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## Wellness: Clinic promotes student health

by RHONDA HARGROVE

"A Wellness, Emphasis, and Awareness Clinic to try to get students to be aware of steps to a productive life style" will be held today and tomorrow in the MCC Student Center from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. IIFE Chairman James Burroughs said.

Fitness and lifetime sports will have an audio/visual presentation and information on such sports as tennis, bowling, and racquetball. There will also be information and counseling given on diet and nutrition.

Aerobic dance and weight training are both popular classes, according to Burroughs. The weight training classes will demonstrate and be explaining the proper use of the weights. The aerobic dance classes will be showing warm up exercises, stretching, and proper movement used in aerobics.

**Today's schedule**  
8 a.m.-Figure and Weight Control class.  
9-10:30 a.m.-Fitness/ Lifetime Sports A/V presentations.  
9:25 a.m.-Social Dance, Gymnastics, and First Aid demos.  
10:50 a.m.-Aerobic Dance and Weight Training Demo Explanation.  
12:15 a.m.-Aerobic Dance.

**Wednesday's schedule**  
8 a.m.-Aerobic Dance and Weight Training.  
9 a.m.-Weight Training and Aerobic Dance.  
10-11 a.m.-Fitness/Lifetime Sports A/V presentations.  
10:15 a.m.-Fun Run at MCC walking track-1 mile.  
10:15 a.m.-MCC Dance Company.  
10:30 a.m.-Fast Walking Race at MCC jogging track-1 mile.  
11:10 a.m.-Social Dance and Weight Training.

Students and faculty from these classes will be participating, with several organizations, as role models for the rest of the student body, faculty, and staff to get involved in the activities. The organizations that will participate are Hillcrest Hospital, Providence Hospital, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, VA Hospital, and the Optical Association.

The following organizations and personnel will provide these services, analysis, and information:

**Hillcrest Hospital**, Suzanne Lozano-Sports Medicine, Athletic Trainer Exercise, Flexibility Box, Fitness (Step Test), and Blood Pressure Check.

**Providence Hospital**, Janet Kemp-Blood Pressure Check; Height, Weight, and Body Fat; Breast Model, Smoking Dangers, Glucose Analysis, and Nutrition Counseling.

**American Cancer Society**, Carl Norton-various information.

**American Heart Association**, Sallie Hazelrigg-various information.

**VA Hospital**, Jim Odem and Nancy McKinney-Hearing Booth, Spirometry Volume (Respiratory).

**Optical Association**, Dr. Christensen-Vision Wellness.

"Students can take advantage of these activities. They are free and educational in all senses: physical, mental, spiritual, social, emotional, and in controlling stress," Burroughs said.

"These are things you can do for yourself to promote a healthy lifestyle and a long life of happiness and productivity."

Anyone wanting to participate in the Fun Run or the Fast Walking Race can sign up at the student activities center or in the IIFE building room 113. In both divisions, men's and women's, a T-shirt will be awarded for the best times in first, second, and third places.

## Stolle arrested, terminated

By TERI LYN EISMA and KEN CRAWFORD

Administration is "in the process of terminating" Robert Stolle from his job as a MCC part-time night security officer as of last Friday following his arrest by the Waco Police Department for criminal misdemeanors, according to President Dennis Michaelis.

The charges include three counts of false report to a police officer, one count of criminal mischief, and one count of theft over \$200/under \$750 against him, according to Sgt. Roy Halsell of the Waco P.D.

Stolle has yet to respond to a letter of intent to terminate his employment, Michaelis continued,

so his dismissal is not yet final, but since Stolle has not worked since Oct. 30, Michaelis assures that a security officer is on campus on the weekends.

Stolle was arrested for reporting falsely to a police officer that he was assaulted in the Art Center parking lot Oct. 30. Stolle had four superficial wounds on his arm. The Waco police department does not know how the injuries occurred, according to Halsell.

Stolle has also been charged with criminal mischief and false report to a police officer in the Oct. 30 attempted burglary in the Highlands, according to Halsell. The window of Coach Ken DeWeese's office door was broken, according to Michaelis. The lock of the emergency exit door under the

stands was broken off from the inside, but the outside had a few scratches and marks. In the concession stands, two locks were broken off drawers.

Stolle was also charged with false report and theft for the Sept. 18 bookstore larceny. He reported chasing two suspects into the woods and having a gun pointed at him after he found the bookstore cash registers emptied early Sunday morning, Sept. 18.

He also was the first to discover and help extinguish the fire in the Applied Science Building six days later. For these actions, the administration called Stolle a "hero" and Insurers of Texas awarded him \$500 for preventing the spread of fire to other rooms or buildings.

"We have no reports of the

fire," Halsell said. When asked if charges could be filed, he replied, "I don't know...(However,) the insurance adjusters have questions about the fire."

"This can happen anywhere...The security checks, the information we had and he (Stolle) has worked for us for seven months and has been a good employee," Michaelis said.

MCC could not have done anything differently to prevent these crimes, he added. "It's a matter of a person we put in a position of trust who decided to do something wrong."

"I'm glad it wasn't worse. I'm glad no one was hurt," Michaelis said. "I'm glad no buildings were burnt (down), and that nobody was killed."

## We remember:

### Primary Veteran's Day event to honor, aid local vet set

By TERI LYN EISMA

If 21,000 McLennan County residents are veterans, they and their families make up more than one-fourth of the county's 185,000 population.

This, submitted by Dr. Juan Mercado, is one of the reasons the Cultural Enrichment Committee will present a special educational celebration of Veteran's Day Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10-11.

Speakers will entertain and enlighten the public on the assistance programs for and ordeals of veterans on Thursday. Friday will bring Armed Services representatives to the Student Center to educate the public about education and benefits available through the armed forces.

The Cultural Enrichment Committee will also display literature, figures, and art in the Student Center to the theme "Serving Veterans and Future Veterans."

This is MCC's first time to celebrate Veteran's Day in a campus activity. The Cultural Enrichment Committee placed it on the calendar because of "popular demand," Mercado said. "We're trying to make it as informative to the students as possible. For example, history students (may find) the statistics very useful." The schedule is as follows:

Frank Scott of the Veterans Administration Office will speak on VA benefits and help take claims 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Center. Irma Haralson will help veteran students join the work study program and other organizations such as VFW will run information booths to aid veterans.

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Commander William B. Moody will speak on people who are missing in action and the post-traumatic stress disorder of Vietnam veterans in the Highlander Room on the third floor of the Student Center from 9:30-11 a.m. Moody is an ex-Navy Chaplain from Vietnam and World War II, and has written *The Good Soldiers: In Jack's Favor Selected Poems and And the Greatest of These*. He is the founder and executive director of the Good Soldier Foundation.

Ron L. Denison, Prisoner of War Coordinator at the Veterans Administration, will speak on POW's noon to 1 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Denison is a VA coordinator for programs for former POW's.

Dr. Stephen L. Lemons, director of the VA Waco Regional Office, will speak on the history of this one of three offices in Texas and also on patriotism during that hour. Lemons controls all the veteran programs in a region of several counties, including the program on campus. "It's my understanding that he's a first class speaker," Mercado said.

MCC's office of Veterans Services offers aid for disabled veterans, reservists, survivors and dependents of veterans. It also provides such programs as the Old-G.I. Bill, New G.I. Bill and the Veterans Education Assistance Program.

The office is located on the third floor of the Student Center.

## Burglary baffles HPE building

By SUSAN POLLEY

Just when everyone thought it was safe to leave things in a locker, the locker room burglar strikes again.

"Since the beginning of the semester," Guy Schlottman said, "we've had a rash of people breaking into lockers."

Schlottman, a part-time life-guard at the HPE swimming pool, said that if your lock is not strong, someone who wants what's inside

your locker will break it. "Otherwise," he said, "they rip the latch off."

Break-ins seem to keep happening at the same place at the same time every day they occur. Although burglary has occurred earlier in the day, it mostly happens between the hours of noon and 4 p.m., Schlottman said, when everyone is swimming or playing racquetball.

Schlottman was not sure of the amount taken so far, but he said it was probably better than \$200.

"I'll tell you one thing," he said, "you come up here with a wad of money in your wallet or pocket, and they find it, they're going to take it."

Brian McSpadden, a sophomore, testified to the validity of Schlottman's warning. About four weeks ago, during a 9:25 racquetball class, someone broke into a locker and took McSpadden's wallet, which contained over \$80. McSpadden had planned to make a bank deposit later that day. Also in the wallet were his driver's license, Social Security card, voter registration card, and MCC ID.

Not even McSpadden's lock would stop the determined thief.

"They ripped the whole handle off," McSpadden said, referring to the lockers as "cheap metal."

"They just had to have a screw driver or a knife or something," he said, "and they had plenty of time to do all that." Once inside the locker they rummaged through everything in his bag until they found the wallet hidden in his boot.

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## Navarro claims victory at end of bloody battle

By LESLEY WILSON

Navarro Junior College overcame MCC last Wednesday by donating 106 units of blood to our 69 for the Red Cross blood drive.

The blood drive, which took place in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., has proved to be a worthy field of battle.

Each semester, two competitions take place, one with Navarro, and the other among clubs.

Last fall, MCC donated 86 units to Navarro's 37, therefore winning the battle. However, Navarro came back last spring and won the drive 53-52.

This fall, MCC set a goal of 100 units, unfortunately we did not reach it. In the meantime, Navarro both won the drive and surpassed its goal of 60 units.

Nursing won this semester's club competition with a total of 18 units. In reward for their support, the club members will be given a pizza party.

Although the Red Cross is pleased with the results of the drive, the staff would like to know how they could draw more support.

If you would like to express your ideas, contact the Red Cross at 776-8754 or write to us at the Highland Herald.



Photo by Ken Crawford

ALMOST THERE...Liz Kelt prepares for "Just a little sting" as she gives blood in the Red Cross Blood Drive here Wednesday. Nursing technician Helen Brooks takes care of the almost painless operation.

## Time to register, but first be advised

By TERI LYN EISMA

The Office Counseling Services is offering "Express Advising" to help students move quickly through spring registration.

Students who have a degree plan on file in the counseling office and who have at least a 2.0 grade point average may make an appointment to be expressly advised. These students should bring their degree plan and a course advising form to the Student Center at the time of their appointment.

Course advising forms and permits to register are available at the Office of Admissions/Registrar. Before being given a permit to register for early registration, returning and continuing degree-seeking students must be advised.

Also, new students and students on probation or suspension must be advised before being given a registration permit for any registration, early, regular, or late.

"To be sure that the right

courses are taken and that they are taken in proper sequence," all students should seek the counsel of a counselor, department head, or faculty member before registration, Coordinator Dr. Ramon Aleman of Counseling Services said in a news release.

Registration is scheduled as follows:

**Early Registration**

-Nov. 28, 29, and 30.

-1:30-6:30 p.m.

-No student will be allowed to register at these times without an appropriate permit.

**Regular Registration**

-Jan. 10, 11, and 14.

-10 a.m. 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 10-11 by appropriate permit only.

-4:30-6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10-11 and 8:10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Jan. 14, when no permit but a course advising form is necessary.

**Late Registration**

-Jan. 16, 17, 18, and 19.

-12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

-No permit but a course advising form is necessary in late registration.

## UFO 'hidden history' expert due Monday

A free lecture and slide show called "UFOs: The Hidden History" will be presented at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, in the Lecture Hall.

Robert Hastings, an independent UFO researcher and lecturer from South Carolina, will present the program. Hastings became interested in UFOs in 1967 when he was presented at a U.S. Air Force base control tower when five UFOs were tracked on military radar.

Hastings presented a similar program at MCC several years

ago before a capacity audience in the Lecture Hall.

The 90 minute program is based on previously classified CIA, FBI and Air Force documents which have been secured via the Freedom of Information Act by several researchers. According to Hastings, the documents indicate that UFOs do exist and are of great concern to the Air Force and intelligence agencies-despite public denials.

The program is open to the public, but limited seating is available.

# Veterans to receive recognition they deserve

In observance of Veterans Day, MCC has planned various activities for a two day celebration on Nov. 10-11.

Speakers, programs, and displays are some of the events scheduled for this day of remembrance.

This celebration marks the first time the college has recognized Veterans Day with activities that can benefit the campus and community.

Too many years have slipped away for this special day to be ignored again. The school made a great move in the right direction in its plans for the upcoming holiday.

Although this is a first on campus, the school has been providing aid to the students who are veterans and dependents of veterans.

According to the office of Veterans Services, out of the total 238 students enrolled, over 100 of them are certified to receive any of the services provided.

With this year's theme: "Serving Veterans and Future Veterans," MCC's celebration will be part of a nation wide tribute to veterans that has been going on in America since Nov. 11, 1921.

Three years following the 1918 armistice between the central powers and allies which ended the fighting in World War I, America started honoring its soldiers killed in war.

Eventually, it became a tradition to observe the armistice until it became a federal holiday in 1938. Wearing the symbolic poppies, buglers playing taps, and special recognition of the unknown soldiers of war became common through the years.

A considerable amount of attention was paid to soldiers during the 1920s and 1930s when most people were under the impression that another war of such widespread destruction would never

occur again.

After World War II and the Korean War, various organizations in the country urged that all persons serving in the nation's armed forces be recognized.

In 1954, a bill was passed and signed proclaiming that Armistice Day would be celebrated and remembered as Veterans Day.

After the 50th anniversary of the 1918 armistice was celebrated, some debate started on what day the holiday would be observed. But after a 1975 authorization by Congress, the original date of Nov. 11 went into effect as the national holiday in 1978.

Since then, Veterans Day is honored in virtually every place in the country. Many events such as parades, military balls, parades, and religious commemorations take place. And now, MCC can be proud that it also participates in the American tribute.

For many of us, it's hard to imagine what it would be like to be in a war or even suffer from the effects after a war. But for those who have experienced the pain and torture of death, bombs, and injustice, they are entitled to the recognition and praise they deserve.

In the spirit of defending their country, the shattered lives of many soldiers who survived combat and the millions who fell to the bloody hands of war, should be an everlasting reminder of how fortunate many of us have been.

Therefore, to keep the tradition of honoring the brave soldiers who fought for the red, white, and blue, lets try and support the efforts of the college to exercise the observance of Veterans Day for many years to come.

## Personal commentary

# Vote Today: and maybe even do so for the right reasons

BY KEN CRAWFORD

Since the presidential election is today most registered voters will be heading to the polls to cast their all-important votes.

It is a little late for a lecture on the importance of voting. And since today is election day it may already be too late to remind people to get all the facts and vote wisely.

Some people will vote Republican or Democrat simply because daddy would. Others will be voting for a particular party on the basis that the party's policies or beliefs more closely relate to what they actually believe themselves.

Some will be voting for who they think would or will be the best president while others will vote simply by the way the candidate looks.

Believe it or not some people will vote for Dukakis because Bush is a "wimp" while others who say Dukakis is "awkward" will vote for Bush.

Perhaps the scariest analogy is that some people hate both Bush and Dukakis and will simply vote for who they feel is "the lesser of two evils."

As an avid Democrat and Dukakis supporter, I still do not know who I'll vote for. I agree more with what Dukakis says than what Bush says. However, I feel Bush is better prepared to be president and may be the better man for the job.

I guess for me the moment of truth will be when I enter the voting booth.

No matter why people vote, as a free Democratic society we the people of the United States should exercise our right to vote and regardless of who wins the election should respect and support the new president whoever he may be.

## Personal opinion

# Costume contest unfair

One MCC student spent countless hours designing his Halloween costume. Surely it was the most original and had a good chance of winning the best costume contest. When he got to the dance he looked around and no one's costume looked better. His costume was undoubtedly the most original. The majority of the people at the dance came over to see who he was and to admire his costume. Everyone felt sure he would win best costume. After all how many times have you seen a trick or treater running down the road dressed as a table.

Fortunately he did win, but there was some confusion to whether or not he actually won. The person or thing he was running against was a last minute costume or a streamer of crepe paper wrapped around the head. I will refer to him as "Mr. quickie costume."

The way the best costume was picked was by what is called a Holler contest. The person with the microphone points to a person and the crowd hollers if they think it is the best.

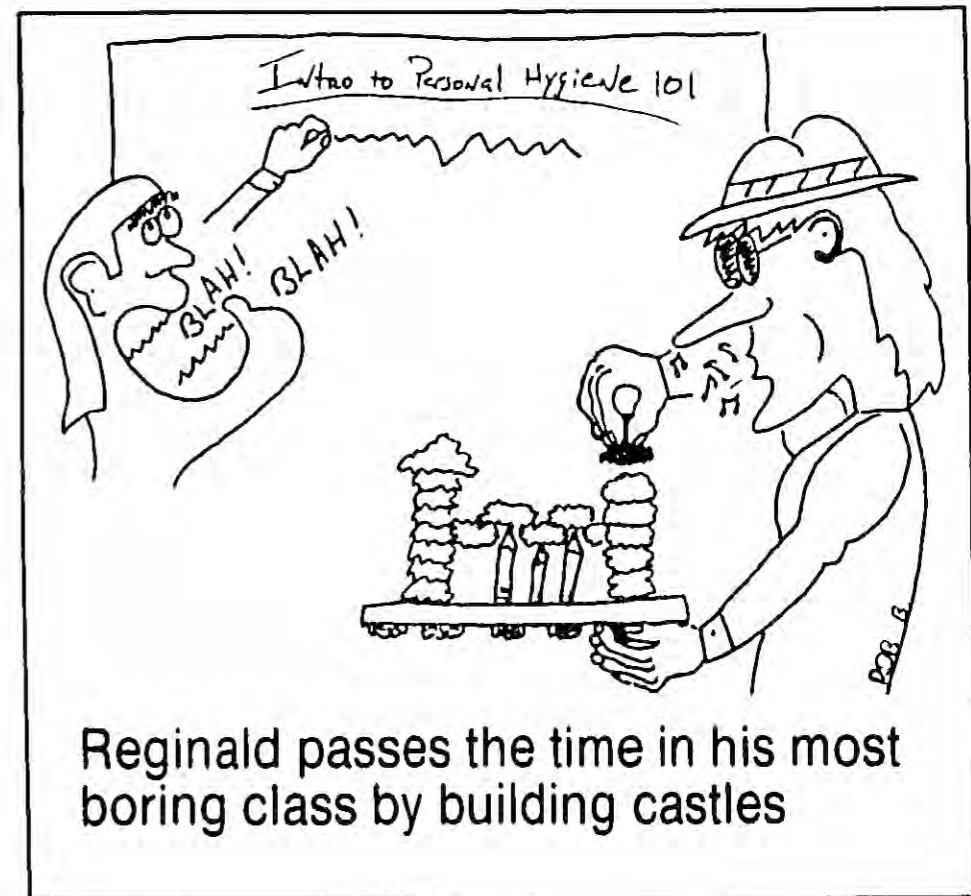
Well needless to say lots of people hollered for Mr. quickie's "costume" and lots of people hollered for Mr. Table and an undesirable situation occurred. They actually had several runoffs because Mr. quickie who simply had a strip of crepe paper on his head was hollered for as loud as Mr. Table.

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**Last day to withdraw from class--Nov. 21**



Reginald passes the time in his most boring class by building castles

## Toward Success in the World

# Up an' at 'em bed potatoes! Don't sleep your life away!

BY SHARON M. GARRETT

Time is ticking away. We all seem to take it for granted. We sleep away one-third of our life. Think about it. That is a lot of life we are missing.

Missing you say, but I am tired. Tired? Yes. We all need a certain amount of rest for the tired body and weary mind. How weary is your mind?

At different times in your life you will surely need the rest. Try changing your life pattern just a little bit by getting up just 15 minutes earlier. Go on and just do it! Have coffee, take a walk, call a friend, spend time with your pet. You will enjoy it and so will the pet. See what a difference it will make? Just 15 minutes.

You can make do with a lot less sleep than you think you can. Instead of eight or nine hours, once in awhile try five or six hours of sleep. Think of it as an experiment. You will get more done or have more time for the things you enjoy. It will also help control your weight. The more waking time you spend, the more calories you burn.

Many of us sleep as an escape for the troubles of life or boredom. The troubles will not go away until you start seeking solutions. Get interested in something, no matter what, and the boredom will go away. Even on your days off, try getting up just a little earlier and see how your life will change for the better. There's too much time in this life to spend sleeping. Wake up and start living.

(Author Unknown)

I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there. The clay they used was a young child's mind. And they fashioned with care.

One was a teacher; the tools he used were books and music and art. One a parent with a guiding hand and a gentle, loving heart.

And when at last their task was done, they were proud of what they had wrought, for the things they had molded into the child could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed he would have failed if he had worked alone. For behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher, the home.

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# The HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

# How do you survive your most boring class?



**CLAY LASSETER,** sophomore, journalism. "I see how many times I can get the sun reflected off of my watch into the instructor's eyes."



**SANDY PAAR,** freshman, business. "I doodle a lot. I think about where I am going to eat after class. I keep watching the clock."



**MARIO JIMENEZ,** sophomore, physical education. "Write obscene things on the back of my folder."



**DOUG MATTHYS,** sophomore, agriculture. "I try to figure out why this girl always tells me to call, and when I do she's not home, or some guy answers, or her Mom tells me a story about some other guy."



**TIM DENTRY,** sophomore, business. "I think of the loudest and rudest noises that I can make with my hands and arms."



**HARVEY EVANS,** sophomore, physical therapy assistant. "I prop my feet on top of the desk, crack jokes and bust out laughing."



**RUDY BERLANGA,** sophomore, psychology. "I look at the girls."



**KELLY MCGREGOR,** freshman, law. "I eat sunflower seeds ..."



**DONALD GRIFFIN,** freshman, cultural education. "I sleep."



**MICHAEL WALKER,** freshman, computer processing. "I didn't go as much."



**RUBEN GUTIERREZ,** sophomore, accounting. "I look at my shoes."



**BRITT SULLIVAN,** sophomore, sociology. "I talk to myself."

# Harbaugh picked for Piper

By TERI LYN EISMA

This year the faculty honors a teacher whose subject is unexpected and whose materials encompass a whole building: Margaret Harbaugh of Library technical services and cataloging is MCC's nominee for the 1989 Minnie Stevens Piper Award.

"The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation is one that recognizes and honors outstanding college teachers in Texas," said Dr. Richard Drum, vice president of instruction, in a telephone interview.

Each year, Drum continued, the foundation asks colleges across the state to nominate faculty members. MCC may submit one nominee. Sixty community colleges and about 70 more 4-year colleges each nominate one or more faculty members, depending on size of enrollment, to become "Piper Professors," Drum added.

MCC's faculty elections committee sent letters to all faculty members, asking for recommendations. Then each faculty member voted October 25-27 on their

choice for the nomination, according to chairman Cynthia SoRelle. The nominees were Harbaugh, HIPE instructor Rick Butler, counselor Hazel Martin, accounting/management instructor Stanley Mitchell, and office occupations instructor Mary Ringle.

"I was very surprised," Harbaugh said. "It's a very nice honor—a vote of confidence to be nominated from among my colleagues."

"The Piper award is an award for teaching," Harbaugh continued. "Librarians teach in a rather informal situation, you know, how to find materials, as opposed to (teaching in a classroom)." Librarians do work with other departments, she added, by teaching students to use the library to complete assignments in biology, English, history, and even vocational courses like design. For this reason, Harbaugh says the nomination is "a particularly nice honor."

Harbaugh graduated from the University of Houston, took her master's degree in library science at the University of Texas at Austin, and has done post-graduate work at the Texas Women's Uni-

versity. She previously worked at San Antonio College as an instructor in Library Services, but has worked here since 1974.

MCC already boasts one Piper award winner. Biology instructor Hoyt Burnette won the Piper pin and cash award of \$1,000 in 1973.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation awards teachers for their instruction, Burnette said, rather than their research, which usually gets more recognition than their teaching ability through articles and publications.

"It was a nice award to get," Burnette said. "The cash prize has gone up to \$2,500, so you can see how inflation has caused the rise in prices."

Past MCC nominees include in 1987 biology instructor James Schwarz, in 1986 philosophy/religion instructor Dann Walker and in 1985 British literature instructor Lissette Carpenter.

Harbaugh and the administration will fill out and submit several pages of resume-like forms, but will not know the results until late spring.



Photo by Rose Polley

COME AND GET IT! Jeff Tribbitt shows off his prize winning costume at the Halloween Dance in the Student Center, Oct. 27.

## SADD started on campus

by KATHY PEARSON

One of the newest clubs available to the MCC public is the local chapter of SADD, Students Against Driving Drunk.

Lloyd Follis, chairman, announced SADD to the campus October 20 by putting a hand drawn sign in the student center and offering literature about the club.

Of the people who have joined, some do not drink at all, while some are social drinkers. "Our purpose is not to stop drinking," Follis said. "But if you choose to drink, please don't drive."

Plans for SADD include friend-to-friend contracts to be honored if someone has been drinking. The contracts are signed by two people.

SADD held its first fund drive Oct. 26 with a bake sale. "People donated cakes, candy, and cookies. I appreciate everyone's help and donations. I have really been impressed with the response I have had already," said Follis. This initial drive netted \$40.

The Mental Health Club established the new chapter of SADD and elected mental health student Follis chairman. Bonnie Lopez was designated vice-chairman. The faculty sponsor is mental health instructor Martie Sauter.

Goals for the national SADD are:

- to help eliminate drunk driving and thus to save lives.
- to alert students to the dangers of drinking and driving.
- to conduct community alcohol awareness programs.
- to organize peer counseling programs that help students who may have concerns about alcohol.

Literature and bumper stickers will be available. The awareness campaign will include logo t-shirts and pens.

"One of our goals is to have no one from MCC injured or life lost due to driving drunk," Follis said. "We want to alert students to the dangers of drunk driving by conducting community alcohol awareness programs," he added.

Another goal is to have an intense public campaign in effect before the holidays arrive, when traffic accidents are more frequent.

The first public meeting for the MCC chapter of SADD will be Friday at 10 a.m. in room 202 of the Administration/Classroom Building. No membership dues are planned.

"We need everyone's support, even if it is just buying a cookie," Follis said. "Remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk."

## Newspaper wins awards

By ELIZABETH DELEON

This year's Texas Community College Journalism Association (TCCJA) convention was held in Galveston, and members of the Highland Herald staff took enthusiastic motives as they once again qualified to participate in the annual competition.

The convention, held Oct. 20-21, was hosted by Lee College, of Baytown, and was designated for journalism students that attend community colleges.

Emphasizing the importance of good journalistic writing skills, improving one's skills to their highest peak, as well as job opportunities available in the market of journalism and communications were among some of the topics discussed at the seminars.

What seemed to be the highlight of the weekend was the awards ceremony from which the Highland Herald brought home numerous awards.

The awards won by the Highland Herald included honorable mention for makeup of paper, honorable mention for newswriting to Jeff Osborne, third place in-

depth investigating and second place feature writing to Teri Lyn Eisma.

Other awards include second place feature writing to Darin Christie and Teri Lyn Eisma, second place newswriting to Jeff Osborne, honorable mention in general excellence to Jeff Osborne, and second place and honorable mention in sports photography to Ken Crawford.

Also, honorable mention in feature photography, second place in-depth investigative reporting, and third place in editorial writing to Ken Crawford.

Students found the convention very informative and helpful in learning what it takes to become a good journalist. "The photography session was the best that they ever had, and Ben DeSoto (seminar guest) really had it all together. He presented one of the best photography seminars that I have seen in a long time," said Crawford, senior associate editor and photography editor for the Highland Herald.

The next competitive convention will be held in the spring at the University of North Texas in Denton.

## Local state legislators optimistic about '89 insurance appropriations

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

When the state legislature meets again on Jan. 10 Texas junior colleges and their employees may feel more sure about being insured.

According to recent interviews with state representatives M.A. Taylor and Betty Denton, colleges could possibly expect the state to repay vetoed health insurance funds to Texas colleges.

"We found ourselves in a tight position last time" when Gov. Clements vetoed the appropriation bill, Taylor said. The choice was either "hit the taxpayer with a tax increase" or "have people who had money...pay the expenses," Taylor said.

MCC was obliged to use reserve funds to pay \$900,000 for employee health insurance, according to Dr. Dennis Michaels, president of MCC. Other colleges across the state faced similar losses, he added.

## Med-aide class added for fall

by KATHY PEARSON

The course for medication aides is usually offered once a year in the spring, but because of the large response, an additional class was held this fall.

"We have already had a lot of inquiries about the next class," said Lois Kerr, continuing education.

Medication aides are utilized by nursing homes or mental retardation facilities to give certain medicines to clients. Medication aides may administer oral medications, monitor responses or reactions to medications, take vital signs, and document in the client's record.

Initial doses of medications that have not been previously given, injections, sterile applications of topical medications, calculating dosages, and inhaled medications are some of the restrictions of medication aides. Medication aides may not take telephone orders from physicians or give orders to pharmacists.

Medication aides must pass a written exam that is proctored by

"I have good reason to believe those funds will be replaced," Taylor went on to say. "I hope so, (but it's) too early to know."

Denton, who served on the Appropriations Committee in the last legislative session, said she felt the money appropriated was "well supported...I thought the governor was out of line to veto it."

"I haven't taken a poll of the members" to know how they will vote next term, Denton said. The McLennan County delegation hasn't met yet either, Denton said.

"I'm very supportive," Denton said, "(and) would be willing to sponsor or co-sponsor the bill."

"A thought for consideration now is perhaps putting the bill on hold, until we see what's in the budget," Denton said. She compared it to "spending \$300 on a dress the first of the month and then having to cut the...food bill at the end of the month or go without."

Denton said, "personally I'm optimistic on it...in all fairness we'll have to wait and see how it will be done."

the state. They are certified by the state with a grade of 70 or above. Medication aides must be recertified and have a 7 hour refresher class every year.

The next class is scheduled for the 1989 spring semester. Tuition is \$150 plus books. Anyone interested should contact Lois Kerr, MCC continuing education, 750-0551, ext. 208 for further information.

"Often what happens is an employer will pick one of their better aides and will pay to send them to class," said Kerr. Many times the employer will pay the tuition fees.

Requirements to enter the program calls for a person to be currently employed by a nursing facility in the capacity of a nurse aide or a mental retardation facility as a non-licensed, direct-care person, 18 years of age, a high school graduate or GED, must be recommended for the course by the administrator and the director of nurses of the facility they work for.

Applicants must also pass an entrance exam, be in good health, and furnish references.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Financial aids workshop

A "Financial Aids Workshop" will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 16 in room 101 of the Health and Physical Education Building. The workshop will include an 18-minute film called "Paying for College," information on MCC and a question and answer session. The seminar will cover grants, loans, scholarships and work-study programs. Staff members will be available to help students and/or parents fill out financial aid applications for the spring semester. For additional information call ext 320 or 397.

### Criminal justice career day

The Criminal Justice department is having a career day Nov. 15, 9:30-12:30 a.m. The entire student body and public are invited to attend the seminars and activities.

Around 60 agencies from all over the state of Texas will be here to present job opportunities in the criminal justice field. For more information please contact Hugh Belger, program director, at 756-6551, ext. 284 or room 211 in the HIPE building.

### Abuse Center needs donations

The Family Abuse Center needs donations such as food, clothing, baby bottles, etc. If you have items to donate or would like to help the Center acquire donations, call Patty at 753-8401.

### Your thanksgiving recipes wanted

The Highland Herald staff would like to invite faculty, staff, students, readers, and anyone who cooks to submit their best Thanksgiving recipes to be printed in the Nov. 22 Highland Herald. Entries are subject to being edited, but our goal is to print a full feast, along with the chefs' names.

### London Brass to perform in Waco

The School of Music at Baylor University will present the London Brass in concert this Thursday, November 10 at 8 p.m. in Roxy Grove Hall (adjacent to Waco Hall) on the Baylor campus. The group will play different pieces by several classical composers. Admission is \$7. Baylor faculty and staff with current I.D. may purchase tickets for \$5. For more information, call 755-3991.

### Speech contest to be held

The speech department will be participating in the Texas Inter-collegiate Forensics Association contest this week-end. The contest will be held at the University of Texas, Arlington, Nov. 12-13.

### McLennan Scholars honored

MCC freshmen who received McLennan Scholarships during their junior and senior years of high school will be awarded a McLennan pin in the Lecture Hall at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16.

### 'Country Jamboree' Thursday

MCC's Commercial Music Department will present a "Country Jamboree" featuring some of MCC students and faculty musicians Nov. 10 at the Fine Arts Theater. Admission is free and the show starts at 8 p.m.

### Transfer scholarship offered

A scholarship opportunity for transfer students from two-year colleges has been announced by Boston University. Each Transfer Scholar selected will receive a full scholarship covering undergraduate tuition and fees. Students nominated but not selected will be considered for other awards by Boston University.

Two students from MCC will be nominated by President Dennis Michaels for this award. Interested students should contact the office of the vice president for student services for further details. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 15, 1989.

### Vets have assistance program

Have your GI education benefits expired? If you were a Texas resident when you enlisted in the military, and have lived in Texas for the past year, you may be eligible for the Hazelwood Act tuition assistance program. Contact Jane Borron, room 300A in the Student Center, ext. 400, for more information.

### Food drive starts next week

The Salvation Army will hold a canned food drive on Nov. 14 to mark the beginning of the holiday season. All clubs on campus are asked to participate in the annual event through club competition. Donations will be accepted from non-club members as well.

The drive will last until Dec. 2 and all donations go to the those less fortunate through the aid of the Salvation Army. For more information concerning the food drive or any other "good neighbor" community service project, contact the Salvation Army at 756-7271 and ask for World Bruwder.



Photo by Rose Polley

RHETT AND SCARLETT? Ken Crawford and Amber Reed show off their costumes at the Halloween Dance in the Student Center on Oct. 27. The two tied for first with Elizabeth DeLeon and Harvey Evans in the couples costume competition.



# When helping a friend, what's the best advice to give?

By KEITH JENKINS

Imagine that a close friend of yours is facing a serious problem, but has not let you know about it.

You have noticed that for some time your friend has been troubled by this problem and only seems to get worse day by day. Should you try:

- A. Asking questions about what's troubling them?
- B. Seeking advice elsewhere about their problems such as with a counselor or other friends?
- C. Avoiding their problem because it may be too personal?

Having a hard time answering? Your not the only one who has a tough time trying to decide the best way to help out a friend whose going through something.

When a friend asks for your advice, you may not have any trouble offering suggestions in order for them to cope. But it's important to think about if you're totally taking everything into consideration.

Giving a friend advice shouldn't be taken lightly. Some problems are so extreme that they can leave a person scarred for life. When someone is totally dependent on a friend, the advice can sometimes be vital.

Several experts agree that when a friend is in need, you have to be careful of how you go about helping them. It's important to know how to step in when giving your advice and also when to keep your distance.

A problem that can often occur with a person going through a crisis is that it's possible for them to receive various suggestions from their closest friends on how to solve the problem. Usually, these suggestions are based on past experiences.

According to Dr. Theodore Smith, director of the Central Counseling Service in New York City, people shouldn't assume that what methods worked for them in a situation are the same that will work for everyone.

"Even with the best of intentions our motives in helping our friends are often mixed. In giving advice, don't be guided solely by your attitudes and experiences, which is a way of justifying them. Take an emotional step back to see to what extent your advice is colored by your biases," said Smith.

But don't leave yourself out totally. If you have an experience

that your friend can relate to, try and talk to them and let them know what your feelings were at the time.

Back to the question of how you go about helping a friend with a serious problem, and they have not let you know about it yet, experts feel that the best plan of action depends on the problem and the person.

**"For those who can tell their problems no matter what they are to their friends, they often may use their friends as a 'leaning post.'"**

For example, experts believe that if you notice that your friend is constantly depressed, worried, or on drugs, it's your obligation to speak up. But how do you approach them?

A good way is to ask your friend in a positive way that shows your concern for their life. It's important that you don't say anything negative that can cause your

friend to feel down or get defensive.

"Your best approach is to get his permission. Tell your friend you really care about what happens to him. Ask him if it's okay to talk about it. If he says no, respect his wish, but tell him you'll be around in case he ever does want to talk about a problem," explained Smith.

If your friend allows you to start asking questions and they become upset, you must then stop and still let them know that when they are ready, you'll be there for them.

For those who can tell their problems no matter what they are to their friends, they often may use their friends as a "leaning post."

Experts agree that situations like this are not good for a friendship. This may often cause friction between friends if one gets irritated by their friend's constant dependency.

When students go off to college, a need to have true friends can be important and play a major part in their lives. In many cases, the friends who become closest to you

are the ones that become like family. While in school, students are confronted with many problems big and small.

You have the everyday small problems such as trying to find the right socks to match what your wearing, and the big ones that can cause depression and pain.

It is during these difficult times that true friends are needed for comforting and to just be there to talk to.

**"Even with the best of intentions, our motives in helping our friends are often mixed."**

In times when your friend only thinks of his troubles, suggest that they mingle with different people by going to a party, to a movie, or some other activity. Studies have shown that even exercise can sometimes decrease a person's depression.

Whether or not you need advice with a problem or you have to give advice to someone, a major advantage is having a true friendship.

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One that is solid as a rock and can last through the good and the bad times, and get stronger after each crisis no matter what the outcome is.

Since I've been at college, I've been fortunate enough to establish special relationships with people who have made my life more enjoyable and meaningful, and you know who your are.

Trust and honesty are aspects of friendship that have made my relationships endure and count when needed through the difficult times.

It's a great feeling when you have true friends, and each one of you have been helped by just having each other there.

It's times like these that can make you say, "Now that's what friends are really for."

## Watkins:

### More than just a teacher

By SHERRY WILLIAMS

Cruising down College Drive during lunch time you notice a jogger heading toward the MCC campus. Getting closer, he seems familiar. Have you met him somewhere before? Is he in one of your classes? Maybe so, because that jogger might be Winfred Watkins.

Watkins is a teacher of medical lab technology, painter, Boy Scout leader, co-sponsor for Student Government, 10K runner, a deacon at 2nd Missionary Baptist Church, a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, a father, and sponsor for Students on the Move for Christ.

"Sometimes it may be better to stretch yourself out so that in the interim you can do more," said Watkins. "Just like working a muscle, it becomes toned and tuned up when worked."

Although Watkins was on the track team his freshman year in college, he gave it up because it interfered with academics. He continued his studies until his sophomore year when he volunteered for the Navy Reserve in 1962.

After four years of active duty in the hospital corps, Watkins was passing through Waco to visit his family on his way to another town to complete his education. He ended up staying in Waco and attending Baylor.

Upon completing graduate school in 1972, Watkins came to MCC to teach such courses as biology and anatomy. But after a while, he decided to go back to the clinical area to work as a microbiologist, lab director, and other lab-oriented jobs.

"It dawned on me that teaching is what I did and did well, and it ended up getting in the way of my clinical work as I was always teaching others on the job," he said.

Coming back to a teaching position at MCC in 1982, he was horrified to find that the size of everything had doubled. "The best way for me to deal with it was to jump right in," commented Watkins. He got involved with some peripheral activities on campus, such as the Highland Games, and he eventually became a co-sponsor of Student Government.

"You can get isolated in your own little building and not know people and form narrow opinions of the students, and then they can also form a narrow opinion of you," said Watkins. "I didn't want that as a career option."

Last year, Watkins was approached by a group of students from the Baptist Student Union who wanted to express themselves through singing, so he helped organize Students on the Move for Christ. He is only a supporter from the background as he stated that the group "wouldn't let (him) sing."

Watkins is on the Board of Deacons at 2nd Missionary Baptist Church and sponsors a Boy Scout Troop through the church. He recently took a group of 11-14 year old boys on a weekend camping trip. "I really enjoy working with kids of all ages," he said. "The older I get the more I enjoy younger kids."

Once or twice a year he gets to travel with the Navy. The reserve hospital corps goes to the woodlands in Minnesota or the beaches in South Carolina and Watkins supervises the construction of an emergency, temporary hospital.

He said he feels that this is beneficial to both MCC and the Navy as he teaches and supervises in each position. The age group is the same in both places, so his experiences out in the field also benefits his students at MCC.



WINFRED WATKINS

In his spare time, Watkins enjoys dabbling in painting. He has painted throughout his life and finds it challenging as well as an enjoyable tension reliever. Although he has sold one or two paintings, he has given away or kept most of his paintings.

Watkins has a wife and two children who even further fill his time.

"Most people don't stretch themselves enough. If you have lots of leisure time you're not maximizing your possibilities," Watkins said. "It is the most tremendous feeling to know you are able to do all of these things and touch other people."

## Disabilities don't stop dreams

By SARA WARTES

"You see things; and you say, 'Why? But I dream things that never were; and I say, Why not?' Those words of George Bernard Shaw could be the motto of the handicapped students at MCC.

While their lives may be somewhat limited physically, their goals and their determination are boundless. They have refused to spend their lives asking "why?" and have grown stronger through learning to meet the challenges of their disabilities.

Drew Hosie plans to teach military history. As a child he collected badges and insignia from various military regiments. His father is in the Air Force and his mother is a history buff, so they encouraged him.

Jesse Johnson has a burning desire

Hosie's handicap has actually increased his interest in the subject. Getting from point A to point B in a wheel chair takes more thought and planning than walking does. "It has made me think more. That got me interested in military strategy," he said.

Rene Willis is a business major and is considering law school. She feels she has become more assertive as a result of her physical limitation. When people make remarks about her brace, she comes back with a wise crack instead of fuming.

Facing her own difficulties has also made Willis more compassionate and given her a desire to help other people.

Jesse Johnson has a burning desire

to be a scientist. He talks enthusiastically about the potential science has for solving some of the world's problems, such as the greenhouse effect.

Realistically, Johnson recognizes that his legal blindness is a "big challenge" in reaching his goal. "To get somewhere you work hard, and the harder you work the better you'll be when you get there," he said.

"I knew I had to go to school if I wanted to have a normal life," Vincent Hall said. "Money is the difference between enjoying life and just living." He plans to get an accounting job following his graduation in the spring.

"I'm looking forward to the day when I can tell the government to keep their benefits," Hall said.

Why not?

## Librarian enjoys new position

By KEITH JENKINS

Since age 12, Jane Gamez, the new director of library services, has experienced working in a library.

In the fall of '87, Gamez started working at MCC's library as the circulation reference librarian. At this position, Gamez was in charge of the circulation area and also provided help in the reference department.

"This position was well received. It was the first time that it had been created and it gave relief to the other librarians that had been overworked," remarked Gamez.

Developing a more effective reserve system was one of Gamez's personal goals as the circulation reference librarian. She received a lot of help from the entire staff which enabled the library to provide more service to the students.

Before the start of this fall semester, Gamez was notified that a new director of the library would

be chosen. After deciding to apply for the job, Gamez was selected and began her new position on Aug. 22.

"As director, my job now deals with the entire library, where as before, my emphasis was mostly centered around circulation and reference," she said.

So far, trying to work with administration to improve the book budget and someday becoming automated are some of the goals that Gamez plans to work on.

As far as her given goals, she plans to work closer with the faculty and students on campus. The recent library survey is a good example of this effort.

"The survey is an excellent vehicle to look at if more students want the library to be open on the weekend. I'm hoping for a good response from the students," Gamez explained.

Even though Gamez has experienced work at various libraries including public, special, and university, the atmosphere of the community college is what she enjoys

the most. MCC has provided her with a nice working environment with people who have been friendly and helpful.

"I like the different variety of students on campus. Most of the students at community colleges seem to be very down to earth," she said.

Gamez had her first start in a library when she was 12 years old. Back then, she wanted to buy some books that were part of a sale in a library. She was told that if she shelved books, she could receive the books that she had wanted. To this day she still has those same books, but has never read them.

In the time that Gamez has been on campus, she has been fortunate enough to not have any problems with her work and intends on staying here as long as possible.

"I like MCC and working here. I don't have any plans of leaving anytime soon. When I first started, I knew that working here would be a learning experience and it still is," she added.

## Tennis team waylays Wharton

By KEN CRAWFORD

After traveling to Huntsville to meet Wharton Junior College halfway, the Highlanders improved their record to 4-1.

Mike Brown defeated Kirk Bruce 6-4, in straight sets. Rob Grant need Ken Warren 6-0, in straight sets. Stefan Cambal defeated Lacho Orrellana 6-1, 6-0. Nick Zinsmeister defeated Stefan Romnoren 6-1, 6-3.

After winning the first set 6-7, Chris Lewis lost the last two sets to Matt Goldthwaite 6-2. Bobby Galligan defeated Alphonso Calderon 6-2, 6-4.

In doubles Cambal, Zinsmeister defeated Bruce, Warren 6-1, 7-6. Brown, Grant defeated Orrellana, Goldthwaite 6-4, 6-1. Despite winning the first set 2-6, Galligan, Garcia dropped the next two 6-2, 6-4, to Calderon, Martinez.

Oct. 28 the Highlanders traveled to Lufkin for the Temple Intercollegiate tournament.

In flight one Grant lost the first match, won the second, then in the consolation finals lost to a U.T. Tyler player 7-6, 7-5, after winning the first set 1-6.

In flight two Cambal won his first two games then lost to Haken Olsson from Tyler Junior College 7-6, 7-5 in the championship finals.

Brown was flight three champion winning all three matches, defeating Ronny Lemvall from U.T. Tyler 6-2, 7-6, in the championship finals.

In flight four Zinsmeister won his first two before being defeated by Johan Svenson from Tyler Junior College 6-1, 6-4, in the championship finals.

In flight five Chris Lewis lost the first match, won the second, then was defeated by Alan Gonzalez from U.T. Tyler in the consolation finals 7-6, 7-5, after winning the first set 3-6.

In the sixth flight Bobby Galligan lost the first match, won the second then defeated Chris Jauz

from UTA 6-2 in straight sets for the consolation championship.

In flight one doubles Brown and Grant lost the first, won the second, then received Consolation champions by default.

In flight two doubles Cambal and Zinsmeister won the first two then defaulted in the finals because Zinsmeister injured his arm.

In flight three doubles Lewis and Garcia won all three matches two by default and received finals champions.

The Highlanders next match is a big and important one. The tentative date for the Tyler Junior College match is Sat. Nov. 12, here. No time has yet been set.

"Tyler is a big match because they are one of the premier junior college programs in the nation and we like to think we are on that level too," Berryman said.

"Tyler is currently ranked third in the nation while we are ranked eighth. National ranking and the bragging rights in Texas are at stake," Berryman said.



JANE GAMEZ, the new director of the Library, looks over a student's response in a recent library survey.

Photo by Rose Polley

# Handicapped student doesn't let blindness slow him down

By SARA WARTES

When they go to a concert or listen to a recording of their favorite artist, most people do not realize that behind the scenes is another artist.

"I can't get over the quality of people they have teaching in the music department. By the time I leave MCC I should be able to hold my own."

David Munroe is studying in MCC's commercial music program to be an audio technician. "You can take someone who misses a note in a recording and go back and overdub," he said. "You record just that one note and put it in the recording. It sounds like he never messed up."

wouldn't mind being backstage running the sound board for a concert or hiding myself off in a studio somewhere and recording somebody. I'm a blind person. I like weird noises and stuff."

Munroe said that losing his sight has caused him to "pay more attention to my ears," and has helped develop his interest in sound.

Munroe lost his sight gradually between the ages of 4 and 8 years. In fourth grade he began his interest in music by learning to play trumpet. At first he used Braille music, but eventually he found it easier to play by ear. He would listen to the trumpet section play a piece and then play what he heard.

In spite of his blindness, Munroe marched with his high school band in his junior year. But in his senior year a new band director designed such complicated marching patterns that "even the people who could see had trouble learning them." He decided to remain on the sidelines.

Munroe got a keyboard when he was 14 and it has become his primary instrument. He plays with a band in the music program, rock music but not "heavy metal." He has written a few songs. One is called, ironically, "X-Ray Vision."

"It's like the traffic pattern changes when I walk down the street."

blind people who get really down on themselves, and they get kind of mean."

Munroe would like people to be more casual about his blindness. He said people tend to over-react a bit, jumping to his rescue.

"It's like the traffic pattern changes when I walk down the street," he said. "People seem to be saying, 'Watch out for the blind guy! If you hit him you're in big trouble!' Sometimes I think I'm the only blind person in Waco."

Munroe is used to walking in Austin. "I've crossed streets that people are afraid to try to cross in a car," he said.

When he lived in Colorado, Munroe participated in a blind snow ski program. Each blind skier had an instructor who went along with him and guided him. At the end of the program he won third place in a race where they competed for the fastest time down a course marked with cones. He also enjoys water skiing when he gets the chance.

Munroe is impressed with the music department at MCC. He had been told he might have to go to Los Angeles for audio technician training. When they heard about MCC's program, he and his parents visited the campus in the summer. After talking to David Hibbard, program director of commercial music, they were convinced this was the place for him.

"I can't get over the quality of people they have teaching in the music department," he said. "By the time I leave MCC I should be able to hold my own."



Photo by Ken Crawford

MUSIC STUDENT DAVID MUNROE plays a song on his elaborate keyboard stand in his apartment. Munroe is studying to become an audio technician. Although he is blind, his handicap does not slow him down.



CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DRESS was highly visible on the second day of the first Fall Harvest Festival. From the left are Evelyn Pratkan, new MCC Trustee Ernest Uptmore, Maggie Grmela (in her "kroj" costume), Mike White (chairman of the Fall Festival Committee), and Suzanne Ferrero. Materials and much of the handiwork for the costumes came from Maggie's Fabric Patch in West. Grmela's kroj, which is over 100-years old, was brought over from Czechoslovakia.

**Job Opportunities**

**CLERK/CASHIER:** Monday-Friday/Saturday-Sunday, flexible hours, \$3.55/hr.

**CASHIER:** days vary, 3-11 p.m., \$4/hr, cash register experience, must be over 18 years of age.

**ANAGEMENT/TRAINEE:** 12:30-9 p.m., salary--DOE, previous retail experience.

**CLERICAL:** Monday-Friday, flexible hours, \$3.35/hr.

**TELEMARKETING:** telephone registration, appointment setting, etc. Monday-Friday 9-9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., salary-hourly/commission.

**COMPUTER OPERATOR:** Monday-Friday, one Saturday/month, \$4.75/hr., Waco resident.

**RESEARCH:** Monday-Friday, 10-20 hpw, computer and word processing skills, Biology and Chemistry background, library research skills, good clerical skills.

**NIGHT WORD PROCESSING:** Monday-Friday, 10 p.m.-3 a.m., \$4.80/hr, detail oriented, PC experience.

**DRIVER/STOCKER:** 3-9 p.m. weekdays, all Saturday, \$3.75/hr., must be over 21 years of age, have clean driving record.

**PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT:** one weekend monthly, caring for female confined to wheelchair.

**KITCHEN HELP:** days vary, 8 p.m.-midnight, salary to be discussed.

## Actors selected for 'Romeo and Juliet', rehearsals begin

By TANYA CLARK

The MCC Drama Department held auditions for its next production, "Romeo and Juliet," on October 10 & 20. Playing the lead roles will be Chuck Ellis and Stacy Hellums.

Also making the cast are Dwight Upton as Escalus, Prince of Verona/Chorus; Jeff Buchanan as Paris, a young count; Gary Lasseter as Montague; Greg Scott as Capulet.

Mike Wagner as Mercutio; Richard Caldwell as Benvolio; Les Stevens as Tybalt; Richard Martin as Friar Laurence; Kris Andrews as Friar John/Porchbearer; Jeff Tribbitt, as Balthasar; and David Boone as Abram.

Don Hurt as Sampson; Nick Ward as Gregory; Jody Wodrich as Peter; Stephanie Bennett as Lady Montague; Jari Todd as Nurse; Kristi Gathright, Tina Wil-

burn, Lori Retcholff, and Kim Hopkins as Gentlewomen. The part of Lady Capulet will be double cast between Laura Sulak and Amy DuBose.

The assistant director and stage manager is Julia McClellan. Costumes will be done by Denise Mize. Handling the lighting will be Charlie Newman and the technical director is Don Hurt.

Romeo and Juliet will be presented on December 1 thru 4. Tickets go on sale November 18, and box office hours are from 2:00 to 5:00.

## Name in the news

Henry Apperson's history classes helped him celebrate his birthday last week. Students brought Apperson's favorite kolaches from West to mark the occasion.

## MCC swings with 'Big Bands' jazz concerts

By PAUL BUCHHOLZ

MCC students were treated to a "Big Band" concert Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Performing Arts Center. Commercial music students performed jazz under the direction of Dave Hibbard, program director of MCC's commercial music program.

The band played some standards and some less known numbers as well.

Outstanding solos dominated the concert, performed by Thomas Klehm (sax), Mike LaRue (guitar), Rob Stiteler (drums), Tom Spry (trumpet), Joe Lopez (guitar), and others including Hibbard himself, who opened the show with a blazing trumpet solo.

Audience reaction was enthusiastic, and each number and solo prompted appreciative applause.

Students can look forward to more concerts at the Performing Arts Center this semester.

## Halloween dance draws disguised students

By SUSAN POLLEY

The annual Halloween dance held in the Student Center October 24 was once again a successful event, attracting a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Student Government president Brian Wallace estimated that a total of about 200 people attended the dance. Student Government was responsible for holding the dance.

"I've been told by many that the dance was a great success because of the large turnout and the interesting costumes," Wallace said. "More people were in costume this year, I think, than last year."

Wallace was also pleased with the way the dance looked. "The decorators did an outstanding job," he said.

Greg Clark, director of student activities and Student Government sponsor, said that he felt the dance was popular and that members hauled the costume contest well.

Crowd applause determined the best dressed girl, guy, and couple. Melody Brown, the daughter of an MCC student, stole the hearts of the crowd as a young Barbie.

Jeff Tribbitt, of the drama department, certainly had the most original costume. The interest sparked by the walking table was enough to secure first place in the guys' costume contest.

However, the couple competition was a little more intense. The crowd could not choose between a couple of skeletons, (Elizabeth DeLeon and Harvey Evans) and a Civil War couple (Ken Crawford and Amber Reed).

Chris Clinkscales, owner of Professional Light and Sound, deejayed the dance. Clinkscales has provided the music for several MCC dances in the past.

## In Case You Were Wondering...

### He who hath the best toys wins

By DARIN BROCK

I heard a saying once that said "He who hath the best toys wins." To some kids that may be true, but when you think about it, it's not really so.

The other day I was babysitting my young cousin, while I watched cartoons he was in his room playing with some of his toys. After an hour or so he began to tell me he was bored. I asked if he had any other toys he could play with. He said yes but they were all boring he added. So I went back to his room and started rumaging through his toy chest. I was stunned at the multitude of things there were to play with.

There were Go-Bots, Transformers, G.I. Joes, an Atari 5600, a remote control car, tank, and a truck, various toy guns that made an array of noises and firing several small objects. He also had several small electronic games.

So I asked him why he was bored and he said he didn't have anything neat to play with. Hearing this I thought to myself "Damn, I wish I had this kind of stuff to play with when I was a kid." I then started thinking about the stuff I had available to play with when I was his age. Although it was only 10 years ago the change in things was incredible.

When we were young we had to rely more on our imagination for fun, rather than some mechanical toy. Sure we things like Star Wars paraphernalia, super hero dolls and Micronauts but they are not anything compared to today's G.I. Joes or Transformers. I can also remember when Legos were the premier toys. Now days, the only way you can find Legos are in boxes that will allow you to only make one thing.

To make matter worse, today kids have an array of television games they can play. Atari 5600, Commodores, Nintendo, various personal computers and even VCR war games are some of the things kids get to play with. The Atari and Intellivisions that came out when we were in junior high are so outdated you can buy them for less than 50 dollars.

But these toys, with all their wonder and technology, can not provide a kid with an essential element of growing up: an imagination. If anything, the toys stifle the imagination. I think all the toys in the world should be taken away, and hidden for a long time so kids everywhere should have to rely on their own creative genius for entertainment. Now, if you will excuse me I am going to go play with my Transformers for a while.

## HPE burglaries still unsolved

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"It gets ridiculous when they steal shoes or when they steal a wallet that has nothing in it," Taylor said.

"Nobody that I know of has broken into the women's lockers," Schlottman said.

But it is always best to be safe, he suggests. He advises everyone to leave valuables in the equipment room where someone can watch them, or to take them with you where you can keep an eye on them yourself.

More than one person is involved, Schlottman believes. He's not really sure if they're students or another group. Until these people are caught, he said, everyone should be careful, keeping cars locked and taking valuables with them. Some things have been taken from cars parked behind HPE.

"If you have anything at all valuable in your car," Rob Taylor suggests, "don't park behind HPE."

Schlottman advises racquetball players not to leave anything in the hallway. This advice comes as a result of an experience Schlottman had while playing racquetball with his friend. His friend's bag was on top of his in the hallway. When they came back out after 5 minutes, the bag was gone. Apparently someone walking by picked up the top bag and just kept walking.

"It's kind of sad that you can't just leave something without worrying about it," McSpadden said.

According to McSpadden, the school does not do enough to provide security for students. "The school should have better locks and should have somebody in the locker room when classes are going on," he said. Burglary was a regular occurrence last year and this year, but not much was ever done about it, McSpadden said. "Security is kind of weak around here," Schlottman admits. They do plan to increase security and, sooner or later, to catch the culprits, he added. The hit-and-run tactics of burglars may overwhelm people who want to ensure their security. One measure of prevention might be to keep an eye out for people who are acting strangely and ask for IDs. Some suspicious activity has been observed, but "We haven't really caught any of these guys doing anything other than acting peculiar," Schlottman said. "You have to actually catch them in the act, which is the problem," Taylor said. Thieves can apparently work fast if they want to. As Rob Taylor swam with friends in the HPE swimming pool one afternoon, his locker was violated. Within a period of about 15 minutes, someone pried the lock off the locker and stole a wallet that contained nothing but pictures and an ID. While some may think him fortunate that nothing valuable was taken, the pictures in the wallet, Taylor said, were irreplaceable. Although mainly watches and wallets have been the target, one instructor's jogging shoes interested one thief.