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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Primary voting today

The Democratic and Republican parties will hold primary elections today. Candidates are running for such offices as U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative for District 11, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commission and Railroad Commission unexpired term, State Senator and Representative, as well as county offices. The poles will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

### InterClub Council to meet

The next InterClub Council Meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. Coffee, orange juice, and assorted pastries will be served. Representatives of all student organizations should plan to attend.

### Spring break next week

Monday through Friday (March 14-19) is Spring Break. On March 24, no day or evening classes will meet due to University Interscholastic League (UIL). On April 1-2, no day or evening classes will meet for Easter Holidays.

### PTK induction Wednesday

Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Scholastic Society is inducting new members Wednesday at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be in the Community Services Center with Marilyn S. Kelly, speech instructor, as the keynote speaker.

### Graduation announcements

This spring, for the first time, the Bookstore will be offering graduation announcements personalized with the student's name and degree. All students planning to graduate need to come to the Bookstore and place their orders for announcements as soon as possible.

### Faculty concert March 21

The faculty concert, Fitzpatrick and Friends, scheduled for March 3 in the PAC has been postponed until March 21 at 8 p.m. The concert will be composed of music from the '20s to the '90s. Selections of rhythm and Blues, Rock, Country and Show Tunes will all be played. Edmund Fitzpatrick will be accompanied by Bill Howard, Bill Haskett, Rob Page, Jeff Horton, Dick Gimble, Dave Hibbard, Jim Popejoy, Linda Haskett and his wife Flo (Wendorf) Fitzpatrick.

A rock concert will also be held in the PAC at 8 p.m. on March 24.

David Hibbard and Bill Howard will conduct a faculty recital in the PAC at 8 p.m. on March 28.

### Garcia among chosen few

Jennifer Garcia, vocal music major, has been chosen to compete in the Tuesday Musical Club Vocal Competition. Singers between the ages of 19 and 30 were required to send a cassette tape to a screening committee. Only 29 contestants were chosen. First prize is \$4,000. "Whether she places high in the rankings or not, Jennifer is excited to be chosen for competition," said her voice teacher, Lise Uhl. Garcia has been a regular semi-finalist in the regional NATS competitions.

### Various scholarships available

**Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships** from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International are available for study abroad during the 1995-96 academic year for qualified men and women who live or study in Waco.

Applicants who are pursuing university studies must have completed at least two years of university work when the scholarship begins, and those pursuing vocational studies must have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years. All applicants must be citizens of a country where there are Rotary Clubs.

Interested persons can contact the Rotary Club of Waco, P.O. Box 5818, Waco 76708, or 817-776-2115, or any Rotary Club for application forms and additional information.

**Orville and Gary Rodenbacher** are offering 30 \$1,000 scholarships for students 30 years or older, enrolled or planning to enroll in a degree program at an accredited college or university, and pursuing part-time or full-time studies on an undergraduate or graduate level.

Applications will be accepted until May 2. All applications must be posted by May 2. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

**Texas-Louisiana Division of Professional Secretaries International** will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a qualifying student. This scholarship is to help cover the costs of tuition, fees and books for attendance at an accredited two-year, four-year, or certified business/secretarial college in Texas or Louisiana for the 1994-1995 school year. The deadline for applications is March 31.

For more information or applications, contact the Financial Aid Office.

**Musical Scholarship Audition Day** is on March 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 760-3483.

**The Office Personnel Association (MCCOPA)** is offering a \$150 scholarship for the fall of 1994. Any student interested in the scholarship can pick up an application in room 104 of the Health Careers Building. The deadline is April 25.

### Health careers deadline approaching

Students must submit their applications for the following health careers programs by April 1: vocational nursing (fall class), associate degree nursing (day class), radiologic technology, respiratory care technology, physical therapist assistant.

## Volunteers needed for UIL Day

By TRACIE LYNCH

The University Interscholastic League district literary contests on March 24 needs "a few good..." student volunteers.

Ann Harrell, UIL coordinator for MCC, said that she needs 50 to 60 volunteers to work as timekeepers during the speech events. Lesa Hatley, director of student activities, said that students also are needed to award door prizes and help the visiting contestants find their way around campus.

Harrell said that some teachers give extra credit to students who volunteer. Speech instructor Marilyn Kelly suggests that students ask their instructors if extra credit is available.

Students majoring in education are especially encouraged to volunteer. Harrell said that the tournament is "a training ground for our education majors." Working the tournament would provide future educators

with UIL experience and enhance their resumes.

In fact, the college offers several one-hour, transferable elective courses that involve working on pre-tournament preparations. The courses are listed under forensic activities.

Sophomore Julie Henager said the course requires a lot of work, but it is "very rewarding, and it will help you get a job."

Harrell said that students interested in learning about overall tournament administration should contact her. Those interested in working debate contests should speak to either Linda Dulin or Cynthia SoRelle. Students wishing to learn more about the operation of speech contests should talk to Marilyn Kelly.

The upcoming tournament is one of many competitions sponsored by the UIL. Harrell said that participating schools compete on

the district, regional and state levels. The UIL also conducts district level tournaments for junior high and elementary school students.

Students from 26 schools representing four districts will compete in the tournament. Scheduled events range from science to journalism and from debate to spelling.

The University of Texas at Austin created the league in the early 1900s to regulate scholastic competition among public schools in Texas. The league also provides scholarships to contestants who compete at the state level.

Both day and evening classes will be cancelled on the 24th. The library will be open from 7:45 a.m. until 9 p.m. In addition, a reference librarian will be on duty to assist students from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Call Ann Harrell at 750-3656 or Lesa Hatley at 750-3574 for more information.



Photo by Brooke Whittington

A WORKER LOOKS UP THE ELEVATOR SHAFT OF THE Student Center. The Board of Trustees accepted a bid of \$109,000 from Fred Williams Construction for the renovation. The completion date is May 22.

## Record number attend convention

By ELISHA NIEMEYER

A record number of 6,533 educators attended the 47th annual Texas Junior College Teachers Association convention (TJCTA) last month in San Antonio.

The theme of the convention, "Strength in Diversity," proved to be a good choice considering the attendance with a record number 3,398 registering.

All 49 community college districts in Texas were represented at the convention.

MCC faculty members served on various TJCTA committees and were elected to serve as officers for the succeeding years.

Carol Lowe was elected by the English division to serve as the vice-chair of in 1995 and as the chair of that division in 1996.

Billy V. Dowdy was on the Publications Committee and Michael A. White served on the Task Force on Long-Range Planning.

Cynthia M. SoRelle, chairperson of the Professional Development Committee, presided over the professional development seminar. The program for the seminar was titled "Coping With Student Conflict Inside and Outside the Classroom."

Joe T. Arrington presided at the aging services meeting, Charles W. (Bill) Bano was head of the computer center directors meeting, and Linda D. Stanford served as chairperson of the office technology meeting.

## Trustees approve bids for roof repair, elevator renovations

By MELANIE GERIK

The Board of Trustees accepted a \$109,000 bid for the renovation of the Student Center elevator and a \$80,132 bid for a new roof on the Fine Arts Building.

The board accepted the bid to renovate the elevator and shaft from Fred Williams Construction Co. over two other bids. Barsh Construction submitted a bid for \$119,300, and Billington Construction bid \$115,700.

In accordance with MCC policy, "historically underutilized businesses" were notified of the deadline to read bids for the renovation. In the policy, underutilized businesses are defined as corporations, sole proprietorships, partnerships or joint ventures in which at least 51 percent of the persons involved "have suffered the effects of discriminatory practices or similar circumstances over which they have no control." This includes women and certain minority groups such as black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans and Native Americans.

Three companies who fit the criteria for underutilized businesses were John W. Erwin General Contractor, Bobby Graham Construction, and Taylor William and Company General Contractors, but these companies did not submit bids.

Dee Toombs, director of the physical plant, said the new elevator will be 5 feet 8 inches by 4 feet 3 inches. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities act, it will have controls accessible to a person in a wheelchair as well as audio and visual floor signals.

Some tiles have been removed already from the shaft, and the adhesive currently is being tested for asbestos, Toombs said. The mandatory completion date for this project is May 22.

The bid of \$80,132 to reroof the Fine Arts Building was submitted by Parsons Roofing. It was approved over bids of \$87,747 from Sechrist-Hall, \$90,760 from Superior Roofing, \$93,014 from Brazos Roofing, and \$95,097 from Mahone Roofing.

The reroofing process is in

progress and is scheduled to be completed by April 15. The Fine Arts Building is one of the original buildings on campus, and the roof has not been replaced. Included in the cost of the renovation is the resealing of cement blocks around the perimeter of the roof.

Toombs said construction for both the elevator and roof will shut down for UIL day, March 24 (see related story, this page).

In other business, the board agreed to conduct joint elections with the City of Waco and the Waco Independent School District to elect board members in Districts V and VII. The election is May 7, and the final day to file as a candidate for the Board of Trustees is March 23.

District V currently is represented by James Hardwick. The district includes McLennan County Precincts 26, 29, 31, 32, 34, 50, 51, 57, 60, 91, 92, 93 and 96.

District VII is represented by Danny Uptmore. The district includes Precincts 61, 62, 63, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 97.

The trustees also approved a new policy dealing with the authority to conduct business with a depository bank. One signature of an administrator joined with one signature of a board member is sufficient for checks of less than \$25,000. Administrators include President Dennis Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction Richard Drum, Vice President Institutional Effectiveness David England, Vice President of Student Services Deborah Garrett and Vice President of Business Services Johnette McKown.

The board discussed the college's involvement with the Xerox Antitrust Litigation. The case was filed by a salesperson who wanted to sell comparable parts to Xerox, but was not allowed. McKown said that the college has returned the claims form in the event that MCC would receive credit for Xerox parts. By this action, the college is not responsible for any cost of the litigation nor the attorney's fees.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is March 29.

## Registration begins March 21

By ANNETTE BANKS

The first summer session registration for returning students will begin on March 21. Payment for registration is due by May 18.

On March 21 help from the counselors will be available. Students that are new to MCC will begin registration toward the end of April with the help of counseling.

The second summer registration will begin on July 11.

In Case You Missed It . . .

### Goodbye and good riddance to the SWC

**By AARON TUDOR**  
After hearing for years about the impending death of the Southwest Conference, it finally happened. Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech accepted invitations to join the Big Eight Conference. By doing this, they left SMU, TCU, Rice and Houston floating in shark infested waters.

I couldn't be happier. The SWC had a problem. It had four strong schools and four weak schools. That's the bottom line. SMU, TCU, Rice and Houston were dragging the other four schools down the drain. Luckily, they got loose before they were sucked down too.

Texas and Texas A&M are the two most popular schools in the state and two of the most popular in the country. While Baylor and Texas Tech aren't nearly as popular, they have enough athletic success, name recognition and alumni support to make them valuable members of any conference.

As for the other four schools, who cares? I don't want to see A&M playing TCU in football. I want to see them playing Nebraska. And doesn't Baylor vs. Oklahoma sound more exciting than Baylor vs. SMU? Judging from attendance and television ratings, there's a lot of other people out there who don't care to see those schools.

All four schools left out of the Big Eight have two things in common: low attendance and poor performances in football and basketball. When's the last time one of those four schools won a conference title in football and basketball? Even when Houston was doing well in both sports a few years ago, it still had no fan support. It barely averaged 20,000 fans the year Andre Ware won the Heisman Trophy.

It all comes down to this: four schools are in because people like them, four schools are out because people don't like them or simply don't care about them.

I'm glad it finally happened. I don't know how much more TCU football I could have taken.

### 'Lassies end season, look for talent

**By DWAYNE DISHMON**  
For the first time in nine years, the MCC women's basketball team has not make the post-season playoffs.

A 82 - 70 loss to Ranger on Feb. 23 eliminated the team from the regional play-offs.

Coach Wendell Hudson said he was disappointed that the team did not reach its potential.

But looking ahead to next year, the Highlassies do return Yong Tran who was a first team all NTJAC player. Tran averaged 19.5 points per game and dished out 5.6 assists.

Also expected to return is Lisa Brown who averaged 11.4 rebounds, fifth in rebounding in the conference, and Quiana Kent who came on strong in the middle of the season.

Joining Tran, Brown and Kent will be the return of Elenor Alfred who was first team all NTJAC and the leading scorer for the 'Lassies in the 1992-93 season.

And he has some good prospects as he searches for new talent.

With Midway and LaVega making it to the state tournament, and Vanguard winning it's third straight state title in its private school division along with the Temple High women being a regional finalist, Hudson has a fertile field in his own back yard from which to recruit. "That recruiting is going well," he said. Hudson said he is looking forward to seeing Tran and Alfred play together, and truly looking toward to the 1994-95 season. With the leadership and talent the Highlassies have returning, he said the future "looks bright" for the Indies of the Highlands.

# Injuries derail 'Landers

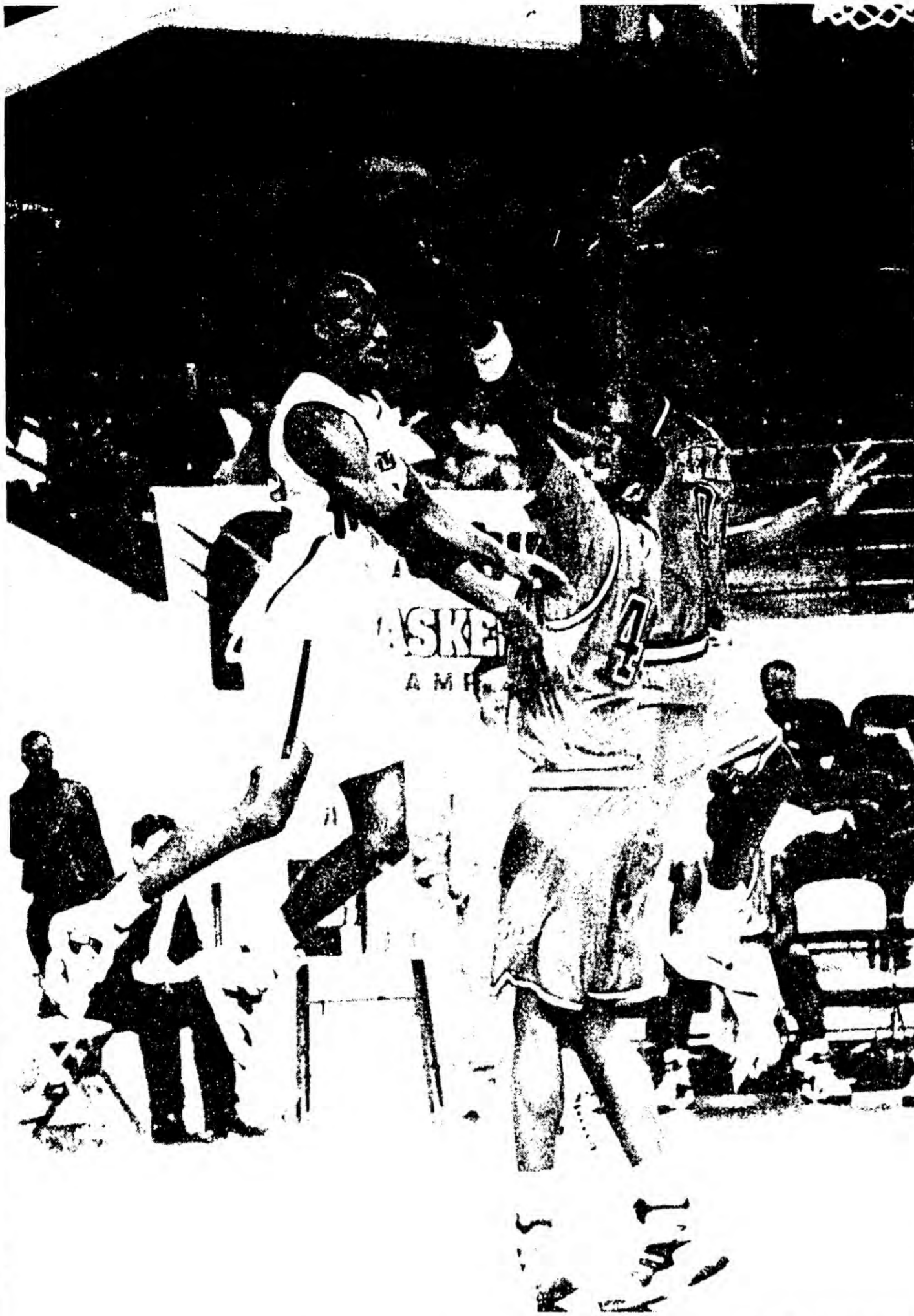


Photo by Brooks Whittington

## Basketball ballet

**FLYING HIGH**, the Highlanders Kenneth Benton fights a daring dodge out of bounds with the pass going to a teammate who drilled the two-pointer. The Highlanders won this game, but dropped Sunday's semifinal contest Friday night. Benton got an assist on this play, a

After tying fourth at Navarro

## Golfers ranked 14th

**By ELISHA NIEMEYER**  
The MCC golf team is currently ranked 14th among junior colleges in the nation.

Recently, the team competed in the Navarro College Golf Tournament in Corsicana. MCC tied for fourth place with a total of 319. Paris Junior College placed first (308), and Tyler and Navarro Junior College tied for second (311).

Individual results include: Nils Rorbaek (77), Chris Holzshu and Particio Beutell (80), Daniel Tidebrink (82), and Kris Kelly and Kirk Strickland (84).

Normally five golfers would travel to the tournament with only the best four scores being counted toward the team total. In the Navarro Junior College tournament six golfers were able to go and the best four scores were counted to the team's total score.

"Since we have been back this spring Nils is playing really well, but in all we have more talent this year than ever before," Coach Stan Mitchell said.

Coach Mitchell also commented that Rorbaek, Beutell, Strickland, Holzshu, Kelly and Tidebrink were the strong players that played well during the fall semester.

The team will be traveling to Galveston March 15-16 to compete in the Gulf Coast Invitational.

"This tournament will open up opportunities for sophomore players. Many four year colleges and universities will be recruiting players during this time."

On March 28-29, the team will travel to Temple, and on April 11-12 they will be competing in the State Golf Tournament in Round Rock.

On April 25-26 the team will be traveling to Hobbs, N.M., to compete in the regional tournament. There are 10 teams in the region this year including the addition of Hill and Cisco Junior Colleges.

Coach Mitchell indicated that this is the first year Hill and Cisco will be competing in our region.

While MCC is ranked 14th in the national polls, other teams in the region are also ranked. New Mexico Junior College is ranked fifth, Odessa College is ranked fourth and Midland College is ranked first.

"Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we will get more practice time in so we can play better at the regional tournament," Coach Mitchell said, "but the weather is no excuse."

In addition to sophomores Rorbaek, Holzshu and Strickland and freshmen Kelly, Beutell and Tidebrink, others on the team are Adam Riverin, a sophomore, and freshmen Doug Hand, Chad Hanson, Jeff Cordell, and Paul Foley.

**MCC Golf Schedule**  
March 15-16 Gulf Coast Invitational in Galveston.

March 28-29 Golf Tournament in Temple.

April 11-12 State Golf Tournament in Round Rock.

April 25-26 Regional Tournament in Hobbs, N.M.

## Trib's Hill tells of opportunities in sports field to Press Club

**By KEVIN CRAWFORD**  
Given that experience is often the best teacher, the Press Club received quite an education when the *Waco Tribune-Herald's* Jerry Hill was the guest speaker.

As a graduate of the University of North Texas, Hill told of his educational background. He also discussed with the members of the Press Club his 11 year rise through the ranks at the *Tribune-Herald*, from his copy desk days to his current position of assistant sports editor.

Hill began writing for the local newspaper in 1983, and after two weeks on the job he became the high school beat writer. In 1987, he became the Baylor University sports beat writer. As spring of 1993 rolled around, he took his current title of assistant sports editor while remaining the Baylor beat writer.

Hill stressed to the future journalists the importance of "having to catch the readers attention" in these highly competitive times of big city newspapers and the

instancy of television. The latter has caused a retooling of the sports story, from a "who won the game" perspective to a "who are the individuals playing the game."

The fun wanting just the score has left the "next day" newspaper for the nighttime newscast with the "just in" score. But the fun wanting "more than the score" coverage reads the newspaper for an insight into the player's personality — the life away from the game.

## MCC downs South Plains 79-77, KO'd by Midland 92-73

**By AARON TUDOR**  
After going through the regular season injury-free, basketball coach Ken DeWeese was hoping it would never end.

It finally did end Sunday, and the Highlanders' season ended with it. The Highlanders had three people leave the game with injuries in a 92-73 loss to Midland in the Starburst Junior College Basketball Tournament.

The key injury for the Highlanders came less than two minutes into the game when guard Kenneth Benton went down with a badly sprained ankle.

"Kenneth going out allowed them to change their game plan and just beat Marcus Moss up," DeWeese said. Moss shot 1-8 from the field and later missed the final 11 minutes with leg cramps.

"Here we are in the biggest game of the year and we're without the two people that are the heart of our team," DeWeese said.

Injuries also hurt the Highlanders inside game as Chris

Mckinney suffered a twisted knee. He was able to return, but was limited.

Despite the loss of Benton, the Highlanders led at halftime by one point. But the injuries to Moss and Mckinney, combined with poor shooting, sealed the Highlanders fate. The Highlanders shot a Dallas Maverick-like 29% in the second half.

"You can't shoot 29% and beat a bad team very often, and you certainly can't shoot that poorly and beat a good team," DeWeese said.

Marco Brown led the Highlanders with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Roderick Monroe added 15 points, while Moss scored eight and dished out 12 assists.

In the first game of the tournament, MCC defeated South Plains 79-77. Brian Green led the scoring with 25 points. Moss added another fine all-around effort with 19 points, seven assists and four steals.

## Search for talent on, DeWeese likes University's Ervin

**By AARON TUDOR**

Despite a disappointing loss to Midland in the second round of the playoffs, Coach Ken DeWeese still has reason to smile. With four returnig starters and another returner who often started, the Highlanders are expecting to win there fourth straight conference championship.

"With are nucleus returning, I'm very excited about next year," DeWeese said.

That "nucleus" includes first team all-conference pick Marcus Moss and honorable mention all-conference players Roderick Monroe and Kenneth Benton. Moss was a concensus all-conference pick and the second leading vote getter. Also returning are Norman Williams, Marco Williams and Derrick Patton. Patton played considerable minutes last year but redshirted this year.

Of the five sophomores, almost all are entertaining scholarship

offers from Division I schools. Brian Green is being recruited by New Mexico St., South Alabama and Nevada-Reno. Chris Mckinney is attracting interest from Oral Roberts, Stephen F. Austin, and UT Pan-American.

Hakim Bell, who missed the season with a knee injury, is being recruited by Auburn and Florida State. Jermaine Frazier will attend Prairie View A&M and Gerard Darnes, who is from Spain, is contemplating a return to his home country to participate in the pro leagues there.

As far as recruiting needs, DeWeese hopes to add a couple of big men inside and another shooting guard. At the top of DeWeese's wish list is Joe Ervin, a guard from University High School.

"We want Joe Ervin," DeWeese said. "If we can get him and some more inside help to go with our returning players, we'll be in great shape for next year."



Photo by Brooks Whittington

## Intramural champs

**THREE-ON-THREE CHAMPS** -- The team of the Mighty Ducks (left to right) Audie Nichols, Brian Davis and James Rogers, won the three-on-three intramural basketball tournament recently.

EDITORIALS

Good job -- past & future

A changing of the guard occurred this semester in the student activities office. Former director Greg Clark and his assistant P.J. Dougan left at the beginning of the semester to pursue other interests.

Throughout Clark's many years of service, he was in charge of planning annual Homecoming activities, InterClub Council meetings and Student Government functions. The enormous amount of responsibility is more than many people can handle. Clark not only handled it all, but he still always had a smile for every student on campus. He even found time to take a daily lunch hour jog with his good friend, biology teacher Winfred Watkins.

Now Lesa Hatley is the new student activities director. In her first few months, she has organized a successful bonfire and queen elections for Homecoming. Participation is up from last year, with 300 people attending the bonfire and 200 people voting for Homecoming Queen. We hope that Hatley's success continues throughout her tenure here.

When you are near the student activities office on the second floor of the Student Center, stop and thank Hatley and her assistant, Patti Weir, for their hard work so far and for continued success. Participate in some of the many activities they have planned for the semester. Let's make Hatley and Weir's accomplishments exceed the good work of Clark and Dougan.

Come back rested, alive

Spring break is coming up. Whether the destination is toward the ocean or the mountains, now is the time to be careful.

Lots of people all over the state are thinking about how to spend this break to the "fullest" and we are not talking about full of food. They will spend their break swimming, skiing and unfortunately, some will be drinking and driving. Don't drink and drive and if you see a drunk driver pull over to the nearest stop with a telephone, dial 911, and report which road the vehicle was on. This quick action could save the lives of many.

Car safety is needed during this time. When travelling a great distance, get the car checked out first to make sure it is in travelling shape. Also learn how to change the tires on a vehicle. No one can predict a flat or blowout so be educated about what to do just in case.

Being alert to crime is another way to be safe this spring break. Tourist carjacking and credit card stealing are popular crimes. Never park in an unlighted rest stop. Keep the doors locked whether the vehicle is moving or not. Make sure that you keep up with your cash and credit cards. Have a destination in mind — in other words, know where you will be staying and let someone at home have your itinerary.

Always carry some extra money or credit card away from your wallet or purse. If something unfortunate happens that requires money, you could be in serious need. Also make sure you do not forget to take your medical cards, insurance cards and driver's licenses in case of an accident for identification purposes.

This can be the best time of the year if we think about what we are doing. Most people will be feeling good and not thinking about the dangers of the road. Accidents are popular at this time because of the lack of caution. Let spring break be a happy time instead of a sad one.

FROM OUR READERS

Play the game fairly

Dear Editor,

Now that the Olympics are over, we can all breathe a sigh of relief that maybe there is end to the Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan feud.

However, I was wondering why did the judges allow Harding to skate again after claiming to have broken a shoelace. This is the fourth time in her career that something like that has happened to her in competition.

The man from Canada who was skiing the downhill races broke free from his ski and was not allowed a second chance. I

feel that was not fair to this young man.

Then the woman who was to perform after Harding was mentally preparing when all of a sudden she was told to go perform her routine. She was cheated out of her preparation. Has this happened before and will it continue? I always thought that these games were meant to be played fairly and to come together in peace. I guess I was wrong.

Sincerely,  
Susie Jones

From Olympic fever

All that's left is the hacking cough



By MELANIE GERIK  
Editor-in-Chief

David Letterman had a top 10 list of "signs you're sick of the Olympics" towards the end of the Winter Games. One of the signs was, "All that's left of your Olympic fever is a hacking cough."

Like many Americans, I had a bad case of Olympic fever, but I was not ready for the Games to end. And throughout the last week of the Games, my sinuses started to act up again and I had a real fever. With my head cleared finally, all that's left is a hacking cough.

During the closing ceremonies, International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch called the 1994 Winter Games the best ever. That is about how far I watched the closing ceremonies. I couldn't watch anymore.

What am I going to do now without my nightly reports on Tonya and Nancy? Will I feed my new craving for alpine skiing by watching World Cup events (if they are even televised)? Will I hear anything about short-track speedskating in the next four years before the next Winter Games?

I'm sure I'll hear my fill on Tonya and Nancy every night even without the Olym-

pic coverage. Tonya will make national news by her cat-and-mouse routine with the law, while Nancy will sell everything from soup to shoes. I miss the days when I had to search the back pages of the newspaper to find the results of some obscure skating competition written in six point type.

Figure skating is becoming too popular. Last week, my friend called to order tickets for an ice show coming in June to Dallas. I thought that since we called on the first day the tickets were available, we would have front row seats. We have to settle for second balcony.

I am determined that I will go on a ski trip one day. I'm not sure if I'll actually ski. But I want to see an actual competition. Last weekend, Tommy Moe and some other famous skiers were in Aspen for a World Cup race. I missed it because I have other things to worry about (such as this newspaper), but I hope to be there for a race sometime, maybe in the year 2000.

Before the next Winter Olympics, I am going to write a scathing article on the status of the U.S. Ski Team. It seems to work. In 1984, two columnists from *The Dallas Morning News* and the *Dallas Times-Herald* said, in effect, that the U.S. skiers should stay home. The team won

five medals. In 1994, E.M. Swift of *Sports Illustrated* called the team "lead-footed snowplows" and other not-so-nice things. The skiers won four medals.

See the trend? I have absolutely no clue about the world of skiing, but printing mean things seems like a great motivator.

Speaking of mean things, short-track speedskating has so many tricks and obscure rules that even Tonya is too clean for the sport. Cathy Turner of the U.S. won the gold medal in the 500 meter event. Some skaters, including the silver medalist, said she cheated when she passed her competition. In her next event, the 1,000 meter race, she was disqualified. It looked like one racer pushed her into another, but the referees said she was the culprit. Maybe if no controversy surrounded her win in the 500 meters, she could have won another gold. But the referees were wimps.

Right before one race, a male skater from Great Britain had part of his blade come off as a result of a collision with another skater. The referee said he could not replace it; he had to skate as is. That skater is in the wrong sport. He should pick up figure skating. After all, the best scapegoat for a bad performance is equipment failure. Just ask Tonya.

THE HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

'What do you plan to do during spring break?'



TODD SIMS  
major, psychology:  
"I am going to spend it at home with one of my friends from Texas A&M partying and relaxing."

VANESSA TOBIAS  
major, nursing:  
"I plan to work and make lots of money while other people are spending it."

J.K. FARR  
major, psychology:  
"I'm going to Colorado skiing."

KENDELL ADLER  
major, accounting:  
"I'm going to Six Flags and maybe Kansas over Spring Break."

CHRISTI BRAKE  
major, nursing:  
"I am going to stay at home and spend quality time with my 4-year-old son."

CRAIG THARPE  
major, education:  
"I'm probably going to stay at home and watch T.V. and relax."

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Scholarship presented in honor of World War II hero Doris Miller

By TRACIE LYNCH  
The African American Employment Program, a division of the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, has presented the college with a \$5,500 scholarship in memory of World War II hero Doris Miller.

The funds will be endowed, with earned interest providing financial assistance for years to come.

Barbara Sanders, manager of the AAEP, presented the money for the scholarship to Jesse Sawyer and Paul Marable during the 1994 Black History Month Celebration at the Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center on Feb. 25.

Jesse Sawyer, executive director of the MCC Foundation,

said this is the first scholarship in Central Texas to his knowledge named after Miller. Sawyer said that the scholarship will support one African-American student for four regular semesters beginning in the fall of 1994. The recipient must be a permanent Waco resident or a dependent of one. He or she must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and be willing to enroll in at least 12 hours each semester. The recipient also must prove financial need.

Miller, a Waco citizen, was a messmate on the battleship *West Virginia*. History professor Charles Adams said that this was a low position, and the military discriminated against minorities by assigning them to

such menial tasks. During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Miller mounted a 20 millimeter gun and shot down as many as four Japanese airplanes. He had no previous combat experience. Miller was the first African American to receive the Navy Cross, which is the second highest award a member of the U.S. military can obtain.

Sanders said that the AAEP's goal was to endow the scholarship. The Foundation will be responsible for raising the funds needed to maintain the scholarship. Sanders said she expects church and civic groups to contribute additional funds.

Marable said the MCC Foundation hopes to raise enough money to expand the program

and increase the number of students who will benefit from the scholarship.

The scholarship endowment is part of the AAEP's annual community service project. In less than three weeks, the AAEP raised \$7,155 through contributions and raffle ticket sales. In addition to the scholarship, the AAEP donated some of the money to the Friends of the East Waco Library and the Adopt a School Program at University Middle School.

Sanders, who is also on the Board of Directors for the Foundation, said that the Foundation hopes to have the details worked out and applications for the scholarship distributed to schools and churches by May.

Speech team second in San Marcos; preparing for national tournament

By TRACIE LYNCH  
The speech team placed second overall in the recent Southwest Texas Debate and Individual Event Invitational in San Marcos.

Twenty teams from Texas and surrounding states participated

in the tournament. The MCC team won 12 trophies and defeated 18 of the 20 teams. The University of Texas at Austin team won the tournament.

Individually, Merio Witt placed fourth in impromptu, Marco Suarez, team president,

placed third in extemporaneous speaking. Carrie Sponcor came in first in persuasive and third in dramatic interpretation.

Barry Sullivan won fifth place in informative speaking and fourth place in extemporaneous speaking. Gavin Masingill

placed fourth in informative. Suarez and Witt won second place in the Cross Examination Debate Association debate.

Suarez said that the team's performance in San Marcos, "measured us that we were ready for the national tournament."

# Nursing student awarded \$50 at Annual Student Art Exhibition

By SHERRY W. EVANS

Studying human anatomy is important for anyone entering the medical field, but one future nurse said she prefers to focus on the intricacies of the face and hands so she can express them with a pencil.

Mary Grace Zarraga, a nursing major taking art classes, was one of four students awarded \$50 for entries in the Annual Student Art Exhibition. Three of Zarraga's pictures were chosen for the exhibit by juror Terissa J. Mabrey last month, the most works by any artist. The exhibit will continue in the Performing Arts Center through March 24.

Part of "Me," a self-portrait Zarraga did in pencil as a class project last semester, was photographed and placed on the

brochure announcing the exhibit. "I worked on it during two or three weeks of classes and I kept going back and putting more value in the pencil," she said. "I could still work on it more even though it's hanging in the exhibit." Zarraga said she enjoys working with pencil because she can keep adding to get in all the details. "You get the feel in your mind and try to imitate that feel with your pencil."

"I was not her teacher, but when I walked by the studio and saw her (Zarraga) working on her portrait, I was stopped dead in my tracks. It is very striking," said John Chatmas, exhibit coordinator and art instructor.

Her other two entries in the exhibit are "Hungar" and "Black as War." Zarraga said "Hungar,"

a charcoal drawing of a flying taco, was her first attempt at abstraction. "Food is a necessity of life, it's what we pursue," she said with a laugh. Doing the charcoal "Black as War," which depicts two soldiers in the jungle, Zarraga said she associated black with negatives and war fit right into that idea.

Art instructor John Hancock, who has taught Zarraga, said, "She has an innate sense about her. Some students are talented and need it yanked out of them. That's what she needs and has good grounds here to do that." Hancock said her work in the exhibit has good technical craft and imagination, especially the flying taco.

Until the student exhibition, she has never entered her work

in any type of contest. Since high school, most of her art has been for herself and her family. She sold two pictures while she was in high school, then gave her mother a favorite sculpture of Jesus Christ with hollow eyes.

"I would always put my search for truth in a picture," Zarraga said. Some of her works involved a search for religion, while others centered on issues in the public issues during the 1960s. In high school during the Vietnam era, she said much of her work was based on things she imagined about her friends who were in the war. While still in high school, she painted a mural on her bedroom wall she called the "Seven World Concept" about the human rights movement. "My mom didn't criticize it, she

just didn't understand it," Zarraga said. "She left it up for about two months until I lost interest and then put up paneling in my room."

Her current work is a wire sculpture of Jesus Christ that she said she is doing to replace the sculpture she gave to her mother. She plans to keep the sculpture in her living room along with the work displayed in the student exhibit. "I missed my stuff I got rid of so I'm definitely keeping these," Zarraga said.

She is married with two children, ages 13 and 14. Zarraga said she came to college with a goal of eventually becoming a registered nurse, "but it's been 20 years since I've been in class, my head is full of cobwebs."

When planning her schedule,

she said she had been concerned about taking art classes because it would be painful if she had a teacher who would be too rigid and restrictive and tried to pull her a different direction with her art. She is complimentary about Hancock, her sculpting teacher this semester and drawing teacher last semester. "He helps with what you asked him to help with but doesn't criticize," Zarraga said. "He is wise enough to know when you're doing what you can and does not suppress you."

Zarraga said she is also interested in psychology, as well as nursing and art, and may pursue a career where she can combine her interests. "Art has always been part of my life and it always will be with me."

## OPTIONS: Enrollment doubles over past three years

By HEATHER ELLIS

When the OPTIONS program was first introduced, Bob Balshaw, director of OPTIONS, was not sure it would survive. But now with 189 students enrolled in the program, this alternative to high school education has doubled in enrollment since starting three years ago.

The OPTIONS program is an alternative learning center which takes students from local high schools who are having trouble adjusting to mainstream education, Balshaw said. The students enrolled in the program are required to accept all responsibility for completing their assignments. All students must maintain a B average and complete 20 hours a week. Students are encouraged not to stay in the program longer than a year.

"The students must produce," Balshaw said. "There is a lot of competition and pressure. This is just like a job. If the assignments are not completed or they (students) do not come to class, they are terminated."

OPTIONS operates in 3 shift classes per a day. Students may attend class from 8 a.m.-noon, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. or 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Any of the shifts may be attended as long as the requirement of 20 hours per a week is met. This flexible schedule allows those students

who have jobs or have children to attend class when it is most convenient.

OPTIONS also offers a leadership training course at Camp Val Verde to help students deal with the tough competition in school as well as at home or in the work force.

"This course is designed to show students what it takes to be a leader," said Balshaw. The leadership course has positively changed many of the students' attitudes.

The OPTIONS program has proved to be a great success. More than 80 percent of the students enrolled receive their G.E.D. or return to their original high school. OPTIONS has achieved such success that many colleges such as Trinity Valley Junior College, Northeast Texas Community College, Harris College and Stephen F. Austin University have visited the OPTIONS program to mold their classes after the OPTIONS learning style.

With the growing success of OPTIONS, many area schools are trying to get their students in the program but admission is limited due to a 200 person waiting list and lack of space. Balshaw expects for OPTIONS to have its own building by the end of this year.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

Leo Sullivan, associate publisher of Travelhost magazine, recently featured MCC in the magazine. The local edition of TravelHost is placed in

local hotels and motels, providing visitors information of restaurants, tourist attractions and entertainment.

## Traveler's magazine features MCC

By SUSIE JONES

MCC has been featured in the local edition of the largest circulating traveler's magazine, *Travelhost*.

The local edition of *Travelhost*, which has its office on campus, published the article to inform travelers and new residents about the college.

Leo Sullivan, associate pub-

lisher of the Midwest Texas *Travelhost*, said that "the premiere magazine in the United States unquestionably is recognized by users."

According to Sullivan, *Travelhost* has one of the highest repeat readerships, and studies verify that *Travelhost* magazine reaches more than 10 million readers each month, he said.

The magazine, printed to assist travelers in unfamiliar towns, is placed in the guest rooms of more than 4,000 leading hotels and motels such as Holiday Inn. This magazine is printed monthly and provides information of restaurants, attractions and entertainment.

Sullivan is responsible for gathering information about cit-

ies in the middle parts of Texas. *Travelhost* for Texas has been located in the Business Resource Center at MCC for 17 months. *Travelhost*, the magazine, however, is currently in its 27th year.

*Travelhost* survives on advertising alone. For example, Steak & Ale places an ad in exchange for a review of its restaurant and free copies of the magazine.

### Local Entertainment

Mar 7-12	Chelsea Street Pub	Abraxas
Mar 10	Buzzard Billy's	Cotton Mather
		Adam's Farm
		Tabula Rasa
Mar 11	Scruffy Murphy's	Ezra's Poundcake
	Buzzard Billy's	D' Javahends
	Scruffy Murphy's	Option Anxiety
	Sue's #2	Rif Raf
Mar 12	Buzzard Billy's	Texas Weather
	DJ's	Hour Glass
	Scruffy Murphy's	Option Anxiety
	Sue's #2	Jus Cause
Mar 13	DJ's	Gary Stewart
Mar 14-19	Chelsea Street Pub	D. Javahends
Mar 17	Buzzard Billy's	Mr. Blink
	Scruffy Murphy's	Option Anxiety
Mar 18	Buzzard Billy's	Mr. Blink
	Scruffy Murphy's	Jasmine Blue
	Sue's #2	Rif Raf
Mar 19	Buzzard Billy's	Bobby Mack & Night Train
	DJ's	Hour Glass
	Scruffy Murphy's	Abraxas
	Sue's #2	Jus Cause
Mar 20	DJ's	Cary Stewart
Mar 21-26	Chelsea Street Pub	Rif Raf
Mar 24	Buzzard Billy's	Banana Blender
		Suprise
Mar 25	Scruffy Murphy's	Graffiti Prophets
	Buzzard Billy's	Jim Talbot
	Scruffy Murphy's	"Four"
	Sue's #2	Rif Raf
Mar 26	Buzzard Billy's	Solf Rightous Blues Band
	DJ's	Hour Glass
	Scruffy Murphy's	Trish & Darin
	Sue's #2	Jus Cause
Mar 27	DJ's	Gary Stewart

Scruffy Murphy's is holding an all day, 10-band concert for Amnesty International on March 27. It will be giving away food from its newly-opened kitchen and will donate all money received at the door to Amnesty International.

## Taking the stress out of registering for summer classes

By ANNETTE BANKS

Registration can be a stressful time if you don't know where to begin, but with this guide on "How to Register for Summer Sessions" — signing up for summer sessions may be easier.

Starting March 21 returning students can sign up for early summer registration. These students should pick up a course advising form in the administration building at the Office of Admissions and Records. There you will provide your Social Security number to show that you are a returning student, and they will give you a form.

Next, set up an appointment

with a counselor. The counselors' offices are located in the lower part of the Student Center. The counselors will help you get the classes that you need.

Then go back to the Office of Admissions and let them key in the classes you have listed. The admission clerk will then give you a print out of classes and the price of your tuition. The payment is due by May 13. If the payment is not received by then, your classes will then be dropped.

The second summer session will start on July 11. The same procedure for this session can be followed as for the other.

Summer schedules will be available Friday

### Continuing Education Classes

#### Arts, Crafts & Hobbies

- Hobbies
- Bridge II-March 29, 6 weeks, \$31
- Cooking
- It's a Matter of Taste II-March 29, 3 weeks, \$42

#### General Interest

- Sports & Recreation
  - Beginning Golf-March 22, 3 weeks, \$29
  - Hatha Yoga II-March 23, 6 weeks, \$24
  - Water Sports
  - Scuba Diving-March 28, 4 weeks, \$168 including equipment, \$91 without equipment
  - Music & Dancing
  - Ballroom Dance II-March 22, 6 weeks, \$44 per couple
  - Country & Western Dance I-March 21 and March 23, 6 weeks, \$44 per couple
  - Beginning Guitar-March 23, 6 weeks, \$20 (plus text)
  - Intermediate Guitar-March 23, 6 weeks, \$20 (plus text)
  - Dog Training
  - Basics of Dog Obedience I-March 23 and March 24, 4 weeks, \$10 (plus supplies)
  - Travel
  - Mayan Equinox Cruise-March 18, 7 days, \$1,105
  - Languages
  - French II-March 29, 6 weeks, \$50
  - Conversational Spanish I-March 29, 6 weeks, \$40
  - English as a Second Language: Conversational & Grammar II-March 22, 6 weeks, \$40
  - Spanish for Law Enforcement Professionals-March 20, 6 weeks, \$50 (plus text)
  - Creative Writing
  - Saturday Creative Writers Workshop-March 26, 5 weeks, \$23
  - Miscellaneous
  - Pistol Safety-March 9, 1 week, \$35
- For more information, see the Spring 1994 Continuing Education booklet or call 750-3412.