

News Briefs

PASS workshops continue this semester

PASS workshops are continuing through the semester to help students cope with everything from stress management to transferring to another college. These workshops, sponsored by the Kimberly-Clark Learning Development Center and the Student Development Programs, are held in the Health and Physical Education Building room 101 on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Workshop topics will be "Stress Management" this week, "How to Get a Grip on Anger" on April 17-18, "Landing a Great Job — The Competitive Edge" on April 24-25, and "All You Need to Know About Transferring" on May 1-2. The workshops are free.

Minority Job Expo Thursday

A van is scheduled to transport interested students to the Minority Job Expo in San Marcos Thursday. The deadline to register has been extended to Wednesday. Interested students may sign-up in the Office of Career Development, Ground Floor/Student Center. There is space available for at least 5-6 more students.

Third seminar in series Thursday

The Small Business Development Center will present number three in a series of four seminars designed especially for women entrepreneurs, business owners and managers. The seminar titled "A Professional Image for your Company" will be held Thursday from 6-9 p.m. at the Community Service Center, Room 233. Lu Billings, SBDC executive director, will be joined by Dawn James and Janna Beatty. James serves as an operations manager with Profiles for Success, a human resources development company and Beatty is the owner of Image Enhancers. Cost of the seminar is \$12 and includes refreshments. The last seminar, "A Profitable Home-Based Business," will be held on April 18 and feature Pat Ogden, owner of IN ORDER. To register or ask questions, call 750-3697.

Michaelis to attend seminar in Germany

College President Dennis Michaelis has been chosen by the Fulbright Commission as one of 15 participants in the U.S.-German International Education Administrators seminar. The seminar is to be held in Germany April 13 through May 4. Michaelis is the only participant representing a community college. The board has approved the appointment of Vice President Richard Drum to serve as acting president during Michaelis' absence.

Baylor representatives on campus today

Representatives from Baylor University will be on campus today to talk with students and answer questions. The meetings will be held in the student center cafeteria from 9-11 a.m.

'Inside MCC' now on Channel 18

"Inside MCC," a magazine-format television program, debuted last week on CableVision channel 18. The show, hosted by Kim Harrison of MCC Public Information Office, focuses on a wide range of college activities. "Inside MCC" begins 10 minutes after the hour in the following time slots — Sundays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 2 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 and 11 p.m., and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Copies of "Inside MCC" are available at local libraries in McLennan and Falls counties.

Czech exchange program members honored

The college honored newly arrived visitors from the Czech Republic, Pavel Ondrcka and Jaroslav Sedlacek, and also students and faculty who have participated in the Czech exchange program with a reception at the Performing Arts Center yesterday. Members of the faculty and staff have help provide housing facilities for the visiting Czech instructors. "We had a great response," said Pat Bliss, organizer of the event, "We received more than enough donations." The contributors were Deborah Garret, Jerry Jordan, Don McCauley, Frank Taylor, Paul Conclio, and Jamie Vargas. Some other contributors are in reserve in case additional donations are needed. Curry Office Supply also aided in supplying furniture for the event.

Former student to be in musical

Marisa Gilliam, a former dance and theater student from MCC, is in a new musical in Los Angeles produced by Michael Jackson. A review of her performance, which appeared in the Los Angeles newspaper, is posted on the call board in the drama department.

Ullmans' second CD completed, on sale

Rich and Beth Ullman have completed their second CD. Their record company is offering their fans the chance to purchase the CD before the rest of the public. The disk sells for \$15. For more information contact Beth Ullman at 750-3651.

Cook's essay printed in "Framing the Word"

An essay about "The Shawahank Redemption" is in the book "Framing the Word: Essays on Literature and Film." This essay was contributed by Linda Cook, an MCC English instructor. The book was published by the Conference College Teachers of English, an organization for two and four year college English professors.

Gimble's Texas Music Camp to be held here

Texas Folklife Resources will present Johnny Gimble's Texas Music Camp from July 31 through August 3 on the campus of MCC. The camp will teach traditional Texas music styles, such as Western swing and breakdown fiddle. Gimble will rotate through all classes, giving every student the opportunity to work directly with the camp master. The college offers spacious rehearsal and lecture halls and a state of the art recording studio for music camp students. Tuition for the camp is \$200 and includes lunches, jam sessions, a recital and a concert performance by Johnny Gimble and Texas Swing. A deposit of \$100 is required to reserve your space with the balance due by July 1. Tuition does not include accommodations. Camp participants should bring their instruments, piano students may use MCC keyboards if they choose. Students may also want to bring amplifiers, stands or other equipment that may be needed. Blank tapes, notebooks and audio recording equipment are recommended, if you wish to tape classes. College credits are available for interested students. To ask questions, call (512) 820-0022.

Tales from Guatemala

By HELENMARIE DELEON

A former MCC student recently returned from Guatemala after serving two years of Peace Corps service. His world view has been changed forever after living with the Mayans in thatched-roofed huts with mud walls and dirt floors.

Britt "Jabbo" Sullivan was chosen to become a member of the Peace Corps out of 6,000 people who are recruited every year. Sullivan's job in Guatemala was to build silos to protect the grain from the rats. He is back in the United States to pursue his education in medical school and continue his work for the Peace Corps.

"You never truly leave your village," said Sullivan. He will continue the third goal of the Peace Corps mission for the rest of his life. That three-fold mission includes:

1. Sharing the American culture with other cultures.
2. Meeting the needs for trained manpower and grassroots development.
3. Bringing back Peace Corps experiences to other Americans.

Sullivan would recommend the Peace Corps to anyone interested but says "you must be dedicated." The toll-free number for the Peace Corps is 1-800-424-8580. Request the application and it will be mailed. For volunteers accepted, there is 15 weeks of training followed by two years of service.

Sullivan has now entered the third phase of the Peace Corps mission — sharing those experiences with Americans. This past week, he has lectured in some of

history instructor Henry Apperson's classes. He tells stories of an oppressed people who are happy in spite of their lot in life.

A civil war has been simmering in Guatemala since 1960 between the government and the URNG (United Rebel Gorilla Movement). After an attack by the URNG, the government through CACIF (a group of businesses that control commerce) manipulated a strike that stopped all business and government agencies.

"This is a total shutdown, not just the parks and other unnecessary services like we sometimes see in the states."

Sullivan further describes some of the atrocities he witnessed in Guatemala. "Families were pulled out of cars and watched their father or husband shot by members of the Guatemalan government. Whole villages were burned.

A bus load of people were shot as the bus was driven between a URNB truck and a Guatemalan army truck filled with soldiers firing automatic weapons at each other." This is life for the Guatemala Mayan people.

Sullivan contrasts the life of a child in the United States with the life of Carlito.

"A boy here will say I wish I had a money tree and when asked why, will say to buy more toys. In Guatemala a young Mayan boy once asked if he could go through my trash. I told him to go ahead. He found a corn flakes box. I asked what he would do with it. He asked to borrow scissors and made a hat. The boy told me the hat was useful for many things.

He could carry eggs in it. The hat kept the sun out of his eyes. He looked good in it. He used the hat for two months."

Things have improved in Guatemala for the Mayans. Just 20 years ago the government was using the Mayans as pack horses. Their main adversary is famine along with much disease. Sullivan caught Malaria twice while in Guatemala.

Yet the Mayans are happy people. "They are totally and completely accepting," said Sullivan. Both of life and other people. They live a simple life. They have time. They spend it with their families, usually large families. They go to church together. They plant corn. They hope the sun shines. They hope for enough rain on their crop.

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Britt Sullivan

Photo by Nancy Carlton

Elevator maintenance on way up

Awaiting new parts to upgrade current elevator systems

By JOE GINGERICH

The elevator in the Administration Classroom building will be getting a state-of-the-art control and lift system within six-to-12 weeks, depending on when the parts arrive, said Johnette McKown, vice president of business services.

The latest malfunction of the elevator started on Friday of spring break and lasted sporadically for more than a week. The elevator would not stop level with the floor. At other times, the doors wouldn't open. This made it impossible for wheelchair users to ride the elevator.

Classes were rescheduled to allow easier access for students with disabilities. Also, office personnel could be seen, somewhat out of breath, trekking up as many as four floors to get to their class or office.

To speed up a solution to the troublesome elevator, the Board of Trustees on March 25 used emergency purchasing procedures to approve funding to pay for the replacement of the lift mechanism and controls. The estimated cost of renovation is \$43,000. The cab and other components will remain the same.

The board bypassed the much slower public bidding process in order to respond promptly to the hardships experienced by students with disabilities and office personnel in the four-story building, McKown said.

The Administration Classroom elevator is among five on campus with 20 year old technology. Dover Elevator Company has already renovated five of the 10 elevators on campus.

"We plan to renovate one elevator each year, as funding becomes available, until all campus elevators are modernized,"

said Dianne Feyerherm, director of the physical plant. "This will simplify maintenance by standardizing parts and procedures for troubleshooting."

The four remaining elevators to be renovated with their proposed costs are:

- Student Center service elevator — \$30,000
- Liberal Arts building — \$24,500
- Health Careers building — \$24,500
- The Library — \$46,000

The lack of a knowledgeable service technician slowed the repair. Most modern elevators use microprocessors with self-diagnostic capabilities in their control systems. But these older elevators must be painstakingly diagnosed one relay at a time.

Diagnosing the problems of the older elevator, with its dozens of mechanical relays branching off in different directions, baffled the younger maintenance personnel who hadn't been trained on older equipment, said Sid Ross, assistant director of the physical plant.

"We called in the experts from the leading manufacturer of elevators in the nation, Dover Elevator Company. They gave up. Then we called in Elevator Maintenance Repair of Dallas. They gave up. Finally, the owner of the original company was called out of retirement to fix the problem. It's working now." The problem is that the older system is more prone to breakdowns.

Though the elevator has malfunctioned, safety has never a problem. The hydraulic lift, used in all of the campus elevators, has a safety feature built into its very design. It has a multi-

stage piston, called a "jack shaft," under the cab. To lift the elevator, a pump pushes oil through special hoses into the jack shaft through a small opening at its base.

In the unlikely event that the hydraulic system failed, the piston drop would be slowed by the rate at which the oil escaped out the small hose opening. Springs at the bottom of the elevator shaft would further cushion the landing.

In the case of fire, the new controls will sense where the fire is, go the opposite direction one floor, open the doors, and become inoperable. At that point, only someone with a special key, such as a firefighter, can override the safety system and use the elevator.

If the elevator stops halfway between floors, the new system has an emergency system which lets you talk to help within moments, Ross said. It has a microprocessor which is programmed to dial up the telephone numbers of campus security, the physical plant, and the local Dover repair man. Help will be there within minutes.

"An elevator has up to 15 different safety devices which must be working perfectly, before the elevator will work," said Robert Freeman, sales representative of the Dover Elevator Company. "An elevator is the safest mode of public transportation available today."

Miss New York City

Former student wins pageant

By JOANNA CHITTY

Jennifer Tusa, former MCC theater major who just graduated from Tisch School of the Arts at New York University in December, won the Miss New York City title on March 23 and will compete for Miss New York (State) the week of June 29 as part of the Miss America system.

During the talent competition portion of the contest, which she also won, she sang "Climb Every Mountain" from "The Sound of Music." Tusa also won the swimsuit competition.

Tusa, a New York resident for almost four years, is the daughter of Maryanne Moody and Johnny Tusa, both of Waco.



Jennifer Tusa

Student robbed, but campus called,

'One of the safest'

By MICHAEL SERGENT

A student at MCC had his wallet stolen after being confronted by three men on campus during the week of March 10-16. The men got away with about \$11.

The student reported the occurrence to the Waco Police Department which is conducting an investigation.

To date, no arrests have been made.

This incident has caused some to question safety on the campus.

Larry Radko, security supervisor, said that, "MCC is one of the safest campuses in the state."

Radko cites that this robbery is only the second to occur in the last five years.

"Our main defense against crime is to stay visible," Radko said. "The more we are seen, the less likely crimes will be committed."

To ensure campus safety, security officers work flexible shifts so they can be available during MCC activities.

Also, some officers patrol the campus on foot or on bicycles.

"We base our security shifts around what is needed on campus, we review what is going on that week and supply officers as needed," Radko said.

College and career night Thursday

BY KELLY CHARLTON

MCC will hold a college and career night Thursday from 4-7 p.m. in the Student Center.

The program will focus on several of MCC's programs to try to get adults to possibly go back to school to receive a col-

lege degree. These programs include information from the Health Occupations, Mental Health, Liberal Arts, Business, and Fine Arts Departments plus many more. Coordinators for the program are focusing on career night on adult but students are

also welcome to come.

Financial aid sessions will be held to inform students and adults about the options that they have for paying for school. These seminars will be held at 4:30 and at 6 p.m. These seminars are scheduled to last

approximately 45 minutes.

For more information about the programs that will be featured call Lynn Abernathy at 750-3690.

For more information about financial aid call Kathleen Plemmons at 750-3698.

SG election results

Michael W. Elkins was elected as president in the campus wide election for Student Government offices held on March 26 and 27. Other candidates for the office of president were Valerie Horn and Aimee St. John. Carol K. Harper was elected secretary-treasurer with the other candidate Cassandra T. Alexander. Elected parliamentarian was Mary D. Long.

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Southwest Texas campus tour on April 19

MCC is offering a campus tour of Southwest Texas State University on Friday, April 19. This is a one-day trip consisting of a tour and information exchange. The trip is free for students enrolled at MCC. For more information contact Johnnie Talton at 750-3585 or come by her office on the third floor of the student center, suite 302.

Dealing with tomorrow today

Senior Ministry and the Waco-McLennan County Young Lawyers Association are co-sponsoring the seminar "Dealing With Tomorrow, Today!" The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 18 at the Sul Ross Senior Center located at 15th & Waco Drive. Topics to be covered as part of the seminar include medical guidance, money management, estate planning, lifestyle and wellness issues as related to persons aging successfully today and in the future. Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$1.25 per person. Registration deadline is Thursday. To register or ask questions call, 752-0316.

Student Awards Assembly April 24

Student service to the campus community and classroom excellence will be recognized at an Awards Assembly on April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Outstanding members of student organizations and outstanding students from academic departments will receive individual recognition along with several scholarship winners. Club sponsors will also be recognized.

Funding approved for staff development

In a continuing effort to enable faculty and administration members to improve themselves, the Professional Development Committee has approved at least partial funding for the following:

- Bill Bane to attend the Distance Learning Certification Program last month and this month in College Station.
 - Rick Butler to attend the Bronze Level Conference of the USA Bowling Coaching Certification Program this month in Austin.
 - Leila Clark, Laura Anderson and Barbara Truax to attend the Texas Association of Vocational Nursing Educators Conference this month in Corpus Christi.
 - Bob Ford to participate in the 14th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education/137th Two-Year College Chemistry Conference in August in Clemson, S.C.
 - Betty James to attend the 1996 National Association of College and University Business Officers in July in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
 - Jerry Jordan and Nancy Ray-Mitchell to release time to research and design syllabi for team leadership/management course this summer.
 - Alice Myers to attend the annual meeting of the National League for Nursing: Council of Associate Degree Programs in April in Atlanta.
- The committee also approved funding for Health Careers to host a one-day workshop by Health Education Systems in May at MCC.

Instructor receives grant to attend Midwest

Jim Hail attended the Midwest Institute for Teachers of Psychology at the DePage College in Glenelg, Ill., early last month. He received a professional development grant from MCC which funded the trip. Hail learned techniques and ideas for the classroom.

Sophomore wins scholarship to TETA

Sophomore Leah Tyson won the first ever Founder's Award Scholarship for a transfer student at Texas Educational Theatre Association (TETA). This scholarship is awarded by letters of recommendation from the faculty and an audition.

Hippodrome to present Broadway musical

Thursday night at 8 p.m., The Broadway hit musical "42nd Street" will be performed at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre. This song and dance is part of National Lloyd's Broadway on the Brazos Series, presented by Scott & White and KXXV TV 25. Tickets cost \$12 and \$20 and are available at 752-9797 or (800)-701-ARTS. "Tales From The Land Of The Feathered Serpent" will be showing at the Hippodrome on May 6 at 1 p.m. and May 7 at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. For tickets call 752-9797 or (800)-701-ARTS. The ticket price is \$3.50.

Low-fat foods prepared for cooking program

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center will be the host of a Low Fat Cooking program next Tuesday at 7 p.m. Kevin Davis, the executive chef of Diamond Back's restaurant, and Tim Welter, the owner of Persnickety Tim's Coffee Shop, will prepare a menu of low-fat foods. Reservations are needed, call 756-HBMC. The cost is free for members of C.R.E.S.T. and is \$5 for non members.

Family Y to sponsor fitness competition

The Mr. and Ms. Physical Fitness competition will be at Waco Family Y on April 27 at 9:30 a.m. The four divisions competing are Rookie, high school aged students; Hunks/Dolls, ages 18-34 years; Primetime, ages 35-59 years; and Golden Years for participants 60 or older. Events are sit-ups, push-ups and suicide line sprints. The top 20 percent of competitors with most points in each division advance to the semi-final round • the physical fitness obstacle course challenge. Two top competitors from each division of the obstacle course challenge then go to the final round. Winners of the final round will be named Mr. and Ms. Waco Family Y Physical Fitness. Entry fee is \$15, or late fee \$20. Participants will receive a T-shirt and survival kit. Call 776-6612.

Adult Day Care provided through Hillcrest

The Adult Day Care Program of Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center announces its continued sponsorship of the Adult Day Care Food Program for 1996. The Hillcrest Adult Day Care Food Program provides food and services to elderly and disabled persons. It offers an alternative to home care, and provides a safe, stimulating environment by teaching individuals to function more independently. Participants in the program receive meals free-of-charge, without regard to race or national origin, color, disability, gender, political affiliation, or religious beliefs. Eligibility for the program is determined by the Family Income Scale, as proscribed by the United States Department of Agriculture. For more information or qualifying criteria, call Julia Long, Hillcrest Adult Day Care Administrative Coordinator, at (817) 756-4447.

First Aid course offered on Saturday

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center is offering a first aid course Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost of the course is \$30, which includes manual. To register or for more information, call the Hillcrest Education Department at 756-8881.



Students discover another world in France

VISITING VERSAILLES: James Pierce, Misty Crouch, Carol Crosthwait (sponsor), Elic Fouts, Daniel Smyth, stand in front of what was once the home of King Louis XIV during a spring break trip to Paris, France. The group also visited other historical sites throughout Paris.

Friday deadline for photo contest

By LORELL EISMA

The deadline for the photo contest has been extended to this Friday. This will be the last chance for photographers, novice and professional, to enter the contest that is sponsored by the college and Flashback.

The categories of the contest are Color photo-General subject, Black and White photo-General subject, Color photo-People and Black and White photo-People. General subject includes artistic and landscape shots.

The contest is open to all current students, faculty and staff of MCC.

Along with the winning photos being featured in the Highland Herald, prizes will be awarded for each place in each category. For first place in each category a

\$50 gift certificate from Flashback will be awarded. For second place in each category a \$25 gift certificate to MCC Bookstore; For third place a \$10 gift certificate to Mr. Gatti's and for honorable mention a MCC t-shirt.

Any size print is allowed. Photos must be of people, places and things on the campus, and also have a title. Each contestant may enter up to three photos per category, but only one entry per contestant per category may receive a prize. A completed entry form must accompany each photo.

Entries must be submitted to either the Public Information Office in CSC 115 or at the Student Services Information Desk.

Academic advising with career services

By KAY ALGER

Career development services is gearing up for academic advising and registration for summer and fall. Students having difficulty finding a major or career are encouraged to visit.

"We primarily see undeclared majors and transient students attending schools somewhere else and are here for enrollment in summer classes," said Susan Martindale, counseling and guidance specialist. "We've seen 350 to 400 students just last week for advisement on summer classes."

Four counselors are available for student advisement. "Express registration allows you to block in your classes and not have to worry. Telephone registration 24 hours a day is convenient," said Martindale.

Telephone registration is available for the first summer session until May 15 and for the second summer session from March 25 to June 27.

Express registration for the first summer session is available until April 26 and for the second summer session until April 26 and also from June 3 to June 27.

Telephone registration is available for fall until August 13 and express registration through April 26, June 3 to June 27 and July 15 to August 13.

Surfing the computer lab

By MICHAEL O'DONNELL

The technology fee is hard at work in the Applied Science building room 112 with the open computer information system microlab, the computer lab for students.

Lab instructor Jean Phillips said there is one main rule. "You must have a three and a half inch disk." If a student does not have a disk, they can be purchased for about \$1.50 at student bookstores. Phillips also said "it would be nice if you knew a word processor," but this is not a requirement.

The computer lab is open all week. Monday through Thursday it is open from 8 a.m. to 9:50 p.m. and Friday it is open from 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. It is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

The computer lab offers a lot of assistance to students. It offers almost all software that students need in class.

The computer lab also offers the internet and E-mail, one of the more popular items in the lab. Phillips said, "I love the internet!"

Nathan Segrest, a student using the internet said that the internet is fun and can be used for help on research reports. "I talk to friends all over the world" he went on to say "the internet is addictive."

The technology fee has recently added more Pentium computer systems. Phillips said, "the Pentium machines have made it (the lab) a lot better."

TASP

Coming to computer screen nearest you

By MELISSA CATES

For those students who have not yet taken the TASP test and need to soon in order to register for the summer and/or fall semesters there is another alternative to waiting for the next administered test.

The Computer-Administered TASP test is offered on several different college campuses. Some of those schools are Austin Community College, Austin; Brazosport College, Lake Jackson (Brazoria County); Eastfield College, Mesquite; University of Houston and North Harris College, Houston; Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos; the University of Texas at Arlington; and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Not all dates and times are available at each center and registration is on a first-come,

first-serve basis.

To register for the computerized version of the TASP test, call Telephone National Evaluation Systems, Inc. at (512) 927-5100. This line is available from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The registration deadline will be 4 p.m. the day before the test.

The cost of the test is \$85 due at the time of registration. Since registration is by telephone only, payment must be made by either Western Union wire transfer or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only).

Students are encouraged to obtain and read the 1996 Computer-Administered TASP Test Registration Bulletin Supplement and the 1995-96 TASP Test Registration Bulletin before calling to register.

Taking learning to higher levels

By KAY ALGER

Adult education has experienced an increase in enrollment. Local Advisory Council and Community Services leaders met recently at MCC to discuss learning opportunities that have resulted in this trend.

Shirley Crockett, adult education specialist, gave an overview including the literacy program—basic reading, writing, math and life-coping skills to prepare the student for GED classes. 2,020 students have enrolled.

Locally, McLennan County Correctional Center has 527 inmates enrolled in GED and literacy classes at the downtown corrections center and the corrections center on highway 6. The County Adult Probation Dept. has 160 students in GED classes.

Student count at the end of February was 3,197 in adult education at MCC. Last year there were only 2,981 students enrolled at this time. "110,000 contact

hours means students are staying in classes," said Crockett.

Elizabeth Zorn, Lead Instructor, and Bossie Williams, Parent Educator, explained that the Gateway Project brings learning home to children of extended families at the Stella Maxie Center Housing Project.

"Fifty-three percent of residents have less than a high school diploma. 48 percent are single parent households," said Williams.

The program will expand to two more housing projects, the Kato Ross Center and South Terrace.

Cherry Rogge, adult education coordinator, said, "We want you to know what we're doing - we'll set up classes anywhere you like."

Basic learning classes are offered through workforce training at the job site to prepare the student for GED classes.

Fred Zachary, superintendent of Waco Independent School District, stressed "providing healthy communities" through education awareness.

Larry Sullivan, superintendent of the LaVega Independent School District addressed advisory council members. "What does it take for a successful supportive cooperative village? Build those networks that are vital with adult education."

Richard Drum, Vice President of Instruction at MCC, greeted the guests. "We like to work with businesses and educational workshops. What constitutes an educated person? We want to be better educators in all phases of life and we're pleased to be the host."

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Psi Beta inductees honored

By MELISSA CATES

Twenty-seven MCC students have met the requirements to be inducted into Psi Beta National Honor Society in psychology.

Certificates and pins will be given out to each inductee at the Awards Assembly on April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

The inductees are Tiffany Aviles, Wilma Bailey, Phyllis Butth, Patricia Carroll, Larry Cooper, Angela Curry, Sandra Davila, Colleen Doran, and Robert Glass.

Also Sandra Graves, Jaquetta Haley, Patsy Jackson, Raymond Kent, Sara Lanfear, Angela Leadbetter, Shelly Maley, Kayla Middleton, and Cynthia Moroz.

Also Jennifer Morton, Lisa Nixon, Randall Nutt, Katherine Pavelka, Kari Pruner, Eugene Quindlen, Silvana Silva, Soraya Stallard and Jessica Watton.

Minimester courses scheduled

By MELISSA CATES

MCC is offering students the opportunity to complete a full semester's worth of course work, for credit, May 13-28, during the summer minimester.

The two classes, English 1301 Freshman Comp I and Speech 1318 Interpersonal Communications, will meet Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. Students may take only one of the classes since they overlap.

In order to enroll for the minimester, students must register during Express registration which ends April 26. The cost of each course is the same price as a regular length semester. For more information contact 750-3536.

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A backstage pass to 'Amadeus'

By MELANIE SANCHEZ
"Amadeus" will open on April 25-28, in the Fine Arts Building.

"Amadeus" takes place in the early 1770's and journeys through to 1823. The story is centered around the lives of Salieri and Mozart.

A struggle exists between Salieri and Mozart due to the similarities in their lives. Salieri held a powerful position in the Royal Court as its official composer. However, his own comparisons to Mozart caused Salieri to be bitter toward Mozart.

"Mozart, a genius, played for kings. He was a great composer. When he worked it was flawless, he had a God given talent," said Jim Rambo, director of the show. This bothered Salieri because he struggled to be one of the great composers, yet he felt he could never amount to what Mozart was.

"Salieri struggled with the idea of 'Why not me?'" said Rambo.

The cast has had to overcome some obstacles throughout the production. "The play is historically correct, however in some parts play one has to look at the fiction versus the non-fiction," said Rambo.

Another obstacle, said Rambo, is the script. "It is a complicated script, there is a prescribed way of sitting, using a fan, a way to walk, move — the actors have to learn to retain that position." Some parts of the script are written in French, Italian and German, Rambo said.

"This is a difficult piece, the music interweaves throughout the show and the actors have many sound cues, however the actors are responding to it," he said.

This show will not be performed in the Ball Performing Arts Center. Instead it will be performed in the Fine Arts Building theater in room 110. "This is a big show in a small theater, so some cosmetic renovation has been done to the theater," said Rambo.

Historically the costumes will be correct, he said. "The ladies will be in corsets and the boys in long coats."

The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. on all nights of the show. On Saturday and Sunday the matinee will begin at 2:30. The box office opens April 16, at 1 p.m. Tickets are free for MCC students, \$3 for non-students, \$4 for senior citizens and \$5 adults. Call the box office at 750-3500.

Walking through the Liberal Arts building can some times be an almost impossible task. No, the halls are not littered with trash. The problem is the students who have to sit on the floor before classes have nowhere else to sit. Students sitting on the floor usually have their backpacks next to them or in the middle of the floor.

The Liberal Arts Building is full of traffic to begin with. When walking down the hall it is hard trying not to trip on someone's foot or backpack.

The students are not at fault. Actually no one is really at fault. One simple solution comes to mind. More benches are needed in the hallways, so students waiting for class will have a place to sit.

These benches would clear the floors making the hallways more accessible for traffic.

Who could provide these benches? For starters, Student Government is here for the students. Throughout the years this group has completed many projects to better campus life for students. It has raised enough money to buy a television for the lobby of the Student Center. Maybe it can raise money to cover the cost or help with the cost of a few or more benches in the Liberal Arts Building.

The maintenance department could also take part in creating comfort for the students. Building the benches may be more economical than purchasing preassembled ones.

Lastly, the purchase of benches could be added to the budget.

At least five more benches per floor would be enough to pick some students off the floor so other students can get to class without breaking their ankles.



Overwhelmation: Effects of spring fever and stress

By JEFF TALBERT
"AAAAAHHHHHHH!!!"

I have no attribution for this quote, because so many people could claim saying it. It does not even need to be audible. It's written on the faces of students all around campus.

Spring Break has come and gone. Or at least it has gone for some of us. Others are hanging on for dear life. Some just never returned (It's easy to forget in the anticipation of leaving for Spring Break that one has to have money to come BACK).

But those who are determined not to succumb to the highly contagious Spring Fever are apparently falling prey to stress. Everyone appears to be in a hurry, worrying they will not get everything done. I see people waiting for their food in the microwave at the cafeteria, tapping their foot impatiently on the floor. If microwaves could cook food any faster our hair would be falling out from the radiation.

A day is really plenty of time. Let's break it down from the total 24 hours. The average college student sleeps five hours, the lucky ones get six; eats for two hours; goes to school and studies for four hours; thinks back to Spring Break for one hour; and watches television for 11 hours.

Okay. I admit that is a slight exaggeration. Average college students really only spend two hours going to school and studying.

In reality, most of us have to work. (MCC has so many beautiful trees. Where are the ones that grow money?)

So why do we let ourselves get stressed? I think it is because we live in the United States. Land of the free, land of the stressed. It is interesting to notice how Americans handle holidays. Unless we travel somewhere, we go crazy. Before long, the complaint is, "There's nothing to do," said in a tone much like how a 4-year old would say it on a 12 hour drive somewhere. But then we are going full force in mid-semester and we say, "AAAAAHHHHHHH!!!"

We are never satisfied in the U.S. We are depressed when we have nothing to do and we are depressed when we are busy. The only time we are not depressed is when we are being entertained.

That is why tests are not popular. They are really not too entertaining. I thought of a word that might describe this feeling of stress, depression, and dependency upon entertainment—"overwhelmation." It is not in Webster's (although I'll be submitting it soon).

Overwhelmed is not a good word because it does not describe a process, whereas "overwhelmation" is a process, much like "cremation" or "annihilation."

The definition of "overwhelmation" is a three-part process which consists of:

1) stress entering into the mind due to assignments, deadlines, instructors, money, or the opposite sex (these factors are called stressors, a mixture of the words "stress" and "germs");

2) stress seeping into the heart, at which point our emotions begin to reveal the stress in us (people around us tend to notice it before we do).

3) stress explodes out of our mouths in the form of "AAAAAHHHHHHH!!!"

Many people deal with overwhelmation in different ways. I used to deal with it by watching television, or playing guitar, or reading a book. But even after I did those things, the stress came back. However, I found a way to keep the stress away for good. The answer is in a famous book:

Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High.

So He subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

Then they cried to the Lord

in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke their chains.

Psalm 107: 10-13

If we are going to scream, "AAAAAHHHHHHH!!!" we might as well direct it to God. He has a way of comforting us that does not compare, in my case, to

watching television, reading, or playing guitar does. Jesus is known as the "Prince of Peace" for an extremely good reason.

So the next time you detect overwhelmation coming upon you, go to God for the help. Give Him your life and your troubles and your frantic and despairing "AAAAAHHHHHHH!!!" will turn into a calm and tranquil "aaaaahhhhhh."

A children's opera

MCC Opera will be presenting for the public the children's opera, "Chip and His Dog," at the Ball Performing Arts Center Friday at 7:30 p.m. The cast of 10 will also perform private showings for area school children today and Thursday at 1 p.m. and Friday at 10:20 a.m.

The opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti tells the story of a poor boy whose remarkable dog performs amazing tricks like dancing, playing the trumpet and adding numbers. After hearing of the dog's abilities, the king orders Chip to sell his dog so the princess will have something that makes her smile.

Music instructors Lisa Uhl and Gail Wade will be stage director and music director. The cast includes Michael Brothers, Anita Cashaw, Stephen Coulon, Dali DeBose, Carlos Dominguez, Rick Kahabka, Chad Martin, Esther Sanchez, Kristi Rowan and Teri Rodgers. Lori Falls and James Shepherd will also be involved in the pit orchestra.

Final Exam Schedule

CLASSES	EXAM DAY	EXAM TIME
Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes		
6:55 - 7:50 am	Mon., May 6 Wed., May 8	*6:55 - 7:50 am
*(precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 min.)		
8:00 - 8:55 am	Mon., May 6	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:10 - 10:05 am	Wed., May 8	9:10 - 11:10 am
10:20 - 11:15 am	Fri., May 10	10:20 - 12:20 pm
11:30 - 12:25 pm	Mon., May 6	11:30 - 1:30 pm
12:40 - 2:00 pm	Wed., May 8	12:40 - 2:40 pm
2:15 - 3:35 pm	Mon., May 6	2:15 - 4:15 pm
3:50 - 5:10 pm	Wed., May 8	3:50 - 5:50 pm
Tues. - Thurs. classes		
8:00 - 9:20 am	Tues., May 7	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:35 - 10:55 am	Thurs., May 9	9:35 - 11:35 am
11:10 - 12:30 pm	Tues., May 7	11:10 - 1:10 pm
12:45 - 2:05 pm	Thurs., May 9	12:45 - 2:45 pm
2:20 - 3:40 pm	Tues., May 7	2:20 - 4:20 pm
3:55 - 5:15 pm	Thurs., May 9	3:55 - 5:55 pm

EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00 - 7:20 pm	MW	Mon., May 6	6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	MW	Wed., May 8	7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 7:20 pm	TTH	Tues., May 7	6:00 - 8:00 pm
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SATURDAY CLASSES

EXAMS FOR SATURDAY CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON MAY 4, 1996.

DOWNTOWN CENTER (DAY OR EVENING)

EXAMS FOLLOW THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES (DAY OR EVENING)

THE EXAM SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR. HOWEVER, EXAMS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BEFORE MAY 4, 1996.

OR OTHER EXCEPTIONS

CLASSES WHICH MEET BEGINNING (DOWNTOWN OR ON CAMPUS) BETWEEN 5 AND 5:55 P.M. WILL HOLD FINAL EXAMS AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON MAY 6, 7, 8, OR 9 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

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Highland Games

Campus gets ready to rumble in its annual spring field day

By MICHAEL O'DONNELL
The campus will be swarming with activity on April 26 as the Highland Games are rolling in. The Highland Games are events pitting teachers against students or student groups. The competition has normal events such as basketball, tug-of-war and a run. The games also consist of off-the-wall events, such as a jalapeno eating contest, a pie eating contest and an egg toss.

The one event is sure to pull a lot of attention. The tug-of-war event consists of five males and five females, pulling the rope until the other team crosses the line in the center.

Serving up excitement, the volleyball event will have teams of three males and three females. All volleyball rules will apply in this event.

The Highland Slam will also

take place at the games this year. The Highland Slam is appropriately named for basketball. The event will have two teams of three players against each other.

On the lighter side is the pie eating contest. This event consists of two people, one the eater the other is the feeder. The eaters must put their hands behind their back while the feeders use their own techniques to feed the pie to their partner.

Another event is a little on the warm side. For people with a taste for spice there is a jalapeno eating contest. The contestants have one minute to get down as many jalapenos as they can.

The contestants will be cracking up over the egg toss. Two people will toss an egg back and forth to each other, taking a step back with every catch. The last group still throwing are the winners.

The runners aren't exhausted yet the Highland Run is next. The run is approximately a one mile run around the campus.

"We are adding some events this year, especially in the relays such as the Earth ball and three-legged races," said Patti Weir of Student Services. "It will be a fun day!"

Prizes will be given out to the winning organizations. The overall winning group of the Highland Games earns \$50. The second place prize money is \$25. The third place group wins \$20. The prize money is only for groups or organizations acknowledged by MCC.

The events will be held between the Student Center and the Student Service Building in late April. All organizations are welcome to challenge the teachers. For the organizations and clubs wanting to enter, should

see Patty Wier in the Student Center building. Individuals may group with some friends and compete as well, but are not eligible for the prize money. For the individuals joining, just go up to event and sign in to compete.

"We are adding some events this year, especially in the relays such as the Earth ball and three-legged races. It will be a fun day!"

Ranked 8th in nation Highlanders still rolling

By BROWN SMITH
The Highlanders are ranked 8th in the nation and riding a four game winning streak as they are on the road today to play Howard and will resume conference play on Saturday with a doubleheader in Ranger.

The team ended the second round of conference with an 18-2 record and a commanding lead over first place.

On Saturday the Highlanders took two from the Hill Rebels with a strong offensive showing as they pounded out 20 hits and scored 22 runs on the day.

Leading 3-1 in the first game, the Highlanders exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the fifth inning for the 11-1 run-rule. Brock Rumfield started the scoring barrage with a two-run homerun and capped the rally with a three-run double to end the game. Roger Robinson, Charley Carter, and Christo Amarantos each collected two hits in the game as Dimitric Murph picked up the victory.

The Highlander bats were still flaming in the second game as the team scored seven runs in the first inning. Rumfield knocked in the first two runs with a double into the right-centerfield gap and later scored on a successful double-steal. Amarantos doubled home a run and

Roosevelt Roddy walked with the bases loaded before Robinson singled up the middle to plate the final two runs of the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth Chris Connally blasted a two-run bomb deep over the left field fence and the Highlanders added two more runs in the bottom of the eighth as they rolled over Hill, 11-5. Robinson led the attack with three hits and three RBI's as Connally and Amarantos each collected two hits. John Robertson pitched six innings for the win and Mark Outlaw entered in relief to notch the save.

The Highlanders also swept North Central on the road last Tuesday.

Robinson scored on Connally's single in the top of the third inning to break a 2-2 tie. In the top of the fourth Jason Reasoner scored on a double-steal and Jay LaFlair drove home a run to give the Highlanders a 5-2 lead. The team scored one more run in the seventh as Outlaw went the distance on the mound to record the 6-2 victory.

Amarantos' three-run bomb and Eric Appel's three-run double highlighted the 8-1 win in the second game. Justin Lee and Connally added run scoring singles as Rumfield pitched the complete nine inning game for the 8-1 win.

Youthful Highlassies net successful season full of wins and experience

By CEDRIC IGLEHART
The Highlassies ended their basketball season with a 66-63 loss to then-fourth ranked Howard Junior College in the first round of the North Texas Junior Athletic Conference tournament.

Despite the loss of players Lisa Brown, Kiana Kent and Yong Tran, who combined for 70 percent of the offense last year, the team went 21-10 and finished

third in the conference behind Weatherford and Grayson, the top-ranked team for most of the season.

Even though the season didn't end the way head coach Wendell Hudson would have liked, he couldn't have been more pleased with the effort put forth by the team.

"I felt good about us," said Hudson. "We beat all the teams we should have beat and were a

couple of plays away from winning the games we lost."

Perhaps the most impressive thing about this year's team was the considerable contributions from the freshman class. Eight of the 12 players were first-year members including the leading scorer and rebounder.

All-conference guard Melissa Walker, averaging 14.9 points per game, led the team in scoring, and post Kristina Hayward

with 11 rebounds a game led the team in that category. The assist leader was freshman Lisa Wachsmann, averaging 5.2 assists a game.

Although the freshmen were an important part of the team's success, Hudson felt the sophomores on the team were just as vital.

"Danielle McKinney and Patricia Jackson ran neck and neck for team MVP," Hudson

said. "Danielle and Patricia had much better work habits than last year and I think they really led by example. When sophomores work as hard as those two, it benefits the freshmen."

Other Highlassie team members were freshmen Heather Hand and Natasha Stevens, sophomores LaTisha Washington, Paige Bishop and last year's leading scorer Angelina Morris.

The season began with a brutal

non-conference schedule with four of 14 games in November and December on the road. The Highlassies went 12-2 during that span.

While declining to make a prediction for next year, Hudson expects another successful season.

"We have a good group coming in next year - lots of area talent. Central Texas girls basketball is so good now we are

able to build our program around it.

"This year's team gave a great effort 99 percent of the time. We played a tough schedule, lots of early road games; that helped to prepare us for conference play," he said.

"Our goal every year is to win our conference and get into the tournament. Once you make it there, there's no telling what can happen."

Golf team set to tee off at state tournament

By RICHARD CELLI
The Golf Team walked away from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Wildflower Invitational with a first place finish, and a 10th place national ranking.

The next tournament is the Texas Junior College state Championships in Tyler April 14-16.

The Highlanders individually, as well as a team excelled at the tournament. Ryan Slaughter placed third overall with a score of 158. Jeff Hughes finished fourth overall with a score of 159. Hughes also shot the tournament low round of 74. Then, Allen Claburn finished sixth overall with a score 162.

MCC won the tournament with a combined total score of 648. Second place was captured by Paris College, who is ranked No. 4 nationally. MCC beat them by 6 strokes. The 17th ranked San Jacinto College finished fourth with a score of 662.

Texas golf still remains some of the toughest and best golf around. Eight of the top twenty teams were from Texas. Midland was No. 2. Paris ranked No. 4. MCC came in No. 10. Western Texas College finished No. 11. Odessa landed No. 12. Lon Morris grasped the No. 18 spot. San Jacinto College fished out a No. 17, and finally Grayson County College captured the No. 20 spot.

Intramural basketball champions: 'Da Bulls'

By CEDRIC IGLEHART
The intramural 3-on-3 basketball tournament ended with the Bulls trampling all opposition en route to a 15-12 victory in the championship game.

Though not quite as formidable a trio as Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, the team of Toroy Burns, John Bible and Robert Williams swept through the field.

They won three games by scores of 15-8, 15-12 and 15-10 before emerging as the campus champs.

The intramural volleyball season is already underway. The season ends with a round-robin, single-elimination tournament. All interested students should contact Coach Hudson at 750-3546 or go by the HPE building, room 112.

Campus Calendar

- April 10-Wednesday
10 a.m. Annual Awards Assembly-Lecture Hall
10:15 a.m. a.m. PASS Workshop-HPE 101
- April 11-Thursday
4 p.m. PASS Workshop HPE 101
- April 12-Friday
(tennis) MCC v. Kilgore 1:30 p.m. at Groesbeck
- April 13-Saturday
ACT Lecture Hall
(tennis) MCC v. Univ. of Texas JV 10:30 a.m. here
- April 15-Monday
(tennis) MCC v. Collin Community College 2 p.m. here
- April 16-Tuesday
Last day to withdraw with an automatic grade of W

Look to the Financial Assistance Office for help

Many ways to finance that education

By JAMES KUBACAK

Scan the business page of any paper and you will see that there are literally hundreds of places to invest your money. But there are few investments that are sure to pay off as handsomely as the investment you make in yourself by furthering your education.

Like any investment, going to college might take some sacrifice initially. But it is sure to provide a lifetime payoff through better jobs, economic security and increased self-esteem. Of course, coming up with the money to make that initial investment can be difficult.

The good news
The good news is that, now more than ever, getting that college degree is an attainable goal. At only \$20 per semester hour, McLennan Community College offers you a quality education at a reasonable price.

With the many financial aid options available, there is no reason that anyone who wants to go to college can't go. In fact, about 63 percent of MCC students receive some form of financial aid, whether federally funded grants, low-interest student loans, work study opportunities or scholarships.

Help available
Sometimes, however, the fear of trying to navigate a maze of programs and regulations prevents students from over beginning their journey to a brighter future. But getting financial help to make the investment in your future is often easier than you may think. There are many people at MCC who can help you in your search for educational investment dollars. Applying for financial aid is the first step in making these resources work for you. If your financial aid paperwork is filed and approved by June 1, MCC will assure that funds will be available to you this fall.

Where to apply
To apply, simply come by the Office of Student Financial Assistance here at MCC, or call us at 750-3698 and we will help

you through the basic steps.

Pell, the foundation
The Pell Grant program is considered the foundation of all financial assistance. Awards range from \$400 to \$2,440 per year and do not have to be repaid. The U. S. Department of Education sets the eligibility and amount based on available family contribution, which is determined by such factors as family size and income. After tuition and fees are paid, the student receives the balance of the award in cash.

Other supplemental grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

The loan option
Quite often students' concern about getting financial aid is not about need, but about the lack of it. Older, working students, in particular, may have family incomes that are too high to

qualify for need-based awards. For these students, student loans are often a good choice. Stafford Student Loans, for example, offer a reasonable interest rate, currently around 8.25 percent, and do not have to be repaid until the student leaves school.

Keep in mind that taking out a student loan doesn't just mean adding another payment to your budget. Invariably, more education translates into better job opportunities and higher potential income that will offset this small monthly expense after graduation.

Work study option
Another wonderful, but often overlooked, opportunity for financial aid is the Work Study Program. People sometimes believe that this program is only for younger students who have never been in the workplace. But even many older, working students—the average student age at MCC is about 27—can

work an additional 15 flexible hours a week while they are on campus to supplement their income. As an added bonus, they gain valuable work experience, often in their field of study.

Last, but certainly not least, are the numerous scholarships available through our college. In the last 10 years, primarily because of the efforts of the MCC Foundation, the number of available scholarships has quadrupled.

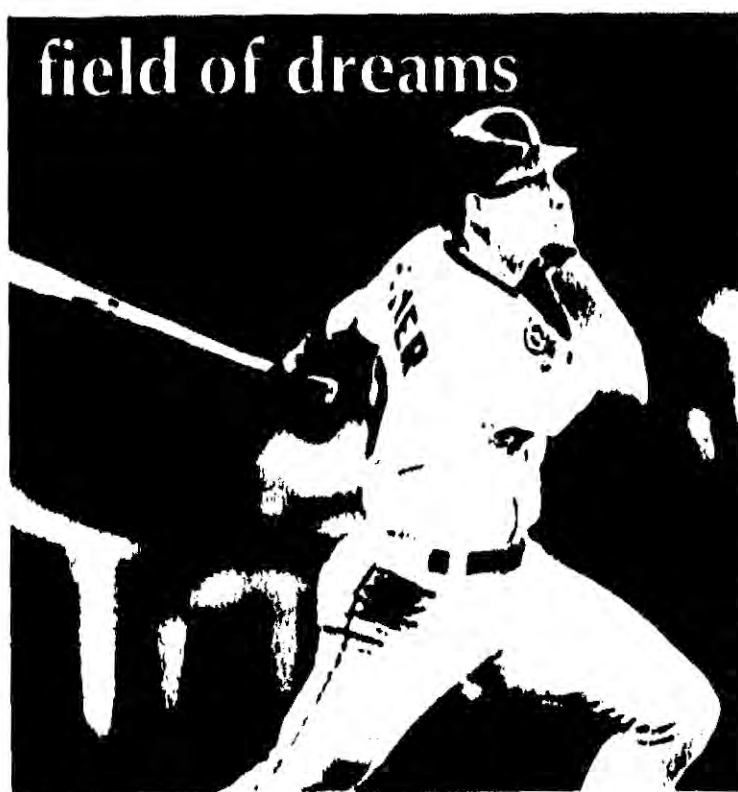
More applicants needed
Unfortunately, we often don't get enough applications to award all these scholarships. Some scholarships do go to people with great grades, but many others are awarded based on a wide range of criteria—a student's high school, a particular field of study or financial need, for example. There is even a scholarship reserved exclusively for female students over the age of 30!

Opportunity

When I talk to prospective students and ask them why they want to go to college, they always tell me "to get an education." But college doesn't just provide an education, it provides opportunity. Come visit us at MCC to learn about the many opportunities we have to help you chart your course for a brighter future—by investing in yourself.

For more information about Financial Aid opportunities at MCC, call 817-750-3698. To learn more about MCC, call 817-750-3522.

James Kubacak is Senior Director for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Financial Assistance at McLennan Community College. A resident of Elm Mott, he graduated from West High School, MCC and Tarleton State University. He has been with the college since 1979.



McLennan Community College taught me how to win — on the field and in life. I had my first taste of winning on a grand scale when the Highlanders won the 1983 national championship. I considered turning pro after high school, but chose to play for MCC instead. That was a great step for me. MCC taught me discipline, perseverance and teamwork. I learned a lot about myself and gained the inner strength and perspective I needed to make it in the majors. There are no guarantees in sports. I'm glad I started my career with an education at MCC.

— Jay Buhner, Outfielder
MCC Highlanders, 1983-84
Seattle Mariners, 1985-present

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About the supplement

Dancers have their leaps, turns, and lifts. Actors and singers have their stage performances. Musicians have their concerts and recitals.

But how do creative writing students and art students present their talents?

By publishing and exhibiting their works.

In the next four pages of this issue students currently enrolled in English 2307 (Creative Writing) and Art (Drawing 1 & 2) will present their works. We hope you'll enjoy how they've chosen to express themselves.

	<p>8 gunshots then 1 then 9 What now? What then? no scream i tear just one i wish for none VIOLENCE GUN HATRED no solution i hear DEATH outside my window</p>	<p>By christianna rhoads</p>
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Flamingo Dancers in
Barbara Bush Pearls

Brenda Marwitz
Acrylic, 14 X 17 inches

My Ephemeral Existence

Oh, your eyes,
Your hands,
Your arms,
Your hair,
Your eyes,
Your face,
Your Breasts,
And your loins
Girded about with countless little trophies,
Chiming in time to your sure footed steps.
Dancing,
Coming closer, closer, ever closer,
Until your eyes flicker to mie,
Baring your soul, Sensing my need.
All my hopes,
All my dreams,
Explode into Realization.
A cusp of reality,
And *I am God.*

Then you look away again,
And pass me by
For another,
Lifting

Him

To Greatness.
I cry out,
The mad howl of the Damned.
You turn,
Look,
You cannot See.
But I can see.
I can see it in your eyes,
Your beautiful eyes,
Murderous Indifference,
Homicidal Apathy.
Leaving me behind,
As my brethren
Receive me
From Deliverance,
Offer up a small Sacrifice,
And Contemplate
The finer points of Loss.

— Kraven

Bedtime

There is much work to be done
the child said,
it's a quarter till eight,
almost time for bed.
I'll wash my face,
and then throw up,
and hope for tonight
that will be enough.
To leave me alone,
give me one night's peace,
hope that tomorrow
someone will see.
The bruise to my heart

the tear to my soul
the knowledge that
a child never should know.
I've left many hints,
said many clues,
the only question
is what will you do.
Will you take a step,
will you stop the abuse?
Or when "they" said
you didn't love me
were "they" telling the truth?

— Rebecca Tatum



Guiding Light

Nancy Carlton
Photograph 9.5 X 7.5 inches

Silence

Two souls sitting in silence,
 no words spoken,
 the mood never broken,
 the understanding understood
 but not said
 about what lies ahead.
 Sometimes dearest soul
 I just don't know,
 and live in silence day by day,
 wondering at the things I do not say.

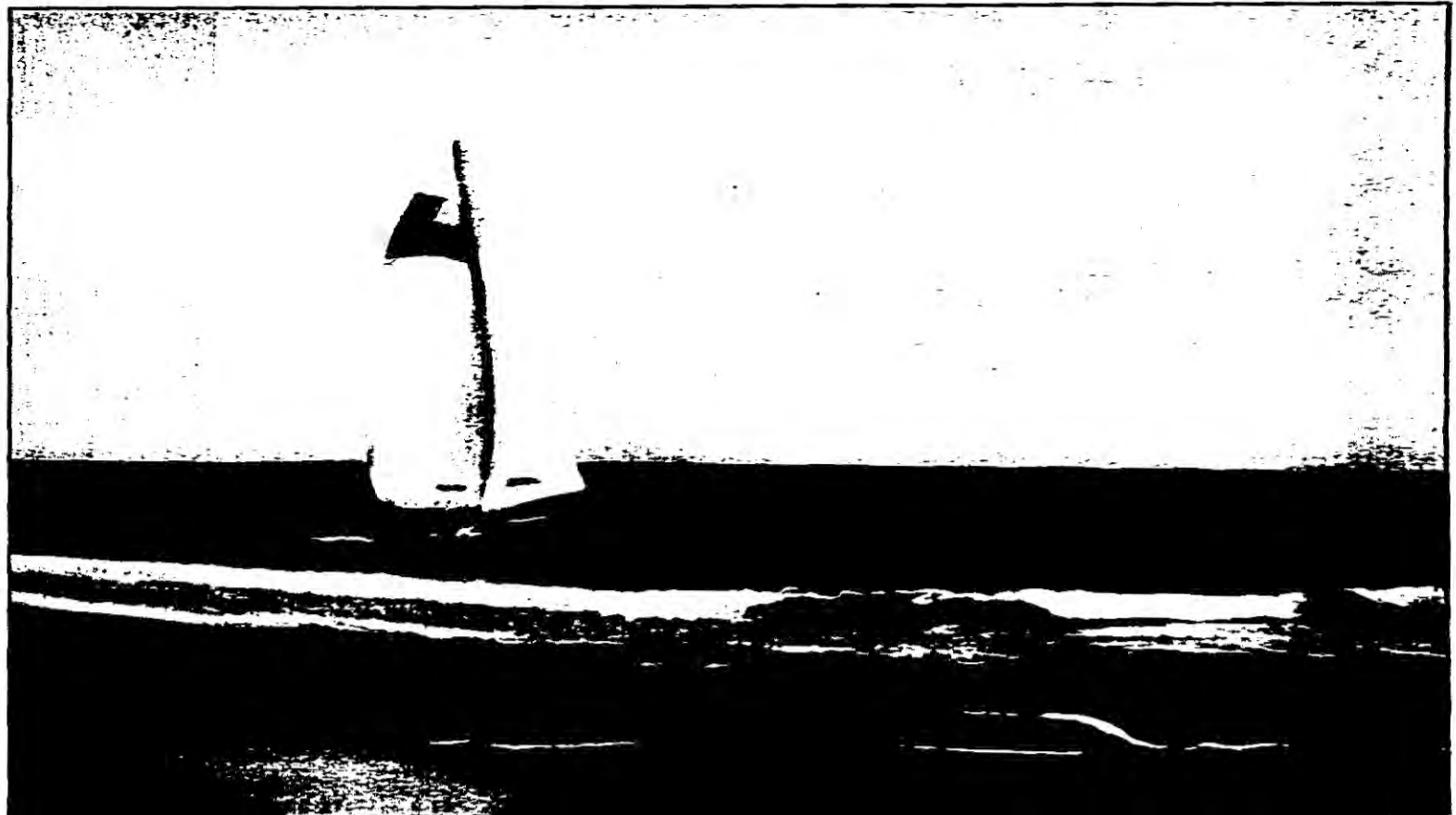
— R. Meyer

Murder

"cells out of control"
 that's what the book called it
 something
 went wrong
 the anti-tumor part disappeared
 so the little masses grow
 spread
 they live without dying

what is it called
 when someone faces death
 without the chance to live
 cannot grow
 or spread themselves
 to those they love
 or might love one day
 if they survive to meet
 lives soon to end
 out of control
 so we hold masses
 hold each other
 before a fresh mound of earth

— Amy Jasek



South Padre

Michael Smith
 Oil on canvas, 11 X 14 inches

Memories

Fireflies flickering messages
 Across the midnight sky
 Bring restless flitters of memories
 Endless questions why
 Uncalled visions of chubby hands
 Clasping empty space
 Laughing timeless tunes
 At a glittering firefly's race
 Childish gales of laughter
 Echo hauntingly through my
 mind
 Bittersweet memories uninvited
 From another place and time

— Becky

The Unsatisfied Customer

Marvin marched up to the counter
 and stared angrily at the lady behind
 it. "Let me see the manager!" he barked.
 "Is there a problem, sir?" she asked
 meekly.
 "You can bet your sweet petunias
 there's a problem! Get me the man-
 ager!"
 "Yes, sir," she said, and disappeared
 in the back. She returned minutes
 later hiding behind a manly woman.

"Is there a problem?" queried the
 beefy lady.
 "You can bet your sweet petunias
 there's a problem! Your waitress just
 served me a disgusting sandwich with
 moldy green bread, sour mayonnaise,
 brown stinking tomatoes, and maggots
 squirming around in the beef. I want
 my money back!"
 "May I see the sandwich, sir?"
 "I ate it."

— Jarrod Hareluk

Gravel

a souvenir of the sidewalk
 that's what i am
 and no one knows
 how one like me must feel
 alone, sitting in the corner
 a light shining from outside the alley
 shows my worn and tattered face
 and only a tear will cleanse it

when i come out from hiding,
 there is no one there
 no one with a comforting smile
 nor a face with a frown - only me
 whether souvenir of the sidewalk
 or just a face of the crowd
 i am alone and withered
 just a souvenir on the same worn
 path.

— christianna rhoads

Rest in Peace

I hear your voice
 Echoing in my heart
 I feel your smile
 On the icy tears of my mind
 I know your love
 Though the world is blind
 I sense your arms outstretched
 Behind heaven's open gates
 I rest in peace
 True knowledge sedates me
 I trust in the reality
 Not even Hell can separate our
 love

— Becky



Light Interaction

Kristine Steinke
 Photograph 14 X 11 inches

Sunday Drive

I've lived with a monster
 everyday of my life,
 You said "we didn't know",
 well maybe that's right.
 The job of a parent
 is to listen and watch,
 but you weren't there
 so the abuse didnt stop.
 "he's not in my closet
 cause that's where I hide,
 can't you hear the truth,
 he's telling a lie."
 We're not going for ice cream
 or a nice Sunday drive,
 he's taking me with him,
 so this time I can't hide.

— Rebecca Tatum



**Untitled
 1995**

Brenda Marwitz
 Painted canvas
 on wood



Paper and Pencil

Chris Latham
Computer-generated print

moon past the window
its light calls to me sweetly,
softly as I sleep

— Haiku, Amy Jasek

Vita Green or Soylent Pro?

You know, if you tried to count all the times man has cussed since the beginning of time, you'd be wasting your time. So instead of talking about that I want to eliminate your ignorance on another trivial, miniscule, subject. For those of you proficient in mind reading, you already know what I'm about to talk about. In fact, that small portion of the general population that can read minds never had to read this article.

For the other 99.999999999% of you that aren't endowed with that skill, I am referring to the recent publicity about VitaPro, a new meat substitute the Texas Department of Corrections is serving in Texas prisons. One thought came to mind about VitaPro. What is that you ask? Well, I realized that VitaPro is very similar to Soylent Green. What? Yes, Soylent Green that not so lovely food substitute described in Harry Harrison's *Make Room! Make Room!* and immortalized in the classic 1973 Sci-Fi film *Soylent Green*. *Soylent Green* starred Charlton Heston, if anybody is interested. How is VitaPro similar to Soylent Green you ask? I have a list, so let us examine it.

First, both have been used in this decade. VitaPro is being used right now, duh. Soylent Green was used in the late 1990s (it was used in a different year in the movie).

Second, both were served to people who live like prisoners. VitaPro is being served to actual prisoners who live like guests at a country club. Babies! Soylent Green was served to 35 million people jam packed living in slums, ghettos, rusted out automobiles in parking lots, ships, etc. in New York City. Everything was rationed. Food, water, electricity. Now they had something to complain about! Just try and imagine the smell of the garbage on the street and unbathed people in a heat wave. Whoa! No thanks you say. Well I don't blame you.

Third, both have been served as an alternative to real food in order to save

money. VitaPro is being served because it is cheaper than beef and other meat. Soylent Green was served because enough food for 35 million people could not be easily nor cheaply grown in the U.S. at the time. Especially since all or most of the Midwestern United States and Canada was a giant dust bowl making it difficult to grow food on a large scale. That and all the ocean plankton that was being used to supposedly make Soylent Green was dying off.

Fourth, both are made from organic material. VitaPro is made from soybeans or so they say. But who are they? I've been told that they are the people that put ketchup on their hamburgers. Yuck! Catsup is an abomination, but that is a subject for another commentary. Soylent Green, at first, was made of plankton and later unknown organic material in the same manner that sausage and government is made. It all turns out ok, but you do not want to see what exactly goes into it.

Fifth and lastly, rumors indicate that neither taste very good. Some anonymous Texas prisoners claim that they would not feed VitaPro to their dogs. Who do these people think they are? They have been sent to prison to be reformed and punished, not pampered. Unfortunately, unless you were rich you couldn't afford any alternative other than the "tasteless, odorless crud" Soylent Green. That quote and the ones later were stolen from sound files I've got from the movie.

So as you can tell Soylent Green and VitaPro are very similar indeed. Ok, yeah, uh huh you are probably thinking to yourself. Well, aren't there any differences then? Actually, the only real difference is that the manufacturers of VitaPro say it is made of soybeans, but we know that "Soylent Green is made out of people," and to be redundant, "Soylent Green is people!" All that makes you wonder about what really is in VitaPro now doesn't it?

— Kevin Moore

A Prediction from July 5, 1994

I fell,
no, rather,
strode into love.
A time so long ago,
with open eyes,
a curious mind,
and untainted heart.

This love I eventually declared,
but soon realized my mistake.

I knew that we could never be.

I couldn't help but wonder,
Was I wrong to nurture such emotion?

So,
I tried to forget you.
I try to forget you every day,
since every day
your memory
brings me
to my knees.

Sometimes,
I see a young woman
of such worth and value
that she might compare to you,
replace you in my heart,
allow me to forget,
but they eventually
fall
falter
fade
from eminence.

I am presently looking at such a promising soul,
with her eyes sparkling
and her lips curling into a smile.
I was just about to express how
She might be the one
to mend my broken heart,
then realized she was an old,
dilapidated photo of a girl
I came to love a time so long ago.

A day too late for my Independence.

Yes, possibly I had fallen after all.

— allen rivard

Storm

I hear the storm coming,
a crazed army of bass drummers
accompanied by lunatics strumming
strange strings not meant for human
ears. Disturbing all of creation with
their insane vibrations, and wringing
from clouds' tears, as it appears they

have given into their fears.
Yet still, perhaps by force of will,
across the sky as if to defy the
deafening cry,
a many-hued arch marking the end of
the storms march.

— R. Meyer



Cloudscape

Shawn Isbell
Photograph 8 X 10 inches



Morning, Cameron Park Shawn Isbell
Photograph 10 X 8

If I Told You

Would I really do her justice
by describing just her beauty
Would you grasp an understanding
of what she means to me
If I told you that her skin was soft
Like the texture of a rose
I would leave you unaware
of the affection she withholds
If I told you that I loved her smile
and I loved the way she moved
You wouldn't know how when I am down
how much her sweet voice soothes
If I told you about her lovely eyes
Like the crystal waters of an ocean spring
You wouldn't know how those beautiful eyes
Look past my insecurities
If I told you about the woman I love
and all her wonderful qualities
If I told you about the woman I love
would you really understand me

— Robert Osuna

A Twisted Future

In one improbable future, everything east of the San Andreas has plunged into the Atlantic, for reasons unknown. As a result, survivors of this cataclysm were forced to live in California.

The problem with such a situation is that there aren't many happy people left in the world. People tended to talk to each other less, and then only as a matter of necessity. As impossible as it sounds, the language in California eventually dwindled to only one word.

For example, take the exploits of the typical cataclysm survivor. In the heart of Los Angeles, a man walks into a donut shop. He looks at the selections and turns to the clerk.

"Dude?" he asks, pointing at a jelly-filled donut under the glass.

"Dude," the clerk acknowledges, retrieving the selection.

The man takes his donut and stares seriously at the clerk. A thin smile crosses his face as he pulls a small handgun from his pocket.

"Dude," he tells the clerk, motioning at the register.

The sounds of several clicks echo behind the man. He turns slowly to face his defeat. Cops line the walls, guns leveled at his head.

"Dude," he sighs, dropping the gun.

— Troy Rodgers

You

long after *your scent* has faded from my pillow

sweet dreams of your smile linger in the air
causing me not only to recall *your soothing memory*
but also to nurture this lonely feeling of loving You

it is a love that has gone unnoticed

for *your naive young eyes*
are blinded to
the true meaning of words unsaid

words unsaid are not always understood

time and *your open minded maturity* are
my last hope to
help You understand me

the blunt edge of the truth has failed me

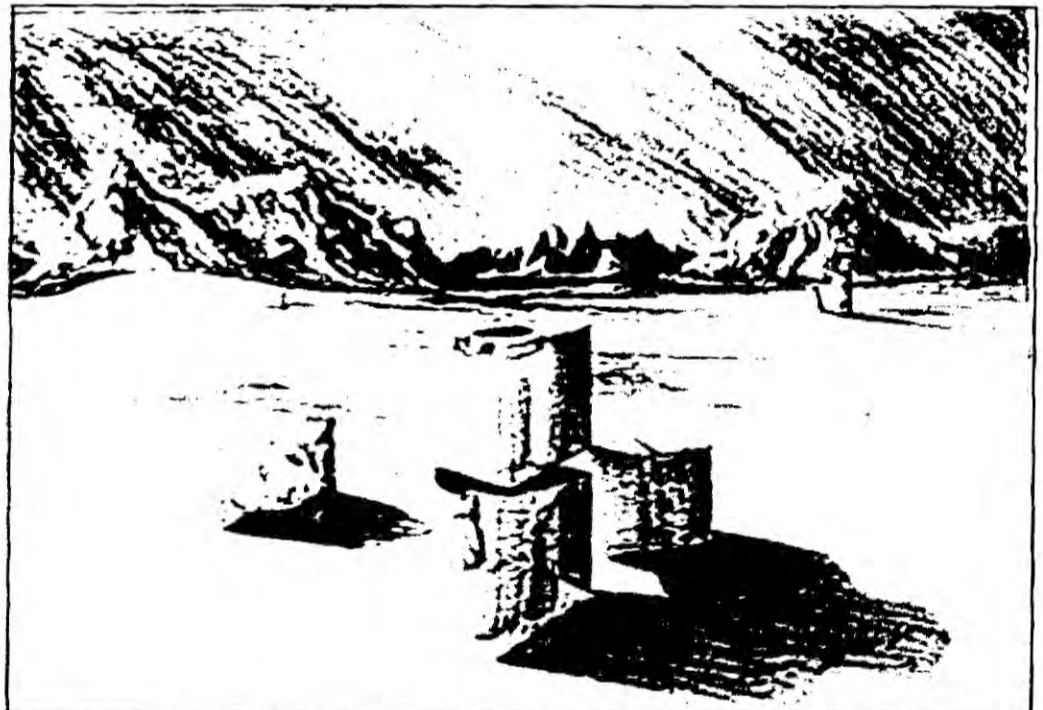
the realization that You could never
let me near *your soul*
bids me to shed not one dry tear

so i drown inside

with *You* outside

unable to save *Me*

— Anthony Hogeland



The Failing Dream

Michael Smith
Pencil, 1995

Confession

I will not be ashamed for the
words or the content within.
I was only a child,
born without sin.

— Rebecca Tatum



Farmer's Fancy

Nancy Carlton
Photograph 5.5 X 8 inches