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Ballou to serve as 2015 commencement speaker

From Staff Reports/Photos

Local TV personality Howard Ballou will be the commencement speaker for the May 15 commencement ceremonies at Holmes Community College. The Associate of Applied Science degree and certificate ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. with the Associate of Arts degree ceremony at 3 p.m., both in Frank B. Branch Coliseum.

Ballou has been in the broadcast journalism profession for more than 20 years. He has won several awards of excellence in his field, including United Press International's "Best Documentary" category for a report he did on Tennessee Drunk Driving Legislation.

In 2007, Ballou was inducted into the Mississippi Associated Press Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame hav-



Pictured is local TV personality **Howard Ballou** who will be the commencement speaker for the May 15 commencement ceremonies.

ing anchored and reported for the top rated six and ten p.m. newscasts since 1984.

He is the former president of the local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists and is former regional director for the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi. He is also very active in the community serving on boards of directors for numerous charitable and civic organizations.

This is his second stint as primary anchor for the 6 and 10 p.m. newscasts at WLBT. Ballou also worked in broadcast journalism in Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina. In addition to his anchoring at WLBT, he is currently a general assignment reporter and has served as producer and executive producer for the station.

Ballou is married to the former Deb-

orah Thomas and is the father of three sons -- Brandon, Brian, and Blair. He is an avid fisherman and loves to read good books and listen to good music (jazz and classics).

Graduation 2015

When: May 15

Where: Frank B. Branch Coliseum on the Goodman Campus

Time: 10 a.m. for AAS degrees & certificates

3 p.m. for AA degrees

Indoor percussion wins state title at event in Jackson

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is the 2015 Holmes Community College **Indoor Percussion Ensemble**, directed by Jeffrey Brown, Jr., percussion and assistant band director, which won first place at the Mississippi Indoor Association (MIA) State Championship held March 27-28 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

The Holmes Community College Indoor Percussion Ensemble, directed by Jeffrey Brown, Jr., percussion and assistant band director, won first place at the Mississippi Indoor Association (MIA) State Championship held March 27-28 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. In addition to winning first place overall, they also placed first in the General Effects and Visual category. The MIA Indoor Percussion Competition portion of the championship was held from 5-10 p.m. on March 27.

The group spent the first part of the 2015 spring semester working on

their show, titled "Secret Agent," and traveling to exhibitions and contests across the state.

"During this time, the group was constantly working to improve to the show," Brown said. "From musicality to showmanship, they worked to perfect every aspect of the performance, evaluating themselves after every single contest."

Members of the indoor drumline include Taylor Cade of Ackerman, cymbals; Kyle Alderman of Kosciusko,

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PTK shines at Nationals in San Antonio

From Staff Reports/Photos

Twenty-four advisers, students and administrators attended the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention Wednesday through Sunday in San Antonio, Texas.

The Kappa Alpha Chapter from the Goodman Campus brought home four awards during the Hallmark Awards Gala on Saturday night. The awards included: Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award (given to a chapter receiving a Distinguished Chapter Award for three straight years); Top 100 Chapter; Distinguished Honors

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Pictured are members and three of the advisers for the **Kappa Alpha Chapter Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa from the Goodman Campus.**



Pictured are members and two of the advisers for the **Alpha Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa from the Ridgeland Campus.**



Pictured are members and advisers of the **Alpha Mu Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa from the Grenada Center.**

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Pray for Baltimore

By Alex Allen
Staff Reporter

CNN says that National Guard troops stepped in to help out with the Baltimore riots. City officials said that fires destroyed 144 vehicles, 19 buildings, and 20 police officers were injured. Police arrested at least 235 people and are now being held in custody. The city turned into complete chaos just hours after the funeral for Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old African-American male after police arrested him. President Barack Obama said that the violence has been committed by "criminals and thugs."

The riots became so bad that government offices, schools, and businesses closed. Even the Baltimore

Orioles' games were canceled Monday and Tuesday, and the Wednesday game was closed to the public. A three-game series starting Friday was moved from Baltimore to Florida just for safety precautions.

The thing is, people are using this sad situation as a distraction to steal and cause unnecessary mayhem, which is causing the people who were actually just protesting for human rights to be severely punished with everyone else. This is not what needs to be done to protest police and civilian conflict.

There are many different ways people can go about this but first we must educate each other on how.

The Dairy Effect

By Kenard Holmes
Staff Reporter

Ice cream has always been a dessert of choice. Ice cream comes in different flavors in containers, ice cream sandwiches, and even in cartoon form. Ice cream has been used as a celebration method and in other cases, as a healing mechanism when someone is sad. As of lately, Blue Bell ice cream has been placed on recall due to a bacterial outbreak called listeria



The CDC recommends that consumers do not eat the Blue Bell brand products. Listeria is a serious threat because three people in Kansas have died and 10 people in four other states have fallen ill from the bacteria. It is said that the origin of the outbreak is unknown, and it is still said that the root of the disease lies within the company. The question still remains if there is an employee who is corrupting the product, or if there are health issues concerning the company.

Ice cream is a preferred treat, along with the other Bell Blue products. Now, because of the recall on the ice cream, a lot of people will miss out on this delectable treat. Along with the buyers of the product, grocery stores have also taken a hit from the recall. A small ice cream shop in Texas has temporarily closed because of the recall. In the United States alone, an estimated 1,600 people

Stress in the life of a college student

By Joshua Dilmore
Staff Reporter

For many teenagers and young adults, college is a fun and memorable experience. A time for laughter, a time for mischief, and a time for stress. Many students significantly suffer from the effects of stress throughout their college career. How does stress affect the life of a college student? What are the effects of stress? Stress in the life of a college student can have several negative consequences on their well-being.

One of the most rarely thought about effects of stress is failing grades. When a student receives a failing grade, that student is often greeted by parents with "Why didn't you study?" or "Couldn't you have tried harder?" However, a failing grade is not always

a teenager's fault. Stress can cause even the most "put-together A plus" students' grades to suffer.

For example, a student may have a test every day during the school week, perhaps even two in one day. Attempting to juggle this workload, the student might not study for each test as thoroughly as he or she should. Therefore, the student either fails or does not do as well on the test. Perhaps, too, a student participates in extracurricular activities. The student may play football, practice until five o'clock every evening, and not have the time to study as he should. Another reason for stress relating to grades is not caring; too many students do not study for exams, giving the excuse, "I don't care." When students truly do not care about their grades, this attitude can lead to

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Kenya or Killing

By Kenard Holmes
Staff Reporter

The attack on the college students of Kenya has left more than 100 students dead and others with severe injuries. It is sad to see the students of Kenya subjected to such a pointless attack, which has left the gunmen dead along with innocent lives. With the death of so many students, along with injuries, the only question I have is, "where was the security with security?" Startled by the commotion, students hid and ran for their lives trying to avoid being victimized to a bullet. Student Hellen Titus said that she survived by fooling the attackers into thinking she was already dead. Other students were seen fleeing the campus by the killers. With all of the events taking place, again I ask, "Where was the security with security?"

Five suspects were arrested in connection with the school shooting. The al-Shabaab militants killed 147 people. What are the events that have led up to the school shooting? How did they gain access to the students?

There is more to the story than just a school shooting. The suspects acted as ruthless terrorists, but this just shows that there is a bigger threat in Kenya that everyone is hiding.

On another note, President Barack Obama does plan on visiting Kenya before he steps down as president. With Kenya being his father's homeland, it will make this moment a more memorable occasion. President Obama also stated that he will converse with the officials of Kenya, along with the president to discuss the tragic event and ways to strengthen their country. We should all band together and open our hearts to the families and the victims. The only way we can fight terrorism is to understand them. We must compromise and attack the problems with open minds and hearts. Parents send their children to college to offer a chance at a better life, but the dreams have been replaced with death, killing the dream forever.

Don't "Spice up your life"

By Cassie May
Staff Reporter

If you are enrolled in Holmes Community College now then you are probably a 90's baby or at least had a radio in the 90's, and if you had a radio in the 90's, then you know who the Spice Girls are. I'm sure at some point in time you caught yourself singing along to catchy tunes like "If you wanna be my lover, you gotta get with my friends" and "Spice up your life." Well if you were like me, or any other 9-year-old-girl back then, you of course wanted to be a Spice Girl, or if you were a boy, you wanted to look at them.

Well, times have changed my friends and we need to stay away from the spice. I'm not talking about our beloved British pop stars, because you know deep down we would all like a reunion tour, I'm talking about this synthetic cannabis you can get on every corner of Jackson. No, I don't mean street corner, I mean from the gas station. You can legally just go buy this stuff from the gas station.

"Spice" refers to a wide variety of herbal mixtures that produce experiences similar to marijuana (cannabis) and that are marketed as "safe," legal alternatives to that drug. Sold under many names, including K2, fake weed, Yucatan Fire, Skunk, Moon Rocks, and others — and labeled "not for human consumption" — these products contain dried, shredded plant material and chemical additives that are responsible for their psychoactive (mind-altering) effects, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (www.drugabuse.gov).

WLB reported the State Epidemiologist Dr. Thomas Dobbs stated there have been possibly seven spice or K2 related deaths during the month of April in Mississippi alone and at least 317 people in 37 counties have been admitted to the ER or hospital.

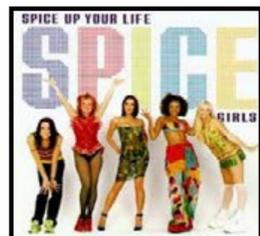
Dr. Dobbs stated, "This is not synthetic marijuana. Marijuana has been around a long time. I know some people are comfortable with it, but this is

a chemical that's treated, that's totally different than marijuana, that has a lot of these crazy side effects."

Did you know half of the nation's full time college students have abused prescription and/or illegal drugs. I learned this disturbing information in my child psychology class I took online at Holmes this semester. With such large numbers of students participating in binge drinking/drug abuse it can only lead me to believe this spice issue may become an epidemic.

Obviously, it's not only catching my attention. Jackson City Councilman Kenneth Stokes wants the council to stand up and get the illegal drug out of Jackson's convenient stores. "These types of substances present a public health danger. This city, we cannot allow convenient stores to sell spice, crush or K2," Stokes said. I don't agree with Kenneth Stokes on much, but he has a point here and there is nothing good about the new spice in town.

Drug use in general should be avoided at all cost, and just because something is legal doesn't mean it is good for you. This drug is clearly bringing many problems to our capital city, and I'm sure our state. If you would like to learn more about what the damage spice is causing, visit ms-newsnow.com. Please keep the facts in this article in mind when you're out this summer. I know there will be parties and plenty of opportunities to "try new things," as summer always brings, but please try not to "Spice up your life."



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You See Me

By Gleneasha Brown
Staff Reporter

The Creative Arts Club iCREATE hosted an Open Mic themed "You See Me" at Holmes Community College Ridgeland campus on Thursday, March 26.

Each member was assigned to pair with a fellow artist, giving them a week to work together to present or perform a combined piece. Members are allowed to create visual art, poetry, music, spoken word performances, and even dance.

As president of iCREATE, I believe that this Open Mic experience allows students, as artists, to explore the artistic wilds of another artist, combining their strengths to present one piece. Essentially, digesting the team member's artistry is how each member saw the other person on their team, hence the theme "You See Me."

To highlight a joint performance, Anthony Vaughn, member of iCREATE, and I created a conversation in the shape of poetry. The overall concept was to illustrate the dynamic of our passionate relationship deriving from our own personal experience. Vaughn began with "A Tale of Love" as opens the pages of our magnetic affair, followed by my graphic, emotive rendition from a jilted woman's perspective. In the climax, Vaughn's "Tale of Heartache" faces the difficult decision to tell his lover to have an abortion. I heart-achingly respond in "Love Aborted," metaphorically killed by my lover's cold words. Heart-broken in nostalgia, Vaughn laments in "A Tale of Apologies" to his silhouetted lover for "cutting the limbs" of both their love and their unborn child. Our powerful performance symbolized both the passion of art and the appreciation of teamwork.

Here is the format of Vaughn and I's conjoined creation:

"A Tale of Love"

*Selfish love, my heart beats for you.
The presentation of your character
reflects the ambitions of your mind
Our connection is like magic,
The most cliché of it all.
We make problems disappear
And make sunset nights reflect twilight day.
We can cause the dead situations resurrect and give new life.
It's a chill passion.
Let's cool those heated struggles,
And rehear our essence with our chilled expressions
See you have been cheated, and cut deep,
But I want an even playing field and to share those scares
Until we cannot define which ones are ours.*

"Love"

*A rose wilts before sun's symphony
Jagged are its sides, glassed thorns
Lips velvet, cut medial by the heart's alphabet...scarred is the vigor of love.
A catastrophic soul, cracked to the touch as beauty shields the blood away.
The broken soul, broken fire...veins fading black from green
A carcass of hope, a deserted flower...fired.
Scorched inside are the elements of freedom...to be self with self when self is unknown,
Black beauty, screaming with silence her cacophonous soul...calling for its serrated edges to return home.
She stumbles, fumbling in the black abyss...then light strikes before her the shade of madness.
Madness, a comet wild, crashing into earth's surface*

*A rogue, orphaned planet...falling from Heaven's hands
The ground shakes to its core, warming from the rays of hell's halo
Ablaze of fire, brimming with light...cursed with the depiction of destruction
Volcanic colored veins...
His colors, burnt orange and dandelion yellows outlined with crimson and red's sisters...pulsating, a pulse of flickering lights.
The source of his heat...melting the skin of the ignorant
Her skin...radiating from his core.
Goosebumps.
This is where light and warmth remains...the hope on a dying rose.
Inside is the fired angel alighted...the spirit of a soldier.
Fighting, fighting for the light.
Igniting a quiet fire within me...the jagged edges of my fragmented mind,
Fusing together, set solid through the cracks.
Angelic intentions with volcanic vows, I see you.
Our scars...ceasing the gashes, the cuts.
Every beating has its scars...
What's heart if it's not beating?
A heart, beating when it's broken...
Our hearts beaten, bleeding as one...
beating to keep our soul from dying.*

"Tale of Heartache"

*My sweet I will never understand your position.
This life I gave to you.
Most would jump at single bounds
For just a chance to call you a bride.
To be your hero, saving you.
I don't mean cause tension.
My thoughts are sort of flurry.
I'm worried,
And to be honest we're not ready
Think babies rising babies
With nothing to give, nowhere to go
How are we to raise a kid on our own?
These word I speak, my make my tongue run dry
This pain you will never know
But what's our way out, which way do we go?*

"Love Aborted"

*Then fire sets to gasoline...catalyzing the burn
The branches of our lives rotten to ashes
Dying before the others eyes...the skeletal remains of promises
The spine left spineless...body vulnerable
The ribs left unprotected...heart vulnerable
The poet's weapon, his words...snapping the bones.
The marrow of life saved with every snap of your words..."kill it" is all I hear
The fire within me, the fire matched by yours
Killing us, you say...killing the life we know bringing new life in our world
A knife to this life...a knife to a faceless heart...fatal fetus, it kills me—
Our mistakes...its demise.
Shattered, you leave me...staggered I stand,
The mirror reflecting the one you used to see me...you shatter it with your toxic tongue...
Woman...the bringer of life, you kill it with your selfishness,
You don't so much as grace its presence with a word,
Without our whole, I'm not whole...a hole in my womb...you kill me softly with your "love"
You're just the boy the inside man...*

Days of our Lives

By Kenard Holmes
Staff Reporter

There were a lot of things I could have written about pertaining to the school, but I have decided to talk about my time at Holmes Community College. Holmes CC is a great community college to attend for an associate degree of your choice. The atmosphere is environmental friendly and the students are easy to cope with.

The moment I arrived at Holmes I was in awe at the scenery. My adviser was very friendly and helped me with anything I experienced trouble with. Holmes is a safe environment as well with the protection of the Holmes campus policemen who patrol the campus cautiously. If you are looking for ways to meet new people, Holmes offer clubs that anyone can join. This will allow students to meet new people, gain new knowledge and increase their social skills. Holmes also gave me additional options of ways to pay for school, whether it be playing sports for a full scholarship, or just receiving an academic scholarship. Some kids have Pell Grants or financial aid that also help pay for college, so the thought of being in debt in college is only a mind thing because there are alternatives, you just have to take advantage of it.

The teachers are always on hand, willing to help any student who is willing to put in the effort. Most people cannot appreciate the

"Tale of Apologies"

*Love is lost shall this be a saving grace
Bind these filthy hands prisoner of whoa
My soul for a life lost longing to stay
Heaven's prince thirty silver for a soul
These lips are stained as poison words still leak
This deadly tongue cutting limbs with each tone
Actions of no remorse torture she weeps
The damage is here, see our time has gone
I've wronged and betrayed, like Judas I stand
I've sin a song weaving my destruction
Seconds counting a second fall of man
Are you here, can you speak, please say something
This mirror reflects and it shows the truth
Forgive me for I know not what I do.*

Not every member chose to work together, as a few members chose to perform solo. Solo performer Amanda Dent declared her love for The Ramones, sparking her to create a self-written song "Cash Flow Radio." The song was directly inspired by the death of the Tommy Ramone, the final original Ramone.

"It hit me pretty hard," she described before stroking the strings of her ukulele. She continued, "I decided to honor those who had passed along and before him in the punk scene." Her soulful ode was her own way of grieving for the falling Ramone, as well as embracing their legacy and the imprint their music made on her.

iCREATE is known for their artistic pizzazz, serving creativity and creating an inviting atmosphere as they transform Steve Deaton's classroom into

passion teachers put into their job that will one day make us successful. When the day is beautiful and sunny, you can enjoy a nice day out by the student union while grabbing something to eat with the lunch trucks that Holmes has added to the school. As my time comes to an end at Holmes Community College, I can honestly say that I have found my passion by walking the campus daily. Holmes has made me realize that I enjoy helping people and I will pursue a career in that. We are all placed on this earth to make a difference, and you never know who will be impacted by the power of our actions and words.

My mom would always say that education is important and what you do after you receive this education, will determine how you live your life. With the college experience I have met some new people who can assist and guide me in the right direction and also keep me motivated. Thanks to my teacher I have also found that I have an interest for writing, mainly short stories and poems, but it is something I never seen myself doing. I was trapped inside of a shell because I feared rejection and not being accepted, but now I feel free to express my creativity with the world. I would like to thank everyone at HolmesCC for allowing me to be a friend, a student, and even inspiration. You never know who is watching you, so it is always righteous to do your best without a crowd.

an artist's paradise. iCREATE stands for "I Can Reinvent Earth And Thrive Everyday." iCREATE is a creative arts club for the students who dabble in artistic and creative expression. This includes poetry, spoken word, visual art, dance, singing, theater, and music. This is the club has been on the Ridgeland campus for three semesters. Steve Deaton and Arnetra Pleas. iCREATE meets every Thursday at 2 p.m. in MH 201.

The Forgotten Dog: A Featured Collection

Pictures submitted by Keziah Smith
Explanation by Gleneasha Brown



This savvy, masked man character is Keziah Smith's main "creator" of his comic book. Smith describes him as the "Forgotten Dog" because he is an "old hero that will be thrown out of the human race." His mask does not hid his flashy exuberance.

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Holmes recognizes Sports Hall of Fame 2015

By Chynna Courtney
Staff Reporter



Pictured are the 2015 Sports Hall of Fame inductees. Pictured are (left to right) Michael Avalon ('02), baseball; Stephen Waggener ('02), baseball; Jerrelyn Redmond Jackson ('86), basketball; Anne Porter representing her late husband Cadman Porter ('53), football; Tim Bell ('99), football; Hugh Shurden ('69), football; Randy Shields ('72), tennis, and Claude Gunter ('72), tennis.

On Thursday, April 23, the Holmes Community College Alumni Association held a banquet to honor the 2015 Sports Hall of Fame inductees at the Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman. The banquet kicked off with a welcome from HCC President Dr. Jim Haffey. All who attended were treated to a meal served by the Holmes cheerleaders and ambassadors.

The ceremony included videos of the inductees speaking about their sports careers, accomplishments, and reactions to being chosen for the Hall of Fame. After the video, the honorees accepted their awards and thanked their friends, families, and coaches who helped them to become the successful people they are today.

There were eight inductees who were recognized Thursday night. The first inductee, Michael Avalon, was a member of the Bulldog Baseball team both his freshman and sophomore years and was named Second Team All-State twice. Avalon is now the head coach of the baseball team at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Tim Bell, the second Sports Hall of Fame inductee, played football at Holmes both his freshman and soph-

omore years and was also selected as All-State for both years and NJCAA All-American his sophomore year. Bell coached football at Holmes for seven years and is now an employee at Merchants Food Service.

Another of the honorees was Claude Gunter who was a member of the tennis team at Holmes both his freshman and sophomore year and became

Doubles State Champion with his

teammate Randy Shields. Gunter has owned a clothing department store in Kosciusko for 31 years.

Randy Shields, the fourth honored as a Sports Hall of Fame inductee, was on the HCC tennis team both his freshman and sophomore year at Holmes and was Doubles State Champion alongside his teammate Claude Gunter. Shields took over for his father at Attala Oil, a local oil business in

Kosciusko, and has run it for over 40 years.

Jerrelyn Redmond Jackson was the fifth inductee of the Sports Hall of Fame, and was Homecoming Queen at Holmes in 1986 as well as a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jackson is currently the curriculum coordinator at the Kosciusko City School District.

The next honoree is Cadman Porter, who played football at Holmes from 1951 to 1953 and was president of his sophomore class. Porter passed away due to complications of a stroke and was represented at the banquet by his wife, Anne, who accepted the award on his behalf.

Another of the inductees was Hugh Shurden. Shurden played football both his freshman and sophomore year at Holmes and was co-captain, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, and All-State Center. He was athletic director at Holmes until his retirement in 2014.

The final Sports Hall of Fame honoree was Stephen Waggener, a member of the nationally-ranked Holmes baseball team 2001 to 2002. He was named Second Team All-State and Second Team All-Region both his freshman and sophomore year. Waggener is currently the assistant coach of the Delta State University baseball team.

Deaton named English and Foreign Language Chair

By Gleneasha Brown
Staff Reporter
Submitted Photo



Holmes Community College recently named Steven P. Deaton, English instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, as the new English and Foreign Language Department Chair. He will begin his role as Chair in the fall of 2015.

Steve Deaton expresses his enthusiasm about his new position as Department Chair, stating, "I am honored and humbled to step into the role that Mary Brantley has filled so admirably for many years." Long time English and Foreign Language Department Chair Mary Brantley feels "absolutely good" as Deaton becomes the new department chair. Brantley tells how long she served in the position as department chair, stating, "I became department chair in the fall of 1988, so if I do the math, I come up with 26 years." She feels so proud for him "taking the lead" as chair that it makes it easier for her to let the position go. "He'll carry on and advance the legacy already in place."

Deaton emotes how the new position as department chair will impact him. "Well, I'll be busy," he begins curtly. He continues, expressing optimism for the department and the instructors working side-by-side with him, "I have the support of wonderful colleagues, and I'm sure I will grow even more appreciative of the depth and range of our department members and of their commitment to our joint venture."

He accredits Brantley's contribution to the English and Foreign Language Department as he maps out his goals for the department. "I hope to maintain the momentum and high morale of the department fostered by Mary Brantley's leadership, be a strong advocate for faculty concerns, and foster innovative ideas from our creative faculty and to help facilitate those creative ideas into becoming a reality."

Brantley says her goals as department were to "have an excellent language department." Another one of her goals was to "maintain close working relationships between the three campuses and to benefit from a continual exchange of ideas." She jovially adds "I'm sure that some instructors have hoped I wouldn't get too many new ideas" then continues on a serious note "working with the faculty has been largely very rewarding." Since Brantley has served as department chair, the English and Foreign Language Department has begun an Arts & Lectures program and a Writing Center.

Brantley gives how working as the department chair impacted her as both an English and Literature professor and as a person. "Being the chair, I've gotten to know the instructors very well. My greatest joy has been mentoring talented and dedicated instructors. Personally, I have become a better listener, mediator, and compromiser. Dealing with different personalities requires creative problem-solving, so my people skills have been strengthened."

Brantley became chair of the English and Foreign Language Department in 1988, three years after the Ridgeland Campus opened. Nostalgic, she thinks of the department in its early stages, mentioning a few of her retired colleagues from the Ridgeland Campus. "I have always felt like Virginia Earnest, Reba Gill, Jeanne Kelly, and I were starting our own department." She questioned the obscure future of the department, reclining and asking herself rhetorically, "Now who and how do we want to be?" Serving as chair for approximately three decades,

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Canard named History and Political Science Chair

From Staff Reports/Photos



Laura Canard, history instructor and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) adviser on the Goodman Campus, was recently named Holmes Community College History and Political Science Department Chair. She will begin her role as Chair in the fall of 2015.

Canard attended the Goodman Campus of Holmes Community College from 1996-1997, where she was a member of the women's basketball team and PTK. Following her year at Holmes, she played basketball at Mississippi College, where she graduated with her bachelor's degree in history and her master's in social science history and political science.

"A large part of being the academic department chair is working with your department to ensure that student learning is occurring at the highest level possible," said Vice President of Academic Programs Dr. Fran Cox.

Pegg named Mathematics Department Chair

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College recently named Jennie Pegg, mathematics instructor at the Grenada Center, as the new Mathematics Department Chair. She will begin her role as Chair in the fall of 2015.

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"This may involve making changes in existing programs to effectively meet the needs of the students and the community. Laura will meet this challenge and excel at it because she has already proven herself as a classroom instructor who adapts her teaching style to meet those of her students. Her voluntary involvement as an adviser to the Goodman Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa where she has guided the students to achieve prestigious awards during the last several years is a perfect example of her leadership capabilities. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with her."

Canard began her career at Holmes Community College on the Ridgeland Campus in the spring of 2003. At the end of the 2005 academic year, she went home to raise her three children, Coleman, 13; Cooper, 9, and Mary Crawford, 9. Canard returned to Holmes in the fall of 2011, this time returning to her roots – the Goodman Campus. In addition to her positions as history instructor and PTK adviser, she took on the role as Healthy@Holmes coordinator for the Goodman Campus, leading faculty, staff, and students in events to promote their physical well-being. In 2014, Canard was named assistant department chair, and then promoted to full chair in the spring of 2015, to begin her duties in the fall.

Canard, her husband Peyton, a nurse, and currently reside in Madison with their three children.



Ridgeland Campus student brings home a first place win from state Phi Beta Lambda conference

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus sophomore Sarah Fitts of Madison recently won first place in the Word Processing category at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) State Leadership Conference held March 25-27 at Mississippi University for Women (The W) in Columbus. Fitts, who is a medical office/business technology major and member of the Psi Alpha Phi chapter of PBL, beat out 10 other competitors in her category. She will represent Holmes CC at the National PBL Leadership Conference in Chicago June 24-27, where she will compete against winners from across the United States.

Sponsor Katrina Myricks and the PBL Psi Alpha Phi Chapter members joined approximately 150 college students and community leaders at the state conference, which provided an opportunity for networking, sharing ideas, and competing in various business-based competitions. Rusty Buys, a project manager for AT&T Professional-Client Services, served as the keynote speaker for the conference,



Sarah Fitts

and the PBL chapters were treated to a fish fry and tour of the city on a double-decker bus.

PBL is the collegiate division of the national association, Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. The organization promotes business leadership through innovative leadership and career development programs. PBL membership also involves community service endeavors,

encouraging students to make a difference in their community and give back. Membership is open to all students enrolled in one or more business subjects, including business law, accounting, economics, computers, and Business and Office Technology programs.

For more information on the Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus PBL or the Business and Office Technology Department, contact Katrina Myricks, business and office technology instructor, at kmyricks@holmescc.edu or 601-605-3339.

Indoor Drumline (continued from Front Page)

fect every aspect of the performance, evaluating themselves after every single concert."

Members of the indoor drumline include Taylor Cade of Ackerman, cymbals; Kyle Alderman of Kosciusko, manager; Gunner Boleen of Kosciusko, manager; Sam Cain of Kosciusko, snare; Perry Clemons of Grenada, pit; Philip Coffee of Kosciusko, snare; Alexis DeJohn of Madison, bass drum; Colin Different of Carrollton, keyboard; Denzel Francis of Grenada, bass drum;

Madeline Hall of Ridgeland, cymbals; Brianna Hammack of Nacogdoches, Texas, mallets; Jason Howard of Ethel, mallets; Chris Jackson of Eupora, tenor; Same Lowe of Kosciusko, bass; Madison Marberry of Grenada, mallets; Zach Moore of Grenada, tenor; Makayla Payne of Eupora, bass drum; Brian Riales of Grenada, guitar; Erica Rockett of Kosciusko, snare; Will Sekul of Flowood, mallets; Ivan Simmons of Goodman, drum set; Johnathan Sprayberry of Ethel, manager; Manwal Stew-



Jeffrey Brown

art of Carthage, bass drum; Franklin Stinson of Grenada, bass drum; Kryst Sullivan of Carrollton, pit; Ashley Talent of Webster, cymbals; Tyler Watts of Winona, pit; Dalvin Williams of Vaiden, manager, and Henry Young of Lexington, manager.

For more information about the Holmes CC Indoor Percussion program, contact Mr. Brown at 662-472-9040 or jbrown@holmescc.edu.

Pegg named Chair (continued from Page 4)

Pegg earned her bachelor's degree in physics from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and her master's in education from Delta State University in Cleveland. Following graduation from Converse, she worked as a medical assistant in Nashville, Tennessee; as a mathematics instructor at Bolton High School in Shelby County, Tennessee; as district manager of Field Enterprises Education Corporation in Chicago, Illinois, and as a mathematics instructor in the Grenada Separate School District.

Pegg came to Holmes in 1985 as an adjunct instructor and has been full-time since 2002. She is former president of the MCMA, former secretary of the Mississippi Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (MAMTE), and former president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, which promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Pegg is a lifetime member of the Junior Auxiliary, a member of MAMTE, member of Mississippi Association for Developmental Education (MADE), a member of LA/MS MATYC, member of MCMA and member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

"I am truly grateful for an opportunity to serve my department and the college through this new role and to work with a quality group of dedicated professionals who exemplify a high level of integrity," Pegg said.

In 2014, Pegg received the Lamp-lighter Award, which honors excel-

lence in teaching at Mississippi community colleges. She, along with Mary Leigh Poole, biology instructor on the Goodman Campus, and Mark Galtelli, emergency medical sciences instructor on the Ridgeland Campus, represented Holmes CC at the Lamplighter's Conference held Sept. 23-25 at Coahoma Community College.

"Jennie has played an important role in the math department for many years and I believe her experience will benefit the department and the college as a whole," said Dr. Myra Harville, academic dean for the Grenada Center. "I am very excited for her to have this opportunity to use her leadership skills in a new arena."

Pegg and her husband Jerry, CPA for Hankins Lumber Co., have three children and reside in Grenada. Her daughter, Laura McMahon, is a licensed professional counselor and a psychology instructor on the Holmes Ridgeland Campus. Her son Robert is employed by Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida, and her son Michael is a student at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. Pegg and her husband have two grandsons, Walt and Cade McMahon.

Pegg is also an active member of First Baptist Church in Grenada, where she is a Sunday School teacher and inspirational speaker for women's events.

Deaton named Chair (continued from Page 4)

Brantley answers this question in her dedication to the department as chair, passing the torch to the devoted Deaton to continue expanding department's boundaries.

"I am excited about the opportunities our department has to expand our program," Deaton says as he takes on the new role as chair. "We have such a talented and dedicated faculty, which inspires my confidence that we will continue to refine our craft of teaching."

Brantley reveals any instructor is eligible to serve as chair. To serve as a department head, the administration looks for an instructor who has not only several years working in the department, but the instructor must have experience in different facets of the department. "I have 18 years," Deaton chimed in. Brantley then provides insight into serving as chair, saying, "The English and Foreign Language Department Chair needs to be open, flexible, and able to straddle the line between colleague and administrator with the faculty." She adds that networking helps as well, continuing, "It helps, too, if the chair networks well with others and stays abreast in the field of language teaching." The chair serves as not only a "liaison between faculty and administration", but also extends between the "community and department."

Deaton provides background information for the department chair, stating "The department chair is responsible

Moorer delivers 'Father of Waters' poetry reading

From Staff Reports/Photos

On March 17, students, faculty, and community members gathered in

McDaniel Hall Auditorium to hear Chad Moorero, read excerpts from his collection of poems, "Father of Waters" as part of the English Department's annual Arts and Letters Series.

The collection, a combination of fictional accounts and autobiographical ones, intricately weaves together the concepts of a Southern genealogy to the gorgeously diverse Mississippi landscape.



Ridgeland's Chief Johns recognized by state peers

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is (left) Chief Jeff Johns, director of public safety for the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, receiving a certificate of appreciation from (right) Jesse M. Bingham, law enforcement coordinator for the U.S. Department of Justice Southern District of Mississippi. The award was to show recognition and appreciation to Chief Johns and the Holmes CC police department for their outstanding help and support provided to the U.S. Attorney's Office law enforcement coordinators.

Chevy Police Vehicle, Xtreme Green Vehicles, The Southern Connection Police Supply, Blauer Uniform Manufacturing, United Security Associates, and Glock USA. Xtreme Green Vehicles provided breakfast catered by Chik-Fil-A and Allied Baron Security Services and United Security Alliance jointly provided lunch catered by Mama Hamil's. Each vendor brought this partnership and the use of your facilities has enabled law enforcement officers throughout the Southern District of Mississippi to receive invaluable training at no cost which probably wouldn't have otherwise been possible," Bingham said.

For more information on events and training sessions sponsored by the Holmes CC's police department, contact Chief Johns at (601) 605-3363 or jjohns@holmescc.edu.

Goodman and Ridgeland Campuses announce 2015 Literary Contest winners

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured is (back row, third from left) Chad Moorer, Goodman Campus English instructor, with Goodman Campus Literary Contest winners (front row, left to right) Cheyenne Childs, Teri McKibben, (back row, left to right) Miranda Burchfield, Chris May, and Kim Peterson.

Goodman

Chad Moorer, English instructor on the Goodman Campus, recently announced the winners of the 2015 Holmes CC Goodman Campus Campus Literary Contest.

Winners of the Poetry category included: Kim Peterson, first place, "Autumn;" Stephen Wozencraft, second place, "Quipu," and Caree Gammill, third place, "The Way." Winners in the Creative Nonfiction category included: Fatima Perez, first place, "Under Pressure;" Miranda Burchfield, second place, "My Typical Summer Saturday," and Teri McKibben, third place, "Mystery Revealed."

Winners in the Short Story category included: Chris May, first place, "To Beat the Rain;" Caree Gammill, second place, "The Little Old Lady and the Sunbeam," and Stephen Wozencraft, third place, "Bus Ride." Winners in Literary Essay category included: Cheyenne Childs, first place, "A Valediction: Of Weeping," and Brooke Pullen, second place, "Exploring the Love of a Shepherd."

The competition was open to all students on the Goodman Campus of Holmes, regardless of their major, and entries were judged by the English faculty members. Contests are held on the Ridgeland Campus and at the Grenada Center, as well. First and second place winners in each category will appear in the campus literary magazine Reflections and are sent to the statewide contest.

State-level winners receive monetary prizes and publication in the literary magazine of the Mississippi Community College Creative Writing Association.

Ridgeland

Dr. Andrew Kelly, English instructor, recently announced the winners of the 2015 Holmes CC Ridgeland Campus Literary Contest.

Winners of the Personal Essay category included Erin Palmer of Clinton, first place, "An Unexpected Friendship;" Dominique Butler of Brandon, second place, "Gone But Not Forgotten," and Alice Kromholz of Madison, third place, "To Ride the Sky."

Winners of the Literary Essay category included Connor Brown of Madison, first place, "The Ebb and Flow of Poe;" Briana Hearn of Madison, second place, "Katniss Everdeen and George Taylor," and Rachael Packer of Madison, third place, "Succumb or Overcome."

Winners of the Poetry category included Glenneasha Brown of Jackson, first place, "The Class with the Coffins;" Dee Wayne Jolly III of Lena, second place, "Neurotic Poet," and Breia Armstrong of Jackson, third place, "Broken-hearted Girl."

Winners of the Short Story category included Hannah Wingard of Jackson, first place, "Gone Fishing;" Packer, second place, "Fight or Flight," and Brown, third place, "Sky's Cactus."

The competition was open to all students on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes, regardless of their major, and entries were judged by the English faculty members. Contests are held on the Goodman Campus and at the Grenada Center, as well. First and second place winners in each category will appear in the campus literary magazine Reflections and are sent to the statewide contest. State-level winners receive monetary prizes and publication in the literary magazine of the Mississippi Community College

Not only is their health affected but also their grades suffer.

Consequently, when students do not have the energy to function properly in everyday life, the results are irritability and mood swings. Many students may suffer from fits of anger and not be able to explain why, the reason being stress. As a result, these students are not able to manage their day as well as they possibly could. Besides anger, a student may also experience depression, causing that student to withdraw from school or work and from associating with family or friends. They may experience fatigue or cry uncontrollably, unable to acknowledge stress as the problem. Additionally, a student's social life may be affected by altering moods. Whether they are angry or depressed, many students may lose

friends or hurt their loved ones, losing interest in all that matters to them.

Essentially, a student becomes a total wreck, succumbing to daily stress, unable to deal with the simplest of problems, and thus a student may display anger toward family, friends, or even strangers. If a student does not find the proper means of reducing his or her stress level, the most drastic outcome can be suicide.

Obviously, the effects of stress can be critical to a student's life. After students understand how to recognize the symptoms of stress, they can effectively manage whatever stresses them in their lives. Although students often experience negative effects from stress, stress does not doom students to being unable to find a positive solution for the effects from stress in their lives.

Could 2016 bring another Clinton into the White House?

By Joshua Dilmore
Staff Reporter

On Sunday, April 12, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced in a video posted online, "I'm running for president [of the United States of America]" in 2016. Clinton ran for president in 2008 but lost to current U.S. President Barack Obama. She is the first Democratic candidate to enter the presidential race. If Clinton was to win the election, not only would the United States have its second President Clinton in the White House, since her husband Bill Clinton was elected first in 1992 and again in 1996, but the United States would also have its first woman president. With no other Democrat having announced his or her run for presidency, will Clinton have a leg up on other candidates? According to an article posted on the Guardian website, GOP candidates such as Rand Paul and Ted Cruz have already launched various smear campaigns. Still, polls show



that Clinton has a good chance of being elected over Republican hopefuls.

Holmes announces new Dazzlers

By Cassie May
Staff Reporter

Holmes Community College held the first round of Dazzler dance team tryouts on April 21 and the second on April 29. The 2015-2016 Dazzlers selected were: Kayla Collum, Jessica Grace, Keely Herbert, Anna Littlejohn, Kayla Neal, Haley Pate, Kelli Rae, and Kaitlyn Wright. Amber Brown and Sara Grace Weaver have been chosen as managers for the upcoming academic year.

Tina Boyette is the sponsor, and the Dazzlers are a part of the Fine Arts Department. This team is made up of dedicated and talented dancers who wish to represent the college in a positive and spirited manner.

Through their performances, squad members act as ambassadors of goodwill and entertainment at various school and community functions including parades, sporting events and pep rallies.

Boyette has been the Dazzler sponsor since the fall of 2009. She informed me that 15-30 girls

typically try out of the squad and only about eight-15 girls will be selected as dancers, along with three managers. These girls don't just provide school spirit for the Bulldogs; they also provide service to the community. The Dazzler squad has donated water and clothes to tornado victims and recently participated at the Natchez Trace Festival.

Boyette is looking forward to the upcoming year, with lots of new faces and new dances. The Dazzlers hope to have some exciting new moves for the crowd. If you are interested in becoming a Dazzler you can contact Boyette at tboyette@holmescc.edu or 662-472-9003.



Pictured is the 2014-2015 Dazzler Dance Team.

American Literature class takes field trip to the Eudora Welty House

By Joshua Dilmore
Staff Reporter

Holmes Community College English teacher Mary Brantley's American Literature II class was in for quite the treat on Friday, April 17, when the class took a field trip to the Eudora Welty House. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Eudora Welty was born and lived in Jackson at 1119 Pinehurst St. Upon her death, Welty bequeathed her home to the State of Mississippi, and it has since been opened as a museum of the Mississippi Department of Archives. Brantley says that she has been taking her students to the Welty House since it first opened. "In fact, the first year we went only the garden was open [to tour]," Brantley says. Since then, a tour of the home, a film on Welty, and a visitors center have been added

to the tour.

Today Welty's house remains one of the most intact literary houses in America. Brantley, as well as many other students have said that touring the house makes Welty as well as her stories come alive. "I cannot think of a single student who did not feel Eudora Welty's presence in the house," Brantley adds. "Many students tell me that they almost feel as if Ms. Welty will step out and greet them with cookies and iced tea." When asked why she planned a field trip for her students, Brantley said, "I want them to see how humble and delightful a person Eudora Welty [was] and how in touch she was with ordinary people."

Tours are offered Tuesday through Friday and hours are subject to change. Admission is \$5 for adults. For more



Pictured is the Eudora Welty House, where Mary Brantley's American Literature II class visited on April 17.

information, call the Eudora Welty House Education and Visitors Center at (601) 353-7762 or visit them online at eudorawelty.org.

PTK Nationals (continued from Front Page)

in Action Project Award; and Distinguished College Project Award.

Students from Ridgeland and Grenada also made the trip. The Ridgeland Chapter was named a five-star chapter while Goodman and Grenada were named four-star chapters.

Students, advisers and administrators toured San Antonio and visited the Alamo, Sea World, Six Flags, Louis Tussaud's Wax Works, Guinness Book of World Records and other sites.

Grammy award-winning artist John Legend spoke and performed on Thursday night while well-known futurist, theoretical physicist and pop-

ularizer of science Michio Kaku spoke on Friday night.

Former Holmes Academic Dean Joyce Jones was recognized with an Outstanding Administrator Award during the convention. Jones, who retired from Holmes in late 2014, is now the dean of instruction and workforce development at Shelton State Community College in Alabama.

Former Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Coordinator Amy Wolgamott was presented a service award during the MSLA Regional Meeting prior to open session. She served as regional coordinator from 2008 through 2014.

Stress (continued from Page 2)

stress. The majority of the time, these uncaring students choose not to put forth the effort in studying for a test or simply doing their homework. Ultimately, stress can be avoided if a student learns to balance a workload and puts forth the effort to earn a passing grade.

Along with grades, stress can have a drastic effect on a student's health. More often than not, a student's ailments are blamed on allergies or some common illness. Rarely is stress blamed for what seems to be a common headache or stomachache. Often stress can cause severe headaches and sometimes migraines, lasting several days or weeks. Easier than a visit to the doctor, students take medicines such as Tylenol to "take the edge off." By the same token, stress can cause

stomachaches or irritable bowels. Although these symptoms often are attributed to a stomach bug or virus, stress is the real issue. If stress is the problem, these symptoms can easily be resolved if a student knows how to efficiently deal with stress. Weight loss or gain and fatigue are also effects of stress. Students may be so stressed and consumed with excelling in their studies that they may neglect their own health, lose or gain weight, and act sluggish. Many students may stay up late, disregarding a sleep schedule, and suffer from lack of sleep. These students may also eat fatty snack foods, causing them to gain weight, or these students may not have the time to eat and choose to skip meals, causing them to lose weight. All of these issues lead students to act lethargic.

Biology Students take learning outdoors at the Natural Science Museum

By Chynna Courtney
Staff Reporter

On April 22, Dr. Consuella Davis' Biology II Lab students got to take class outdoors when they went on a site visit to the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. The class met up at Mayes Lake, which is located in LeFleur's Bluff State Park behind the museum. There they met Dr. Heather Sullivan, an esteemed biologist at the museum who talked to them about the environment and the different day-to-day responsibilities of a field biologist.

The students learned how field biologists take samples of wildlife from the environment and also how to measure the coverage of trees as well as the height of the trees. Dr. Davis' class has been learning about ecology and the different biomes that organisms live in. They have also been dissecting organisms of all the kingdoms such as fungi, plantae, protista and animalia. By having the opportunity to go on this site visit, the students were allowed to see the real-life application



Pictured is Dr. Consuella Davis' Biology II Lab Class on April 22 at LeFleur's Bluff State Park behind the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson.

of all that they have learned in class, outdoors.

Joe Collins Retires

From Staff Reports/Photos

On May 8, Holmes Community College held a retirement party for Joe Collins, who served as a proctor on the Ridgeland Campus. The event was held in the Adcock Library Conference Room, and included cake, punch, other refreshments, and a time of fellowship for Ridgeland Campus faculty and staff. Dr. Don Burnham, vice president of the Ridgeland Campus, thanked Collins for all of his hard work and presented him with a plaque and gift certificate.



Ridgeland ADN nursing students/instructor praised for community volunteer work

From Staff Reports/Photos



Pictured are Holmes Community College ADN students (left to right) **Zach Yaman, Mary Katherine Lampton, Jasmine Phillips, and Kayla Kabbes;** Mayor **Tony Yarber**, City of Jackson; ADN students **Tangela Evans and Katrina Cockroft**, and **Dr. Timothy Quinn**, owner and provider at Quinn Healthcare.

Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) sophomore students and ADN Assistant Director Alice Austin recently put their nursing skills to good use to give back to the local community.

Through a connection with Dr. Timothy Quinn, owner of and provider for Quinn Healthcare, Inc., the students did blood pressure screenings and checked vitals for members of the community in the Metro-Jackson area. They volunteered these services at various local churches and the police department.

The students worked with medical students from University of Mississippi Medical Center on this project, and when they found a patient to have high blood pressure, they would refer them to see Dr. Quinn who would treat them free of charge. The ADN students completed this project from February to April under Austin's supervision.

Mayor Tony T. Yarber sent Austin a letter thanking her for her on behalf of the City of Jackson.

"I would like to thank you for your

support and your work with us on our project to help screen Jacksonians and build a healthier state," Mayor Yarber said. "I sincerely appreciate your efforts to support us and hope to continue this bond to develop a healthier community.

"As a leader, I have always been a large proponent of collective genius and collaborative impact. Your involvement and support has helped make this project a success. Holmes Community College volunteers, through the Mayor's Healthcare Taskforce, have helped screen hundreds of people within our communities.

"Holmes Community College is actively seeking to make a positive impact in the lives of the citizens of our city and our great state. Please pass my gratitude on to all who have helped to make the Mayor's Healthcare Taskforce a success by volunteering through Holmes Community College."

For more information about the ADN program on the Ridgeland Campus, contact Alice Austin at 601-605-3419 or aaustin@holmescc.edu.

Hall of Fame taps Holmes alumnus Rozzell for induction

From Staff Reports/Photos

Holmes Community College alumnus Aubrey Rozzell will be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame at Hinds Community College's Rankin Campus at the Muse Center.

Rozzell spent his early years of schooling in Rome, Miss. from first through fourth grades, moving on to attend Sunflower Consolidated High School by way of Rena Lara for three years. After which, he transferred to Friars Point High School to play football. His last year of high school, Rozzell transferred to Holmes Agricultural High School and played first team tackle on the college team (Holmes Junior College) and also lettered on the college's baseball team all while still being a high school senior.

Rozzell was offered a baseball and football scholarship to the University of Mississippi but decided to stick close to home and accepted a football scholarship to Delta State University, where he lettered four straight years in football, baseball and track. Rozzell later made Little American in 1955 and signed a professional football contract with the Chicago Bears as a middle linebacker. He was then traded to the Pittsburgh Steelers and as a rookie made the starting roster as outside linebacker. Rozzell injured his back his second year with the Steelers and signed with the Montreal Alouettes as middle linebacker. The following year, Rozzell had a career-ending back operation.

After retiring from professional football, Rozzell began his coaching and teaching career back where it all began at Holmes Junior College and his career took off from there. Coaching took Rozzell to Belle Glade, Florida, Delta State University, and Pascagoula High School, where he was the assistant principal and head football coach. After ending his coaching career, Rozzell became the executive director of Mississippi State Parks in 1978 working under



Aubrey Rozzell

four governors and remained there for 15 years. He was also the president of the State Parks Directors Association, sat on the 50 States National Outdoor Recreation Association Board, and was appointed to the World Fair Committee by William Winter in 1984. Upon his retirement in 1989 with an impressive 34 and half years of service to the state of Mississippi, Rozzell enjoyed being a motivational speaker and being involved with the jail and prison ministries.

Among many awards and acclamations, Rozzell has been the recipient of the Mike Campbell Lifetime Achievement Award, received resolution from the Mississippi Legislature for Top Agency in Energy Conservation, keynote speaker at the International Recreation Conference in New Brunswick, Canada, and recently inducted into the All-American Football Foundation, along with Walter Peyton as Little All-Americans throughout the nation. Rozzell was inducted into the Delta State University Hall of Fame in 1977 and the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame in 1996.

He and his wife, Denece, reside in Quitman and attend First Baptist Church of Quitman.

Anglers compete to raise funds for scholarships

From Staff Reports/Photos

Fifteen teams participated in the Holmes Community College Open Crappie Tournament held at Grenada Lake on Saturday, April 4.

Tucker Tims and J.D. Staten adapted to the high winds while fishing one small area off the main lake taking their seven fish total to 14.12 pounds. Tyler Angle and Josh Branscome finished second with a total weight of 12.49 pounds. Angle also took the tournaments big fish award of 2.49 pounds while partner Branscome had one fish close to Angle's fish of 2.42 pounds.

Last year's championship team of Dean and Chris Savage gave another run for the top spot with the tournament's third place finish of 11.01 pounds.

Phi Theta Kappa and Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department students at the Grenada Center participated in the event.

Proceeds from the tournament went to the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Inc. The contributions support scholarships, provide for instructional equipment, library resources, faculty development and other activities that enhance the instructional program of the college. Sponsors for the event included:

Crappie.com, Entergy Corporation, 333 Restaurant of Grenada, and Bain Manufacturing Company.



Pictured are **Tucker Tims and J.D. Staten** after winning the 2015 Crappie Tournament on April 4.



Pictured are **Josh Branscome and Tyler Angle** showing off two of their fish that earned them second place in the 2015 Crappie Tournament on April 4. Angle also took the tournament's big fish award of 2.49 pounds.

Two ADN students shine at Scholars Bowl

From Staff Reports/Photos



Two of Holmes Community College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students recently participated in the annual Scholars Bowl at the Mississippi Organization of ADN Student Association (MOSA) convention held at the convention center in Vicksburg on March 26.

Brandon Smith (right) of Montgomery county is a student at the Grenada Center of Holmes and **Justin Bowser** (left) of Warren county is a student at the Ridgeland Campus. Both competed against and were victorious over other ADN nursing programs throughout the state.

John Wayne Vanhorn Retires

From Staff Reports/Photos



On May 8, the Holmes Community College Grenada Center held a retirement party for John Wayne Vanhorn, who served as an engineering technology instructor. Vanhorn's family, alongside faculty and staff at the Grenada Center, enjoyed a time of fellowship as they honored the 19 years he served Holmes CC. Dr. Jim Haffey, president of Holmes, presented Vanhorn with a plaque for his dedicated service to the college.

eLearning alumna says online learning not a disconnect

From Staff Reports/Photos



Amber Bengel

Amber Bengel of Pearl, a seventh-grade physical science teacher at Southeast Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri, graduated from Holmes Community College in May 2008 – even though she only lived in Mississippi for four months during her time as a student. Holmes CC's eLearning program made it possible for her to complete her degree despite being far away.

Amber and her husband, Buddy, a human resources director and Cornell University graduate, moved five times during the two years she was a Holmes student. Every six months his company re-located the couple; taking them from Pearl, Mississippi, to New York, New York, to Phoenix, Arizona, back to Mississippi briefly, then to Dallas, Texas, to Washington, D.C., and back to Dallas again.

"My path online at Holmes Community College allowed me to access my education in five states over two years," Amber said. "Although I was 100 percent an online student, I never felt disconnected from the college. I always felt like a part of the Holmes family, and that my instructors really knew me."

Amber said that she had one online instructor at Holmes who lived in Virginia whom she could really relate to, as they were both living in areas



completely different from the other students. She noted that she was nothing short of impressed that all of her instructors were understanding about her unique situation and the fact that she was in different time zones than the others during certain periods.

"Being far away and in all different states never stopped me from having wonderful interactions with my fellow students," Amber said. "The instructors would set up forums, allowing us to reach out to one another, and they would always respond to inquiries within 30 minutes to an hour, if not sooner. I really appreciate that my teachers were kind enough to accommodate me, allowing me to turn in assignments early or have an extension when I was in the moving process. If you are accustomed to texting and using social media, Holmes CC eLearning is so easy and convenient."

Upon completing her associate's degree at Holmes with a 3.89 GPA, Amber attended The University of Texas at Dallas, the institution that began as a research arm of Texas Instruments (T.I.). As a Holmes CC student, Amber was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa na-

tional honor society for two-year college students, which gave her a large scholarship to University of Texas and waived her out-of-state tuition.

"Having the opportunity to be a part of PTK helped me immensely with getting into and paying for the rest of my higher education," Amber said. "We were worried about the costs of a four-year university, and especially a prestigious school like UT Dallas, but Holmes CC and PTK made it possible for me to afford a quality education. I proudly finished my bachelor's degree in elementary education with a 3.4 GPA, and all without drowning in debt."

Amber credits her success at UT Dallas, as well as her strong organizational skills as a teacher to her experience as a Holmes eLearning student. She said that as a full-time online student, she had to have self-motivation and drive, and be very regimented so she wouldn't miss a deadline.

"One semester at Holmes I took 19 hours, and during that time, we were in the process of moving from Washington, D.C., to Dallas, Texas. I was dealing with realtors in D.C., realtors in Dallas, we were traveling to look at

houses, and on top of all that, my dad got sick, so we were traveling to St. Louis to check on him, as well. The eLearning program allowed me to stay in school while life was chaotic, and though I had to really work hard to stay organized, my instructors kept me motivated, and learned true discipline."

Amber said that learning to be structured has been one of the greatest benefits of being a full-time online student. She also noted that she was pleasantly surprised by the tremendous number of eLearning courses available in numerous areas of study, and how easy it was to access assignments and grades.

"Completing my associate's degree through eLearning successfully prepared me to be a better teacher and instill those values in my students," Amber said. "While on my path with Holmes eLearning, life took me from Mississippi to Texas with a lot of stops in between and after, and I can honestly say, I couldn't be prouder to claim Holmes as my alma mater."

For more information on the Holmes Community College eLearning program, contact Tish Stewart at tstewart@holmescc.edu or 662-472-9162.



Holmes holds 2nd Annual 5K in May

From Staff Reports/Photos

On May 1, Holmes Community College held its 2nd Annual 5K in May on the Goodman Campus. Faculty and staff from all three campuses, along with some of their families, joined together to walk and run, celebrating the healthy accomplishments made by the Holmes family this year.



Pictured are (left to right) **Matt Surrell**, Third Place; **Courtney Sparks**, Second Place, and **Dr. Jim Haffey**, First Place - Running Division.



Pictured are (left to right) **Jamilah Andrews**, Second Place; **Michael Pawlik**, First Place, **Chanda Sykes**, Third Place - Walking Division.



A Future not far, but around the corner

By **Glennasha Brown**
Staff Reporter/Photographer

As the spring semester comes to an end, graduation creeps right around the corner for students at Holmes Community College. Many students gaze beyond the corner in curiosity, wonder of what is to come of their bright, impending future. Others press themselves close against the wall to only sneak a peek, nervous about the ambiguous opportunities the future holds. A few students on the Holmes's Ridgeland Campus collectively expresses their excitement for their final semester at Holmes, emphasizing how the school is instrumental toward their educational careers.



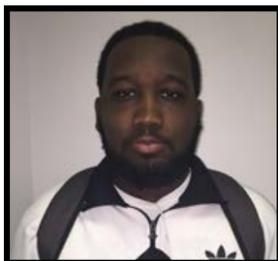
Alexandria Paige

"I'm excited about graduating with my first degree, which is an Associate of Arts in Business Administration," Paige said. "It makes me feel great to know that I've accomplished yet another milestone in my life. As my road ends at Holmes it's bittersweet, but I'm excited to see what the future holds. The experience here at Holmes has been fun. I've met new friends, connected with great teachers and joined a club that grabbed my attention. I will be furthering my education at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg in the fall of 2015. The next degree I am seeking is a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration - Entrepreneurship, with a minor in marketing. I'm hoping to further my education as far as I can go."



Amanda Dent

"I'm super excited! Holmes helped me grow a lot, and I met some really amazing people," Dent said. "Once this chapter is over, I'm going to Millsaps where I will major in psychology, and from there, will complete post-graduate work at Mississippi State University."



Anthony Vaughn

"I'm excited to go to a university," Vaughn said. "Holmes has been great. I got to know some awesome people and made connections that will last a lifetime. I was also able to learn from my teachers a skill set for life and for preparation for a university. After Holmes, I plan on attending Jackson State University and continue to work in secondary education English."



Shan Alexander

"I feel both excited and sad at the same time," Alexander said. "My experience at Holmes has been so amazing! I've learned how to be more diligent in my studies, and how to become a better leader also. After Holmes, I will attend Mississippi State University and major in social work."



Jordan Lindsey

"Holmes has been a valuable part of my education," Lindsey said. "I've been dual-enrolled since my junior year in high school, and every second has been a blast. It's been hard at times; balancing normal schoolwork and college life has been difficult, but I wouldn't trade it for the world. I still have professors from my first semester who call me by name in the halls. Dual-enrolling here has allowed me to get ahead of the game in a way I never could have otherwise. I'll graduate high school this year, with nearly 30 credit hours under my belt. I've made so many great friends that I never would have met had I not taken this opportunity. Even though I'm younger than most of the people on campus, everyone has made me feel like I belong here. Next year I'll be attending Mississippi State University to pursue a major in chemical engineering and hopefully begin a career in the oil industry or medicine development after completing my degree. I'll miss Holmes and all the wonderful people I've met, but I'm excited to see what's in store."



Kristin Moore

"Holmes has been great!" Moore said. "I entered as a scared freshman wondering how college would really be and almost knowing for certain I would not meet any new friends. I did my work and was amazed when people came up to me and would have friendly conversations and then would continue to talk to me throughout the school semester and the next. I ended up having a few new friends and then I joined ICREATE and made a whole new mess of friends. It was fantastic! Going in to Holmes I felt like I was going to be alone again and I was just going to drift through quietly and unnoticed. Holmes helped me get friends and helped me find a voice. The teachers at Holmes are also very wonderful! I loved all my teachers and, even though I changed my major like a zillion times, everyone was patient and helped me figure out what I want to do in my life. I will be sad when I leave Holmes but I will also be grateful for everything the school and everyone in it has done for me. I will leave stronger and more courageous than that scared freshman who entered the doors two years ago. I will be going to The University of Southern Mississippi to chase my dreams to become a director, producer, and writer for the entertainment industry. I also want to help others chase their own dreams. Holmes is a good place to start for those who aren't afraid to try!"

Snacking Right

By **Rebekah Holden**
Staff Reporter

For many college students it is very rare to have the opportunity to sit down at a table and enjoy a whole meal. With all of the assignments and deadlines, the average student receives much of their nutrition from eating snacks on the go. While this is not ideal, if it must be the case then it is important to snack right. To some, "snacking right" may mean grabbing an easy-access, packaged, processed treat before heading to school. These snacks are fine occasionally, but certainly do not need to be eaten on a regular basis. For the student who wishes to start making healthier snack choices, there are some easy-to-grab snacks that offer a great source of vitamins to help nourish as well as energize you to make it through day.

is often what comes to mind, and lot of people are either allergic to, or do not like peanuts. That is okay! Try something different such as cashews or almonds. Local grocery stores usually have a large assortment.

2. The second food choice is fruit. Bringing a banana to eat midday can be a great way to re-energize. Packing a bag of carrots can be a good idea as well because they stay fresh longer, which is important if when packing snacks to last through the day. Dried fruit is another good snack choice that will also keep longer than fresh fruit.

3. Many people give fat a bad rep, and yes, too much fat is not good for the body. However, natural fats that are found in things such as organic butter is very good for the body. When heading out for school in the morning, rather than leaving without breakfast, butter a piece of toast. The natural fat from the butter is a much better alternative than grabbing a sugar-filled snack such as pop-tarts.

1. Nuts are a great source of protein, protein is a great source of energy, and what student doesn't need more energy? Make sure the kitchen is stocked with nuts to bring with you to school. When people think of nuts, peanuts



4. Another good snack choice is yogurt. Yogurt is a pro-biotic and full of the good bacteria that the body needs to fight off sickness. Eating yogurt has also been linked to weight loss, unlike eating another snack that is full of saturated fats and will only make jeans harder to fit into. It is important to keep your body up to par for what you are doing. If you are

slacking in other areas such as sleep, it is good to put the right foods in your body to help pick up the slack. Making healthy eating choices can be difficult at first, but after sticking with it for a while it becomes a way of life.

Don't be a bum, get up and run

By **Cassie May**
Staff Reporter

I can't think of a better way to end another school year than to do something that not only helps you but helps others as well. What am I referring to you ask? A 5K of course! There



are so many 5K opportunities in our area this summer. Don't get lazy just because school is out. Get out and get moving. These races usually have a method to the madness. Most of them serve a purpose and the funds raised for the race and participation are donated to worthy causes. How long is a 5K you might ask? A 5K is 3.1 miles. Not anything you can't handle, especially when you are running for a cause. The 5K for the Fatherless is May 23 in Ridgeland helping foster children in Mississippi find forever families. Magnolia Meltdown is May 9 in Jackson proceeds support St.

Dominic's Community Health Clinic. The list goes on and on. Don't worry you don't have to run them you are welcome to walk and even bring your family as most of them have fun runs for the kids. Many of the 5K races in our area charge a small fee of around \$25-40 to sign up, but you get a t-shirt. We all know how you college girls love a big t-shirt. So I am challenging Holmes Community College students to not only exceed academically, but to thrive and reach out and help yourself and your community this summer. Stay smart. Be active. Get fit. And come back next year better than ever. You can find more information about local 5Ks at the following website: <http://www.letsgowalkinms.com/>

Forgotten Dog Art (continued from Page 3)



(left) Demurely looking beyond her glass, this woman draped in purple and gold with lilac, flame-like hair is the main character's (creator) best friend.



(right) Pedestalizing a dog above her head, Iris is the main character's other right hand. Styling a hoodie as her canine counterpart, she exudes a lively, sensual appeal.

Tips For A+ Vacation Planning

By **Rebekah Holden**
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With summer quickly approaching, many are getting a headstart on planning the perfect summer vacation. From choosing the perfect destination, to deciding what the budget will be, planning a trip can be more stressful than it seems. However, it does not have to be hectic! When it comes to preparing for a vacation, there are a few simple steps to follow

that will ensure things run smoothly. 1. The first thing to do when planning a vacation goes without saying. Pick out a few destinations, and depending on how many people are going, set it to a vote to see which destination is preferred by the majority.

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3. Once the destination has been decided on, a budget can be set. The reason it is best to set the budget before comparing prices on restaurants, hotels, and flights is so that there is no question about the pricing and compromising your budget is not as likely.

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way to save for a trip is to place jar or piggy bank that is designated for loose change in the house. Whenever anyone has any change, it goes in the jar. It can be surprising how quickly change will add up!

5. Step number five is one of the most fun. Do some research on the destination of choice, and find some fun activities, historical landmarks, or natural parks that can be visited during the trip or on the way there! Remember to factor in plenty of down time as well. A vacation is a good way to relax, and when everyone is too busy

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The Gift That Keeps Giving

By Rebekah Holden
Staff Reporter/Photographer

Whether it is required at school, a means of extra credit, or just something that is truly a joy, volunteering is always a good choice to fill up your time. Many people enjoy using their time to help out a local business or charity free of pay, as a means to give back to the community. Often people are interested in volunteering, but do not know where to begin. For someone living in the Jackson Metro area this does not have to be a problem, and many students at Holmes are being proactive and sacrificing their time to help others.

If you are musically talented, or just enjoy conversing, the local nursing homes are always happy to have people come and spend time with the residents. It can be anything from playing card games to putting on a



Shan Alexander

performance, but more often than not, they are just happy to sit and talk. A sophomore at Holmes, Shan Alexander, enjoys spending her time

volunteering at the Waterford Nursing Home. "I play the piano and sing for them," Alexander said. "They love singing hymns and telling me different stories about their lives. They are all amazing and I learn so much from them."

Volunteering does not only benefit the people being served, but the person serving as well. However, not everyone prefers to volunteer at nursing homes.

For some, it is easier to serve children, whether that be helping children with homework in an after school pro-



Paulette Vargas

gram or just interacting with them.

Holmes student Paulette Vargas said, "I volunteer at Christ Life Church of the Highlands because I love teaching children about God." She continues to say that, "Money cannot always make one happy, but the love of people can."

Another local place that involves serving children in need is at Blair E. Batson. The hospital welcomes stu-

dents and adults who are interested in reading to and interacting with some of the patients. Alyse Axley is a Holmes student who has a passion for serving



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at Batson, and volunteers there on a regular basis. "I enjoy being with the children and playing with them," says Axley. "The most important thing to me is bringing them joy and brightening their day." Blair E. Batson has a volunteer service that requires 30 hours of service in the span of one year. Axley is proud to be involved with this program.

The next option to add to the list is for the animal lover. Local animal shelters are often overlooked, but they play a big role in finding good homes for abandoned animals. These shelters can often become crowded, and the staff appreciates when people are able to come and walk the dogs, or even just play with the animals. Holmes student Laurie Alvis has a heart for animal shelters that relates back to personal experience. "I love animals and



Laurie Alvis

enjoyed getting to walk the dogs and play with the cats," Alvis said. "We got our dog Fergie from the shelter and that has turned out really great."

Many of the animals in the shelter are cooped up in pins most of the day, so any loving care is appreciated.

When one volunteers, the main focus is to help someone else, but this act of selflessness often impacts the person who is serving as well. Modern society is fast-paced and many complain not having enough time to enjoy things that they want to do. Volunteering is the act of sacrificing time and giving it to someone who needs it more. Monetary gifts are important, and many organizations appreciate them, but when one gives up of their time, it is a service of humility and love.

There are many more ways to volunteer, and <http://volunteermississippi.org/> has a great list to choose from. Get involved and become proactive!

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HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CASSANDRA JANETZKI, CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTRUCTOR ON THE GOODMAN CAMPUS, GOT MARRIED THIS SPRING! HER HUSBAND, BEN MARTIN, LIVES IN MADISON. WE WISH THE TWO OF THEM A LIFETIME OF HAPPINESS!

Spring Fling: Grenada

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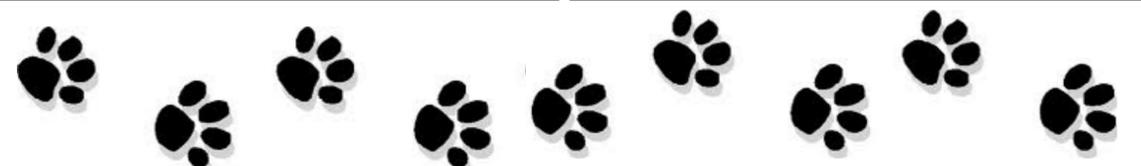
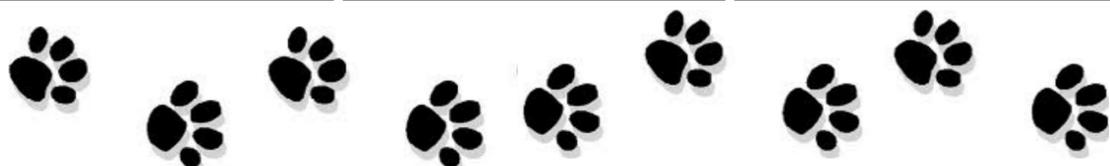
On Wednesday, April 15, the Holmes Community College Grenada Center held its 2015 Spring Fling, complete with a mechanical bull, crawfish, burgers, volleyball, karaoke, raffles, and prizes.



Spring Fling: Goodman

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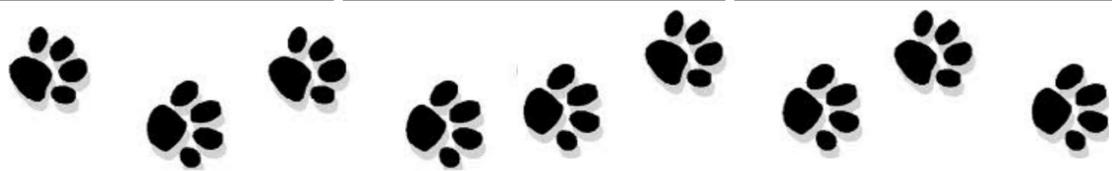
On Wednesday, April 22, the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus held its 2015 Spring Fling, complete with crawfish, mud volleyball, jummies, music, raffles, and prizes.



Spring Fling: Ridgeland 16

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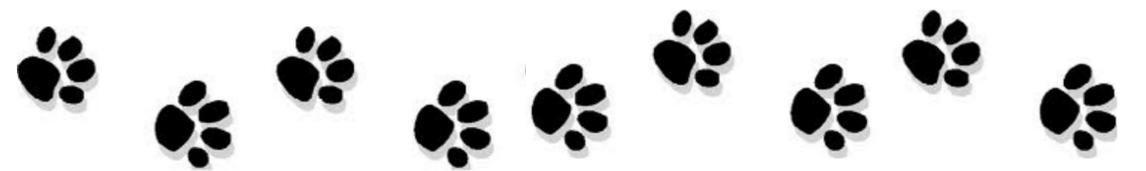
On Wednesday, April 22, the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus held its 2015 Spring Fling, complete with burgers, volleyball, tug-o-war, corn hole tournaments, karaoke, trivia, and live music from the Creative Arts Club band.



May Hillbilly Day: Goodman 17

From Staff Reports/Photos

On Tuesday, May 5, the Holmes Community College Goodman Campus held its 2015 May Hillbilly Day, complete with mud volleyball, rock climbing, a mechanical bull, food, and fun.



Williams and Thomas sign with universities

From Staff Reports

Holmes Community College sophomore guards Jarvis Williams and Torlorf Thomas signed national letters of intent on May 6.

Williams of Jackson signed with the Newman University Jets out of Wichita, Kansas, while Thomas of Meridian signed with the Alabama State University Hornets out of Montgomery, Alabama.

Newman University, a NCAA Division II member, finished the 2014-15 season with a record of 15-11 and 11-9 in the Heartland Conference. Williams, a graduate of Callaway High School, helped lead Holmes to the NJCAA National Tournament, where the Bulldogs finished in the Elite Eight. Holmes was also the North Division and Region XXIII Champions. Williams led the Bulldogs in three-point shooting with a 38.3 percent average from behind the arc. He averaged 7.1 points per game and shot 41 percent from the floor. He had 2.9 assists per game and one steal per game.

As a freshman, Williams averaged 8.3 points per game and led the Bulldogs in three-point accuracy shooting 38.5 percent. He shot 41.9 percent from the floor and had 1.9 assists and .5 steals per game.

Williams said his decision came down to Newman and Jackson State. "Choosing between them was a very hard decision, but my whole family wanted me to get out of the state and experience life and meet new people so I couldn't go against my family," Williams said. "I felt like home when I went on the visit."

Newman runs the floor well, and Williams said this is his style of play. "They get up and down the floor," Williams said. "I love to run and that's all I can do is get up and down." He said being a "great defender is the best part of my game. I love getting under someone's skin and making them mad about me being so small. When I get there I want to get stronger and help those guys accomplish some things they may not think they'll accomplish."

Williams said he made a great decision playing for Holmes. "They taught me a lot," Williams said. "My freshman year I thought I was going to be that guy coming in, but I sat behind him (former Bulldog and current Florida State guard Dayshawn Watkins) and learned a lot from him. My sophomore year, they put the ball in my hand, and I took advantage of that and went with that. Coach always tells me if I'm not into practice, it's going to go the other way. I made sure I came to practice and got the guys involved in practice to make sure practice was fun so we could get things done."

He was pleased the Bulldogs accomplished their goals this season. "It was a wonderful season," Williams said.

"As the season went on, we bought into the coaching. We stuck together and everybody knew their role.

"I'm so excited for Jarvis," Holmes Head Coach Jason Flanigan said. "He had a wonderful season this season. Last year he struggled a little bit out of high school, but this year he was a leader for us. He was a coach on the floor and worked hard every day. I'm so proud for him and his family.

"He's a guy that other players will rub off of," he said. "He comes to work every day and practices hard. He's vocal in practice and makes your practices better. On the floor, he plays with that passion you are looking for as a coach. He's a great guy. His teammates love being around Jarvis. He's a funny guy but when it's time to get serious, he gets serious."

Alabama State, a member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, finished the 2014-15 season with a record of 19-10 and a 14-4 record in the SWAC.

Thomas, a graduate of Meridian High School, helped lead Holmes to the NJCAA National Tournament, where the Bulldogs finished in the Elite Eight. Holmes was also the North Division and Region XXIII Champions. Thomas was second on the team in three-point shooting with a 37.7 percent average from behind the arc.

"It's a great opportunity to get an education and win the last few years," Thomas said of decision to choose Alabama State. "I'm from Montgomery. What a better opportunity to represent my city than to go play for a good team. I feel I can contribute big things to the program.

"We should keep up the winning tradition," he said. "They needed a big guard that can play a lot of positions. I think I can get in that system and play well. I feel I can do a little bit of everything. What will make me a better player is if I get better physically and learn the game more and keep learning as a player. Also, I will be a good guy on and off the court."

Thomas never regretted transferring from Georgia Southern after his freshman season. "When I decided

to transfer the first coaches I called were Coach Jasons (Flanigan and Harrison). I knew I wanted to come here because they were both point guards. Early in the summer, I knew we had a chance to have a very special season. I feel we could have done a lot better, but winning was very fun."

He said the team's trip to Kansas reminded him of games he played in at Georgia Southern. "We were very excited to go to Kansas," Thomas said. "It was very fun and the peo-

ple treated us very well. I was interviewed several times, and little kids even asked us to sign balls for them. It was the NCAA Tournament of junior colleges. People said we were the underdog, but I knew we were going to do good things because we played hard and trusted one another."

"We had high expectations for Torlorf," Coach Flanigan said. "He's a guy that make open shots," he said. "He's a big guard and he competes when he's on the floor. His basketball IQ is very high. When he gets down with basketball, he'll be a wonderful coach. He's a great kid. He'll make open shots and run the team."

Lady Bulldogs season comes to an end, 21-16

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog season came to an end here Saturday afternoon with a 10-0 loss to Jones County Junior College in the best-of-three MACJC Playoffs.

With the loss, the Lady Bulldogs ended the season at 21-16 overall. Jones won Friday afternoon's game, 6-0.

Blair Little suffered the loss in the game. Little pitched four innings and gave up eight runs on eight hits with two walks and two strikeouts. Kassey Ard pitched the remaining inning and gave up two runs on three hits with one walk.

Lindsey Robbins, Rachel Bond and Reagan Aldridge each had a hit in the

game for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lauren Holifield and Tori Dew each had two homers in the game for Jones while Kayleigh Williams added another.



Youth Softball Camp set for June 1 in Goodman

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Youth Softball Camp on Monday, June 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the Goodman Campus.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per person and is open to students entering K5 through fifth grade.

For more information, contact Holmes Assistant Coach Mandy Walker at awalker@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9132.



Softball Team Camp set for Friday, July 10

From Staff Reports/Photos

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldog Softball Team will have a high school/team camp on Friday, July 10 from 1-5 p.m.

The camp is open for players entering the sixth through twelfth grades. Cost of the camp is \$40 per player.

For more information or ask for a team rate, call Assistant Coach Mandy Walker at mwalker@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9132.



Men's Basketball add five signees to the 2015-16 roster

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The Holmes Community College Bulldogs have added five players to the 2015-16 roster, according to Head Coach Jason Flanigan.

Included on the list are: Demarkis Weatherall, 6'5, guard, Holmes County Central, Cruger; Marcus

Carouthers, 6'3, guard, Aberdeen, Aberdeen; Derrrell Carouthers, 6'0, guard, Aberdeen, Aberdeen; Malik McNair, 6'0, guard, Pearl, Pearl; and Xavier Williams, 6'8, forward, Central Park Christian, Birmingham. Williams is a transfer from Alabama A&M.

Lady Bulldogs add six to the signing class

From Staff Reports

Holmes Community College Head Women's Basketball Coach Jamilah Andrews has announced six signees for the 2015-16 season. Included in the class are: Sharaey Jefferson, 5'4, guard, Holmes County Central; Destiny Cyprian, 5'6, guard, Clinton;

Ariel Hilliard, 5'10, forward, Murrah; Lashawn Palmer, 6'3, post, Cleveland Eastside; Cortrice Golden, 6'1, forward, Overton High in Memphis and UT-Martin transfer; and Lauren Brooks, 5'8, forward, Murrah.

Athletes Honored at 2015 Banquet

From Staff Reports

Holmes CC recently held the 2015 Sports Banquet on the Goodman Campus. Awards were as follows. For men's basketball: Jarvis Williams, NJCAA V.C. "Bud" Obee Award, MACJC All-Star, and Hustle Award; Dontarius Simmons, Sportsmanship Award; Cedric Harper, Rim Protector and Jonathan Boyd Award; Daryl Macon, Best Free Throw Shooter Award, Assist Award, Best Offensive Player Award, All-Region, Region XXIII Tournament Team Award, All-State, NJCAA All-Tournament Team and NJCAA All-American, and Marcus Washington, MVP Award, Board Award, Best Defensive Player Award, MACJC All-Star, All-State, and All-Region XXIII Tournament Team.

For women's basketball: Tiffany Jones, Rebound Award; Akia Washington, Most Improved Award; Kawaii Perry, Lady Bulldog Award; Minyone Hill, Assist Award; LaShonda Wilson, Best Defensive Player Award and MACJC All-Star; Carnesha Nalls, Best Offensive Player Award, Second Team All-State, Region XXIII Tournament Team and MACJC All-Star, and Aja Williams, MVP Award, First Team All-State and All-Region.

Tennis awards included: Katie Wood and Nick Robertson, Bulldog Award; Jordan Baker and Sam Cain, Heart of a Champion Award; Allie Furdge and Corey Warren, Most Improved Award; Lori Nesbitt and Hunter Moore, Sportsmanship Award; Claire Shores and Justin Sawyer, Animal Award; Jennifer Rule, Owen Taylor and Dylan Throgmorton, MVP Award, and Jake Korokis and Brittany Varsel, Manager Award.

Softball awards included: Lindsey Robbins, Brett Whitlock, Kassey Ard, Kelsey Kelly, Blair Little, Reagan Walker, Abreana Yarbrough and Kaitlin Dickerson, Scholar Athlete Award; Kassey Ard, MVP, First Team All-North Division and All-State; Charley Lovorn, Most Improved Award; Abby Stafford and Anna Garza, Best Defensive Player Award; Hayden Grantham and Kelsey Kelly, Best Offensive Player Award; Shelby Hoover, Dan Edwards Award; Blair Little, Lady Bulldog Award and Honorable Mention All-North Division; Anna Garza and Hayden Grantham, Second Team All-North Division; Kelsey Kelly, First Team All-North Division and All-State; and Abreana Yarbrough, Honorable Mention All-North Division.

Cheerleader awards included: Corey Anderson, Cheyenne Bennett, Haley Blain, Brandon Bryant, Caleb Gray, James David "J.D." Ingram, Bailey Pepper, Mary Margaret Johnson, Katherine Middleton, Lisa Peterson and Shelby Soyars, Scholar Athlete Award; Brandon Bryant, Most Improved Award; Cheyenne Bennett, Most Spirited Award; Mary Margaret Johnson, Bulldog Award; Lisa Peterson, Most Valuable Female Award; DeAvalon Edwards and Bailey Pepper, Most Valuable Male Award, and Bailey Pepper, Deshawn Oliver, Austin Purvis, J.D. Ingram, Mary Margaret Johnson, Lisa Peterson, Leadership Award.

2015-2016 cheerleaders named

The 2015-2016 Holmes CC cheerleaders so far include: Crystal Aguin, Cheyenne Bennett, Brandon Bryant, Teron Burrough, Kaylie Carpenter, Miles Cunningham, Deavolon Edwards, Thad Hicks, Elizabeth Lowery, Katherine Middleton, Justin Milner, Marquell Sanders, Kaitlyn Sloan, Lane Spell, Raven Stegall, Taylor Sullivan, and Pheron Webb. Managers are Nicole Lawrence and Christina White, and Michael Edmonds is the mascot.



Men's Basketball Award Recipients



Women's Basketball Award Recipients



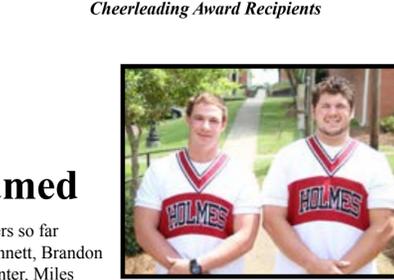
Tennis Award Recipients



Softball Award Recipients

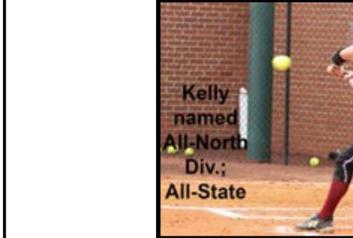


Cheerleading Award Recipients



Two 2014-2015 Holmes Community College Cheerleaders **Clint McNeil** and **Bailey Pepper** will be cheering next season for the Mississippi State University Bulldogs.

Two named All-State Softball



Lady Bulldogs **Kelsey Kelly** and **Kassey Ard** were named All-North Division All-State.

Jamilah Andrews Basketball Camps set for June 8-10; 11-12

Holmes Community College Head Women's Basketball Coach Jamilah Andrews has set the dates for two girls basketball camps this summer. There will be an Elite Camp for 7th through 12th grades June 8-10 and a Day Camp for 11-12 for kindergarten through sixth grade, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day.

The Jamilah Andrews Basketball Camp is a fun environment for players of all ages. Each player will learn the fundamentals of the game along with specialized instruction from the Holmes coaching staff and players. Also, each player will take the skills that she has learned and apply them in fun, competitive areas such as one-on-one games, three-on-three games, five-on-five games, bump competition, hot shot, and free throw contests.

The staff is comprised of Coach Andrews, who is a former collegiate player at Alabama and women's assistant coach LaTaryl Williams, who played at Ole Miss. Both coaches also played overseas professionally. Members of the 2014-15 Lady Bulldog team will also be on-hand to help the campers.

Registration forms should be completed and returned by June 1. Registration is set for June 8 from 7-8:30 a.m. at Frank Branch Coliseum in Goodman for the Elite Camp and June 11 from 7-8:30 a.m. for the Day Camp.

The cost of the elite camp is \$75 while the cost for the day camp is \$50. For more information, contact Coach Andrews at jandrews@holmescc.edu or call (662) 472-9069.

MS NORTH DIV. CHAMP, MACJC STATE BUNKER-UP, REGION 23 CHAMP, MS JUCO COACH OF THE YEAR ELITE 8 FINISHER AT NJCAA TOURNAMENT

JASON FLANIGAN'S BASKETBALL CAMP 2015

JUNE 29 - JULY 2

HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CAMP TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Registration on the first two days of camp)

REGISTRATION: June 29, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

WHERE: Holmes Community College, Goodman Campus, Frank B. Branch Coliseum

AGES: 8 years old - Senior in High School

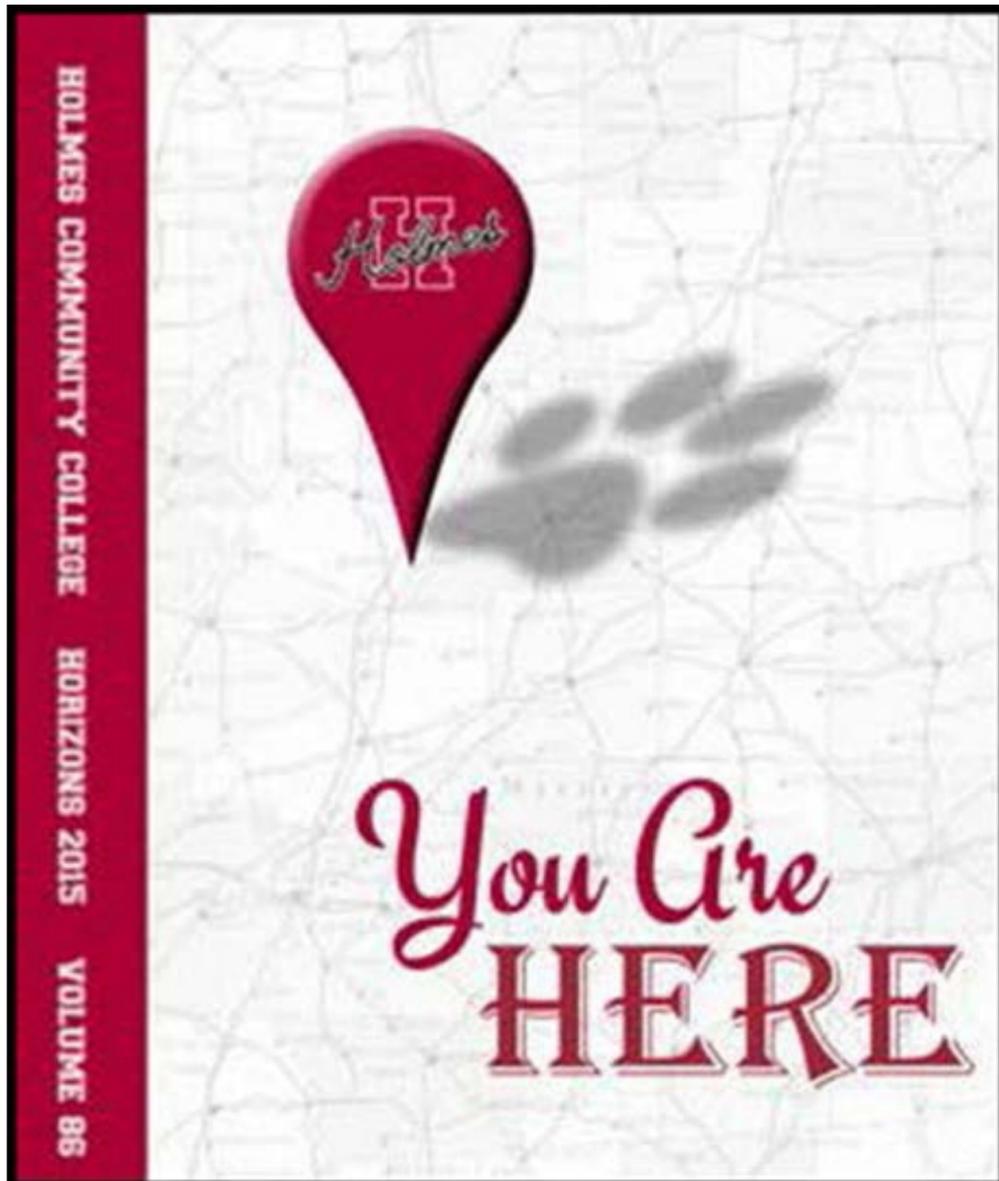
COST: \$100 (non-refundable)

The Jason Flanigan Basketball Camp is a fun environment for players of all ages. Each player will learn the fundamentals of the game along with specialized instruction in shooting, playing defense, ball handling skills, and rebounding. Also, each player will take the skills that he/she has learned and apply them in fun, competitive areas such as one-on-one games, bump competition, hot shot, and free throw contests.

The camp also features an expert staff of coaches and instructors dedicated to helping each player reach his or her full potential. The staff is comprised of former Ole Miss players, Holmes CC, and local high school coaches. Along with great instruction and fun, players will have the opportunity to utilize the same facilities the Holmes Bulldogs players use.

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