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# Alumni Newsletter



HENDERSON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE • TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Who Bad?

## Cheerleaders relive HCJC/TVCC days

### When's My Reunion?

The Alumni Relations Committee has decided to hold reunions on a regular rotating basis so that different groups will have organized events about every five years.

The next few years are already in the planning stages for health occupations graduates, band and music students and the Cardettes.

There are, of course, many other groups that have an active and close membership, and we would love to hear your ideas about possible reunions in the future.

Below is the schedule of reunions through 2005:

**2003**

Health Occupations

**2004**

Band/Music

**2005**

Cardettes 45th Anniversary

If you're interested in helping with any of these events, please contact the Office of Development at 903.670.2620 or by e-mail at [dhubbard@tvcc.edu](mailto:dhubbard@tvcc.edu).



**Former students representing five decades of HCJC/TVCC spirit gathered for homecoming in the fall for the first Cardinal Cheerleaders Reunion.**

Cardinal Cheerleaders from the 1950s to present attended the first Cheerleader Reunion last fall. About 60 former cheerleaders gathered to catch up with former teammates and relive their years at HCJC and TVCC.

Old friends updated their address books, watched videos of past national championship competitions, and showed they still had a few moves and lots of school spirit left.

"It sure was great to see everyone again," Cardinal Cheerleading icon Connie "C.J." Russell said. "There are so many great memories in this room."

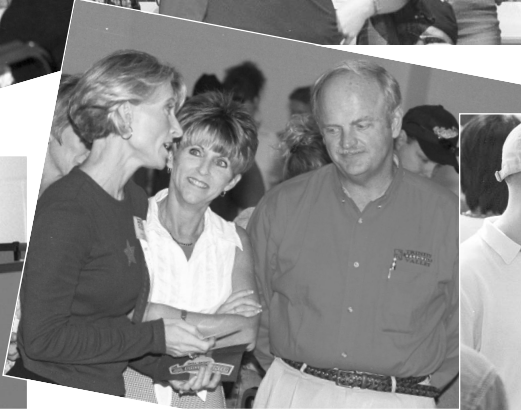
Russell encouraged the current students to visit with former cheerleaders because many old traditions may be worth reviving.

There were a few in the room who still remembered carrying a torch around the square before the bonfire and "Who bad? H.C.J.C."

The cheerleaders presented awards to Russell, who coached the cheerleaders for 31 years and led them to five national championships, Frances Grayson, who is regarded as TVCC's first cheer coach, Shannon Davidson, who coached the squad to back-to-back national titles in 2001 and 2002, and Culley Rogers, who has worked as a volunteer assistant to the cheerleaders for many years.

Current plans are to bring the cheerleaders together again in 2007, so be sure to make plans to join us then.

# Homecoming 2002 Scrapbook



(clockwise from bottom left) The family of Victor Lewis, Fay Lewis, Don Lewis ('68), and Vicki Simon ('61) is honored at the unveiling of the "Tree of Opportunity and Excellence"; Casey Jo Knight updates addresses in her palm pilot at the cheerleader reunion; Joanne McElroy ('71) and Reggie Stripling ('71) look at an alumni display board; Pete Hammerle and Peggy Jordan ('67) visit during the cheerleader reunion; former Cardettes cheer on the Cardinals; Mike Peek visits with former cheerleader Lee Ann Gilliam Vise and cheer aunt Diane Featherston; Patrick Folks and Kenny Crumpton ('87) visit after the parade; two Cardinal legends, Frances Grayson and Connie Russell, talk at the cheerleader reunion; Lisa Wright ('89), Kelly Crouch ('90) and Tanya Cooper ('88) look at a photo album at the cheerleader reunion.

# A Word from the Director

What a great time we all had at Homecoming 2002! The cheerleader reunion was very successful, and many memories and long forgotten tales were "stirred" during that day in October. Also, our first annual alumni picnic was very successful and served as a way to bring former students back to our campus for lunch prior to the homecoming football game. Plans are already underway for Homecoming 2003, when we will honor all former HCJC-TVCC health occupations students. This group will not only include former nursing graduates, but also other health occupations related groups.

On a related note, we need all alumni and former students to be involved in our Alumni Association. We have many who have already indicated their interest and desire for involvement and have joined the Association. Presently, all Association membership dues are being placed in our capital campaign fund and "earmarked" for future alumni scholarships. We hope to have our first organizational meeting in the near future to begin the process of determining what our role and goals should be regarding the support of our alma mater.

Over the past several months, I have been promising everyone that the birth of our alumni web page was just around the corner, and I am happy to announce that it is now up and running and waiting for a visit from our former students! Interest areas that are now available for you to browse include our Alumni Association membership application, mail order information regarding alumni clothing, upcoming events, as well as your opportunity to communicate with us regarding memories of HCJC-TVCC and your requests to locate your former

classmates. I hope that you will take advantage of our web page as we look forward to hearing from you. Our website address is [www.tvcc.edu](http://www.tvcc.edu). Click on the ALUMNI link.

In closing, I can assure you that our alumni newsletter, website and the Association will get

better and better, with your assistance. Let me hear from you as we all work together to support our HCJC-TVCC and all of its continued efforts!

With warmest regards,



David W. Hubbard

Director of Development & Alumni Relations

Class of '71



**David Hubbard, 1971 HCJC graduate and Director of Development and Alumni Relations**

## Alumni Award Winners

(from left, clockwise)  
Kenny Crumpton, Red and White Award; Barney Barnhill, Special Award; Colleen Doolin Skinner, Distinguished Alum; the Whitaker family, Special Award.



**For more photos and information from Homecoming 2002, visit [www.tvcc.edu/alumni](http://www.tvcc.edu/alumni)**

# Alumni Updates

**Perry Virgil Barnes** (1947-48) was one of TVCC's original football players and cheerleaders. He holds degrees from Abilene Christian University and Southern Methodist University and post-graduate hours from Texas A&M - Commerce. He served as a Church of Christ minister for 52 years and retired as Senior Chaplain for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where he had over 30,000 converts. He also worked for several years as Death Row Chaplain. He co-founded Dallas Christian School, where he served as the first and fourth president, and Amber University. He played baseball with the Navy Air Corps and quarterback with the 5th Amphibious Marines football team in Japan. He and his wife Martha have 10 children and live in Huntsville, where Mr. Barnes is now a substitute teacher for Lee College in TDCJ.

**William Max Brennan** (1961-63) is a minister at St. Mathews United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

**Darin Broady** ('97) is serving in the U.S. military and was last stationed at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

**Kim (Thornton) Burns** (1998-99) married Pat Burns in 1999 and lives in Denton. The two have a Labrador retriever and travel extensively due to Pat's baseball career.

**Craig A. Callaway** (1987-89) graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1991 and owns a cheerleading and fitness center in Tulsa. He has two children.

**Roy Chapa** (1962-63) runs his own business from home after retiring from education. He worked as a coach for 24 years and a teacher for 32 years.

**Andy Cline** (1962-63) is an attorney practicing personal injury law in San Antonio.

**Bryanna Currie** (1985-87) lives in Euless, where she teaches high school dance. She holds a master's degree from Texas Women's University and is a former drill team director. She is married and has two children.

**Jennifer (Fortson) Diehl** (1994-96) was married in June 2002. She is a fifth grade teacher with Spring ISD.

**Liz Ensign** (1999-2001) attends the University of North Texas as psychology major. She plans to graduate in May 2003.

**Kelley (Wilson) Eugenio** (1988-91) graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University. She is a registered dietician with the City of Dallas.

**John Farrell** (1963-65) is a retired businessman, now enjoying golf and fishing.

**April Fleitman** (1997-99) graduating from Southwest Texas State in 2002 with a degree in recreational therapy.

**Patrick Folks** is a career Naval officer living in Bremerton, WA.

**Charles Franks** (1983-86) works as billing coordinator for a leading medical lab and remains active in cheerleading competitions as a judge. He served as international judge for the European Cheerleading National Championship in London, and official judge for the World Cheerleading Association National and Cheer Power championships.

**Dr. N.D. Geddie Jr.** (1981) celebrated his 56th wedding anniversary in 2002 and has 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Larry D. Hamilton** (1981-82) is a supervisor with the Texas Workforce Commission. His son, Jarrod Manoy was a running back for the Cardinals in the 2001 and 2002 seasons.

**Valarie Dolores (Pool) Herrington** (1958-59) is retired from teaching and now enjoys traveling with husband Bob. The two were married March 16, 2001.

**Jamie Jo (Ray) Hoyt** (1986-88) graduated from Indiana University and is an elementary school teacher in Fishers, Ind. She is married and has one daughter. She also works as a fitness instructor and personal trainer.

**Don Jackson** (1969-71) is the chief architect with Andres and Associates in Dallas and has worked for the past 29 years as a fireman for the city of Dallas.

**Sara (Stripling) Jenkins** (1962-64) lives in Waco. She and husband Ervin have three married children and five grandchildren. They celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary in August.

**Brandy Justice** (2000-2002) is a cheerleader at Oklahoma State University.

**Joe T. Kelsey** (1970-71) graduated from Texas A&M University in 1974 and has worked the past 29 years with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

**Kenya Larkin** (1998-2000) is living in Ashdod, Israel, where she is continuing her career in women's basketball.

**Don Truman Lewis** (1962-64) retired as superintendent of Cross Roads ISD after 33 years in education. He now enjoys playing golf and farming.

**Robbi JoNell (Bewley) Martin** (1998-2000) married Jeffrey Martin July 5, 2002 and is living in Salina, KS.

**Jan (Fitzgerald) Masso** (1969-71) began her 11th year teaching early childhood education at TVCC last fall.

**Kelley J. Maxwell** (1946-48) is a retired air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Agency.

**Kelly Maxwell** (1975-76; 1995-97) received his BSN in nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler in 2001 and is now a registered nurse at the Beto Unit in Palestine.

**Ashley (McManus) McKissick** (1994) married Michael McKissick in August 2000 and had twins Nathan and Nicole in November 2001.

**Mandy McKissick** (1996-98) graduated from Texas Tech University in December, 2000 and works for a communications firm in Lubbock. In 2001 she became the proud aunt of twins after fellow Cardette Ashley McManus became her sister-in-law (*see Ashley McKissick above*).

**Diane Milner** (1976) is a Student Support Services counselor with TVCC. Four generations of her family have attended TVCC, beginning with her grandmother **Lela Hatton**, who graduated from the college's nursing program. Diane's father, **Donald Hatton**, attended HCJC in the 1960s and her son, **Justin**, kept the tradition alive.

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# Alumni Updates

**Abiena M. Mitchem** (1998-2001) is a registered nurse working in ICU at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. She had her first child in August 2002.

**Tonya (Douglas) Mowery** (1978-80) spent 10 years as an elementary school teacher before becoming a stay-at-home mom for Reagan, born January 2, 2001.

**Trisha O'Connor** (1999-2001) is a psychology major and a member of the cheerleading team at Stephen F. Austin State University.

**W.E. Oden** (1982) works in insurance and real estate.

**Angela Angell O'Haver** (1998-2001) is a registered nurse with Baylor University Medical Center's bone marrow transplant unit.

**Sam Padgitt** (1995) is continuing his football career in an arena league.

**Christian Reed** (1998-2000) graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in music education in 2002. He is the minister of music at First Baptist Church of Eustace and became a father in July 2002.

**Andrea Rodriguez** (1997-98) graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2001 and went to work in Washington D.C. She is the office manager/scheduler/intern coordinator for Congressman Joe Barton.

**Jason Sapp** (1998-2000) graduated from Texas A&M University December 2002.

**Rita (McKinney) Sterling** (1968-70) is retired. She holds a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Texas A&M - Commerce.

**Ann (Thornton) Stubbins** (1992-94) is a teacher with Klein ISD. She and husband Allan have one son, Ashton, who was born July 31, 2002.

**Molly (Pierce) Trail** (1961-63) retired from Garland ISD after 30 years of teaching. She holds a master's degree from Texas A&M - Commerce and received her Reading Recovery certification from Texas Women's University.

**Gene Warren** (1946-48) is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is active in volunteer work and with his church. He and wife Rubicate celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in 2002 and are enjoying their great grandchildren.

**Kenneth Watts** (1993) died February 24, 2001 in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Joseph "Jojo" Williams** gets kicked, punched and thrown off buildings whenever he goes to work, but he loves it. Jojo works as a stunt performer and actor at Disney's MGM Studios as an Egyptian marketplace bad guy in the Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Show.

**Trudie (Jopson) Williams** (1994-96) is the drill team director of the Creekview High School Chevals. She was married in November 2001.

**Lisa (Dunson) Wright** (1987-89) is a journalism teacher at Plano East Senior high School.

## College Notes

The following is a short list of some of the things that have been going on at TVCC over the past year:

**March 2002:** The Lady Cards return to the national championship tournament and finish seventh in the nation.

**April 2002:** The Cardinal Cheerleaders win the National Cheerleaders Association Junior College Division Championship for the second consecutive year.

**October 2002:** TVCC unveils the "Tree of Opportunity and Excellence." The brass tree is on permanent display in the Oval Pirtle Administration Building to recognize those who contribute to the TVCC Foundation. To date, donors have made nearly \$300,000 in commitments for endowed scholarships.

**December 2002:** The Cardinals win the Heart of Texas Bowl to finish the season 10-2 and ranked fifth in the nation.

**January 2003:** TVCC announces it has entered the public phase of its capital campaign - a five-year effort to raise \$3 million.

**February 2003:** NJCAA announces former Lady Cardinal Coach Kurt Budke will be inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame during the national championships in March.

**February 2003:** TVCC sets a new enrollment record this spring with 5,858 students. That's nearly a 17 percent increase over last spring and a slight increase over the record fall enrollment we set in 2002.

**February 2003:** TVCC dedicates a new bunkhouse at the TVCC Ranch in memory of Wayne Burkhalter.

## Show Your Cardinal Pride

The HCJC-TVCC Alumni Association now has Alumni shirts & caps available at the TVCC Bookstore

100 Cardinal Drive - Athens  
903-670-2620



Also available on the web  
at [www.tvcc.edu/alumni](http://www.tvcc.edu/alumni)

**Make plans now to join us for Homecoming October 18, 2003**



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## TVCC Alumni Information Sheet & Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What years did you attend HCJC-TVCC: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational memberships at HCJC-TVCC: \_\_\_\_\_

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Honors Received at HCJC-TVCC: \_\_\_\_\_

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So, What's New? (tell us and we'll share it in our next Alumni Newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Your comments about homecoming activities this year, suggestions for future activities, and nominations for the Outstanding Ex-Student Award would be welcomed. Please send this form and/or your comments to David Hubbard, 100 Cardinal Drive, Athens, TX 75751 or [dhubbard@tvcc.edu](mailto:dhubbard@tvcc.edu).*

