



## JCJC Alumni & Friends E-News

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The JCJC family hopes you and your family had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Second semester classes started Monday January 7, 2008 with over 4,200 students enrolled in regular classes. Enrollment in the regular college classes and on-line classes are up in numbers from last year. Surely 2007 was a short year! It seems just yesterday that we started the January 2007 year! We have had a traditional week here in Ellisville and South Mississippi: The temperature was in the 40's on Wednesday January 3 and in the 70's Friday January 5, 2008. This week has started out in the upper 70's.

Thank you for your support and many positive responses to the JCJC ENewsletter. We continue to have a very active web site thanks to your interest in JCJC. Please continue to visit the JCJC website for activities and opportunities that you and your family may want to attend on campus. We hope you will send us the email addresses of your friends and family who might want to receive this information.

We completed our Alumni mail-out to over twenty thousand good addresses that we have on the Alumni dBase. If you have not received a letter or school paper from the Alumni Office this year, then we do not have your correct address. Please contact the Alumni Office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@jcjc.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@jcjc.edu) to update your address.

In addition to activities on campus, the ENewsletter will highlight individuals who attended or are friends of JCJC. This will include their activities and honors. We need you to submit items that you would enjoy seeing in future editions of the ENewsletter.

**Birthday or Graduation Gift Idea:** Give a JCJC Lifetime Alumni membership to your spouse, young person or family member. Contact the JCJC Alumni office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@jcjc.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@jcjc.edu) for more information. (We had a number of people who did this for Christmas gifts).

\* **Upcoming events:** (Go to [www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu) for more info on events and activities)

- \* **JCJC Basketball Teams** are in full swing. Support the Bobcat teams with your attendance. Visit the JCJC Website for schedule.
- \* **JCJC Maroon Typhoon** will march in the 2008 Gubernatorial Inaugural Parade in Jackson on January 15.
- \* **Reunion for classes or groups.** If you are interested in coordinating a class or group reunion, contact the JCJC alumni office at 601-477-4049 or email Amie Herrington at [amie.herrington@JCJC.edu](mailto:amie.herrington@JCJC.edu).
- \* **Soccer Tryouts** for men and women's teams is set for February 16.
- \* **Football Tryouts** for the 2008 Bobcat football team will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 at the P.E. Building.
- \* **Non-credit computer classes** are being offered at the Advanced Technology Center throughout the semester. For more information go to the JCJC website and click on Advanced Technology Center to look at their calendar or call 601-477-4114 for more information.
- \* **January 24, JCJC Foundation Economic and Technology Symposium.** The program is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is required at 601-477-4145 or email [foundation@jcjc.edu](mailto:foundation@jcjc.edu). For more information visit the JCJC website.
- \* **January 29,** Guitar Recital in the JCJC Foote Chapel, 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- \* **February 1,** Southeast MS Band Directors Association Band Clinic Concert, 1:30 p. m.
- \* **February 10,** Concert Choir at Ellisville United Methodist Church.

\* **February 21 & 23**, JCJC Spring Musical.

\* **February 29**, JCJC Band Clinic Concert, 3:30 p.m.

\* **March 6**, JCJC Garden Symposium

\* **The JCJC all sports schedules** are available. Visit [www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu) or contact campus for a copy.

\* **The Bobcat Club for All Sports** continues during Basketball season. Join us for Basketball games.

### **Tidbits from the JCJC Family**

# **Martha (Sumrall) Whitehead (58)** is currently living in Columbia, MS and is married to Dr. Tom Whitehead, a Family Physician. Martha continued her education at USM with a BS degree in Home Economics. She and her husband raised three children; Kary, a Physician, Wesley, with Mass Mutual and Mamie, a teacher and now full-time mom. They have ten grandchildren (Martha wanted me to mention that the grandchildren are beautiful)! Martha is active in her church, garden, literary and service clubs, a landscape design consultant and serves on the planning commission for the city. She is also an avid tennis player. Martha and her husband are Lifetime Members of the JCJC Alumni Association. While at JCJC, Martha was Miss JCJC and Student Government President. In addition, she was on the Radonian and Yearbook staff. Martha is looking forward to seeing everyone Homecoming 2008 at JCJC.

**Note: We will try to include at least one person from the class of 1958 in the ENewsletter from now until Homecoming 2008. Send us your information!**

# **Robert M. Smith (78)** was recently appointed as a Board Member for Dixie Electric Power Association in Laurel, MS. Robert and his wife, Vicki (94) (RN Nursing) live at Moselle MS. Attending JCJC is a family tradition: their son, Brian, currently attends JCJC, daughter Laura Ellzey graduated in 2006 and daughter Heather graduated in 2003. Robert's father Roger B. Smith (59) and mother Vondell O. Smith (51) graduated from JCJC as well. Robert is the road foreman for Jones County district four and a board member of Southwest Jones Water Association. He is a Masonic Lodge member, Gideon, Volunteer Fire Department First Responder and Deacon at Shelton Baptist Church in Moselle, MS.

**We will continue to do some articles on Cheerleaders for the years 1960-2005. These students put a lot of time and effort into building and maintaining the "Bobcat Spirit".**

# **Kelly Jones (90)** was a cheerleader during Pat Waldrup's tenure. He graduated from Mize High School and continued his education at MSU and was a cheerleader at MSU. Kelly and his wife, Ashley, currently live in Mize and he is Compensation Director for Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield. They have one daughter Mollie Katherine.

# **Dave Ware (91)** was a cheerleader during Pat Waldrup's tenure. Dave continued his education at USM, receiving a BS in Nursing in 1994. He received a Master of Science in Nursing Anesthesiology from Charity Hospital/Xavier University in 1998. David is CFO of Southern Anesthesia, Inc., President of Walthall Development, LLC and Vice President of the City Council in Hattiesburg, MS. He is married to Amy Jo Leboeuf of Lake Charles, LA and they have four children. David said about his time at JCJC: "I can say without reservation that my educational and social growth at Jones has been a tremendous asset".

# **Tommy Woolbright (91)** was a cheerleader during Pat Waldrup's tenure. He continued his education at MSU where he was also a cheerleader. He graduated from MSU with a BBA in Business. He currently is a sales rep for a medical equipment company. Tommy is married to Tracy (Clark) Woolbright (93) and they have three children. A son, Josh, 14 years old; a son, Tanner, 7 years old and a daughter, Tate 3 years old. Tommy commented about his time at JCJC: "Cheerleading started a whole new life that provided excitement, fun and even helped pay my way through school. I will never forget my life long friends that I made at JCJC. Thank you Ms Waldrup for everything you have done for all of your boys and girls".

# **Carrie (Satterthwaite) Bonner (03)** was a cheerleader during Jennifer Smith's tenure. She continued her education at USM and now works for the Quitman School District as their Speech/Language Pathologist. She is

married to Derin Bonner (03) and they have one child Thomas. They live in the Laurel area. Derin and Carrie are members of the JCJC Alumni Association.

# **Brittany Powell (05)** was the JCJC Mascot 2003-2004 during Jennifer Smith's tenure. She was Homecoming Queen her sophomore year. Brittany is currently a student at Mississippi College in Clinton and will graduate in December 2008 with a BA in Art. Brittany comments about her time at JCJC: "Attending Jones was the best decision I have made. It helped me learn responsibility, become a better student and person and helped shape my future. If it were not for Jones, I would have missed out on the great opportunities and memories that I will never forget. The teachers and staff want to see all of their students succeed and become the best they can be. I have made a life long friend in Mrs. Smith. I worked with her in Women's Housing and as the Cheerleader Manager. Now that I am away, I can appreciate all that she did for me and all the cheerleaders. Thank you Mrs. Smith for making a difference in my life and making me do all those crazy things!" Attending JCJC is definitely a family tradition according to Brittany. Her Grandmother, Jadine Ellis (72), Mother, Fran Ellis Powell (74), Uncle, Earl Ellis (76), Aunt, Gaye Ellis (07) all graduated from JCJC. Her cousins Keri Gandy and Sumer Ellis are currently attending JCJC. Brittany is a member of the JCJC Alumni Association.

**Note: Contact us if you would like to be part of this information on cheerleaders or other JCJC Alumni in future ENewsletters.**

#### # Deaths

**Dr. Benjamin B. Graves (39)** died October 19, 2007 Huntsville, AL. Dr. Graves was honored as the JCJC Alumnus of the year in 1965. He was the former President of Millsaps College and the first President of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Graves was employed by the Exxon Corporation from 1947 to 1960. He served as President of Millsaps College from 1964 to 1970 and was President of University of Alabama from 1969 to 1978.

**Earnest C. Garvin (40)** died October 28, 2007 in Laurel, MS. He retired from Masonite Corp and served one term in the Mississippi House of Representatives. Mr. Garvin was a member of Kiwanis International and received the Tablet of Honor and was Lt. Governor of the District 3 Mississippi, Louisiana and West Tennessee Division. Mr. Garvin was a JCJC Lifetime Alumni member along with his wife Edna Garvin.

**Martha Elizabeth (Barnes) Scott (41)** died December 17, 2007 at Country Cottage Nursing Home in Hover, AL. She and her husband both were long time school teachers. They moved to Columbia, Mississippi in 1951 where her husband was County Agricultural Agent in Marion County.

**G. B. 'Red' Beard (43)** died November 30, 2007 in Applachian Christian Village in Johnson City, TN. He grew up and attended high school in Ellisville, MS. He attended MSU after completing JCJC. After WWII, he returned to Mississippi and served as a county engineer in Jones and Scott counties. He later sold his business and served as executive director of the MS Concrete Industries Association until 1988. Mr. Beard was active in the MS Economic Council and Boy Scouts of America.

**Jo Ann Blakeney (60)** died October 5, 2007 in Laurel, MS. She continued her education at USM and William Carey after JCJC. She and her husband, Cecil Blakeney were educators in the Jones County/Wayne County area. Mrs. Blakeney taught school 28 years at Beat Four School before retirement.

**Ruby Joyce (Montgomery) Sims (75)** died October 25, 2007 in Johnson City, TN. She was employed at A. G. Edwards, Inc., in Johnson City. She attended high school in Bay Springs and continued her education at the University of Georgia and the University of Southern Mississippi after completing JCJC. She and her husband were enthusiastic travelers and enjoyed the outdoors.

#### FYI

The JCJC Alumni Association is an organization that is actively involved in programs that promote the college and assist students. We are eager to have you be a part of the activities. Alumni newsletters and school newspapers are mailed to members to keep you up-to-date on campus events. If you have not been receiving these mail outs, please complete a new membership form so we will have your correct address (mark this form UPDATED ADDRESS). The ENewsletter will be sent at least once a month so you will be able to keep up with campus events on a regular basis.

Visit the Alumni Association on the JCJC Website: [www.jcjc.edu](http://www.jcjc.edu)

**NOTE: We are looking for all: Mr./Miss JCJCs, SGA Presidents and Hall of Fame Members. Please email or contact us if you, your family member or friend received any of these honors at JCJC. Thank you to all of you that have responded to this request.**

**New Life Members for November/December**

Sandra Kay (Boone) Alexander (79)  
Kimberly Ann (Boone) Lozano (77)  
Stephanie (Mauldin) & Al Taylor (85/79)

**New and Renewing Annual Members for November/December**

Joe McIntosh (87)  
Eddie Stringer (94)  
Brenda P. Pittman (78)

I look forward to hearing from you via the Internet! Email me at: [robert.landrum@jcjc.edu](mailto:robert.landrum@jcjc.edu)

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