Bear Aware from any other personal or business email accounts you may have. You do not have to contact bearaware@smcc.edu for your login information unless you don't get a login information email.

Words from the SGA President

My Fellow Students,

These past two semesters as your Student Government Association President have truly been rewarding. From hosting spirit events like pep rallies, bon fires and 8:30 madness to executing service events like Cupcakes and Cards and even meeting with our legislators at the Annual MACJC Legislative Luncheon, I have enjoyed every moment of the journey. The Student Government Association has worked tirelessly to ensure that our students have an incomparable community college experience. As my tenure at SMCC comes to a close, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your Student Body President. The experience has served me well, and as I graduate, I am taking away knowledge that I could not have learned in a classroom alone. I would like to congratulate the new Student Government Association Officers: Tyler White, President; Rashondra Rankin, Vice-President; Makennah Redd, Secretary; and Carlee Evans, Treasurer. I know they will do an excellent job of serving this student body, and I wish nothing but the best for them as they navigate their second year at this great institution. Keep in mind that they are there to speak on your behalf, so do not hesitate to go to them with any questions, suggestions, or concerns you might have. As I come closer to graduation, I am realizing the massive impact this institution has made on me. Joining many of the numerous campus organizations and holding leadership positions has allowed me to become a better leader and make the most of my community college experience; I encourage you to do the same. Becoming a member of any organization on campus will undoubtedly enhance your college experience and provide you with countless connections as you transition into the next stage in your life. I wish you all a safe and refreshing summer and best wishes in all your future endeavors. It's always a GREAT DAY TO BE A BEAR!

Alexcia Carr
SGA President



Alexcia Carr

Editorial: What lies within us



Editorial
By Kimi
Jeanson,
Editor

Wow! This semester has gone by very quickly. What are you doing over summer break? As mundane as it sounds, catching up on sleep, working, or even taking summer classes are all great ways to spend the summer. Relaxing and having fun is scientifically proven to improve physical and mental health if done

within reason. Working during the break provides an opportunity to learn a new skill, save money, and keep busy. Keeping your mind active makes returning to the college grind much easier and will help you stay active. The dedicated few taking summer classes are not only brave but also incredibly smart. A break is nice, however, keeping up with academics without the rush of regular college life is potentially more beneficial by helping you retain the information you have learned and allowing more time in each class session to fully delve into the subject.

Sadly, for many, including me, the end of the semester means that our time at Southwest is also ending. I am so grateful for all the

wonderful memories and the things I've learned from my teachers and peers. Having such a great learning and working environment truly makes Southwest special. Working on the yearbook and newspaper has taught me about the importance of teamwork, persistence, passion, and, above all, deadlines. As this experience has proven, the combination of these is the key to success. Spending hours pouring over pages of the yearbook and editing articles with Ms. Mabry, co-editors, and staff have formed unbreakable bonds; and I believe it is this kind of collaboration that not only produces an incredible product, but also, in some ways, produces incredible people. I believe I have become a better

student and leader because of it. Thank you to all those who helped publish the *Pine Burr* and the *Whispering Pines*. And a big thank you to Ms. Mabry for all she has done to encourage us and help make journalism at Southwest so successful. She is not only an inspiration, but also a phenomenal teacher. To my fellow graduates, carry with you everything you have learned here and use it to help you succeed wherever you go. In closing, there are no better words than the ones of Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, "What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

Graduation speakers: Rosalyn Howard, Joni Wilkinson, and Representative Angela Cockerham



Rosalyn Howard



Joni Wilkinson



Angela Cockerham

Southwest announces speakers for graduation ceremonies: Rosalyn Howard, ADN, May 8, 11:00; Joni Wilkinson, Career-Technical, May 8, 3:00; Angela Cockerham, May 9, 3:00.

Rosalyn Howard is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Nurses Foundation. She spent several years working as a guidance counselor serving juvenile delinquent boys, and although the position was fulfilling, knowing she was helping troubled youth, she had a call to do more. In 2003, Mrs. Howard was offered an opportunity through the Mississippi Hospital Association to recruit students to become nurses and that's where the doors of opportunity begin to open for her. The position was appealing to her because she has always enjoyed public speaking and with her mother being a nurse, she knew she would once again, make her mother proud.

After serving in that capacity for five years she was promoted to the Mississippi Office of Nursing Workforce as a health care workforce specialist. The position that launched her career and path into administration, and provided the exposure she needed to lead the Mississippi Nurses Foundation.

In her first three years as Executive Director, she was able to increase the Foundation's revenue and erase the deficit, and she presented the Nurses Foundation to every hospital and school of nursing in the state. The Foundation is now strong and known throughout Mississippi

and in neighboring states. It is charged with financially enhancing the programs of the Mississippi Nurses Association through nursing scholarships, fundraising, event planning, grants, and approving continuing education opportunities for nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Mrs. Howard received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Science degree in Guidance and Counseling from Alcorn State University. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, a member of the Association of Talent Development, and a member of the Parent Teacher Organization in Rankin County.

Mrs. Howard was recognized by Girl Scouts of Greater Jackson as a 2017 Woman of Distinction, she was also awarded as the 2017 Parent of the Year for Northwest Rankin Middle School. Mrs. Howard is also a 2016 graduate of Leadership Mississippi, a member of "Circle of Red" through of American Heart Association and 2012 graduate of Millsaps Business Advantage Program.

In 2013 Mrs. Howard was honored as one of Mississippi Business Journal's 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi, a 2012 honoree of Mississippi Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40", a member of Leadership of Greater Jackson, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Although Mrs. Howard is actively involved professionally

with speaking engagements and serving on committees, she also volunteers her time to serve her church (New Hope Baptist Church) through public relations and other projects.

Mrs. Howard is a native of Gunnison, MS, but she currently resides in Brandon, MS with husband Michael and their totally amazing daughters, Madison and Lauren. She is a proud cheer mom and basketball mom.

Joni Wilkinson retired as the Director of Financial Aid at Southwest Mississippi Community College December 2017. She previously worked as the WIA Educational Coordinator and the MyBiz Coordinator for Southwest.

An Amite county native, Joni is an Alumni of SMCC and Mississippi State University where she graduated "with distinction" with a BS in Distributive Education. With 23 years experience in banking, she is also a graduate of the Mid South School of Banking at the University of Memphis and the MS Realtors Institute. She has continued Graduate Studies at William Carey University.

Active in community service, she is presently on the Board of Directors of the Pike County Economic Development District, United Givers of SW MS, and the Southwest Mississippi Community College Foundation.

She has previously served as president of the McComb Lions Club, president of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, President of the PCC Howdycrat

Board, and Charter board member of McComb Main Street Association. She was honored by the McComb Enterprise Journal as the Business Woman of the Year in 1995 and Citizen of the Year in 1997.

Joni is pursuing a new hobby in retirement of gardening and has recently completed the course as a Master Gardner intern with the Pike County Extension Office. She has also joined the Summit Garden Club.

Joni is a member of FBC Summit. She has spent 37 years in volunteer music ministry in local churches where it was her joy to teach children's music for 25 of those years.

Joni is married to Price Wilkinson. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Cori and Ryan Nelson. She is the proud YaYa to two precious granddaughters, Bella Claire and Emerson.

Representative Angela Cockerham, a resident of Magnolia, MS, has been serving in legislation since 2005 and currently serves in the Mississippi House of Representatives as the representative for District 96: Adams, Amite, Pike, and Wilkinson counties. She is the chair of the Energy Committee, Vice-chair of the management committee, and a member of the Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations; Compilation, Revision and Publication; Education; Ethics; Judiciary A; Judiciary En Banc; Legislative Budget; Performance Based Budgeting; and Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks committees.

Rep. Cockerham received a B.A. from Jackson State University, a M.A. from Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and a J. D. from Loyola University-New Orleans. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Mississippi and Louisiana Bar Associations. She works as an attorney and as adjunct professor for MS College School of Law.



Geese swim on beautiful Bear Lake.

photo by Noah Mart

All-Stars: Fountain, Lewis, Thompson, Harrell and Lynch

By Michael Gunnell, Director of Sports Information

The Lady Bears will be well represented in the women's MACJC All-Star game Friday night with Kacie Fountain, Danyelle Lewis and Rachel Thompson playing for the South squad. The game tips off at 5:00 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Fountain, a 5' 8" guard from Walker, LA, High School, averaged 5.4 points per game for the Lady Bears during the 2017-18 season and led the team with 6 assists per game. (9th in the NJCAA). Lady Bears head coach Brent Harris said Fountain, a transfer from Murray State University, "had an outstanding season for us. She consistently found the right person this year for us offensively. Another attribute that Kacie brought to the table is that she usually drew the toughest defensive assignment, especially in late-game situations."

Lewis (5' 7", Guard-Florence High School) led the Lady Bears with 12 points per game during the past season and pulled down 2.4 rebounds. Harris said Lewis topped the Lady Bears in scoring during both her seasons with the team. There were many nights, Harris said, "where she carried us down the stretch offensively. She is an obvious three-point threat who can also create with the dribble and many times she can finish through contact. (She) will be greatly missed."

Thompson (5' 9", Forward-North Pike High School) totaled 9.6 points and 6.6 rebounds per game during her final campaign with the Lady Bears. Harris said she "has been the heart and soul of our team for the past two seasons. She has consistently brought the effort and energy every night by grabbing an impossible rebound or by diving for a loose ball. She is always matched with someone taller than her and finds a way to compete at a high level every game." Harris said the trio will be missed and he congratulated them "on being named to the All-Star team." The game will be broadcast at www.eccc.edu/eccc-media.

Jeremy Harrell and Ricardo Lynch will represent the Bears in the men's MACJC All-Star basketball game Friday at East Central Community College. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:00. Harrell (6' 7", F/C-Holmes County Central High School) totaled 10.8 points and 5.6 rebounds for the Bears during the past season. Bears head coach Thomas Gray said Harrell "played as good of a sophomore season as I've seen in terms of the way he improved from being a freshman. I think his production level tripled from what he averaged as a freshman in terms of points and rebound per game to what he averaged as a sophomore. I'm excited to see that growth from him."

Lynch (6' 7"-Forward-Boyd H. Anderson High School-Ft. Lauderdale, FL) recorded 6.8 points and 3.6 boards for the Bears during his sophomore season. Gray said Lynch "is a guy who was asked to play a position that wasn't typically what he'd played in the past, due to a need we had as a team, and being unselfish and the great teammate that he was he did so without question."

Gray said with the "unselfish attitudes" both players had during the season, he was "glad to see them being recognized and getting a chance to play in the All-Star game."

The game will be livestreamed at www.eccc.edu/eccc-media.

Mark Lee honors Sue Lawson White



Mark Lee establishes Sue White Scholarship: Pictured are Rhonda Gibson, Foundation Director; Mark Lee, President and Chief Investment Officer of Forest Hill Capital, Little Rock, AR; Sue Lawson White, Dr. Steve Bishop, SMCC President. Mark Lee, SMCC Alum, establishes the Sue Lawson White Honorary Scholarship through the SMCC Foundation to honor Ms. White because of the impact she had on his life while he was at Southwest. The Sue Lawson White Honorary Scholarship will be awarded each year to a Southwest student majoring or minoring in business.



MS Board of Nursing members speak at SNO meeting: Audrionna Odell, Kelsey Wilkinson, Sharika Mc Bride, Breanna Woodard, Floyd Wiley, Advanced Practice Investigator with the MS Board of Nursing; Alena Williams with the Board of Nursing; Phyllis Johnson, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, Executive Director for the MS Board of Nursing; Talisha Greenlaw, Licensing Officer for the MS Board of Nursing; Candace Weathers, Gabriel Thomas, Caitlin Lofton, Cierra Horton, LeChaka Jones



Baseball Coca-Cola Classic: Pictured above are Kyla Fleming, Dr. Addie Boone, SMCC Associate Vice-President of Career Technical and Director of the Miracle League; and Kyle Dillard. Kyla Fleming throws the first pitch of the Coca Cola Classic.



Easter Bunny visits children in the Child Development Center: Maddox Abdul-Hadi, Dawson Carver, Krista Smith; second row: Carley McDaniel, (Hidden) Nathan Weathers, Dillon Boleware, Stone Boyd, Jase Johnston, Dayton McCain; third row: Hadley Huhn, Fiona Brown, Parker Hodges

McComb Animal Shelter: a place of love and care

By Madison VanNess, co-editor

Here's some paws-ively good news. The McComb Animal Shelter is hosting an open house on Thursday April 26th from 1:30-6:30 P.M. and we want you to come visit. The open house is to invite the community to observe the positive changes the shelter has undergone and to see our continued project goals as well as our beloved fur babies. As a daily volunteer at the shelter, I can say that the Animal Control staff are working extremely hard to prepare for this event. From hanging decorations to extensive cleaning, we're grooming our shelter and furry sweethearts for you to come and have a look-see.

McComb Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter located 125 East Michigan Avenue in McComb. On average, we have anywhere from 10-15 dogs and 5-10 cats on the premises at a time, and we have a constant flow of animals in and out of the shelter. Despite the continuous influx, we make sure each and every one of our animals is given the love and care they deserve. Each of them has their own personality. One of my personal favorites is Ashton, a red Pocket Pitbull who is convinced she is a lap dog. Some of our long-term residents include Red, a Red-Heeler mix who roamed the city of McComb. After four months, the Animal Control staff managed to capture him with determination and fried chicken. There's Molly, a gorgeous brindle Boxer mix who came to us nearly starved to death. Since her arrival, she has filled out to her natural body weight and she's happier than ever. And then we have Cullen, an adorable Pitbull mix that looks to be Molly's twin. Coming from another animal cruelty case, Cullen is a cuddly giant that loves playing with his best friend, Red.

Many people are shocked to hear of cases of animal abuse, but they are even more shocked when they learn how close it is occurring to them. The shelter has had countless cases of cruelty come in, and the Animal Control staff do their best to reprimand the abusers. At the shelter, we treat the victims of abuse with tender care and make strong efforts to rehabilitate these animals and adopt them out to loving homes. April happens to be Prevention of Animal Cruelty Awareness Month, and there are ways you can show your support. For those involved in the welfare and treatment of animals, we display our support through the color orange. In celebration of the 152nd birthday of the very first animal cruelty law, April 10th is designated as "Go Orange Day." You can submit a photo of yourself wearing orange on April 10th to McComb Shelter's FaceBook page to show that you are against animal cruelty.

For those of you looking to adopt, the adoption fees are \$55 (\$50 if you live outside McComb city limits) for dogs and \$30 for cats. We have a wide variety of dogs ranging from small dogs like Chihuahua and Dachshund mixes to larger dogs such as Hound and Labrador mixes. Majority of our dogs are prepared to be adopted and would love to come home with you. I personally have adopted a kitten from the shelter, and it's one of the best decisions I've ever made. Even if you're unable to adopt at this time, come on by and see the animals! They are overjoyed when meeting new people, and who wouldn't want to play with our sweet furballs?

McComb Animal Shelter is open from 1:30-5 P.M. on Monday-Friday. Stop by during those times and meet our animals. And who knows, one of them may just find its way into your heart and your home.

Contact us at: (601)-684-3602 or @mccomb.shelter on FaceBook!



Unsolicited

By Olivia Robinson, co-editor

I've never been a brave person, or one who would fight the system and do things out of the norm. I tend to be passive and quiet in all respects of my life, but recently I've done something unusual, even down right brave, in my opinion. I delivered an unsolicited resume to the Enterprise-Journal. Earlier this week, I decided that there were goals in my life that I desperately wanted to achieve and instead of passively waiting around for call backs from companies that seemed like they didn't want to give anyone the time of day. So, I decided to take the initiative and contact a company before properly checking if they had a position available. I dressed up in my nicest "hire me" attire, printed out my resume, clipped out previous articles I've written, and wrote an unconventional cover letter, and went into the building with my knees weak and mind a frenzied mess. Would they ask me to leave? Return my documents? Give me a disapproving look? I've never been in a corporate journalism environment and for my first experience the building was quite bare and painstakingly quiet. At the front desk stood a polite woman who kindly asked what I wanted. I didn't expect her to talk to me since there was someone else there who was trying to have an issue resolved with their paper delivery, but the woman asked the other person to wait a moment and asked me what I wanted. My heart fluttered, and I felt like I was going to scream an apology and bolt from the building because I hadn't mental prepared for someone to talk to me. Something within me took control and I very calmly told the woman that I want to just leave this envelope, containing my documents, on someone's desk. She politely took the documents and then asked me what was in it. I smiled and told her that my application was in it. I don't know what made me say application instead of resume. I guess I was too embarrassed to admit that I was giving her an unsolicited resume and felt that she would return it, but she didn't say anything and politely smiled letting me know she would leave it on the desk and the person would get to it in the morning.

As I left the office, I felt relieved, even down right heroic. I wanted to dance and scream with joy that I did something out of the norm and faced a challenge of mine, but, instead of doing any of that, I calmly got into my car and drove home while singing, off pitch, mind you. It has been nearly a week, at the time I'm writing this, since I delivered my resume to Enterprise-Journal and I haven't received a call back or an email regarding my resume. I'll contact them again to check in on it in a few days, but as of right now I am still feeling positive about the experience. Now, regarding my unconventional cover letter: from what I've always understood, cover letters are designed to bring the reader in and make them curious enough to want to look at your resume. I decided that the best way to catch a writing company's attention would be to write a cover letter in the most creative way possible. I don't know if it's bad practice to publish my cover letter, but I want to share with you what I wrote:

I am hungry, not in the sense that I wish to consume food to nourish my body, but in the sense that I am hungry to write. I wish to write about the ups and downs of life with no bias and share information with the public in the most sincere and truthful way possible. I am here to achieve a goal that in turns leads me towards achieving many more. Writing is an art form that allows me to share with the public and broaden their knowledge.

I am aware that this is brash, to walk in and offer up my resume without filling out a proper application, but I am hungry for work and filling out applications and passively waiting for a call back won't get me anywhere. I am aware that your department might not have a place for me, but I am willing to write in any department. All-in-all, regardless of what happens, I enjoyed this experience; it got me outside of my comfort zone and made me feel better about my writing abilities. I don't know if I'll ever get the opportunity to work with Enterprise-Journal, but I will optimistically hope so.

Ms. Ginn takes students to visit Mississippi Armed Forces Museum

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

On Wednesday morning, March 28th, I and other students from Ms. Ginn's classes meet in the parking lot of the Humanities Building at eight o'clock, climb aboard a charter bus and depart shortly after for a nearly two-hour ride to Camp Shelby. Camp Shelby is an expansive military post that has a north gate located on the southern side of Hattiesburg and it is the location of the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum.

After arriving at the museum, we file out of the bus and get a chance to explore the exhibits. Admission is free, and the museum contains thousands of artifacts and documents that show how Mississippians have been involved with the military and helped shape history. The galleries include the 19th century, First World War, Second World War, Korean War, Vietnam War, Global War on Terrorism, and a Hall of Honor that honors Mississippi veterans, and Mississippi's 28 Medal of Honor recipients. The exhibits show what life was like for soldiers, what tools they used, and what impact the conflicts had on civilians at home. Outdoors, there are memorials and a vehicle park with aircraft, tanks and artillery.

After the museum tour, our group re-enters the bus and ride to a nearby area where tanks and other vehicles are stored and maintained. We meet with the tank squadron's commander, who brings us to a grassy area near a broad road of high psi cement. We feel the ground shake, and an enormous M109A6 Paladin Howitzers tank roars past us at 40 miles per hour. Its gun rotates to stay pointed towards us as it goes by, then it turns at the end of the road and comes back just as fast. When it is right in front of us, the tank driver slams on the brakes and brings the tank to a complete stop in the space of only a few feet. The tank's weight shifts forward suddenly; it almost looks like the tank could flip over, but then it rocks back, rattling as the tracks regain contact the pavement. Finally, the tank spins 180 degrees, leaving black circular skid marks on the pavement, and goes for one more lap before retiring to the storage facility. The students are then invited to view a line-up of support vehicles, and even allowed to climb into them to have a look at the inside.

We get on the bus once more and drive to Mugshots for lunch, and then head back to campus. I've gone with Ms. Ginn on two field trips: first to the National WW2 Museum in New Orleans and now to the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. Both times, I was able to see things that I'd never seen before. Maybe I'll come around again next spring and sneak on board for her next exciting trip.

Graduation is here

By Elizabeth Foster, staff writer

To all the sophomores, our time is slowly coming to an end here on the campus of Southwest Mississippi Community College. With graduation approaching, students need to make sure that their grades are up to par and also that they are all fitted for their cap and gown. Graduation is being held in the auditorium on May 9th. Students are allowed to invite as many family members as they would like. Graduation day is truly a magical day for everyone. It is the next step into becoming the person that we are striving to be. On behalf of all the students that are graduating this coming up May, I would like to truly thank Southwest Mississippi Community College for all the wonderful opportunities that have been given to us, and thank you for pushing us and making us want to be better.



Journalism students win at O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference: Southwest Mississippi Community College's campus newspaper *The Pine Burr* and journalism students won 11 awards in the Mississippi Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference in Jackson, MS. *Pine Burr* winners include: Jonathan Scott, Kimi Jeanson, Olivia Robinson, Garrett Graves; second row: Reggie Martin, DeCorio Wedig, Noah Martin. and Joyce Mabry. These students competed not only against Mississippi's community colleges but also universities. Joyce Mabry is the journalism instructor and *Pine Burr* advisor. The following is a list of winners: Best Feature Story: Olivia Robinson, 3rd; Best Cartoon: Jonathan Scott, 2nd; Best General News Photo: Kimi Jeanson, 3rd; Best Spot News Photo: Kimi Jeanson, 2nd; Best Sports Photo: Kimi Jeanson, 1st; Noah Martin, 2nd; Kimi Jeanson, 3rd; Best Feature Photo: Garret Graves, 2nd; Best Design: *Pine Burr* staff, 2nd; Best Front Page: *Pine Burr* staff, 2nd; General Excellence: *Pine Burr* staff, 2nd



PTK winners: Pictured above are Alexcia Carr, Myles Kendrick and Dr. Jennifer McLaughlin. Mississippi Association Community and Junior Colleges awarded PTK President, Alexcia Carr, the 2018 All-MS Academic 1st Team designation and Coca-Cola Silver Scholar and PTK Treasurer, Myles Kendrick, the 2018 All-MS Academic 2nd Team designation. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and providing nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each Silver Scholar receives a \$1,250 scholarship and a special medallion. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and will also be recognized internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, April 19-21 in Kansas City, Missouri. High-achieving students are nominated for the award by campus administrators. An independent panel of judges considers academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service in the selection process. Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.2 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations.



SMCC Bass Club: The Southwest Bass Team recently competed in the Lake Okhissa Tournament. Pictured are the following: Logan Morel, Kade Boone, Riley Sanders, Cole Nunnery, Justin Reynolds, Bryce White, and Corey Kelton. Former Bears of the team include Logan Morel, Cole Nunnery, and Justin Reynolds and current Bears are Kade Boone, Riley Sanders, Bryce White, and Corey Kelton.



Art student wins: The MC/JCAIA (Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Instructors' Association) holds an annual student art competition that rotates around the state to a different college each year. This year's competition was held at Hinds Community College and represented 15 of the 16 community colleges in the state and had over 140 entries. The number of entries for each school is based on the number of students that the art instructor teaches each year. Southwest had seven entries. Rachel Ryals won "Best of Show" with her drawing "Kyra." She was recognized at the awards ceremony and will receive a \$200 check. Rachel is a sophomore art major. Pictured above are Rachel Ryals and Prudence McGehee, Southwest Art instructor

Bears out hit ranked Itawamba Indians



By Michael D. Gunnell
Southwest Sports Information Director

March 28, 2018

Tuesday was a long night in more ways than one for the Bears as they dropped an MACJC doubleheader, and the final games of the Coca-Cola Challenge presented by Powerade, to visiting Co-Lin 8-5 and 14-4. Game two ended after five innings.

Co-Lin took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth and held it until the bottom of the sixth. That is when Tyler White led off with a double for the Bears and scored on Kyle Singleton's follow up two base hits to tie the game at 1-1.

Two runs crossed the plate for Co-Lin (14-7, 3-5) in the top of the eighth to give the visitors a 3-1 advantage. In the bottom of the frame, RBI singles from Zach Dearman, Michael Buck (his second hit of the game), T Tez Cole (his second hit) and White put the Bears on top 5-3.

Unfortunately, the Bears' lead was short-lived. Sending 10 batters to the plate in the top of the ninth, Co-Lin scored five runs and held on to claim the victory.

Jarid Sturgeon took the loss in relief, giving up three runs on two hits and two walks in one inning on the mound. Isaiah Davis had a double and single for the Bears

while Will Ford had a double.

Co-Lin took a 1-0 first-inning lead in the finale. The Bears (7-12, 4-4) answered in the bottom of the frame with Buck's RBI double and run-scoring singles from Davis and White to take a 3-1 lead.

After Co-Lin tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the second, the Bears responded in the bottom of the frame when Paco Bello reached base on a two-out walk. He later scored on a passed ball to give the Bears their last lead of the game, 4-3.

Co-Lin would go on to score 11 runs over the course of the third, fourth and fifth innings to close out the game.

Cody Ross took the loss in relief, allowing three runs on two hits and a walk in less than an inning of work. Payton Yawn had a double for the Bears.

March 30, 2018

The Bears were swept at home Friday by the Meridian Eagles in MACJC action, falling 21-1 and 11-3. Game one was ended after five innings.

The Bears scored their only run of game one in the bottom of the fifth when a bases-loaded walk to Michael Buck forced Kyle Dillard across the plate.

Brendon Baker took the loss on the mound, surrendering four runs on a hit and three walks in less than an inning of work. Buck had a double in the game.

Buck's two-out homer to left field gave the Bears a 1-0 first-inning lead in the nightcap. But, Meridian (20-6, 7-3) scored two runs in the second and two in the

third to go up 4-1.

The Bears made it 4-2 in their half of the third when Nathan Yennie led off with a base hit and score two batters later on a Paco Bello triple.

Meridian extended their lead to 11-2 with two runs in the fifth inning and five more in the top of the seventh.

The Bears picked up the final runs on the game in the bottom of the seventh. Will Ford led off with a single and scored two batters later on Payton Yawn's second hit of the game. Zach Dearman, on base via a double, crossed the plate on a double play.

Daren Smith took the loss on the mound, allowing six runs (four earned) on six hits and four walks. He struck out three batters.

The Bears return to action on April 4 when they travel to Ellisville to face the 9th-ranked Jones County Bobcats in a 3:00 conference twinbill.

April 5, 2018

The Bears dropped a pair of MACJC games to the 12th-ranked Jones County Bobcats Wednesday in Ellisville by scores of 13-1 and 5-1. Game one ended after five innings.

The Bears took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first in game one when Zach Dearman and Quartez led off with back-to-back line-drive doubles to right field.

A double and single in the bottom of the first resulted in a run for Jones County (21-7, 8-4) and a 1-1 score.

Jones County took a 10-1 lead in their half of the third inning and added their final three runs in

the fourth.

Gage Kiser took the loss on the mound for the Bears (7-16, 4-8), giving up five runs on four hits and two walks in 2.2 innings. He struck out two batters.

Jones County took a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the finale. The Bears made it 2-1 in the top of the third when Dearman led off with a single and scored two batters later on a two-out base hit by T Tez Cole.

Jones County would add the final runs of the day in the bottom of the fourth.

Matthew Graves allowed four runs on four hits and a pair of walks in three innings to take the loss on the mound. He struck out one batter.

Tyler White had two singles for the Bears while Kyle Singleton had a double.

April 9, 2018

The Northwest Rangers took a pair of MACJC games from the host Bears Sunday afternoon, winning the opener 9-3 and taking the finale 11-1 in six innings.

In the opener, the Rangers led 7-0 before the Bears got on the scoreboard. With one out in the bottom of the fourth, T Tez Cole doubled to centerfield, Tyler White then drove him home with a base rap to right field to make the score 7-1.

After the Rangers (18-8, 8-4) added a run in the top of the seventh, the Bears responded in the bottom of the frame. Isaiah Davis reached base on a lead-off single and scored two batters later on Paco Bello ground out to make the score 8-2.

The Bears (7-18, 4-10) were down 9-2 before scoring the final run of the game in the ninth inning when Davis, on base with his third hit of the game, crossed the plate on Bello's second single of the game.

Brendon Baker went five innings on the mound, giving up seven runs on seven hits and three walks, to take the loss for the Bears. He struck out two batters.

The Rangers jumped out to an 8-0 lead after three innings of the nightcap. The Bears made it 8-1 in the fourth when Davis' second hit of the game scored Cole who had led off the frame with a walk.

The Rangers then scored the final three runs of the game in their half of the sixth inning.

Daren Smith took the loss, giving up six runs on four hits and four walks in two innings on the mound. He struck out two batters.

April 13, 2018

The Bears outhit the 19th-ranked Itawamba Indians 23-15 Friday in Fulton, but unfortunately come out just short in both ends of their doubleheader by scores of 4-2 and 9-8.

Itawamba held a 3-0 lead after three innings of the opener. The Bears got on the board, and made it 3-1, on Paco Bello's solo homer to left field in the top of the fourth.

Justin Medlin's homer in the bottom of the sixth increased the Itawamba (22-9, 9-7) lead to 4-1. The Bears then cut their deficit by one in their half of the seventh on Kyle Singleton's leadoff homer. That would prove to be the final run of the game as Itawamba held

on for the win.

Brendon Baker allowed four runs on six hits and a walk in 6.1 innings on the mound in taking the loss for the Bears (16-22, 9-17). He struck out four batters.

Payton Yawn had three singles in the game while T Tez Cole hit safely twice and Quartez Brown had a double.

Game two started off much like the first with Itawamba holding a 5-0 advantage at the end of two innings.

Cole's line drive single to left field sent two Bears across the plate to trim the Itawamba lead to 5-2.

Itawamba then did their best to put the game out of reach in the bottom of the fourth, scoring three runs with two outs to move out to an 8-2 lead.

The Bears, however, were not quite ready to call it quits, scoring six runs in the top of the fifth to tie the game at 8-8. Singleton had the big blast of the inning, sending an 0-1 pitch over the right field fence for a grand slam. Tyler White had a two-RBI single (he also had another base hit in the game).

Itawamba then scored what proved to be the winning run in their half of the fifth when the leadoff batter was hit by a pitch and crossed the plate three batters later.

Henry McDonald took the loss on the mound, surrendering a run on one hit in two innings. He struck out one batter.

Brown had three singles in the game while Isaiah Davis had two hits.

Lady Bears sweep East Mississippi Lady Lions

By Michael D. Gunnell
Southwest Sports Information Director

March 9, 2018

The Lady Bears split an MACJC road doubleheader with the Holmes Lady Bulldogs Friday evening, gaining the split with a 10-5 in the finale after dropping game one 7-0.

The Lady Bears took their early game-two lead in the top of the second inning. Madison Parker drove in the first run with a sacrifice fly. The first of four hits from Kayla McNabb scored one and Miranda Magee forced two home with the first of her two base hits.

Madison Bates singled in the top of the third to drive a run across the plate to increase the Lady Bears' (10-8, 3-5) lead to 5-0. Carrington Jefcoat's RBI double and the first of Terrah Nelson's three hits made it 7-0 after the fourth frame.

Holmes (8-6, 3-3) avoided the shutout with a solo run in their half of the fifth inning to cut their deficit to 7-1. Four runs scored for the hosts in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 7-5.

Using four singles and a Holmes error, the Lady Bears then scored the final three runs of the game in the top of the seventh before claiming the win.

Jordan McNabb picked up the win in the circle for the Lady Bears, allowing a pair of runs (one earned) on seven hits in five innings pitched. Melanie Crum had two singles in the game.

Game one was all Holmes as they scored five runs in the bottom of the first on their way to the shutout win.

Kassie Shipley took the loss in the circle, giving up seven runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk in six innings of work.

Tia Bussey, Ashley Elsensohn and Kayla McNabb each had two hits for the Lady Bears.

March 20, 2018

Despite totaling 20 hits on the day, the Lady Bears dropped an MACJC doubleheader to the visiting Northeast Lady Tigers 7-6 and 9-3.

Northeast (14-11, 6-4) led 4-0 in the opener before the Lady Bears got on the board in their half of the third inning. Madison Bates reached on a one-out single and scored two batters later on an Ashley Elsensohn base hit to make the score 4-1.

After Northeast added a run in the top of the fifth, the Lady Bears answered with a pair in the bottom of the frame. Kayla McNabb led off with a single and later scored on a ground out. On base via a fielder's choice, Miranda Magee scored on an error to pull the Lady Bears to within 5-3.

Jordan McNabb had an RBI

base hit in the Lady Bears' fifth to make the score 5-4.

Both teams added a run in the sixth to make the score 6-5. The Lady Bears' run came when Carrington Jefcoat led off with a two-base hit and crossed the plate on a Terrah Nelson's double.

Both teams again added solo runs in the seventh inning to reach the final score. Jordan McNabb's double, her third hit of the game, to force Kayla McNabb, on base with her third hit, across the plate.

Kassie Shipley took the loss in the circle for the Lady Bears, giving up six runs (two earned) on 10 hits and a walk in six innings of work. She struck out two batters.

The Lady Bears (10-10, 3-7) trailed 3-0 heading to the bottom of the fifth in the nightcap. Melanie Crum singled with one out and scored three batters later on Kayla McNabb's base hit (McNabb also had a second hit in the game) to make the score 3-1.

Down 5-1 in the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Bears made it 5-2 when Carlee Evans' one-out base hit scored pinch runner Jami Spears.

The Lady Bears trailed 9-2 as they came to the plate in the bottom of the seventh. They scored the final run of the game when Nelson drove in a run with the second of her two hits in the game.

Mikaela Smith took the loss in the circle. In five innings of work, she surrendered five runs on four hits and three walks while striking out three.

March 23, 2018

The Lady Bears split a home MACJC doubleheader with Northwest Mississippi Friday afternoon, winning the opener 8-0 before falling 2-1 in the finale. Game one was stopped after six innings.

Ashley Elsensohn reached on an error in the bottom of the first to start game one for the Lady Bears. She crossed the plate three batters later on a Jordan McNabb ground out to make the score 1-0.

In the Lady Bears' third, Miranda Magee tripled to right field with two outs and scored on Jordan McNabb's base hit to make the score 2-0.

The score went to 5-0 in the bottom of the fourth. Madison Bates led off with a base hit and scored on Terrah Nelson's RBI double (her second hit of the game). Two batters later, Elsensohn's double to centerfield sent Nelson home and Kayla McNabb followed with a triple to score Elsensohn (Kayla McNabb also had two singles in the game).

A pair of errors and Jami Spears' base-scoring single resulted in two more runs and a 7-0 lead for the Lady Bears (11-13, 4-10) in the bottom of the fifth.

The Lady Bears closed out the

game in their sixth when Elsensohn led off with a single to right field and scored four batters later on a Makannah Redd base hit.

Kassie Shipley pitched an excellent game in the circle to get the win for the Lady Bears. In her six innings of work, she allowed only three hits while striking out five.

Using two walks, a stolen base and a Lady Bears' error, Northwest (10-12, 4-8) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning of game two. A double, sacrifice and wild pitch then allowed them to score what proved to be the winning run, and go up 2-0, in the top of the second.

The Lady Bears scored their only run in the bottom of the third when Magee doubled to left field with one out, the first of her two hits in the game, and scored three batters later on the first of two Carrington Jefcoat base hits.

Pitching 3.1 innings, Mikaela Smith took the loss in the circle. She surrendered both Northwest runs while allowing only one hit and issuing two walks while striking out three.

Kayla McNabb and Spears both singled twice for the Lady Bears.

March 26, 2018

The Lady Bears gave it their best shot Monday afternoon in Decatur, but in the end came up short as they dropped an MACJC doubleheader to the 9th-ranked East Central Lady Warriors, 3-2 and 9-1. Game one went eight innings while game two ended in the sixth.

East Central took a 1-0 lead in game one in the bottom of the third inning. The Lady Bears tied it at 1-1 in the top of the fourth on Terrah Nelson's one-out, line-drive double to centerfield (she later added a single) and a Jordan McNabb single.

With neither team able to score through the rest of regulation play, the game was forced into extra play. In top of the eighth, the Lady Bears (11-15, 4-12) took a 2-1 lead when Kayla McNabb launched a 0-1 pitch over the fence in left field. The Lady Bears' lead was short-lived, however, as a double, single and error allowed East Central (22-6, 9-5) to push the tying and winning runs across the plate.

Kassie Shipley took the loss in the circle for the Lady Bears, surrendering three runs (one earned) on six hits and two walks in 7.2 innings. She struck out three batters.

The Lady Bears scored their only run in the nightcap, and took a 1-0 lead, in the top of the fourth when Nelson singled with one out and scored two batters later on the first of Jordan McNabb's two base hits. A single, double and home run in the bottom of the

fourth put East Central on top 3-1. They went on to close out the game with a six-run sixth.

Mikaela Smith allowed three earned runs on six hits and a walk over 4.1 innings in the circle to take the loss for the Lady Bears. She struck out one batter. Ashley Elsensohn had two singles in the game while Madison Bates had a double.

March 30, 2018

The 10th-ranked Itawamba Lady Indians took a home MACJC doubleheader from the Lady Bears Friday afternoon in Fulton, winning the opener 4-1 and taking the finale 5-0.

Itawamba (26-6, 17-1) picked up all the offense they would need in the second inning, scoring three runs to take a 3-0 lead. They would add their fourth run in the fifth inning.

The Lady Bears (11-17, 4-14) picked up their only run in the top of the seventh when a two-out error allowed pinch runner Melanie Crum to cross the plate.

Kassie Shipley took the loss in the circle, giving up four runs on five hits in six innings of work. The Lady Bears were limited to one single each from Madison Bates, Carrington Jefcoat Terrah Nelson.

Itawamba went up 1-0 in the bottom of the first in game two on their way to the shutout win.

Jordan McNabb allowed five runs on seven hits and a pair of walks in getting the complete-game loss in the circle. Tia Bussey and Jamie Spears both had a single for the Lady Bears.

April 2, 2018

The host LSU-Eunice Lady Bengals proved themselves worthy of their position as the 5th-ranked team in the NJCAA as they defeated the Lady Bears 8-0 and 11-0 Monday afternoon. Both games ended after five innings.

The Lady Bengals (33-14) scored all the runs they would need in the first inning of both games, picking up two in the opener and one in the finale.

Terrah Nelson, Makannah Redd and Jami Spears each had a single for the Lady Bears in game one. Jordan McNabb took the loss in the circle, giving up eight runs (one unearned) on 11 hits while striking out one in four innings.

In game two, Madison Bates, Ashley Elsensohn, Madison Parker and Spears each singled once for the Lady Bears (11-19). Kassie Shipley took the loss in the circle, allowing nine runs (one unearned) on nine hits with one walk. She struck out one.

April 9, 2018

The Lady Bears swept an MACJC doubleheader from the visiting Coahoma Lady Tigers Sunday afternoon, taking the opener 6-5 on Melanie Crum's walk-off single in the eighth inning, and the nightcap 11-1 in

five innings.

In the bottom of the first in game one, Ashley Elsensohn led off with a bunt single, moved to second and third on a pair of passed balls, and scored on a Terrah Nelson groundout to put the Lady Bears on top 1-0.

The Lady Bears (14-20, 7-15) went up 2-0 in the second. On base with the first of her two hits in the game, Miranda Magee stole second and third and scored on Crum's base hit.

In the Lady Bears' third, Elsensohn led off with a single (she later added a third hit), stole second and scored on an error that put Nelson on base (Nelson later scored on another error). With two outs, a passed ball allowed Jordan McNabb, on base via an error, to cross the plate to make the score 5-0.

Coahoma's bats came alive in the fourth and fifth innings when they scored two and three runs, respectively, to knot the game at 5-5. With neither team able to score further in regulation, the game went to the eighth. Crum's third hit of the game then scored Carrington Jefcoat, on base with a one-out error, to end the game.

Mikaela Smith got the win in the circle in relief for the Lady Bears, allowing only one hit while striking out two batters in two innings of work.

After Coahoma (0-24, 0-22) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning of game two, the Lady Bears quickly ended any possible suspense by racing out to a 9-1 advantage.

The Lady Bears' runs in the first came from the bats of Kayla McNabb (RBI single), Magee (RBI single), Jefcoat (RBI single), Elsensohn (RBI single) and Nelson (2-RBI double). A passed ball and two errors allowed the other runs to cross the plate.

The score went to 10-1 in the Lady Bears' third when Jami Spears and later scored on Nelson's sacrifice fly.

Jordan McNabb blasted a lead-off homer in the bottom of the fourth inning, her second hit of the game, to close out the scoring.

Smith went 4.1 innings in the circle to get the win in game two. She allowed a run on a pair of hits and two walks while striking out two. Jordan Harp retired both batters she faced to end the game. Carlee Evans had a single for the Lady Bears.

April 13, 2018

Miranda Magee's walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth of game two helped the Lady Bears complete a Sophomore Day MACJC doubleheader sweep of the East Mississippi Lady Lions Friday by a score of 6-5. The Lady Bears captured a 3-2 victory in the opener.

A Kayla McNabb sacrifice fly

and a RBI double from Madison Parker put the Lady Bears on top 2-0 in the bottom of the first in game one. The lead held up until the top of the fifth when East Mississippi tied the game at 2-2 on a two-out, two-run homer.

McNabb's first-pitch leadoff homer in the bottom of the sixth then gave the Lady Bears (16-22, 9-17) what proved to be the winning run.

Kassie Shipley went six innings in the circle, surrendering two runs on seven hits and three walks in recording the win. She struck out two batters. Jordan McNabb struck out one batter in one inning of work to pick up the save.

Melanie Crum had a double for the Lady Bears.

The Lady Bears took a 1-0 lead in their first at bat of the finale when Ashley Elsensohn led off with the first of her two hits in the game and scored two batters later on Kayla McNabb's base hit.

After East Mississippi (17-24, 13-13) tied the game in the top of the third, the Lady Bears regained the lead in the bottom of the frame, 2-1, on Parker's line drive homer to left field.

The Lady Bears held on to their slim lead until the top of the seventh when East Mississippi sent seven batters to the plate and scored four runs to move on top 5-2.

Regrouping in the bottom of the inning, the Lady Bears tied the game at 5-5 with Nelson's sacrifice fly and RBI singles from Kayla McNabb and Parker (Parker's third hit of the game).

The score remained tied until the bottom of the ninth when Kayla McNabb tripled with one out and scored on Magee's game-winning hit.

Mikaela Smith went the distance in the circle to pick up the win. She allowed five runs (one earned) on four hits and a walk while striking out four.

Crum had three singles in the game.



My experience at the Siege of Port Hudson

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

I recently had an opportunity to participate in a Civil War reenactment. One of my friends was a medical officer in the Army and now works as a trauma nurse in an emergency room in Jackson. He does Civil War reenactments as a field surgeon or battalion surgeon and brings modern medical supplies, concealed in period correct containers, to be able to provide first aid in case anyone is actually injured. He invited me to join him, as his hospital steward, at the Port Hudson event one weekend in March and let me borrow a uniform and some gear. Friday afternoon, March 23rd, we drove to the Port Hudson Battlefield, which is near Port Hudson, Louisiana, and set up camp, got changed, and became the battalion surgeon, and hospital steward of the 6th Michigan Infantry. The organizers even went so far as to pass out little slips of paper that had the name and fate of a soldier who was in the real 6th Michigan during the siege in 1863.

Saturday morning, a trumpeter played revile at 5:00 and everyone got up and fell into formation. We marched through the woodland trails behind the battlefield and engaged in tactical skirmishes before emerging onto the battlefield. There were cannons, and cavalry mounted on horseback. An audience was gathered behind a roped off area. The battle was scripted, and those who were designated to take a hit went down at the appropriate time. We set up a field hospital near the battlefield, and I triaged the wounded while the surgeon patched them up. After the battle was over, a trumpet sounded, indicating that was the end. The wounded and dead rose, we reformed the battalions, saluted the audience, and marched off the field. At this event, the registration fee for participants was \$30 and admission for spectators was \$10. The event raised more than \$4,600 for the preservation of historical sites and national parks in Mississippi. Reenactments are a way to preserve history, pay tribute to past generations, and honor the memory of family and friends. There are events for almost every period from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam. The types range from small displays called Living Histories, which might be set up outside of a museum, to large-scale campaign style events with rations issues, long marches, and camping in a different location each night. Some of them are small festivals similar to a renaissance fair, with various artisans and tradespeople. If you are interested in going to see a reenactment, you can visit www.nps.gov and search for national parks by state. Each national park has its own page where you can see dates of upcoming events.

Pride

By DeCorio Wedig, staff writer

Why do people have pride to begin with, haven't we all heard the saying, "Pride goeth before the fall?" As I was reading "The Scarlet Ibis," a short story written by novelist James Hurst, I came across a quote that intrigued me. It went something like, "I did not know then that pride is a wonderful terrible thing, a seed that bears two vines, life and death." As I began to explore the meaning of this quote, I often asked myself questions pertaining to it. "How can something be 'wonderful and terrible' at the same time?" Is that even possible? I say, yes, it is possible. Something can be a wonder and terror at the same time. That is what oxymoron means; two words that seem to contradict each other to make a new meaning. This story just reminds me of so many young black men who have become enslaved to their own pride. They are often afraid to show the world who they really are. So, why don't we pick ourselves up and let our pride go?

Paul Rushing: MS Community College Sports Hall of Fame



Paul Rushing

Paul Rushing will be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame on April 24 in Jackson, MS. Paul Rushing, formerly of Tylertown, MS, and presently a resident of

Breaux Bridge, LA, is married to Lynda Ard Rushing. They have two daughters, Tammie Rushing Aucoin and husband Kevin of Breaux Bridge, and Melaine Rushing Porter and husband Jim of Richmond, VA. Mr. Rushing also has three grandchildren, Adam Aucoin, Nicole Aucoin Trahan, and Brandt Porter. Five great grandchildren round out his immediate family, Cameron Aucoin, Addison Aucoin, Madelyn White, Mason Trahan and Marlee Trahan.

Rushing graduated from Johnston Station High School. In 1961-63 he played basketball at SMJC scoring 1107 points and was the leading scorer and co-captain of SMJC's 1963 State Championship team. He was named as All-State Junior College selection at SMJC.

Following his time at Southwest, he graduated from Mississippi College with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. While at Mississippi College, he was the second in the nation in basketball free throw percentages for small colleges and scored a game high of 38

points at both SMJC and Mississippi College.

Rushing retired from Delta Airlines after a thirty year career with the company. He worked in Baton Rouge and New Orleans as a manager of Delta's Baton Rouge ticket offices and was an assistant marketing representative for the Baton Rouge area.

Rushing continues to be active in community service. While in Baton Rouge, he served on the Baton Rouge Recreation and Education Council (BREC) and served as President of his Homeowners Associations. He also served on the Baton Rouge United Givers Board and the Baton Rouge Boys and Girls Club Board. He also coached several youth sports teams. Since moving to the Breaux Bridge area, he has been very supportive of projects in the Henderson Bible Church.

Since Rushing retired, he's had time for some of his favorite activities playing golf, fishing, and traveling. Most of all, though, he enjoys time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Just Another Feather

By Caleb Crosby, co-editor

I went to bed later than usual last night. This morning, I accidentally overslept and missed my first period class, Music Appreciation. Sorry, Mr. Elliott. I didn't eat breakfast, but I managed to get to school in time for my second class. My last class for the day, right before lunch, was World Literature II, where we read a story about an apple or something. I was tired and a little hungry, so I wasn't really paying attention. Sorry, Mr. O'Rourke. When we were dismissed, I left the humanities building and started walking across campus towards the cafeteria. As I was walking across the bridge, I glanced over to one of the wooden benches near the edge of the lake. The sun was shining right on it, and it looked warm, so I decided to go over and sit down. I slouched down on the bench just enough to rest my head on the back, and I closed my eyes.

I felt something tickling my nose. I opened my eyes and saw that my face was surrounded by white feathers. My head wasn't resting on the back of the bench anymore. Instead, I felt like my neck had grown and my head was turned all the way around to rest on my own back. I picked it up and looked around. I was still sitting on the bench. I looked down at my body and saw a mass of white feathers and two orange webbed feet. I stretched out my arms, but they weren't arms: they were wings! I hopped down from

the bench, rushed over to the edge of the lake, and looked down to see my reflection. Duck face! I fell backwards with a plop. A twinge of pain from my stomach reminded me that I was still hungry from skipping breakfast. First I would eat, then I would figure out whether or not I've lost my mind.

I picked myself up and went over to my laptop bag, which was leaning against the bench, where my student I.D. was clipped to the strap. I grabbed my I.D. with my mouth, and started trying to walk towards the cafeteria. I moved slowly because my legs were very short. I thought that if I just turned my body a little whenever I moved a foot forward then I could take longer strides. I tried it, and I could walk a little faster and more comfortably that way, but I felt my tail swaying from side to side with each step, and I knew that I looked quite silly. I waddled all the way to the cafeteria door, with my I.D. in my beak, to see that the doors were shut as usual. I wasn't tall enough or had hands enough to pull them open, but maybe I could jump and hit the blue wheelchair button. I jumped and flapped my wings, but only got a few inches into air. White flat footed ducks just aren't very good at jumping. Suddenly, someone behind me slapped the button, and three other students walked past me as the doors swung open. I followed them in. One noticed me, and pointed me out to the others. They stood aside, laughed, and watched me

go into the dining hall. The cafeteria worker who was scanning I.D.s didn't think it was so funny. She stood up and yelled at me, then opened the exit door and pushed me out with her foot! I wanted to explain, but when I opened my mouth, I dropped my I.D., and all that came out was a croaky quack. She wasn't happy with simply putting me out the door though, she kept shooing me until I was several feet away, then she scooped up my I.D. and put it in her pocket.

Dejected, I waddled back towards the lake. Some geese were behind the Allied Health Complex rooting through the grass. When I was getting close to the bridge, I saw a black Nissan Rogue pull into the AHC parking lot and into a parking spot. Maybe I could explain my desperate situation to this person? I hurried towards the car, and was getting close when they opened their door and got out. I was right behind the vehicle when the driver, a young woman wearing scrubs, reached the back drivers side corner. We were right next to each other when she noticed me. She jumped, screamed, and put her hand over her heart. I wasn't trying to scare her, but now I definitely didn't feel like I could chase her to try to explain. I continued again towards the lake. Some other ducks were paddling around and sticking their heads under the water. Their backsides bobbed around in the air. One came up with some mud and bits of weeds in its mouth, swished it's

beak around in the water, and then appeared to swallow the weeds. I was hungry, but no thanks. I waddled back over to my bench, scrambled onto it again, and sat down, feeling helpless. I wanted to cry. I buried my face in the feathers of my back and shut my eyes tightly.

At some point I must have dozed off, because after a little while I woke up again. I looked down and there was my regular body! I let out a sigh of relief. It's not a particularly good body, but at least it's mine. I must have fallen asleep in the sun and had a weird dream! I noticed something fluttering on the ground nearby. It was a white feather. The breeze picked it up and blew it away. Geese and ducks lose their feathers all the time. The old feathers get pushed out, and new ones grow in their place. Even if the feathers were just starting to get to know one another, when it's time for one to leave, it has to leave; then it gets picked up by the wind and carried off in some direction.

I checked the time on my phone. It was still only 12:30. The cafeteria was still open. I grabbed my laptop bag and went to finally get some lunch. As I approached the register, I checked all my pockets but couldn't find my I.D. I eat here every day, so maybe she'll cut me some slack? I decided to try.

"I think this is yours." The lady smiled as she held out my student I.D. "You'll never guess where I found it."



Tri Beta inducts new members: Renner Rallos, Laurie Richard, Kaitlyn McCarlie, Brianna Pevey, Brooke Montgomery, Andrew Boyd, and Amanda Domine; second row: Robin Kuntz, Advisor; Rashondra Rankin, Tamaria Carter, Jamaya Galloway, Michael Wilson, Jayla Davis, Shinah Moore, Korey Dillon, Alexcia Carr, Jehdiel Harrell, Olivia Dickerson, and Alana Gabler On Thursday, April 12th, students gathered to celebrate their induction into TriBeta with friends and families at the observatory. The evening kicked off with a delicious fish fry catered by Mr. Whiskers. After everyone finished eating, the ceremony began. The full members were inducted and presented with certificates and graduation cords. Associate members received certificates, lifetime nationwide membership, and club stickers.

photo by Kimi Jeanson

What will you do this summer?

By Charlie-Anne Steen, staff writer

We are finally ending this semester; students are preparing for exams and then for summer break. With summer break approaching, we are all trying to figure out what we want to do when exams end. Most students have the same idea in mind, while others have their own ideas. Here, I have what some students have planned for their summer break.

Josiah Bellamy – "Work and train for football"

Myrrell Brim – "Get money, lose weight, have fun, and love life"

Jenny Burkett – "Swimming and relax"

Elizabeth Case – "Go to Atlanta, Georgia, and work"

George Fairman – "Work"

Adam Haygood – "Work"

Jasmine Haynes – "Have fun, lose weight, summer school, dance practice, vacation, and travel"

Hutch Holden – "Find a job and have fun with friends"

Brianna Hux – "Job searching"

Dvante Jackson – "Work and get a car"

Amethyst Mitchell – "Make money, lose weight, meet new people, and go to revival"

Corey Moore – "Work the whole summer"

Abigail Raborn – "Lose weight and be healthy"

Jaquavious Randle – "Train hard and get rest"

Jonathan Scott – "Mission trips and mission work with kids this summer"

La'Treall Smith – "Work and get the team prepared for the season"

Grayson Terrell – "Finish some classes and work"

Anna Thomas – "Babysit and visit my family in Wisconsin"

Aaron Thompson – "Work and workout"

Crystal Thornton – "Get a good paying job to pay my car note and go out with my friends"

Martevious Washington – "Train and be a better person"

Bingham named to NJCAA All-Region 23 squad

By Michael Gunnell, Director of Sports Information

For her efforts in assisting the Lady Bears to an 18-7 overall record (9-5 in the MACJC), Lady Bears sophomore forward Keturah Bingham has been named to the NJCAA All-Region 23 squad.

Bingham was second on the Lady Bears with 11.1 points per game and first with 7.5 rebounds per game. She turned in four double-doubles and had a season-high 23 points in a win over Coahoma and a season-high 15 rebounds in a win over Delgado.

Lady Bears head coach Brent Harris said Bingham "really displayed her versatility (during the 2017-18 season) by making some three point shots. There were a few nights where she was a tremendous force on the interior for us this season. We are so proud" of her being named to the All-Region team.



Southwest 2018-2019 Cheer Team



Pictured to the left are the following:
 Adalida Bartholomew, Ruth, MS;
 Taylor Buitt, Bogie Chitto, MS;
 Madelyn Welch, Liberty, MS;
 Darian Stritman, Brookhaven, MS;
 Tiffany Prevost, Jackson, LA;
 Molly Hennington, Brookhaven, MS;
 Kylie Troutman, Summit, MS;
 Aleigh Flynn, Harrisville, MS;
 McKena Henderson, Magnolia, MS;
 Kelsey Hedgepeth, Jayess, MS;
 second row: Latreal Smith, Brookhaven, MS;
 Bryson Tymes, McComb, MS;
 Edward Howard, McComb, MS;
 Will Fauver, Bogie Chitto, MS;
 Ryan Amic, Brookhaven, MS;
 Key Varius Lucas, McComb, MS;
 Marcus Kees, Monticello, MS;
 Ryan Ivey, McComb, MS;
 Tyler Gill, Brookhaven, MS.



Casey Cook:	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Academic Honor Award	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Community Service Award	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Award of Excellence in Business Ethics
Zoe Miller:	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Community Service Award	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Award of Excellence in Business Ethics	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level
Lisa Jones:	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Award of Excellence in Business Ethics	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Community Service Award
Brandon Pace:	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Award of Excellence in Business Ethics	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Community Service Award
Caleb Haskel:	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Award of Excellence in Business Ethics	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Chapter Leadership Passport Award - Diplomatic Level	2017-2018 Collegiate DECA International Community Service Award

Collegiate DECA winners at the 57th International Collegiate DECA Conference in Washington, D.C.: Pictured are Casey , Zoe Miller, Lisa Jones, Brandon Pace, and Caleb Haskel

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Grilled Chicken \$3.00	French Toast (5) \$1.50
Ham \$3.00	Grits \$1.00
Hamburger \$3.50	Ham (1) \$1.00
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	Sausage (ea.) \$1.00
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Shrimp (6) \$6.00	
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Hamburger \$5.50	Candy Bar \$1.25
Club \$6.50	French Fries \$2.00
Cheeseburger \$5.75	Cajun Fries \$2.25
Catfish (1) \$7.99	Onion Rings \$2.25
DINNERS	Chips \$1.25
Catfish (2) \$9.29	Cheese Sticks (6) \$3.75
Chicken Tenders (3) \$7.00	Chicken Tenders (3) \$3.75
Shrimp (6) \$7.00	Corn Dog \$1.50
BEVERAGES	Peppers \$0.50
Coffee - large (12oz) \$1.00	Whole Pickle \$1.00
16 oz fountain drink \$1.50	ICE CREAM
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