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TOM OWENS
PJC Foundation President

Recently Pensacola Junior College registered its one millionth student. Yes, that's 1,000,000 students who have benefited from the low-cost, high-value educational opportunities available on the college's three campuses and two centers.

Chances are that YOU are one of those million who have taken a class in one of the many degree programs, studied for professional certification, or enrolled just to learn something for the fun of it. Chances are that you have visited the art gallery, enjoyed a play, listened to a concert, watched a basketball game, or worked out in the L.I.F.E. Center.

Perhaps you have forged a relationship with the college and know how important its educational and cultural offerings are to the businesses and families of our community.

It is our hope that you will further your relationship with PJC through your gifts as well as your involvement in the many opportunities available at the college. In fact, many of you have already shown a commitment to PJC by joining the President's Circle or including the college in your estate planning.

I look forward to working with you during the coming year to ensure that PJC has the financial foundation to continue offering the best education possible to its next million students.

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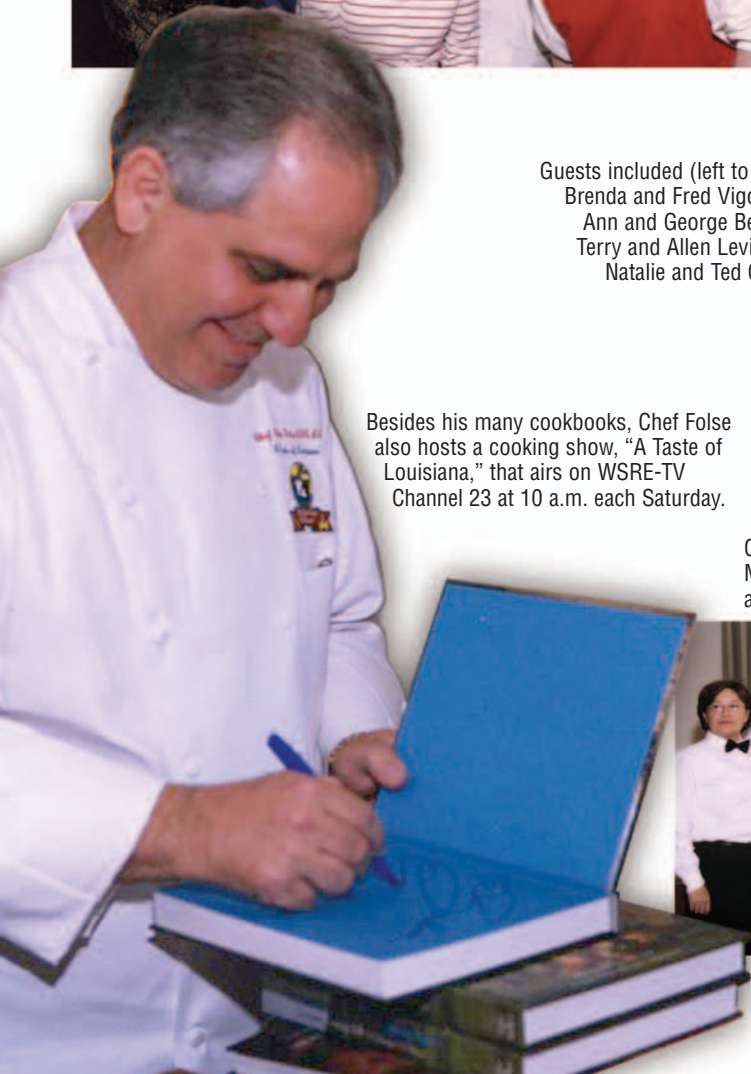
Stirrin' It Up Cajun Style with Chef John Folse

Legendary Louisiana Chef John Folse cooked up a delightful evening of entertainment and choice Cajun cuisine for PJC Foundation family and friends at the Pensacola Country Club.

The May event began poolside with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, followed by a cooking demonstration and dinner prepared by Chef Folse and his staff. Students in PJC's Center for Culinary and Hospitality Management, along with their instructor Lyn Pickeral, volunteered as servers for the evening.

Chef Folse enjoys a light moment with Foundation Guild members who helped plan the culinary event:

(front, left to right) Diane Gup, Chef Folse, Taris Savell; (back, left to right) Cookie Kichler, Elba Robertson, Larry Gardner (emcee), Clara Wimberly, Dee Green.



Guests included (left to right) Brenda and Fred Vigodsky, Ann and George Belleau, Terry and Allen Levin and Natalie and Ted Ciano.

Besides his many cookbooks, Chef Folse also hosts a cooking show, "A Taste of Louisiana," that airs on WSRE-TV Channel 23 at 10 a.m. each Saturday.

Known as "Louisiana's Culinary Ambassador to the World," Chef Folse has taken his passion for Cajun culture and cuisine around the globe, opening his award winning Lafitte's Landing restaurants from Hong Kong to Russia to Rome.

With the Chef Folse Culinary Institute at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, named in his honor, Chef Folse said that he was glad to be part of an event that benefited culinary students and future chefs.

Proceeds from the event went to PJC's Culinary and Hospitality Management program and to the college's annual fund. Sponsors for the event were H2O Cajun Asian Grill, the Hilton Garden Inn, Energy Services of Pensacola, and Vision Construction, Inc.



A winner of national and international accolades, Chef Folse made history in 1989 as the first non-Italian chef to create the Vatican State Dinner in Rome.



More than 200 Foundation friends enjoyed Chef Folse's "taste of Louisiana."

Culinary and Hospitality Management students helped out and enjoyed the evening too.



Students Are Big Winners as Annual Fund Grows

State support covers only a small portion of the cost of going to college, and these funds are, for the most part, restricted for operational use. That's why a strong and growing source of donations is crucial to ensuring a consistent and quality education for PJC's student body.

The fact is that the state's support does not cover the real student costs, especially for those with real financial need. Private donations help offset the cost of education for students who either don't qualify for federal or state aid or can't afford the cost of tuition, fees and books.

"PJC's annual fund helps cover those critical needs that tuition, fees and state appropriations do not cover," said President Tom Delaino. "I'm personally involved in administering this fund to ensure that every dollar is spent wisely."

Thanks to the generosity of many donors as well as the hard work of **Pam Caddell** and **Betty Gail Peters**, PJC Foundation received donations totaling \$153,612 for the Annual Fund this past fiscal year. These monies will be critical in increasing PJC's ability to offer scholarships, affordable tuition, emergency loans for employees and students, and excellent teaching technology.

The Annual Fund also helps provide for the recruitment and retention of exceptional faculty and other keys to excellence in education. For example, this year the Annual Fund will allow PJC to take advantage of Learning College Challenge Grants which enable faculty and staff to implement new methods of teaching and pioneer creative programs.

"In the end, the person who benefits from the Annual Fund most is the student," said Kenda Hilleke, development coordinator for College Development and Alumni Affairs. "Every PJC student benefits from the donations that Annual Fund supporters make, whether they receive a scholarship, get an emergency loan, use cutting edge technology in class, or find themselves inspired by a professor who challenges them to be the best they can be.

"So many of us who have been blessed with a higher education look back with such gratitude, and we know that those years of hard work and personal growth changed us forever. Annual Fund donors make that opportunity accessible for more local students," Hilleke added.

"If people get to know what the program is all about, I believe the program sells itself," Caddell said. "People have been very supportive this year."

Like others who believe in the value of the fill-in-the-gaps fund, Caddell made a five-year pledge that will ensure a stable base for the much-needed money. In addition, **William A. Hunt**, a long-time benefactor of higher education, inaugurated the Pillar level of giving with his Annual Fund gift to the President's Circle.



Kenda Hilleke, Pam Caddell and Betty Gail Peters

The message of PJC's need and cause must be spreading. After all, half of this year's individuals, businesses, civic groups and foundations donating to the fund were first-time givers. That's a three-fold increase in new support over last year.

Peters and Caddell hope and believe that the momentum will not falter as they look forward to meeting student needs again this fiscal year.

"Higher education is just so important," said Peters, Annual Fund co-chair. "It is really easy for me to get involved with PJC because it's such a wonderful cause. How can we grow and learn as a society if our youth and our workforce are not well educated, and how can people get a good education if they can't afford it?"

"Personally I'm proud to be involved in growing PJC's Annual Fund because I know it's helping to make the community as a whole stronger, one student at a time," Peters said.

Annual Fund

PJC graduates are a glowing testimony to the value of their education enhanced by Annual Fund donors.

"Excellent pre-med center. Prepared me for Ole Miss."

— **Dr. Robert A. DeSantis**,
Class of 1985
Women's Clinic, Laurel, Miss.

"My teachers were the attorneys and judges I now work with."

— **Clara Zornes**, Class of 1995
Legal Administrator, Hammons,
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Annual Fund

Your President's Circle gift to PJC's Annual Fund is one of the greatest gifts you can make to our community. These gifts build the annual advancement fund that helps cover those critical needs that tuition, fees, and state appropriations do not cover. The Annual Fund helps defray tuition increases while also providing for scholarships, emergency loans, faculty recruitment, and more. Each donor that joins with us in the worthy mission of building PJC's Annual Fund is greatly appreciated and important to the success of this college and the community at large. Each one is a part of the President's inner circle of extraordinary partners that make excellent, yet affordable higher education possible.

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- Compendium newsletter
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- Recognition in the Honor Roll of Donors

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- Invitation to the annual President's Circle event
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- President's Leadership Briefing—a bimonthly update on important news from PJC's president
- PJC Passport—a campus parking pass and comprehensive guide to taking advantage of all things PJC

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Pinnacle All of the above, plus:

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GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV

PJC is a wonderful institution which propels our community forward. There are two primary reasons why I feel strongly about supporting the institution.

First, as I learned from my parents, the greatest gift you can give an individual is an opportunity to learn. An educated individual will be able to significantly leverage the talents that he or she already possesses to a higher level.

The second reason is that our community is only as strong as the minds of the individuals who live here. PJC offers both traditional and adult students the opportunities to expand their horizons so that Pensacola can be the best possible community it can be.

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Pictured in back row, left to right, are Mitzie Wentworth, Sue Peters-Ferree, Jytte Fawzy, Robbie Johannesen, Roberta Garrison, Lynn Wilson, Judith Begue and Linda Henderson. Front row, left to right, are Cliffogene Stillwell, Mary Peterzen, Lee Jones, Rosemarie Flores, Debbie Willeman and Marty Henderson.

Navarre Garden Club Nurtures Budding Horticulturists

The Navarre Garden Club takes a break in their work with the Junior Garden Club "The Germinators" at West Navarre Elementary School. Eight third-grade classes comprise the young group. In addition to nurturing young horticulturists, the Navarre Garden Club is bolstering older students with a passion for plants by awarding up to \$200 per term to a student in PJC's horticulture program.

Making the Most of Matching Programs

How do you make a scholarship donation increase to eight times its original amount? If you ask Harold Shelby, he will tell you to make the most of matching programs.

Shelby established the Shelby Family Scholarship through the PJC Foundation because he wanted to "give back" something to the college that had benefited him and his children.

"My wife, Mary, and I benefited greatly by having a good college close by so that our children did not have to leave home to continue their education," said Shelby. "I also attended PJC while I was working for Monsanto."

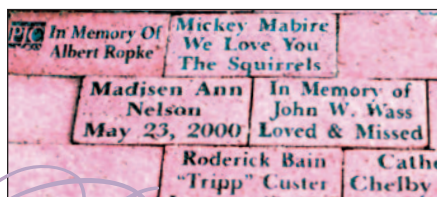
Describing himself as "a retiree living on social security," Shelby parlayed his gift of \$500 into \$2,000 through the matching program of Exxon Co. Shelby retired from Exxon's Southeast Division as a purchasing agent and remains eligible for the matching program throughout his retirement.

Next, the \$2,000 will be matched by Florida's dollar-for-dollar program bringing the total value of the scholarship to \$4,000.

Shelby says he is so pleased with the effectiveness of the matching programs that he has plans to increase the scholarship even more next year.



Harold Shelby



PJC Bricks Leave a Lasting Impression

It's easy to join the many PJC friends who have left their mark in history with a commemorative brick placed in the walkway surrounding the M.J. Menge Bell Tower.

With your personalized message, the engraved bricks make lasting memorials for loved ones; honorariums for cherished friends; celebrations for graduations, promotions or retirement; and recognition for affiliation with campus and civic groups.

Bricks are available at the \$50 and \$500 levels and are tax deductible contributions to the PJC Foundation. For more information, call the Foundation office at (850) 484-1560.

Love of Learning and People Inspires Mary and Robert Brown Memorial Scholarship

Former Pensacola residents Mary and Robert Brown respected the value of education for its own sake as well as for the independence and opportunity it affords. So their daughter Anne Brown Dunlap decided that a scholarship in their names would be a fitting tribute to her late parents.

The Robert and Mary Brown Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students with educational or work experience in a health-related field.

Mary, the Boston-born daughter of Irish immigrants, and Bob, an Alabama native, both joined the Navy fresh out of high school. They met in the Navy during World War II and married in 1944.

Their daughter Anne Brown Dunlap remembers sitting side-by-side with her mother spending countless hours reading when her father had sea duty. Her mother digested literature ranging from Shakespeare to Nietzsche but didn't begin her formal education until she was in her 50s, receiving her

associate's degree from Hillsborough Community College with highest honors in 1984 despite a bout with cancer.

Mary attended the University of South Florida and the University of West Florida when the couple moved to Pensacola, but the cancer returned and Mary "Gillie" Brown died before completing her bachelor's degree.

Robert "Bob" Brown invested 30 years in the Navy, retiring in 1967 as a lieutenant commander. He then delved into real estate in Tampa and later Pensacola. Throughout those years, Mr. Brown frequently extended a helping hand to students in need by helping them locate scholarships.

A young nursing assistant who cared for Mr. Brown in his final months of life mentioned that his aspiration was to become a nurse. Mr. Brown's request to his daughter to try to help the nursing assistant reach his goal was the inspiration for the Robert and Mary Brown Memorial Scholarship.

Legacy of Learning Lives on Through Scholarship Opportunities

When Juanita Little traveled from DeFuniak Springs to Pensacola to attend nursing school at Sacred Heart Hospital in 1940, there were few opportunities for higher education in the Panhandle. It would be another eight years before the first class was offered at Pensacola Junior College.

Although her education was completed more than six decades ago, Juanita Little's love of learning lives on through a scholarship providing tuition and books for PJC students in health related programs.

Heidi and Jeffrey Ellis have established the Juanita Little Memorial Endowed Scholarship as a tribute to the adventurous young woman who embraced education and travel.

"When my Aunt Juanita came to Pensacola, it was a full day's drive from DeFuniak, and it was her first time away from her home and family," recalled Heidi Marse Ellis. "This was a growing opportunity for her and gave her a love of travel and adventure which she kept throughout her life."

Indeed, Juanita Little traveled all over the world as a nurse in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before she retired in 1970. She was a member of the "Rice Planters," nurses who served as medivacs in the Korean War. She retired as chief nurse from Willard Hall in San Antonio, Texas.

In spite of having no children of her own, Little was considered the "caretaker of the family" by her eight younger siblings and she doted on her 15 nieces and nephews, according to Heidi Ellis.

"I spent every summer with her until she passed away in 1992," Heidi said. "When I received an inheritance from her, I wanted to give back something in her memory because she had always given so much to me."

Although the Ellises do not live in Pensacola, Heidi chose to honor her aunt with a scholarship at PJC because Juanita had such fond memories of her nursing school days in Pensacola. Additionally, Heidi said she had received good reports about the college from friends and family whose children were students at PJC.

"We felt that PJC is an excellent place for students to receive a quality education, and we were pleased to see that the PJC Foundation is using their endowments as they are intended," Heidi said.



Gillie and Bob Brown were married 60 years ago

To create a scholarship call Kat Miller at 850-484-1564. You will help students realize their educational dreams, and you may honor or memorialize a loved one in the process.

Cornerstone Gift Continues Commitment to Education from Bill and Mary Ellen Spears for Future Generations

Dr. William “Bill” Spears loved statistics. For almost 60 years, his professional life revolved around numbers, whether he was conducting research, analyzing data, publishing scholarly papers, teaching university students, or developing military flight training programs.

Toward the end of his life, Dr. Spears used his expertise in statistics to provide for and pay tribute to his other love — his wife, Dr. Mary Ellen Spears, a retired PJC department head and dean.

“Bill always had his eye on the numbers and he just felt like his money would do the most good at PJC. He felt like he could get the best return on the dollar at PJC.”

— Mary Ellen Spears

Through estate planning, Spears named PJC as the beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust in his estate. This ensured that Mary Ellen could receive the income from the trust as long as she lived and that PJC would not receive the assets of the trust until her death.

After Spears passed away in April 2003, Mary Ellen became the direct beneficiary of the trust, but she has pledged the income from the charitable remainder to go back into the trust. This will significantly increase the value of the trust.

Ira Rowe, a financial advisor and long-time friend of Bill and Mary Ellen Spears, worked with Roger Sizemore, a consultant for the PJC Foundation, and attorney John Bordelon in setting up the charitable trust according to Bill’s plans.

Rowe explained that Mary Ellen’s decision to reinvest the income back into the trust truly makes this a gift to the college from both of them. “Bill’s initial gift generated an opportunity, and Mary Ellen made the most of it,” Rowe said.

This is not the first time Mary Ellen Spears has made the most of an opportunity to benefit PJC.

From her arrival in 1972 to teach in the Behavioral Sciences Department to her retirement in 1990 as dean of the School of Sciences and Social Sciences, she initiated a number of innovative programs that are still relevant today:

- “Newly Unemployed” — job counseling, training and placement for those suddenly terminated due to lay-offs;
- “Nontraditional Vocations for Women” — training for women entering “for men only” jobs;
- “Hazmat” — identification, treatment and disposal of hazardous materials;
- “Interpreting for the Deaf” — American Sign Language;
- “Career Associate in Special Education (CASE)” — training for teachers and parents of exceptional students.

“One of my favorite programs was ‘Roots and Wings’ for housewives returning to school for career training,” Mary Ellen recalled. “I enjoyed shepherding women who were returning to college in the 70s. It was really a different world then.

“I always enjoyed teaching the students. I had taught at Auburn University before coming to PJC, and I recognized a refreshing difference in the PJC students that separated them from the sorority and fraternity students I had taught before,” she said.

Although Mary Ellen was deeply entrenched in her life at PJC, she said that her husband’s college affiliations were elsewhere.

Before moving to this area, Bill Spears had taught at Chicago Teachers College, University of Florida, Auburn University, and Augusta College. After settling in Gulf Breeze, he served as a project director for Seville Research Corporation/Seville Training Systems and as a consultant in training, research and development.

With ties to so many prestigious colleges, why did Bill Spears choose to leave a legacy at PJC?

“Bill always had his eye on the numbers, and he just felt like his money would do the most good at PJC,” said Mary Ellen. “He felt like he could get the best return on the dollar at PJC.

“He could have left his gift at Vanderbilt, Florida or Auburn. I feel very complimented that Bill left this gift to PJC.”

Ira Rowe, a 1974 PJC alumnus, said the main advantage of using the charitable trust is that the donor can increase current income and decrease income taxes. “Everyone benefits, the donor and the college,” Rowe said.

Cornerstone Society Members

The Cornerstone Society is the college’s way of acknowledging those generous donors who have included the college in their estate plans. Thoughtful estate planning helps provide for loved ones while perpetuating the values central to PJC. The following members of the Cornerstone Society have created a legacy to live beyond their lifetime:

Estate of Leola S. Alexander
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Anne and Cas Dunlap
Anonymous

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William D. and Mary Ellen Spears
Frankie Van Horn
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Joe and Betty Zimmers

Remember PJC in your will and please let us know so that we may thank you now.

Please contact Patrice Whitten at 850-484-1560 about a personal visit or other assistance if you are interested in estate planning.

Renaissance Man Cooper Yates Leaves Imprint on Pensacola

Words such as “visionary” and “creative” often surface when friends describe Pensacola businessman and former PJC adjunct professor Cooper Yates, who died April 17, 2004 from heart failure at the age of 60.

PJC Visual Arts Department chairman Allan Peterson met Yates in the mid-1970s when he taught graphic arts in the art department.

“He really was a man with great vision,” Peterson said. “It was expansive and very creative and might touch any field. . . He always had the welfare of Pensacola and the region and state at the heart of things. He certainly had a fondness for this area and was always looking for ways to increase its cultural opportunities.”

Advertising executive Ellis Bullock also had known Yates since the mid-1970s when they were both getting started in the advertising business.



Cooper Yates

“Cooper raised the bar for all of us in the advertising business during the ‘80s and ‘90s. We all had to work harder to keep up with him, and we’re all better for it. He will be sorely missed,” Bullock said.

Pensacolian Mike Kenney was a student of Yates at PJC in the late ‘70s. Kenney later worked for Yates, remaining friends after launching his own agency. Many things evolved throughout those years, but many remained solidly in place: Yates’ 1958 red college-era Corvette, which still runs and was passed on to his daughter; his love of West Florida; his expansive thinking, which sometimes drew fire and other times garnered praise.

“He was a big thinker. He was a true visionary,” Kenney said. “When you asked him something, he gave you a much bigger picture back than you ever imagined. He challenged conventional wisdom always. I see parts of him everywhere in this city — everywhere I go.”

“Cooper’s creativity was second to none. All of us have our moments, but Cooper seemed to live in the moment with non-stop ideas.”

— Ellis Bullock,
EW Bullock Associates

As president of the Arts Council of Northwest Florida, Yates with Peterson on board broadened the organization’s scope to include many more agencies and hired new director Andy Witt, under whose tenure the council grew tremendously.

In addition, Peterson said, “He served on the Florida Arts Council and brought some of that vision to the whole state of Florida.”

Pensacola attorney Mike Papantonio donated seed money to the PJC Foundation for a memorial to Yates.

“You only have a Cooper Yates come along every now and then,” Papantonio said. “People need to acknowledge when somebody passes through this world, and they have the kind of ability and the kind of vision and talent that Cooper Yates had. It’s worth paying attention to. We can learn from that.”



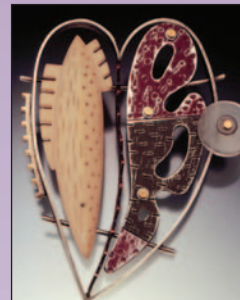
Mike Papantonio



ANNA LAMAR SWITZER CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

The Visual Arts Gallery at the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts features original changing exhibitions. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday. The gallery is closed Fridays during the summer and all weekends. Admission is free.

The Switzer Center anchors PJC’s Pensacola campus at 9th Avenue and Airport Boulevard. Gallery lectures and group tours are available by prior arrangement. Call 484-2563 for details.



ANNA LAMAR SWITZER DISTINGUISHED ARTIST SERIES

The Anna Lamar Switzer Distinguished Artist Series was established through a major gift from the Switzer and Reilly families. The purpose was to bring artists of national and international reputation to the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts for an exhibition and lecture on their work for the benefit of students and the public.

This year’s honoree, Thomas Mann, is an innovative metalsmith from New Orleans, La. known for his line of “Techno-Romantic” jewelry and sculpture. Other artists in the series have been: Michael Graves, architect; Clyde Butcher, photographer; Albert Paley, sculptor; and Paul Soldner, ceramist. Presentations by Switzer honorees are free and open to the public.



Miller Caldwell (right) and Tom Owens swap a few "fish tales" during the evening's festivities.



ABOVE LEFT: David and Linda Sam (from left) and James Martin were among the 150 Foundation friends enjoying the bayside fish fry.



LEFT: Sandy Sansing and Susan and John O'Connor

RIGHT: Kramer and Jane Litvak



BELOW CENTER: Mary Ellen and Mike Wiggins

BELOW: Chad and Joanne Ryan



BELOW: Tom Delaino, Denny Peters, Tommy Delaino, Betty Gail Peters, Frances Carroll and Diane Appleyard

2004 Annual Meeting

PJC Foundation is Hooked on Futures

There were plenty of big fish to fry at the Pensacola Yacht Club in June as the PJC Foundation Board of Governors held their 2004 Annual Meeting. The "fish tales makin' the rounds" were about scholarships and goals being met, and this time, the big one didn't get away.

Among the year's sizzling successes that were celebrated:

- Pam Caddell, Annual Fund chair, and Betty Gail Peters, co-chair, hooked a whopper by meeting the Annual Fund goal of \$150,000 (see Page 4). The Foundation is especially pleased that 86 percent of the governors gave to the President's Circle.
- Carol Carlan and Margie Moore were honored as governors emeriti. Both have served the Foundation for more than 10 years on various committees and both are past presidents.
- Fourteen new governors were welcomed aboard (see Page 12).
- The fishin' pole (err... gavel) was passed from Miller Caldwell, who has served as Foundation president for the past two years, to Tom Owens, who will serve as president for the coming two years.
- Rounding out the crew of officers for 2004-2005 are Carolyn Davis, vice president; Grover Robinson IV, secretary; Danyelle Kennedy, treasurer; and Patrice Whitten, executive director.

"We have many students who have been able to attend college because of the work you do. Our faculty are teaching with state-of-the-art equipment in updated facilities. We are grateful and look forward to another great year."

—PJC President Tom Delaino, addressing the Foundation's 2004 Annual Meeting.



LEFT: Nancy and John Hutchinson
ABOVE CENTER: Ike Brigham and Angela McCorvey

ABOVE RIGHT: Glenys and Malcolm Ballinger



RIGHT: Jim Einhart and Dee Green



ABOVE: The evening's emcee, Mike Wiggins, (left) celebrates the Foundation's successful year along with Tom Delaino and Miller Caldwell.

RIGHT: Nikki and Tom Owens
FAR RIGHT: Susan and Jason Mosley



ABOVE: Pat Crews and Deidre Young



RIGHT: Late Night Jazz Quartet

Foundation Welcomes New Governors

The Foundation welcomed 14 new board members at the 2004 Annual Meeting in June.

Dick Appleyard has been president of the John Appleyard Agency, Inc. since 1987. His honors include receiving the 2003 Chairman's Award and the 2002 Extraordinary Contribution Award from the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce.

Rhette Anderson has more than 30 years experience in banking and finance. He earned a doctor of jurisprudence from Florida State University's College of Law and also served as City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem for several years in the 1990s.

George Bailey is a retired U.S. Navy captain with 31 years of service. In his post-Navy career he served as CEO of the Pensacola Association of Realtors in 1991. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow and served on the board of directors of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce.

Fred Bond is vice president of Schmidt Dell Cook and Associates, Inc. He has served as chair of the Lakeview Center and on the board of the Choral Society of Pensacola and is an active member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Ken Cole is assistant vice president of Merrill Lynch. He has served as president of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, director of the Pensacola Sports Association Foundation, and on the board of the Fiesta of Five Flags.

Robert de Varona is the founder of Varona Enterprises of Florida, Inc. He has served on the board of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra and is a local supporter of many non-profit organizations including Artel Gallery, Pensacola Jazz Society, Manna Food Bank and Covenant Hospice.

Kathleen Dunagan, a PJC alumna, is the promotions/marketing manager at WEAR ABC-3 with 20 years experience in

broadcasting. She serves on the board of Children's Services Center, First Book Pensacola, Cram the Van and Communities Caring at Christmas.

Greg Litton, a PJC alumnus, is general manager/appraiser at Meadows Jewelers. As a former major league baseball player, he enjoys volunteering with youth league baseball, and he is a speaker at area schools for Just Say No and Be All That You Can Be programs.

Kramer Litvak is a partner in Litvak and Beasley law firm. He has been president of the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association and the Northwest Florida Estate Planning Council, as well as serving on the Tiger Bay board of directors and on the Covenant Hospice planned giving committee.

Julian MacQueen is the founder and president of Innisfree Hotels, Inc. He has served as charter chair and board member of Independence for the Blind of Northwest Florida, secretary for the North American Brain Injury Society, and 2004 Honorary Commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base.

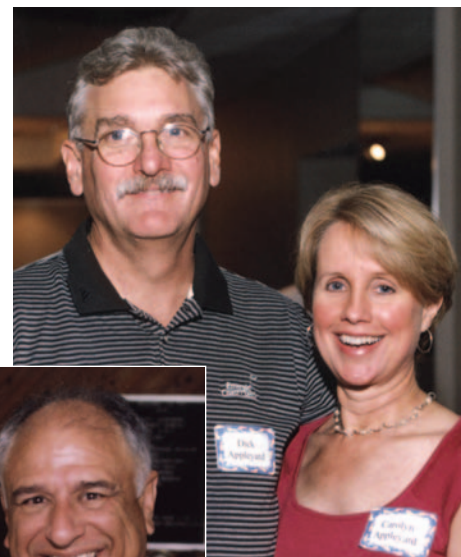
Robert Montgomery, a PJC alumnus, has been owner/broker of Montgomery Realtors for more than 30 years. He is a developer of the Aragon Project in Downtown Pensacola and has served on the advisory board for Tiger Point Golf and Country Club.

John O'Connor is the owner and president of the O'Connor Management Group. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has served on the boards of Ronald McDonald House,

Fiesta of Five Flags, Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida, and WSRE Public Television.

Joanne Ryan is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch. She was the 2004 South Santa Rosa chair of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, serves on the board of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, and is a member of the Navarre Chamber of Commerce.

Warren Tate retired from Gulf Power Company as a vice president after many years of service. He has also served as president of Five Flags Rotary and Ronald McDonald House as well as being on the investment committee of the Pensacola Museum of Art.



ABOVE: Dick and Carolyn Appleyard



LEFT: Eloise and Robert de Varona



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New VPs Share Views on First Year at PJC

In July 2003 PJC welcomed James Martin as vice president for student affairs and David Sam as vice president for academic affairs. After a year at the helm, Martin and Sam offered the following reflections on their experience at PJC.

“PJC is truly a ‘community college’ in many aspects and is held in such high esteem by our local community. Everywhere I go, PJC is extremely well respected.

“Faculty, staff, administrators and students all respond to make PJC a caring community of learners and educators. The PJC community also responds readily to new initiatives and programs. Indeed, the strength of PJC lies within our campus community.

“Personally, the PJC community has extended itself to me. This year has been one of the most positive experiences in the 26 years of my professional life. I continue to be extremely grateful for the warmth, friendship and collegiality of the PJC community.”

— James Martin

“Before I came to Pensacola, I was told that PJC was an excellent institution with a long history of success, a strong and positive integration into its community, with effective leadership and a solid faculty. Everything over the course of my first year here has confirmed this assessment.

“We are faced with a radically changing world, new and increasing demands, and fewer resources. The challenge for PJC is to move into its future, preserving the best of its past while designing new programs to meet community needs, and designing new strategies to meet the diverse ways our students learn. I am confident that we can more than meet this challenge.”

— David Sam



James E. Martin
Vice President for Student Affairs



David Sam
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Scholarships Build Futures

(Editor's note: Jennifer Mullis was awarded the Gloria F Ferraro Scholarship and maintains a 3.7 grade point average. Her scholarship application essay that follows speaks eloquently of the ongoing need for scholarship donations.)

By Jennifer Mullis, PJC Student

Attending college and pursuing a degree to better myself has not been an easy task. I got off to a rocky start in 1991 while attending college in Knoxville, Tenn. I didn't understand the real importance of continuing my education after high school until now. I have worked in the retail field for over 10 years and for that, I am going nowhere.

I am a divorced mother of a beautiful 9-year-old daughter who looks up to me every day for the answers that years ago I wouldn't have been able to give her without the education I have received at Pensacola Junior College.

I am pursuing two degrees, Business Administration and Accounting Technology. However, my funds to finish have been exhausted. I am determined to finish and will let nothing stand in the way of achieving this goal I have set for myself. I will be the first in my family (on my mother's side) to not only attend college but to receive a degree.

I work a full-time job; however, it is not enough to cover living and college expenses with no financial support from my ex-husband for our daughter. I would appreciate your consideration of me for this scholarship. I feel that I am qualified for this scholarship and that my hard work shows in my grades while attending PJC. I am a proud Alpha Beta Gamma (business honor society) member and I am a Student Ambassador for the college. Thank you for your consideration.

MILESTONES

PJC President **Tom Delaino** is the proud grandfather of twin boys, Thomas Joseph (T.J.) and David Edwin Lanier (Lane), born on June 11, to his daughter, Lee Ann Delaino.

Miller Caldwell, immediate past-president of the PJC Foundation, received the 2004 Pensacola Area Commitment to Excellence (PACE) Community Leader of the Year Award. In addition to his leadership role in the Foundation, Caldwell also plays key roles in more than a dozen other local organizations.

Five Foundation Board members were recently featured as emerging community leaders in the “40 Under 40” section of the Pensacola Business Journal. Selected from more than 200 nominees for “their ability, talent and drive to make Pensacola a better place” were: **Pam Michelle Grier**, **Roy Jones Jr.**, **Greg Litton**, **Kramer Litvak**, and **Grover Robinson IV**.

Congratulations to the following PJC College Development/Alumni Affairs staff members who have received promotions: **Patrice Whitten** was promoted to executive director of College Development/Foundation and Alumni Affairs; **Kat Miller** was promoted to Donor Relations manager; **Rosemary Ropke** was promoted to accounting specialist; and **Courtney Shepherd's** position as database specialist was upgraded.



Compendium: A Collection of Good Works won the 2004 Northwest Florida Image Award in the category of Four Color Newsletter. The Image Awards competition is conducted by the Pensacola Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. **Robin Mertins**, art director/designer, **Kat Miller**, coordinator and **Linda Bauer**, writer were cited in the award.

Betsy Smith, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, was selected 2004 Alumna of the Year by Leadership Pensacola, a program of the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Smith participated in the 1989 LEAP class and has volunteered her leadership skills for an array of community organizations.

CELEBRATIONS

PJC Alumna Named Top Dentist

PJC alumna **Kim Jernigan** was selected as the Florida Dental Association's 2004 Dentist of the Year. Not only is she the first Pensacola dentist to receive this honor, Dr. Jernigan also holds the distinction of being the first woman in the state and the dentist with the shortest practice (seven years) to receive the FDA's highest honor.



PJC Pirates Are Winners On and Off the Field

The PJC Pirates baseball team made history when they won the Florida Community College Activities Association State Championship in Kissimmee on May 11. Their 2-1 victory over Central Florida Community College was the Pirates' first official state title since PJC's baseball program began in 1951.

The Pirates advanced to the National Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. Although they were eliminated after three games in the series, the Pirates were honored with the 2004 Alpine Bank Junior College World Series Homa Thomas Sportsmanship Award.



PJC Alumnus Sings at Reagan's Burial

PJC alumnus **Antonio Giuliano** was a featured singer with the U.S. Army Chorus at former President Ronald Reagan's burial in Simi Valley, Calif. Giuliano had the distinct honor of rendering "Amazing Grace" at the private burial service. Giuliano studied voice under PJC professor Bill Clarke in 1985 and has performed before packed houses worldwide.



Silent Auction Yields Red Carpet Tour of Nation's Capitol

(Editor's note: At the 2003 Holiday Grande Celebration, Helen and Juergen Ihns were the top bidders in the silent auction of a trip to Washington D.C. that was donated by Collier Merrill, of the Merrill Land Co. In the following note, Mrs. Ihns shares highlights of the visit.)

By Helen Ihns

On April 20, we met with Rep. Jeff Miller in his Washington office. We had an outstanding private tour of the Capitol, the beautiful Rotunda, halls and rooms. The view from the balcony of the Capitol was breathtaking.

Dinner at the Capitol Hill Club was enjoyable, and Rep. Miller answered our many questions about government.

On Thursday, April 22, we taxied to the Washington Hilton, arriving to see 1,998 persons mingling in anticipation of the First Lady's Luncheon. Rep. Miller's wife, Vicky, also had as her guest Alisha Tuller, wife of Dustin Tuller, who lost both legs while leading a raid in Baghdad, Iraq.

What a table we had! We were one table back from the stage where the President's U.S. Marine Corps Band was playing, and were right next to the runway where the Cabinet wives, wives of military commanders, and Laura Bush walked by, each escorted by a member of the military. Mrs. Bush gave a short speech thanking our military for all they do.

We had a truly wonderful time in Washington D.C. If Rep. Miller offers a package for auction next year, you will have to bid high, or we may be fortunate enough to go again.



Helen Ihns (center) enjoyed the First Lady's Luncheon along with Vicky and Jeff Miller. Photo by Juergen Ihns.

Robinson Scholars Continue to Shine

The Sandra and Grover Robinson III Honors Program has recently completed its fourth year of providing PJC students with academic challenges comparable to those offered at some of the most prestigious colleges in the nation.

So, how do the Robinson Scholars fare after they leave PJC? Just take a look:

- **Magnolia Nguyen** recently graduated with honors from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Business.
- **Michael Montgomery** has begun his senior year in electrical engineering at Florida State University.
- **Kenzier McIntyre** has begun her junior year as a pharmacy major at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).
- **Valerie Johnson** was accepted at the University of Southern California (USC) and at Stanford University but chose the University of Florida's School of Engineering to begin her junior year.

The Robinson Honors Program was established in August 2000 by Jill and Grover Robinson IV in memory of his parents. The program quickly became known for its small classes, independent studies, summers in England and Italy, and success at attracting Bright Futures students.

Bluegrass Musicians Double Scholarship Gift

The Gulf Coast Bluegrass Music Association recently doubled its annual donation for the GCBMA Scholarship. Preference for the PJC scholarship is given to a student on the Milton campus.

"The PJC Milton campus has been so gracious in allowing the GCBMA to hold our monthly meetings and concerts in the Student Services building," said O.D. Bates, chairman of the board of directors for GCBMA. "Our Bluegrass group is really pleased that we are able to give something back to the PJC Milton campus. We really could not exist without their hospitality."

Presenting the scholarship gift to Martin Gonzalez, Milton campus provost, are (left to right) Keith Rowell, Barbara Nowland, Jake Nowland, Mike Blanton, Diane Bates, Logan Fink, (Gonzalez), Dwight Lincoln, Shirley Lincoln and O. D. Bates.



Haas Automation Benefits PJC Students and Community

The country's largest machine tool manufacturer, Haas Automation, Inc., has formed a unique partnership with PJC to place state-of-the-art equipment, worth more than \$165,000, in the college's manufacturing lab.

The Haas equipment will enable students to actually produce projects and parts using the new computer-aided machining centers.

The newly named Haas Technical Education Center at PJC will train 20 new manufacturing students each year and also serve as a demonstration and training site for Haas' potential customers.



Gerald McKenzie, PJC trustee board chair; Vincent Andry, Gulf Power employee customer service supervisor and PJC trustee; Patrice Whitten, executive director, PJC Foundation; and Tom Delaino, PJC president.

Gulf Power Donates to President's Circle

Gulf Power Foundation, Inc. recently donated \$5,000 to the PJC President's Circle Fund. "We are committed to the very fine programs at PJC and are proud to lend our support to the college's Annual Fund," said Bernard Jacob, Gulf Power Foundation, Inc. chair.

Compendium Questions and Answers

QUESTION:

Why does PJC need financial support from the community?

ANSWER:

The support from our friends, which includes alumni, business and industry, and philanthropists in the community, makes the critical difference between getting the job done and being a truly outstanding community college. These funds allow us to buy the special equipment needed for a program of study, or to give that important scholarship assistance for PJC students. Private support is often the significant difference for a student in the nursing program, the performing arts program or the teacher education program. Private support also allows us to make major renovations and additions to facilities, as was the case with the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts.

Our primary operating dollars come from the state and from our students' tuition, but the private dollars provided through the PJC Foundation are essential to our ability to accomplish our mission "to provide quality educational opportunities and support service to meet the requirements of all students."

QUESTION:

Where are the funds needed most?

ANSWER:

That's a difficult question. It is important that the interests of the donor and the needs of the college both be considered. If the dollars are unrestricted, they can be moved to the area of most immediate and

greatest need. However, for example, if the donor's interest is in our health-related programs then the dollars may go to meet our phenomenal needs for equipment, scholarships, and staff development in that area.

Almost all programs and services can benefit from private support. The ever-changing needs for computer equipment and software can never be met without private support. In addition, our health programs require the most current equipment for training, and our libraries must stay up-to-date with the latest in publications, books and periodicals.

Private support always means the difference between a quality education and a minimal education. The opportunity to provide financial assistance to many students is often the direct result of a donor's support. Our Teaching Chairs Program provides faculty with professional support that increases their teaching knowledge base. Our facilities, our libraries, and our programs of study all depend on that important private support that comes from the community—it makes the difference.

QUESTION:

What is the difference between Annual and Capital gifts?

ANSWER:

Gifts to PJC's Annual Fund are particularly important, as they are unrestricted and are used where the need is the greatest. Such gifts may be used to fill those gaps where other private funds, restricted to the donor's wishes, may not be used. It is anticipated that a gift to the PJC Annual Fund will be repeated on an annual basis, allowing the college to plan better for the utilization of such funds. Often donors choose to make an annual gift to the President's Circle, which is part of the Annual Fund.

Capital gifts are those large, significant gifts that are usually intended to fund all or part of permanent assets, especially buildings and facilities. Examples of this type of giving include the Baroco Center and the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts. Capital gifts are eligible for matches from the Florida Legislature's facilities match program and may result in a permanent and lasting namesake for a family or individual. Such gifts are especially valuable to PJC because of the large scale impact on facilities needs.



Tom Delaino, PJC President

QUESTION:

What are the benefits of making a gift to PJC?

ANSWER:

In addition to the good feeling that a donor, a group of donors, or a family may experience by making a contribution to higher education at PJC, there are other significant advantages. Almost all private gifts are eligible for matching programs through the state of Florida. This often leverages additional dollars for scholarships and programs, or in the case of capital gifts, additional facilities dollars. Endowments, those large gifts that utilize only the interest of the gift, are also a way of making a lasting gift to PJC. Our Endowed Chairs program provides support for faculty members to carry out a variety of professional activities and is especially appreciated.

Finally, giving to PJC may have important tax consequences that are of benefit to donors or other charitable foundations. Our college development staff can provide guidance in this area.

For more than a half century, PJC has enjoyed support from this community. Gifts from PJC faculty and staff, from alumni, and from business and industry continue to play an important role in our academic programs, providing critical support to students and helping us maintain an edge in offering quality educational programs. Each gift, whether it is \$1 or \$1 million, is appreciated and managed with fiduciary professionalism and is important to our role of providing the very best in higher education for our students.

Please feel free to contact me at 484-1700 or at tdelaino@pjc.edu if you have questions or if you have special ideas about supporting PJC.

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A Clarinet Brought Carol Carlan to PJC; A Heart for Students Brought Her Back

Patrons who step in the door of downtown Pensacola's Wachovia Bank are quickly swept up in a free-flowing stream of warmth, purpose and efficiency. President Carol Carlan, who is quick to extend a handshake and upbeat conversation, seems to embody that energy — both in financial services and in bolstering the lives of Northwest Florida residents who may never need a savings account.

In addition to being the first woman selected to oversee a large regional bank in Northwest Florida, Carlan relishes participating in an extensive array of community activities. People who find themselves on the losing end of society particularly pull at Carlan's heartstrings.

"Most of my activities are focused on the at-risk population," said Carlan, noting that she would have probably had to work full-time rather than part-time during college had it not been for a music scholarship that paid her way through PJC.

Her clarinet took her on a path very early that established a strong work ethic and good habits. Her band director, Ernest Hebson, at Fort Walton Beach High School expected a lot — and she delivered, sitting first chair and serving as band president.

That director introduced opportunities for scholarships at Mississippi State, the University of Florida and PJC. "I was really more in tune with a smaller school," said Carlan.

She was active in the intercollegiate band that united student musicians from PJC and the University of West Florida, which at that time was a two-year upper level university.

Carlan always had a knack for math and she discovered that her accounting and finance classes were her favorites. A friend, Vicki Reynolds Butler, suggested she consider banking as a career.

"I really enjoyed the business aspect of it, and I think that's what has really helped me through my banking years," she said.

Her memories of PJC are fond ones. She's still in touch with a friend she met in tennis class who became her roommate. She has memories of working with class-

mates into the wee hours of the morning on accounting projects.

"We always pulled a team together. Those were really fun days," Carlan said.

She remembers the support and warmth that she felt when her father passed away in the midst of final exams, a confirmation that she had chosen the right school.

"That was kind of a traumatic experience," Carlan remembered, "but what I experienced

with PJC kind of confirmed why I chose PJC.

Everyone was so supportive and understanding. It was just a wonderful extension of family."

After completing PJC in 1975, then attending UWF, Carlan went on to the Florida School of Banking through the University of Florida, a curriculum completed mostly through correspondence work while working at C&P Bank. She remained at the same bank through three mergers, eventually being named president in November 2002 of the West Panhandle Area Wachovia network.

Carlan has noticed many changes since she was walking the PJC campus 30 years ago.

"First of all it's grown tremendously in size. It was not nearly as big," she said.

A second change is the inclusiveness that wasn't as evident 30 years ago, Carlan said, "They're more focused on reaching out to a diverse population. Dr. Delaino, faculty and staff have made great strides to ensure a more diverse population is served."

In addition to relishing her role as banker, Carlan loves the community-mindedness of her position. "In the banking industry it is expected that we should be very involved in the community, and that's one of the things I love most about my job. It's an expectation that we give back," Carlan said.

And she is definitely doing that. In addition to her numerous civic involvements, Carlan served two terms as chair of the PJC Board of Trustees before turning over the reins to Pensacola attorney Gerald McKenzie this school year. She presided over the PJC Foundation and was named a governor emeritus for her years of service to the college.

"It doesn't matter what walk of life you come from... If you have an education, it just opens the doors to so many opportunities, and that's what I feel PJC did for me."

— Carol Carlan

ALUMNI PROFILE



CAROL CARLAN

EDUCATION:

Pensacola Junior College A.A., 1975
Florida School of Banking graduate

FAMILY:

Husband Charles Carlan; stepson Larry Carlan, his wife Tracey and their children, Morgan and Brooke; stepson David Carlan, his wife Beverly and their children Wesley and Courtney.

OCCUPATION:

President, West Panhandle Region of Wachovia Bank

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS:

PJC Foundation Governor Emeritus
Inaugural chair of Florida Institute of Human Machine Cognition
Past president of the FavorHouse board
Past president of the Better Business Bureau
Founding member and president of the P.A.C.E. Center for Girls United Way

PJC EXPERIENCE:

Intercollegiate Band

"I visited PJC, and I just loved the small campus. It was really more suited to me. The class sizes were smaller. It was very personable. It was just that warm environment that I needed."

She chose to get involved with PJC because she believes education levels the ground for people from all walks of life.

"Education is the foundation and the door for so many opportunities. It is so important," Carlan said. "It doesn't matter what walk of life you come from. It doesn't matter what your family financial circumstances are. If you have an education, it just opens the doors to so many opportunities, and that's what I feel PJC did for me. I need to do my part to give others the same opportunity."

Those Were the Days: Opening the Doors in 1948

It was September 1948, and the state's first public junior college was about to open on the corner of Palafox and Cervantes streets. This was perfect timing for Elbert "E.W." Hopkins.

The Pensacolian had spent a year at the University of Florida and another quarter at Florida State University before coming home to help run his family's business on Palafox Street. Hoppies was a popular ice cream, sundries and gift shop near the YMCA.

"Hoppies had curb service and did a lot of business after school and on Sunday and Wednesday evenings after church," Hopkins reminisced. "I really liked working at Hoppies and did not want to quit. Besides I wanted stay in town to keep an eye on Jan Richardson, the cutest little red-haired girl I'd ever seen."

So, when Pensacola Junior College opened its doors on Sept. 13, 1948, Hopkins was among the history-making 128 students to step inside the old boarding house that served as the college's first location.

Looking back, Hopkins says he was a typical PJC student of that era — he had graduated from high school a couple of years earlier, he was working as well as

taking classes, and he and his brother were the first in their family to go to college.

"World War II had ended just a few years earlier, and we were probably a little older and more serious than most college students," Hopkins said. "The college was just getting started so there were no social activities. Most of us were working with not much extra time."

As a 1946 graduate of Pensacola High School, Hopkins felt right at home in the new junior college. Several of his high school teachers, most notably PHS Principal James McCord, Dean Jesse Barfield and teacher Margaret Andrus, were instrumental in getting PJC started.

"The thing that really impressed me about that first year was that the faculty and students were all so enthusiastic about starting a junior college," Hopkins recalled. "They wanted to make PJC the best school it could be."

Since he had already earned a year of college credit, Hopkins spent only one year at PJC before transferring to Auburn University. Jan Richardson was already a student at Auburn, and they married after Hopkins graduated in 1951.



E.W. Hopkins enjoyed cheerleading during his senior year at Pensacola High School in 1946.

His high school principal and several teachers helped launch PJC two years later.

Hopkins served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and then worked at Mutual Federal Savings and Loan from 1953 until he retired in 1986.

That love of work that took root at Hoppies many years earlier still keeps Hopkins busy. He has spent the last 15 "retirement" years working for the John S. Carr Co.

Hopkins also finds time to support PJC alumni activities through the Foundation, and he says he is still keeping his eye on "that cute red-head." E.W. and Jan Hopkins have been married 53 years. They have three daughters, Dinah Ricketts, Sarah Perkins and Kate Stradtman, and three grandchildren, Will Ricketts, and George and Cullen Stradtman.

CLASS NOTES FROM THE EARLY YEARS OF PJC

A Brief Biographical Update on Alumni & Faculty From 1948-1979

Where Are They Now?

1949

E.W. Hopkins: A Pensacola native, Hopkins along with 127 other students took part in PJC's inaugural 1948-49 year. (See article above.)

1956:

M.J. Menge: A 1956 graduate of PJC, Menge continued his education at the University of Florida before joining the Navy. After serving for about three years, he returned to the University of Florida, eventually earning his law degree. Menge joined the law firm of Shell, Fleming and Davis in Pensacola, where he practiced until retiring in 1999. He served as PJC's attorney for more than 30 years and also represented the University of West Florida. Through the years his volunteer activities have included presiding over the Pensacola Jaycees, the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, the March of Dimes and the Pensacola Metropolitan YMCA.

Sylvia Grant Timberlake: After completing PJC in 1956, Grant Timberlake went on to earn her bachelor's degree in psychology from San Jose State in California. She married her Navy beau, David, and eventually found her way back to Pensacola, completing her master's degree at the University of West Florida. In the years since completing her education, Timberlake has been involved with

numerous activities including raising her two children, Stephen and Shari, enjoying her five grandchildren, teaching at PJC, working with 4H and supporting her church's activities.

1969

Carolyn Rochester Davis: After kicking off her college career at PJC, Rochester Davis received a B.S. from UWF in a custom-made Personnel program. She started working in the employment service industry in 1975 and successfully built one service up from a one person office to a staff of 17 with three Gulf Coast locations. In 1987 she began her own business, Employers' Assistant, of which she is currently president. Carolyn's community involvement over the years has included Downtown Rotary, PJC Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, and the Chamber of Commerce. A Delta Chi Sorority Sister and LEAP graduate, Carolyn still lives in Pensacola.

Wayne Peacock: After leaving PJC, Wayne Peacock completed his bachelor's degree at the University of West Florida before going on to earn his master's degree from Troy State University. Peacock served as Escambia County's administrator from 1988 through 1991. He is currently employed by the state as the court administrator for the First Judicial Circuit, which spans from Escambia County east to Walton County.

1970

Miller Caldwell Jr.: Caldwell says his "greatest accomplishment" was marrying his high school sweetheart Deborah the same year he graduated. The two moved back to Pensacola after Caldwell received his architecture degree from the University of Florida in 1974. He plans to stay put in Pensacola for "the duration." He has been involved in an array of community activities including the PJC Foundation Board and Fiesta. He was awarded Community Leader in the 2004 PACE Awards. "I believe in family, hard work, service to community and I am dedicated to this wonderful country that has given so much to this country boy," Caldwell said.

1974

Tom and Sparkie Folkers: Tom and Sparkie met at PJC and graduated together in 1974. Tom was involved in Folkers Window Company, the business Tom's father and brother had launched, before completing his associate's degree. He continued that work while completing a bachelor's degree at UWF. Sparkie immersed herself in the business upon graduation from PJC. The couple has two grown children, Julie and Brad. Sparkie is involved with numerous community activities including the PJC Foundation, the Better Business Bureau, Gulf Breeze Rotary, Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church and the Grace Music Festival.

Tom is an avid pilot and serves as secretary of the Pensacola Area Flight Watch as well as serving as lay leader at Gulf Breeze United Methodist. He also enjoys fishing, kayaking, scuba diving and snow skiing.

Faculty & Staff

Margarette Berrisford: Berrisford worked for years in PJC's counseling office and also served as advisor to foreign students. Her career at PJC from 1953 to 1980 spanned three campuses—from a downtown boarding house to the current location of the main campus on Ninth Avenue. Although retired, Berrisford stays busy with the Mother Seton Guild at Sacred Heart Hospital where she often plays the piano for Protestant services in addition to numerous activities at her church, First Baptist of Pensacola.

Dr. John Venettozzi: On staff with PJC from 1954 to 1978, Venettozzi served as director of Evening College, assistant to the president and provost of the Warrington Campus. Among his greatest accomplishments are the division of the Humanities and Arts departments and the establishment of the Warrington campus which opened with over 1,500 students. Retired since 1978, Venettozzi has four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He still lives in Pensacola and is involved in PJC's alumni search.

Alumni Search Agents on a Mission: The Hunt for Lost Alumni

A family tree that dates back to 1948 may be fairly young, even by American standards, but what if the family has over one million members? PJC's family of alumni has many bragging rights, not only due to its size, but also due to the prestige and success that so many PJC graduates enjoy.

The greatest challenge for PJC Alumni Affairs is keeping this family informed and connected, especially considering the digital conversion nightmare that an archive full of cumbersome microfiche presents.

From 1948 to 1979, alumni records were preserved for posterity in the form of microfiche, the paper thin sheets of plastic that work somewhat like photographic film, requiring a microfiche projector to be accessed. The process of converting data from thousands of microfiche to a computer file is very costly. Therefore, the alumni records trapped in microfiche form are virtually inaccessible, making it very difficult for Alumni Affairs to find current addresses for many of PJC's earliest alumni.

Given the importance of staying in touch with alumni, PJC's best source for its heritage and history, Alumni Search Committee members at PJC Foundation have devised a fun and exciting way to reconnect with these "lost alumni" from the classes of 1948 to 1979. Why not call a Search Party?

Jean Thomas Calvert (Class of '59), Alumni Search Captain, has organized two

Alumni Search Parties this year where PJC's early alumni had a chance to reconnect with one another while thumbing through old yearbooks and looking for long lost classmates and friends. Search efforts have been productive, but small in scope.

"We're always looking for more committee members," Calvert says. "It's just amazing what some folks are able to contribute to the search, and it's fun for them. It gives them an excuse to call an old friend, or better yet, an old flame."

Alumni associations around the country sport speaker's bureaus, alumni-student mentoring programs, alumni directories, and more. The PJC Alumni Search Committee is making important first steps toward that vision by increasing its number of involved alumni. Once lost alumni are found, they're kept abreast of all things PJC via the Compendium.

Anyone interested in joining the Search Committee or attending a Search Party, may call Kenda Hilleke, PJC Alumni Affairs Coordinator at (850) 484-1562.

"We would love to hear from folks involved in planning their high school reunions, especially for the classes from 1946-1948," Hilleke says. "Every lost alum that we find is a treasure. Each one takes us closer to further fleshing out PJC's rich history and building upon the Alumni Association's potential to impact today's students."



ABOVE: E.W. Hopkins, Class of 1949, Honorary Alumni Chair, reminisces about the years he attended PJC when it was held in the old Aiken House. "So many of the students back then were the first in their family to go to college."

BELOW: The Aiken House, a boarding house on the corner of Palafox and Cervantes streets where classes were held from 1948 until 1953.



Jean Thomas Calvert (right), Alumni Search captain, and Search Party member Bobbie Riggs share their memories of 1959 at PJC with other Search Party members while looking through old yearbooks.



Where Are You Now? The hunt for lost alumni continues!

If you attended PJC between 1948 and 1978, let us know where you are. Fill out the following search form, and let us know if you'd like to be considered for a feature in Class Notes. You also may e-mail the information to khilleke@pjc.edu.

Name _____

Year you entered PJC _____ Year you left PJC _____

Degree _____ Major _____

Education after PJC (institute, degree, major) _____

Current job title and employer _____

Spouse's full name (if applicable) _____

Children's names (if applicable) _____

Recent news (marriage, childbirth, promotion, awards, relocation, memoriams, etc.):

PJC Foundation staff may publish this information in Class Notes if space permits.

Daytime phone number _____ E-mail _____

REMEMBERING 1948

- George Orwell writes 1984 (originally titled 1948)
- Ed Sullivan television show starts
- Leo Fender invents the electric guitar
- CBS and NBC begin nightly 15-minute television newscasts
- Levitts begins construction of first mass-produced suburb: Levittown, Long Island
- Maurice V. Wilkes, University of Cambridge, invents the first full-scale electronic stored-program computer (Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Computer)

IN MEMORIAM



CARL TAN SUMMERLIN, Ph.D.
Department of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Tan Summerlin, professor of biology, died July 8, 2004 following a brief illness. He was 61 years old and had taught Anatomy and Physiology at PJC from 1971 until his death.

Known simply as “Tan” by students and colleagues alike, he challenged and inspired literally thousands of students during his 10 years on the Pensacola campus and 23 years on the Warrington campus.

As former and current students, faculty and friends gathered on the Warrington campus for a memorial service in August, they shared memories of Tan that spanned three decades.

A common thread through all the recollections was Tan’s love of teaching, his dedication to his students, his zest for adventure, his often mischievous sense of humor, his framed photo of Coach Paul “Bear” Bryant, and his beloved dog, Arlo.

Ann Webb, Arts and Sciences Department head, recalled that Tan set high standards for his students but was available when they needed extra help.

“Tan’s students often said that he taught them more than the elements of a subject, he taught them how to think,” Webb said. “Tan cared deeply for his students and at one time he had accumulated 1,700 hours of unused sick leave — he just never took off.”

In spite of his reputation for using big words and expecting a lot from his students, Marcia Williams, Warrington campus provost, said that students were eager to be in Tan’s classes.

“For years, Room 3000 was designated as ‘Tan’s classroom’ because it was the largest classroom, and he always had the largest enrollment,” Williams said.

Joe Diamond, who had been a student of Tan’s and later became a colleague, summed up Tan’s gift for teaching.

“When Tan walked in the classroom, he never looked at his notes, he never read from the text, he just put down his coffee cup and taught,” Diamond said.

Jim Williams, also a colleague, echoed this admiration.

“Tan was a true professor who didn’t need notes and yet always knew the answers to complex questions,” Williams said. “He also was a true athlete who belonged to a health club and actually used it, and he was a true naturalist who loved the outdoors.”

Tan is survived by his sister Fran and her husband Jay Histed.

THANK YOU PJC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS!

As you may know, PJC was severely affected by Hurricane Ivan. Over \$10 million in estimated damages to our facilities is just the beginning. Our employees and students took a huge hit which created extreme financial pressure on them. Fortunately, because of past generosity of our alumni and friends to the President’s Circle and the Universal Scholarship fund, coupled with the PJC Foundation’s frugal investment and management policies, the Foundation was able to respond to their needs.

The Foundation used unrestricted funds from President’s Circle gifts to assist 204 full-time employees at this time of greatest need with interest free loans.

Through the Universal Scholarship fund we were also able to assist students with funds to replace lost books. To date, we’ve assisted 66 students.

Thank you for your wonderful support. We will recover.

— Patrice S. Whitten
Executive Director, PJC Foundation
College Development/Alumni Affairs

The **Tan Summerlin Memorial Scholarship for Health Students** has been established through the PJC Foundation.

To make a donation, visit our website at www.pjc.edu/foundation or make your check payable to “PJC Foundation” with the notation “Tan Summerlin Scholarship” on the memo line. Mail your gift to PJC Foundation, 1000 College Boulevard, Pensacola, FL 32504-8998. Donations to the PJC Foundation are tax-deductible according to IRS regulations.



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