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degree.

By ANN JONES

structor has earned her doctor's

human resource development in nursing and educational ad-

ministration from the University

of Texas. The title for her disser-

tation was "Leadership Styles

in Nursing And The Effect On

Motivation Among Nursing

Staff." She attended MCC for a

year in 1976, majoring in nurs-

ing. She then transferred to

Kilgore College, where she re-

classes in her own private busi-

ness and through Hillcrest

Hospital. Hillcrest completely

to teach at that time and was

disappointed to learn that she

had to have a bachelor's degree,

although she was allowed to sub-

stitute. She became a part-time teacher in our nursing program in 1986 and went full-time a

She wanted to return to MCC

She began teaching childbirth

ceived an associate degree.

funded her doctoral work.

year and a half later.

Sandy Reyna, nursing in-

Reyna received her degree in



Photo By Mike Melton

the MCC one mile fun run held on Nov. 21. A total of 376 award was a tie between Chrysler Technologies and people, 40 more than last year, entered in the one mile Met Life and the school award went to J.L. Wiley. and 5k run. The award for club having the most entries Proceeds go to school improvements.

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO.Runners take off for was won by the Student Government, the corporate

# Speech team receives top junior college award in busy weekend of tourneys

By EMILY NORTHRUP The speech team has taken home almost as many awards this fall than they took home all of last year.

The speech team participated in their last tournament this semester. The Turkey Trot Swing was Nov. 13-15 at University of Texas at Austin and San Antonio College.

The awards received were Merie Witt, second persuasive speaking at University of Texas, first persuasive speaking at San Antonio College; Bridget Sharp, third dramatic duo at University of Texas, third informative speaking University of Texas. fourth persuasive speaking University of Texas, first informative speaking at San Antonio College, fifth persuasive speaking at San Antonio College and second overall individual sweeps

Other awards received were Heather Eissler, third dramatic duo at University of Texas, fourth informative speaking at University of Texas, fourth communications analysis at University of Texas, fourth communications analysis at San Antonio College; Carrie Spencer, first after dinner speaking at University of Texas, second after dinner speaking at San Antonio College; Marco Suarez, sixth extemporaneous at University of Texas; Derek Westermann, sixth impromptu speaking at San Antonio College; Aimee Glover, second persuasive speaking at San Antonio College and Barry Sullivan, third communications analysis at San Antonio College.

The speech team also received second overall and top junior college awards at the Turkey Trot Swing.

"We're looking forward to be more competitive in the spring than we were in the fall," Ann Harrell, co-director of forensics,

She then began working on a bachelor of science in nursing degree at the University of Texas at Arlington which she finished

## College leaders named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

Twenty two MCC students have been chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 1992-93 school year. They are Jennifer Barrett, Patsy Beaty, Mary Cabezas, Tiffany Dale, Suzanne Duett, Sean Duncan, Patricia Gwin, Harry Gilchrest, Lesa Halter, Ann Jones, Ronald Jones, Robert Kelly, Axita Kocian, Mandy Lostin, Donna McCoy, Delores Melendez, Monica Parrett, Anita Peevey, Charlene Rigdon, Bridget Sharp, Shannah Tarvin and Lou Ann Wolf. They were chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community and leadership in extracurricular activities. An award ceremony will be held in the spring to

# Disabled Student program provides easier building access, job training

By LEARIE AUSTIN
The disabled student program

is part of the special services department and is designed to meet the needs of students who have disabilities.

Johnnie Talton, support services specialist, oversees the program. Her office strives to provide services that will make everything on campus accessible to disabled students.

Talton said, "Accessibility and the services my office provides will make the disabled student's chances for success just as great as any other student that is deemed normal."

She said she is extremely proud of the progress made in the additions over the years. "We have gotten a lot of equipment and I am responsible for deciding which equipment and which areas we will focus on for the year."

Some of the accessibility features include wide doorways, building and sidewalk ramps, special parking areas, special restrooms, braille elevators and curb cuts.

Other services include van transportation, mobility aids, registration assistance, interpreters, note-takers, readers, writers and special seating arrangements. Talton said sho is presently working with approximately 143 students. "Those are only the students that are on my file. I only know about those who request services. A lot more are oligible for the services."

Talton said even though funds are carmarked to students majoring in vocational and technical programs through the Carl Perkins Act, no student eligible is donied services.

### Work Experience She spear-hended the effort to

place disabled students in faculty offices under the student internship program.

Talton said it allows the students to work a limited number schodule. She makes of hours. "This allows them to us." adhere to rules and time re-straints, follow instructions and a dress code. They get a check and will got assistance with resume writing, so when they leave



Photo By Melanie Gerik WYLIE BARRINGTON WORKS hard in the office of Stan Mitchell, accounting instructor. Barrington is in the student internship program.

here after completing the program they will have a completed resume, have paid work experionce and can even request recommendations if they so

She said it is somewhat of a completed package. "Many of the students had never worked because no one gave them the chance."

Melanie Peevey, a freshman, has been in the program since last spring. She has epilepsy which can be disabling at times. "If I take my medicine I'm fine. Even if I'm taking my medicine and I get too much stress, I have problems with it," Peovey said. Evon though she hasn't had an attack recently, she said it is nlwnys possible.
Peevey also said the disabled

students program has helpedher by Talton making herself available to the students. "If I got depressed because my grades have fallen a little bit, I can go in there and she will talk to me. It doesn't matter if she's got a busy

### American Disabilities

Act Wylie Barrington, a sophomore majoring in computer data processing, says he has a ver-

sion of cerebral palsy. "When I was little I had hydrocephalus, which is water on the brain and it affected mobility in my legs."

Barrington said the public has a botter understanding of the disnbled. "It's better than it used to be. I heard disabled people were shut away. I like what the federal government is doing. Businesses now must be accessible to the disabled."

He was referring to the American with Disabilities Act. The ADA covers the rights of the disabled to have access to employment, transportation, public accommodations and communications. All public and private entities, including businesses and educational institutions, must complete a selfovaluation by Jan. 26, 1993.

The self-evaluation is a check to see which facilities and omployment practices need to be changed to comply with the law. The structural changes, which include things like widening doors and lowering shelves, must be completed by Jan. 26, 1995.

Barrington said he started noticing many structural changes to accommodate the disabled aftor ADA was passed. He said he still cannot got to his instructors whose offices are located in the

Faculty Office building.
"Instructors will tell me to

come to their offices. Well, a lot of them are upstairs and there is no elevator," he said. "I have to go to the secretary and have her call the instructor so he or she can come downstairs. Instructors have no qualms about coming down, but I hate to pull them out of their offices in the middle of something," Barrington said.

Barrington participates in the internship program. He works part time in the office of Stan Mitchell, accounting instructor.

Mitchell said his students were happy with the quality of help they were getting from Barrington. "He serves as a tutor, grader and office manager. I just turn over the day to day operations of the office to him since I'm out a lot."

Mitchell says Barrington is very responsible and he was happy to have him back this semester. "Wylie will not be able to shovel dirt. He will have problems doing that. But if he is going to do accounting, work on the computer or work with his mind, he is as good as anybody else, Mitchell said.

MCC's commitment Talton said MCC has always been at the forefront of meeting the needs of disabled students and providing accessibility to its facilities long before the ADA.
Johnette McKown, vice-presi-

dent of business services, said, MCC is concerned about students who have disabilities. She said some changes have been made this fall. We have added a side-walk

behind the Instructional Resource Center to make it easier for students with disabilities to enter the Science building."

According to McKown some additional spots for the disabled have been added. "We don't get everything done as quickly as we would like. And there are still many things we believe need to be done."

McKown said. "Most of those we anticipate will be taking care of with the implementation of the facilities plan that we're in.
Within 3 years we anticipate that most of the major things will be handled."

to the CSC gym, which is not expected to displace anyone. The fourth project is the renovation of the Administration/Classroom

one year later in December 1984. It was during this time that she metand married Bert Reyna, her husband of 11 years. They have three children, Blake, 10, Britt, 7, and Bear, 3. "They are the most precious things in my life," Reyna said.

Ph.D, credits family's support

Nursing instructor receives

Their births have also coincided with her degrees. Blake was born when she was finishing her bachelor's, Britt was born when she was working on her master's. and Bear was born while she was starting work toward her doctor.

During her second pregnancy, she was ordered on complete hed rest by her doctor, and one of her instructors brought her finals to her. She took them in bed, having to lay flat on her back and write toward the ceiling. Shortly after the birth of her third child, she got the call that she was one of 16 candidates out of a field of over 200 accepted for doctoral work at the University of Texas.

Reyna said her husband has been supportive, going to the li-

brary to get books. She involved her children by letting them look up words in the dictionary. "It feels like the whole family earned

the degree together," she said. While teaching full time and working toward her degrees, she also found time to be involved with her children's Boy Scout and soccer team activities.

How did she balance all this? I don't know. I was totally exhausted and didn't get much sleep. I just vowed that I would not let it interfere with my family." She added that her own experience gives her more empathy with her students when they have problems juggling school, work and family life.

Now that she has earned her Ph.D., she is still not slowing down. She is already hard at work starting her own consulting business. She will do studies for hospitals evaluating the leadership styles and motivation of their nursing staff, and giving them ideas for improving.



WORKMEN TOMMY ALEXANDER AND CALVIN LINKOUS CONSTRUCT NEW offices in the Community Services Center.

## Construction set to begin for renovation project

By ANN JONES

Work on the \$8 million campus improvement project is set to begin soon.

Bids will be taken and contracts will be awarded in early December with construction set to begin during the Christmas holidays. The first project will be renovation of the basement of the Lecture Hall to provide now office and classroom space for health careers department, and also remodeling of the Health Careers Building. Before construction can begin, the Instructional Resource Center, which is now in the basement of the Lecture Hall, must find a new home. A temporary home for the IRC

will be in the Fine Arts Building. Fine arts department Chairman Don Balmos, who is acting as linison between the college and the planning architects, said, "That is one of the advantages of constructing a new building. You don't have to move anyone or worry about how to continue classes while the work is being

During the Christmas break, the sidewalk between the Health and Physical Education Building and the Community Services

Center will be built. After that, the next major project is adding a second story

Building. Some offices in that building will have to be moved, but classes will not be affected.

This phase of the project is expected to cost about \$1.5 million. The school has vowed to stay within budget, although it is difficult with a project this size. As an example, Balmos mentioned the elevator in the Student Center, which was supposed to be remodeled to ADA (Amoricans with Disabilities Act) standards. But the elevator shaft is too small for the plans, with no room to enlarge it, so alternatives, such as a new shaft, are being considered.

### **Food for Families** raises 1,100 lbs.

By ANN JONES Friday Nov. 20 marked the end of the annual Food for Families canned food drive.

Campus organizations raised a total of 1,100 pounds of non-perishable food items. The club which raised the most will be treated to a pizza party. On Friday all the items were brought to the game room and counted. Third place went to the Real Estate Club with 158. Second place was Cosmetology with 479.

The winner of the pizza party was the Game Room Club with a total of 612. Other campus organizations contributed 165 items, bringing the total to 1,355 items.

## Kudos to Butch

People with no finances don't spend their time thinking about Christmas from the same perspective we do.

The result of all of our participation in these unavoidable Christmas events is often the neglect of the true meaning of Christmas. It is said that is better to give than to receive. How much "quality time" do you designate to give to those who do not have the provisions or finances to give?

Butch Pruitt, game room attendant, has devoted many hours and years to the canned food drive and for Toys for Tots. Butch's dedication to the canned food drive literally put a Thanksgiving meal in many stomachs that would have otherwise gone hun-

You couldn't begin to imagine the number of twinkling eyes and smiles Butch has put on the faces of children and parents alike with his dedicated efforts in the Toys for Tots drive.

Butch sets the perfect example of the true meaning of Christmas. We should be thankful we have such an excellent role model. Thank you, Butch, for being a loving, caring human being and providing us with the inspiration to do the same.

## Storybook Christmas

What kind of present should I give to a child at Christmas is a question much on people's minds at this time of year. Why not give a gift that will last a lifetime? Give a child a book.

Nothing exercises the mind of a child like a good children's book with lots of stimulating pictures. The child is literally introduced to a new world, the world of the imagination. A Storybook Christmas , sponsored by the Waco Tribune-

Herald & Central Texas Literacy Coalition, is working to bring 10,000 books to the needy children of McLennan county. "Last year we distributed 8,942 books to children on 43

campuses in 18 school districts." said co-chairman Ann Roznovsky. "This year we need more. All of these children are at or below poverty level this year."

Dr. Larry Browning of Baylor University is Roznovsky's co-

"We're a little bit behind last years' donation totals at this point. We need people to buy the books and donate them or write us a check. We can buy beautiful books by the thousands at a substantial discount." said Roznovsky.

Bookstores in the Waco area are helping. At Walden's, B. Daltons, Dabney's, Cox's, Joyous Pursuits, Sironia and other stores customers can see a poster display for A Storybook Christmas. Books may be purchased at these locations for

"People can donate the books right there at the store. Or, books bought somewhere else can be brought to the Main Library, The Tribune-Herald or any HEB." said Roznovsky. "We need books for children ages 3-7."

A Storybook Christmas needs your help to bring the gift of literacy to needy children in your hometown. Every type of organization large or small can help. The ways in which you can help are limited only by your own imagination. For more information call 757-5791.

# Shopping brings chaos

By ANN JONES



Tis the season for peace on earth, good will toward men. Well, not if your Christmasshopping.

As a person wile nas worked in a discount department store during Christmas, I can tell you from personal experience that some people lose their manners about this time of year.

The problem starts before they even enter the store. Traffic is a lot worse during the holidays, there are more wrecks. Then people fight over parking spaces. Yes, I have actually seen people beat up on each other over a parking space. This is something I will never understand. I know finding a parking space at the mall in December is like trying to find a parking space at MCC, but really. Is it going to hurt anyone to walk a few feet further to the store. The

elderly and disabled, yes. Speaking of which, don't you think it's rude when someone parks in a handicapped spot when they shouldn't?

Once inside the store they push, pull or trample any thing in their way. Two people fight over the same item, both tugging an end until it tears and is no use to anyone.

Remember a few years ago when Cabbage Patch dolls were so popular. There were incidents of people hitting each other with baseball bats. Over a stupid doll!

It's understandable why people get this way during the holidays. There is so much to do, and very little free time to do it in. They can't decide what to get Aunt Martha, the kids are crying and they spent more than they should have. What fun (not).

But please try to keep in mind what Christmas is really about. Don't let the commercialism make you forget that what we are really celebrating is the birth of our savior. Merry Christmas.

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# MCC gave focus and direction

By CHRISTINA MEJIA



Final words are hard to chose when there are so many things that one could write about. I thought about making a po-

litical attack on our system of government or about the things that are wrong in our society when I finally realized that it was more important to focus on what is right and good in world. I then realized how I came to be here on the editorial staff at the Highland Herald and what it means to me in terms of preparation for my upcoming transfer to Southwest Texas State University.

So here I am taking the opportunity to say thank you to the many excellent teachers here on our campus. THANK YOU. when I met the instructors I immediately felt at ease.

In a recent article in the local paper a story was written about college teachers being overpaid and under worked. But at MCC, I can't recall ever having a teacher that was under worked. In the two years that I have been here, all of my teachers have made themselves available outside of class and have given us their telephone numbers to office and home. Besides their willingness to help the student outside the class, they first and foremost gave so much of themselves in the class when they teach.

Teachers are here to instruct and enlighten us, but MCC teachers go far beyond their call of duty. They care. When I came to this school, I didn't know what to expect. I had heard many negative things about MCC. But

As for being overpaid, that couldn't be possible. Our teachers work far more than eight hours a day. They don't keep time cards because they are on call most of the day, everyday. Besides the hours they work, one shouldn't forget all the time and effort our teachers went through to get here. This school has intelligent and well educated professors. Many of them have masters and doctorate degrees. I believe they are dedicated to more than education, they are dedicated to people. If they wanted higher salaries, many of our teachers could be at major universities earning higher pay. Their dedication is what has kept them here for 10 and 20 years and we students should realize how lucky we are to have them.

Finally I would like to take this chance to say thank you to my journalism teacher, Tom Buckner.

When I first came here I was undecided about a major. I knew I liked broadcasting, but I never thought I could do it. But going through Dr. Buckner's classes and working on the paper gave me the confidence to decide on broadcasting as a major. I will be transferring to SWT this spring to start working toward my goal. Dr. Buckner's intelligence and integrity gave me the inspiration to decide on what I never really considered to be possible. Also, his teaching has made me feel prepared to go in there and do my best and be on the road to success. Thank you for your time and patience and for your honesty.

# The true meaning of Christmas

By MICHAEL MELTON



The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language defines Christmas as Dec. 25, a holiday cel-

ebrated by Christians as the anniversary of the birth of Christ. Christmas is derived from two words, Christ and masse. Christ meaning the divine manifestation of God and masse indicating a Christian festival or a masse festival.

In the year 354 Bishop Liberius of Rome first adopted Dec. 25 as the celebration of the day of nativity. It was noted later that this would fall during the rainy season in Palestine when the shepherds would have hardly been in the fields as they were when Jesus was born. ORIGINS OF THE TREE

Scholars believe the Christmas tree originated in early Rome. It appears in German literature in 1604. Swedish and Norwegian people believed the

evergreen tree was sacred and brought a home good luck when a bough was placed in the house. When the Pagans of northern Europe became Christians they made their sacred evergreen tree a part of the Christian festival. They decorated the trees with gilded nuts, candles and apples to represent the stars in the sky and eventually the brightest candle on the top of the tree represented the star of Bethlehem. SANTA CLAUS

Saint Nicholas was the youngest and one of the kindest bishops in the Roman Catholic church. He was admired by the children greatly because he always had a small gift for every child. During the middle ages he was made the patron Saint of schoolboys. Schoolboys would celebrate Dec. 6 as feast day by electing a boy bishop. The boy would dress up in magnificent robes and lead a parade through the town.

Dutch settlers brought the tradition to America in New York. English settlers readily adopted the legend into their festivities. The English children had difficulty in pronouncing the Dutch name for Saint Nicholas and often the resulting vocalization sounded like Santa Claus or a

plain Saint Nick.

In 1809 Washington Irving called Saint Nick the guardian of New York City in "Knickerbocker's History of New York." He described Saint Nick as a man with a broad rimmed hat, huge pants and smoking a long pipe while riding his wagon over the treetops and dropping presents down chimneys.

Clement C. Moore wrote his children a poem in 1822 entitled "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Moore described him as being jolly, a round figure of a man with twinkling eyes, a red snub nose and white beard. His also changed the wagon into a sleigh, the Dutch costume into a red suit trimmed with white fur and the horses turned into reindeer. It was believed the Scandinavians influenced the change to reindeer.

Thomas Nast, cartoonist, illustrated Santa Claus in Harper's Weekly 1866. His work was entitled "Santa Claus and his Works." Nast's illustration showed Santa in his workshop with a list of all the good and bad deeds done by all children, a sleigh, reindeer and stockings on the fireplace.

**CHRISTMAS PAST** Roasting a pig is an important night.

tradition in Poland and Serbia. Serbians keep their door open for three days after Christmas and everyone is welcome, friend or foe. The staff of the Highland Herald pray that the Serbians will be able to maintain their traditions during the holidays. CHRISTMAS FUTURE

Christmas was meant to bring people together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There were hours of strange darkness and massive earthquakes in the region while he hung from the cross dying. The man gave his life for us. Christmas puts a sense of hope or renewal in many people. As a child you believed in Santa Claus and being good or bad, rewarded or not. As an adult you see the magical smile of Jesus's presence appear on the little faces of children as they open their presents. You feel the presence again when you say grace at the Christmas dinner table. This Christmas don't lose touch with the true meaning. When you see a friend that's feeling down, spread a smile and paint the town. Go out of your way to be loving and caring, stop taking, start giving and soon you'll be sharing. After all is done and out go the lights, merry Christmas to all and to all'a good

### the new politics of race Clinton

By Adrian David Villegas The Republican Party has with directly inverse proportions of success and shame repeatedly played the race card in presidential campaigns for the last two decades.

Bearing that in mind, one might be tempted to believe that the GOP's resounding defeat at the hands of the Democrats this year somehow signifies the final demise of race politics in America.

Upon closer examination, however, it becomes obvious that the same old racial politics were once again trundled out and suc-cessfully utilized in a slightly different and relatively diffuse form — by this year's "new" Democratic Party.

Symbols and Omissions President-elect Bill Clinton ran his campaign straight up the middle of so-called "mainstream" America. Mindful of many whites' lingering and entrenched resentment of what they have long considered to be the party of racial minorities, Clinton's bus caravan rolled across the sunsplashed countryside and into immaculately manicured pock-

ets of suburbia and picturesque Rockwellian small-towns. The indelible video image of Clinton and Al Gore throughout the campaign was of the two politicians milling happily amid throngs of largely white middle-class vot-

By stark contrast, Clinton's caravan completely bypassed the country's decidedly un-picturesque non-white inner-city communities.

In fact, aside from the random requisite appearance before certain organizations (i.e., LULAC, the NAACP), Clinton's visible interaction with the minority electorate remained on an almost Republican level of obliviousness.

Clinton also successfully managed to keep the country's most prominent (and, in the minds of many white voters, most resented) minority spokesman Jesse Jackson at arm's length. And tellingly, in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict and the devastation of the L.A. riots, the only racism Clinton chose to specifically condemn was the anti-white sentiment of militant rapper Sister Souljah's.

With tactics like these, Clinton effectively nudged minorities into the shadows and deftly avoided projecting the image of a candidate too enrapt with minority concerns. All this he accomplished while quite cavalierly taking the minority vote the vote of the very constituency he chose so conspicuously to distance himself from -for granted. So, as it turns out, the GOP's

past use of openly hostile and blatantly divisive racial codes was not exorcised but merely replaced by Clinton's much subtler usage of carefully calculated omissions and symbolic gestures toward an inexplicably paranoid white electorate.

There is very little doubt about Clinton's personal sincerity on race issues. But Clinton is also a highly intuitive and cautious politician. As such, he acknowledged the white electorate's racial suspicions and sought to placate them by actively shunning minorities. It obviously worked; he will soon be our president. Thus from a strictly political vantage point, Clinton's strategy of omission and symbolism must be deemed a

masterstroke.

In terms of badly needed moral leadership, however, Clinton's strategy smacked of pure, craven cowardice.

Why?" Instead of pandering to white

apprehensions, Clinton should have directly confronted and addressed these perplexing questions: Why does the white electorate

- the members of which belong to our nation's most highly empowered race — seem so profoundly threatened by the potential influence of our country's most disenfranchised people?

Why is it considered a politi-cal liability to be seen as "too friendly" to racial minority groups?

And why is a stoking (or, as in Clinton's case, a coddling) of the white electorate's many unfounded prejudicial fears required time and again of a presidential candidate if he hopes at all to win?

What exactly do white voters fear will happen if they cast their vote for a government as admittedly friendly and receptive to

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The HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

# What is the best Christmas gift you ever gave?



THOMAS RENFRO, veterinarian sciences, "A good necklace."

SCOGGINS, business/ accounting major. "A 10 lb 12 oz boy."

BRIAN ficke, computer engineering major."I gave my brother a bloyole."

BTONY WOMACK, business major. "My love."

L U L A major. "I gave my little girl

WILLIE SMITH, gen-eral studies major. "I gave my mother and my grandmother some

MELODY MA-80N, mental health major. "I wrote a poem"

GEORGE, pre-

Photos and interview by Michael Melton

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **Finals Studython**

The support services is having a Studython the week before finals to assist students in finals preparation. Tutors will be available in over 25 subjects. The Studython will be held in the tutorial lab located in room 302 of the Student Center. Hours will be 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday Dec. 7-10. The tutoring center is currently open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tutors will not be available the week of finals.

### **Christmas Concert Friday**

The Baylor school of music presents A Christmas Celebration, an evening of Christmas music. Combined Choirs, the Baylor Symphony Orchestra and Faculty Brass Ensemble will perform Sleigh Ride and other Christmas favorites. Friday Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Jones Concert Hall . Tickets are free of charge. To obtain yours call 755-3991.

### **Dance Company tryouts Saturday**

The MCC Dance Company will hold tryouts Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highlands. Anyone interested in trying out should come dressed in leotards and dance shoes. During the morning session a routine will be taught. After lunch groups of three or four will perform the routine for judges. Applicants will be judged on poise, posture, projection, rhythm and flexibility. Each applicant needs two letter of recommendation, one from a school administrator and one from a drill team director or someone who knows their dance capabilities. Once new members are chosen, MCC provides most of the uniform and props. Dance company officers are eligable for scholarships. All team members can receive one hour of physical education credit. Practice schedule is 12:30 too 2 Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 12:30 to 1:50 Tuesday and Thursday. Team members perform at local events as well as going on frequent trips to national competions.

### 'My own book' party Dec. 9

A Christmas party, "My Own Book", is being planned for children of MCC students who are single parents. The party will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 9. Each child will be presented with their own book to take home with them. There will be approximaately 100 children present, with a projected cost of \$3 per book. If you would like to help, give your book donations to of the following faculty members: Warren Johnson, Ann Harrell, Marylea Henderson, Marty Saauter, Fay Gutierrez, Lise Landsfeld, Buddy Powell, Beverly Roberts oor Mary Bauerle. If you have any questions, call Mary Bauerle at extension 442.

### Auditions for 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Auditions for the spring drama production "Fiddler on the Roof" will be held Dec. 8-9 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. For more information call 750-3577 or 750-3483.

### Management training workshop

The Non-Profit Center will host a management training workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 2-4:30 p.m. in room b-42 of the Community Services Center. The workshop will be presented by Jane Newsom, director of business and management program at MCC. Staff who are responsible for personnel services or program matters can benefit from the workshop. Registration deadline is Dec. 4. The fee is \$25 per person, or \$35 for two people from the same organization. For more information call 753-5683.

### **Speech Department offers courses**

The speech department is offering two new courses next semester. Intercultural communication, Speech 101d or 102d will be taught by Ann Harrell. The classes will be a mentoring program in which students earn one hour of credit by teaching foreign students how to meet people, use the phone and library, eat out and shop. The speech department is also looking for students to visit area schools and read to children. Those interested in this project should enroll in Special Project, Speech 101a, 102a, 151a or 152a. Each provides one hour credit. The speech department also offers classes to prepare students to help with U.I.L. competitions which will be held here in April. Tournament Administration, Speech 101c, 102c, 151c or 152c, are for one credit hour and last from Feb. 1 to April 2. Students learn to run debate, prose, poetry, and speaking events.

### Student art expo

The annual Student Art Exhibition is scheduled for Feb. 4-March 3. Student are eligible to enter up to three works in each category. Entries should be turned in by Jan. 26 to rooms 106 or 109 of the Fine Arts building.

### Scholarship applications due

Applications are now being taken for the North Dallas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association scholarships. Applicants must be female, have a good scholastic record and have financial need. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office or Mary Witherspoon, Education Committee Chair, North Dallas chapter ABWA, 8515 Park Lane #1511, Dallas, TX. 75231, business phone (214) 715-3619. Deadline is March 1, 1993.

Also, applications are being taken for the 1993 Cooper Fellowship Awards, which are sponsored by The American Polity, a national scholastic honor society. The awards are grants from \$1,000 to \$2,000. To be eligable, students must submit a brief essay about their notions and impressions about the modern African American experience and its impact upon our country's emerging class of intellectuals and career professionals. Financial need is also considered. If you wish to apply for these grants write to The American Polity, 1993 Cooper Fellowship, 1923 Page Street, San Francisco, California 94117. Essays must be submitted by Dec. 15.

### Recitals re-scheduled

The recitals of Dr. Joyce Farwell and Dr. Micheal Ard. originally scheduled for November, have been rescheduled for Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Jones Concert Hall.

### Arthritis Foundation Walk/Run

The Heart of Texas Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring a 5k walk/run. The Jingle Bell Run will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at Midway High School. Each participant will receive a pair of bell shoe laces and jingle bells for their shoes. All proceeds will go to the Arthritis Foundation. For more information call 772-9303.

### Twenty two chosen for Who's Who

Twenty Two MCC students have been chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 1992-93 school year. They are Jennifer Barrett, Patsy Beaty, Mary Cabezas, Tiffany Dale, Susanne Duett, Sean duncan, Patricia Gwin, Harry Gilchrest, Less Halter, Ann Jones, Ronald Jones, Robert Kelly, Axita Kocian, Mandy Loftin, Donnas McCoy, Delores Melendez, Monica Parrett, Anita Peevey, Charlene Rigdon, Bridget Sharp, Shannah Tarvin and Lou Ann Wolf. They were chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community and leadership in extracurricular activities. An award ceremony will be held in the spring to honor them.

# **Project Angel Tree provides Christmas** joy for children of prison inmates

By MIKE MELTON

Project Angel Tree, located in the Richland Mall, is a ministry of prison fellowship designed to provide the joy of Christmas to prisoners' children with the support of the community and it's churches. It is the only organization authorized and accepted by the Texas Department of Corrections benefiting the children of inmates .

Chuck Colson, Project Angel Tree founder, learned the realities of prison first hand while serving time for a Watergate related offense. When Colson was released, he had a mission to accomplish, to bring the Christian community together with prisoners so they could grow as Christians and help others. Colson's unique experience with government and prison has given him the inspiration to author several books, challenge the church to act in obedience to scripture, confront contemporary thought with a viewpoint solidly anchored in Christian faith and change the hearts of men and women in correctional facilities as well as their children.

Linda Adams and James Kaiser, area Project Angel Tree participants, reflect the joy Project Angel Tree brought into their lives on a Christmas past. "My grandchildren's father was in prison and there was really a bad Christmas, you know. If it wasn't for Angel Tree there wouldn't have been a Christmas. The gifts that Angel Tree brought to us were very special and my grandchildren had a very good Christmas because Angel Tree cared." said Adams.

"Project Angel Tree allows a lot of people who can't do something for the people in prison a chance. It allows them to do something for prisoners that prisoners can't do for themselves.

This gives them hope. A lot of derful every year," Eads said. prisoners lose hope, but there is no reason to lose hope. This gives them hope and shows them there are people who care," said

Project Angel Tree begins with the chaplain in each prison handingout requests forms to inmates each year in June. The inmates specify their children's age. sex and address. Waco Coordinator Sharon Eads then takes this information and begins contacting the families and children of in-

Nationally the project warmed the hearts of over 202,000 children and had volunteers from over 7,000 churches last Christ-

In the Central Texas area some 400 inmates and 500-600 of their children are served by the project. Eads said some of the addresses she receives are several years old and due to circumstances are "last known addresses."

Applications for the project are kept confidential as inmates and their children reserve the right to privacy.

Working with the information provided, Eads will go to any length to contact the families and children. The children are given two or three wishes for Christmas and an angel containing the child's first name and Christmas wish is hung on the tree at Richland Mall. The angels are then selected by the public, the toys are purchased and then returned to the Angel Tree. The gifts are then distributed to the children.

Central Freight Lines provides generous support by delivering gifts to the surrounding Waco area and playing Santa Claus to the Project Angel Tree children.

"These drivers have been won-

"A child is not responsible for what their parent or parents have done. I feel strongly that in order to rehabilitate children and make sure they stay rehabilitated after what momor dad has done or put them through, they need all the help they can get at Christmas time when there is no parent available.

"Their child is just like my child, they have wishes. There is a lot of children striving in school with all the hang-ups and everything else that has happened to them and I commend those children.

"I am definitely set to help these children, I guarantee you. These children and their families will have their wishes and food for Christmas if I have to finance it out of my own pocket," Eads said.

This year 11 churches of all denominations in the Waco area are participating in Project Angel Tree. The churches provide volunteers to attend the Angel Tree at the Richland Mall and also sponsor many of the children by taking 20-50 names at a time off of the tree.

"I would like to say a special thank you to all the churches who came and took the angels for numerous children," Eads said.

The Heart Of Texas Toy Run '92 will benefit Project Angel Tree. Tov Run '92 is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by area businesses, motorcycle dealers, owners and organizations.

Motorcyclists will meet at Harley Davidson of Waco at 928 N. Valley Mills Drive and leave on the "Toy Run" at 1 p.m., escorted by the Karem Shriners Motorcade, to deliver at least one new toy per person to Project Angel Tree at Richland Mall. Eads said over 300 motorcyclists

from Texas and surrounding states participated in last year's toy run.

"With the help of the Toy Run last year we were able to put in an extra toy with the gift the child needed. Like if a little girl needed clothes badly and didn't ask for a toy, we were able to put her a little doll in with her clothes," Eads said.

The Brotherhood, a Mexia area motorcycle organization, has been instrumental in the organization of motorcyclist involvement in Project Angel Tree throughout the Texas region since 1989. Brotherhood spokesman, Bill "Cap'n" Kuyava said, "You can buy raffle tickets and drop off toys at Jim's Cycle Shop in Axtell, Cycle Sport, Harley Davidson of Waco, Kawasaki-Suzuki-Honda of Waco or Inman Motors which have Project Angel Tree toy deposit boxes."

Motorcyclists who join Toy Run '92 and deliver a gift to Project Angel Tree will receive a free admission ticket to a festive Christmas celebration at Jim's Cycle Shop in Axtell slated for later in the day. The Brotherhood will also provide the Christmas spirit for the Mexia-Hubbard area nursing homes by bringing beautiful Christmas baskets of fresh fruit, singing Christmas carols and Santa Claus is scheduled to make an appearance.

Darla Pritchett, 1991 Microcomputer Applications graduate, is a volunteer for Project Angel Tree. Pritchett spends much of her free time during the holiday season distributing project information and organizing sponsors.

West Auction, Inc. is sponsoring Project Angel Tree this year with a 250 pound hog which will be the guest of honor at a raffle

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VOLUNTEERS BESSIE REECE AND MARY LOIS MILLER await shopper's generous donations while Project Angel Tree Coordinator Sharon Eads pins the angel of another inmate's child onto

the tree. The Project Angel Tree booth is located in the J.C. Penney end of the Richland Mall in the foyer area. The Project benefits the children of inmates through Christian fellowship. -

# Villegas on Clinton and race --continued from page 2

minorities as it is to whites and for a candidate who is openly concerned about the problems plaguing minority communities?

Do white voters fear that the abysmal quality of public education in inner-city schools may actually improve? Do they fear that the infant mortality rate in poverty-stricken neighborhoods may finally receive the attention it warrants and perhaps even decline as a consequence? Do they fear that the scourge of gang violence may at last be stemmed and eventually brought to an end?

Terrifying possibilities, all, to be sure.

The conventional wisdom of the '92 campaign asserted again and again the fact that the middle class is hurting. But if the middle class is struggling through a period of relative economic hardship now, how much more burdensome then are the trials of the minority underclass, whose pain is constant? It is their strife that has been ignored and neglected for the last decade, to the apparent regret of

Why should the needs of racial minorities should be labeled as "liberal interests" while the needs of whites are widely regarded as "America's plight"? Human need and suffering should transcend petty political labels. Unfortunately, the mainstream electorate has yet to realize that so-called "minority" problems are, in the final analysis, the nation's problems.

The proliferation of guns and drugs; an expanding web of abject poverty that does not know from race; the still-rising blood-tide of gang violence: All of these once-seminal but now-overwhelming problems attest to the stupidity of a mind-set which stubbornly maintains that a cancer left unattended to will not spread.

We must realize that this kind of self-delusion can be as potentially fatal to a nation as it can be to an individual. As the multiplicious evidence of our precarious and intertwined mortality indicates, we are undeniably one nation and one delicate, fragile body. Ergo we should regard eachother's needs as equal in weight and urgency and one another - regardless of race or class - as equally precious parts of the whole.

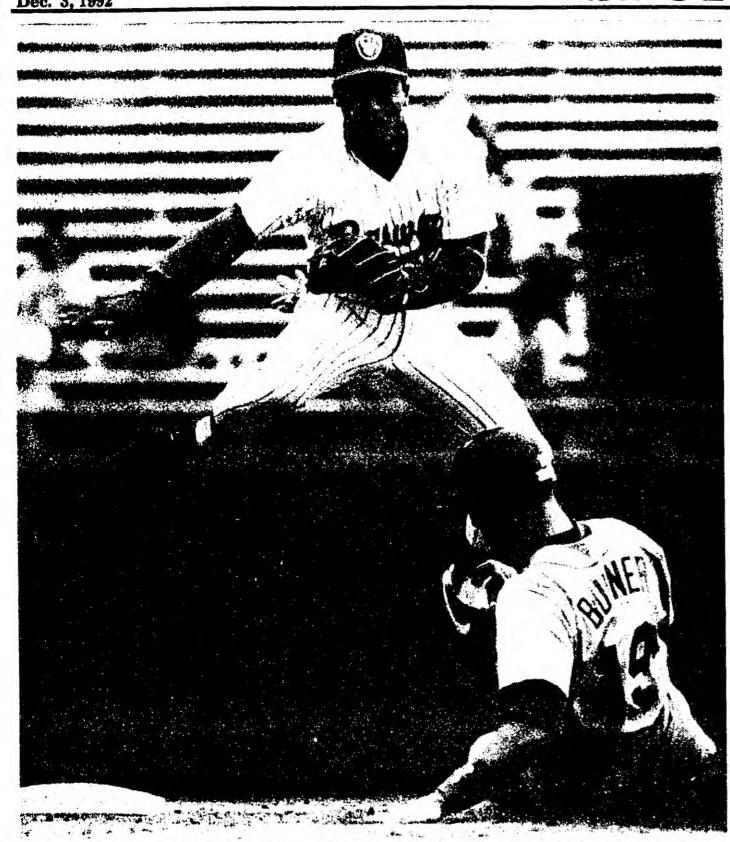
This is the message Clinton should have delivered to the smiling Rockwellian masses during the course of his campaign but sadly failed to.

And what is worse is that he failed to even try.

Pandering as Clinton did to the white mainstream's unfounded and irrational fears of potential minority power and influence on the nation's political process will not bring about the diminishment of such prajudices. On the contrary, such spineless accommodation can only exacerbate and act, in effect, as an implicit excusal of them.

Are our nation's leaders no longer expected to challenge us to overcome our prejudices, our selfishness, our painful divisions? There are far too many battles left to be fought and won in the hearts of Americans for our leaders to be more simporing reflections of our

worst weaknesses. Our past few presidents have certainly neglected to provide a stirring example of moral leadership in the area of racial relations. For the sake of the country, let us hope that Clinton the president proves a more courageous soul in these matters than did Clinton the candidate.



FLYING HIGH is former MCC baseball player Pat Listach of the Milwaulke Brewers. Listach, American League Rookle of the Year, floats above another former Highlander, Jay Buhner. Buhner now plays for the Seattle

# 10-0 Highlanders nip two top-ranked teams

By JOHN PESCAIA

The Highlanders remain sizseason and 1-0 in conference action.

MCC will participated in the Temple Classic this weekend as they will play Fort Sill on Friday night and will play Northern Oklahoma again on Saturday evening and will then play Brookhaven College in Dallas Dec. 9.

MCC has been busy as they participated in the Hill Tournament and brought home first place honors as they beat two

highly ranked teams. On November 20, MCC edged Northern Oklahoma by a 72-71 count. Northern Oklahoma was ranked 10th in the nation by one

Northern Oklahoma was ahead 36-34 at the half but MCC fought back to take away the

MCC was 4-12 from three point range as Perry Hill was 2-3 and Gerard Darnes was also 2-3 from the three-point stripe.

The rebounding was close as MCC held a 36-35 edge with Ricky Rhodes grabbing seven

The Highlanders has 15 assists in the contest with Perry Hill and Tom Etchison each having four assists.

zling as they are 10-0 for the were Perry Hill 13, Shannon Bethel 16, Perry Hill 15, Dwayne Brantley 11, Ricky Rhodes 9, Dwayne Curtis 9, Terrance Bethel 7, Marco Bristo 7, Gerard Darnes 6, Frankie Dudley 4, Jamal Jackson 4, and Tom Etchison with 2 points.

On Nov. 21 the Highlanders had to play another highly ranked team. South Plains, ranked eighth, was the team that eliminated MCC from the playoffs last year.

The Highlanders released a little revenge on the Texans as Perry Hill swished four free throws in the final 15 seconds to win the game, 96-93.

The game was a three-point parade as MCC nailed 7 of16 while South Plains made a living from long range by hitting 16 of 40 from long range.

Hitting three-pointers for MCC were Shannon Brantley 2-5, Perry Hill 2-3, Tom Etchison 1-5, Terrance Bethel 1-1, and Frankie Dudley 1-1.

MCChada 50-35 lead at halftime and held a lead in the rebounding department by a 39-29 count.

The Highlanders also had 18 assists with Hill and Etchison each having five in the game. Leading the balanced scor-

ing for the Highlanders were Sh-Scoring for the Highlanders annon Brantley 23, Terrance Curtis 13, Ricky Rhodes 10, Marco Bristo 6, Tom Etchison 5, Jamal Jackson 5, Frankie Dudley 3, and Gerard Darnes with three

The Highlanders played Mary Hardin-Baylor's JV team on Nov. 24 and pounded the Crusaders 90-48.

The Highlanders were 5-22 from three point range with Tom Etchison hitting two with Jermaine Smoak, Terrance Bethel, and Perry Hill each having a three pointer.

MCC held a comfortable 48-22 lead at halftime and continued to play good ball in the second half.

The rebounding contest was dominated by the Highlanders, 65-22, with Jamal Jackson grabbing 11 off the boards.

MCC had 24 assists as Perry Hill dished out seven assists. Again, the Highlanders re-

ceived balanced scoring as Ricky Rhodes was the leading scorer with 14 points followed by Jermaine Smoak 11, Shannon Brantley 9, Tom Etchison 8, Dwayne Curtis 8, Marco Bristo 8, Terrance Bethel 7, Jamal Jackson 7, Derrick Patton 6, Perry Hill 5, Frankie Dudley 5, and Gerard Darnes with 2 points.

Former MCC athlete 'Rookie of the Year'

By KIMBERLY SUTTON

Milwaulke Brewer and former Highlander Pat Listach didn't expect to play this season, much less be named American League Rookie of the Year.

"I didn't expect it. I had no preset goals. I played hard and everthing fell into place," Listach told the Highland Herald Tues-

Initially, Listach began the season in Denver but did not play a game there due to the fact that he was recalled on April 7 when Bill Spiers was placed on the disabled list.

"I honestly was taken by sur-prise. I thought Bill would be ready," Listach said.

Listach, 5-6 and 170 lbs., played for the Highlanders in 1985 through 1987 and says his years with the team were beneficial.

"I think it was one of the best moves I've made. It taught me to grow up a little, and it taught me

**Autographs** 

Fans will have a chance to let Listach sign his name at a autograpah signing party Dec. 11 from 5:30 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 618 Jefferson Ave., in Waco. Donations will be taken for color pictures, \$15; baseball cards, \$5; balls, \$8; and bats, \$10. Proceeds will got to the building and scholarship good work ethics."

In his first season at MCC he hit .342 including six home runs and had 47 runs batted in. In the 1987 season he hit .380 with 30 rbi's while drawing more bases on balls, 43, than any other on the team.

Rick Butler, baseball coach during Listach's two years here, says Listach was an intelligent player who studied the game. "Pat came from a good educational background. He was more interested in academics and that interest carried over onto the field. He was always asking questions. He was an excellent student in the classroom as well as on the field."

Listach says the thing he remembers most about his years at MCC was winning. "I think we won 55 games both years.

Once you learn to win; you don't for get."

Listach's competitive nature may be a key factor contributing to his recent successes on the playing field. "I like to play because I like the competition. It's to prove a point that you're better than the next guy. It's all about winning," Listach said.

Listach didn't earn the title Rookie of the Year without overcoming a few obstacles. He had to stay healthy and avoid injury throughout a season of 162

Along with maintaining his health. Listach had to prove himself. "It's hard when you're trying to be your best, and the front office says you're not good enough. I had to turn around and prove them wrong," Listach

Age: 25 Birthdate: September 12, 1967 Born: Natchitoches, Louisiana Bats & Throws: Right

Acquired: Selected in the 2nd round of the 1988 June Free Agent Draft.

1992 SEASON Named Baseball America's Rookie of the Year... Recorded his first major league hit on April 12 off of California's Mark Langston in his first major league at bat... Is the first Brewer to ever steal 50 bases in a single season... Broke several Brewers rookie records including: hits, runs, stolen bases and longest hitting streak... Committed just 9 errors after the All-Star Break... Played in 101 straght games starting on June 3... Belted his first major league home run on September 17 at Boston, off of Scott Taylor, clearing the screen over the Green Monster... Stole 3 bases on August 29 and also has 8 games with 2 stolen bases... Had a 17-game hitting streak from August 31-September 18 (.356).

# Four compete in Mexico

### Coulter, Dodd, Dorsey and Duncan play in International Games

By KIMBERLY SUTTON Four sophomore members of the baseball team were named to the National Junior College All-Star team and recently participated in the International Games in Merida, Mexico placing third in a field of nine national teams including Argentina, Cuba and Mexico.

Representing the United States and MCC were Robert Dodd, Shannon Coulter, Sean Duncan and Justin Dorsey. The four were chosen for the team by all of the junior college coaches in the nation.

Pitcher Justin Dorsey, a transfer from the University of Houston, was named Best Pitcher by the all coaches committee of the national teams. A graduate of Tyler Lee High School in Tyler, Texas, Dorsey chose to play for MCC because "it's a good junior college for base-

Dorsey, a business major, became a fan of baseball at an early

age by watching the sport on television and playing t-ball. When he leaves MCC, Dorsey would like to play at a Division I school or play professionally.

He likes to go hunting and play golf when he isn't on the pitcher's mound. Dorsey says the thing he will remember most about the International Games is being chosen as Best Pitcher.

Outfielder Sean Duncan, a business finance major, has signed with the University of Miami. Duncan participated in a number of sports when he was younger, but he stuck with baseball because he liked it and became better.

He chose to play at MCC because of the strong baseball program, strong academics, and the pretty campus. The graduate of Martin High School in Arlington likes to go fishing, watch movies, and go out when he isn't on the baseball field.

Duncan says he would like to play professionally someday. The thing he will remember most about the trip to Mexico is the different culture and the bad

Shortstop Shannon Coulter is a graduate of Grand Prairie High School in Grand Prairie and has signed with TCU. The physical education major embarked on the sport at age 10. "It was sort of a competitive drive because my three older brothers played basketball, football, and baseball," says Coulter.

Coulter chose MCC because he felt he had a better chance to sign with a professional team after playing here. When he isn't catching groundballs, Coulter enjoys playing golf and watching television.

Pitcher Robert Dodd wanted to play in the International games to represent the United States and go to Mexico. Dodd's interest in baseball was sparked by his father at age 5.

He is a graduate of Plano Senior High School and chose to play for MCC because "it's a good school for baseball and academ-

When he leaves MCC, Dodd says he wants to continue playing baseball. "He says the thing he will remember most about the trip to Mexico is playing against Cuba. "Most of their team was the same team that beat the U. S. in the Olympics," says Dodd.

The U.S. team spent three days in Galveston before traveling on to Mexico. In Galveston, the team practiced together and played two local junior college

# Tennis team burns with dance fever

By KIMBERLY SUTTON "One and two and three and left right left," says dance instructor Sandie Hinton as she instructs a group of students in

But something is different about a certain group of students receiving instruction in this class. They're tennis players in search of fast feet and better balance.

her social dance class.

"I enrolled the team in the class because dancing and tennis both require good footwork. It's also a way for them to learn how to move their feet without looking, and it's good for them socially, "said tennis coach Carmack Berryman.

Because so much of tennis depends on how well a person maintains balance and how quick a person moves, enrolling the team in a social dance class seems to be a great idea. "You're always looking for an edge when it comes to footwork. I think if they're working hard, it will help thom," said Berryman.

Berryman is not the only one els the class is beneficial.

"I'm really glad Coach enrolled us in the class. It really helped the team get to know each other off the court, and it's good to have fun and relax," said freshman JoAnn Moreno.

Highlanders Ash Ayers and James Conda agree the class "is a lot of fun and a great break from studying."

Besides improving their footwork, the team is enjoying themselves socially; but are they learning to dance? "Whether or not they dance well, they try real hard. Right now they're learning the litterbug, and so far they've learned the Charleston, the two-step, the three-step, and a few Russian folk dances," said

Hinton says having the team in class make it a lot of fun. "They are high level people and are real motivated. They enjoy themselves and have positive attitudes."

Berryman has already enrolled the team in an aerobics class next semester. "It's a good aerobicbase for the players. We'll work on anaerobics in practice."



STRUTTIN' their stuff are tennis team members James Conds, (left) and Ash Ayers. The two are danning to the best in social dance class in search

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# ESL- Learning the language

By LEARIE AUSTIN

ESL 300, a new developmental composition and reading course was introduced this past

The course focuses on writing, reading, speaking and vocabulary development for students who are learning English as a Second Language and who have already developed some proficiency in the English language.
LINDA AUSTIN, English

instructor, developed and teaches the course. According to Austin, MCC hashad an increasing enrollment of ESL students.

She said many of these students are having difficulty keeping up with course work in regular classes because of a lack of knowledge of idiomatic English, inadequate vocabulary, or simply because of a lack of practice in speaking, listening, and writing English.

SHE ASKED a rhetorical question, "After this semester, where will they go?"

Austin said one semester of an ESL class will not prepare the students for regular composition classes or the reading demands of college classes.

"One semester will not prepare American students to read and write a foreign language fluently. So why should international students be expected to be fluent in one semester? Most of the students must take regular developmental English several times before they finally receive credit with marginal pass," Austin said. SHE SAID IF the college

plans to continue to attract and retain ESL students, courses have to be offered specifically designed to help them with prob-



Learning the language of a "foreign" country is what these student do in ESL 300 (English as a second language). From left to right are studentsMinhtuan Vo, Tae Beckling, Reina Watson, instructor Linda Aus-

lems of comprehension and class performance. ESL 301, a second level, was approved for the spring semester.

MATHIAS SUNDBERG enrolled in the class because he was not doing well in his classes, said, "I can speak English, but I can't write it. I know what I want to say but when I have to put it on paper I have the most difficulty. This class has helped me with my speaking, spelling and writing." Sundberg came to MCC from Sweden on a tennis schol-

Nestor Najera, a Mexican na-

tional, said he also wanted to improve his writing. "I have improved my writing through this class," he said.

NAM SONG, a South Korean student, said because English is her second language it was easier for her to be in this class. "I've been here for four years, but I still have problems with writing and grammar." Song plans to go to Baylor next year. She said her writing has improved.

tin, Mathias Sundberg and Thinh Khuu Huynh. Minhtuan Vo, Tae Beckling, Reina Watson, instructor Linda Austin, Mathias Sundberg and Thinh Khuu Huynh.

Heena Patel is from India. She said when she leaves the ESL 300 class, she will enroll in ESL 301.

TAE BECKLING is from South Korea. She said in her country grammar is the opposite of English grammar. "A verb is at the end of the sentence. For example, if I say I want to go to school. In Korean, it will be - I go to school want!"

Beckling said she dislikes writing English because she has a fear of the grammar. She also said she gets enjoyment from writing in the class. "We had a party at Mr. Gatti's and when we came back, Mrs. Austin told us to

write about the experience."

Beckling said this technique worked for her because she did not have thing about a subject to write. "It was nice, because when you've been there it is easier to write about. I appreciate MCC for trying to help the international students understand the American customs with the lab, class,

and the mentoring program."
ANN HARRELL, speech instructor, coordinates the mentoring program which is part of the course. She said seven or eight mentors have established

great friendships from getting to know the students.

"Mentors help to ease the acculturation process. Our culture and range of culture is daunting. Some cultures do not encourage the students to express themselves. The mentors play sports with the mentees, visit eating establishments, and the library. They are learning to get to know people," Harrell said.

KYUNG LEE SAID she en-

rolled in the class because even after she arrived in the United States from Korea two years ago, she still has problems speaking English. "Everybody is from a foreign country. We help each other. We have to speak just English and everybody gets nervous."

JANICE DRAKE, director of developmental education, said the foremost reason the course was introduced was because the developmental classes in reading and English are just not meeting the needs of English as a second language student.

She said, "I was getting a lot of complaints from the developmental instructors who were saying the instruction was not appropriate. We wanted to meet the needs of English as a second language students in a way that would really be meeting their needs, not just pacifying state laws that we're doing something."

Drake said at the end of the spring semester, the course will be evaluated for the success rate of the students to see if the 301 level will be enough.

# Single mothers defy defeating odds return to school looking for success

By EMILY NORTHRUP

cided to go back to school after to God," Dianne said. about 20 years, they were going and nothing was going to stop took their first step towards a

ents living in Temple trying hard gan. to support their three children.

school because they believe hav- summer," Debbie said. ing an education is the only way to take care of their families.

Temple Junior College because going to let the devil win this TJC does not offer a mental one," Dianne said. health program.

should go because I had no trans- Dianne's grandmother passed

By MICHAEL COLLINS

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These inspired single parents better life for their families Fri-Dianne Romero and Debbie day, Aug. 21 and that is when President are both single par- the test of their motivation be-

"Neither of us knew school They decided to go back to was closed on Fridays during the

"Maybe God telling me I take care of their families. shouldn't go to school is what I They came to MCC instead of thoughtafter Friday, but I wasn't

Debbie and Dianne decided to "My family didn't think I give it another try even though portation and I also have back away and her car broke down the eral places and they received a

regular Yegistration day, Sept. 1.

Debbie and Dianne went to the financial aid office and they were told their aid could not be processed in time and they would have to pay for their own tuition.

After these problems arose, they still did not give up. "That's when we met our an-

gel, Dr. Marylea Henderson," Debbie said. They were directed to the student services department and

introduced to Henderson. "Debbie and Dianne are the two most motivated people I've

met," Henderson said. Dr. Henderson contacted sev-

displaced homemaker loan.

ules and through all the chaos, they did not think about how they were to get back to Temple.

"We got a ride up here, but our ride home did not show up. We were sitting at the bus stop, exhausted. Then Marylea saw us and took us all the way to Temple," Dianne said.

Debbie and Dianne want to send a message to other struggling single parents.

"Never think you can't come back to school. You can. Just don't give up," Dianne said.
"Although I have financial

difficulties, I know the only way to get out of it is an education, Debbie said.

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## **Data Processing students** take 'info'-mational trip

made.

By MELANIE GERIK

On the morning of Nov. 13, eight Data Processing Management Association members boarded the van at MCC and started a venture to the world of the future.

It took about two hours to arrive at Infomart, a showplace for vendors of data processing. According to David Burgott, director of the trip, many companics, including Banyan, Xerox, IBM, and EDS, set up displays and demonstrations of their prod-

ucts. He said they leave out the high-pressure sales pitches.

Burgett said that one organization, EDS (founded by Ross Perot), set up a simulated town complete with a hospital, a bank, government offices, and a mock

In the factory a robot was assombling tiny cars, which represent the way cars may be go every semester.

of health physics education. Encouraging innovative ideas for research and strengthening the ties between DOE facilities and academic facilities are other objectives included in the HPFRA program.

conducting research in health

physics and to better the quality

Awards for the 1993-1994 academic year will amount to \$50,000 and applicants are eligible for two additional renewals for a total of three years. Travel funds may also be available on a

made in the future. At the Xerox

display, visitors saw the first

machine the company over

cossing student, was the first

person ever to complete the dem-

onstration program at the IBM

Around 4:30 p.m., the DPMA members left Infomart and went

to CompUSA. Burgett calls the store an "HEB for computers"

since it's almost set up like a

supermarket, complete with

wire shopping carts and overy-

thing one needs for computers.

of the store, they ate dinner at a

Greek restaurant where they learned a traditional Greek

Burgett says that DI'MA is

planning another trip in the

spring to Infomart, and hopes to

After they completed a tour

Janot Sossum, a data pro-

Research awards available for faculty the numbers of faculty members limited basis.

The Health Physics Faculty Research Award Program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in Oak Ridge, Tenn. It lated to the DOE mission with a primary interest in radiation safety and protection. Specific areas of study include radiation dosimetry, risk assessment, radiologicalemergency management, radiation protection standards and regulations, environmental monitoring and assessment and air monitoring

and sampling.

Potential participants in this program must keep their fulltime faculty appointment status and must do their research at their home institutions. They must also cooperate with a DOE contractor or approved facility and must submit annual and final re-

Application deadline for the 1993-1994 program is February 28, 1993 and awards will be announced in June.

## Baylor offers scholarships to Air Force ROTC students

By CHRISTINA MEJIA

Air Force ROTC at Baylor University is offering scholar-ships to transfer students and high school seniors. The scholarships are awarded for either two or three years

and will cover the cost of tuition, books and fees. Captain Anne Winkler, assistant professor of aerospace studies at Baylor, said that the value of the scholarship for

one full year is approximately \$9,500. Scholarship recipients are selected on a basis of their overall grade point average, interview rating from a panel of members composed of institutional officers and Air Force ROTC staff officers and scores achieved on the Air Force officer qualifying test. Winkler said that the qualifying test is similar to the SAT. The interviewers try to find out information about what the applicant has accomplished in the past

and what his or her motivations are.
"It's like you were applying for a job," Winkler said of the

Upon completing school course work, the scholarship recipients are required to serve four years in the Air Force.

Currently two students from MCC, James Mangawang and James Williams, are on the ROTC scholarship.

Anyone interested in the scholarship can contact the Bay-

lor AFROTC to not up an appointment to discuss possible scholarships and application procedures.



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### **VICTORY**

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ers in order to help them receive freedom. The "going price" for a prisoner was around \$2,000, but the price for

Wurmbrand was \$10,000.

Rev. Richiard Wurmbrand and his wife emigrated to the U.S.A., and in May 1966 he testified in Washington before the Senate's Internal Security Subcommittee and stripped to the waist to show 180 deep torture wounds covering his body. This story was carried across the world in newspapers in the U.S.A., Europe, Asia, and Australia; therefore, the Communist regime of Romania decided to assassinate him. Wurmbrand was warned in September 1966 about that plan, but he did not remain silent in the face of these death threats.

For me, Rev. Wurmbrand is a symbol that shows how the love and spirit of Christ can defeat the power of evil. My family had had the privilege and the honor to meet Mr. Wurmbrand while he lived in Romania. Since my childhood, my parents told me about him and about his courage to face the Communists' tyranny. I did not realize at that moment the effect that his example would later have on my life. This example and his trust in God united and strengthened us, the Christians of Romania, and encouraged us to raise higher the flag of our belief.

The case of Rev. Wurmbrand is not the only one that occurred in Romania under the Communist regime. Thousands of Christians suffered and even paid with their own lives for their

trust in God.

I understand today, three years after the Romanian Revolution that overthrew the Communist regime, that our belief in God and in freedom was stronger than the Communists' atheistic ideology, stronger than the venom of the K.G.B. and the cruelty of the secret police. For 2,000 years dictators, philosophers, and atheists have tried to destroy the Christians and to erase their name from the surface of the earth. They did not know that they fought against God Himself. Empires and dictators have passed away, but God's Church is not only alive, but she overwhelms the entire world. From the time of Jesus Christ until today, millions of martyrs like Wurmbrand have proved that no one can destroy or take away from Christians the things that God Himself has given to them: love, peace, patience, faith, and hope. I have great admiration for Rev. Richiard Wurmbrand and for all who were ready to accept sufferings instead of shame and dishonor. Their example of bravery and selfsacrifice for the cause of their faith has made a great impression on my life therefore, since my early childhood I have decided to enlist myself in the Great People of God and to be part of this Glorious Army whose weapons are not guns, tanks, and torture, but love, kindness, and faith. They are not afraid to put their lives in danger for the purpose of their victory.

Such men have fought for the gospel in my country, but they have also fought for the liberty of their precious

Ray. Richiard Wurmbrand was the bero of my childhood, for he set the fire in my heart to fight for what is true, right, and noble. Therefore, I will remember always that if it will be necessary to pay the price of my faith through suffering, I will be ready to do it because my final victory is guaranteed by God Himself.

# An Exciting Career Change

by Judy A. Bitner

Two years ago my husband was told he had cancer throughout his body. He was placed in the hospital for a series of tests. No cancer was found, but the tests and X-rays continued for over a year. The doctors, which were many, decided he has a rare disease called multi-lymphangioma. During this time of testing, questions kept entering my mind. What am I going to do? How am I going to support my family? What are these doctors talking about? My husband's illness had a major effect on my career change from a domestic engineer to a radiology technician.

One reason for the career change to radiology was the realization of becoming the main supporter, or only supporter, of my household. My husband's rare disease could re-occur anytime in a vital organ, which would mean possible surgery or chemotherapy treatments. If this disease reoccurred, we would not have to worry about his job if I were able to work and

support the family.

My career change to radiology would also help me understand the tests that might be given to my husband. When the doctor explains the diagnosis, I would not be frustrated with the doctor's medical terminology, and I would be able to ask the appropriate questions. Because of the lack of knowl-

edge in this field, we both experienced a great deal of anxiety during this time.

decision about becoming a radiology technician because I was already searching for a future career. My daily contact with X-ray technicians helped me make my decision in this career change. A career in radiology

This event also helped me come to a

would give me much gratification. My husband's illness has helped me decide on changing my career from domestic engineer to radiology technician; this decision has been both beneficial for my family and for my selfesteem. I am pleased to say that my husband is doing well, and I am excited about my new career change.

# **Childhood Memories**

by Tereza Garcia

The person who most influenced me as a child was my grandmother. She taught me how to be independent and adventurous and how to maintain a

clean and orderly home.

My grandmother and father, who was seven at the time, came from Mexico with a few personal belongings and very little money. At that time, she spoke Spanish only, but she managed to support herself and my father by selling food at a nearby laundry. My grandmother became a naturalized citizen when she was in her late eighties; this was a very significant event for her. As she hecams older and her health faltered, my father constantly urged her to move in with us. She was always adamant with her reply and said she could manage on her own

I always onjoyed the time I sport with my granding ther because she and I would either walk or catch abus to go downtown and browse. It was during this period of my life that I was exposed to recregation on husses and at lunch, counters in On one occasion we walked to a mill where fresh corn-onthe cob was sold. At first I watched,

Later, at home, she would grind the corn to make fresh tortillas. Another memorable adventure was when we took a trip to Monterrey, Mexico, on a hus. The scenery, culture, and food were a great experience for a sevenyear-old. The differences between my

and then I helped her shuck the corn.

grandmother's home and ours was like the difference between night and day. Since there were twelve children in the home and since both parents worked at monial jobs, our home environment left much to be desired. By contrast, my grandmother's home was always neat and orderly. Since both my parents worked, I would go to my grandmother shouse, and it was there that I learned to write, At home, I soldom worked on any school assign-Imants.

In summary, I will always be grateful to a lady who took time for one of her many grandehildren. When you're one of twelve and life is tough, there's seldom anyong to make you feel spechil. However, my grandmother made me fool that I was special, and for this and her other contributions, I thank

Professional Management life. In addition to passing along his dream to me ho has also given me his babit of working hard and a don't-ouit

My father loved his drown of playing baseball, butthis ambition was cut off by a mistake parly in his life. When he turned twenty-one, he was about to be married and become the father of twing, Ho has regretted this mistake. but he says that love got the best of him. Ho has tried to make sure that I did not make the same mistake as he did.

My dad still hurts today from his mistake, but I am hoping I can carry out our dream. My father has greatly inspired me. He has taught me to let nothing stand in the way of my dreams. Above all, he is my dad, and I would like to see nothing more than him smiling when I pitch my first professional baseball game.

**PURCHASE** 

(Continued from page 1) had no typing experience at all, I decided to go back to school and learn the keyboard. I registered at McLennan Community College as a part-time student and enrolled in Keyboarding I for the fall semester of 1990. It was a strong experience being back in school, but my focus was on learning the keyboard, which I did with some degree of difficulty. After finishing Keyboarding I in December 1990, I was ready to proceed with my original plan, which was to learn to operate my computer.

Although I did not seek counseling, I concluded that my next step should be Introduction to Microcomputers. This course was a real learning experience and gave me much of the basic knowledge that I needed to begin to work my home computer. I did surprisingly well in this class, considering that I felt that my typing speed was a bit lacking. After I had finished Introduction to Microcomputers, I was still uncomfortable with my keyboard speed, so I decided to take a summer class.

In the summer of 1991 I enrolled in Keyboarding II, mainly for the purpose of improving my typing speed. The course was gratifying in that my typing speed improved while I was obtaining valuable knowledge of the typewriter and its functions. After I finished Keyboarding II, my focus was returned to learning more about the computer in the full semester.

Beginning WordPerfect was the next course I enrolled in during the fall of 1991. I found that the many word processing features offered in WordPerfect caused me to put away my typewriter, which I also had recently purchased. I even went out and bought an Epson printer to add to my home computer. After finishing Beginning WordPerfect, I was informed that I could no longer be considered a part-time student and would have to declare a major if I wished to continue my education. I decided to make Computer Data Processing my major. Then I took a course in Program Design, in which I maintained a B+ average, but I still needed to take the TASP test. Being somewhat rusty in writing and math, I came up a bit short on those areas of the test.

I think that failing the writing portion of the TASP test is probably the best thing that could have happened at this stage of my life. I enrolled in a remedial English course that I feel has rekindled my lost abilities of communicating properly in the English language and has awakened new aspects of writing. This course has also changed my outlook in furthering my education and has changed my priorities for the future. If I had not acted on my sudden interest in computers by purchasing one, I obviously would not have had any interest in being back in school and in continuing my education. This facet of my interest in computers has impacted my future and will continue to influence the rest of my

# My Hero by Chad Tidwell

There are many heroes in the eyes of the people of the world, but to me there is no one like my dad. My father had big droums for himself. Budly, bis droams word cut short by a little mis-

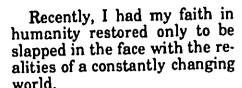
take in his life.

My father is someone who works hard and stands for what he bolioves. He coaches baseball at Belton High School, and conching has been a part of his life for fourteen years. Conching is what he does best.

Although conching in my dad's strong point, playing baseball is something that he would rather be doing. Playing baseball has been his life-long dream over since he was a child. He has carried this dream over into my

# Bits and pieces

Entertainment Editor MIKE MELTON



After a careful re-examination and final analysis of the issues at hand I was called cynical and irresponsible by someone with the maturity of a green tomato. A fried green tomato. What the heck am I talking about?

Last week I went home to eat lunch between classes. When I entered my driveway, I noticed something peculiar on my front porch. It was an acoustic guitar leaning against the brick wall under the doorbell. This produced a strange smile on my face. My most prized acoustic was stolen some time ago. Had the one who had done the dirty deed had a change of heart? I thought to myself there just might be some hope for this society. This produced a wonderful warm feeling and an abundance of hope in my

day.
When I returned to campus, I decided to get a soft drink before going to class. I passed by the open doors to the CSC gymnasium. I graduated from Waco High School in the late 1970s and curiosity prompted me to walkin and take a look. I bumped into a worker who told me MCC was going to tear the gym out and make a two story office out of it. This knowledge shocked me and seemed to tear at my heart. The worker said he would be back in a few minutes and left.

The warm feeling of humanity escaped me with the speed of lightning. I visualized my faith in humanity falling to earth like a sack of refuse tossed out of a space shuttle. It's quite unpleasant to be a grown man and feel a tear emerge from behind your eye and feel it stop, contained by the sad truth of the matter. Here, on this stage, I had played my second money paying "gig" as a rock guitarist. I had just witnessed humanity change it's

guitar. Now for that price I would have to give up the physical manifestation of a beautiful memory. That's one heck of a trade off, all in the course of one hour's time.

As I stood alone on the stage, I realized that I had experienced a Deja Vu of temporary euphoria accompanied by a fleeting glimpse of hope. The silence of the gym echoed with memories. Shakespearean drama festivals, basketball games and 110 db's of rock and roll past played themselves over and over in my mind like electronically recorded ghosts. I remembered a special first kiss with a girl backstage. Loss of control, a single tear ran it's course down my cheek like a river to the ocean.

Time marches boldly forward. Don't get me wrong, I want a degree from this school's journalism program. The reason I'm here is because a few instructors in my chosen field have a vast amount of experience and knowledge. I intend to absorb it all. MCC strives to serve it's community. Maybe a little too much. I'm a home owner and taxpayer and this sort of thing miffs me off. Why not utilize the gym in it's proper perspective and build an office somewhere else? Why provide a program for WISD students with disciplinary problems? Of course, to better serve the community. Don't forget about the percentage of possible future tuition to be gained, not to mention the increase in crime and theft.

Why not donate the use of the gym to a good cause? Wake up and smell the coffee, MCC. You don't have to make a buck or a new office out of everything. You could actually do something for the better of humanity without making a buck. Memories are like shadows of a passing cloud, they quickly disappear. They are akin to mountains gone, turned into stones, then to sand, only to be washed away by the next rain. Thanks a lot. See you



"DANCE MACHINE" OPENS TONIGHT AT 8 P.M. and runs through Dec.6. "Visually it is stunning", said choreographer Jerry MacLauchlin. The production encompasses dance styles that include blues, jazz, rock and classical motifs. For more information or reservations call 750-3500.

# Weekend amateur artist is also devoted to teaching English

By MELANIE GERIK

When students hear the name Travis Looper, they think only of the English teacher.

But Looper also has a deep, artistic side. He describes himself as a "weekend, amateur artist." He first discovered the art world while he was earning his teaching certificate many years ago in New Mexico where he was required to take three hours of art

Looper said he did not pursue it any further until 1980 when he and his wife were vacationing in Colorado. His wifehad brought some art supplies, but she hadn't used them. Suddenly, he had an urge to go outside and draw the mountains and trees.

When he returned to Waco, he enrolled in art courses taught by Barney Fitzpatrick and John Chatmus. "I think I have a minor in art now," Looper said. "I've taken about 15 hours or so."

Looper says he likes working with what he labels "dry media," especially pastels and charcoal. He also has tried watercolor and oil paintings, but he could not get the results he wanted. Before becoming involved with pastels and charcoal, Looper was an avid photographer with his own darkroom at home. Looper hasn't done much photography lately because he says it "takes too

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Although he recently bought a piece of representational art, Looper is most intrigued by postmodern and surrealistic art. He likes what he says his wife calls "bizarre," dark, somber colors and objects.

Looper had a graphite and pastel work entitled "The Squeeze" on exhibit at the Art Center through Nov. 29. For Art Center info call 752-4371



THE U.S. AIR FORCE BAND entertaining a small audience Nov. 19 in the PAC building. Ensembles played selections ranging from renaissance to classical to an audience of only 15.

# Project **Angel Tree**

### (Continued from page 3)

Dec. 13 at Jim's Cycle Shop in younger brother or sister. Axtoll. Proceeds from the hog raffle will be donated to Project Angel Tree. For more information on raffle ticket purchases call 829-1204.

Pritchett said, "As a former graduate, I think MCC students nood to go out and got involved with the community they live in.
Jumping in and helping the community is part of growing up, just like education. Students are fortunate to have an education and should share some of that good fortune, Some of those children don't oven have food, a pair of shoes or a warm coat."

Eads said many people are healtant to take the angels off of the tree that contain expensive gifts such as coats and bicycles.
Consequently, they are Project
Angel Tree's most needed items.
Many families contain teen-

ngo members who need conts and clothing with the same urgency as their younger siblings. Modium and large men's size coats and indies size 10, 12 and 14 are the sizes generally required for teenagers who want to feel the same Joy at Christians as their

Many families are in need of food at Christmas and Eads encourages the public to consider food donations as well. Businesses or people wishing to donate food or special gifts are encouraged to call 753-5441.

"I'm asking everyone to think of their own family. Someone has probably been touched by some type of tragedy. Whether they've had a family member go to prison or be killed in an accident, they have children that have been left behind. These children are not responsible for what has barnened. I would like what has happened. I would like to ask you to please come help us take care of these children. They need to be taken care of at Christmas. It's not a wonderful thing whon you walk into a home and you see little children whon they have no shoes and no food," Eads

Project Angel Tree provides inmates with hope and the childron of inmates the chance to experience the joy of Christmas and turn their lives around in a positive manner with Christian followship and love..

presents the play "Cinderella" Dec. 4 By MIKE MELTON Kathryn Berryman, daughter

**Waco Civic Theatre** 

of tennis coach A. Carmack Berryman, student Gary Lassiter, and voice teacher Lise Landsfeld will take the stage tomorrow night in the Waco Civic Theatre's production of "Cinderella." The play runs Dec. 4-13.

Lassiter will keep the laughter and frivolity going in the audience as well as the cast on stage as the court jester, Landsfeld will portray one of the enchanting "bird people," and Berryman will be one of the beau-tiful "ladies in waiting" who all want to dance the last dance with

the prince at the ball.

Also previding support from our campus will be the inter-

preter training department. The Waco Civic Theatre and Kestner's Department Store will present a free performance to the hearing impaired and their families on Saturday at 10 a.m. The hearing impaired are encouraged to attend and see the beautiful story as told by the interpreter training department.

This special performance will have no admission fee for the donf, but the Waco Civic Theatro will ask the hearing patrons for donations to the Central Texas Council for the Hearing Impaired and the Waco Civic Theatre.

Admission price is \$5, all seats will be assigned and reservations will not be taken over the phone. For more information call the Waco Civic Theatre at 776-1591.

### **Mexia Area Bikers present Toys for Tots Auction and** Dance

By MIKE MELTON
The Fifth Annual Toys for Tota Auction and Dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 4 p.m.-1 a.m. in Mexia.

The auction and dance is presented by the Moxia Area Bikors and will be held in the National Guard Armory 500 E. Tyler & Bonham. The band "Southbound" will perform from 4-6 p.m. and the auc-tion, which features door prizes and a trophy Long-horn steer to be raffled off, will be from 6-8 p.m. The band "Last Minute" will play for the dance which is scheduled from 9 p.m.-1

Admission to the event will be \$10 or a now unwrapped toy. The Mexic Area Bikers also welcome otherdenations such as old blankets ercents. For more information call 562-9248.

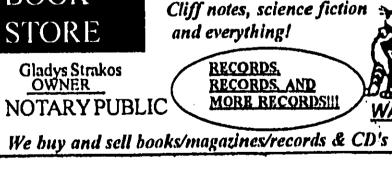


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# Career workshop today in SC

By IVONNE RODRIGUEZ The career workshop will be hold today from 5-7 p.m. in the conference room of the Student Contor on the first floor.

This workshop is for studonts who wish to look for a full time job and for students graduating in December.

During the workshop the participants will be able to cen-

struct a resume which will be critiqued by Sandra Jones, the director of the workshop, She encourages students who will be graduating to set up a placement file in the ca-

roor services office. For more information call Sandra Jones at 750-3594.

# 'Our Dreams and Ambitions, Our Aspirations and Plans'

Special section to The Highland Hcrald

McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas

Dec. 3, 1992

This semester MCC ENG 301 students participated in an essay contest in which they entered papers, written in their lab, either examining their goals, ambitions, and plans or discussing the heroes who have influenced their aspirations. The winning entries follow:

## Childhood Dreams

by Mike Nocl

Light trickled off the T.V. screen as the lonely gunfighter stood his ground. A moment later and it would be all over. Marshal Matt Dillon would have brought justice to Dodge City once again. Sighing over the call for supper, I pressed my tiny thumb desperately on the once colorful picture as it turned into a thin line and then disappeared into a small dot. I did not realize then that my hero of the Wild West would inspire my goals and influence all of my future years, but, basically, Matt Dillon changed my life.

Never once did I doubt Marshal Dillon's ability to win a gunfight er to figure out who murdered the owner of the General Store. He was my hero, my idol, and no matter what outlaw would try to stop him, he would always maintain justice; Dodge City was in good hands. How much I wanted to be like Mr. Dillon and protect the city

of Dodge with a bright, shining star pinned proudly over my heart and a shiny six-shooter anchored around my waist. I was bound and determined: I was going to be a lawman.

To this day I still look back on Mr. Dillon as my hero. Others grew up with Superman or Captain Glowmanthat's fine. Not me; I grew up in Dodge City. I may not turn out as much of a hero as Mr. Dillon, but I will stick to being a lawman, and that's what I attend school for. It doesn't matter if it's high noon or not or if it's horses or cars—it's all the same. But when the day comes and letrap on my gun, that old feeling and epol, wind that once chilled Dodge City will fade away with the memory of Matt Dillon.

Psychologists toll us that childhood heroes are instrumental in shaping our goals and dreams, Thank you, Marshal Dillon; my dreams are hig :

not sufficient. For me, a hero is not only a brave person, courageous and dauntless, but he or she is also a saint. I learned this conception of a hero from a man's life that shone like a star in the middle of an evil world during the time of a painful religious persecution that took place in Eastern Europe under the Communist regime.

The Reverend Richiard Wurmbrand is an evangelical minister who spent fourteen years in Communist imprisonment and torture in his homeland of Romania. He is one of Romania's most widely known Christian leaders, authors, and educators. In 1945, when the Communists, supported by the K.G.B. and Russian tanks, seized Romania and attempted to control the churches for Communism's purposes, Richiard Wurmbrand immediately began an effective, vigorous "underground" ministry to his enslaved people and the invading Russian soldiers. He was eventually arrested in 1948, along with his wife, Sahine. While his wife was a slave-laborer, Richiard Wurmbrand spent three years in solitary confinement, seeing no one but his Communist torturers. After three

The Computer of attending his friends abroad were told to forget him since he abroad were told told to forget him since he abroad were told told to forget him since h abroad were told to forget him sinde he was now dead. But that was not true: he was still alive. After eight years, he was released and promptly resumed his work with the Underground his work with the Underground putar la inpidly becoming an impor-Church. Two years later, in 1959, he hant skill. I first became interested in was re-arrested and sentenced to twenty-five years in prison. Rev. Wurmbrand was released in a general amnesty in 1964 and again continued his underground ministry. Realizing the great danger of a third imprisonment, Christians in Norway negotiated with the Communist authorities for his release from Romania. The Communist government had begun "selling" their political prisoners in countries like the U.S.A., France, Great Britain, and Germany, countries that fought for "The Men's Right Association" and were ready to pay for prison-

(See "Victory" next page)

## The Not-So-Well-Known

# Hero

by Lisa Turner

Being a youth in today's society is not easy, but having a hero to look up to and learn from makes life a little easier. My hero is Pastor Vernon Apple, leader of Thorndale Lutheran Church. I admire Pastor Apple for many reasons such as his wonderful ability to listen with an open ear, put others before himself, and encourage youth growth and involvement in the community.

Pastor Apple has an open and undorstanding oar for any problem one might have. The best thing about telling problems to him is that he doesn't pass judgment. He makes the person feel relaxed and not ashamed of or embarrassed about the problem. All the person has to do is tell what is on his or her mind, and Pastor Apple will discuss and analyze the problem. Then he lets the person decide on which option to choose without trying to influence the decision. He is a man who truly listons with an open heart.

"Having an open car is not the only asset of this many he is also an unselfish person. Pastor Apple has put himself and his family in the background The Victory of Faith when becomes to problems of his friends when becomes to problems of his friends when becomes to problems of his friends and church members. For instance, he was teaching an evening adult confirmation class in which I was entered the word "hero," for I feel that the explanation given in the dictionary is continued. Due to his international stature as known and misunderstood concept to a christian leader, diplomats of for many of us. Pastor Apple must have

sensed this, so he took an extra long time going over death. He made each of us understand that it was nothing to fear. Through his teachings and knowledge, I began to understand the whole concept of life and death. Now I do not fear dying and what will happen to me. Thanks to Pastor Apple, many minds are at ease. He unselfishly gave us his free time to be sure we understood.

Also being a hero to me means interacting with the youth of the world. Pastor Vernon Apple is always challenging the limits of a youth. He is a strong figure in youth organizations and youth-related activities. He was strongly influential in creating the Lutheran Young Fellowship, which is directed at teaching young people the different components of being a good person. This organization helps young people to be involved in a worthwhile project, and at the same time helps them become better people. Paster Apple is trying to help teens find a place in the world and then help to make it better.

In conclusion, I helieve that Pastor Vernon Apple is a one-of-a-kind person with a special quality that ho passes on to each person he touches. Through his ability to listen and put others at ease and by his involvement with the youth of the community, he has made Theradale a better place. Likewise, he has made me a better person and has equipped me with his

Today over twenty million computers are used in buildiesses, schools, and homes throughout the world. The ability to understand and use the comcomputers approximately three years ago when I saw a movie about computers called Paper Chase. My interest really started to peak when my place of employment began to use computers throughout its system. I was fascinated and amazed to observe the operators and clerks store and retrieve information and data with so little effort. I became so enthuslastic that I decided to look for a personal computer to purchase at a reasonable price. Little did I realize at the time the impact and changes that purchasing a computer would have on my life.

My search for a reasonably priced

computer lead me to my next-door neighbor, who just happened to own an IBM personal computer. He domonstrated some of the features of programs that he had on his computer, many of which were foreign to me at the time. My fascination and curiosity intensified even more after the demonstration. He said that he was in the market for a later model computer, so when the next week came, we made a donl. I was confident that I had found the bargain that I had been looking for in a computer, considering my neigh-ber said that he had paid \$3,000 for the computer two years earlier and then sold it to me for \$700. After making the transaction, I realized that I needed to learn to operate the computer but had no knowledge of the keyboard.

Bince I was keyboard illiterate and (See "Purchase" next page)

# Dreams and Ambitions

by Otong Otong All people have dreams of what they would like to be in the future. When I was a small child, I wanted to be a fisherman, sailing around the world, fishing in the middle of the ocean, and enjoying life on the high seas. But after I finished elementary school, my parents guided me toward their business step by step. My brother and sisters had moved out of the city, and my parents had no one to help them manage the store. My mind was to be changed from fisherman to business-

The first day, the only thing that I could do to help my parents was clean

the store furniture. Although that was the easiest job, after I finished the cleaning, I felt tired. I realized that this was the first time I had worked. The next day, the job was more difficult than what I had done the day before. I cleaned the store furniture, I cleaned the commodities which had dust, and I stayed almost six hours in the store watching consumers that came in. To these people I offered customer service; this proved the most difficult part of my job because every customer desired something different. Day by day, I got experience from serving in the store and eventually really enjoyed what I was doing.

I helped in the store for the next six years until I finished high school. Due to my six years of helping my parents manage the store, my dreams had changed from fisherman to businessman. Finally, I decided to come to America to continue my education because English is very important in international trading, and I would like to be an international businessman.

My future looks bright if I become successful in business. In my country, Indonesia, international trading has incredible potential because, commercially, Indonesia is strategically located between the Pacific and Indian Ocean, and is between the continents of Asia and Australia. This location has caused businesses in my country to become prosperous; moreover, Indonesia is close to Singapore and Hong Kong, and these cities are the largest trading centers in Asia.

To dream is easy, but reality will reveal what one's true path in life may be. For example, I dreamed about being a fisherman when I was a child, but reality did not agree with my dream. It is impossible to sail around the world and fish every day in the ocean without money. Once my dreams of succeeding in business come true, perhaps then I can spend time relaxing and fishing.



# How My Son Changed My Life

by Vickie Rhoades

Before I had my son, Jason, I thought I was content with the way my life was going. I had a wonderful husband, a beautiful daughter, and a good job working for the Post Office. But having my son and coping with his sickness have caused me to turn my

life around.

When Jason was born, he had what the doctor called a reflexive stomach. he could not tolerate any formula at all. We went to the doctor so many times that first week of his life, but we could never find any formula that he could handle. Finally, one night his sickness was more than I could handle. He went through a whole package of diapers in less than ten hours, and he threw up so much that I ran out of sheets, towels, and clothes for him. We ended up in the hospital, where Jason was taken completely off of everything.

Sitting in the hospital with Jason, I learned to appreciate everything the nurses did for me and my son. Because Jason was off of everything except for his I.V., all he did for twenty-four hours a day was scream at the top of his lungs. Every one of the nurses on that floor was so wonderful.

They all were gentle with Jason whenever they were with him, and they always held him and loved him just like I did. Sometimes Jason's screaming would get to me, and it seems that the nurses knew this was happening and would come sit with him so that I could get away for a few minutes.

After several weeks, Jason was released from the hospital. However, he still has to see the doctor every two weeks. The nurses in the doctor's office treat Jason so special. Everybody takes the time to speak to him and to try to make him laugh. Nancy and Sherry, two of the doctor's nurses, always fight to take care of Jason, and he loves the attention.

I had to quit my job to be with Jason because I could not find a day care for him because of his reflexive stomach. Since my grandmother agreed to watch my children while I was in class, I have decided to go to nursing school. Maybe I can help someone else the way those nurses helped me through our ordeal. Because of my son's illness, I have changed my goals in life and now will become a registered nurse.

# The Person I Most Admire

by Ish Woathers

The person I most admire is my mother. Even though she died in 1975, I feel so close to her that sometimes it seems she is with me still. The love that mother bequeathed me gave me a foundation to withstand life's difficulties. The qualities I hope I inherited from her include love, kindness, selfancrifice, and bravery.

Mother was the kindest person I ever met, and she had a genuine love for people. To my knowledge, she never said an unkind word about anyone. She always looked for the good in people instead of the bad. Whereas I have always been shy when around someone I do not know, mother was an extrovert and was at ease with every-

Solf-sacrifice was a way of life for mother. She was always willing to help in any situation with whatever resources she had. When Dad had to shear sheep or goats, she would not only get on a horse and help him round up, but she would also come home and propare a huge meal for all the shear-

ers. Mother did without many material things so that her children could have more. Even though my parents weren't wealthy, they were willing to send me to any college I desired, even including the University of Hawaii.

Mother was brave in all facets of her life, including death. She had to spend much time alone on the ranch with no car or telephone. In 1974, mother had surgery for colon cancer; then in 1975, she had surgery for lung cancer. She knew she was going to die, and her last words to us as she was wheoled down the hall on the stretcher wore, "I'nke care of Daddy."

I consider myself very fortunate to have my mother as a role model. My hopes and aspirations in life are to exhibit just some of her sterling qualities, including love, kindness, self-sucriffee, and bravery.

"Turning Negatives into Positives" by Pam Wood

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Following a catastrophe is one's life, the future may seem blook, but I am proof that, with shoor determination,

tive results. The catastrophe in my life was the murder of my father; this event has influenced my personal, family, and social lives. Only now can I see the importance of living each day to its

Dad's doath made me realize that my personal life could be greatly improved. Prior to that, I existed from one day to the next with few highs and lows. Now I attempt to live each day as if it might be my last, trying to overlook the small difficulties of daily life and starting to enjoy every detail of day-to-day living. Learning to laugh again was most difficult for me because I didn't think that I would ever fool happinoss again, but after several months passed, the pain started to subside. Once again, I could see the small wonders of each day.

As a result of my improving personal life, my family life also began to strongthon. One of my greatest fears was that my children would be dovastated by this tragedy, so I decided to help them make a few wonderful family memories by spending more time with them at home and school and on weekend getaways. Taking the time to listen to the children became easier, and I soon found myself being more patient and understanding. Hopefully, these happy memories will overshadow

any of the unhappy ones.

After realizing the importance of my family life, I, in turn, began to examine my social life and decided that my social group probably would be an important link to regaining normalcy in my life. My family's friends included us in many of their holiday and social gathorings; those friendships helped us return to our usual way of life, and the devotion of our friends has been one of the main factors in our recovery.

With improvements in my personal, family, and social lives, I have begun my journey into a new world in which my father only exists in my heart and memories. The catastrophe which I went through strengthened my personality and will now enable me to set newer goals for myself, for now I feel that if I can survivo this, I can conquer

anything.

# A New Life after a Death

by Rhonda Luedke

When I was young, my only goal was to become a wife and a mother and to live happily ever after. However, one day my life took a turn for the worse. That day my husband went to work as he did everyday. Shortly after he had left, someone knocked on my door. When I answered the door, I saw a woman in a blue uniform with a deep, sad expression on her face. I asked her, "May I help you?"

The woman replied, "Are you Mrs.

Luedke?"

I said, "Yes."

The woman then said, "Mrs. Luedke, you husband has been killed in an automobile accident."

The day I became a single parent, I realized that I need to educate myself

better so that I can be financially independent and an inspiration to my children.

When my husband died, I was not financially secure. Therefore, I couldn't even provide the basics for my children. Consequently, I was forced to separate my children among family members until I was able to provide them with a home. Eventually, I was able to get governmental assistance that provided an income, home, and a program that is helping me with an education. When the government provided me a home, my children and I were reunited.

Even though the government has helped provide the basics for my children, I would like to become financially independent so that I can provide more than just the basics. For example, my daughters want to take music lessons, but on my income I can't afford them, or sometimes I go grocery shopping, and I see things that I would like to buy for my house but can't afford. By breaking free from the dependence on the government's assistance by completing my education, I will be able to provide for the wants and needs of myself and, more importantly, for those of my children.

Finally, I want to be an inspiration to my children by completing my education. For example, since I have started college, my children are very excited about their mother attending school. When I get up every morning excited about going to school, my children see my excitement, so they also are excited to attend school. My children like to study when I'm studying. Before I started school, my son didn't like going to school. He wouldn't do his homework at all. By attending school, I have been a great influence on my children.

When that terrible tragedy befell my family, a new goal was set in my life. Consequently, that event has made me stronger and more determined to complete my new goal. Now my family can look forward to a new and better outcome when I complete my education. Through all of this, my family has learned that education plays a big role in their future.

# Mom, My Hero

by Leah Gerik

Psychologists tell us that childhood heroes are instrumental in shaping our goals and dreams. As we grow from young children to adulthood, we are influenced by many people, some even fictional characters such as Superman or Batman and Robin. However, my mom has given more values to me through the way she has lived her life. Her strong Christian beliefs have made Mom a beautiful, loving person, the hero I admire the most.

Ever since I can remember, my mom has always gone out of her way to help others. Her acts of kindness know no boundaries. Once, an elderly lady lived next door to us, and Mom would help her do the yard work. If a family member became ill, Mom was there, lending a helping hand, cooking, cleaning, or babysitting the kids. Mom is always canning or baking goodies, which she shares with family and friends.

Every employer would love to have an employee like my mom. She always arrives early to work in case she is needed, never takes more time than given for breaks or lunch, and stays late until the work is completed. Mom, who is sixty-three, can work circles around the younger employees. I know; we worked together for a year and a half.

My mom is rich with good qualities and moral values. She has much self discipline. I believe that is how she is able to accomplish so much. To this day, she works a full-time job, attends church regularly, bakes, spends time with grandchildren, takes care of a dear friend who lives at the Regis by taking her shopping or to the doctor, has two cats and a dog, and is continually helping others.

My dream is to be more like my mom. She is a very happy person who always has a smile and never complains or has a bad word to say. Everyone adores her. She hasn't spent her whole life going to church every Sunday, but she has lived Christianity to the best of her ability. What a better world this would be if we could all do the same.

## A Self-made Man

by Michael Maxwell

In retrospect, I would be very difficult to assimilate a single event or person who has somehow influenced me to aspire to the human being I have become. I only see the thousands of unnamed faces who fill my thoughts, who have touched me to some extent, along my path of life. These countless individuals have, by their own faith and perseverance, guided me in such a way to give me a direction by which to travel. In no way can I give credit to one person but only to the many who have ensured that I stay on the path. Each one, in a small way, has given me a part of their personality, humor, and values.

A self-made man is a statement that could never be further from the truth. No individual can claim a single accomplishment; only the multitude can mold and make a man's character by in some way giving of themselves. Simply stated, the seed is planted. The soil nourishes. The sun provides warmth. The early morning dew brings relief to a thirst, and somewhere through all of this, God reaches down to touch a

petal.

So is it with man. The grandparents plant the seed. Parents provide the nourishment throughout a growing process that in actuality never ends. The countless number of friends provide the warmth of friendship that shapes a delicate being. Educators quench the thirst of knowledge to ensure that the desolation of illiteracy does not exist. And finally, through all of this, God looks down and reaches out to touch.

Association with others is what makes a person unique. The only true gift that we may provide in payment for our fortune is to pass a small part of ourselves to others. By doing this, we give through ourselves the most important gift of all, the gift of life.

# Childhood Heroes

### by Michael Wesley Herring

Who was you childhood hero? Maybe it was Batman or perhaps John Wayne. We have all had someone who we looked up to or wanted to be like. Even if you would not admit it, someone influenced you somewhere along the way. My parents influenced me, each in his or her own way, by using their combined talents to raise me the best way they could.

My father dropped out of school in ninth grade. He couldn't help me much with school matters, but he could teach me what school could not. He had an ability to explain things in a way that would keep my attention, he could also take a old, run-down house and fix it up into a nice, ready-to-

move-in home. Although it probably slowed him down, he took the time to teach me how to de every chore he did. He implanted in me the ability to see the end product mentally rather then look at the ugly mess in front of me. One of the most useful lessons he taught mewas to work together for the same goal rather than for two individual goals.

My mother is a college graduate, so in her hands sat the nearly impossible task of teaching me basic academics. She had the patience to teach me at home what I refused to learn in school. While mathematics came fairly easily for me, reading and writing I found difficult to handle. Through numerous hours of practice and studying,

she helped me learn. Although I disliked school work, my mother showed me how those things went hand in hand with the things we do everyday in life. If it were not for her persistence, I would have undoubtedly dropped out of school.

Along with academics, my mother also made a point to teach me all the things a person should know to run a household. Among these were how to cook, clean, pay bills, and do laundry. She made it clear that a person needs to be able to take of himself because there may be times when the spouse is unable to help.

Together my parents were wellrounded role models to admire. They made sure to back each other up in the things they taught and were very careful not to undermine the other's authority. They worked together as a team to reach a goal, that goal being to raise me the best way they knew how. Every opportunity they had they would express their love for me and to each other. Whether they know it or not, I may never know, but they even taught me how to love and care for my wife by the way they loved each other.

A role model's influence does not end with a childhood here. Even to this day I am still learning from my parents. They both worked very hard to raise me right, and I know it was not an easy job. I only hope that I can someday raise a child of my own with as much love and understanding as

my parents had for me.