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Holmes says goodbye to beloved instructor David Rule

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Wesley David Rule of West, who served as department chair of the Department of Mathematics and Science on the Goodman Campus of Holmes Community College, died Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. He is survived by his mother, Ernestine Rule of West; daughters, Lisa (Eddie) Singletary and Amie (Richard) Simpson; grandchildren, Holden, Abby, Gracie, and Memphis Singletary and Emma, McCool, and Faylyn Simpson; brother, Tommy Rule; nieces, Jennifer Rule and Crystal Rule; great nieces, Madison Walton, Mackenzie Walton, and Lilly Coleman.

He was preceded in death by his father, T. J. Rule.

Pallbearers were Robert Harris, Jim Marion, Jim Shirley, Kenny Dupont, Jerry Harris, and Jim Schroeder and honorary pallbearers were Billy Wilson, Joe David White, Gee Wei Lee, and Jay Cheatham.

Rule, 60, was a beloved instructor



David Rule

and co-worker who was highly respected by students and faculty/staff alike on all three campuses of Holmes. Following his death, there was nothing short of an outpouring of kind words about this gentle, kind-hearted man from the Holmes CC family.

“So sorry to hear about Mr. Rule. He

was one of my favorite professors. I only had him one semester for college algebra, but I ran into him a few times years later in Jackson and he always remembered my name. He was such a nice man,” said Stephanie Puckett, a Holmes alumna.

“Mr. Rule was one of the most patient teachers and kindest souls I’ve ever known,” said Johna McNeer. “Heaven has gained another angel.”

“I was a student at Holmes beginning in 1984 and it’s so sad to hear of Mr. Rule’s passing. He was always so kind. Our loss is heaven’s gain,” said Candy Tucker Brown.

In addition to pouring himself into his students and work at Holmes, Rule was also an active member of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko.

“He was one of the only college professors (Mr. Rutledge too) to have a lasting impression on me. Not only in the classroom, but in the way he lived for Christ,” said Jay Aldy, Holmes alumni, and son of Ronnie and Wanda Aldy, both former Holmes’ employees. Rule, who was a Holmes Bulldog

through and through, received his A.A. degree at Holmes Junior College before going on to earn both a BS. and M.Ed. at Mississippi State University.

“Sad to hear of the death of David Rule. Serious bulldog fan, smart math guy, dedicated teacher, loyal friend, and lover of Jesus. He made Holmes and the world better,” said Linda Halfacre Weir, BSU director at Holmes from 1986-1988.

“David was part of a group of men that would go out to eat most Friday nights. We would go to restaurants all over the area, from Jackson to all parts of Holmes and Attalla counties. It amazed me and the others that no matter where we were eating, someone would come by and say hello to David Rule. One night in Sallis, everyone in the restaurant was a friend of or related to him. We made a joke of it, we figured he must be related to half of the people in Mississippi. David was such a blessing to so

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Ridgeland Campus dedicates Joe A. Adams Student Center

From Staff Reports/Photos



There was no shortage of faculty, staff, students, friends, and family members present to wish the honoree well during the dedication ceremony for the Joe A. Adams Student Center held on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College Feb. 6. Not surprising, considering the impact Adams has had on Holmes; both the people he worked with and the students whose lives he touched.

As the crowd gathered on the Student Center lawn on a beautiful Friday morning, Dr. Don Burnham, vice-president of the Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus, gave welcoming remarks and shared his admiration for the man who once held his position.

Holmes CC President Dr. Jim Haffey then took the podium, stating that “it brings us great happiness to name this building in his (Joe Adams’) honor” and that “Joe has always been quick to

help a former student.” Addressing Adams directly, Dr. Haffey said, “You have given your heart and soul to this institution...you helped build this campus and shape what it has become. It’s appropriate that this building is named for you, as students have always been your first priority.”

Adams, who resides in Madison, has served his beloved Holmes CC for 42 years. His journey as a bulldog began as a student, and through the years he has served in various positions and roles. His tenure began in 1972 as an industrial education instructor on the Goodman Campus. In 1984, he was named vocational-technical assistant director; a position he held until 1987, when he became vice-president of the Ridgeland Campus.

Adams explained that during his time as vice-president and in other roles at Holmes, he considered two factors when making a decision: how the decision would affect the college, and how the decision would affect the students. As one of the founding members of the Ridgeland Campus, established in 1985, he took whatever measures necessary to boost enrollment and nourish growth of the college.

Adams retired as vice-president in 2011, but continued to serve his alma-mater as the alumni association director until 2014. He now serves



Pictured are (right to left) **Dr. Jim Haffey**, president of Holmes; **Joe A. Adams**, former vice-president of the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes, and **Dr. Don Burnham**, current vice-president of the Ridgeland Campus.

as past-president of the association and never misses a Homecoming or other alumni event. In 2002, he received the Gordon Award of Distinction on the basis of his outstanding efforts toward promoting Holmes’ Phi Theta Kappa chapters. In 2006, Adams was named Alumnus of the Year, and was recognized during the Homecoming celebration.

As Adams addressed the crowd he commented, “It’s a great day in my neighborhood.” He said that when Dr. Glenn Boyce, former president of Holmes CC, told him they were going to name the Student Union in his honor, he was “excited, awestruck, surprised, and every other adjective you



Pictured are (right to left) **Susan Adams Shirley**, **Jeff Adams**, **Betty Sue Adams**, **Joe Adams**, and **Molly Kate Adams**.

can think of, but also wondered, why?” Dr. Boyce told Adams, “It was an easy call because all through the years you have been a student advocate...and the students are the lifeblood of this institution.”

Adams thanked the Ridgeland community, and specifically Mayor Gene McGee, for the outpouring of support shown to the college. He also thanked multiple others for their support of him during his career at Holmes CC, including Betty Sue, his wife of 47 years. Betty Sue, like Adams, is a bulldog alumnus, and is also a former Holmes CC mathematics instructor. He said that when he decided to retire, she said it was time for her to go too, only she had

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Unnecessary Censorship

By Joshua Dilmore
Staff Reporter

Ray Bradbury wrote in "Fahrenheit 451," "There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running around with lit matches." This quote rings true when compared to the current witch hunt in libraries and schools to label books and other learning materials as threatening. The situation of censorship has become so extreme that a single complaint can have a book "unshelved." The challenge of banning books has extended even beyond the libraries and schools and into the realm of internet access. As Brian Hauss of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) put it, "filtering has become the 21st century's bonfire." Perhaps the greatest censorship threat occurs in school materials. According to an article published on Education World, "A report by the National School Boards Association (NSBA) found that challenges of school materials are common throughout the United States. Those challenges frequently work; nearly one-third result in materials being withdrawn from schools or their use curtailed." Further, most state and government cases regarding censorship concerned materials used in the classroom. Little known to the public, 464 book bannings have been attempted in the last year. Statistics show that over 49 book bannings and removals of books from school shelves took place in 29 states in 2013 and such bannings are steadily on the rise.

From 2012 - 2013, challenges increased 53 percent from 14 incidents to 31. Of course, to fully understand the situation, a person must first ask, "What is censorship?" As defined by Henry Reichman quoted in "Banning Books from the Classroom," censorship is "the removal, suppression, or restricted circulation of literary, artistic or educational materials...on the grounds that these are morally or otherwise objectionable in light of the standards applied by the censor." Censorship of books and other teaching aids in schools must be eliminated because such censorship discriminates, inhibits freedom of expression, and creates a severe social and educational disadvantage for students.

Firstly, the censorship of books and other teaching aids discriminates. Such censorship can discriminate by banning the teaching of materials regarding certain topics. According to an article published on The Guardian website in December 2013, "An anti-censorship group in America has reported a flurry of attempted book bannings in the last quarter of the year and has said there are increasing num-

ber of books being taken off school shelves that deal with race or sexuality or are written by 'minority' authors." Many times authors' works are suppressed because of the authors' minority statuses rather than their actual writing. Books such as Sylvia Plath's "The Bell Jar," the "vile outpourings of a lewd woman's mind," and Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," a "lurid tale of sexual perversion," have been attacked and banned from the classroom. Books such as "The Diary of Anne Frank" and Sherman Alexie's "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" have been banned for being too "pornographic." The Autobiography of Malcolm X in many predominantly white communities has been labeled as "filthy," "racist," and "criminal" and banned from school libraries as recent as 1994. The censoring of such authors' writings has caused uproar over the current situation. These discriminatory actions do nothing but encourage racism and sexism among communities.

Materials about differing sexualities are also on the forefront of fire. For example, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) books are frequently targeted in school library bannings. A list of frequently banned books includes "The Family Book," typically banned for stating "some families have two dads," and "And Tango Makes Three," about two male penguins finding and raising an abandoned egg. The ACLU reports that positive LGBT resources are under scrutiny, being termed as "sexually explicit" and filtered from student access. To censor websites and other learning sources is to stigmatize these discriminated groups (LGBT community, women, minorities, etc.) as something "dirty" or "shameful." Luckily there is hope. The "Don't Filter Me" campaign challenges the software blocked access to sites with information about LGBT families.

Such censorship can also discriminate by restricting information regarding certain topics. Restriction generally occurs with sources that mention sex and drug education, reference to creationism, literature that encourages children to question authority, and women's liberation, just to name a few. Schools have also begun to censor resources that come via the internet. Although this censoring is not necessarily a bad thing, schools do not take into account that filtering software sometimes prevents access to non-threatening sources of information. Nevertheless, the problem reaches far beyond the realm of technology and library. Censorship does much more than discriminate.

In addition, censorship of books and other teaching aids can inhibit freedom of expression. Such censorship can limit literary expression of authors and the individual freedom of students and teachers. According to an article published in the English Journal, "A particularly insidious effect of censorship is its power to silence teachers. Few teachers take a proactive stance or speak out against censorship unless forced to do so as a result of public challenges to the literature curriculum." Even though teachers are asked

to implement diverse, contemporary materials, teachers run the risk of jeopardizing their careers by doing so. In her article "The Effects of Censorship on Experienced High School English Teachers," Jane Agee further writes: "Well-publicized cases of teachers whose professional and personal lives have been damaged by lengthy debates that take place in courts of law or school district offices have effects on English teachers and school districts everywhere (e.g., Marion Goldwasser; Cissy Locks; James Moffet)."

Without a doubt, the effects of censorship should never interfere in the personal life of a teacher. More experienced teachers try to strike a balance between materials they feel would fit best with the curriculum and those that would prove problematic. However, the process of selecting and approving various teaching materials in schools is only implemented "when needed." The real question seems to be what is the real concern or motive behind censorship, when half of the challenged books regard race and sexuality? Selecting print and non-print materials is "charged with social and political tensions that extend far beyond the classroom." Even with given guidelines of accepted literature, teachers still are unsure of consequences of selected teaching materials. Just as teachers' individual freedom is often censored so is students' freedom. Many forms of student expression, no matter how educational—from school newspapers to school plays—are under fire by school and community officials. Indeed, such censorship is in violation of students' and teachers' rights as American citizens "to say, think, read, and write" what they feel without fear of reprimand.

Censorship of books and other teaching aids also can create a severe social and educational disadvantage. According to Agee, "In recent years, censorship cases have escalated as teachers are asked to introduce more contemporary and culturally diverse texts." Further, she writes, "One disturbing aspect of censorship is its power to deny students in one class or an entire school system the right to read particular texts." Some of those texts being censored include: J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series, William Faulkner's "As I Lay Dying," John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," and Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse Five." Religious texts such as the Holy Bible and the Qur'an are also among the growing list of banned books.

Books' educational and ethical values also come under fire over minor incidents, such as if a child laughs when reading or if a child is inspired to question the world around him or her. However, an important question that needs to be asked is how are students expected to hold an intellectual conversation when they have been exposed to little of the world around them? Unfortunately, the censorship extends beyond the classroom to create a great ethical concern that extends beyond in the generations. Acacia O'Connor of the Kids Right to Read Project (KRRP), as quoted in "Book Bannings," states, "It has been a sprint since the beginning of the school year...We would settle one issue and wake up the next morning to find out another book was on the chopping block."

The situation is clear that such censorship is an issue that is not stopping any time soon. The censorship of

books and other teaching aids will continue to create a severe social and educational disadvantage for students. In contrast, proponents of censorship of books and other teaching aids argue that such censorship will aid in students' growth educationally and ethically. These claims come from proponents of censorship throughout communities and the country as a whole. Which

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The Perks of College

By Kenard Holmes
Staff Reporter

What is college? What is it exactly that you consider success or being successful? Many would say success isn't true success without a college education, well at least that's what society tells us. After carefully interviewing my fellow peers at Holmes Community College, the primary response I received was, "If you are not in college, then you are really wasting your time in life." Let's go deeper than just a physical/visual aspect of what college is supposed to be, let's look past the inspirational commercials that expressees college as "The place to be" and let's look at the one thing that holds a person who is optimistic about college back. Tuition! When I asked students what their first thoughts about college are, their responses were "How will I pay for this?" or "How will I balance a social life, work life, and college?"

A quote by famous Hip Hop rapper Big K.R.I.T is "What good is a degree when there aren't any jobs to apply?" College presses the pressure points of life because it is very time consuming. Our biggest decisions in life come during the school year, like whether to go to the big party this weekend or stay home and study for the test Monday. College presses the pressure points of life! Can attending classes and passing really secure security? Will my degree take me to where I am trying to go in life? Will I meet the right connections in college to secure a nice job? Negative outlooks in life changing situations always bring out the pessimistic side in a person.

The cost for one year of tuition and fees varies widely among colleges. According to the College Board, the average cost of tuition and fees for the 2013-2014 school year was \$30,094 at private colleges, \$8,893 for state residents at public colleges, and \$22,203 for out-of-state residents attending public universities. The cost of college may seem like a lot, but there are alternative ways to pay school. Schools usually offer scholarships and there are a numerous number of scholarship that remain unclaimed each year.

There are scholarships based on where you are from, your heritage, and your current job. Student loans are offered to students, but the good thing about student loans is that you can pay them as you go. Some jobs will fund a student's schooling because they know it will benefit their company if they have someone who is educated on the collegiate level.

The best thing about college is the opportunity to redefine who you are and what you have to offer the world. You have the opportunity to meet new people that you would have never experienced in your hometown. Most universities have out of state students from all over the world, which gives you the opportunity to become friends and see how the other side of the world lives.

In college you find out your likes
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Mr. & Miss HCC Ridgeland
Maya Lewis and Marvin Miller



Mr. & Miss HCC Goodman
JD Ingram and Miranda Burchfield



Mr. & Miss HCC Grenada
Caleb Kelly and Haley King

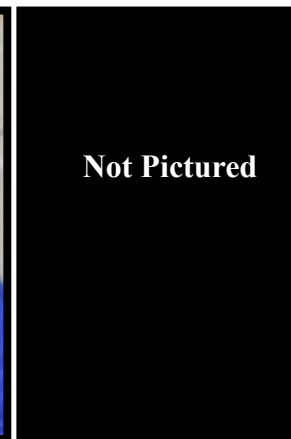
Class Favorites, Ridgeland Campus



Holly Cobb
Freshman Favorite



Allison Echols
Freshman Favorite



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Keith Gaddis
Freshman Favorite



Alexis Gaytan
Freshman Favorite



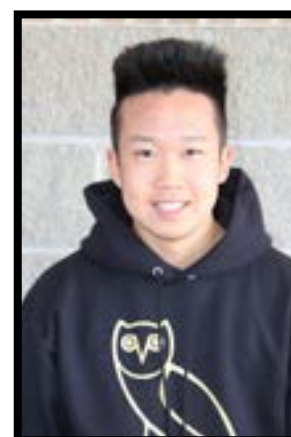
Tyler George
Freshman Favorite



Caitlin Jiles
Freshman Favorite



Serenity McClendon
Freshman Favorite



Timothy Sodachanh
Sophomore Favorite



Macala Boxx
Sophomore Favorite



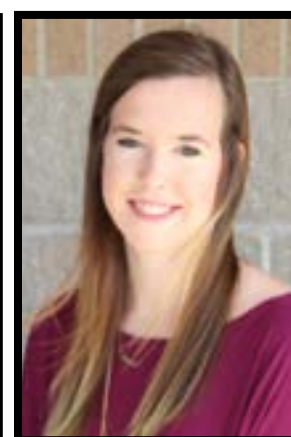
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Sophomore Favorite



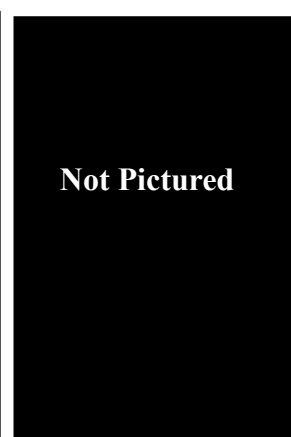
Avery Huff
Sophomore Favorite



Bailey James
Sophomore Favorite



Hanna Pittman
Sophomore Favorite



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Dontarrius Moore
Sophomore Favorite

Class Favorites, Goodman Campus



Amber Gilmore
Freshman Favorite



Valerie Mooney
Freshman Favorite



Wontavius Rimpson
Freshman Favorite



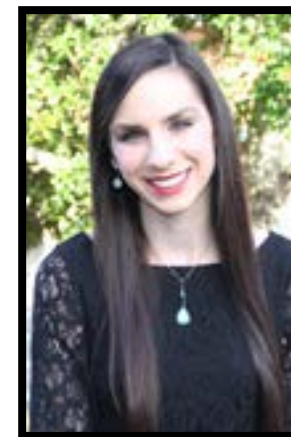
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Sophomore Favorite



Kelli Huggins
Sophomore Favorite



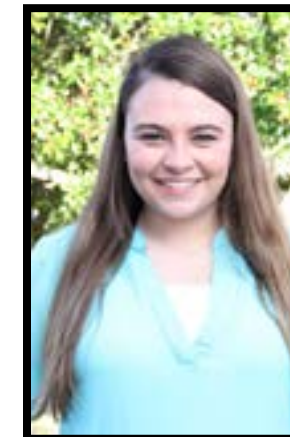
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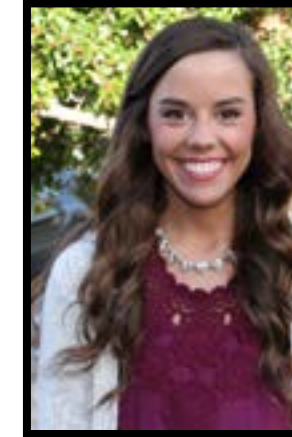
Lily Fran McCrory
Sophomore Favorite



Kristopher Murray
Sophomore Favorite



Lia Pettit
Sophomore Favorite



Shelby Soyars
Sophomore Favorite

Class Favorites, Grenada Center



Erin Beck
Freshman Favorite



Kayla Dees
Freshman Favorite



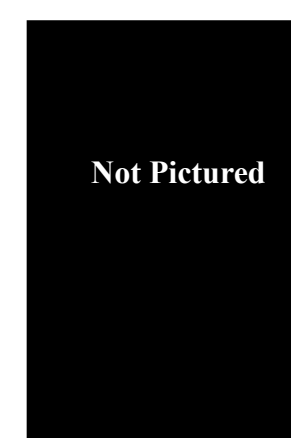
Shelby Ferguson
Freshman Favorite



Alex Gillespie
Freshman Favorite



Felicia Murray
Freshman Favorite

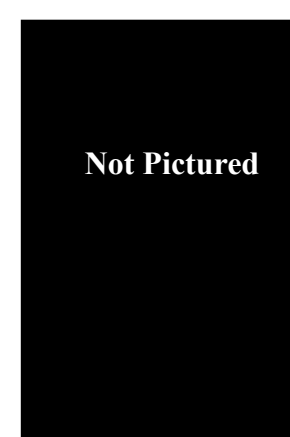


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Cody Stanford
Freshman Favorite



Jennifer Tehan
Freshman Favorite



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Frenesha Calcote
Sophomore Favorite



Brad Doster
Sophomore Favorite



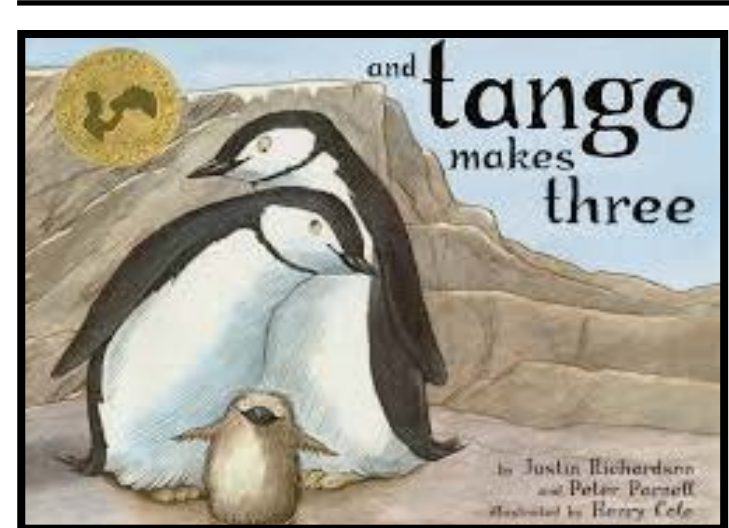
Beth Tillman
Sophomore Favorite



Joseph Whitfield
Sophomore Favorite



Amber Wilson
Sophomore Favorite



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Jones is new Goodman Campus academic dean

From Staff Reports/Photos



Jenny Jones

Coordinator from 2010-2014 and currently as the eLearning Coordinator. Before 2010, she served as the Portal Manager and Media Specialist for the IT department for three years. Prior to that, Jones was an Instructor for the Business and Office Technology Department for 12 years. She has also

been an instructor for the Mississippi Virtual Community College since 2001.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to continue the strong tradition of Academics at Holmes Community College's Goodman Campus," Jones said. "I look forward to working with faculty, staff, and students to inspire a thought-provoking, collegial atmosphere."

During her years at Holmes, Jones has been given the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at the 2012 Mississippi Association of Developmental Educators convention, she has been a part of the team that was awarded the 2012 Blackboard Collaborate Hall of Fame Award, has been featured in numerous articles such as the University Business' Level Playing Field, and has presented at Blackboard World, Mississippi Banner Users Group and the Mississippi Advisors Meeting.

"We are proud to announce the hir-

ing of Jenny Bailey Jones as the new Goodman Academic Dean. She has an understanding of her new role from the perspective of both a teacher and an administrator. Jenny loves Holmes, and we have already observed her dedication to the process of educating our students. She not only has special qualities such as cooperation and problem solving, but she also brings the added benefit of her advanced technological skills," said Dr. Fran Cox, Vice-President for Academic Programs at Holmes.

Jones, her husband William, and their two children, Sara Bailey, 14, and Lizzie Kate, 10, reside in Kosciusko.

Ridgeland Campus OTA Program receives 10-year accreditation



From Staff Reports/Photos

Pictured are (left to right) Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program Director **Sherry Hager** and Director of Career/Technical Education **Amy Whittington**.

At its December 5-7, 2014 meeting, ACOTE (Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education) reviewed the Report of On-Site Evaluation (ROSE) regarding the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Holmes Community Col-

lege, Ridgeland Campus, Ridgeland, Mississippi, and voted to Grant a Status of Accreditation for a period of 10 years. ACOTE is a subset of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

The next on-site evaluation will be scheduled within the academic year 2024 - 2025.

The OTA curriculum is a two-year/five-consecutive-semester program of study that prepares students to work as co-participants in the entire occupational therapy process at the discretion of the supervising licensed occupational therapists.

"This is an outstanding honor," said Ridgeland Campus Director of Career and Technical Education Amy Whittington. "In fact, this is the highest of honors, as not all programs receive the full 10-year accreditation status."

Holmes' OTA program was examined and assessed by evaluators from ACOTE through a process that included an on-site visit to campus. The evaluations are conducted at 5 or 7-year intervals for initial accreditation and 5, 7, or 10-year intervals for continuing accreditation. Holmes is one of only three institutions in Mississippi that boasts an accredited OTA program.

"The hours, days, weeks, and months of hard work that our OTA Program Director Sherry Hager and our OTA Fieldwork Coordinator Kana Williams put into this report and site visit were intense, to say the least," Whittington said. "This just goes to

show that hard work does pay off."

Graduates of the OTA program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), eligible to obtain licensure to practice in the state of Mississippi.

From the competitive and selective application process, applicants are chosen to enter the program each fall. For the past two years, Holmes has had a 100 percent pass rate of the NBCOT exam by the program's graduates.

For more information on the OTA program at the Holmes Ridgeland Campus, contact Sherry Hager at shager@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3337.

Holmes CC Madison student receives MADE scholarship

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College sophomore Marvin Miller of Madison was awarded the 2014 Mississippi Association of Developmental Educators (MADE) Student Scholarship during the 33rd Annual MADE Conference. The conference, titled, "The Making of a Star," was held Nov. 6-7 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond. MADE is the Mississippi chapter of the National Association for Developmental Education.

Miller, a Funeral Service Technology student, credits developmental education for helping him to succeed in college.

"Taking developmental courses has made my life easier and my goals much more attainable," Miller said. "I am proud of myself for the steps I have taken to enhance my learning abilities."

"Marvin has been an excellent student in my classes," Bickerstaff said. "His



Marvin Miller

enthusiasm for learning is contagious. He is in class and ready to work, and has set a positive example for other students to follow. He is engaged with an eagerness to learn; an attribute that will be instrumental in making him successful in whatever career path he chooses."

Erin Renfroe, English Instructor at Holmes, said that not only is Miller a hard worker, but also a personable and compassionate person who shows kindness and generosity to his fellow students on a regular basis.

"As a teacher, I work with hundreds of students with hundreds of personalities," Renfroe said. "There are times when some of my students are so lethargic that I wonder where their future is headed, but I'm also blessed to teach many students who show a willingness to work hard to achieve success. Marvin is one of those students. I have no doubt that he can and will succeed in whatever goals he sets for himself."

Miller is a nontraditional student who had been out of school several years before enrolling at Holmes. He said that the developmental courses have helped him not only in his academic coursework, but also in everyday life.

"I received a GED instead of a high school diploma, and I did not know what to expect my first time entering college," Miller said. "After taking the Compass Placement Exam, my advisor recommended that I begin with Intermediate English and Beginning Algebra. This really helped me a lot, especially with my pronunciation of words and understanding the fundamentals of math. Now, I am able to use these skills for my Funeral Directing, Mortuary Anatomy, and Embalming Classes,

because pronunciation and writing are key elements within the funeral industry, especially when dealing with families."

Miller now helps tutor other students at Holmes, and said that he tries to encourage others not to give up, even if they fail at first. Upon graduating from Holmes, he plans to work in the funeral industry and eventually open his own funeral home.

"I plan to become an embalmer and funeral director, and I have some construction experience, so I could build my own funeral home," Miller said. "I also have dreams of creating my own cosmetic line that would be good for all ethnicities, helping them to look natural, and I plan to have my own transportation service that would allow other funeral homes to rent my vehicles if they needed extra for a funeral in the area. So as you can see, I have big dreams. These classes (at Holmes) have gotten me closer to my dreams."

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many, and will be missed," said Jim Schroeder, director of theatre on the Goodman Campus.

"Mr Rule was a quiet, gentle man. I always loved watching him play ball with the students every year in the faculty/student game. He will surely be missed by many," said Heather Mooney, engineering technology instructor on the Ridgeland Campus.

"David Rule was an excellent col-

league and confidant that I will sorely miss, I always thought he was very knowledgeable and an exceptional professional," said Dr. Joe David White, biology instructor on the Ridgeland Campus. "Perhaps most of all I will miss him as the consummate friend."

Rule will be missed by many, but his memory lives on at Holmes through all of those loved him.

Adams (continued from Front Page)

to stay one more month for summer school. "I got one month to do what I wanted," he said, smiling.

Adams also recognized his good friends Jack L. Holmes and Dr. Don Phillips; former Holmes employees who also have buildings named in their honor. He recounted stories of him and Jack, who served as vice-president of the Grenada Center, having friendly campus

enrollment contests with one another during their days in administration.

"I feel so honored to be able to join that group of people," Adams said. "Getting to work for Holmes Community College and having a building named after you...it just doesn't get any better."

Adams concluded with the catchphrase he made popular, "There's no place like Holmes."

Back on Broadway owns the stage at Corey Forum

By Gleneasha Brown
Staff Reporter/Submitted Photos



The Grenada Arts Partnership, which is Grenada and Holmes Partner for the Arts, warmly welcomed Matt Davenport Productions' "Back on Broadway" on Thursday, Jan. 29 in the Corey Forum at the Holmes Community College Grenada Center.

"Back on Broadway" was an overwhelming success, reviving several iconic scenes from Broadway hits such as "Mary Poppins," "Ragtime," "Mamma Mia," "Jersey Boys," "Memphis," and "Annie," along with scenes from popular stories like "The Addams Family" and "Cinderella."

Vice President of HCC Grenada Campus Michelle Burney walked through the performance, stating that the production evolved around nine actors traveling to the home of Broadway, New York City, in hopes of succeeding on Broadway. The actors indeed put on a show for a New York stage, as the actors performed larger than life.

Burney continued, "The actors recited lines from the fictitious book 'How to Succeed on Broadway,' each chapter touching base on the different arenas

of performing and theatre." The book also told "what one could do to be successful in that particular area," which the success of the entire production proved to the intrigued spectators.

Burney excitedly described the cast as "extremely talented" as they performed on a stage more grand than a local community college. She said the cast "performed on a level one would expect to see in New York City on Broadway."

The cast appealed to the audience in style, draped in dark garbs for The Addams Family, sleek suits for Jersey Boys, and velvet ball gowns for Cinderella. The cast of only ten transcended



ed to an audience of all ages, as Burney happily pointed out, "It was extremely entertaining for people of all ages."

The audience erupted in applause, cheerfully praising the performers for putting on an amazing show. This is not the first and most certainly will not be the last the arts grace the Corey Forum

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Cheerleaders place 5th in nation at competition in Disney World

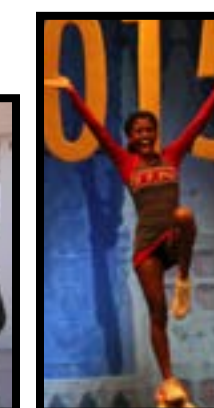
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video of the cheerleaders at the competition.

The Holmes CC Cheerleaders shined at the 2015 Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) Nationals Competition held in Disney World Jan. 16-18.

Coached by Heather Jones, who is also a chemistry instructor on the Goodman Campus, the 2014-2015 squad includes: Corey Anderson, Chyenne Bennett, Haley Blain, Brandon Bryant, Sydney Coleman, DeAvalon Edwards, Caleb Grey, James David Ingram, Shelby Johns, Mary Margaret Johnson, Katie Medine, Katherine Middleton, Justin Milner, Ashley Oberhausen, Deshawn Oliver, Bailey Pepper, Lisa Petterson, Austin Purvis, and Shelby Soyars.

Check out <http://holmesathletics.com/sports/cheer/index> to see a



Biology Class heads to the Museum of Natural Science for hands-on learning

By Chynna Courtney
Staff Reporter/Photographer



Pictured are the biology II students gathered around (far left) Paleontology Curator **Dr. George Phillips** for a behind-the-scenes look at the museum's fossil collection.

For some Ridgeland HCC students, learning got up close and personal when they took class to the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. On Wednesday, January 28, instead of attending the lab at the regularly scheduled time, Dr. Consuella Davis' Biology II Lab class was instructed to meet at the Natural Science Museum. The class has been learning about evolution and its relation to the fossil record. In order to help the students better understand the concepts and the role evolution played in the early organisms of Mississippi, Dr. Davis thought it best to take her

class to learn first-hand from paleontologists at the museum.

After a presentation on the fossils on display, the class was taken upstairs for a behind-the-scenes look at the museum's large collection of fossils that are not usually seen by the public. Students were allowed to hold some of the large dinosaur bones and look through the trove of preserved organisms.

Dr. Davis' class will be taking another trip to the museum for a more in-depth experience in the coming weeks.



Pictured is (far left) Paleontology Curator **Dr. George Phillips** with (far right) **Dr. Consuella Davis** and her biology II lab class at the Natural Science Museum.



Biology students (left to right) **Jacob Currie**, **Parker Barlow**, **Lauran Cooper**, and **Kelly Perkins** listen as Paleontologist **Dr. George Phillips** gives a presentation on the museum's fossils on display.

Holmes awards two Grenada High students free tuition

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College awarded a semester of free tuition to two Grenada High School students, Logan Conner and Sierra Miller for the fall of 2015.

The Second Annual "Kick-for-Tuition", a partnership between Holmes CC and GHS, allow students from GHS to participate in a friendly competition for the opportunity to win free tuition for one semester to any of Holmes CC's locations. The

competition takes place during football season, each Friday two girls and two boys kick a field goal during the home game. Each contestant making the field goals are welcomed back to the field at the close of the semester for the final kickoff.

"It's always exciting when any student chooses Holmes CC; however, when we as an institution can take some of the financial burden off a student and their family, that's real-

ly a win-win for all," said Michelle Burney, vice president of the Grenada Center, who awards the certificates to the senior boy and girl who made the most field goals.

Pictured are (left to right) **Sierra Miller**, **Michelle Burney**, vice president of the HCC Grenada Center, and **Logan Conner**.



Group honors two Holmes nursing students

From Staff Reports/Photos

Olympia Branch of Durant and Ebonique Martin of Jackson, sophomores in the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, each received a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education during the Eliza Pillars Registered Nurse District IV Annual Scholarship Gala held Dec. 12 at Fondren Hall in Jackson.

"The Associate Degree Nursing program would like to congratulate Olympia and Ebonique on receiving scholarships that demonstrate their service, leadership, and scholarship in nursing," said Alice Austin, ADN assistant direc-

tor and instructor on the Ridgeland Campus.

Established in 1945, the Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi (EPRNM), formally known as the Black Registered Nurses' Club, was created to provide resources and support for professionals in the state of Mississippi. Named in



Pictured are (left to right) **Ebonique Martin**, scholarship recipient; **Alice Austin**, ADN assistant director and instructor; **Olympia Branch**, scholarship recipient, and **Tiffany Cox**, ADN instructor.

honor of Miss Eliza Farish Pillars, the first black registered nurse to be employed by the Mississippi State Board of Health, the EPRNM provides members with networking opportunities, health-related board appointment opportunities, community involvement/educational opportunities, and scholarship opportunities for nursing students, such as the annual gala.

For more information on the ADN Program at Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus, contact Alice Austin at 601-605-3419 or austin@holmescc.edu.

Coming Up:

02/23: Phi Theta Kappa Induction
McGowan Workforce Auditorium
on Ridgeland Campus, 6 p.m.

02/24: Beauty Review 2015
McDaniel Auditorium on Goodman
Campus, 7 p.m.

Thursdays: The iCreate Creative Arts Club on the Ridgeland Campus will host an open mic for students and staff every Thursday at 2 p.m. in Madison Hall 201. Feel free to come read, perform, display art, or just listen and observe.

03/24, 25, & 27: Theatre production "Rumors"
McDaniel Auditorium on
Goodman Campus, 7 p.m.

Censorship (continued from Page 2)

leads to the question, Who is a censor? According to the article "Intellectual Freedom & Censorship," "There is no single source of censorship, with forms of censorship found at various levels in society. The government, local communities, and individual librarians can all be considered to practice censorship in various ways." The article goes on to say, "Government censorship influences our legal definitions and interpretations of the issue." In fact, the United States has a government group which reads books and determines if their educational value "outweighs the objections against them."

On a smaller scale, censorship at a local level is often responsible for the restriction or banning of certain teaching materials. These local "concerned" citizens usually belong to local religious groups or school boards. Proponents maintain that banning certain books and other teaching materials from the curriculum protects children from K-12. Contrary to this belief, opponents hold that banning materials "violates the academic freedom and diversity of thought protected by the U.S. Constitution." For many proponents, books can be offensive for many reasons and should be banned regardless of context; for example, the use of the 'n' word in the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Materials are usually cited as being censored for labeling, obscenity, racism, gender/sex, illegal acts, or questionable truths. Author Judy Blume writes on her website that "censors don't want children exposed to ideas different from their own." Often times fear is responsible for much support in banning books. Further, Blume writes that many parents do not like not having control in

their kids' lives or the fear of their kids coming in contact with "language" and "sexuality." Proponents of the above reasons believe that protecting books and teaching aids will allow students' grow educationally and ethically.

In conclusion, much debate on the censorship of books and other teaching aids in schools goes on at all levels. The government has had much to say on the issue, and much of the time it does not agree with such censorship. On one case in particular (Island Trees Union Free High School v. Pico 1982), the Supreme Court said the "Constitution does not permit the official suppression of ideas." Further, according to the article "Banning Books from the Classroom," "Supreme Court cases that deal with censorship issues show a broad trend toward supporting the schools, but they also caution educators to remain aware of values, including minority values, in the communities they serve." The situation is clear that the censorship of books and other teaching aids in schools must be eliminated because such censorship discriminates, inhibits freedom of expression, and creates a severe social and educational disadvantage for students. Hopefully, censors may develop less drastic criteria for judging books and other teaching aids. Whoever the censor may be, he or she should seek help in decisions about censorship. For example, the censor should, in appropriate situations, ask parents to contribute; "give recommended, rather than required, reading lists;" seek out professional reviews; "discourage the concept that only one text can be used to teach a specific theme;" negotiate; and develop a community census. If

society ever hopes to end the dispute of censorship of books and other teaching aids in schools, both sides should find a common ground. Until then, censorship of books and other teaching aids must be eliminated.

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and dislikes, whether it be joining the honors society to becoming a well-equipped writer. A college campus is full of knowledge and activities that can enhance not only your social skills, but better school habits as well.

You are no longer considered a baby which gives you the opportunity to adventure off and explore the world. Some college programs off the opportunity to travel to another country and see how learning differs in this particular country. The school pride, pledging, receiving high honors, and meeting new people can really motivate a person through college. You must surround yourself with the people with the same goals in order to reach yours.

Enjoy college to the best of your ability, seek knowledge in every crack and leave no stone unturned. The more time we invest in ourselves, the more successful we become. My dad once told me, "You don't have to be at every event, learn how to take a break". College can either make you or break you but it cannot define your amount of success in life. College is like a game of

chess, every move counts and its time we start moving in the right direction. We must train our minds to think the people we want to become, because we have absolute control over the way we think. If we think college into success, then college will be a success, but it all comes with work. What are you willing to sacrifice for the betterment of self-improvement.

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stage, as the Grenada Art Partnership hosted several events in the past, two to three per year. "This was one of my personal favorites, for sure," Burney chimed in.

The tickets were a substantial price for \$20, but the impact of the performance excelled over any monetary value. No price could be placed on the experience, as it was the show of a lifetime.

Burney gave general insight about the Grenada Arts Partnership, quoting that the partnership brings two to three performances to the Forum a year. She also added the support team of Grenada's partnership, as several individuals and businesses serve as sponsors. "It would not be successful without the individual support of these sponsors and the participation of the Holmes Community College Development Foundation."

Holmes CC's Jackie Watkins featured in MAC Art Show

From Staff Reports/Photos

Quilts made by Jackie Watkins, administrative assistant/inventory on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College, were featured in the Mississippi Arts Commission Folk Art Apprenticeship Gallery November-December of 2014. Well-known for her exquisite quilt-making, one of Watkins' quilts served as the backdrop for the live musical performances during the opening art show reception for the exhibit held on Nov. 18. The other fea-

tured quilter was Master Artist Rhonda Blasingame, and musical performers included fiddlers Bill Rogers and Rene Forrester, blues guitarist "Howl-N-Madd" with Wendy Garrison, and djembe drummer Jerry Jenkins with Tyler Hickman.

The show was on display at the Woolfolk State Office Building in Jackson until Dec. 23. The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) is the state-wide official grants-making and service agency for the arts.



Pictured is **Jackie Watkins**, administrative assistant/inventory on the Ridgeland Campus, explaining the process of her work during the Mississippi Arts Commission Folk Art Apprenticeships Opening Art Show and reception on Nov. 18.

Holme-Towne Players shine at MS Theatre Festival

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Holme-Towne Players drama club shined at the 2015 Mississippi Theatre Association (MTA)'s Statewide Theatre Festival held Jan. 15-19 at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts at The University of Mississippi. The Holme-Towne Players won first runner-up in the Theatre for Youth division as a group, and two individuals received honors, as well. Kayte Beliew, a freshman from Eupora, was named an All-Star Cast member, and Christopher Smith, a sophomore from Kosciusko, was named Best Actor.

Other members of the drama club include Tyler Bagot of Jackson, Chloe Clark of Ethel, Caree Jo Gammill of Carrollton, Jason Henson of Kilmichael, Leo Howell of Sallis, Kinsey Moler of Belzoni, James Smith of Morton, and Catherine Zamudio of Kosciusko.

Each year, the Holme-Towne



Pictured are (left to right) **Kayte Beliew** of Eupora, who was named an All-Star Cast member, and **Christopher Smith** of Kosciusko, who was named Best Actor.



Pictured are (front row, left to right) **Kayte Beliew** of Eupora, **Chloe Clark** of Ethel, **Caree Jo Gammill** of Carrollton, **Catherine Zamudio** of Kosciusko, **Kinsey Moler** of Belzoni, Director of Theatre **Jim Schroeder**, (back row, left to right) **Tyler Bagot** of Jackson, **Christopher Smith** of Kosciusko, **Leo Howell** of Sallis, **James Smith** of Morton, and **Jason Henson** of Kilmichael.

Holmes launches MyHolmes to replace MyDoghouse

From Staff Reports/Photos

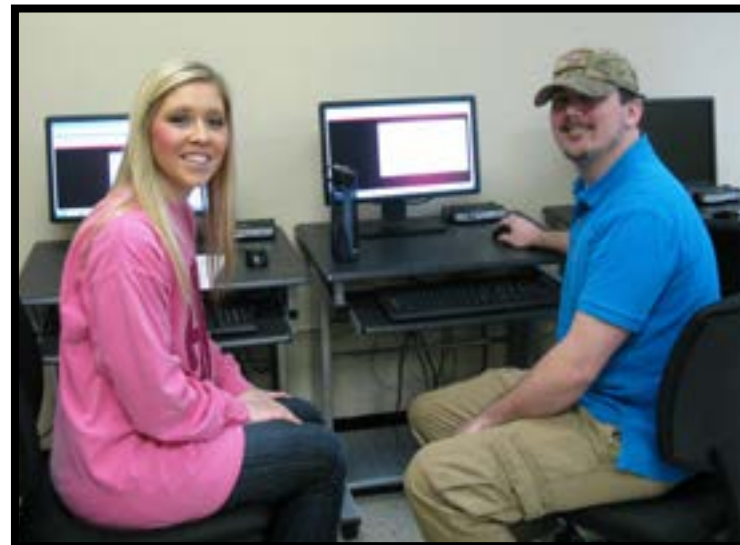
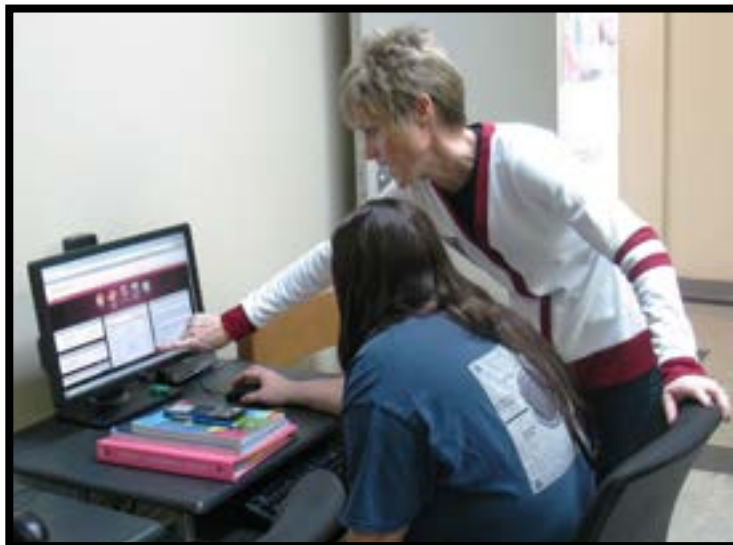
On Feb. 9, Holmes Community College introduced a new student portal, MyHolmes, which features a new look to go along with the new name. The new portal was designed to be more user-friendly, and to give an updated look to the Holmes' website. To log in to the new portal for the first time, users will need to take a few steps.

Users will notice that the links directing them to My Doghouse have changed to MyHolmes. When accessing MyHolmes for the first time, users need to enter their Usernames and click the Set / Reset Password link directly under the Password field. Usernames should not be confused with Holmes' ID numbers, and the usernames have not changed.

For example, John Doe's username was jdoe1 in MyDoghouse, and it is also jdoe1 in MyHolmes. After clicking the link, users will be directed to a series of questions. When creating a password, users must include at least five characters/letters and one number.

Once users submit their answers, they will be prompted to return to the login screen.

Training on the new portal, advertised as "Portal Parties," were held on Jan. 29 at Goodman, Grenada and Ridgeland, and refreshments and party favors were given to all students who attended.



Ridgeland Campus wins Work-Based Learning enrollment challenge

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Jan. 30, the Ridgeland Campus Career and Technical Education Department held a pizza party to celebrate the completion of a Work-Based Learning enrollment challenge.

Vice-President for Career/Technical Education Sherrie Cheek, challenged all three campuses to increase their Work-based Learning enrollment by a certain amount during the week of late registration. The Ridgeland campus met and exceeded the goal set – increasing enrollment in the course from five to 60. Awards were given for the department to enroll

the first students in Work-based Learning - which was Funeral Service Technology - and for the department with the most students enrolled in Work-based Learning – Emergency Medical Sciences.

The winners enjoyed pizza from Lost Pizza Company and a cake baked by Allison DeWeese.



Pictured are (left to right) Funeral Service Technology Instructor **David Jones**, Director of Funeral Service Technology **Dr. Thomas Garrett**, Director of Career and Technical Education **Amy Whittington**, Emergency Medical Sciences (EMS) Instructor **Sandra Hultz**, and EMS Instructor **Mark Galtelli**.

Holmes Foundation raising money to rebuild historical arch off Hwy 51

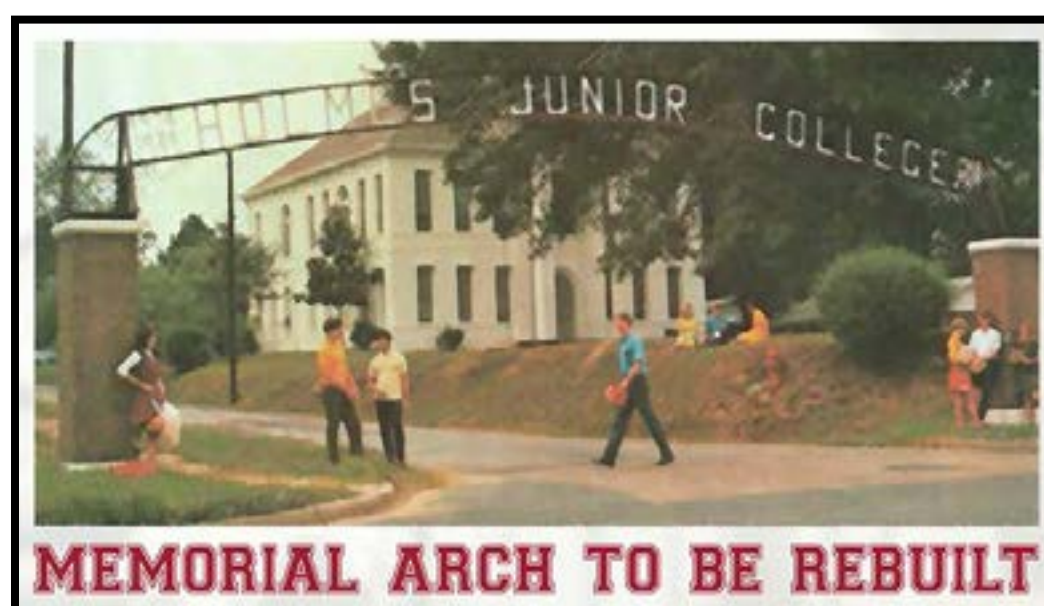
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Holmes Community College is planning to revive important school history by rebuilding the arch off of Highway 51.

Many years ago, an unfortunate truck accident took down the historical arch leading into the Goodman Campus off Hwy 51. Plans are underway to rebuild the arch, replacing "Holmes Junior College" from the original arch with "Holmes Community College." The left side will have the date Holmes Junior College was established and ended and the right side will have the establishment date for Holmes CC.

The right brick column will have a concrete insert detailing the original information of the classes that made the original arch possible in November 1949. These classes were the Holmes County Agricultural High School senior classes of 1924 and 1949 and the Holmes Junior College sophomore classes of 1948 and 1949.

Donations are accepted by the Holmes CC Development Foundation, Inc. to rebuild the arch and restore the look of the Goodman Campus to what it was in the past. For more information, contact the Foundation at 662-472-9017.



Coffee Shop Hot Spots near the Ridgeland Campus

By Rebekah Holden, Staff Reporter

Your teacher assigns you a group presentation, and unfortunately you are not familiar with anyone in your group. When the question of where your group should meet, there is no better place to suggest than a coffee shop. If you are a student at the Ridgeland campus of Holmes, here is a list of local coffee shops that make for great places to chill and get some homework done, or meet up with friends.

The first coffee shop on the list and probably the most popular, is Starbucks. If you are a Starbucks fan and attend college at the Ridgeland campus of Holmes, then you are in luck! Less than a mile from Holmes Ridgeland in the Renaissance Shopping center parking lot there is a new Starbucks coffee shop. Starbucks provides free Wi-Fi and also has lots of tables and seating, which makes it a great place for a study date. Starbucks opens at 6 a.m. and does not close until 9:30 p.m.

In the Barnes and Noble Café inside the Barnes and Nobles at Renaissance they also serve Starbucks coffee. The



Barnes and Noble Café opens at 9 a.m. and is the place where I have often met with classmates to work on group projects due to convenience of the location.

The next coffee shop under review, my personal favorite, is Fusion. Fusion is off of Highland Colony, and like Starbucks, is less than a mile from the Ridgeland campus. I wouldn't recommend meeting here for a big group study session because seating is limited, but Fusion is a great place to go after school when homework needs to

be done. Fusion has a quiet atmosphere, and here they offer free Wi-Fi, as well having a table with computers for customers to use free of charge.

The best part about Fusion is that it is locally owned, and if we ever get the chance to support locally owned businesses, that is great. Fusion has coffee drinks, gelato, as well as breakfast and

lunch menus. My favorite thing to get from Fusion is the Chai Tea Latte. Fusion opens on weekdays at 6:30 a.m., making it a great place to get some last minute homework done before classes start for the day. The customer service is terrific, and Fusion will not disappoint.

The last coffee shop on the list is one that many are not as familiar with as the previous two and one I had not visited until recently. Sneaky Beans is a little bit further away from campus,

but if you don't mind a quick trip to the adorable city of Fondren then it is a must to check out. Sneaky Beans is a great place for a group to meet up for a group presentation study time because it is centrally located between Clinton, Ridgeland, Flowood and Madison.

Sneaky Beans also has several lounge rooms, and is one of the larger coffee shops in the area, which is also great when studying in a group of three or more. They are open from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Locally owned and operated, this coffee shop has their own unique coffee drinks, such as the "Monkey Mocha" and the "Sneaker". Go check them out!

So the next time you are assigned a group project and need somewhere to meet up, or just need a quiet place to chill and do homework, be sure to check out one of the local coffee shops. They have a great study atmospheres, free Wi-Fi, and delicious coffee drinks to sip on as you work.

Keep Calm and Stay Safe: Tips for Campus Safety

By Cassie May, Staff Reporter



Keep calm and carry on is a new phrase you can catch anywhere with just about any subject. Unfortunately, keep calm and be safe is one you should take into serious consideration these days. Crime is so prevalent not only in our world, or our country, but in our state and even our cities! Jackson is right around the corner from our Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus. Jackson is where

a large amount of our state's crime takes place. Just at the beginning of this year, less than 10 miles from this campus, an elderly woman was robbed at gunpoint and shot while taking out a friend's trash. The criminals who committed this horrible crime were both only 17 years old. Seventeen years old! That's just a little bit younger than you and me! Almost old enough to attend school here.

There is no standard criminal profile these days, and we need to be able to protect ourselves if we are put in a compromising position. The students of Holmes Community College need to keep calm and be safe, because bad things can happen in the blink of an eye, when you are taking out the trash, or going to your car to leave class, but don't worry I am about to give you some tips to keep you safe while on campus per our Holmes CC Police. I spoke with Police Chief Jeffrey Johns and he suggested the following tips that can be found on the Holmes website under campus safety. Chief Johns also suggested, "if you feel unsafe call us and always keep your belongings with you. If you walk away from a purse, phone, tablet, or other bag it could be gone when your return. Even with many people around."

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Avoid walking alone, especially at night. Call Campus Police (601-940-0089) for an escort, if necessary.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid unpopulated and poorly or unlit areas after dark.
- If you feel you are being followed, change direction and walk towards a populated area.
- If you are confronted, don't panic. YELL! Use your adrenaline to your advantage.
- If assaulted, call Campus Police (601-940-0089) as soon as possible.

VEHICLE SAFETY

- Always park in lighted areas.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Look around and under your vehicle during your approach.
- As soon as you are safely inside, lock the door.
- Never pick up a stranger.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.



Become a part of Holmes CC History, Buy a Memorial Brick

From Staff Reports/Photos



The Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. is making it possible for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to become a physical part of history. Interested persons can purchase a memorial brick to go in the Chapel on the Hill courtyard on the Goodman Campus. You can purchase a paver for \$75.

This is a great way to celebrate

a birthday, holiday, graduation, or milestone, and also a great way to honor a classmate, family member, or influential person in your life. Buying a memorial brick allows one to create a meaningful reminder of their affection for Holmes.

To order a paver, call the Foundation office at 662-472-9017.



Theatre Presents “It Runs in the Family”

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holme-Towne Players presented their fall play “It Runs in the Family,” a comedy by Ray Cooney, on Nov. 11, 12 and 14 in the Montgomery Fine Arts Auditorium on the Goodman Campus. The club hosted a special dinner theatre during the performance on Nov. 14.



Annual Carols of Christmas Concert brings in holiday cheer

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College music department presented the annual festive concert “Carols of Christmas” in McDaniel Hall Auditorium on the Goodman Campus on Tuesday, Dec. 2. In conjunction with performance, there was also a holiday bake sale.

“Carols of Christmas” has become an anticipated mainstay at Holmes. Featuring students and faculty from the choral, vocal, piano, and guitar divisions of the Fine Arts Department, this inspirational night was the musical highlight of the Christmas season. Performing ensembles included the Holmes Concert Chorale; Coachmen Singers, which sings a cappella pop music; and The Holmes Connection! show choir, as well as vocal soloists, piano duets, and other special musical guests.

The groups performed holiday

classics from various eras and styles as well as specially prepared newer works. From the reverent and sweet, to the catchy and upbeat, the audience was blessed with an aural and visual treat.

“Carols of Christmas has become a special time for the communities in our district to bring their families, relax, and begin getting in the Christmas spirit,” said Joel Hill, director of choral and vocal music. “We have a talented group of students this year.”



Goodman Campus students show off their talents with power tools

From Staff Reports/Photos

Five students in the Power Tool Application class at the Goodman Campus recently showed off their handiwork as part of their four major projects in the class.

Andrew Gilmore of Coxburg, Aaron Greenlee of Winona, Ryan McKinley of Ethel, Trevor Moore of Kosciusko and Robert Holleman of Ebenezer exhibited their projects in instructor Cham Blain’s class.



Holmes accepting applications for professional truck driver training

From Staff Reports

The Professional Truck Driver Training Program at Holmes Community College will begin on March 6. The class is a 6-week program that prepares students to enter the commercial truck driving industry. Classes meet Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The program includes classroom, controlled driv-

ing environment, and road driving to provide instruction in operating diesel powered vehicles, DOT rules and regulations, shifting techniques, pre and post trip inspections, loading and unloading cargo, and keeping necessary records.

1. Complete a Professional Truck

Driver Program application (Go to <http://www.holmescc.edu/workforce/> to print out an application).

2. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

3. Must be at least 23 years of age. High School Diploma or GED pre-

ferred.

4. Must present a valid Class R driver’s license and successfully have passed the Mississippi CDL written exam (Class A Learner’s Permit).

5. Must have a clean driving record. A

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HOLMES CELEBRATES AHA NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

From Staff Reports/Photos

All three campuses of Holmes Community College supported the American Heart Association (AHA)’s National Go Red Day through encouraging employees and students to wear red and holding a Heart Walk (sponsored by Healthy@Holmes) at the Grenada Center on Friday, Feb. 6. This is the 12-year anniversary for AHA’s National Wear Red Day, which was created to raise awareness about heart disease being the No. 1 killer of women. HCC promotes healthy living among its employees and students.



Food Trucks roll onto the Ridgeland Campus

From Staff Reports

Students and faculty/staff on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes CC can now stay on campus for lunch. Four days a week, Monday through Thursday, there will be a food truck located in the parking lot outside the bookstore during lunch hours.

On "Mexican Mondays," Tito's Taco Food Truck serves tacos, quesadillas, and burritos. On "Italian Tuesdays," Mazzio's Eatery Food Cart serves pizza, sandwiches, salads, cookies, and

drinks.

"What-a-Deal Wednesdays" offers Good Food 4 U Food Truck, serving chicken tenders, fries, sandwiches, salads and drinks. Good Food 4 U will also be serving breakfast on Wednesdays starting at 7:30 a.m. "Sausage Dog Thursdays" with Happy Treats Hot Dog Cart serves polish sausage dogs, loaded nachos, and drinks.

All menu items and combos are

NEW FOOD TRUCKS ON THE RIDGELAND CAMPUS FOR LUNCH LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT OUTSIDE OF THE BOOKSTORE

MONDAY
"MEXICAN MONDAYS" WITH TITO'S TACOS FOOD TRUCK
TACOS, QUESADILLAS & BURRITOS!

TUESDAY
"ITALIAN TUESDAYS" WITH MAZZIO'S ITALIAN EATERY FOOD CART
PIZZAS, SANDWICHES, SALADS, COOKIES & DRINKS!

WEDNESDAY
"WHAT-A-DEAL WEDNESDAYS" WITH GOOD FOOD 4 U FOOD TRUCK
CHICKEN TENDERS, FRIES, SANDWICHES, SALADS & DRINKS!
GOOD FOOD 4 U WILL ALSO BE SERVING BREAKFAST ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING AT 7:30 a.m.

THURSDAY
"SAUSAGE DOG THURSDAYS" WITH HAPPY TREATS HOT DOG CART
POLISH SAUSAGE DOGS, LOADED NACHOS & DRINKS!

ALL MENU ITEMS AND MEAL COMBOS UNDER \$6.00 EVERYDAY!!!



Truck Driving (continued from Page 10)

copy of Mississippi Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) is required. This report can be obtained from the Mississippi Highway Patrol office or at <http://www.ms.gov/hp-drivers/license/motorVehicleReport-Begin.do>

6. No felony convictions.

7. Must Pass DOT physical and drug screening. Results must be sent directly from the physician's office to the college.

8. Payment of Tuition of \$1400.00
*Aids to help with the CDL written exam can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.dps.state.ms.us/driver-services/drivers-licence-manuals/>

www.truckingtruth.com

<http://cristedl.com/otc/>

For additional information please contact Slade Redwine at 662.227.2349 or sredwine@holmescc.edu

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRODUCTIONS

THE BIG AUDITION IS HERE!

Showcase Your Talent! Sing, Dance, Get Down and Shine on Stage at Holmes Community College

AUDITIONS
The Holmes Connection! Show choir, Coachmen Singers & Concert Chorus
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 5PM
GOODMAN CAMPUS FINE ARTS BUILDING

The Holmes Community College Choral Division announces 2015 audition dates for the Holmes Connection! Show choir, Coachmen Singers & Concert Chorus

Everyone auditioning should prepare to sing a few provided warm-up exercises and a vocal solo of his/her choice. Those auditioning for The Holmes Connection! should also dress comfortably for dance auditions.

Joel C. Hill, Director of Choral Music, 962-472-9032 (office), jhill@holmescc.edu

Mike Yates, Director of The Holmes Connection!, 962-472-9051 (office), myates@holmescc.edu

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iCreate wants you to... **DO MUSIC**

The iCreate Creative Arts Club on the Ridgeland Campus is looking for guitarists, bassists, drummers, keyboardists, and vocalists for the iCreate Rock Band.

Contact Steve Deaton (MH 202-A, sdeaton@holmescc.edu)

Bulldogs sign 34 for the 2015 signing class

From Staff Reports

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs football team signed 34 players in the 2015 signing class on Feb. 4.

The players included: Tyler Barnes, Starkville, OL; Buddy Benson, South Panola, LB; Dejeric Bryant, Mize, QB; Calvin Brown, Gainesville, Fla., DE; Tyler Christmas, Wesson, QB; Ladarius Dunn, North Pike, WR/CB; Kendrick Feazell, Mendenhall, RB; Matt Fuller, Starkville, RB; Cornell Gandy, New Hope, CB; DeNicholas Gladney, Coffeeville, LB; Brandon Hailey, Independence, QB; Melik Heron, Independence, DL; Dionysius Hines, Crystal Springs, RB/LB; Jarvis Jackson, Grenada, OL; Austin Killion, Cleveland, OL; Jonathan

Lampkin, Kosciusko, LB; Issac McGhee, Port Gibson, LB; Jabbal McNair, Callaway, DL; D.J. Montgomery, Madison Central, WR; Antavious Moody, Coffeeville, Ath.; Alex Robles, Water Valley, PK; Elijah Rogers, Callaway, RB/DB; Stegan Smith, South Panola, LS; Kesner Spencer, Grenada, RB; Tyler Staples, New Hope, CB; Stephen Sykes, Caledonia, DL; Darron Temple, New Hope, SS; Anthony Walker, Crystal Springs, LB; Orrin Walsh, Madison Central, TE; Cody Weathers, Independence, OL; LaQuindon White, Coffeeville, DL; LaCharles Williams, McComb, LB; Qmond Woods, North Pike, FS; and Tevin Wooten, Senatobia, RB.

Feazell, Griffith receive preseason NJCAA preseason honors

From Staff Reports/Photos

Two Holmes Community College baseball players have received preseason honors from the NJCAA.

Sophomore pitcher Cole Feazell of Elmer, La., has been named to the 2014-15 NJCAA Division II Top Returning Players list while Jarvis Griffith of Taylorsville has been named to the 2014-15 NJCAA Division II Top Incoming Freshmen list.

Feazell was in the starting rotation for the Bulldogs until he was injured during the season. He finished the year with a 3-2 record with a 4.27 ERA. He struck out 55 and walked 13. He also batted .317 with 19 hits in 60 at bats including one double, two homeruns and 10 RBI.

Griffith comes to Holmes from Taylorsville High School, where he batted .348 over his last three seasons. He had 92 hits including 20 doubles and 53 RBI.



Cole Feazell



Jarvis Griffith

Little receives preseason NJCAA honor

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College freshman pitcher/infielder Blair Little of Lake Charles, La. has been named to the 2014-15 NJCAA Division II Softball Top Incoming Freshmen list. Little, who played at Grand Lake High School, is expected to be in the pitching rotation for the Holmes Lady Bulldogs this spring. She'll also see time at first base.

At Grand Lake, she held a 47-18 career record from the mound with a

1.5 ERA. She threw 376 innings with 290 strikeouts. She batted .381 with 58 RBI.



Bulldogs go to 8-1 in the North Division with 72-55 win over Itawamba

From Staff Reports

The Holmes Community College Bulldogs continued their push to a North Division title Feb. 5 with a 72-55 win over the Itawamba Community College Indians.

With the win, the Bulldogs went to 15-5 overall and 8-1 in the North Division. Holmes travels to Mississippi Delta on Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. The game can be watched live at www.holmescc-media.com.

media.com.

Holmes led 29-20 at halftime and then outscored the Indians 43-35 in the second half. Holmes led by 21 points in the second half.

Daryl Macon led the Bulldogs with 21 points while Cedric Harper had 13 and Marcus Washington added 10. Washington led with seven rebounds.

Bulldog Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Times
Feb. 13	Southeastern Illinois College	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 14	Southeastern Illinois College	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 21	Mineral Area College	1/3 p.m.
Feb. 27	@ Bishop State CC	12/2p.m.
Feb. 28	@ Bishop State CC	12/2p.m.
Mar. 5	@ Louisiana College JV	3/5 p.m.
Mar. 6	@ Baton Rouge CC	3/5 p.m.
Mar. 11	@ Northwest Mississippi CC	3/6 p.m.
Mar. 14	Southwest Mississippi CC	1/3 p.m.
Mar. 17	@ East Mississippi CC	4/7 p.m.
Mar. 21	East Central CC	1/3 p.m.
Mar. 25	@ Mississippi Delta CC	1/3 p.m.
Mar. 28	MGCCC	1/4 p.m.
Mar. 31	Northeast Mississippi CC	1/4 p.m.
Apr. 3	@ Hinds CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 8	Coahoma CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 11	Meridian CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 14	@ JCJC	3/5:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	Co-Lin CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 22	@ Itawamba CC	3/5 p.m.
Apr. 25	@ PRCC	1/3 p.m.

Bulldog Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Times
Feb. 12	@ Southwest Mississippi CC	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 14	@ Hinds vs. Bossier Parish CC	12 p.m.
Feb. 18	Meridian CC	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 21	Hinds CC	11 a.m.
Feb. 21	Southwest Mississippi CC	5 p.m.
Feb. 24	@ PRCC	3/5 p.m.
Feb. 27	Coahoma CC	2/4 p.m.
Mar. 2	@ Williams Baptist College	1:30/3:30 p.m.
Mar. 6	East Mississippi CC	2/4 p.m.
Mar. 9	Itawamba CC	1/3 p.m.
Mar. 11	@ MGCCC	3/5 p.m.
Mar. 13	@ Baton Rouge CC	3/5 p.m.
Mar. 18	@ Northwest Mississippi CC	2/4 p.m.
Mar. 21	Mississippi Delta CC	12/2p.m.
Mar. 24	@ Northeast Mississippi CC	2/4 p.m.
Mar. 27	@ Coahoma CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 1	@ East Mississippi CC	3/5 p.m.
Apr. 8	@ Itawamba	2/4 p.m.
Apr. 11	Northwest Mississippi CC	3/5 p.m.
Apr. 14	@ Mississippi Delta CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 17	Northeast Mississippi CC	1/3 p.m.
Apr. 20	@ Co-Lin CC	3/5 p.m.

Lady Bulldogs pick up huge win over Lady Indians

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs picked up a huge North Division win at home on Feb. 5 over the division-leading Itawamba Community College Lady Indians, 84-67.

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs go to 14-6 overall and 5-4 in the North Division. Holmes travels to Mississippi Delta on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Holmes led 42-36 at halftime and then outscored Itawamba 42-31 in the second half. Holmes led by as many as 20 points in the second half. Carmesha Nalls led the Lady Bulldogs with 25 points while Aja Williams had 21, Miniyone Hill had 13 and Tiffany Jones had 12. LaShonda Wilson and Jones each had eight rebounds.

With only three more games left, the

Lady Bulldogs are looking like they will finish the season strong. Following the Mississippi Delta game, they will play at East Mississippi Community College on Feb. 16, and finish with a home game playing Northeast Mississippi Community College on Feb. 19. Both games will begin at 6 p.m.

The games can be watched live at holmesccmedia.com.





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Interested in having your work published? We would love to have you join our staff by signing up for JOU 1111 next semester! We are also currently accepting articles, opinion pieces, cartoons, reviews, and photographs from Holmes students for future issues of The Growl. If you have something to share, or a story idea/photo opportunity for our staff to cover, please send to: mturner@holmescc.edu.