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# Cost of education increases:

## Students left with tab for government shortages

**By Brian Hall**
*Sr. Assoc. Editor/News*

By now students probably know that higher education around the country is getting increasingly expensive.

Beginning with the Summer I semester, this college has instituted it's own tuition and fees hike. Tuition jumped $1 for every semester hour, and the school's technology fee has jumped from $5 to $8 dollars.

For instance, this semester, a student taking a base schedule of 15 hours, (average full-time student), would pay a base fee of $570 for tuition and fees, excluding additional charges such as lab fees and physical education expenses. A student with the same schedule would have payed only $510 last spring.

The school has five ways in which it brings money to the school. The main source of revenue comes from student tuition and fees. Yet the school also receives monetary support from state appropriations, local taxes, auxiliary enterprises and a student services grant.

Auxiliary enterprises includes things such as the school bookstore, vending machines, and sporting events. The Student Services grant is awarded to the school for such programs as Upward Bound. Yet the money gained from auxiliary enterprises and the Student Services Grant is minimal in comparison to the other three sources.

All the revenue sources are then put together into the schools general fund. Based on the yearly budget that the school creates the money is then distributed to wherever the school decides it is necessary.

Employee salaries are what the largest amount is used for. These salaries change on a yearly basis and are decided upon so they can be competitive with other institutions and attract the best faculty the school can afford.

"We want to attract the best teachers to our classrooms. The people who are in front of you are bright, intelligent, and caring people," President Dennis Michaelis said.

Other areas in which your tuition and fees go is to provide certain services such as the Academic Success Center, Tutorial Center, interpreters, computers, a current and well kept library, and a completely certified police force.

The reason that school tuition and local taxes increase result from a higher cost of living, higher technology fees, increased utility bills, and to recover where state appropriations fall short.

Although Michaelis sees relief in the future. The U.S. Department of Education estimates that within 15-20 years there will be 16 million students in higher education as compared with an estimated 13.6 million for this fall. The enrollment growth will help with the flow of state appropriations to the school. Also the higher the enrolment the less the school needs from each individual.

"With the rate of increase, tuition and taxes should become more stable, unfortunately right now the student and local taxpayer has had to pick up the slack where state appropriations fall short," Michaelis said.

In comparison with other schools in the central Texas area , MCC tries to keep a competitive rate for its students. Schools such as the University of Texas, Tarleton, Temple College, Texas A&M, and Baylor continue to increase also. For Example, Baylor University has just decided to increase tuition for the 24th year in a row. Michaelis believes that MCC is an "unbelievable bargain".

"I don't know where you can find a better value for what you invest," Michaelis said.

When you invest in an education at MCC, what you are really buying is quality instruction in a quality environment. When you compare what you get, for what you pay it is really low cost."

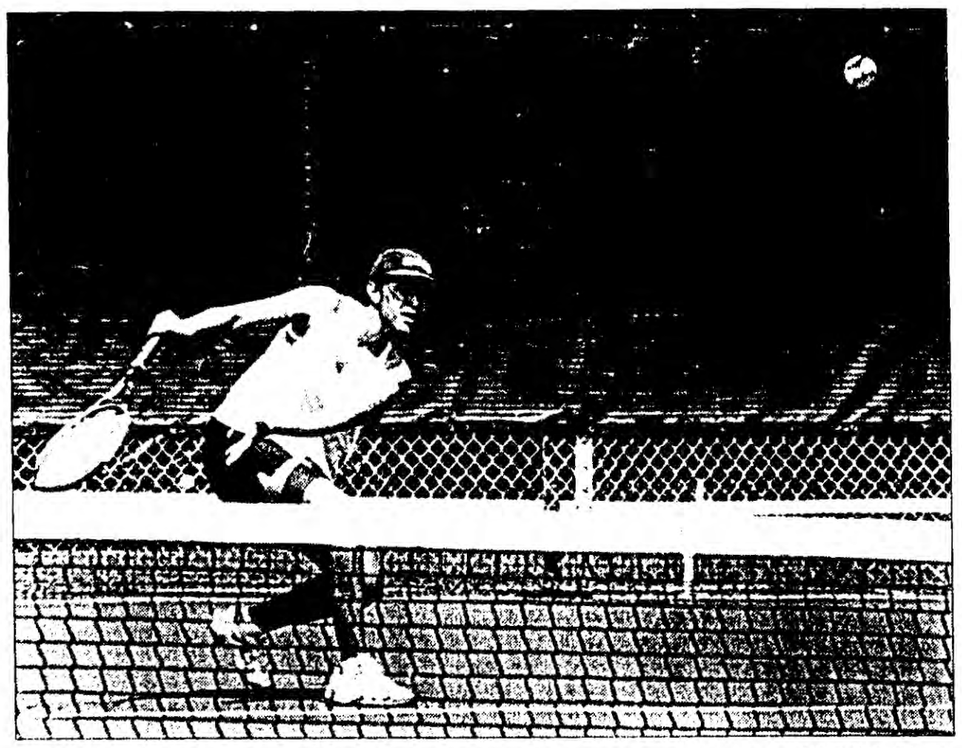

Photo By Justin Braswell

### 'Wham-O'

**EXTREME CONCENTRATION- Floresita Lopez returns a ball during the MCC Invitational held at various venues last Friday. (For tournament results and further details, see story on page 5.)**

Photo by Justin Braswell

**THE NEW VOLKSWAGEN beetle, or Concept 1, rolled off the assembly line this past spring and has been advertised as having "less flower and more power."**

# Welcome back beetle

**By Justin Braswell**
*Editor-in-Chief*

Inspired by a madman, designed by a genius, one of the most universally recognized object in the world celebrates it's 60th birthday this year.

For many it is nearly inconceivable that the Volkswagen Beetle, with it's unassuming, almost friendly ambiance was first used as a form of Nazi German propaganda.

The "Peoples Car" or Volkswagen was one of Adolph Hitler's ways to tighten his political hold over Germany. Master engineer and race car designer Ferdinand Porsche was given the task by Hitler.

The car was to be inexpensive, rugged, economical, and easily maintained putting the German population on the road.

The rear-engine, air-cooled Beetle was born and forever changed automotive history.

In 1949, only two Beetles were imported into the United states. By 1965, VW imported over 300,000 Beetles annually leading the import market in the US.

The allure of this American icon swept the nation prompting Walt Disney's "Herbie the Love Bug" series of movies and a love affair with the cars that has lasted into the 1990's.

After fighting a losing battle for market share with Japanese small car companies, VW's last Beetle was imported into the US in 1979.

Almost 20 years later the Beetle is back. Unveiled at the Detroit Auto Show in 1994, the Concept 1 new Beetle is according to VW's official announcement a "reinterpretation of an automotive legend; a bridge between past and future."

With 1998 being the first production year and only 50,000 models produced, most would be buyers are still on waiting lists to purchase the cars.

Consumers unable or unwilling to spend roughly $15,000 to join the ranks of John McEnroe and Larry Hagman, can try winning a New Beetle through contest giveaways. Fast food chains, clothing stores, a beer company, radio stations, and even concert promoters have contests with chances to win one of the new cars.

For the purist seeking an original Beetle, over 22 million "old" Beetles were produced since 1938 making it the most successful automobile in history. Those wishing to buy one of these cars have no waiting list only pages and pages of classified ads.

Photo by Justin Braswell

**THE ORIGINAL VOLKSWAGEN beetle is the most successful automobile in history with over 22 million produced. Beetles like the one above, are still a common sight on roads and around campus.**

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# Transfer Training 101

**By Fawn Faletogo**
*Staff Reporter*

The process of transferring from a community college to a university involves a continual catalogue of "must do's."

First on the list is asking basic questions about the university you are leaning towards.

"How much does tuition cost?" Usually tuition ranges from $300 to over $20,000.

"What is the location like?" Locations range from the city, suburbs and a "college town" i.e. Bryan College Station.

Transferring students sometimes forget to ask one major question, "Do you have my field of study?" It is possible that the college you are leaning towards may not offer your career major. For example, architecture is only offered in specialized schools for that field.

By asking questions you are doing the research, but you may not have the whole picture.

The next step is meeting with a representative from the school.

If you are wanting to transfer, for example, to Florida State University and you live in Waco, visiting the campus may pose a problem.

If you are University of Texas bound then you have convenience.

The Career Development Center offers trips each month to colleges like Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas at Arlington.

Meeting the admission requirements, application deadlines and financial aid is a given.

The first step in transferring from here to there is to start planning now. The sooner you begin, the smoother the transition will be.

# Students recognized for outstanding academic achievement

**By L. Ephie Hearne**
*Staff Reporter*

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will be inducting new members on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

This society recognizes outstanding academic achievement. Phi Beta Kappa members are eligible for several scholarships offered through the society, as well as scholarships offered by affiliated agencies and senior institutions.

Internationally, more than $28 million in transfer scholarships are offered annually by these organizations.

To be eligible for membership, students must be enrolled in a regionally accredited college that offers an associate degree program and complete at least 12 hours leading to an associate degree program. Generally, students must have a GPA of at least 3.5. Citizenship is also required.

Those to be inducted are Shala Williams, Debra Aretta Adams, Amy Denise Ballew, Daren Michael Belunek, Frank Arnold Blair, Casey Nicole Boehm, Heather Lonnea Brink and Pamela Susanne Calderon.

Also Jodi Olaine Christian, Sandra Kay Cocek, Robbie Elizabeth Company, Theresa Regina Daly, Danielle Renee Davis, Tracy Lee Denison, Lawrence Bruce Dollens, Shawn P Donihoo and Linda Diane Duff.

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# Bigger better bookstore

**By Jennifer Alderson**
*Staff Reporter*

The Follett Publishing Company has recently taken over management of the MCC Bookstore and plans to renovate the bookstore starting in October.

There are many changes that are going to be made such as carpet on floors in certain parts of the bookstore, more of a selection, and expansion of the bookstore. The wall that connects the bookstore to the counseling offices in the Student Center will be knocked out to widen the bookstore. After that is done, certain parts of the floors will be carpeted.

With all the new room, the bookstore is going to offer a wider variety of everything that they have now, and a variety of new merchandise. The renovations are expected to be completed before the end of the fall semester.

# Classes hit the on ramp to the information super highway

**By Jacqueline Harvey**
*Staff Reporter*

Everyone has heard of virtual reality, but now MCC is introducing the Virtual College, a catalog of distance learning courses to be offered to students all over the state.

Virtual College is a catalog due in November that offers a series of classes given over the internet. Students can access the classes on-line from anywhere at anytime.

The students submit quizzes, e-mail essays, and other assignments to be graded. Students may also e-mail questions directly to the instructor.

MCC is currently offering a few on-line courses such as literature, composition, real estate, marketing, business law, and psychology. MCC expects to expand this curriculum as more colleges enter this state-funded program.

MCC has several goals for the Virtual College. The college wants to be one of the first in the state to participate. Secondly, they want to increase their participation by importing and exporting more courses.

Teachers who have worked with this program have said that it increases participation. They say that students are more likely to ask questions via e-mail because it's a more comfortable atmosphere than in a classroom full of students.

The program gives students an opportunity to take courses needed without changing colleges.

A student taking a Virtual College course would register at MCC, read the material, and do the assignments at their own pace. There will of course be deadlines for assignments, but you can receive the lesson at 2 in the afternoon or 2 in the morning which makes it more flexible than any traditional class. And imagine not having to fight for parking!

Randy Schorrman, Director of Extended Campus Education says that the new "Virtual College of Texas" is more than an educational tool, it is a revolutionary way to share resources. For example, a college in East Texas might not have a teacher qualified to teach a French course. MCC might have such a teacher, but does not have a Spanish course which the other college offers. These colleges would design a contract. They would have the instructors teach students at the other school, via the internet, and now each college can award credit and expand their curriculum. Schorrman says that most colleges in Texas are expected to join the program within three to five years.

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# Waco campuses collaborate

By Becca Shivers
*Staff Reporter*

Baylor, Texas State Technical College, and MCC are involved in many cooperative programs together.

One of the most well known programs is Channel 18. This is a locally owned television station that is dedicated to higher education. Channel 18 posts information dealing directly with these three campuses. It also posts information dealing with local high schools, so the community is always aware of what is going on in education.

Another program that has been in effect for a number of years is the Bachelor of Business Administration Program. This program is designed for those MCC students who would like to get ahead on their business degree. MCC and Baylor have agreed that some of MCC's business classes will be accepted by Baylor for transfer students. MCC offers day classes and night classes for student convenience. Then, when students transfer to Baylor they can continue taking the courses at night so that it will not interfere with their work schedule.

The Skills Development Program is a new program this year between MCC and TSTC. Warren Johnson, director of the Downtown Center, said, "This a program designed for people who need job skills." This program deals mainly with manufacturing skills, such as welding and general manufacturing skills, but it also deals with general work skills.

The work skills that are taught are ethics, communication, interview skills, basic math, and computer literacy. This program is also in agreement with eight Central Texas companies, such as Central Texas Iron Works, Davis Iron Works, and Alamo Steel. These companies have agreed to hire people who have completed and passed this course.

"If you apply yourself in this course, you will be hired," said Johnson.

The next scheduled session starts in early October. The next night session will begin in January.

A new program pending approval is the Multi-Media Production Degree Program. This is a degree plan that will be offered at MCC and TSTC. The program will train students to be leaders of Multi-Media Director teams, illustrators, or animators.

The multi-media field is the fastest growing field in the country. This will be one of few management programs in Texas. The program is expected to be approved for next fall.

# Doors open for Arts Fest '98 on Oct. 17

**Public Information Office Release**

Popular Dallas potter Randy Brodnax will bring his Cajun-flavored ceramics performance to the Open Door Arts Fest in Waco next month, headlining this wide-open celebration of the best Central Texas has to offer in visual arts, music, dance, poetry and theatre.

Waco's annual fall celebration of the arts will return Oct. 17-18 to the grounds of The Art Center and MCC.

Inspired by sculptor Robert Wilson's Waco Door sculpture, the two-day festival showcases the arts in every form and provides a place for guests to unleash their personal creativity.

At the festival, more than 30 professional artists will sell their wares, while others will demonstrate and help guests try new kinds of art.

Eight performance stages will offer a non-stop program of dance, live theatre, poetry readings and music to suit every taste.

The Open Door Arts Fest welcomed 10,000 visitors its first year and planners hope to top that number this year as they assemble an artistic smorgasbord of displays and demonstrations from locally, regionally and nationally acclaimed artists.

Among those nationally known artists is the ceramic artist Brodnax, whose folksy, humorous style is as unique as the rustic raku' style of pottery that he creates while he entertains.

Brodnax is one of more than a dozen demonstrating artists who will bring their craft within reach of adult guests.

Children's offerings have expanded to include "Bubble Science," sponsored by the Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center, and the "Kidsville Project," where children can create art for greeting cards to support the Hillcrest Children's Hospital.

Among the returning events from last year include painting with tricycles at "Toulouse La Trike," "Bob-O-Gami" mask making and creating personalized tiles for Wilbert Verhelst's "Millennium Wall," a permanent Art Center sculpture walk exhibit.

The Open Door Arts Fest will be at 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Oct. 17-18 at The Art Center and MCC grounds. Admission is $2 for adults and free for children ages 12 and under. Ample free parking is available.

For more information, or to receive a map to the festival, call The Art Center at 254-752-4371.

## Library changes improve research capabilities

By Veronica Cabarrubia
*Staff Reporter*

Recently, the MCC Library has undergone several changes.

The Library is now open on Sundays from 3 - 9 p.m. in response to the needs of night students.

The Library has also received 30 new personal computers and two black and white printers over the summer, paid by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund

TIF is state funding that has also provided one scanner, a digital camera and a color laser printer. The use of the color laser printer will be $1 per page. The scanner and digital camera will be used to develop web pages.

The "Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature," "Nursing Collection," a full text of 14 nursing journals, and "Contemporary Authors" databases are currently available.

The "Modern Language Association International Bibliography," an index to literature, will soon be available on the Internet as well.

The MCC Library is a member of the TexShare Card Program. TexShare is a program of the Texas State Library and Archives Committee.

Those with a TexShare card have the opportunity to borrow materials directly from TexShare libraries statewide.

Anyone interested in obtaining a card should ask the staff at the library circulation desk.

# Phi Theta Kappa honors scholars

## MCC's chapter attends conference for the first time

By Wyteeshia King
*Staff Reporter*

In October, the Texas A&M University Campus at Commerce will be filled with honorable college students. The Phi Theta Kappa Conference will be held to honor those students who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

This organization is only for two year colleges. Members have to have completed 12 hours of schooling and not be in a certificate field. It is by invitation only. Members are recruited and inducted every fall and spring semester.

This is MCC's first year attending this annual event.

At the conference, chapter members are advised on how to lead their chapters. Guest speakers, workshops, dinners, district meetings, and a spoons (cards) tournament will be the activities provided.

Members and officers will have a chance to meet other members and officers as well as alumni and advisors from across the state.

The local chapter advisor, Ms. Amberdawn Moore, is planning to send 3 or 4 new officers as well as herself to the conference.

# State agency program now offered

By Sean Medlin
*Staff Reporter*

MCC is offering training to individuals who are seeking employment as Juvenile Corrections Officers with the state of Texas.

Juvenile Corrections Officers work as part of the Texas Youth Commission (TYC), a state agency which rehabilitates juvenile offenders and works to prevent juvenile delinquency.

The TYC operates many programs, including facilities for offenders, boot camps, half-way houses, and community based residential programs.

The Juvenile Corrections Officers program is in its second session at MCC. It is headed by Joyce Simms, coordinator of health and human services continuing education, who said that the state first approached MCC about offering the course. The eventual goal, she said, is to have every junior college in Texas provide training for TYC. MCC is only the third college to offer these courses in the state.

Training to become a Juvenile Corrections Officer includes security and control procedures, juvenile supervision, suicide prevention and intervention, HIV/AIDS disease policy and information, standard first aid, and communication skills.

Qualifications to take these courses include a high school diploma or GED, passing criminal and driver's license background checks, and passing a CPR/First Aid course by the end of the training session.

Those interested in this program see Joyce Simms for dates and prices, or call 299-8547.

*Second Inter-Club Council meeting*

# ICC serves as mediator for campus organizations

By Jennifer Wokaty
*Campus News / Web Editor*

Last week, the Inter-Club Council held its second meeting of the semester on Sept. 23.

The following clubs were represented in last week's meeting: Phi Theta Kappa, the Press Club, the Physical Therapy Club, Phi Kappa Pi and the Nursing Day Club.

Chairman Adolfo Cheong led the meeting with the minutes of the past meeting, covering the need for participation in the week's Student Government elections and volunteer possibilities in the coming Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo, as well as the Open Door Arts Festival.

After the representatives informed the group upon the current events of their club, Cheong opened up the forum to discuss the role the ICC as a method of communication for all active clubs on campus, encouraging awareness and support from other campus clubs.

Next Wednesday, the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society will be inducting 71 new members on Oct. 7 in the Lecture Hall at 1:30 p.m.

The following week, the PT Club is having a fund-raiser at Mazzio's Pizza on Oct. 12 from 5-8 p.m. The club will receive a portion of each receipt to fund scholarships and club activities.

The next ICC meeting will be held on Oct. 21 at 2:00 p.m. in room 301 of the Student Center.

# News Briefs

## Coming PASS workshops

This week's PASS workshops will discuss "Navigating the Library." In this presentation, students will learn the ins and outs of the library. Next week, Oct 7 and 8, the workshop topic will be "Writing Skills." On Oct. 14 and 15 workshop participants will focus on "Using the Internet." PASS workshops are held on Wednesdays at 10:20 a.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Health and Physical Education Building, room 101.

## First faculty Cajolery

The faculty will have its first Cajolery for the semester today. It will be held in the Highlander room. New library services, databases, and other significant information will be discussed. There will also be door prizes.

## Poetry contest accepting entries

The college's poetry contest is accepting entries with an Oct. 15, 5 p.m., deadline. The contest is open to all MCC students and employees. Poems must be typed and accompanied by a cover sheet that includes the author's name, address, phone number and MCC category (student, faculty, staff, or administration). Writers are limited to two entries. Entries should be turned in to Jennifer Black in the Faculty Office Building. Winning poems will be published in a special insert to the Highland Herald in November and will be read at Casa de Cafe on Nov. 18. This event benefits Storybook Christmas.

## German exchange program

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals is accepting applications for 1999-2000. The program includes 2 months of German language training, 4 months technical or professional school, orientation and evaluation programs, international transportation and a domestic travel subsidy. Students must be 18-24 and a U.S. citizen. They also must have career goals and work related experience. German knowledge is not required, but strongly recommended. Also, CDS International, is currently seeking host families for German students in this country.

## Gym and indoor pool hours

Open hours for students, faculty and staff for the indoor swimming pool located in the Health and Physical Education Building are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:10-4:10 p.m. when a lifeguard will be on duty. The weight room on campus will be open from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays it will be open from 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays it will be available from 1-4 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. The gym hours are 2:15-4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Nurse Aide Course begins Oct. 5

Openings are available for MCC's Certified Nurse Aide Course set to begin Oct. 5. The course prepares students to test for the state CNA exam and become employed in the first level of a health services career. High school graduation is not required, but certification is required for employment as a CNA. The MCC course meets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday for four weeks, with the last two days devoted to taking the state examination. Students learn to provide basic nursing care, under the supervision of licensed nurses. The cost of the course, including the state testing fee, is $264, and the required text book is $30. For more information about the CNA course call Joyce Sims, RN, at 299-8784.

## Marketing orientation Oct. 6

The college will hold an orientation session for its free manufacturing training classes at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in the MCC Community Services Center. This session will introduce potential students to the manufacturing training program, which begins a new round of day and evening classes the first week of January at the Downtown Higher Education Center, 209 N. Eighth St. The course features hands-on training in such skills as work force readiness, applied math, blueprints, graphics and reading skills, as well as quality and safety methods. Successful graduates may qualify for entry-level positions as welder and fitter trainees, assemblers, production associates and material handlers at one of the partner companies earning between $7 to $8.40 per hour. Local manufacturing partners include K-D Manitou, Central Texas Iron Works, Alamo Steel Company, TYMCO, Davis Iron Works, The Trane Company, Time Manufacturing and Time Condor Company. For more information, call 254-299-8658 or 254-299-8551.

# Caution pedestrians

By LoriAnn Loden
*Staff Reporter*

Only one accident has been reported to campus police this semester. The accident occurred Sept. 3 at 3:50 p.m., while admissions was still registering for fall.

The accident involve two automobiles and happened as one car was backing out of a parking space when it backed into a oncoming car.

No one was injured, but the perfect MCC record for no accidents this fall was tainted.

Due to the campus' low speeds and conditions there are rarely any reported accidents according to Larry Radke, chief of police. The only problem he foresees is vehicles not yielding to pedestrians.

Radke's advice, "If you're walking pay special attention."

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# "If you were President Clinton, would you resign from the presidency, and why?"

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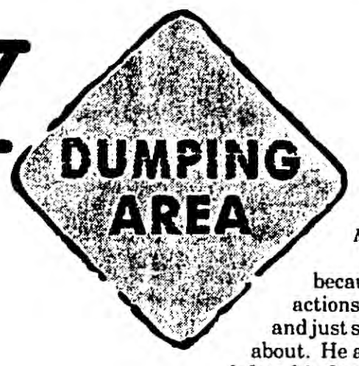


***Cruz Torres, mass communications major***

"If I was president Clinton, I would not resign from office. He took an oath to serve this country and he's doing a great job."

***Chris Blanton, English major***

"I think Bill Clinton should resign from office because he has embarrassed himself, his family, and the office of the Presidency."

***Sean Hutcherson, accounting major***

"I would not resign from office if I was President Clinton. I don't condone his actions as being right, but his personal life is just his business, not mine. He's running this country and that is why we elected him. We didn't elect him in order to dissect what he does in private."

***Tzu-Lin Kuo, undecided major***

"No. Clinton has done many good things for this country. People cannot judge him only depended on his affair."

***Mandolin Shannon, environmental studies/journalism***

"No, I would not resign from office because I feel that the personal lives of our government officials should be kept personal. If we probed into the lives of everyone in public office, there would be many moral problems brought to light about every one of them."

***Grant Dickinson, business major***

"I would not resign from office as there is nothing to gain and nothing to lose from doing so. I would continue to run the country as I had been doing, I'd just stay away from the interns for a while. Having lost the respect of my family and my country, I would rather be in office to try and start doing something right. By resigning, I am giving up. I don't want to give up on my family or my country."

***Lex Anne Richardson, radiology major***

"I believe Clinton should resign because he's a liar and is very disrespectful toward his wife. He should spare the embarrassment and quit. I'm so disappointed in Hilary for not ditching him and finding a real man."

***Ryan Bartlett, nuclear engineer major***

"If I was President Clinton, the thought of resigning wouldn't even cross my mind. You basically control America and you have all the power in the world. Everybody else is just jealous because they can't have two women."

***Kenny Hinds, undecided major***

"If I were President Clinton, I doubt I would resign. But upon leaving office, I would reside in a foreign country for safety purposes. I would resign, though, if I was certain to be impeached. I would also feel embarrassed and ashamed to show my face in public because one of the simplest roles of the President is to be a role model for the U.S. A man who commits adultery over and over again and gets caught can only be looked up to by so many people."

***Mandy Jackson, elementary education major***

"I would not resign. Clinton has lowered our national debt and has been a good president aside from this overly-publicized affair. Let him finish his last term in peace."

***Tony Fraley, undecided major***

"If I were Clinton I would not resign because I'd face the consequences of my actions. I feel that this entire trial is trivial and just something for the politicians to worry about. He admitted he's wrong and it should be left to his family and him."

***Jennifer Alderson, mass communications major***

"Yes, I would because if I am not decent enough to be faithful to my wife and be an example to this country, then I am not good enough to be president."

***Christopher Fluitt, undecided major***

"I would resign and actually apologize to the American people for making a mockery of the Presidency and lying."

***Juan Yniguez, history/anthropology major***

"No, I would not. My personal life is my personal life. If anybody has to worry about it, it is Hilary. As for all Americans, none of this has anything to do with my doing my job. People of America, there are so many tragedies and other things in the world to worry about other than one's sexual life."

***Michael Nichols, civil engineering major***

"No. His office is almost up. Clinton's done a good job economically so he should stay in office for the remainder of the term."

*Indifferent drivers...*

# Avoiding road rage

**By Jennifer Wokaty**
*Campus News / Web Editor*

For all purposes, I'm a Sunday driver, taking my time and coasting about leisurely without a care in the world.

I consider myself a safe driver, considering I've never been in an accident. Each morning, I arrive early to school, find a nifty parking spot and walk merrily to class.

Ok, that's lie.

I walk drudgingly to class.

Certain factors prevent me from joining the ranks of fearless road warriors who can make it to school in 5 minutes flat. Among them are my constant paranoia of what time it really is, as my watch is either 10 minutes too early or 5 minutes late, the fact that I live outside Waco, and my morning cigarette. I don't smoke until i am promptly sitting outside the Liberal Arts Building, waiting for my class.

A seek and reward type of deal at the end of a wake up call and 15-30 minute drive. But hey, it works for dogs, and I'm there early each morning.

If you suffer from terminal tardiness, maybe you too should deprive yourself of smoking or eating til you get there.

Or, you could just act like a normal human being and strengthen your constitution, in light of cosy mattresses or soothing dreams and wake up early.

Chances are, if you suffer from habitual tardiness driving among the likes of me, you'll hate Sunday drivers. I drive casually, turning on my signal, taking my time to get from stoplight to stoplight, while you struggle to pass.

And just for kicks, I will arrive to my destination on time, whereas you will not.

I am the Sunday driver, oblivious to the fact that other people were traveling as well.

I tend to think about other things rather than if I am going to pass someone or if am I going to make it to school on time. The pressure's off me to get there at a certain time, yet my mind can is elsewhere.

This is why I wake up early. Less people, less traffic. The less likelier that I will be involved in an accident.

I know this sounds like a lot of preaching to get you to wake early or get to class on time, but it isn't. This is my innocent ploy to get you to smoke more, and drive less stressfully.

With all that can go on on a highway or some residental street, we at least need to be aware of what can happen. Bad drivers, drunk drivers, emotionally imbalananced drivers and Sunday drivers.

Its an indifferent world driving out there.


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*A window seat...*

# Colorblindness = equality

**By Justin Braswell**
*Editor-in-Chief*

As an idealistic, semi-educated, bleeding-heart journalist, I believe that all forms of racism are wrong.

To exclude, discriminate against, restrict opportunities or even categorize humans based on the color of their skin or ethnicity has no place in our supposedly "elevated" society.

Our government, however, still actively enforces legal discrimination through a program called Affirmative Action.

Confused? Let's put it into perspective. Affirmative Action is said to be based on equality and diversity.

For many universities, corporations, government employers and anywhere that competition is a factor for positions, this law takes effect. Federal law has set certain quotas in percentages for non-white, non-male and non-European descendents that must be hired or accepted to be in compliance with the law.

What this means to me, as a male member of the ethnic majority, is that it is possible to study and work hard but be passed over, and therefore, discriminated against. Even if I have the qualifications and meet the needs of an establishment, I may not meet the needs of the establishment's federal quota.

This is discrimination that occurs daily. Being passed over because of white skin color and European ancestry is racism. Are English, Irish, Scandinavian or German ethnicities any less "diverse" than that of any other human we share this country and planet with?

Affirmative Action is not a hand up, but it is a hand out. When people are ethnically singled out and then given what is not earned, it creates divisions and resentment from those who have earned but not been given the same opportunities.

Two people who I respect immensely, Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez, wanted what I want and all humans deserve, equality and fairness for all.

I would be ignorant if I thought that ethnic minorities were not still discriminated against. Affirmative Action once had a place in our society but no longer. An ageing band-aid for the wounds left by a Civil War, Jim Crow and segregation, Affirmative Action no longer has merit and is the opposite of it's original interpretations.

Only when the slowly healing wounds are exposed and no longer aggravated by Affirmative Action, will the darkness of ignorance give way to the light of knowledge and begin fading the scars for all Americans.

When people are no longer judged by skin color but rather by deeds then our country will be healed.

But what do I know? I'm just a back woods country boy from Lorena, who is no less and no more human than you.

# Letter to the Editor

## Adviser says SGA working hard

**(Email reponse to Editor's column in Sept. 15 issue.)**

Dear Editor:

In reference to your recent article "A Window Seat...Welcome to Reality", I would like to go on record as stating that the Editor is indeed in error when he claims that our Student Government's agenda is "having meetings and making motions to postpone activities until the following semester." Such statements suggest that the Student Government Association at MCC is idle and irresponsible. This is not the case.

In fact, over the course of the last 12 months our SGA has been extremely active. Last semester the SGA completely revised the SGA Constitution, participated in community service events, designed and sold t-shirts for fundraisers, hosted a Halloween dance, represented MCC at various activities throughout McLennan county, attended regional and state leadership conferences, served as regional secretary in the Texas Junior College Student Government Association, processed student traffic fine appeals, helped in the coordination of the Highland Games, etc.

Since returning to classes this past August, the SGA has also assisted with traditional registration, planned and carried out a week long celebration called "International Week", revived the Inter-Club Council and is currently working on recruiting new members and holding the Student Government elections.

Our student government has restructured itself in an effort to improve and better serve the student body. These changes have not always been easy, but the SGA has worked together as a team to make them happen. They are to be commended for their hours of service, rather than ridiculed.

**Amberdawn Moore**
**SGA Advisor**

# Child Development Silent Auction surpassed goal

**By Chris Reyes**
*Staff Reporter*

The Silent Auction for the Child Development Center surpassed this year's goal.

Leslie Maggard, a speech teacher deeply involved with the auction, said "the items that had been auctioned were the best yet."

Sponsors have gone to the far reaches of Waco to bring everyone new and different items.

The items sold at the auction made the Child Development Center $3,660.80.

The count for items was 173.

About 150 people made purchases

This Auction was done by the Parent Committee for the CDC and Dorothy Cardwell, director of the day school.

The funds from the auction will benefit the infant and toddler playground.

Last year the auction only made enough to complete half of the playground. Now they can cover that hard coment with the texture material.

Page edited by Jamie Jones
Sept. 29, 1998

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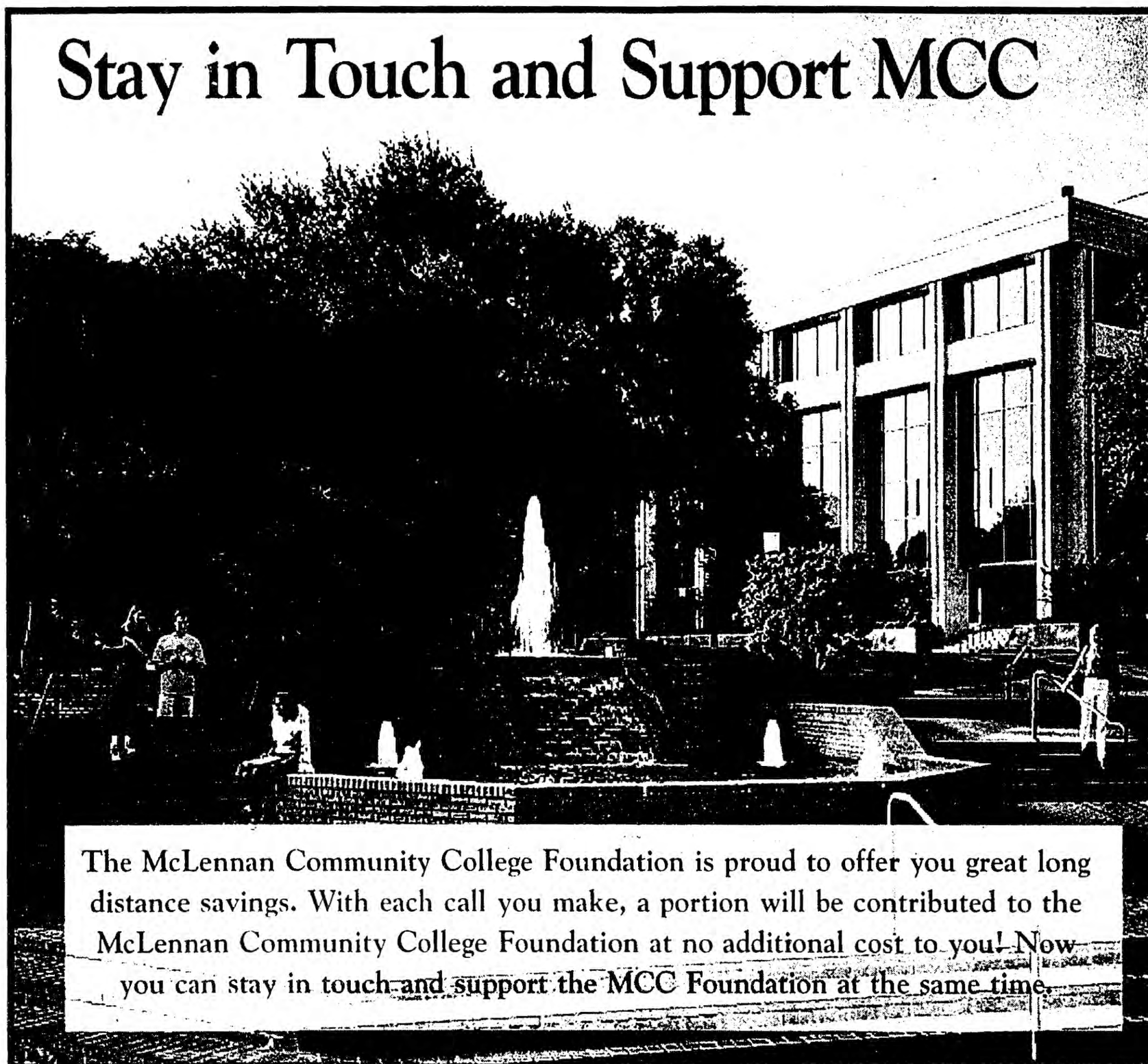

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# New recruits have unlimited potential

**By Brian Shelton**
*Staff Reporter*

As with most junior college baseball teams at this time, MCC is desperately searching for emerging talent in a group of fresh recruits by exposing them to practice games, rigorous work-outs and sharp eyed evaluations.

This iron clad process is nothing new to MCC. Because of the high turnover rate from year to year, returning talent becomes scarce and in return the frantic search for talent a necessity.

"The people you recruit have to come in and make an immediate impact," head baseball coach Paul Miller said. "They have to start right off the bat unless you have a large returning class which we do not."

Only eight players return from last year's 38-21 Highlanders including catchers Tim Meadows and Karl Johnson, second baseman Bryan Kent, first baseman Brandon Maricle, shortstop Ryan Reynolds and pitchers Jason Scobie, Kevin Outlaw and Zach Sonier.

Although returning players are few, Coach Miller said the team's recruits possess unlimited potential.

"This year's group is every bit as talented as any group we've brought in," Coach Miller said, "There's a lot of speed, power potential in hitters and good arm strength in the pitching staff. How they develop into college ballplayers remains to be seen."

Whether the recruits can fill the gaps in the pitching staff also remains to be seen.

With only one pitcher returning that possesses a substantial amount of experience in Scobie, the team will rely on returning pitchers Sonnier, Outlaw and a number of recruits including Dennis Cervenka, Grant Gregg, Lee Gwaltney, Regan Lochridge and Carl Makowsky to share pitching duties.

"With a very inexperienced pitching staff, which is what we have now, that's our biggest question mark," Coach Miller said. "We'll have to give these guys a lot of innings in the fall, be very patient with them while they develop and hope by spring time they are ready to go."

Because of the high number of recruits, Coach Miller said leadership will be an important key to the team's success.

To help accomplish this, the team added four transfer students including Matt Elkjer from Panola College, Jason and Jesse Greminger from Sam Houston, Kyle Tidwell from University of Texas at Arlington and Regan Lochridge from Baytown Sterling.

"We're young, but not quite as young as it may seem," Coach Miller said.

"The more people comfortable with college baseball the better off you're going to be."

Although the success of the team will hinge on the development of inexperienced players, Coach Miller said he holds high optimism.

"You hope your program always continues to move forward," Coach Miller said.

"If these young men develop as their potential suggests they can, then we have every reason to expect that we will have another successful year."

The Highlander baseball team will have a strong showing at the upcoming junior college all star game.

Second baseman Bryan Kent, first baseman Brandon Maricle, catcher Tim Meadows, short stop Ryan Reynolds and pitcher Jason Scobie were selected to represent the Highlanders at the game on Oct 9-10 at Tyler Junior College.

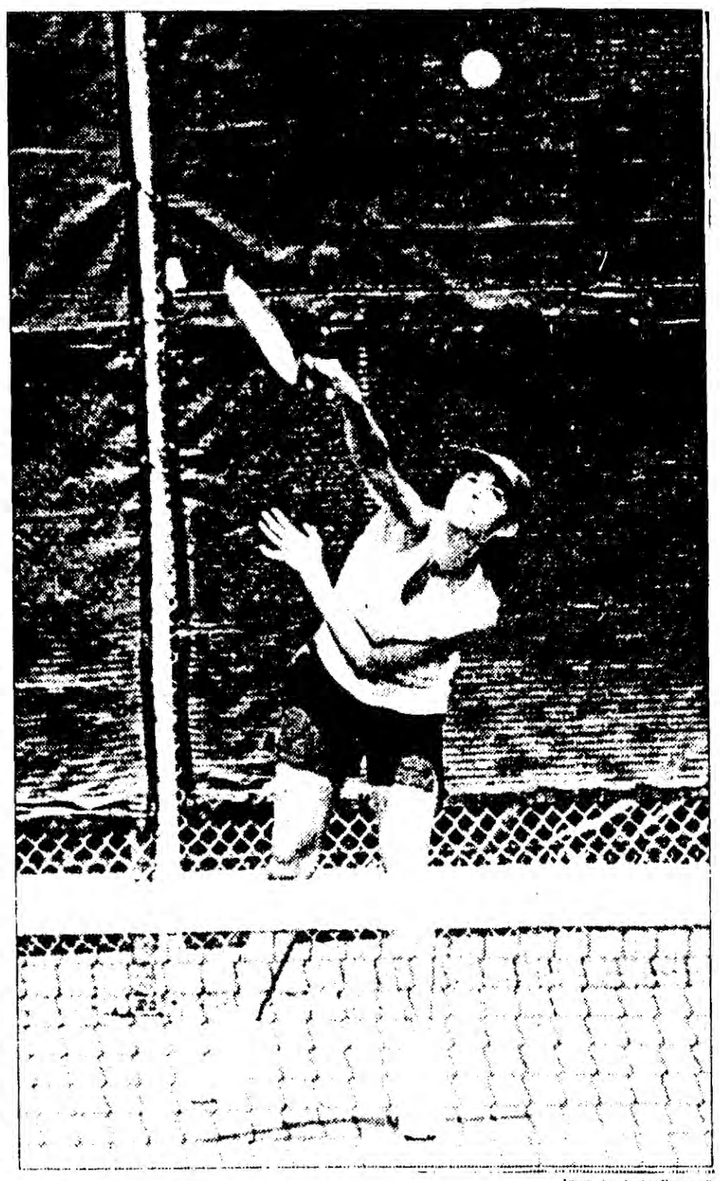

Photo by Justin Braswell
FLORESITA LOPEZ smashes a serve in recent MCC Invitational

# Highlassies serve up new tennis season

**By Jason Hoskins**
*Sports Editor*

Several colleges made the trip to Waco to participate in the MCC Invitational last Friday and Saturday.

The Highlassies hosted Temple College, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas Lutheran College, McMurray, North Central Texas College, Collin County Community College, Kilgore and Howard Payne.

The tournament was held at the McLeary tennis complex, Lakewood country club and on the college's campus.

In the first flight Caroline Svensson of North Central Texas defeated Phyllis Wilenda of MCC 6-4, 7-6

In the semi- finals of the second flight Rachel Morales of North Central Texas defeated Denise Amugan of MCC 6-2, 6-0. Morales then defeated Kristen Graff of MCC 6-4, 6-1 in the finals.

In the finals of the third flight, Highlassie Amanda Schneider defeated Rebecca Kerley from Collin County.

In doubles action Denise Amugan and Phyllis Wilunda defeated North Central Texas' Morales and Svensson 6-0, 6-1.

In the final of the second flight Kristen Davies and Kristen Graff from MCC defeated fellow Highlassies Ashley Jensen and Floresita Lopez 7-6, 7-6.

## 7th INNING STRETCH

**By Jason Hoskins**
*Sports Editor*

I have to tip my hat to the athletes at the college.

I went to the Highlands to take pictures of the basketball teams practicing, and I lost four pounds of water just sitting there watching them practice.

I mean it was hot!

I was dripping in sweat and complaining to the friend who went with me in the heat.

Then, I started thinking about what was happening around me. I was sitting there being lazy, while the players were running back and forth and jumping and all that. It helped me realize what conditioning really is.

**Weird year**

It has been a weird year in baseball.

Of course it starts with the obvious home runs. It took almost a 100 years for two baseball players to hit 60 or more home runs.

This year, two players piled up that many.

Other things happened recently in baseball that shocked the world.

On Sept. 20, Cal Ripkin decided in was time to take a day off. That doesn't sound like much, but when you have played in every game since 1982, a total of 2,632 games, that causes quite a stir.

In a game where someone can be placed on the injured list because of turf toe or nightmares about spiders, it is amazing that someone can play through pain for that long.

**Death of a legend**

Last week the sports world lost a legend.

Florence Griffith-Joyner, 38, died of a heart seizure on Sept. 21.

She held the record in the 100 meter dash. Also, she was awarded the most medals at any single Olympics.

# Lassies fall short at nationals

**By Kyle Davis**
*Staff Reporter*

The Highlassie tennis team came up just short in their bid to repeat as national junior college champions.

The team lost to Tyler Junior College 5-1 in the finals of the national tournament held in Tucson, Arizona.

The Highlassies, who finished the season ranked number two nationally, fought back from a 4-2 deficit to defeat Broward Community College in the semi-finals by a score of 5-4.

The team overcame some harsh obstacles to send Broward home, including an injury to the Junior College player of the year, Tagifano So'onalole.

The grueling match lasted nearly eight hours.

"All the girls showed great courage. I was extremely proud of them," said tennis coach Carmack Berryman.

Preparing for the tournament was tough for the Highlassies.

The team had to take their final exams early due to the date of the tournament. This made finding practice times difficult, and often shortened their time on the court.

The contributing players were Kristen Davies, Melissa Morris, Karia Lopez-Portillo, Tagifano So'onalole, Sylvia Lokollo, Phyllis Wilunda, and Melissa Jones.

# Teams aiming for pin in the new season

**By Kevin Brock**
*Staff Reporter*

The 1998 Women and Men Golf Teams have started play.

**WOMEN**

The Womens Team coming off a National Championship. Will return All-American Allison Burns, and Alana Farley. New recruits Katherine Cavanaugh, Sanna Helmersson, Rebekah Martin, Linn Persson, Shellie Wenzel are all expected to make big impacts.

The womens team last year was also honored with the NJCAA Academic Team of the year.

Yesterday the womens team started a tournament in Portland.

The highlassies won their first tournament by three strokes.

**MEN**

The Mens team returns Paul Garcia, Danny Greaun. New recruits expected to make a impact our Christopher Gilbert, Michael Hansler, Christopher Ohrn, Curtis Ohrn, Doug Thompson, Stuart Whicher, Brian Williams.

The Mens team participated in their first tournament Sept. 12,13. They Finished 3rd.

Coach Mitchell feels each team is capable of being better than last years. He said the key is each teams depth. He feels each team is 9 deep.

Photo by Justin Braswell
ALLISON BURNS practices chipping for the next tournament.

# Recruits Looking up

## Highlanders gain size, confidence from new signees

**By Jason Hoskins**
*Sports Editor*

Many young athletes lives changed on April 8 when they signed with the college to play basketball.

The team had several holes to fill considering only two players are returning from last years team.

Demetrice "Meechy" Sims and Senecca Wall helped the Highlanders win the regional tournament and helped the college make the trip to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, the school's first trip to the tournament in 22 years.

The Highlanders started signing day by signing David Schrag.

"We've got more size," understated coach Steve Shields.

Schrag, from Switzerland, is a 7-2 transfer from University of Louisville.

Adding to the international flavor, the team signed Marko Krstulovic, 6-6, from Croatia and Nelson Joseph, originally from the Bahamas.

Joseph is a 6-3 sophomore transfer from South Florida community college.

They then signed Walter Moore, a 6-9 red shirt freshman from Iowa State, and Jason Russell, 6-8, from South Garland high school.

Heath Fusilier a 6-5 sophomore from New Iberia, La., led Jacksonville Baptist College in rebounding as a freshman.

The Highlanders also signed Marcus Gradney, a 6-6 transfer from Long Beach state university. Marcus started 18 games for Long Beach state as a freshman. Gradney's brother Scott played for the Highlanders in 1996-97.

One key loss from last year's team was the work of Brandon Manning at the point guard position.

"Brandon is going to be a guy I'm going to compare every point guard to," Shields said.

The Highlanders have four guards to help fill that void.

"I feel confident with the four point guards we signed," Shield said.

The team signed Kendell Garland, a 6-2 guard from John Tyler, Steve Helm, 6-3, from Midway and Nic Wright, a 6-4 transfer from Liberty College. Wright started all but three games at point guard.

The Highlanders also return David Hudson a 6-2 guard who red shirted for the highlanders last season.

"I like our group," Shields said, "It's a fun group to be around."

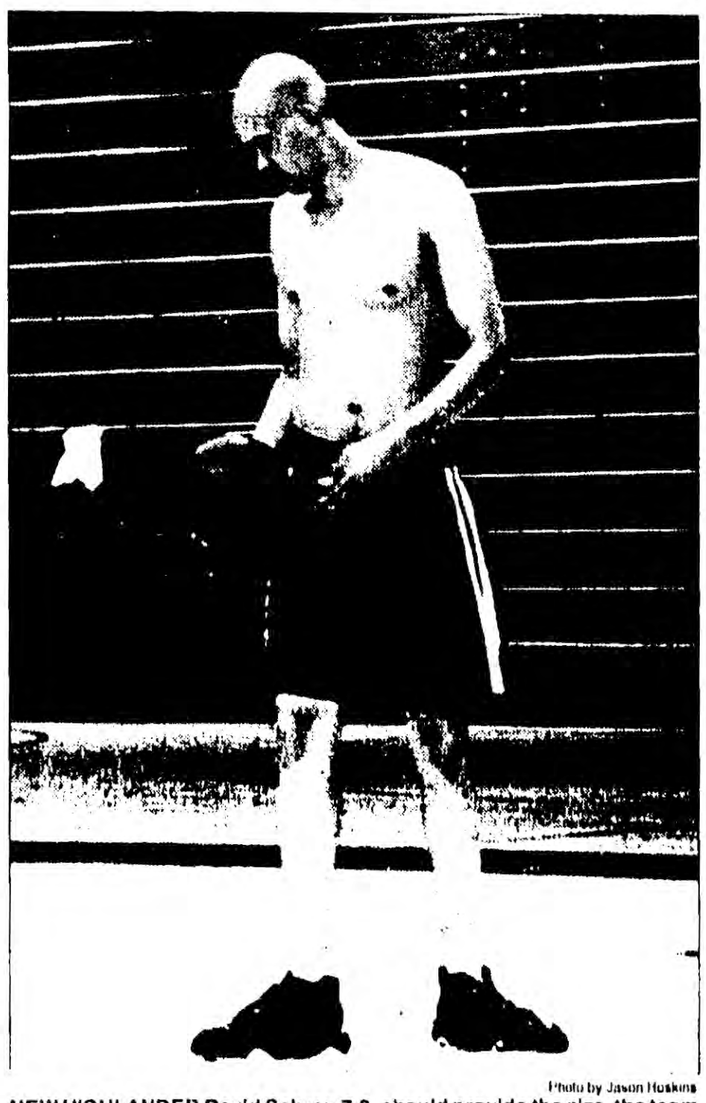

Photo by Jason Hoskins
NEW HIGHLANDER David Schrag, 7-2, should provide the size the team needs to clog the lane this season. Schrag is originally from Switzerland.

# Highlander turned Crusader

**By Christopher Flutt**
*Staff Reporter*

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's football team is playing its inaugural season this year.

Alongside this team is former MCC student, Robert Williams.

Williams started playing football in 7th grade for Dunbar Jr. High School and later moved to Waco where he played for University High School.

"I've always loved this game," said Williams.

This year Robert will be red shirted and sit out his sophomore year, but that doesn't take away any of the excitement.

"I look at this situation as an opportunity to improve, to get faster and stronger," said Williams who practices with the team and plays defensive end.

The team recruited players from as far as Florida and have been constructing state of the art facilities to help make their first year a successful one

The Crusaders played their first game against division III nationally ranked powerhouse Trinity.

UMHB held Trinity scoreless in the first quarter but came up short losing 35-14.

The team recorded many firsts in this game. Everything but the first win.

Already the Crusaders are receiving attention from the media and not to mention the support from their fans.

The team goals have been set high, because, "We want to win," Williams said.

Robert Williams may not be playing this year, but he appreciates "being apart of history."

# Former coaches travel south to help UMHB

**By Julian L. Ramon**
*Staff Reporter*

Two former MCC basketball coaches will begin their first seasons at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor this spring.

For years, the athletic program here at MCC has depended upon its coaching staff for success.

This semester, former coaches Ken DeWeese and Chickie Mason will carry their MCC coaching experiences and many others to UMHB.

Both held legacies at MCC that have given them a name in the coaching world.

Coach Ken DeWeese, who spent 16 years at MCC, began his career in coaching at the high school level.

From there, he became an assistant coach at the University of Texas at El Paso. After 5 years at UTEP, he came to MCC.

During his tenure as coach, he led the Highlanders to 12 conference championships, one of which he posted an impressive 30-1 record.

DeWeese was selected as Texas Junior College Coach of the Year twice, which is proof that his coaching abilities were beyond remarkable.

DeWeese left MCC in 1996, leaving his overall record at 404-105. After leaving MCC, DeWeese coached for a year at Georgia State in Atlanta.

He then took a year off from coaching to become a personal financial advisor selling mutual funds. Coach DeWeese now looks to start a new string of victories at UMHB.

"I enjoyed coaching at MCC. It was a great place to be. There were so many faculty members I was close with. Some of the best teachers in the world are at MCC," DeWeese said.

Chickie Mason began her coaching career at Eastland High School before moving on to Kerrville High School. She spent a total of 11 years at these high schools.

In 1979, Mason was recommended for a coaching job here at MCC after former Coach Pam Davis left. Mason took the job, and wound up winning 4 conference titles during her 5 years at MCC.

In 1984, Coach Mason won the Region 5 Basketball Coach of the Year when the Highlassies were ranked third in the nation overall, posting a 31-6 record.

Mason was nominated for Texas Coach of the Year, and eight of her players went on and signed Division I scholarships.

From 1980 to 1984, she served on the All-American Selection Committee for basketball.

Her career record at MCC was 123-41.

After leaving MCC she set off for Lamar University. She also coached at Temple Junior College, the University of Nevada at Reno, and the University of North Dakota.

Since then, Coach Mason has spent most of her time coaching at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she started their softball program and served on the selection committee.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my five years there (at MCC)," said Mason, "I enjoyed working for Dr. Ball, and I hope to recruit MCC students for UMHB in the future."



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# 'There's magic in the fair'

By Brian Hall
*Sr. Assoc. Editor / News*

The Heart of Texas Fair will be held Oct. 2-10 at the Heart of Texas Coliseum.

MCC will have a booth located in the fine arts exhibit area and also the Dance Company and several bands are set to perform.

The college's booth will be used to educate visitors on admission requirements. Visitors will have an opportunity to talk to faculty, counselors, and even students from various school organizations.

"The booth will provide the community information about MCC. Including TASP requirements, registration dates, and class scheduling. They will have the opportunity to talk to people and answer any questions they may have," said David Hurtado, MCC admissions specialist.

The Dance Company will be performing on the Pepsi stage on Oct 5 and 6. Director Sandy Hinton said that the group will performing a variety show that contains eight new routines. On the 5th they will be performing 6:30-7:15 p.m. and on the 6th they will be on stage from 7:30-8:15 p.m. After the performance they will be headed to Dallas to do a routine at the state fair.

The college will also be represented by various groups involved in different contests.

The cosmetology class will be participating in this years calf dressing contest. They have participated in the event the last five years, winning the first four times before losing last year. The MCC Press Club will also be participating in the same event.

Meanwhile the Coors PRCA Rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m. from Oct. 3-10 with a bull riding only special on Oct. 5.

This year's fair will also has many musical performances. Some of this year's entertainers are Pat Green, The Bellamy Brothers, Foghat, Sons of the Desert, and many others. Back once again this year is crowd favorite Jerry Jeff Walker.

Country superstar John Michael Montgomery will be holding a special performance to kick off this year's fair on Oct. 2. Tickets are $19.50 in advance.

Tickets include fair admission and can be purchased at Dillard's.

The Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo is located at 4601 Bosque Boulevard. Tickets for the fair and rodeo are $7 for adults, $5 for children ages three to 12 and free to children under three.

One can receive a FUNPASS, free attendance and unlimited rides for the duration of the fair, at Greater Waco Tetco/Mobil stores for $34.50. Box seating for the rodeo is $10, regardless of age. Parking for the event is $2.

## Oscar Wilde's 'Ideal Husband' opens Friday

The production of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" opens here Friday with a second show Saturday and more on Oct. 9-10.

Stage productions begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

Tickets and season subscriptions may be purchased or reservations may be made through the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 299-8200 weekdays 1-5 p.m.

# Escape Waco runs free to Austin

By Elizabeth Meyer
*Entertainment Editor*

Another new band of Waco natives is making appearances throughout Central Texas. Their debut CD "Escape Waco" is stocking the shelves of music stores in and around the Austin area and coming soon to Waco.

The band Escape Waco is made up of three members: Tim Dauncey on bass, Bob Singer on drums, and Red Rogers on guitar. They all share and enjoy the responsibility of vocals and song writing for the group.

Originally from Washington State, Dauncey attended MCC from '84-'87. He graduated from the commercial music program at MCC, specializing in music performance and audio technology.

"I really learned a lot at MCC," said Dauncey.

While in Waco he played in the band Uncle Dickie's Shameless Quickies, a band made up of MCC students and coordinated by Dick Gimble, commercial music instructor.

Singer and Rogers were childhood friends. Both men are originally from Waco and still have family here. While living in Waco, Singer played with the band Sherman Evans.

Through the small town ties of the music scene in Waco at that time and years of playing in different bands, they grew tired of working under the influence of someone else and joined forces to form Escape Waco. By unanimous decision, the band chose it's name because it describes their plight as aspiring musicians living in Waco.

The songs on their album are original's of the band. "We all have input," said Singer. "I come up with some percussion parts. Dauncey comes up with some bass lines. Rogers comes up with some lead and guitar parts."

"So we all have equal input, and what works is that no one's ego is bigger than anyone else's. That's one of the keys for this band," said Singer.

They classify their music as "Texas rock" with many influences such as Latin, pop, blue-grass, and funk. "It's music that's heavy on harmony with that Waco feel," said Dauncey.

The development of their first album was a cooperative effort of family members and friends.

The art work on their CD cover was done by Mark Burchardt, a local commercial artist and an old friend of Singer. His works have graced the covers of magazines, such as "Texas Monthly."

"It was a total Waco project, recorded in China Springs and engineered by my brother-in-law there in Waco," said Singer. "People put their heart into it, like we put our hearts into playing the songs. They knew what it meant to us."

Presently, they are in the early phases of producing a second CD and hope to arrive at a point that they'll be able to make a living at music, as well as prosper in the industry.

They are also song writers and said that if their music careers don't go as planned that selling their songs to other artists is also an prospect for them.

Their recent Waco appearances include performances at E-Cleff Studios at a show called All-You-Eat Texas Music Cafe, an appearance at the recent hot-air balloon festival, and a quick set for the forum class in the commercial music department.

Not only is traveling to shows a responsibility of the band members, but the work put into each song is diligent.

"It's a continual basis of writing songs and sorting out which ones are good enough to put on CD... It's a never ending process of writing and working together to develop the bits and pieces."

"There's a lot of things, the rough things, that they don't tell you when you want to be a rock-and-roll star, but it all goes away when you get up and play," said Singer.

Escape Waco is definite about their calling to music. "It's in your blood and really it would be a sin not to play," said Singer.

"It's about music. It's about creating."

**COVER OF THE ESCAPE WACO CD- The band's self-titled CD is available at many local music stores.**

## College to host American College Theatre Festival

By Amanda Priest
*Staff Reporter*

MCC will host the American College Theatre Festival, currently in it's 31st year. The festival will be held Oct. 14-16, and admission will be $7 per person.

The festival is a national competition. The State of Texas holds five festivals each year. The plays held at the festival are full-length shows with full-stage work and lighting. After the shows are judged, one or more shows are selected to go to the regional competition in February. The plays selected go on to perform at the Kennedy Center Theater Festival in April.

One goal of the festival is to encourage, recognize, and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theater programs. Another goal is to provide opportunities for participants to develop their theater skills, insight, and achieve professionalism.

"MCC participated in the first 10-12 years of the festival and went to regional once," said Jim Rambo, theatre instructor.

The colleges performing are MCC, Garrison County College, Hill College, Southwest Texas University, and two shows from Texas A&M Commerce.

## College Calendar

**Public Information Office Release**

**Sept. 29** — Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m. in Board Room, AC Building.

**Oct. 1** — Athletic Department Pre-Tournament Party and Silent Auction. 7 p.m., The Art Center. This silent auction of sports memorabilia and other prizes benefits MCC's athletes in all sports. Call the MCC Foundation at 299-8606.

**Oct. 2** — Athletic Department Golf Tournament. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Lake Waco Golf Club. MCC's annual golf tournament benefits athletic programs in all sports. By popular demand, the tournament has been expanded to include morning as well as afternoon rounds.

— MCC Theatre presents "An Ideal Husband." 7:30 p.m., continuing through Saturday and Oct. 9-10. Ball Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 299-8200.

**Oct. 6** — Manufacturing Training Orientation. 5:30 p.m. Potential students can learn more about the manufacturing training that begins in January. Those successfully completing the free training will qualify for jobs in one of eight Central Texas manufacturing firms. Call Workforce Development at 299-8651.

**Oct. 7** — Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Induction. 1:30 p.m., Lecture Hall.

**Oct. 9** — MCC Theatre presents "An Ideal Husband." 7:30 p.m., continuing through Saturday at the Ball Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 299-8200.

**Oct. 12** — MCC Chorale Concert. 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. Call the Music Department at 299-8283.

**Oct. 13** — American College Theatre Festival. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. daily through Friday, Oct. 16. Ball Performing Arts Center. MCC Theatre hosts this four-day festival of college theater, sponsored by the American College Theatre Festival and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Competing schools will perform two full-length productions daily. Participating schools include MCC, Hill College, Southwest Texas State University, Texas A&M University at Commerce and Grayson County College. Call Jim Rambo at 299-8177.

**Oct. 17** — Open Door Arts Fest. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., continuing through Sunday, Oct. 18 at The Art Center and MCC campus. Food and drink, art, music, theatre and more for all ages at this second annual celebration of the visual and performing arts. Professional artists will demonstrate and sell their work and guests will have the chance to participate in arts projects while they enjoy non-stop entertainment. Many activities for children. Admission is $2 for adults, children 12 and under free. Call 752-4371.

**Oct. 19** — Piano Duo Recital. 8 p.m. at the Ball Performing Arts Center. MCC instructors Donald Balmos and Gail Wade present their annual dual piano recital, a popular constant in MCC's musical year. Call the Music Department at 299-8283.

Photo by LoriAnn Loden

**ZHENIA DUSKAYA, an international student from Siberia, compares the differences between Russia and Texas.**

# Siberian student 'sews-up' sizzling summer

By LoriAnn Loden
*Staff Editor*

Imagine living in the Siberian arctic climate where the winters can fall 90 below zero and warm up to averaging summer temperatures in the 50s .

Now imagine transferring from this tundra climate to enter the "old reliable" scorching Texas heat of Waco. One student knows this transition personally.

Zhenia Duskaya, a 21 year-old business major studying at MCC, is an international student from Ulan-Ude in Southeastern Siberia, Russia.

Duskaya is studying under a visa which permits full-time international students to be in the United States legally, according to David Hurtado, admissions specialist-student admissions.

Previous to living in Waco, Duskaya lived in Vermont and attended Lamoille Hide Park High School on a Exchange Project. Even though she held a college freshman status in Russia, she was enrolled as a high school junior at Lamoille High.

Having friends who are from Waco, she decided to attend MCC based on inexpensive tuition and the reputation of an academically accredited college. She has been at MCC since June 27, 1997 and is in her third semester.

Duskaya plans to obtain a B.A. in accounting from either Mary Hardin Baylor or Baylor University after studying at MCC, and then work in another country.

Even though Duskaya is a full time student, she manages to work full time as a self-employed seamstress. During the interview, she steadily sewed over the noisy hum of a sewing machine working on a deadline to complete bridesmaid dresses for a wedding.

"If you know anyone who's getting married send them to me," Duskaya said.

When asked how she was adapting to Texas' sizzling temperatures, in a perfect American English accent she said, "I'm getting used to this weather. It's a little uncomfortable, but it's easier than last year."

Duskaya said the Siberian winters are indeed cold, but the summers are a "drier-warmer" weather and are not as humid as the Texas summer heat.

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