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In memoriam

Special Agent Conway C. LeBleu

Dec. 23, 1962-Feb. 28, 1993
Special Agent LeBleu of the New Orleans Field Division worked out of the New Orleans Field Office. Originally from Lake Charles, La., the 30-year-old special agent was a graduate of McNeese State University and was sworn into the ATF more than five years ago. He is survived by his wife, Paige, and two sons, Scott, 11, and Cameron, 1.

Special Agent Todd W. McKeehan

Oct. 19, 1964-Feb. 28, 1993
Special agent McKeehan of the New Orleans Field Division worked out of the New Orleans Field Office and had been an ATF agent for more than three years. The 28-year-old special agent was from Elizabethton, Tenn., and was born in nearby Johnson City, Tenn. He was a graduate of East Tennessee State University. A veteran of Desert Storm, McKeehan served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife, Leslie.

Special Agent Robert J. Williams

March 1, 1966-Feb. 28, 1993
Special Agent Williams of the New Orleans Field Division worked out of the Little Rock, Ark., Field Office. He was a dedicated ATF employee for more than four years, entering duty in October 1988. Born in Baltimore, Md., Special Agent Williams' hometown was Jackson, Miss. He attended Florida State University. He died a day before his 27th birthday. Williams is survived by his wife, Cindy.

Special Agent Steven D. Willis

Dec. 18, 1960-Feb. 28, 1993
Special Agent Willis of the Houston Field Division worked out of the Houston Field Office. He graduated in Dec. 1986 from Southwest Texas State University with a B.S. in criminal justice. Before joining ATF in Houston in July 1990, he worked for three years as a special agent with the Defense Investigative Service. Special Agent Willis was 32 when he died. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Willis, and his sister, Lisa.

By MIKE MELTON

The Community ATF Memorial Scholarship has been established at MCC for students of criminology in memory of the four ATF officers killed Feb. 28 at Mount Carmel.

ATF special agents were met with aggressive gunfire on Feb. 28 when they arrived at the Branch Davidian compound to serve search and arrest warrants. ATF special agents killed in that battle — Conway C. LeBleu, Todd W. McKeehan, Robert J. Williams and Steven D. Willis — each are honored with a memorial scholarship for their dedication to criminology in the line of duty.

Pam Brewer, articulation coordinator for technical programs at MCC, was instrumental in forming the advisory committee for the scholarship fund. Brewer said she was first motivated during the standoff when she spoke to a deputy sheriff who was working as a security guard in her church parking lot. He informed her the law enforcement agencies representing some 600 men and women needed food.

The law enforcement personnel were primarily being brought to the site by bus and were unable to commute to Waco to eat because of transportation and tight shift schedules. At the nearby TU electric plant on Tradinghouse Lake, a kitchen was established in the facility's clubhouse and the officers were provided with three hot meals per day comprised of Desert Storm food rations. Brewer said she then became involved and began to know the law enforcement officials on a personal level the public was not able to see on television.

Brewer recalls the powerful image of an ATF agent from Chicago who had just spoken with his wife on the telephone. He wanted to be home with his wife because one of their children had chicken pox and another the flu. Brewer said she attempted to raise his spirits by saying "I've got a five-year old boy who really thinks the ATF is great." Amidst the chaos of the standoff, the agent responded by giving her a soft, compassionate look as he opened his jacket and removed the ATF patch from his bullet-proof vest with a pocket knife, insisting she give it to her son.

An image Brewer said she doesn't enjoy recalling is that many ATF and FBI agents had been buying baby clothes for the children inside the compound.



MCC PRESIDENT DENNIS MICHAELIS (left) and ATF Intelligence Director David Troy unveiling the memorial plaque at the Community ATF Memorial Scholarship presentation and reception. The Plaque will hang at MCC.

The agents were confident the children were going to come out of the compound safely. The children in the compound perished when it was engulfed in flames and burned to the ground April 19. After the fire, Brewer witnessed another side of the agents the public was not able to see or understand via television. She saw the agents standing by the box of children's clothes. The agents were emotionally devastated.

Brewer said she was inspired by her father who suggested a scholarship would be an appropriate way to memorialize the four officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. She began talking to people in the community who had shown concern during the standoff. Kay Trautschold, retired W.I.S.D

instructor, also played a key role in the development of the scholarship by contacting people in the community. The response to Brewer and Trautschold's inquiries were overwhelming. Eventually they contacted like the idea. Brewer was then appointed chairperson of the Community ATF Memorial Scholarship Committee.

The community pulled together and funds were raised locally in many different ways. The ATF Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Western Oaks Country Club and ATF agents from Houston, Dallas and Austin as well as the public. Letters of solicitation were sent to different branches of law enforcement from around the state. Disc jockeys from the former K-95 Radio in conjunction with Allen Sam-

uels Chevrolet came up with the idea of being placed on a hydraulic lift. The disc jockeys were lowered one foot for every donation and Allen Samuels Chevrolet matched the first \$1,000. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice donated funds totalling over \$5,000 from different prison units in the Central Texas area. Local beauty salons raised funds by holding "Cut-A-Thons."

ATF Special Agents Don Soranno and Richard Issa were in the Detroit Field Division at the time of the standoff. Soranno and Issa wanted to help their fellow agents in Waco and began sending them care packages. After the April 19 fire they were inspired to help the families of their fellow agents and wanted to make the memories of the de-

ceased agents live on forever. They contacted Brewer and endowed the scholarships with \$12,500 raised in the Detroit ATF-Waco Memorial Golf Outing. Soranno said, "From the first time I talked with her, she lifted my spirits. She made me want to make this scholarship a huge success."

Owners of Lone Star Music, Calvin and Melissa Ross, singly donated \$4,000. David Koresh had been a customer of Lone Star Music and had left a recording of "Madman In Waco," a song based on previous cult leader George Rhoden. When the media discovered the tape was in the Ross' possession, they were inundated by the media and interviewed on several nationally syndicated television shows. The Ross' did not want to benefit from the tragedy and unselfishly donated the money from the interviews.

Brewer and Trautschold represented the committee at the ATF memorial service in Washington D.C. on May 20. During the ceremony, ATF Director Stephen Higgins acknowledged the support Waco and McLennan County had given law enforcement agents and added that the community had established four scholarships in memory of the deceased agents. The room was filled with spontaneous applause, Brewer and Trautschold were overcome with pride.

MCC students Jody Gonzalez, Michael Kettler, John Latham and Joni Moore were presented the scholarships at the Community ATF Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee's presentation and reception Sept. 9 at Fort Fisher.

During the ceremony, David Troy, Chief of Intelligence-ATF said "During my 21 years of law enforcement, I have never met a more supportive and truly friendly city than Waco, Texas. Your interaction with the ATF will never be forgotten. Every ATF agent that I have spoken to across the country feels that way. We are truly indebted to the people of Waco, Texas."

Latham is the recipient of the Conway C. LeBleu Scholarship. Latham is a 1992 graduate of Crawford High School. A sophomore, Latham has been on the dean's list every semester since his enrollment. He is majoring in law enforcement because of the many opportunities he sees in the field. After receiving his degree in criminal justice, he plans to attend Sam Houston
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Board of Trustees discusses and votes on CSC renovation

By MIKE MELTON

The Board of Trustees focused on continuing improvements to the campus when it considered bids for the renovation of the Community Services Center at its Sept. 21 meeting.

Base bids were discussed and the low bid of \$2,088,000 from Bobby Graham Construction Company was accepted. The projected length of construction is 365 days. The primary item in this project will be changing the CSC gym into a two-story facility.

TU Electric will provide a turn-key electrical renovation consolidating the many different electrical motors at the CSC which will provide more electrical efficiency and an estimated annual savings of \$14,000.

A thermal storage system for the CSC was next on the agenda. The system incorporates seven storage tanks containing coils on which ice is placed. This will reduce by one size the main chiller unit and will provide an annual savings of \$12,000. The initial investment cost of the system is \$132,000 and TU Electric plans to provide part of the funding. TU's actual incentive payments will be based on a heat-loss, heat-gain study of the CSC structure.

The roofing bid for another portion of the CSC's roof was discussed and approved by the board. The board was mutually satisfied with the roofing process on the CSC's gym roof which was recently completed. The procedure is known as cold process asphalt roofing and was noted to be one of the first of its type in Central Texas. The process does not utilize the traditional hot container of asphalt and thereby reduces the associated unpleasant odor and increases the safety factor. The roof has a 5-10 percent difference in cost compared to the hot process and comes with a 10 year warranty. The low bid of \$67,600 from Johnson Roofing Company was accepted.

In other business, the contract with University Microfilms International was renewed at a cost of \$12,720.01. UMI provides microfilms for periodicals in the library which are kept in hard copy format for one year. An emergency motion was made to move that the president be authorized to submit a bid not exceeding fair market value to the Fort Worth Independent School District for the purchase of a driver training simulator for the Driver Education Course.
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Campus police getting more calls with new communication system

By SHERRY W. EVANS

The number of calls received by the Campus Police Department has tripled since a new communication system was installed this summer.

Crime rates are not increasing, but Chief Larry Radke said the walkie-talkie with a phone interconnect is just more convenient. Dialing extension 750 from any campus phone or 750-3750 from off campus will connect a caller directly to an officer on duty.

The department has two officers on duty during the day who monitor the campus with vehicle, foot and bicycle patrols. Radke said vehicle burglaries are kept down with the bicycle patrol. The bike allows him to get through traffic and cut across campus more quickly than the patrol car. "The best way to prevent crime is to be visible," Radke said.

During the first month of school, 515 parking tickets were issued with 223 warnings the first three days. A minor accident and three thefts, totalling under \$350, were also reported. Radke expects to give out only 20 or 30 tickets the last month of the semester.



OFFICER SCOTT LOWREY finds the new communications system provides more efficient protection.

Traffic fines range from \$10 to \$25. For one ticket only, a student may ride the shuttle from remote parking instead of paying the fine. Five times within 10 days of the violation, a student must ride the shuttle and the driver will sign and date the back of the ticket each time he or she rides. The ticket must then be taken to the admissions office for processing.

Enrollment numbers indicate stability; students carrying heavier class loads

By KAY MEEK and MIKE MELTON

Preliminary counts show MCC enrollment is down by 6 percent from last fall.

One year ago 6,107 students registered compared to 5,832 this semester.

Willie Hobbs, registrar, told college trustees at their Sept. 21 meeting that last year's record enrollment was a hard act to follow, but he added that this year's enrollment is quite stable. He noted an increase in 459 first time students as well as a sizable number of returning and continuing education students.

President Dennis Michaelis at that meeting pointed out that the number of contact hours was the basis of funding, and it was important to note that MCC shows a trend of students carrying heavier average class loads per student than other colleges even though the 1993 contact hours are down by an estimated 2 percent. Michaelis also noted that this reflects the success of the student services programs on campus.

According to the head count obtained from the registrar, the college has an estimated 3,674 female and 2,081 male students.

Freshmen outnumber sophomores almost 4-to-1.

The number of non-resident alien students rose from 26 last fall to 32 this semester. The number of white, black, Hispanic and Asian students stayed about the same, although the black sector did lose 7 percent which is a slightly higher percentage than the decrease in overall enrollment. The American Indian/Alaskan native sector lost 20 percent of its students, now down to 20.

Although MCC lost students, those in attendance are taking a heavier course load. The number of contact hours increased from 741,728 to 743,360.

Last fall a surge of enrollment occurred because of changes made at Texas State Technical College. MCC gained approximately 600 students from TSTC, said Michael Jones, director of student and community relations.

NEWS BITES

Criminal law, Emu ranching courses set

A wide variety of continuing education courses are being offered by the college with three beginning tomorrow (Wednesday). The most immediate offerings are:

- "Layman's Guide to Texas Criminal Law," beginning Wednesday.
 - "Basics of Dog Obedience," starting Wednesday.
 - Puppy class beginning Wednesday.
 - "Waco by Air," a one-hour flight tour, on Saturday, with a rain date of Saturday, Oct. 16.
 - "Emu Ranching," beginning Oct. 12.
- For more information contact the continuing education office at 750-3507.

Library needs donations for book sale

The Library is accepting donations for new or used books, records, albums, and audio/video tapes for the annual book sale Oct. 20 in the Student Center. Proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase a new typewriter for student use in the Library. All donations must be delivered to the Library by Oct. 8. For more information, call 750-3579.

Great Britain Study Tour next summer

The second Great Britain Study Tour has been scheduled May 23-June 9. The students will tour London, Bath, Stratford, the Lake District, Edinburgh and York. This tour will provide two courses, English 2322 British Masterpieces I and English 2323 British Masterpieces II. This course is available for credit or noncredit students. Students may register for one or both courses. The prerequisites of Freshman Composition I and II are fully transferable. Students will pay MCC's standard fees for three or six hours. The tour price is \$2,950. Register now through Jan. 21. For enrollment forms, contact Carol Lowe (750-3427) or Cheryl Bohde (750-3637).

Swimming pool, weight room hours set

The pool in the Health-Physical Education Building will have hours for open swimming for students and faculty from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The HPE weight room hours are:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Faculty flu shots Oct. 7

Flu shots will be given on Oct. 7 for the faculty only 2:30-4:30 p.m. The shots will be given by ASAP Medical Clinic, and the cost will be \$10. Please contact Beth Lanning at 684 if you would like to participate.

Golf tourney Oct. 8 benefits athletics

The athletic department will hold its sixth annual benefit golf tournament Friday, Oct. 8, at the Lake Waco Golf and Country Club. The tournament will begin at 12:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$75 and includes green fee, cart dinner, a season pass to MCC athletic events, an MCC golf cap, prizes, and a pre-tournament lunch. The lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All proceeds benefit the MCC athletic department. For more information contact Ken DeWeese at 750-3550.

Parenting, family seminars planned

A seminar will be held on Oct. 6 for "Parenting the Young Child" presented by Cyndie Davis, child development instructor at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Services Center. On Oct. 13 a "Family Communication Seminar" will be presented by Marilyn Kelly, speech instructor, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the CSC.

Computer class for travel Oct. 12

Beginning Oct. 12, "Reservation Computer Training" will be taught. The course will include an introduction to the computer and the travel industry's SABRE software, basic computer formats, reservation planning, fare pricing and format for car and hotel sales. Prerequisites is the "Travel Career Training" course (or permission of the instructor). The class will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for six weeks. Cost is \$595. For more information, call 750-3412.

Students can get a catalog

The 1993-95 General Catalog is now available in the registrar's office. Currently enrolled students may pick up a catalog by showing their ID card at the registrar's bay.

Alternates to E. Lake Shore suggested

For the next several months, East Lake Shore Drive (FM 3051) and Gholson Road (FM 933) will be restricted to one lane in each direction, causing traffic congestion—especially around 8 a.m. The Texas Department of Transportation recommends that an alternate route be taken to avoid delays. The highway department suggests that MCC employees and students coming from west or the Lacy-Lakewood/Timbercrest area take Interstate 35 to Lake Brazos Drive to Lake Shore. Another option is to take I-35 or New Dallas Highway to Waco Drive over to Clifton/Gholson Road to Herring up to Lake Brazos to Lake Shore. The road is expected to be completed by spring.

Cruise plans Wednesday

A preview of upcoming cruises to Alaska and Mexico will be held in the Lecture Hall Wednesday. The Alaskan cruise will be discussed from 6 to 7 p.m. and the Mexico cruise from 7 to 8 p.m. Discounts for early booking are available. For more information call 750-3412.

Journalism internship offered

Practical Electronic Media, COMM 2120, is a new course that will be offered during the spring semester. This course is the first journalism internship program offered for credit at the college. Students will work at a radio or television station or recording studio to get experience on the job. Each week students will hold a one hour meeting with instructor Tom Buckner to prepare for on-the-job learning opportunities. Prerequisite courses are COMM 1307 and 2311.

'Owl' aerobics, other courses offered

McLennan Community College will offer a new "Aerobic Exercise to Music" course this fall as part of the OWL (Older, Wiser Learner) series for persons over 50. The six-week course starts Oct. 25 and will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$19. The "Chautauque Series: Early Waco & Central Texas History" will be arranged upon request for groups of 20 or more. This class includes guided tours of several of Waco's historical homes, museums, historical markers, Madison Cooper's home and the Gov. Bill and Vera Daniel Historical Village. Course length is six weeks, and cost is \$39 per student. Also through the OWL program Spanish II starts Oct. 26 from 2-4 p.m. Cost for the course is \$49. For more information call 750-3507 or 750-3897.

D'Javaheads' glg Saturday

After several months' hiatus D'Javaheads are back! On Saturday D'Javaheads will play at Buzzard Billy's featuring guitarist Pat Kelly and lead singer Mark McNeil. For more information contact Mark McNeil at 709-1301.

Scholarship in memory of Dr. Geisler

By SHERRY W. EVANS

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Dr. Keith K. Geisler, counselor, who died July 18 after a battle with esophageal and pancreatic cancer.

During the last 26 years, Dr. Geisler worked in several student services positions at MCC including director of financial aid and director of student activities. He was also instrumental in the development of the design and concept of the Highlander logo. He was director of counseling for five years and then a counselor for the last 15 years.

Dr. Geisler was born April 13, 1935, in Bartlesville, Okla., and was raised in Borger. After a 1953 graduation from Borger High School, he attended Frank Phillips Junior College in Borger and graduated in 1955. He then attended West Texas State Uni-



DR. KEITH GEISLER, a dedicated member of MCC's faculty for 26 years, passed away in the summer after suffering from cancer.

versity in Canyon where he received a bachelor of arts and master of education degrees in 1958 at the same ceremony. He married Ellen Quisenberry on

Aug. 23, 1958, in Borger. In 1984, he received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

Dr. Geisler was diagnosed with esophageal cancer July 26, 1990 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston and underwent chemotherapy for three months. Surgery on Nov. 12, 1990 was thought to be successful and no further traces of cancer were found during the following months, his wife said.

Returning to school in April 1991, Dr. Geisler did not want students to know about the cancer and just said he had been ill. "He loved his job," Mrs. Geisler said. "He went off to school smiling every day."

Everything was fine, according to Mrs. Geisler, until he began having stomach problems in January and doctors at Scott and White Hospital thought it might be cancer again. Doctors

at M.D. Anderson Hospital had the same suspicion, but Mrs. Geisler said "they just couldn't pin-point it."

On July 8, a fatal pancreatic cancer was found and Dr. Geisler chose to go home where he could be comfortable. He died nine days later.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, David Keith Geisler and Gerald Kane Geisler, both of Waco; and two grandchildren.

A goal of \$5,000 has been set to endow and make permanent a scholarship to memorialize Dr. Geisler's life. Mrs. Geisler chose not to send letters to friends to solicit funds and said it would be wonderful for students and friends at MCC to show support through a scholarship.

Contact Foundation Director Jesse Sawyer by calling 750-3404 for information.

Microcomputer lab now open for all students

By KOLBY MEREDITH

The Computer Information Systems, (CIS), Microcomputer Lab, which was designed primarily for CISY students, is now open to all students.

The opening of the lab, located in AS113, will benefit students with adequate computer skills and no place to use them, Karen Norwood, director of business programs, said.

In order to use the lab, students must first pay a \$10 lab fee at the Business Office located on the first floor of the AC Building. After paying the fee, students must then take the receipt to the computer lab where lab personnel will process it.

In the spring, all students will pay a \$1 per semester hour "technology" fee at registration. One of the benefits from these funds will be to give access for all students to the lab.

Lab hours are: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9:50 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Students are expected to know how to use their computer software prior to entering the lab. Though lab personnel will help students become oriented to the lab, they will not be able to assist students with all software. The microcomputers provided have both 5 1/4-inch DS/HD and/or 3 1/2-inch DS/HD diskette drives and use DOS 5.0.

Due to the fact that there have been cases of computer viruses at MCC, all diskettes must be scanned for viruses prior to use everytime a student uses the lab. Viruses have the potential to destroy all of the data on a diskette.

For additional information, contact Karen Norwood in the Applied Sciences Building.

Medical unit secretary degree program begins

By MICKEY CAVIN

Eleven students enrolled in pharmacology this fall taking their first step toward a certificate or A.A.S. degree in the new medical unit secretary program.

Program Director of Office Administration Linda Stanford, said the program prepares students to work as a medical unit secretary on the floor of hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities. She said she feels the program certificate offers students an "exit point" giving them a chance to start working and come back later to finish the degree program.

According to Stanford, medical supervisors from Hillcrest Hospital and Providence Hospital were asked to meet with Dean Alvin L. Pollard to give their rec-

ommendations for courses to be included in the degree plan. Other certain criteria had to be met as required by administration.

After two semesters, a student can earn a certificate giving them an opportunity to obtain a job in the field, Stanford said. Courses required the first semester are Keyboarding I, Business English, Computer Literacy and Medical Terminology. Beginning Word Perfect, Micro-computer Database, Keyboard II, and Basic Office Practice & Procedures are required in the second semester.

For more information about the medical unit secretary degree/certificate program call 750-3660.

New course teaches skills in production, inventory

By KAREN SVRCEK

The college is offering a new degree plan this fall called "Production and Inventory Management" as a result of businesses around the community requesting production management and purchasing skills.

Surveys were conducted recently among area businesses. These surveys have provided a substantial amount of information about job skills and tasks acquainted with industrial organization. The business programs department has put these ideas into a competitive program.

Presently, 21 students are enrolled in the program. Both

day and night classes are offered.

This semester, the students are learning the principals of management, purchasing analysis, planning objectives, management concepts, and material management.

"The students are learning exactly what the employers need them to know," Norwood said. They can choose from earning a management/production degree or certificate.

Students interested in this degree plan can call Norwood at 750-3548 or visit her office in the Applied Science Building, office 218.

ATF SCHOLARSHIP

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State University. His ultimate goal is to become a federal agent for the United States Government.

Kettler is the recipient of the Todd W. McKeehan Scholarship. After receiving his degree in criminal justice, he plans to attend a four-year college. His goal is to become a federal agent for the ATF or FBI.

Gonzalez is the recipient of the Robert J. Williams Scholarship. He plans to attend Southwest Texas State University or Sam Houston State. Gonzalez received

commendation for saving a life at Lake Waco and is considering becoming an agent for the ATF.

Joni Moore is the recipient of the Steven D. Willis Scholarship. Moore is a 1989 graduate of Victoria High School. After receiving her degree in criminal justice she plans to attend South-west Texas State to further her education. Her employment goal is to work with troubled youth for an area law enforcement agency. Moore works as a student worker in the Placement Office at MCC and is a single parent of a 4-year-old daughter.



UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS visit the Business Resource Center's Incubator program earlier this month while visiting Texas. Photo by Brooks Whittington

Center hosts UN group

By ANNETTE BANKS

Six United Nations delegates from Indonesia toured MCC's Small Business Development Center to look at its unique business incubator on Sept. 17.

The officials from Serpong, Surabaya, and Solo, Indonesia, came from Austin where they attended the Texas Business Incubator Association convention. The association helps small businesses start up by providing services at a low rate.

The United Nations delegates toured the incubator facilities at in the Community Service Center because it was the first to establish under one roof the Small Business Center and the office of the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Lou Billings, director of the Business Resource Center and chairwoman of the Texas Business Incubator Association, served as hostess to the delegates.

Leisure time? Game room has good ways to spend it

By ELISHA NIEMEYER

The MCC game room, located in the Student Center, offers pool, ping pong, cards, dominoes and video games, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A minimum charge of 50 cents per person or 3 cents per minute is levied for pool or ping pong, while cards and dominoes are free.

A student I.D. is required to play any game located in the game room.

Pool and ping pong tournaments are scheduled throughout the semester. Anyone interested can sign up in the game room during regular hours. Tournaments cost \$1 per person to enter. In the future card and domino tournaments also will be offered.

"The busiest time for the game room is between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays," Stan Brooks, game room manager, said.

Students who have free time between classes are encouraged to go and see what the game room has to offer.

CLASSIFIEDS

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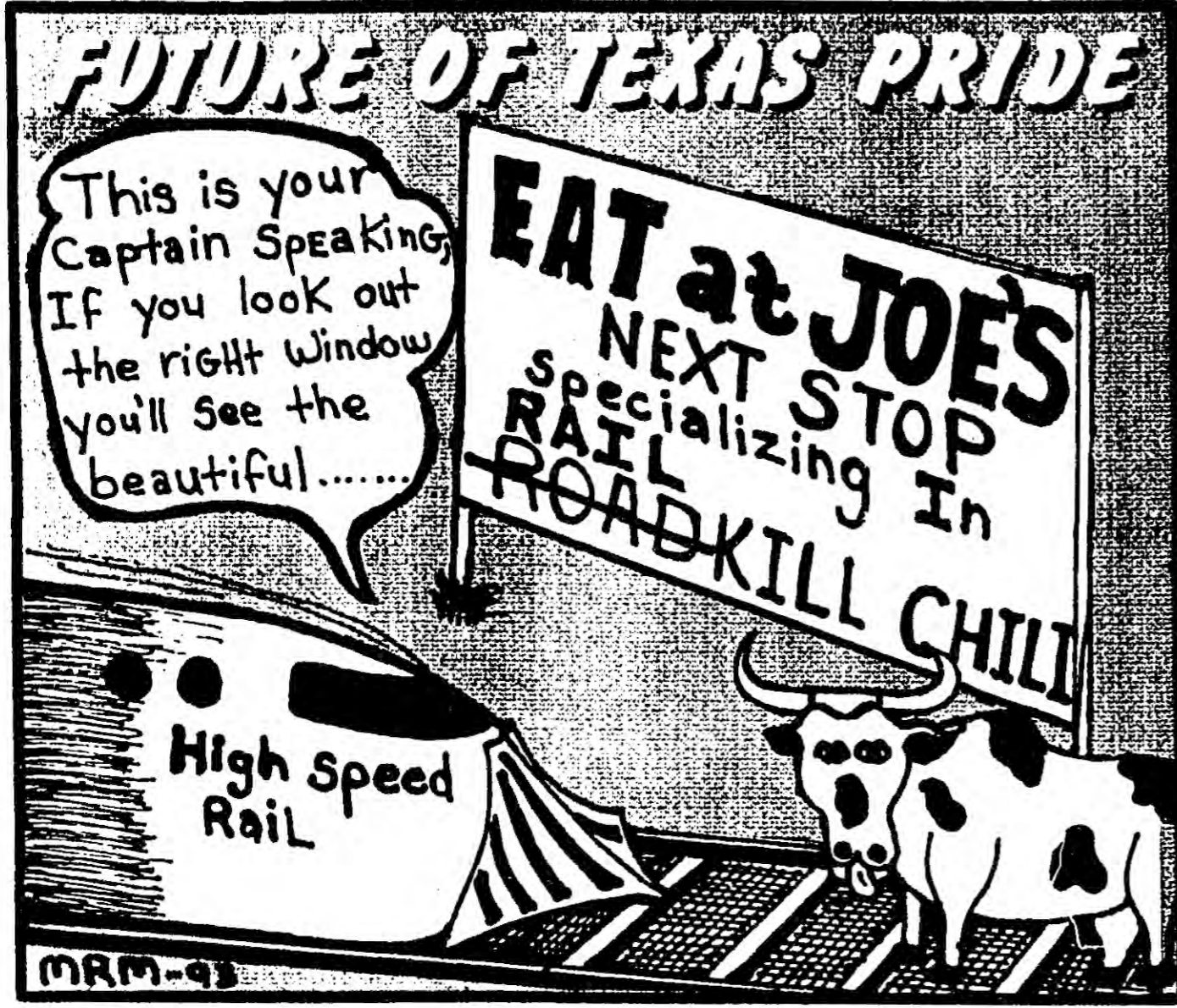
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A message to students from the president

Michaelis discusses this year's changes

Dear MCC Students,

Now that our first cold front of late summer has moved through, it is really beginning to feel that fall is arriving. However, I'm sure as you started classes just a couple of weeks ago, it already felt that way. I am delighted to welcome you to McLennan Community College for the 1993-94 school year. I have this feeling that we have the best year in MCC's history just ahead of us.

The coming year holds a lot of excitement at MCC, and I think you are about to see a great many positive changes that will improve access and opportunity to you as a student and in your ability to get the most out of your time and experience at MCC. Probably the most notable changes you will see have to do with the construction and renovation projects which are underway and will become much more evident as the year progresses. The biggest project this year will be the renovation of the Community Services Center. I can't wait for you to see it because "it's gonna be wonderful." We will also be starting the change over of the Administration Building. When we

are finished with it, we will need to rename the building because it will be completely devoted to providing services to students so that you won't have to run all over campus to handle registration, financial aid, and several other types of needs.

The other major change I believe you will see this year will be the amount and quality of access you will have computer services that will assist you as you work toward accomplishment of your individual educational goals. We plan to further extend open access computer labs to all students by the beginning of the spring, 1994 semester. Of course, those facilities are currently available but on a much more limited basis. It's a change I believe you will be able to use extensively and which will make your job as a student an easier one.

Again, welcome to MCC for 1993-94. I wish you a wonderful, successful year as you pursue your educational goals.

Sincerely,
Dennis Michaelis
President

EDITORIALS

Feel good about studies

Maintaining a 4.0 is difficult to some people. It is impossible for others. Just making it through one semester of school is a challenge for many students.

For those who find it hard to make it to Christmas break, here is some advice on how to maintain your sanity as school kicks into gear and those assignments start rolling in.

- Be so strong nothing can disturb your peace of mind or sleep.
- Talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- Make all your friends feel that there is a 4.0 in them.
- Look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- Think only the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- Be just as enthusiastic about the success of the student who got an A on her research paper as you are about your C.
- Forget the mistakes of last semester and press on to the greater achievements of this one.
- Wear a cheerful countenance while walking around campus and give everyone, even the faculty, a smile.
- Give so much improvement to yourself and assignments that you have no time to criticize others.
- Be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
- And always, always attend class.

Get involved in politics

Many people today are becoming disillusioned by political parties and are turning away from all forms of politics.

But that does not have to be the case on this campus. A group of concerned students recently started a Young Democrats club on campus. The club is organized by Robert Cervantes and Kristen Nobis and sponsored by psychology teacher Juan Mercado. Four people attended the first meeting. Five people attended the next one.

Objectives of the club include promoting voting among students, promoting the Democratic Party and its candidates, providing community service through individual and club-initiated projects, and educating students about the philosophies of the Democratic Party.

As of yet, a Young Republican club has not been established on campus.

If you consider yourself a Democrat, join the Young Democrats. Meetings are at 1:30 in the Highlander Room in the Student Center. If you consider yourself a Republican, organize and start a club.

Make an effort to become involved in politics. The late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said, "The most important political office is that of private citizen." The government's power lies in our hands.


Avoid parking problems; check out shuttle van

One word describes the parking situation here — pandemonium. At eight in the morning, many parking places are available within reasonable distance from most buildings. The problems start at nine when the lots are full and a madhouse of students clamoring to find the perfect parking place within one foot of their first classes. Some give up looking, and park illegally, risking the danger of receiving a ticket or "the boot," a car immobilizer that does not let a car move an inch without causing horrible damage. A minority of other students become a little steamed and start to yell profanities and threats if someone takes a close parking spot that was supposed to belong only to them.

These types of behavior not only put the drivers themselves in trouble, but they also could harm other drivers and pedestrians.

One convenient service on campus is the shuttle van. Students can park in a special lot, facing College Drive near the Community Services Center, a small distance away from the main campus. They can ride the van to most of the buildings on campus approximately every 10 to 15 minutes. The service runs from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. when the campus is usually congested with heavy traffic.

The parking situation will never get better; it probably will get worse. Find a way to deal with the insane process of college parking. Stop complaining. Either hop on a shuttle van or lace up your walking shoes.



How I overcame procrastination and my fear of surgery

By MIKE MELTON
Editor-in-chief

The late afternoon summer sun warmed my skin as if it were focused through a magnifying glass. Sweating profusely, I entered the building and my skin tingled with the sensation of cold air and the fear of impending doom.

I walked to the window, identified myself and took a seat among several people who were reading *Highlight*, *Sports Illustrated* and other literature.

The tension generated in this room reminded me of a time I was on the summit of Tincup Pass in Colorado at over 12,000 feet. I had been caught in the ferocity of an unexpected thunderstorm which was hitting the other side of the mountain at a lower altitude. The clouds furiously shot straight up in the sky as if representing the wrath of God. Every time the lightning began to strike, the hair on my body would stand out as if I were touching a Van de Graaff ball. Tension and indecision ran through my mind like a 66 MHz computer processing data. I gazed at the doorway and considered leaving.

A nurse appeared in a doorway and called my name. I felt like a convicted man walking down the hallway to his death. These thoughts culminated into a cold-clammy-sweat. I was led

into a room, a digital thermometer was stuck in my ear, and my neck was swabbed with an iodine solution. The door closed. I was alone.

My eyes scanned the room like a cornered mountain lion. The first thing I noticed were two sets of rubber surgical gloves, a hypodermic syringe and several bottles of xylocaine. I repulsed at the thought of any member of the "caine" family being injected into my body. I noticed a roach run across the floor into a roach motel. I convinced myself I had gone too far, but I had to prove a point to myself. Live or die, I had to have a ruptured-sebacous-cyst surgically removed from my neck. The doctor had anticipated an easy task of 15 minutes. I recalled previous bad experiences at the oral surgeon and took a deep breath. I was ready.

A kind, personable doctor possessing the bedside manner of Dr. Red Duke entered the room with a nurse, examined my neck and asked me to lay back. I responded to his request like a foolish, romantic warrior bent on bravery and pride. He made several injections of xylocaine into my neck. I sensed the doctor knew I was nervous, and I felt like an absolute fool when I realized I had to go to the bathroom. After 10 minutes my throat was

as numb and dumb as anybody who abuses cocaine. The doctor pulled a bright light down, placed surgical linens over my shirt and my face while saying, "I'm just going to scratch you, tell me if it hurts."

My left eye peered around the linen and focused on the polished metal reflector of the light. I witnessed the scalpel cutting my neck, not scratching. Funny, no pain. "Ouch." The doctor asked, "Did that hurt?" With teeth clenched together I responded, "Yea." My fears had become a living nightmare. I closed my eyes and decided to face my fear of surgery. The doctor injected more xylocaine into the region that was not quite numb and proceeded with the operation. I tried to dismiss those bad experiences at the oral surgeon, keep my eyes closed, and take metered-relaxed breaths of air. I was okay. I couldn't blame the doctor. No surgery is fun. I felt fortunate when I considered he had experienced many other traumatic operations such as gun shot wounds or stabblings.

Eyes closed, the sound of instruments hitting the surgical tool tray, I left the room in my mind. I envisioned the first time I ever saw the Colorado Rocky Mountains from a distance, and compared my vision of purple

mountains looming on the distant horizon to a settler's in the 1800s. A great feeling of peace and serenity overcame me. I remembered being a young boy and dipping my feet in a cool mountain stream and the sensation of a refreshing mountain breeze after an evening rain shower. I felt the obvious strokes of stitches being sewn in my neck. The operation was over.

The nurse removed the linens and I hopped right off the operating table. The doctor looked up with surprise and asked me if I was okay. I said, "I feel fine. I'm really surprised, I thought this was going to be worse than the dentist." He laughed and acknowledged the fact that he was unnerved by the dentist also. He expressed concern over the size of the cyst and sent it off to the pathologist. Once again, my eyes scanned the counter. I viewed the cyst in a small glass container. It was the size of a silver dollar instead of the anticipated size of a dime.

I walked to the receptionist's desk, paid my bill and even got a piece of peppermint candy. As I walked out the door, I recalled being a child and receiving candy from the family pediatrician. I realized how childish my fear was and laughed hysterically. I had overcome procrastination and my fear of surgery.



'Psychics' complicate moving day

By SHERRY W. EVANS
Senior Associate Editor

Moving is now No. 2 on my top 10 list of "Things Never To Do Again Unless Absolutely Unavoidable" (childbirth being No. 1 for obvious reasons) not only because of the expense but also the tremendous hassle and stress.

My husband Harvey and I have moved six times during our five years of marriage. Harvey is a veteran of the Army and has usually managed to be gone off to war or training every time moving day came around. I can proudly claim to be the veteran mover of the family.

When we decided to move to a quadrplex this summer, we planned every detail of moving day in advance. All boxes were numbered and labeled to a corresponding list for easy reference. We drew a sketch of the floor plan and arranged the furniture ahead of time. Calls were made to the utility companies and landlord so everything would be ready right on schedule.

The plan for the first day of moving was to be sure the utilities had been turned on and unpack the kitchen boxes with the help of my Aunt Helen. Without a doubt, Aunt Helen is the best kitchen un-packer and arranger in the world because not only does she separate the cutting utensils from the others, but she also tries to make the dishes look pretty on the shelves.

With all of our planning, we hit a snag the day before we even started moving. We could call

out on the telephone but no one could call us. I thought the former tenants had just forgotten to have their service disconnected but the repair person I called thought it must be a billing problem since "it was really impossible for the phone company to make that mistake."

A person in billing told me to fax a copy of my lease to her because the former tenants with bad credit also had the last name Evans. Even though I was transferring service from Robinson and my old phone line had been disconnected, I might be trying something sneaky. Well, that is what she implied anyway.

I faxed the lease and got things settled since that was the only way to get my phone working. I hooked up the answering machine for the night just to be ready.

The next day, the answering machine was full of messages, mostly hang-ups and a few things I couldn't understand so I just erased them. Aunt Helen and I were merrily working away when the phone rang. I ran over and picked it up, "Hello?"

A teenage girl said, "How much for just one question?"

"Excuse me?"

"Oh, is it by the question or by the minute?"

"You must have the wrong number."

"Isn't this the Psychic Hotline?"

Silence. What did she just say? "No. What number did you

dial?"

"The 800 number on television."

Click. Must have been a prank or something, I thought. I went back to work and minutes later the phone rang again. "Hello?"

A man asked in a gruff whisper, "May I speak with Laura?"

The scenario started again. He called three times before he gave up. I called the operator and told him what happened. He decided my number must be the same as a 900 number and people were dialing it without the prefix thinking they could save some money. He never seemed to understand that these people were dialing an 800 number which was completely different than mine and toll free in the first place.

After a few more strange calls, I called the operator again and this time a woman was completely astonished. She had two suggestions: I could ask for cash only and just start giving out advice or she could go ahead and connect me with repair. The repair man seemed intrigued and said they would send someone to fix it the next day.

We stayed late that night working and just as we were ready to walk out the door, the phone rang and I decided to go ahead and answer. A man said, "Is this Sherry Evans?" Yes, I thought, they have it fixed.

It was someone from the special problems unit in Austin and

he had the problem figured out. He had dialed the 800 number that was formerly in service at my address, so there must have been a mix-up and the service had not been disconnected. What a novel idea.

The former psychic business explained the six phone jacks in a two-bedroom quadruplex. The repair man that came the next day was only a week away from retirement and said he thought he had seen it all until now. He spent at least 20 minutes arguing with the business office trying to convince them it was their mistake and then had to make a trip to "the fiber optics" to get our number working.

The telephone is finally fixed, thanks to the repair man. The cabinets look pretty and things are convenient in my kitchen, thanks to Aunt Helen. The rest of the move went well except for one box that has disappeared from the face of the earth, probably thanks to Harvey.

The move was expensive and we could always use some extra cash. I wonder if I could get the number 1-800-U-CALL-ME for advice only costing \$3.95 per minute. Maybe I should make some calls....

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Netters win national title

Men topple Tyler for championship

By MELANIE GERIK

Doubles team Javier Ruiz and Jose Gottschild clinched the national tennis title for MCC by winning a two-set match, 7-6, 6-3, against Rogelio Guerrero and Mattias Jonsson from Tyler Junior College, ending a six hour team match on May 29 in Corpus Christi.

The tennis team fought through a five day qualifying tournament to determine the top four teams. Those four teams battled for the National Junior College Athletic Association championship for two more days.

The road to the national title was rough for the team. "We were down all the way and the team never gave up," Coach Carmack Berryman said.

"Down" might have been an understatement since the Highlanders found themselves at the bottom of the list of 16 teams after the first day of competition. The top two MCC players had lost in the flight matches. But true to gritty form, the team fought back to become the top-ranked team after the fifth day of flight play. That put them in the "final four" with Abraham Baldwin College of Georgia which had come out in fourth place while No. 2 Anderson of South Carolina and No. 3 Tyler faced each other in the other semifinal round.

Georgians fall in semis

MCC defeated Abraham Baldwin, 5-1. Individual scores were:

- Ash Ayers, MCC, defeated Glenn Kellett, Abraham Baldwin, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

- Jose Gottschild, MCC, defeated Antonio Robbles, Abraham Baldwin, 7-6, 6-2.

- Henning Wold, MCC, defeated Alex Neal, Abraham Baldwin, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6.

- Henrick Lindquist, Abraham Baldwin, defeated Andrew Turner, MCC, 7-6, 6-4.

- Mathias Sundberg, MCC, defeated Nigel Barkett, Abraham Baldwin, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

- Javier Ruiz, MCC, defeated Andreas Lennartsson, Abraham Baldwin, 6-0, 6-3.

The next day, MCC played Tyler Junior College for the national title. MCC was down early, losing the first two singles matches. Patrick Osuna from Tyler defeated Ayers in three sets, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

In the next match, Tyler's Rogelio Guerrero furthered the Apaches lead by stopping Gottschild in straight sets, 7-6, 6-2, and Tyler was ahead 2-0.

Tide turns against Tyler

But then the Highlanders started turning the tide as Wold survived a first-set tie-breaker and defeated Gene Highfield, 7-

6, 6-2.

After Turner's win over the Tyler's Guillaume Gauthier, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, the championship was tied at 2-2.

The title was within reach when MCC's Sundberg then outlasted Tyler's Tim Smith, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Berryman said one of the most memorable matches of the tournament was Ruiz's win over Stefan Nilsson, 1-6, 7-6, 7-6. After losing the first set, Ruiz won six straight games and fought off six match points to clinch the match and the championship.

MCC had two doubles teams both ahead in the third sets against Tyler teams when Gottschild and Ruiz won their matches. Since that win clinched the championship for MCC, the other two matches were not completed.

Tyler, the national champions in 1990 and 1991, had defeated defending national champion Anderson College of South Carolina in the semifinal round to play for the title.

The tennis title is the third national championship for MCC. Previously national championships had been won by the baseball team in 1983 and the golf team in 1984.

Seven All Americans

Not only did the Highlanders with the distinctive international flavor win the national title, but they also received a number of individual honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Sundberg, a native of Sweden, and Ruiz of Mexico, were both named first team All American.

Turner, New Zealand, and Wold, Norway, earned second team All American honors.

Honorable mention All American recognition went to Sansostri of Argentina; Gottschild of Brazil, and Ayers of Austin.

Jason Catchings of Sour Lake, would have played in the tournament except for a knee injury. "He was having surgery while the tournament was being played," Berryman said.

How other teams fared

Other teams in the national tournament, in their order of finish, were 5) Brunswick College, Ga.; 6) San Jacinto College; 7) Miami Dade-World, Fla.; 8) Odessa College; 9) Miami Dade-North, Fla.; 10) Jefferson State, Ala.; 11) New Mexico Military; 12) Jefferson College, Mo.; 13) Walters State, Tenn.; 14) Columbia State, Tenn.; 15) Laredo Junior College; and 16) Florida College. Each team either won or placed second in a regional tournament to advance to the national tournament. MCC won its region that was held in Waco in April.

Women's team takes third place national trophy

The women's team also ended an outstanding season by placing third in the national tournament as they edged Anderson College of South Carolina 5-4.

The Highladies advanced in the tournament quarterfinals with a 7-2 win over San Jacinto, but lost in the semifinals 1-5 to Cooke County College, the top-ranked team in the nation and the winner of the regional tournament where MCC had placed second.

In the match against favored Anderson, the Highladies went up 4-2 in singles play but then had to win their final doubles match to take the third place trophy.

A pivotal match in singles, according to Coach Carmack Berryman, found Elizabeth Hollingsworth fighting back five times after being down match

point to win.

Other Highladies wins in singles were by Jodie Gledhill, Jo Ann Moreno and Michelle Morris while Kim Sutton and Nicole Smith dropped their matches.

After the top two doubles teams of Carla Bukowski and Smith and Hollingsworth and Morris lost their matches against Anderson, Gledhill and Sutton won the final doubles match to give MCC the win.

Gledhill, of Axtell, and Sutton, Groesbeck, were named to the All American second team while Hollingsworth, Beaumont, and Morris, Woodway, received honorable mention recognition in the All American selections.

Other team members hometowns are Smith, Lubbock; Moreno, McAllen; and Bukowski, Harlingen.



LOOK AT THAT TROPHY! The national champion tennis team of McLennan Community College admires the first place trophy it received after winning the national title in Corpus Christi in late May. Holding the trophy, which will be on display in the Highlands, is Coach Carmack

Berryman. Players from the left are Matias Sansostri, Andrew Turner, Mathias Sundberg, Ash Ayers, Jose Gottschild, Javier Ruiz, and Henning Wold. Jason Catchings is not pictured.

Recruits join tennis veterans

Ready for another season

By AARON TUDOR

After last season in which the men's team won the national championship and the women's team placed third nationally, the MCC tennis teams are gearing up for another year.

Although the men's team returns only two players from last year's national championship team, and the near cancellation of the men's program "hampered recruiting," coach Carmack Berryman still feels good about the men's chances this year. "Right now, this team is trying to find its own identity and learn what it is to be a team," Berryman said. "We lost our top five players from last year, so this year's team is not very experienced. But we do have some talent, and once we can establish a team identity and get a winning attitude, the rest will take care of itself."

The women's team returns four starters from last year's group, including its top singles and doubles players. "This is a group made up mostly of sophomores, so we have a lot of experience," Berryman said. "We should be as good or better than last year's team."

Here is a brief look at this year's men's players:

Javier Ruiz, Mexico — Ruiz

was a first team National Junior College Athletic Association All-American last year. He compiled a 17-3 record in singles matches last season and Berryman calls him "one of the best doubles players we've ever had." Before coming to MCC, Ruiz was ranked among the top 15 male players in Mexico.

Matias Sansostri, Argentina — Sansostri had a 15-2 singles record last year and was an NJCAA honorable mention All-American. He was rated among the top five junior players in Argentina before coming to MCC.

Jonas Andersson, Sweden — Andersson was ranked 93rd among men's tennis players in Sweden last year. "With his ranking and experience, I expect him to be one of our top players this year."

Ed Brady, Sour Lake — Brady is a transfer from Lamar University where he was the top player as a freshman. Berryman said that Brady was considered one of the better juniors in Texas coming out of high school.

Ronnie Grant, Corona, Calif. — Grant was ranked among the top 16 juniors in southern California last year. He is the younger brother of Rob Grant, an NJCAA All-American for the Highlanders in 1990.

Charles Smith, Waco — Smith played tennis at Midway High School before coming to MCC. "He doesn't have the distinguished junior record that some of our other players have," Berryman said, "but he's really starting to come into his own."

Matt Thompson, Midland — Thompson was state ranked among Texas juniors last year. He was also district champion and the most valuable player in District 4-5A.

Bryan Benschhof, San Antonio — Before moving to San Antonio, Benschhof lived in Spain where he played mostly on clay courts. "Once he gets adjusted to the hard courts we play on, I expect him to be fighting for one of our starting positions," Berryman said.

And here's a look at this year's women's team:

Carla Bukowski, Harlingen — Bukowski was the top doubles player for the Highladies last year. Berryman again expects her to be one of his better doubles players and to also give the team some experience in singles.

Jodie Gledhill, Axtell — After compiling a 25-8 record, Gledhill ended last year as the team's top singles player. She was also named a second team NJCAA All-American and fin-

ished ranked eighth among junior college women.

Joann Moreno, McAllen — Moreno finished last year with a 19-10 record and was the team's fifth-ranked player. "I expect her to really move up in the line-up and give us some valuable experience," Berryman said.

Michelle Morris, Waco — Morris was an named honorable mention NJCAA All-American last year after compiling a 14-11 singles record. "Michelle is one of the best athletes on the team and we're really expecting good things from her this year," Berryman said.

Estela Felan, Houston — Felan is a transfer from San Jacinto where she was their top doubles and second-ranked singles player. She was also ranked 23rd among junior college women last year.

Myrian Jimenez, McAllen — Jimenez was runner-up in District 31-5A last year. She was also ranked in the top 30 girls in Texas.

Teina Vai, New Zealand — Vai was the national 16-and-under champ in New Zealand. "She's small but she's a big hitter and I'm expecting her to be one of our top players this year," said Berryman.

Intramurals

Flag football now and volleyball next

By ELISHA NIEMEYER

Flag football will kick off this year's intramural sports season with the first game Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

It will be the first game of a round robin tournament in which all teams will participate.

"The flag football time has been changed to 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. so that more students can be involved," Coach Wendell Hudson, director of intramural sports, said.

All games will be held at the intramural field across from the baseball field.

Other intramural sports available this year are indoor volleyball, basketball and softball. Two new sports, racquetball and badminton, are also being offered.

All sports are available for male, female, and co-ed teams. Indoor volleyball and basketball are offered in two sessions, one in the fall and the other in the spring.

Meetings and times for each sport will be posted on bulletin boards around campus. Information also will be posted in the Student Center. The number of

people interested in participating will determine how many teams will be competing.

Students can sign up for the various sports in the IPE building, office 113. The activities are open to anyone who is enrolled in six hours or more and does not have any injury that would keep them from participating.

Volleyball is the next intramural sport on the schedule. Teams are organizing and times and dates are being planned. Practices are held in the gym at 10 a.m., Mondays and Fridays.


Hudson said the trends of in-

tramural sports have varied. He has been the director of intramural sports for nine years. "More females have participated in the last couple of years," he said.

Over the years the number of students who have participated in flag football has slacked, basketball has stayed the same and volleyball has grown.

"The winners of each sport receive a 'Champion Intramural' t-shirt. 'Everyone loves to wear the shirts,' Hudson said, "but you must win to receive one."

For more information contact Hudson at 750-3546.





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Cleoda Bables: Dedicated to making a difference in education

(This is the final profile in a series about the trustees of McLennan Community College. Other members of the Board of Trustees were featured last spring.)

By MIKE MELTON

Cleoda Bables is a soft-spoken man of accomplishment and vast educational experience who is dedicated to the improvement of local education as well as his community and the youth who live within its boundaries.

Bables joined the MCC Board of Trustees in 1991, replacing City Councilman Lawrence Johnson who had resigned. As a member of the board, Bables is most proud to have been a part of making the decision to establish the Multi-Cultural Center for students.

"Our main objective on the MCC Board of Trustees is to give the children the best education they can get and ensure that when they graduate they are equipped to compete in the job market," he said.

Bables' educational history began with a dream while in high school in Hubbard — he wanted to get an education that would allow him to teach as well as coach. In 1954, he began his studies at Paul Quinn College where he received a B.A. in history with a minor in physical education. He then joined the Air Force for four years. "I felt as though I had some maturing and growing up to do," he said. He reflects on his time in the Air Force as a rich, rewarding experience. He enjoyed the opportunity of travel and relished the ability to see places he had never seen. He then went on to receive an M.A. from Prairie View A&M and did post-graduate work at North Texas State, Lamar University and Texas A&I.

Recalling his educational days, Bables enjoyed organized school activities which brought people together. He was particularly impressed with organized

sporting events. As a high school student he had one coach for all sports. When he first began college, he was impressed when he discovered there was an instructor for each individual sport and curriculum class. He received a more personalized and refined instruction from his teachers and it sparked his educational curiosity.

Bables soon found himself allotting his free time to the science laboratory. As a high school student, he had been taught textbook science without a laboratory experience.

He found himself at a disadvantage and overcame it. The driving force behind Bables' dedication to the sustained improvement of education can be attributed to these experiences. Bables' teaching experience began in Rosebud as a social studies instructor for

grades 7-12 and coach of basketball, football and track. He then began teaching science and coaching at Carver High School in Waco where he remained for six years. He went on to North Junior High School where he was a science instructor and coach. He was employed as assistant principal at Tennyson Junior High School for four years before moving on to be appointed principal at Wiley Middle School for eight years. He then became coordinator of personnel at Waco Independent School District in 1986 where he is still employed.

His job as coordinator of personnel involves the recruitment of new instructors for W.I.S.D. and is focused this year on elementary school instructors, professional and para-professional. Bables looks for honest commitment in prospective instructors as well as true dedication to the fact that all children can learn.

When Bables walks out of his office at the W.I.S.D. building on the corner of 5th and Franklin Ave., its usually into another area of service. His free time is unself-

ishly consumed and divided amongst church activities, numerous board of trustees committees and doing volunteer work. "I serve on the boards for MCC, Y.M.C.A., Campfire, Freeman House, Inner City Ministries and Providence Hospital," he said.

Bables regrets not being able to participate in the Inner City Ministries "Big Wheels Deliver Meals" program last summer. "I had open heart surgery in May and just came back to work Aug. 2," he said.

He had gone to the doctor for a cold complicated by allergy. His physician asked him when he had last visited his cardiologist. Bables hadn't visited the cardiologist in a few years. He was recruiting teachers at the time and making the appointment took a back seat to his busy schedule. About a month later his nurse called and asked if he had ever made the appointment. Amidst his busy schedule, Bables had forgotten about the appointment and finally the urgency sank in. He was frightened.

After seeing the cardiologist, he was informed that he did in fact have blockage in an artery. Following a recruiting trip to Mississippi, he went to Providence Hospital and had surgery.

"It changed my life. You start doing the things you should have been doing all along like diet and exercise," said Bables.

After surgery, his doctor informed him that in all his years, he had never had a patient who seemed to be known by everyone. Bables was elated with the countless ex-students employed in the hospital who came to visit him in his room during recovery. He recognized one of his ex-students in the surgery room. Others were nurses and even one in medical records. "A day doesn't go by that I don't get thanked by an ex-student whose life I have affected."

When Bables is 90 and sitting in his front porch swing, he will look back through the years and take pride in his service as an instructor, educator, administrator, and volunteer, and the positive effect he has had on the lives of countless young people.



WALKING THE LINE — Dianne Howle leads the toddlers from the Child Development Center on a nature walk around the Community Services Center looking for insects, fallen leaves and other good stuff.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

Eleven join faculty

Eleven full time teachers have joined the faculty here this semester. Nine of those are featured in the following profiles, and the newspaper plans to have information about the others — Linda Bostwick and Gail Herring — in the next edition of the paper.

Mary Alanis is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After receiving her B.S. and M.S., she taught classes at both Texas Woman's University and MIT. She arrived here from Stillwater, Okla., ready to share her knowledge as a teacher in developmental math. Alanis came to Waco because "It was a small enough town without being too small." She also said that she liked Texas and was glad that she got a job in this state. In her spare time, she said, she enjoys singing in the choir, gardening, crafts, science fiction, and almost every kind of sport which includes auto racing. Alanis is eager to teach students how to be able to break down the barriers of math. She encourages them to let her know if they are having problems and to try to communicate with her. Alanis' proudest moment was when she won a Harlan Miller Scholarship from TWU in 1990 as the best math student.

Paul Boran said he will "look upon all my students as adults and I expect the same adult consideration from them" in teaching his English classes at MCC. Originally from Houston, Boran received his BA and MA degrees from Stephen F. Austin. He completed his course work for his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction in higher education at Texas A&M. Prior to his current position, he taught at North Harris College in Houston for 11 years. Although Boran has resided in Waco only two months, he has been commuting from Houston to Waco on weekends for the past three years. The reason for his previous weekly visits was Director of Developmental Education Janice Drake (now Janice Boran). The two were married on Aug. 20, completing a circle that began in the summer of 1990 when they met in North Carolina at an educational institute training session.

Janelle Flowers has taken on a big job this fall. She will be designing the costumes for the theater, dance and opera productions. She also is teaching theater appreciation, acting for non-majors and make-up for the theater. Flowers graduated from Southwestern University with a B.A. in math and then went on to graduate from Texas Woman's University at Denton with a master's degree in theater. She taught part-time at Southwestern before she decided to come to MCC. Flowers said, "I wanted more opportunity to

teach more classes and to work full time." Flowers' teaching goal at MCC is to generate more interest in theater and to get students involved in working with the theater productions and crew. "Anyone is welcome, even if theater is not your major," Flowers said. One of her favorite hobbies is exploring and shopping at flea markets to find new ideas to make her costumes unique.

Laura Hebert said she is excited about teaching full-time. In 1988, Hebert got a taste of MCC when she started a part-time teaching job. Now as a full-time teacher, she has taken a big bite by teaching anatomy and physiology. When she was teaching part-time, Hebert entered graduate school at Baylor where she received her master's as well as her bachelor's degree. Her schooling, however, did not stop there. In December, Hebert will have the new title of doctor, as she will have earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience. Hebert's husband is also a science teacher at a local junior high school. They have two children, 5 and 16 months. Besides being a mother and teacher, Hebert is a dancer and performer for the Waco Civic Theatre and was in the Civic Theatre's production of *Mame*. Hebert has taught at a university, but said she likes the community college setting much better. "MCC is a wonderful place to be. The students, faculty, and staff are very willing and caring."

Glen Jackson has come all the way from Marshall Town, Iowa, to teach three sections of business and professional speaking and serve as assistant forensic coach. Jackson formerly taught at Northwest Missouri State for three years. He received a bachelor's in English education with a minor in speech theater and a master's degree in speech communications from the University of Northern Iowa. Jackson said he is excited to be able to work with and learn about a wide variety of cultures among the students. His advice to students is, "Be prepared and spend time before class reading and studying the material. While in class your knowledge will reinforce and your confidence will grow."

Richard Kilgore rejoins MCC as the assistant men's basketball coach after working with the women's basketball team at the University of Nevada in Reno. Kilgore says he knew he wanted to teach basketball since the seventh grade, so after graduating from Midway High School he attended MCC and Baylor. While attending these colleges Kilgore worked as a student assistant coach. Kilgore said most coaches must wait until after graduation for their

first position. After graduating from Baylor, Kilgore was hired as the assistant men's basketball coach at MCC, a position he held for four years before moving to Reno. Kilgore has been married three years and is expecting his first child this month.

Larry Rogers recently joined the interpreter training department where he will teach sign language and deaf culture. Rogers is a graduate of Tennessee Temple College where he received two bachelor degrees, one in arts and the other in theology. He went on to receive his master's degree in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary. Rogers has served as an interpreter for churches. A father of two, Rogers is also a licensed pilot. His teaching goal, he said, is "to facilitate the environment for people to become the best interpreters possible."

Kelly Sexton is an anatomy and physiology teacher who hails from Florida. He has received a Ph.D. in physiology from Auburn University, and has attended Florida State University in Alabama and University of Arkansas as well. Sexton has taught at Texas Tech and South Plains College. He said he accepted MCC's offer to teach here because of the climate and the salary. He has a brother who lives nearby, as well. On teaching he said, "I like to see them (students) turn from being really unsure of themselves...to having a lot of self confidence," he said. Sexton enjoys different and unusual hobbies. For instance, before he moved here, he raised tropical birds from all over the globe. He also enjoys fishing, water skiing and gardening.

Jerro Williams, with 20 years of practical nursing experience, is teaching the basics of nursing management and critical care at Hillcrest Hospital to sophomores in their final semester of the Associate Degree of Nursing program. Prompted by the challenge of a physician, Williams embarked on her educational journey at MCC where she received an associate degree of nursing in 1973 while at the same time raising her children. She went on to the University of Texas, Arlington, where she received a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1984. Recently Williams received her master of science in nursing. She encourages students to "never be satisfied at current level of education" and to keep striving to learn more about nursing. Williams said the nurse of today is more efficient in dispensing health care, and their responsibilities are on a broader scope than 100 years ago. She wants to stimulate her students and instill in them a passion for nursing, in order to become better nurses.

Variety of skills an advantage

Editor values
McLennan
experiences

By MIKE MELTON

Former Highland Herald Editor-in-Chief, Sam Allgood, spoke to the press club Sept. 15.

Allgood, assistant city editor for the *Temple Daily Telegram*, graduated in May from the University of Texas at Arlington Magna Cum Laude. While at U.T.A. he served as reporter, copy editor and city editor on the award-winning *Shorthorn* newspaper and gained invaluable experience covering the Arlington's City Council meetings as well as general news and feature coverage.

He gave Press Club members an insight to the variety and style of news he encountered while a student in the Metroplex and related these experiences to the Waco-MCC and Temple areas. While describing the various positions of employment in the newspaper industry, he stressed the advantages of possessing a background of diversified skills.

He told how he became interested in journalism. When he was 18 and bored with education, he took a construction job. He then read Stephen King's *It*. "It was so amazing, you could read through it and feel chills. The way he wrote it really impressed me," Allgood said. He began writing, decided he wanted to write for an audience, and began his education in journalism at MCC.

He placed an emphasis on the importance of journalism basics he learned while a student here and cited accuracy, conciseness, details and deadlines as being imperative skills.

"The classroom erupted in laughter as he said, 'After you master those skills, spell check the heck out of everything.'"



Sam Allgood shares journalistic experiences with the Press Club.

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Ansel Adams exhibit still at The Art Center



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MANZANAR STREET SCENE BY ANSEL ADAMS is one of the many studies of humanity and nature presented in the exhibition. Also on exhibition is

"Twelve Central Texas Photographers" and "Faces of Central Texas." The exhibition will be on display until October 10. Call 752-4371 for information.

By CLINTON EGGER

An American soldier greets his family while on leave during the middle of World War II, his military uniform pressed and clean, his shoes spit polished.

Sound like a typical photograph from the 1940s? Not hardly. Not when the soldier's family is imprisoned by the very same country whose freedom he is fighting for. And not when the photographer is none other than Ansel Adams.

Adams' exhibit, "Born Free and Equal," at The Art Center is a documentary of life of the Japanese-Americans who were imprisoned in the Manzanar War Relocation Center at the height of World War II. The only reason was the color of their skin. Many Americans, as well as the government, were afraid of possible treason and terrorist acts by the Japanese-Americans. The U.S. Government ordered the detention of approximately 114,490 Japanese-Americans in 10 different centers in America during World War II. The government said it was for their "protection."

Adams, who many know as the photographer of "The Great Landscape," was invited by Camp Director Ralph Merritt to

take a photographic record of life in Manzanar, in Inyo County, Calif. He was not to take any pictures of barbed wire, guards or observation centers, however. But that didn't stop Adams from showing the humanity and pride of the people and the injustice that had been placed upon them.

Adams' first show of this work in 1944 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art was highly criticized, and he soon found that no other galleries would show the pictures. Adams compiled the photographs into a book and when he was unable to get a publisher, he published it himself under the title, *Born Free and Equal*.

In many parts of the country, *Born Free and Equal* was burned by angry Americans who still remembered the horrors of war and resented the Japanese.

Adams was not without supporters. Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, a long standing opponent of the Japanese-American internment camps, sent two copies of Adams' book to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. No one knows what ever happened to the copies.

The exhibit is a rare documentary by Adams who mainly

concentrated on landscapes.

"This is only the seventh time this exhibit has been shown in the last 50 years," Art Center Director Joe Kagle said.

Along with "Born Free and Equal" are two other photography exhibits on view at the Art Center.

"Twelve Central Texas Photographers" is a small collection of works from Central Texas photographers including Alethea Bateman, Cappy Crow, Rick Eliers, Michael Flores, Susan Gentry, and Cheryl MacLennan. Others are Chris McSwain, Earl Nottingham, Gerald Schank, Kristina Schlotzman, Cullen Smith and Charles Evans, curator of the project.

The other exhibit is "Faces of Central Texas" and is done by the same photographers. The subjects are friends, families and supporters of the Art Center.

"The 12 photographers shot portraits of people in Waco," Kagle said. "Not from a commercial photographer's point of view but from an art photographer's point of view."

"Some of the photographs are traditional," Kagle said. "But some of them are... different in their point of view."

structor for interpreter training; Richard Kilgore, assistant basketball coach/assistant athletic director; Karen Clark, assistant registrar; Lesa Hatley, student services specialist; Chris Lanham, director of technical

program evaluation and development; and Beverly Roberts, programming analyst.

The Board of Trustees next meeting is Oct. 25 in the Administration/Classroom Building's board room.

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Performing Arts Theater

By MOLLY CHAPMAN

Production of the drama department's newest play, "The Teahouse of the August Moon," is scheduled to begin October 6 at the Performing Arts Center.

"A feel good comedy... delightful... and engaging," said Jim Rambo, director, about this Pulitzer Prize-winning play which also received the Critics Circle Award.

Originally performed in New York, the play was then done as a movie with an all star cast including Glenn Ford and Marlon Brando.

"The Teahouse of the August Moon" is set in the village of Tobiki, Okinawa, at the end of WWII with the American occupation. The soldiers go to introduce democracy to the native people and plan to build a school house. The villagers persuade the occupiers to build a teahouse with the army supplies instead. "This play is appealing because it is a very positive play dealing with human and international emotions," said Rambo.

Putting such a highly praised play together takes many talented people. Costume designer is Jamelle Flowers who came to MCC from Southwestern University at Georgetown. Being the sole designer, some of her influences have been from books such as *The Road to Tokyo* from the *Time-Life Books* series and *National Geographic* from 1950. This is the first time Flowers has done costumes for an Oriental piece.

"All I want to say about Oriental clothing is prints, prints, prints," Flowers laughed.

Cast members who double as

Drama's first play

'Teahouse of the August Moon' will run in B.P.A.C. theater October 6-9



Photo courtesy of the drama department

"TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON" will run Oct. 6-9 in the B.P.A.C.

crew members will be constructing all costumes for the play except for the military uniforms which are hard to come by because of the more common camouflage type of today's Army and other branch services. Flowers drives to Killeen every other weekend in hopes of finding enough uniforms for the soldiers in the play. The lines are simple and most actors have two costumes that may be worn in layers. While some costumes are finished now, only the *getas*, or wooden shoes, will be worn until close to actual production of the play. The shoes are hard to walk in and make quite a bit of noise so the cast has to be able to maneuver and talk above the sound.

Students have a hard enough time in college without having to worry about the extra-curricular activities, yet some of the theater students who log in a minimum of six hours on crew work plus rehearsals are honor students.

Amy Hamilton, Mrs. Oshira in the play, takes 18 hours of classes, works in the costume shop more than six hours a week, and works 15 hours at the mall on weekends. Yet she said that her work on the play is definitely worth it.

Regan Thompson, one of the co-stage managers along with Aaron Sanders, said that taking 20 hours of course work and working nine hours a week on the play is a good experience. "Working backstage is just as much as a learning experience as the classroom but sometimes it does become overwhelming."

The production includes 24 cast members and seven crew, two stage managers, and the assistant director, Courtney Mitchell. While all of the cast members in this production are theater majors, Jim Rambo says that auditions were open to all interested students.

A play may be the best ever written, but without publicity and people knowing about it, it will never get off the ground. Julie Nichols, who works as a cast member as well as helping out with publicity, said they plan to hang banners around campus. Those with college ID can get in free. Others people can start buying their \$5 tickets at the Performing Arts Center on September 29. Early reservations are recommended since past productions have sold out fast. The show runs from Wednesday October 6 through Saturday October 9.



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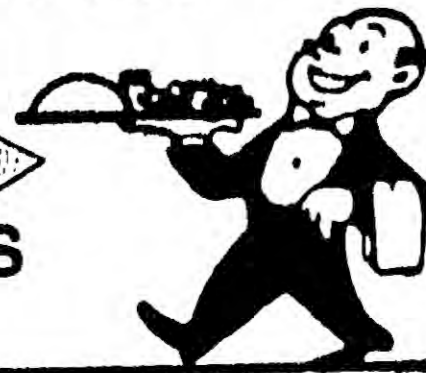
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