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Operation Blackjack Cracking down on underage drinkers

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER
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Campus police, along with other area law enforcement agencies, will be doing their part in the fight against underage drinking.

Operation Blackjack is a combined effort between city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in McLennan County to prevent underage drinking, tobacco use, and use of counterfeit identification documents.

Law enforcement agencies have seen an increase in the past few months, where persons under the age of 21 have obtained counterfeit driver license, or identification documents, which indicated they are of an older age. With these counterfeit items minors purchase alcohol or tobacco, or frequent places where alcohol is served.

The counterfeit identification documents are being obtained in a number of ways. Some individuals will alter current identification documents to change their age. Others

are making their own counterfeit ID's by use of a computer or copier, and others are buying them from individuals who manufacture them to sell for profit.

As the result of underage drinking, tobacco use, and manufacturing and use of false ID's, the law enforcement community of McLennan County is taking steps to reduce this illegal activity with Operation Blackjack.

Local law enforcement agencies will begin with increasing public awareness of the seriousness of the possession and use of false ID's, alcohol, and tobacco.

"We will be involved with student activities, campus organizations, and the campus-based O.P.T.I.O.N.S. program, to help inform students of the dangers in underage drinking and the penalties that will be imposed in this sting operation," said Larry Radke, MCC chief of police.

The public and students will be briefed on the following violations:

- It is against federal law to produce, use or possess, a false identification document. A person can

be fined up to \$250,000, and be placed in a federal penitentiary for up to 15 years.

- It is against state law to manufacture or sell a false ID. This violation is a third degree felony, and a person can be fined up to \$10,000, and be placed in a state penitentiary for up to 10 years.

- Purchasing alcoholic beverages using a false ID is also a state violation, and a person can be fined up to \$4,000, and be placed in jail for up to one year.

- The use of false ID, or someone else's ID is also a violation and a person can be fined up to \$500, and be sentenced to community service, loss of driver license, and/or jail.

- Possession of a false ID or one belonging to someone else is also a violation and a person can be fined up to \$500, and/or go to jail.

After students have been given this warning, stricter enforcement will be put into effect. On this day instead of the offender receiving a ticket, the offender will go to jail.

This will involve an enforcement effort on a particular day. Law enforcement officials say they plan to

conduct the operation within the next couple of months around the time of proms and graduations.

Students do not realize the potential problems they are placing themselves and others in when they violate these laws. In the next few years these young people will be completing school and applying for jobs. On many of the job applications questions regarding arrests and use of illegal drugs will be asked. Any dishonesty on these applications will be revealed in a background check. These decisions can affect the rest of their lives.

Law enforcement officials will be at nightclubs, convenience and liquor stores, parties, and any place minors may possibly be violating these laws.

"We are not only looking for minors, but for fake ID manufacturers," said Dave Wilkins of the Waco/Austin office of the Secret Service.

In another Texas county an operation similar to Blackjack resulted in the arrest of 47 youths in one night. These type of operations will continue throughout the state of Texas.



"Celebration"

Highlanders celebrate Patrick Beale's home run during the third inning, which helped them take a 6-4 lead against the North Central Texas Lions. The team now has its first number one national ranking since the 1980s. See page five for story.

Pulitzer Prize winner to read poetry on campus

By JENNIFER WOKATY
Co-Editor in Chief

When English instructor Arvis Scott wrote to Gwendolyn Brooks last November, she did not expect a reply.

Before the Christmas holidays, Scott received not only a Christmas card, but an acceptance from the Pulitzer Prize winning poet to read on campus.

"I was pretty surprised. This woman I had read about... was actually coming," said Scott, who teaches African American Literature.

"She was one of the first African American writers that I was exposed to growing up," said Scott. "She represented an accomplishment."

In 1950, Brooks became the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize for "Annie Allen," which chronicles the growth of a Black girl into womanhood.

Among her many achievements, she received over 50 honorary doctorates and served as a Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress under the Carter administration. Also, she is poet laureate of Illinois, writer-in-residence at Chicago State University, and a member of the National Women's Hall of Fame.

"One of her goals was to write about ordinary things," said Scott of Brooks who began writing at the age of seven.

Brooks continued composing poetry throughout her teens, publishing her first in her teens.

Influenced by the 1920s Harlem Renaissance, her work also discusses themes of ethnic and racial identity on life and African American culture, as in one of her most quoted poems "We Real Cool" which describes the thoughts of inner-city hoodlums. Scott explained, she wants readers to understand "the beauty of their struggle to overcome racism."

"She helped to tear down the barriers in the 50s and 60s," said Scott.

On April 12, Brooks will read selections of her poetry in the Lecture Hall from 11:30-12:30 p.m., followed by a reception and book signing.

Later in the evening, she will read at Baylor University from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Meadows Auditorium in the McCrary Music Building.

For more information, call 209-8940.



THE TARTAN SCHOLARS hangout after cleaning up a highway in Bosqueville, participating in the adopt a highway program. Tartan Scholars present were Kristan Cook, Uwe Carl, Torri Wood with her son Daniel Wood, LaKeshia Whitfield, Mandolin

Shannon, Jeni Franklin, Richard Jander, and Alice Peper (not pictured) with her sons Austin and Barron. Also present, Administrative Assistant to the President's Office, Fay Gutierrez with daughter Monica (not pictured).

Overcoming cultural differences Tartan Scholars return from Czech Republic

By JARROD KEININGHAM
Staff Reporter

Tartan Scholars and six faculty members arrived home with varying opinions and experiences concerning their trip to the Czech Republic over this past spring break.

The trip was in coordination with the exchange program with Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. This program facilitates an open exchange of professors and students from Masaryk and the instructors and students from the college.

The Tartan Scholars and faculty members attended a mountain retreat in Cikhaj, Czech Republic, which was a part of the exchange program.

While at Cikhaj, Linda Hatchel, an English instructor, instructed Czech students on the theme "American Society" focusing on "Literature of the Southwest" which was comprised of Native American stories and cowboy ballads.

Most Czech students were English majors and were genuinely interested in American culture and literature.

Several questions were posed by the Czech students about America and Texas.

"Many thought that Texans wore ten gallon hats and went to rodeos and I was asked if I rode bulls, which I never have," Hatchel said.

"They receive most of these views from TV shows such as 'Dallas' and 'Walker: Texas Ranger.'"

However, opinions on America were more critical.

A Czech student related to Tartan Scholar Jeni Ro' Franklin that many Czechs believe Americans were narrow-minded and that the

Czechs get the impression that the Americans think what they do is the best.

Communication difficulties also arose when the English speaking Tartan Scholars felt isolated around Czech students who began to speak Czech. This in spite of the fact that for Czech students it was to be an immersion into English where English was to be the only spoken language.

Also, cultural differences did arise over the seating at meals.

"The scholars would go to where the Czech students sat but were not asked to sit down and join them," Hatchel said.

"Czech students were curious why the scholars didn't join them at their tables and the Tartan Scholars were curious why they were not asked to sit down."

Yet, after dialogue between the Tartan Scholars and the Czechs, the problem was found that for the Czechs it is customary for people to sit at an open space at a table without having to ask them. While for Americans, it is customary to be asked to sit before they would sit at a table.

Food was another issue that was hotly debated.

"After the third day in the Czech Republic, the Tartan Scholars had something they desired from home such as Mexican food and Dr. Pepper," Franklin said.

For breakfast, the scholars ate cereal and fruit that "tasted like sour pickles," said Franklin. Also, at every meal they ate some type of dumplings. Even the Czech students commented on the food being below average.

While attending classes with Czech students which focused on cultural differences, the Tartan

Scholars got insight into the Czech culture.

"They were given a scenario: If they were having a beer with a friend at his work where he was a supervisor and an employee was injured due to their friend's negligence, what would they do if asked about their friend's negligence," Franklin said.

"The majority of Czechs said they would lie for their friend which showed the loyalty that Czechs had for each other."

Despite differences in culture, the scholars managed to go sight-seeing which included viewing many castles, cathedrals, the St. Charles Bridge, as well as going to a Jewish ghetto and visiting a Jewish synagogue.

"The synagogue walls were about 10-15 feet high, and you could see the names of Jews who died in the holocaust panned on the wall. Also, there were drawings that Jewish children had made in concentration camps relating their experiences. It was very sad," Franklin said.

Despite the differences and experiences that they encountered, Hatchel and Franklin both expressed desires to travel to the Czech Republic again.

The other students who went on the trip were Megan Bass, Jodi Christian, Uwe Carl, Thomas MacReady, Stephanie David, Tracy Lee Denison, Marquita Denise Davidson, Shannon Lynn Johnston, Jennifer Franklin, Torri Linda Wood, Alice Peper, and LaKeshia Whitfield.

The faculty members who attended were Instructors Liso Uhl, Marilyn Kelly, Linda Hatchel, Mike White, Dawn Jane Vargas of Instructional Support Services, and Jerry Jordan who taught economics and business administration.

Campus organizations represent best of college at two conventions held in Austin this week

CHELSEA JACKSON
AND AMY JO WILSON
Staff Reporters

The MCC Student Government and some members of Phi Theta Kappa will be attending conventions in Austin this week.

Ten SGA members will be heading to the Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) State Convention, and PTK will be attending the state meeting of that organization in Austin on April 8-11.

Ronald Brown, Ryan Daily, Tammarra Hoard, Misty Hixson, Amy Lands Dhawan Patel, Parita Patel, Peggy Pflanz, Niel Smith and Kevin Sussel are expected to attend this convention from Student Government. Jodi Christian, Jeni Franklin, Ann Lindquist and Torri Wood, representatives from Phi Theta Kappa, are expected to attend the PTK convention.

Attendees from across the state will participate in workshops, elections of new state officers, region meetings, committee hearings and campaign speeches.

MCC Student Government Vice President Ryan Daily, who was elected in the late part of February at a Student Government regional meeting, will be sworn in at the convention. Daily is a MCC freshman and chairman of the College Republicans Association.

"I love politics," Daily said. "Student Government and College Republicans Association are great organizations to be involved in — you meet a lot of wonderful people."

MCC's Student Government will host a workshop at the state convention entitled "Cross Culture Communication," and according to Daily, a TJCSGA business meeting will be held in the House of Representatives.

Although the goal of the TJCSGA convention is to take care of student government business, committee or-

ganizers didn't forget college students are known to "love a good party." After the meetings are over, and notebooks are put away, the students will undoubtedly develop a "hats off" attitude and attend a Mardi Gras dance included in the agenda.

Despite the evening dedicated to fun, MCC's student government members will participate in four days of rigorous meetings in order to benefit junior colleges across the nation.

While in Waco, each member dedicates over 10 hours a week of his/her time. The SGA meets every Friday at 1 p.m. and the rest of the time is spent working on student government related issues in order to better campus life for students.

A formal Student Government election will be held in the fall of this year. Although an official date for the election has not been set, anyone wishing to participate or get more details on SGA can contact Amberda in Moore for more details.

Board of Trustees discuss new Art Center lease while softball field construction in the making

By JULIAN L. RAMON
Co-Opinion Editor

The MCC board of trustees held its monthly meeting last Tuesday to discuss the Art Center lease and the construction of the softball field.

One of the main points of interest was the leasing of the Art Center.

The current lease of the Art Center expired in September and dis-

cussions were made on what kind of new lease should be signed. The board discussed a new 50 year lease which was proposed but felt that the lease was too lengthy.

In other items of business, the board gave its approval on the hiring of a new business consultant. The new consultant, Golda Eldridge, brings along good work experience, having served in the Air Force and, for the past ten years, working as a senior pilot for Raytheon of Waco.

Eldridge will be employed at MCC until Aug. 31.

The board also discussed which company would be chosen for the construction of the new softball field. An agreement was made that a company by the name of Lindsay Contractors put up the best price at around \$87,450.

The board will continue discussing the bond elections, which will take place this summer during future meetings.

College Republicans Linking college to world of politics

By JACQUELINE HARVEY
Campus News Editor

The majority rules, and in a state that is home to some of the country's largest universities, MCC is spitting its small size and letting its voice be heard through a group of new leaders who call themselves the College Republicans.

Whatever a person's political affiliation, this new organization is helping to put MCC on the map.

The new club not only boasts 30 or so members in its first semester, but three of those executive members also hold officer positions in the Student Government Association. Not to mention, MCC is one of less than a handful of junior colleges given the privilege to use the College Republicans' name among such large universities as the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A & M.

The club is the newest of over 20 organizations at MCC. Although one of many, Faculty Adviser Orlando Bama insists that it is the members willingness to get involved



Photo courtesy of Kevin Susil and Ryan Daily
GOVERNOR GEORGE W. BUSH is shown above with College Republicans Co-Chairman Kevin Susil (left) and Chairman Ryan Daily (right). Both gentlemen assisted Gov. Bush in his last campaign for re-election.

in the world around them that makes the club unique.

"As an instructor of Government, I am delighted to observe that there are still a lot of bright, dynamic and motivated young men and women out there with a keen

interest in public affairs," Bama said. "The MCC College Republicans are a wonderful group of students many of whom I know personally, having had them in my classes. The most important thing is that they are involved. The 21st Century

leaders of Central Texas, Texas, and America will only be committed and involved citizens."

The objective of the organization is simply this: To be honorable representatives of the party whose beliefs they stand for "To share and promote the ideals of the Republican party" as put by club Chairman Ryan Daily.

And although still small in size, Daily insists a small number can sometimes be an asset when you are blessed with the right people.

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...a small group of dedicated individuals who work hard can accomplish anything.

Don't like 8 o'clock classes? Register now.

By SUSAN MARTINDALE
Career Development Office

Do you want to secure the perfect schedule for Summer I, Summer II, and even Fall? Now is the time. Registration begins Monday, April 5 and lasts until Friday, April 30 for Summer I, II, and Fall.

If you are eligible, you have the convenience of registering by telephone. To be eligible, you must be TASP or Accuplacer-all passed or TASP exempt, have completed at least one semester credit hour at MCC, have a 2.0 or higher GPA, and have been enrolled in Fall 1998 or Spring 1999. Instructions for telephone registration are outlined in the current class schedule.

Academic advising is available to all students, and required if you have not passed all sections of TASP or Accuplacer, and are not TASP exempt. Technical majors, you must see an advisor from your technical program. Arts and Sciences majors, you must, by appointment, be advised by the Arts and Sciences faculty member of your choice. A list of available faculty advisors and technical program directors is posted in the Student Services Building and Career Development Services, on the ground floor of the Student Center. Undeclared majors, you may see an advisor in Career Development Services between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday, and until 4:30 PM on Friday.

To register, you must have cer-

tain documents on hand. You will need a separate Course Advising Form for each semester you plan to enroll. These are available in the Admissions Office. For those wishing to register by telephone, your required PIN (personal identification number) will be printed on the Course Advising Form. Advisors will need to view copies of all transfer course work. You may also secure copies of transfer transcripts from the Admissions Office.

Do you have a copy of your degree plan? A degree plan is like a road map. It will tell you what courses to take to obtain the degree or certificate you are seeking. Technical degree and certificate plans are available in the program offices. Transfer majors, you may pick up

copies of the most commonly requested plans to transfer to nearby universities in Career Development Services. If we do not have what you need, you can make an appointment with a counselor to customize one for you.

Registration for Summer II and Fall will begin again June 7 and last through June 17. Fall only registration will take place July 26 through August 13. Telephone registration will be available continuously beginning April 5 through August 18. Last Chance Registration will take place in the Cafeteria May 27 for Summer I, July 7 for Summer II, and August 25, 26, and 28 for Fall. If you have questions or concerns please call 299 8413, e-mail us at now@mcc.cc.tx.us, or come by Career Development Services.

Journalism classes to attend spring conference

By JAMIE JONES
Sr. Assoc. Ed.

Members of the journalism department will be leaving on Thursday to attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) Spring Conference in Kerrville.

TIPA is the largest state association for collegiate journalism in the nation.

This organization was founded at Baylor and includes two and four

year schools. The college's journalism department has been a member of TIPA almost since the department began.

The college has received a number of awards at these conventions. Journalism instructor Tom Buckner served as president of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Advisers for two years.

The Southwest Journalism Conference and the Texas Community College Journalism Association will be holding conferences with that of

the TIPA.

Because of this, schools attending the convention will be coming from surrounding states. For instance, schools from Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico will be attending the convention.

"Year in and year out, this is one of the great learning opportunities for students involved in mass communications," Buckner said.

"These conventions involve sessions including virtually all phases of journalism. As many as six sessions will be going on at one time.

The regions top journalist will be on the program to speak at these sessions.

Also, students will get a chance to participate in live contests. The contests include newswriting, copy editing, headline writing, feature photography and more.

"Last year's convention gave me useful insight into the journalism field," said Elizabeth Meyer, journalism student.

The college takes one of the larger groups among attending community colleges.

The convention runs through Saturday.

While in Kerrville, department members will be staying at the YO Holiday Inn.

Members will also visit the YO

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Adopt-A-Schoolers 'shadow' campus employees

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Monday MCC faculty and staff shared the day with students from G.L. Wiley Middle School, the college's Adopt-A-School partner, on this semester's job shadowing day. The job shadowing program is one of the many Adopt-A-School activities MCC participates in with Wiley.

This activity, which takes place once per semester, allows a student to follow an MCC employee around for the day. This gives the student a true depiction of the work done on a daily basis by the faculty and staff members on campus.

The students are met by their shadowing partner at 9 am and spend the day following

faculty and staff members while experiencing the tasks of a work place. For lunch the cafeteria provides a free meal to all shadowing participants.

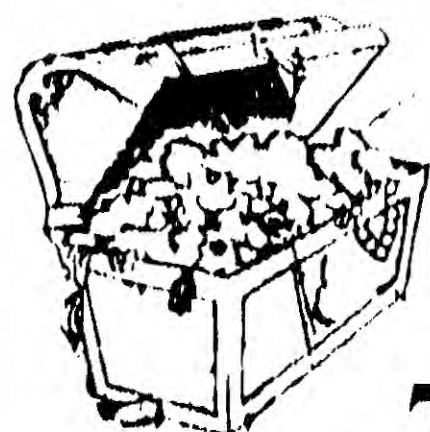
Job shadowing day presents students with the opportunity to get a feel for a true working environment, and provides MCC employees the opportunity to spend time and strengthen the bonds between the two schools.

"Students get the opportunity to see a working environment, as well as an educational institution," said Joe Fortson, MCC's Adopt-A-School program coordinator. "The staff enjoys spending time with the kids, some even give tours of the campus to their shadows."

For more information on this and other Adopt-A-School program activities, contact Joe Fortson at 299 8289

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Summer class schedules delivered

The 1999 Summer/Fall Class Schedules have arrived. Boxes of the schedules are being delivered to the buildings on campus. The schedules will also be delivered to everyone through campus mail. Schedules will be placed on the brochure rack outside of the Student Services building over the weekend. Schedules are also available in the Student Services Building and at Career Development Services.

Order graduation announcements now

Graduation announcements need to be ordered from the MCC Bookstore by April 19. A minimum of 20 announcements must be ordered at a cost of \$1.25.

Learn Spanish in Mexico

MCC will be sponsoring a trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico on July 10-24. The price is \$910 plus airfare. An exclusive visit to the pyramids of Teotihuacan, and to Taxco, the silver mining will take place. April 12 is the deadline to sign up.

Recipes sought

MCCOPA is collecting recipes to incorporate into a cookbook for a fund-raiser in the Fall semester. If you have a recipe to share, send it to the L: drive under mccoopa or send a copy to Amy Bowling or Mary Pratt.

Distance learning conference this week

The Texas Distance Learning Association will hold their conference in Waco, April fifth-eighth. The conference will feature a variety of instructional sessions and hands-on technical design. There are also tours scheduled for Baylor, TSTC, MCC, Region 12 Service Center, and Rio Brazos Educational Center. For more information contact Director of Extended Campus Education, Randy Shoreman.

Certified Nurse Aide class has openings

Several openings remain for the Certified Nurse Aide course scheduled to begin May 3. The course prepares students to test for the state CNA exam and become employed in the first level of a health services career. High School graduation is not required, but certification is required for employment as a CNA. Jobs are readily available in acute and long-term care facilities as well as home care settings, and beginning salaries average about \$6 an hour. CNAs also provide emotional and social support to patients and provide input into care plans. The course meets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday for four weeks, with the last two days devoted to taking the state examination. Students learn to provide basic nursing care under the supervision of licensed nurses. The cost of the course, including the state testing fee, is \$261, and the required textbook is an additional \$30. Some financial assistance may be available to students. Call Joyce Sims, RN, at 299-8784.

Health, safety courses offered

The college's Continuing Education program provides a variety of learning opportunities for community members interested in health and safety during April and May.

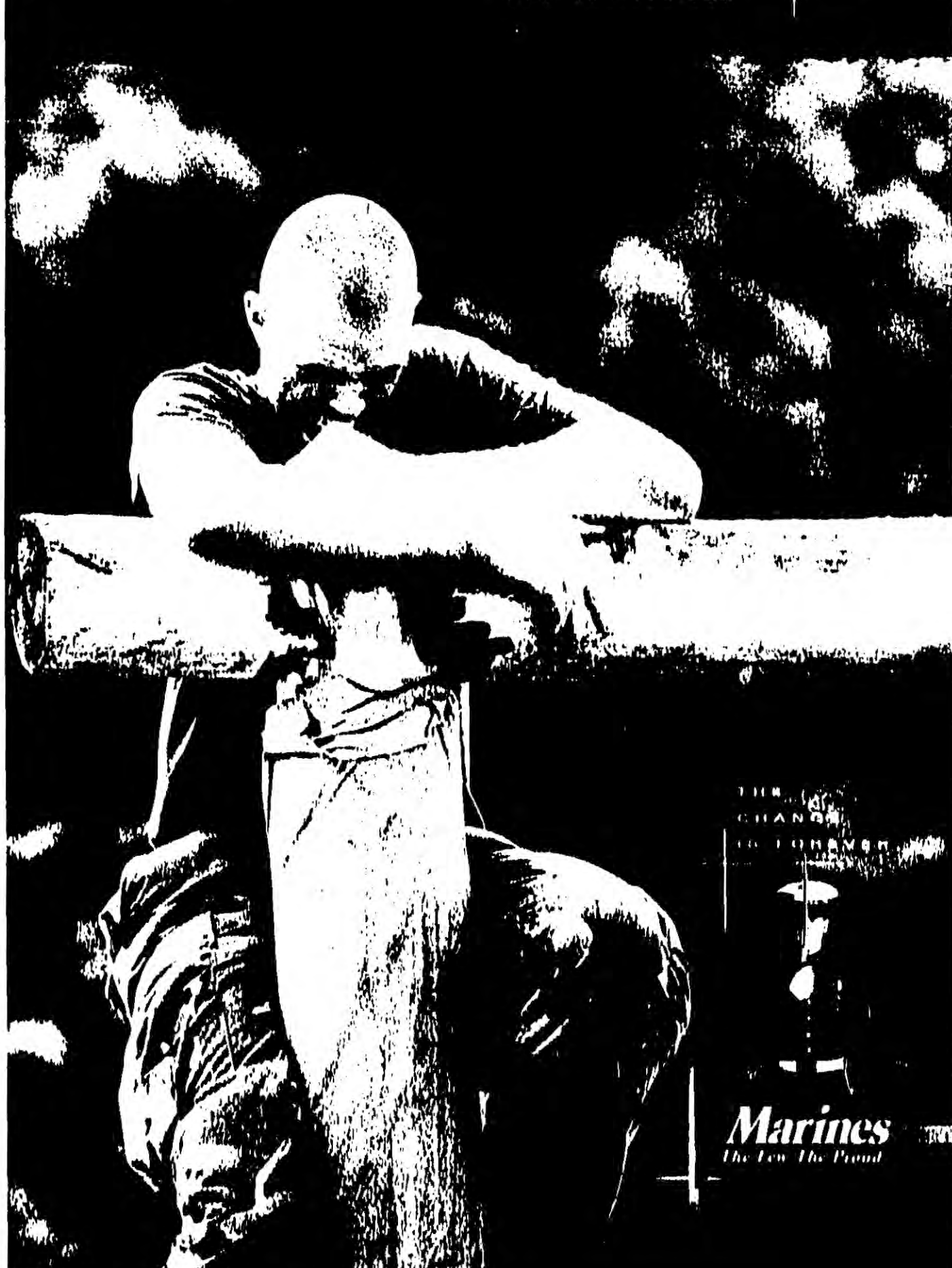
•Boater Education Certification, Saturday, April 10, 24, or May 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$29, includes certificate fees.

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Editorial Teens on Trial

Capital punishment in America is a state-sanctioned penalty for a person who commits a serious crime, entailing such barbaric methods as lethal injection, electrocution, gas chambers, hanging, and firing squads.

Teenagers, it seems, would be exempt from such punishment due to their lack of maturity, yet this is not the case, as juveniles are handed death sentences in America.

In fact, the United States is one of the few countries that even allow the government to condemn juveniles to death. According to a Time article, included in the death list are countries like Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia; perhaps the rest of the world has realized that executing juveniles is wrong.

Lack of maturity seems to be a weak case for advocates of the abolishment of teen capital punishment in light of horrific tales coming out of the dark corners of America.

The Luke Woodhams and Kipland Kinkels of the world offered no support when they decided to gun down fellow classmates. Yet the blame should lay on the society for not reaching out and not preventing such devastating outbursts.

Melody Erma child of the Progressive reminds us that treating the root causes of juvenile crime will produce more positive results than singularly sentencing to death the troubled adolescents for individual crimes. Certainly, for every single teenager that commits a heinous crime, there is an underlying current of teenagers feeling and thinking the same thoughts.

Those who support the death penalty of adolescents focus on the immediate emotional gratification of doing justice, and cite the death penalty as the ultimate deterrent of youth crime.

If this were true, and the risk of being strapped in a chair put the fear of god into troublesome youth, then a fifteen-year-old Kipland Kinkel would have hesitated to empty his .32 caliber pistol on twenty-four students at his hometown high school in Springfield, Oregon.

Rehabilitation, remediation, and restoration is the key. Temper the teens before the pressure of everyday life is too much to handle, and they explode.

Ironically, embedded in the Constitution of the United States is the right prohibiting "cruel and unusual punishment," or the Eighth Amendment. A red flag should wave when we start sending children to death row. Capital punishment for adolescents is cruel and unusual to the nth degree when we replace the parental spanking of yesteryear with the fatal electric shocks of our present.

"What do you like best about MCC?"

"MCC has been a great school for me to get my basics at. One of the good things about MCC is that the cost is so low, and all of the hours still transfer."

Misty Stevens
Major Undecided

"MCC has the friendliest and most helpful faculty that I have ever seen at a college. I appreciate the fact that the staff will go out of their way to help the students. It is very surprising."

Joey Herring
Art Major

"I enjoy the library because it has all of the resources I need. I like the top floor of the library most, because it is spacious, quiet, and there are rarely many people up there."

Zhenia Dulsakaya
Accounting Major

"I like how picturesque the campus is. I love going outside and watching the birds and squirrels playing in the trees and on the ground. It is very beautiful."

Esther Bradford
Occupational Therapy Major

"The instructors are the difference at MCC. It seems like they are more willing to help the students than those at private schools."

Chih Cheng
Major Undecided

The lab is especially helpful because it is open until 10:pm Monday through Thursday, and it is even open on weekends."

Charlie Conely
Network Administration Major

"I like seeing all of the students around the campus at MCC. It is easy to make new friends. I also like seeing all of my old friends that went to different highschools around town, because now we attend the same school."

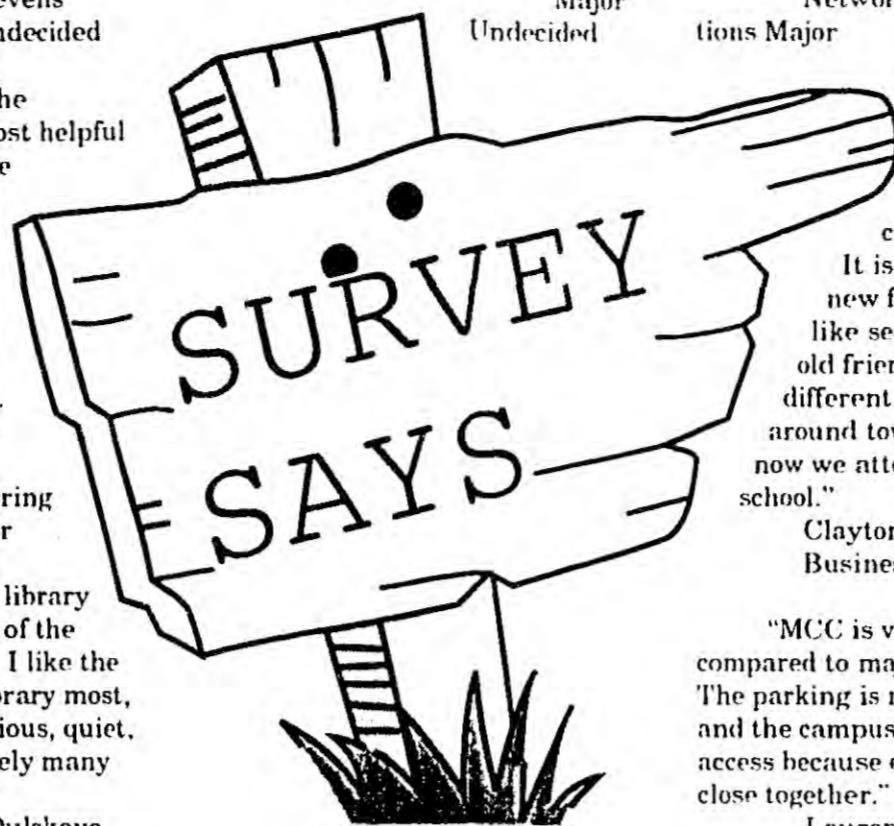
Clayton Felton
Business Major

"MCC is very convenient compared to major universities. The parking is not bad at all, and the campus is easy to access because everything is so close together."

Lauren Alfred
Business Major

Survey conducted
by Caleb Hagopian

Survey for the last
issue was conducted
by Mandolin Shannon



"The technology that is available at MCC is very helpful. The computer information systems in the library, and in the Applied Science Building are top

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A woman's place...

By CHELSEA JACKSON

Staff Reporter

America, the land of the free, and home of the brave. I am an American woman. Law guarantees me equality. I can vote, be in the army, own property, and all other rights once warranted to white men only.

In 1999, women are free and treated as equals, or are we?

Women have advantages such as, "Lifetime, Television for Women."

Under-privileged women can get a business loan easier than an under-privileged man can. Women, who are offended because men mention how nice they look, can easily cry sexual harassment. Women can "cop-out" of patriotism when wartime comes because the law allows it.

Equality? Sounds pretty UNequal to me.

Sure, I could indulge myself in all these "privileges" because male species repressed my grandma, but why?

I refuse to believe that men owe women because of something that is in the history books. Sure, I'll admit I've been known to trifle my husband, attesting it's the man's job to take out the trash.

I'll even admit I've proclaimed the roach on the wall can't possibly be at the mercy of my delicate feminine hands, or the lawn needs to be cut.

Surely, I can't be expected to subject my painted beauty to harsh effects of the sun. Excuses? You bet, but when it comes to real-life serious issues, I don't try to justify.

Just as some women are incapable and unwilling to fight in battle, so are some men. The government considers a short and skinny man to be a more effective soldier than a tall and muscular woman.

Equality? Not to me, and not according to the third edition of the "American Heritage Dictionary." Equality is defined as "having the same privileges, status, or rights."

I wouldn't say that I am a Womens's Lib activist, but I do expect fair and equal treatment, not a hand out.

There are many GI Janes out there among the female populous, and I want to be one.

I want to be successful because I climbed the wall with my bare feet, not because I'm woman with a step ladder. Only then can we truly be proud of our accomplishments.

True equality is to be given nothing.

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What is hidden in the woods at MCC?

By JAMIE JONES
Sr. Assoc. Ed.

The college and the land it sits on is rich in history.

Did you know that the Art Center was the home of William Cameron?

The campus was originally part of the estate of William Cameron. Upon his death, the estate was divided and his son, William Waldo Cameron, became the president of William Cameron and Company, Incorporated.

In 1910 and 1920, the Cameron family donated land to the city of Waco for the construction of a park.

Cameron Park was built as a memorial to the father, William Cameron.

This park is the largest municipal park in Texas.

If you want to see evidence of the Cameron family living here, in the woods by the Art Center, two barbeque pits stand. These are made of brick and have stood the test of time. These items have been standing so long, the woods have enveloped them.

Also, a hole is dug in the ground next to one of the pits. This hole appears to be a cistern. It is paneled by rock and quite deep.

Before cold storage was invented, people placed meat products in cisterns to keep them fresh.

Just outside of the wood line where these barbeque pits stand, you can see concrete and rebar on top of the ground. This is the foundation of Cameron's horse stables.

When the Art Center was the home of Cameron, a swimming pool existed where the court yard is now.

On the road going to the baseball field that is behind the Art Center, you can see a shed like building. This is a trap shooting booth.

The sport of trap shooting involves a person shooting discs out of the sky.

This booth may not have been for trap

shooting. Back then people held live pigeon shoots and sports of this nature because the lack of technology.

In the woods down by the river, a bike trail leads way to Cameron Park.

In the woods across from the front of the Liberal Arts (LA) building, you can see remnants of what used to be a nature trail.

The bike trail and the nature trail connect outside of Cameron Park.

In the woods across from the Applied Science (AS) building, you can view a green house.

Next to the wood line at the Community Services Center, you will find an old road. This road runs next to the front parking lot and it used to be the main entrance to the Community Services Center when it was Waco High.

Did you know that before the land MCC sits on was William Cameron's estate, it was inhabited by American Indians?

These Indians were of the Tonkawa tribe and one of the oldest tribes existing in the area.

Two of the oldest Paleo-Indian skeletons were found on the Brazos River. They are estimated to be over 10,000 years old.

The Indians were virtually nomadic. They went from place to place following the buffalo. Buffalo were the main source of livelihood for these Indians.

A Frenchman by the name of Athanase de Mezieres described the complete use Tonkawas made of the buffalo in saying "The brains they used to soften skins; the horns for spoons and drinking vessels; the shoulder bones to dig and to clear off the land; the tendons for thread and for bow-strings; the hoof, as glue for arrows; from the mane they make rope and girths; from the wool, garters, belts, and various ornaments. The skin furnishes harness, lassos, shields, tents, shirts, leggings, shoes and blankets..."

The Tonkawas also hunted and ate snakes, rats, carrion and skunks. Also, they were the

only tribe known in the area to have eaten fish and oysters. Tonkawas also practiced cannibalism.

A Texas Ranger by the name of Noah Smithwick witnessed a cannibalism ritual. He described the Tonkawas killing an enemy Comanche then tearing off the flesh, borrowing a wash kettle and placing the Comanche meat in it with corn and potatoes.

"When the stew was sufficiently cooked and cooled to allow of its being ladled out with the hands the whole tribe gathered around, dipping it up with their hands and eating it as greedily as hogs," described Smithwick.

The Waco Indians also inhabited the area. By 1772, the Comanches pushed the Wacos into the area of the Brazos River. There, the Indians lived in several villages.

The Wacos gathered and produced their food.

Don Juan de Onate said the villages "...were surrounded on all sides by fields of maize...many beans, some gourds..."

The women of the tribe were responsible for spring planting and fall harvesting while the men were responsible for the summer and winter buffalo hunts.

Wacos entering the Brazos River area was an invasion on Tonkawa land. This led to frequent battling.

The migration of buffalo led Comanches into the area the Wacos had attained. The Wacos also had to fight the Comanches.

The Wacos fought with bows and arrows, spears and clubs but never with lasting success.

The Indians began to retreat northward. Central Texas was swarmed by pioneers and this led to settlement. As early as 1830, more Americans inhabited the land than Indians.

MCC is the first junior college that was opened in McLennan County. It opened in 1969 at James Conally Air Force Base.

There, MCC operated for a couple of years before moving to its own campus overlooking Bosque Valley.

MCC's virtual tour ...

See the campus from your PC

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Thanks to MCC technical services you can now tour the campus and its buildings without leaving your seat with the MCC virtual tour, the latest addition to the MCC homepage.

The homepage found at www.mcc.cc.tx.us currently offers listings of class schedules, library and community resource links, the student handbook, and now a newly added tour of the campus. The tour is accessible on the MCC homepage at the following links: "Students," "Visitors," "News/Information," or "Community." It can also be found at: <http://www.mcc.cc.tx.us/visitors/tour/>

The virtual tour features exterior pictures of the campus, floor plans of most buildings, and interior shots of various campus facilities will be added soon.

The tour begins with a campus map. Visitors can click on the various buildings on the map and be taken to the web page containing exterior shots of that building. From that page there is a link to a page with links to floor plans and interior views, this section is not yet completed. A text listing of the buildings is also available as links to the exterior shots.

New additions will be added to the tour in the near future. A literal virtual tour is in the planning stages, which will allow an audio guided tour through the campus.

College students take part in an inspirational Easter

By DIKITA NOBLES
STAFF REPORTER

Across the campus many faculty and students celebrated Easter on this past Sunday in creative ways.

In just one example of such participation, student Chris Fluit was a part of a unique play at United Pentecostal Church of Waco called, "Saved for the Sacrifice."

Director Sandy Dool was inspired to go against the traditional scene of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to something of new interest this year. The play was about a boy who had a perfect lamb he fell in

love with.

After time the boy found out the lamb had to be sacrificed. This was compared with Jesus being perfect and the disciples being attached to him and his ultimate sacrifice. The play was also combined with a musical and later that evening there was a service that involved song interpretation with rods.

Fluit was inspired about the new focus of the play and said, "we need to be able to sacrifice for this world like Jesus." Dool said, "This puts us more involved which means we should present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service."

Continuing education offers amazing variety of classes

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The Continuing Education program offers something for everyone in April and May.

• Roofing Applications, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6-10 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 7-17. Cost: \$74.

• Beginning Golf, Mondays and Wednesdays, April 12-28 or May 3-19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$29 plus cost of bucket of golf balls for each class.

• Hatha Yoga, Mondays, May 3-June 14, (no class May 31), 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$29.

• Mind & Body Aerobics, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, May 10-July 2, 9-10 a.m., Woodway. Cost: \$59. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 10-July 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: \$59.

• Body Toning, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, May 10-July 2, 10:10-10:30 a.m., Woodway. Cost: \$39. Cardio-Kick Boxing, Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 25-July 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Woodway. Cost: \$99.

• Private Swim Lessons, April 5-30 or May 3-30. Cost: \$69.

• Aqua-Tots & Aqua Babies, Thursday, April 8-May 27, 7:10-7:40 p.m. or 7:45-8:15 p.m. Cost: \$29.

• Water Exercise, Mondays and Wednesdays, April 19-May 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 20-May 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 20-May 27, 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$39/class.

• Arthritis Aquatics, Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 20-May 27, 10:10-10:45 a.m. Cost: \$39. Arthritis Aquatics, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 19-May 28, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Cost: \$49.

• The Healing Power of Humor, Friday, April 23, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$39. Designed for human services professionals.

• Conversational Russian Language and Culture, Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 6-May 27, 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$89. Taught by a native of Siberia.

• Intermediate Spanish, Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 27-June 3, 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$59. Piano II, Tuesdays, April 27-June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$39.

• Guitar, Thursdays, April 1-May 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$29. Bring your own guitar. Guitar II, Thursdays, May 13-June 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$29.

• Country & Western Dance II, Wednesdays, April 28-June 2, 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$29 each (for couples only).

• Country & Western Line Dancing, Thursdays, May 6-June 10, 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$29.

• Swing Dance/Intermediate, Tuesdays, April 27-June 1, 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$39 each (for couples only). Oil Painting, Thursdays, April 1-May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$79.

• Interior Decorating & Design, Wednesdays, April 7-May 12, 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$29.

• Silk Flower Arranging, Thursdays, April 15-May 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$39.

• Lost-Wax Silver Casting, Tuesdays, April 27-June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$89, includes 1 oz. of silver.

• Pottery/Advanced, Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 4-June 10, 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$99, includes 100 lbs. of clay.

• Massage for Two, Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$19.

• Gardening With Perennials, Thursdays, April 1-22, 7-9 p.m. \$29.

NISOD Pursuit of teaching excellence rewarded

AMY JO WILSON
STAFF REPORTER

A technical education teacher who thought 12 years ago he would never teach, a journalism teacher of multi talents that is retiring soon, and an adjunct math teacher who has six children and has enough time to teach have all been recognized for teaching excellence this year.

They have each been selected to receive the Excellence Award by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at the organization's annual conference in Austin in May.

Joe Arrington, an instructor from the technical education faculty, was chosen along with Tom Buckner, journalism instructor.

Also awarded, was Angela Granger, adjunct instructor of the math department who teaches beginning and intermediate algebra.

NISOD is an "outreach organization of the Community College Leadership Program."

At first, the process for the selection of the awards was a nomination from either students, faculty members, members of the professional staff, or an employee of MCC.

The nominations were submitted by form to the office of Linda Draper in the ITS Department last semester. The Professional Development Committee then selected and named the recipients. NISOD will recognize the awarded recipients at its international meeting in Austin in late May.

Joe Arrington

Arrington said teaching was not in his future plans 12 years ago. He started teaching part-time and he said it felt good and by accident stayed by choice.

He has been

with this college for 10 years. Arrington perceives others better and did not expect this award. He was utterly surprised and amazed he was selected as a recipient.

Arrington does not just teach Mental Health and Nursing Home Administration, he leads workshops in continuing education for nurses and social workers. He got his masters in gerontology at Baylor and later worked with the management of long-term care.

He has also done service work in East Texas and will be awarded a 10 year service award from MCC. He has been involved with a group in writing a course structure manual for work force education, assisting state wide training programs, and spending 30 years teaching nursing home administrative programs.

"Excellence is a characteristic inherent to the product, not the producer. For example, a restaurant is "excellent" only if it provides excellent food and provides excellent services.

"To refer to a teacher as excellent misses the point," Arrington said. "A teacher really only reflects the story of excellent students."

Tom Buckner

Buckner, got his first teaching experience while he was editor and part-owner of the San Marcos Record. Trinity University invited him to teach a course in newspaper management. "I really enjoyed it, and that's started thinking of teaching as a possible career," he said.

After 15 years at the newspaper, Buckner went to work in public relations at Southwestern University at Georgetown. During his eight years at that school he had an opportunity to occasionally teach a course in beginning reporting, and that whetted his appetite

even more toward teaching.

While at Southwestern he received a master's degree in communications from the University of Texas at Austin. He then decided he wanted to teach full time at the college level, so he went to UT for two years to complete course work toward a doctorate. MCC hired him to lead its journalism program in 1984. He will be retiring from teaching at the end of the first summer session.

With the exception of photography, he has taught all the journalism courses offered by the college. "MCC offers the only full-fledged journalism program for two year schools between Dallas and San Antonio and between Midland and Houston," Buckner said. It is one of three journalism programs in Texas to be certified by the national Community College Journalism Association.

"The proof of excellence is in the product, which is the students accomplishments I have hanging on my wall in my classroom," he said.

Angela Granger

The other winner of the NISOD recognition award is part-time teacher and full-time mother of six young children, Angela Granger. "I feel honored that my students

thought high enough about me to nominate me," she said.

The beginning and intermediate algebra adjunct instructor taught at Axtell for one year, and this is her fourth year MCC.

"When the youngest of my six kids gets in school, I would like to bump up into full-time at MCC," said Granger. She was a graduate from Baylor with a bachelors in math, and she plans to be finished with her masters by next semester.

She is a member of Alpha Chi honor society at Baylor.

"I know that I am called to teach and I do it with heart and soul so that my students will take from my class not only academic success, but a little something extra," she said.

Granger says she has the energy, she is physically and mentally prepared, and that she just doesn't teach, she was called to be a math teacher.

She likes the verse in Col. 3:23 that says:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

NEWS BRIEFS (Continued from page 2)

•Boater Education Instructor Certification, Sunday, May 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$16. Students must be at least 21 years old and have completed the Boater Education Certification course.

•Basic Vertical Rescue, Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18 or May 8-9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$99.

•Confined Space Rescue, Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$110.

•Advanced Vertical Rescue, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 20-22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost: \$130.

•Basic Trauma Life Support, Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$100.

•CPR Health Care Provider, Monday and Wednesday, April 19-21, 6-10 p.m. Cost: \$35.

•CPR Heart Saver, Monday and Wednesday, April 19-21, 6-10 p.m. Cost: \$35.

•CPR Recertification, Wednesday, April 21, 6-10 p.m. Cost: \$20.

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•Lifeguard Training, Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, Saturdays and Sundays, April 10-26 or May 8-22, 1-6 p.m. Cost: \$99 plus cost of books. Call 200-8103 for details about prerequisites.

•Red Cross Lifeguard Training, Mondays through Thursdays, May 3-27, 7-10 p.m. Cost: \$99 plus books and equipment Call 200-8103 for details about prerequisites.

•CPR for the Lifeguard, Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost: \$29. For lifeguards whose CPR certification has expired.

•Deck the Halls/Trees & All! Thursdays, April 1-May 6, 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$30.

•My Time Personal Management by SMI, Tuesdays, April 6-27, 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$99, including personal planner.

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Highlanders roll to No. 1 ranking

By BRIAN SHELTON
Co-Sports Editor

The Highlander baseball (35-3 overall, 16-2 in conference) team has its first No. 1 national ranking since the mid-1980's and have won six consecutive games in a four day stretch.

The team has hit its stride in the last eight games, holding opponents to less than two runs per game while outscoring its competition by a 70-15 margin.

MCC tames Lions
Coming off a two-hit shutout of Collin from the previous week, MCC pitcher Jason Scobie (5-0) continued to impress as he threw a one-hitter with 12 strikeouts and no earned runs in an 8-1 win over the North Central Texas Lions, March 31.

Lance Williams set the tone early for the Highlanders' offense with a lead-off homer in the first inning. Ryan Reynolds added a two-run double in the first followed by a pair of RBI doubles off the bats of Tim Meadows and Daron Bertillion for a 5-0 lead.

In the sixth Bryan Kent put the game out of reach for Temple with his conference leading 11th home run of the year.

In the second game the Highlanders' pitching was not as dominant as starter Chris Adams allowed four runs on five hits and two errors in the first three innings, but Zach Sonnier (3-0) provided relief in the fourth by holding the Lions scoreless for the last three innings.

MCC's offense took advantage of the steady pitching in the sixth inning with an eight run effort giving the Highlanders a 14-4 win.

Trailing 4-3 in the third inning, the Highlanders benefited from home runs by Lance Williams and Patrick Beale and took a 6-4 lead.

However, reliever Jose Rivera kept North Central (12-12-1, 6-12) close by retiring eight consecutive batters.

Catcher Tim Meadows ended the silence for the Highlanders in the sixth inning by capping off an eight-run explosion with a powerful three-run homer to deep center, ending the game by the run rule for the third time in the last six games.

Also contributing to the eight run inning was Daron Bertillion with a two-run double and Patrick Beale with a two-run single.

Highlanders cage Leopards
The Temple Leopards' .339 team batting average was no match for the MCC pitching staff, March 29, as the Highlanders won both games of a double header by a total of 16-0.

In the opening game, MCC's Regan Lochridge retired the first 12 batters in order and held Temple to two hits with eight strikeouts, propelling the Highlanders to a 6-0 victory.

Temple starter Pat Bishop also pitched strong, holding MCC's potent offense in check early by allowing only two hits and one run in the first four innings.

But, the Highlanders finally got to Bishop in the fifth scoring five runs on three straight walks, a two-run single by Kent, a two-run triple by Jesse Greminger and an RBI double by Tim Meadows.

In the second game MCC's Dustin Lansford (5-0) and Chris Adams combined on a no-hitter in an 11-0 win that ended after the fifth inning due to the run rule.

The Highlanders scored three runs apiece in the first two innings and added four runs in the third with the help of a two-run double by Kent and a two-run single by Meadows.

The Highlanders improved to 33-3 overall and 14-2 in conference play, while the Temple Leopards

dropped to 13-6 and 4-10 under former MCC pitcher Craig McMurtury.

Gregg, Gwaltney baffle
MCC scored one run in each of the first three innings despite leaving eight runners stranded en route to a 6-1 victory over Ranger on March 28.

After jumping out to an early 3-0 lead, the Highlanders allowed a run in the fourth inning, but starting pitcher Grant Gregg (7-1) held Ranger scoreless for the last three innings.

MCC added a run in the fifth on Daron Bertillion's single and Austin Cranford's two-out RBI liner to center, followed by two more in the sixth on singles by Jesse Greminger and Ryan Reynolds and a pair of offensive lapses by Ranger.

In the second game the Highlanders were just as dominant, pounding out 13 hits and scoring in every inning to beat Ranger 13-1 in five innings due to the 10-run rule.

Riding a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the third inning, the Highlanders broke the game open with consecutive RBI singles from Bryan Kent, Greminger and Tim Meadows giving the team an 8-1 advantage.

MCC's hats were just starting to warm up, however, as the team racked up five more runs in the fourth highlighted by a three-run double by Lance Williams and Kent's team high 10th home run of the year.

Starting pitcher Lee Gwaltney (5-1) was dominant for the Highlanders (31-3, 12-2 in conference) as he scattered three hits through five innings and held Ranger (12-15, 4-8) to just one run.

Scobie halts Express
Jason Scobie was almost perfect March 25 against the Collin County Express as he struck out 11 of the 21 batters he faced and gave up only one hit in six innings. Scobie and

FRESHMAN PATRICK BEALE avoids the tag on a pick-off attempt to first base in a double header against North Central Texas. The Highlanders swept NCTC 8-1, 14-4.

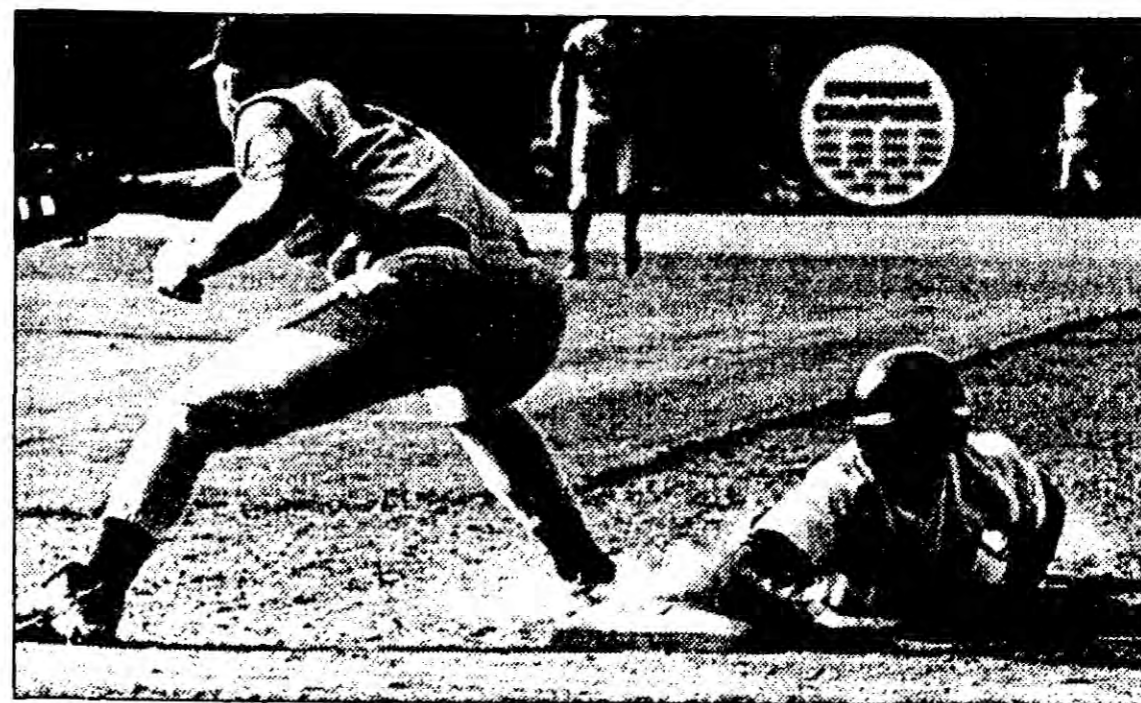


Photo by Brian Shelton

Zach Sonnier combined on a two-hit shutout as the Highlanders beat the Express 6-0.

The Highlanders took a 3-0 lead in the first with the help of Ryan Reynolds' two-out, two-run single and added two more runs in the fourth on three hits and a pair of walks.

Leading hitters for MCC were Brandon Maricle, 2-4 and Reynolds, 1-4 (2 RBI).

In the second game the Express snapped MCC's seven-game winning streak after fighting back from a 5-2 deficit for an 8-6 win.

The Highlanders got off to a quick start with a leadoff triple by Lance Williams in the first inning. MCC missed another scoring opportunity, however, when John Smeed struck out Tim Meadows and Maricle with a runner in scoring position.

Collin County (20-15, 7-5 conference) took the lead in the next inning after Chris Klimas drove in a run with a double to center and then scored on a delayed double steal that fooled the Highlanders.

MCC regained the lead in the fourth inning with a home run by Williams, who was a double short of

hitting for the cycle.

In the fifth inning, reliever Dustin Lansford tried to preserve the Highlanders' lead. But, after fanning one, Lansford walked in the tying run to knot the score at 6-6.

Still in the fifth, with the bases loaded, Bryan Kent made a diving stop on a tough grounder up the middle, but he rushed his throw to second allowing the Express to score the winning run.

With the loss the Highlanders dropped to 29-3 and 10-2 in conference, but retained first place.

The Sports Zone

By BRIAN SHELTON
Co-Sports Editor

One of the biggest cover-ups since Bill Clinton's recent pleas of innocence was launched last week after the UCONN Huskies beat the Duke Blue Devils for the NCAA championship title.

After picking up a copy of The Dallas Morning News the day after the Huskies' victory, the cover-up was printed in bright red letters across the front page, "CONNECTICUT UPSETS DUKE, 77-74, FOR NCAA BASKETBALL TITLE."

The word upset used in the aforementioned headline is nothing less than an overstatement by the so-called sports experts that have been drooling over Duke for the better part of the season.

What better way to erase all the terribly wrong predictions that lamented, "The Blue Devils will easily handle the Huskies," by touting the game as one of the biggest upsets in college basket-

ball history.

To call this game an upset is simply convenient for sports experts, but it's a blatant insult to UCONN and its fans.

Despite all the hoopla that surrounded Duke, UCONN seemed to know something that the public didn't. Even Duke and head coach Mike Krzyzewski seemed to realize the obstacle that surely awaited them.

The Huskies (32-2) came into the championship game 9.5 point underdogs even though the team had only one more loss than the Blue Devils (37-1).

More revealing, however, is the fact that UCONN lost one game to Syracuse without its leading scorer Richard Hamilton (21.4 ppg) who was named Big East co-player of the year and the outstanding player of the Final Four. The team's other loss was to highly ranked Miami in which Hamilton, point-guard Khalid El-Amin and center Jake Voskuhl were all suffering from injuries.

The Huskies if not for injuries could have easily gone undefeated

despite playing in a slightly tougher conference than Duke. In addition, UCONN was ranked No. 1 in the nation longer than any other team, including Duke.

So why was Duke picked by so many to run away with the championship? It is a mystery why the majority of sports experts picked Duke as such heavy favorites when so many factors made these two teams obvious equals.

This season's NCAA championship game was not an upset, it was simply one of the greatest college basketball games of all time.

The only people that seem to be truly shocked or upset over the outcome of the game are the idiots who were blind enough to declare the Blue Devils the clear favorites.

But, when all is said and done UCONN is the best team of the 1998-99 season and they have the championship trophy to prove it. The only thing the so-called "experts" have is egg on their face.

Local martial arts instructor to be inducted to Texas Sports Hall of Fame

By KEVIN BROCK
Co-Sports Editor

When you think of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame you think of the great golfer Byron Nelson, the great pitcher Nolan Ryan and the great running back Doak Walker. Now when you think of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame you can think of George Brock.

George Brock is a 10th Degree Black Belt and was just nominated to the Texas Martial Arts Hall of Fame, to be located in the new wing of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

The State Hall of Fame was created for the sole purpose of bringing together and recognizing without prejudice, the positive efforts and successes of the most outstanding martial artists within our vast boundaries.

Mr. Brock received this nomination by his black belt peers throughout Texas, this demonstrates the statewide recognition of his role in the positive leadership and promotion of the martial arts industry within (but not limited to) the state of Texas.

George Brock started martial arts at the age of 12. One of his many teachers was Joseph Cowles, who taught him modified wingchun, from his system Wu Wei Kung Fu. Cowles was one of Bruce Lee's first students.

While in the Air Force Brock was 1970 Tri State Power Lifting Champion, he also taught the Air Police.

Brock has several black belts lo-

cated all over the country including one of our faculty, Commercial Music Instructor Robert Page. Page has a black belt in Gung Fu under Brock.

Shodai George Brock, as he is known by his students, has rank and title accredited through: Society of Soka-Shodai International, Society of Black Belts America, Jujitsu Black Belt Federation of America Board of Examiners, Wu Wei Kai International, Budo Kai International.

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He is board member of the International Martial Arts Federation such as: Budo Kai, Bushikan, and J.J.B.B.F.A.-Largest Jujitsu Federation in the World at the time, Okiru Judo.

Appointments include: Shihan J.J.B.B.F.A. for Kempo Jujitsu International Title of Professor of Jujitsu (Japan), US Air Force Chief Training Instructor-C.C.K. Air Base

Taiwan, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City Oklahoma, Founder of the Co-Educational Self Defense training for the State of Texas, Training program founder for Parole officers, Oklahoma City Oklahoma.

Head Instructor at numerous Colleges: Cook County College in Gannessville, Tarrant County Jr. College NE Campus, Tarrant County Jr. College So Campus, T.W.C.-Ft. Worth.

Head Instructor at numerous high schools: Ft. Worth Public School Self Defense Program, Avalon High School Self Defense program, Calishurg High School Self Defense program, Megargel High School Self Defense program.

Numerous Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. groups in: Gainesville Texas, Richland Hills Texas, Mid Cities Oklahoma, Menister Oklahoma, Ennead Oklahoma, Spenco Athletic Club-Waco, Texas, Gold's Gym Waco Texas.

"It's a honor to have studied under the teachers I have had, its even a higher honor to have taught the students I have had," said Mr. Brock. But his greatest honor was George Brock's selection to the Hall of Fame.

"The greatest complement that an instructor can receive is to be selected to the Hall of Fame by my peers.

"and to have made a impact on an art, that I love and practice."

Shodai Brock is a life time member of the Black Belt Society, and is founder of Aibu Jitsu Roy International Federation, he currently

teaches at HOT Self Defense Academy at 710 N. Valley Mills in Waco, Texas.

George Brock is also a pastor of the Way of The Lord Church, and host of the Rightly Dividing the Word teaching hour on KBBW 1010, Saturday at 11:30 A.M. and Sunday at 4:00 P.M.

"The fun of a trip is in the journey. I have enjoyed each and every moment of this journey.

"The Goals of my instructors have always been to make a impact on his students, to love the creator, to love your country, and to love one another," Brock said.

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MCC Athletics

Team uses youth to stay in fairway

By KEVIN BROCK
Co-Sports Editor

The MCC men's golf team began play March 30 in the Midland College Invitational at the Green Tree Country Club.

The men's team finished 12th despite strong performances by Danny Greaud and Curtis Ohrn. Midland finished first with a 286-282-568, followed by Temple, 285-292-577, and Paris, 290-296-586.

MCC finished with a 305-299-604 for a respectable 12th place,

considering the competition.

Danny Greaud led the team by shooting a 73-74-147, Curtis Ohrn followed him with a 76-73-149.

Other Highlander totals included Paul Garcia's 74-78-152, Doug Thompson, 75-78-153, Chris Ohrn, 81-75-156.

The men's team will rely on youth this semester to make up for lack of experience.

The MCC women's team returns to play April 19-20 in Midland and at Sam Houston on April 29-30 where they will return as defending tournament champions.

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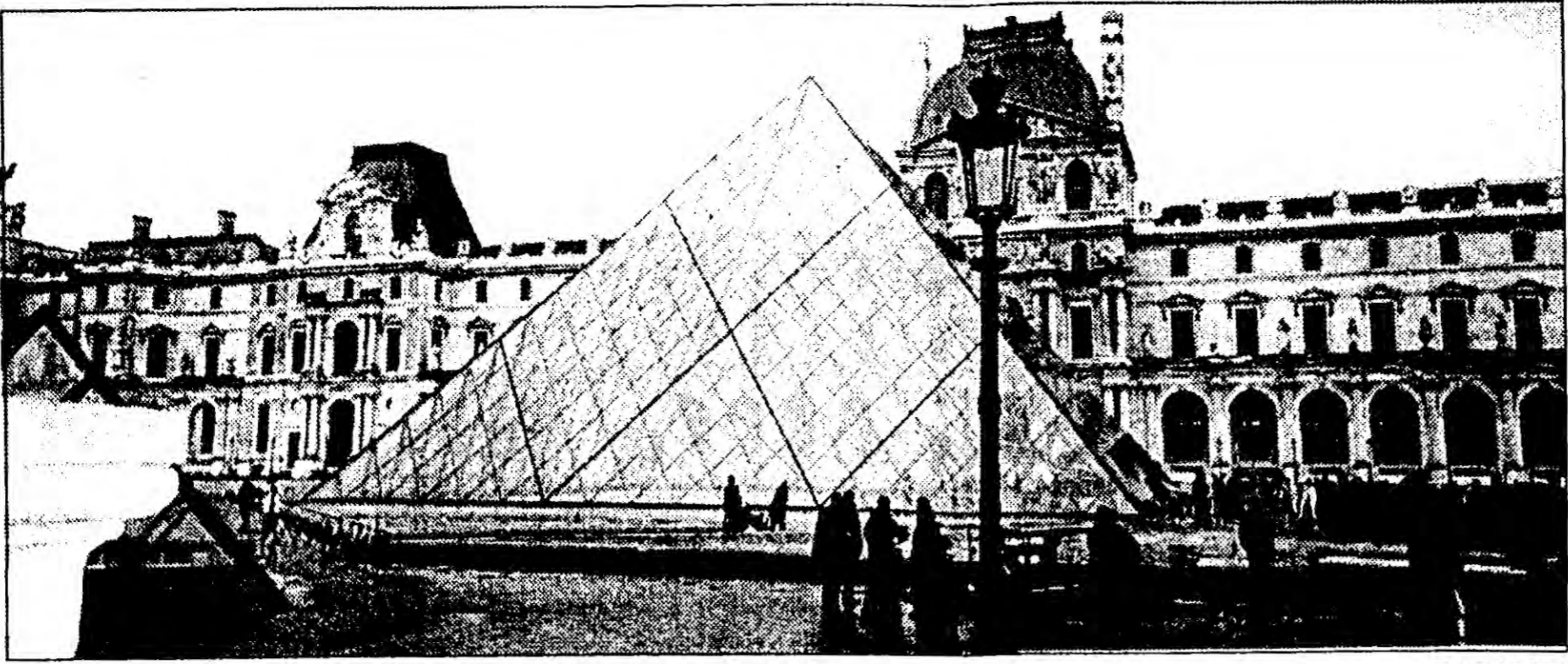


PHOTO BY JOE EISMA
 TOURISTS LINE UP with anticipation for their turn to ride the escalator down to the heart of the famous Louvre Art Museum located in France. SAMPLING FRENCH CUISINE below are (left to right) James Bell, Heather Leeson, Michael Hammond, and Joe Eisma during their Paris excursion.

MCC invades Paris

A firsthand account

By JOE EISMA
 Staff Reporter

This past spring break, a group of students and professors from McLennan Community College traveled to Paris, France, on a non-school sponsored trip with Linda Reichenbach of the French department.

The date of departure was March 4, and the trip lasted one week. I was among the students who went, along with Heather Leeson, James Bell and Michael Hammond. Also present were two couples Dann Walker and his wife Beverly, who are both faculty members, and psychology professor Jim Hail, who came with his wife Sue.

After a ten-hour flight from Dallas, we arrived in Paris the morning of March fifth. It was wet and cold, but the city was astounding.

An afternoon walking tour of Paris was first on the agenda, then it was back to the hotel to catch up on sleep to ease our jetlag. In the days that followed, many historical monuments were seen — the Louvre art museum, Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, Church of the Sacred Heart, and of course, the Eiffel Tower, among the noteworthy stops.

Many of the places, such as Notre

Dame, were having extensive renovations done while we were there. This was due to the massive amount of tourism that Paris receives. Masterpieces have to be kept in top shape.

This trip was also a cultural experience, as Madame Reichenbach was kind enough to introduce us to some of her friends and family members. We met her younger sister, Emmanuelle, as well as her grandmother, who was gracious enough to cook us all a huge, delicious lunch one Sunday that consisted of beef bourgignon, quiche, and fresh raspberries for dessert.

We learned about French customs and French ways of life — including learning to get used to the very singular way the French people drive. The French people were found to be very congenial and patient with those of us who did not speak the language as fast as they did.

There were many memorable moments on the trip, especially the eating experiences. The group sampled many different types of cuisine, such as crepes, couscous, and some even tried steak tartare (raw ground beef).

Typically, French people eat dinner around 8:30 in the evening, and they eat for a long time—upwards of three hours sometimes. Often, our group wouldn't be back at the



PHOTO BY JOE EISMA
 hotel until after midnight.

Other adventurous moments of note: the group getting lost looking for the Arche De La Defense, braving the rain and wind to see the city, and surviving French traffic. The Walkers even attended a Mozart Opera, the music of which was conducted by Waco native Bob Wilson.

Madame Reichenbach had positive comments regarding the trip, saying it went astoundingly well, and that we were an excellent group that worked well together. She said this group was one of her best.

She tries to go to Paris every spring break. The trip is reserved for students who have had at least one semester of French. She occa-

sionally brings professors, but the total number of people going never exceeds eight.

Reichenbach said she sponsored the trips "because I love rediscovering my native country through the fresh new eyes of my students. They give a whole new perspective and appreciation of centuries of history and glory. They make it worth my time and effort; I am never let down or disappointed by them and love watching them discover places they normally would only read about."

Earth Day celebration to impact community in a number of ways

By MANDOLIN SHANNON
 Staff Reporter

The music department has joined Waco in celebration of Earth Day.

Several bands from the music department will play during Waco's third annual Earth Day Celebration on April 17.

Commercial music management major Rebecca Rienks said that the music department likes to get involved with worthy causes which impact the local community.

Rienks has been given the task of coordinating the MCC bands which will play on Earth Day.

Rienks said that she is looking forward to being part of the celebration. She said that it is worth while to educate people about environmental issues.

Rienks said that the Earth Day Celebration has drawn much interest from people in the music department. She said, "everyone wants to play at this event."

April Hull, the entertainment coordinator for the Earth Day Organizing Committee (EDOC), said that the celebration will be a wonderful chance for people to come out and enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainment, children's activities, and educational booths.

Hull said "bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come out to enjoy the music while celebrating Earth Day."

Hull said that the goal of the Earth Day Celebration is to "increase awareness about how people can improve and protect the environment through individual actions."

Hull said that she became active with planning Earth Day because "it is important to get people in-

tion, and officials from the Cameron Park Zoo will be giving an informational lecture.

Children's activities will include opportunities to participate in improvisational acting by the Waco Civic Theater, thumbprint animals, cloud painting and several other hands-on activities.

The Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Waco's Indian Spring Park. Admission to the event is free.

Hull noted that "200 free tree seedlings will be handed out to the first arrivals at the celebration. We will also be selling raffle tickets at Earth Day to raise money for next year's event."

Hull said members of the local Cherokee nation will be at the celebration to demonstrate bending and leatherwork. The local Audubon Society will have a bird presenta-

involved in protecting the environment."

Hull said that if we do not protect our air, water and other natural resources we will be faced with enormous consequences. She said that protecting the environment "is one of the most important things people can get active with."

Hull said there will be various activities for children, informative booths, and environmental presentations.

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MICHAEL GARRETSON SANG lead in the "Pink Floyd" performance. The band also included Aaron DeRossett, Scott Allen, Justin Carter, Jamie Brattain, and instructor Jonathan Kutz.



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ROB PAGE DONATED his saxophone skills to the MCC rock band's cover of Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" last month.

REPUBLICANS

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"A few of us pulling together in a grass roots effort to create the organization just helps to prove that a small group of dedicated individuals who work hard can accomplish anything," said Daily.

The group recently represented both its party and MCC at the College Republicans state convention held Mar. 27 at Baylor's Ferrell Center. This is one of many firsts for the campus, courtesy of the new organization.

The club was one of only a few junior colleges in attendance, among all the major universities in the state. The event is held annually to discuss club business, elect state officers, possibly amend its constitution, and generally give the students the opportunity to meet with fellow members.

One of the speakers at the event, Oklahoma Congressman Ernest J. Istook Jr., addressed the crowd on the importance of young people getting involved in politics and on the positive influence of the College Republicans.

The College Republicans is a member of the Inter Club Council and is also chaired by Daily, the vice president of the Student Government Association.

And the group does more than just represent its views and the campus. It is also involved in campus and community service efforts. In association with Mayor Turner of Hewitt, the group is proposing to go door to door helping to register voters for the next election.

The College Republicans Executive Board consists of Chairman Daily, SGA vice president; Co-Chairman Kevin Susil, SGA parliamentarian; Treasurer Ronald Brown, SGA sophomore representative; Secretary Dhawpa Patel, SGA historian; Brian Claridy, co-chair of public relations; and Kit Nance, co-chair of administration.

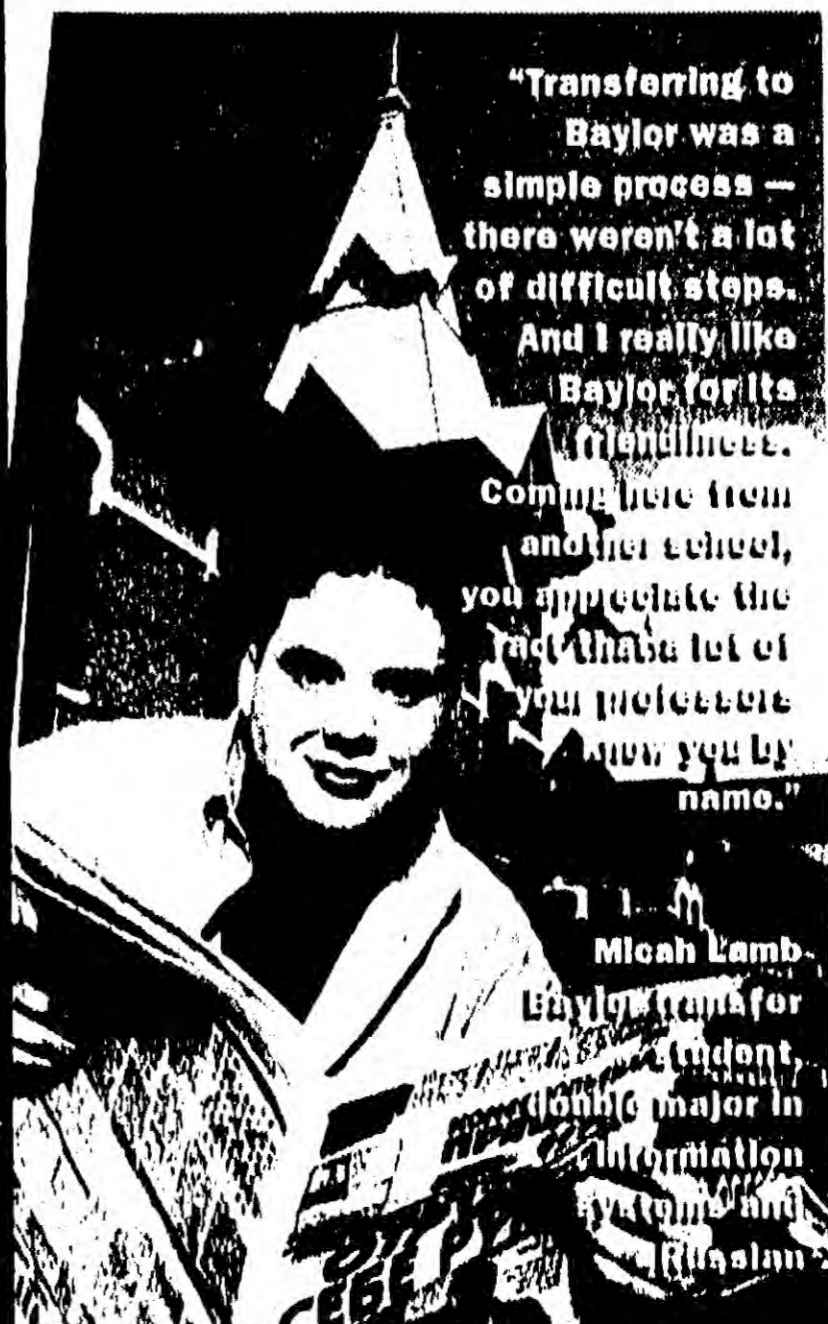
Bama also would like students to know that a person's political views should not deter him/her from becoming a member; the importance is being involved.

"Republican, democrat, or other labels ... it doesn't matter a whole lot. After all, Phil Gramm and Ronald Reagan were once democrats. So, I want to encourage students to join ... they don't have to agree with every shade of the Republican Party."

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