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## Ball announces plans of retirement

The McLennan Community College Board of Trustees and Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of the college since its opening in 1966, jointly announced Friday plans for Ball's retirement in

August, 1988, at the close of the 1987-88 school year.

MCC Board Chairman Eric Hooker said the Board's goal is to effect a smooth transition in which the new president as-

sumes responsibility for the administration of the College "with an absolute minimum of interruption in the forward progress of the institution."

The Board expects to formulate plans for the search over the next two to three months, after which time details regarding qualifications, applications, etc. will be announced.

The Board will not be accepting applications nor providing additional information about the search or the position until then.

The Board plans for the new president to begin duties at the College at some point during

the spring semester of next year (1988). Between that time and the close of the school year in August, Ball will serve as consultant to the president and the Board of Trustees.

Ball, 58, said his decision to retire next year is attributable to several factors.

"The college is in excellent condition in every respect, which will attract some of the best qualified college administrators in the country," he said.

Among the college's outstanding strengths Ball listed are the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, financial condition, physical plant, instruc-

tional program, and reputation for quality, "all in a community that is second-to-none in quality of life and in support of their community college."

He said another factor influencing his decision to announce his retirement now is that the Board will be able to conduct the search for the new president in an orderly, unhurried manner, while he is still on the job.

Also affecting his decision is the fact that, with his 36 years of service, he will become eligible next year for full retirement benefits in the Texas Teacher Retirement System.

Ball said he and his wife, La-Wanda, expect to continue to live in Waco and to be active in the community. He said he expects to explore some part-time, business-related associations in Waco that will allow him to use his management experience without the pressures that accompany a position such as the MCC presidency.

Ball said he wishes to emphasize that his retirement from MCC is more than a year away and that in the meantime he will be working doubly hard to assure that MCC is a better institution after the change than before.



DR. WILBUR BALL, the only president that MCC has ever had, has announced that he will be retiring from his post in August 1988.

## Student government prepares for election of new officers

By CHRIS BELL

The student activities office is currently accepting applications for anyone desiring to run for Student Government positions for 1987-88.

Those interested in the positions of president, secretary, treasurer, parliamentarian, or historian should stop by Greg Clark's office, said acting president Jeff Osborne.

Osborne, who was elected vice-president, has replaced Rocky Deschaine as president when he withdrew from classes. Student activities director Greg Clark said De-

schaine "had too many other things going on. He was starting his own business."

The only position that the activities office is not taking applications for is vice-president because that office will be elected from the freshman class during the fall semester.

The only requirements for the other positions are that a candidate have a grade point average of 2.0 or better for each of the last two semesters, maintain full time student status, and have the 10-11 a.m. hour free on Mondays.

Clark stressed that anyone wanting to run for office needs to know that Student Government is active and has responsibilities.

"It is like taking six extra hours," he said.

Everyone running for a position in Student Government may begin campaigning as soon as their applications are approved. However, flyers placed on cars and posters on glass surfaces and trees are not allowed.

"There is no limit to the number of posters allowed, but

all posters must be approved," said student activities secretary Michelle Meroney.

On Monday April 13 at 10:00 a.m. all candidates will be allowed to make a three minute speech in the Student Center if they wish. The elections will be held April 15-16 and the winners will be announced at the Highland Games.

One reason for being in Student Government, according to Clark, is, "You are involved in college in a little different respect than students who are not very involved in college."

## Highland Herald staff wins TIPA first place

By MARSHA SNOWDON

The staff of the Highland Herald jubilantly accepted the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association's first place award for the "Best Overall Newspaper," division three, at the TIPA convention held on the Southwest Texas State University campus in San Marcos April 2-3.

Additional awards garnered in competition with both four-year and two-year schools included:

- Kimberly Moore, second place for editorial writing.
- The 1985-86 staff (Jordan McMorrough, editor), second place for newspaper special edition.
- Renea Brown, second place in the newspaper cartoon contest.

Brown also won third place in cartoons in the Texas Community College Journalism Association contests.

The TCCJA held its spring convention with the TIPA. In spite of budget cuts across the state in colleges and universities, the joint convention attracted the second largest attendance in history.

Highland Herald staff members attending the convention were Kimberly Moore, editor; Mark Lucas, senior associate editor; Seal Smart, sports editor; Joe Jimenez, copy editor; and Ken Crawford, photo editor.

Smart, president of the MCC Press Club, was the voting delegate from MCC at both the

TIPA and TCCJA business meetings.

Other staff members from the Highland Herald attending and participating in the convention were Donna Young, Montana Williams, Roxie Johnson, Chris Suerig, Marsha Snowdon, and Ken Kellenberger.

Marlea Hawkins, English teacher, accompanied the MCC group to the convention.

Convention members checked in and registered for the convention Thursday afternoon at the Holiday Inn in San Marcos. Convention host, Roger E. Bennett, was on hand to welcome convention attendees and to resolve ever present problems.

Live contests, in which all MCC members participated, began Thursday evening with news writing and editorial writing. Contestants listened to a lecture given by Dr. Glenn Longley of SWTSU and were then given 45 minutes to write stories or editorials.

Live contest continued throughout the evening in sportswriting and photography, and ended with a lecture by Bill Macatee of NBC sports. After the final lecture, most conventioners returned to the hotel in hopes of obtaining some sleep.

Friday morning brought the next round of live contests in feature writing, photography, headline writing, copy editing, page layout and advertising. Contests continued throughout the morning. Breaking free of

contests, convention participants were free to attend various seminars located on the SWTSU campus.

Seminars offered at the convention included public relations, sportswriting, freedom of information, photography, newspaper design and graphics, advertising, and a number in broadcast journalism.

## Dance Company tryouts to be held this month

Tryouts for the MCC Dance Company will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the small gym in the HPE building.

The candidates will be judged on poise, posture, projection, rhythm, flexibility, and enthusiasm.

To be eligible for the tryouts, two letters of recommendation must be submitted. These include one from a high school administrator and one from a drill team director or someone who knows of one's capabilities.

Upon making the dance company, MCC will provide the uniform, capes, hat and all props. Each member is responsible for her own leotards, tights, hose, gloves, and tennis shoes.

The company practices 12:15-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 12:15-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters. Each member will receive one semester hour of credit in health and physical education.

Dance Company scholarships are available to the officers. Officer tryouts will be held this summer.

### Late bulletin

The Dance Company won the sweepstakes award in the National Collegiate Drill Team Championship contests in Dallas Saturday.

The popular MCC group was featured during the Dallas Maverick basketball game in Dallas Saturday night in honor of its win.



MCC HIGHLANDER BO HANCOCK is tagged out in a close play at the plate by Alvin College's catcher in a double-header on April 1 at the MCC field. The Highlanders went 1-1 in two high scoring games. Photo by Ken Crawford



## Jack Frost is back on the prowl?

By KIMBERLY MOORE

Is spring in the air, or is Jack Frost still creeping around? With all the flowers budding and students walking around in shorts and t-shirts, Jack Frost decided to make one last visit to our community - just to catch us off guard.

He did a good job, too. Just when it seemed like spring was upon us, we wake up and look outside only to see a winter wonderland in the making.

Even the weather men were caught off-guard on this one. I wonder if those birds that had migrated north and were heading home again got caught in the middle of the ice and sleet storm?

The forecast, which was previously warm, now was filled

with predictions on the amount of snow that would fall in Waco.

A friend of mine recalls how around noon one day the temperature was about 75 degrees and by midnight it was sleeting. I think that is quite a drastic change.

In the past few weeks we have had record high temperatures followed by freezing temperatures. I think the wires got crossed somewhere or something.

Since this has been an unseasonably warm winter, I bet the plant life is extremely confused about now. In fact, the plants out in my front yard had already started blooming when the cold spell hit. Now they may have gotten so confused, they may just forget to bloom (or they could die).

I've got to admit it was a pretty site, but since the snow is not my favorite, I was disappointed. Sun and beaches are

much more inviting than snow and colds.

But again, it seems like spring has hit again and is slowly pushing ol' Jack Frost out of the picture. Maybe it will stick around for a while until summer takes over and we start wishing for winter.

The whole situation was so ironic because most people had begun to forget about winter and look toward spring and summer clothes.

I guess one good piece of advice would be to always be ready for anything...who knows, maybe it might "suddenly" start sleeting one hot and sunny afternoon in July (or maybe not, that seems a little too far-fetched).

But...with this "unusual" Texas weather nothing would surprise me.

### Tales From the Convention Zone!

## We're livin' it up at the Hotel Convention

By MARK LUCAS

Once again its that time of the semester when those of us who are in journalism must spend a few days or even a couple of weeks recuperating from the most physically strenuous and emotionally draining experience of our lives.

The experience to which I am referring is not UIL day or putting out another issue of the *Highland Herald*. No, I am referring to the ever-dreaded and much-coveted TIPA journalism convention in *another city!*

Each convention is unique for some reason or another, but one stands out in my mind. I am referring to my Arthurian daydreams of last spring in Huntsville (or at least I think it was Huntsville) and how I was the *Dark Knight*.

That was a convention to end all conventions - or so I very naively thought once upon a time at a convention far far away. Now I realize that the maid Marion, the great revels and feasts, my great cloak, numerous dragons and demons coupled with my enlightening conversations with our very own herald Buckner were just products of Jack Vance's *Chateau D'if* and my own imagination. (Warped though it may be.)

Now I realize the convention to end all conventions is never the last but always the next. So I will attempt to paraphrase parts of the last convention which took place on the first weekend in April.

There's something about the atmosphere surrounding the convention that can never be duplicated or even equalled under laboratory conditions. I think it has something to do with the anticipation, extra adrenalin being pumped into the body due to shift into party mode and not knowing where your next meal is going to come from. (Free hors d'oeuvres in the hotel bar are man's greatest contribution to man.)

Before we ever leave on convention we pick a theme song for the weekend. Last April in Huntsville it was the Blues Brothers' "Soul Man." It was a good song because we wore turbans and dark sunglasses to the awards brunch. This year we didn't pick a song - the radio did it for us.

Have you ever heard a song and couldn't get it out of your head. That happened to me on this convention and ironically enough the song fit the mood of the weekend as well as being absolutely accurate as to what happened last weekend. The song was an old classic by the Eagles "Hotel California," but as I remember it was different somehow - the lyrics weren't the same. They were the lyrics to a little know Eagles song "Hotel Convention."

For those of you who have never heard the song I'll try and remember the words in case you ever want to have a sing-along with your friends, or in case you ever want to know what really goes on at these school sponsored trips!

### Hotel Convention

On a hot Texas highway, cold brew in my hand  
Warm fumes of truck exhaust rising up in the air  
Up ahead in the distance I saw a flashing light (vacancy)  
My eyes were bleary and my legs were cramped  
I had to stop for the night

There we stood in the doorway;  
I heard the register bell  
And I was thinking to myself  
Tomorrow we'll all feel like hell  
Then we picked up our key and signed in for the day  
There were voices down the corridor  
I thought I heard them say ... (but I may have mistaken)

Welcome to the Hotel Convention  
Such an expensive place, such a party place  
Plenty of room at the Hotel Convention (13 to a room)  
Any time of year you'll pay for it here

My mind is convention twisted,  
we got the screwdriver bends  
We got a lot of pretty loud reporters we call friends  
How we yelled in the room "Not whipped cream, no!"  
Some went to remember some went to forget  
So I called up the journalism sponsor,  
"Please wake us up in time"  
She said, "It's three a.m. Who is this?"  
Don't call me again?"

And still those girls from downstairs kept calling  
Trying to wake us up in the middle of the night (Ha ha)  
Just so we could hear them say ...

Welcome to the Hotel Convention  
Want to come on down to our place  
We're livin' it up at the Hotel Convention  
Want a nice surprise we've got LITE on ice

Footprints on the ceiling  
A sink full of brew on ice  
And she said, "We're all just journalists here  
We make our own vice."  
And in the commons cafeteria  
We gathered for the awards feast  
We stabbed it with our steely knives (no plastic this year)  
But we just couldn't kill the feast

Last thing I remember, I was  
running for the door  
I had to find the street back  
to the place we parked before  
"Slow down," said the door man  
"Here's the awards you recieved.  
You can come back any time you like,  
But please leave."

Or at least thats the way I remember the song going, but that's how the convention went at any rate. It'll probably be even better than that next year.



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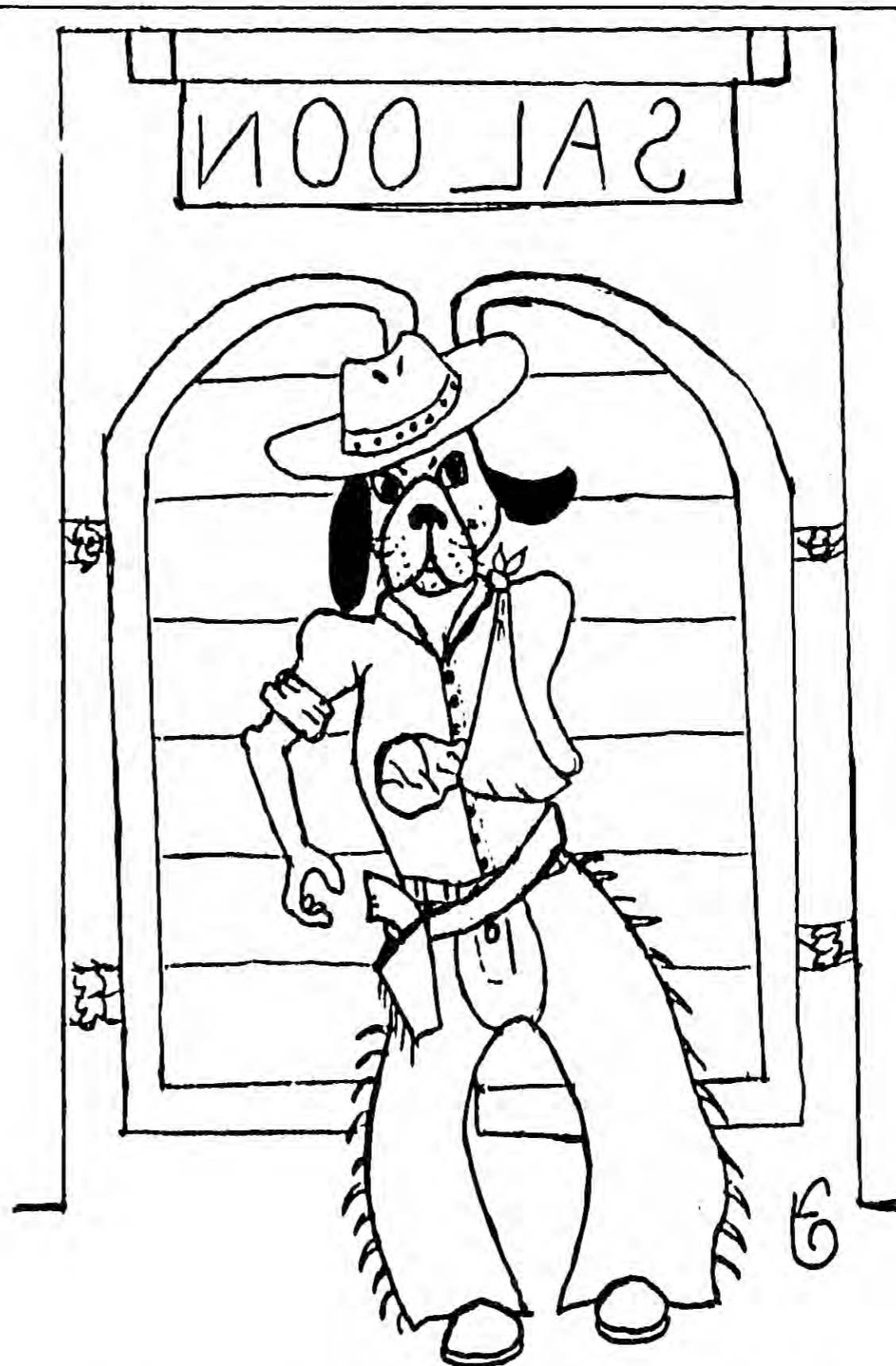
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I'M LOOKING FOR THE  
SCOUNDRAIL THAT SHOT  
MY PAW!!



## Fashion show presented at Brown Bag Luncheon

By DONNA YOUNG

MCC's fashion sales and promotion daytime class dazzled Brown Bag attendees with a "Spring into Summer" fashion show in the Student Center cafeteria last month.

The March 25 lunch hour program drew a crowd of more than 100 that included 25 off-campus visitors.

Five themes of fashion that included active wear, casual wear, 9-5, after 5, and formal wear made up the program.

Gail Stephens of Mary Kay Cosmetics served as commentator for the show as well as helped prepare the models with makeup and dress coordination. Valle Moorash also helped with preparing the models for runway etiquette.

Students were solely responsible for the organization and administration of the fashion show. Ashley Baugh acted as chairperson and co-chairpersons included Stacy Rhea, promotion; Shelley Sherrill, programing; and Mikki Grime, staging.

"I think it went very well," stated Kae Moore, program director and instructor of fashion merchandising. "It was a great experience for the students in learning how to work with vari-

ous groups in a professional manner."

A most unusual and humorous event occurred when the male models caused a slight delay during the show.

According to Moore, the "guys" were having a difficult time getting dressed and away from the mirrors — a practice most often associated with young women.

"It was a great experience for the students in learning how to work with various groups in a professional manner."

Arranging of the production — ranging from advertisement to choosing and coordinating outfits — was a class project. Individual participation was observed and critiqued for a class average by Moore.

"We try to balance out new sponsors for each production, as well as provide a wide price range for the audience," Moore said.

Fashion sponsors represented in the show included Bennetons, Brooks Fashions, Connie Shoes, Dillard's, Fashion Conspiracy, The Finishing

Touch, Gadzooks, Margo's-Regan's, and Susies Casual, all from the Richland Mall.

Other sponsors represented were The Village Shoppe and Quilter's Emporium of West, Winston's from the Lake Air Mall, Cox's and Henry's from Westview Village, and Kestner's from Brookview Center.

Additional sponsors included Al's Formal Wear, Bodacious Threads, Guess What, Mary's Klothes Kloset, Wanda Fannin, and Millers Outpost, all from the Waco area.

Feature models included Ashley Baugh, Kimberly Birdsong, Jerri Carpenter, Mikki Grime, Greg Holland, Janette Holy, Beverlon Jones, Velincia Jones, and Katherine Keller.

Additional feature models were Raquel Kraft, Minta McCauley, Beverly Merilian, Catherine Pomeroy, Stacy Rhea, Eulonda Richardson, Shelley Sherrill, Terri Speed, Natalie Storrs, Melvin Watkins, and Barbara Williams.

Another private style show will be presented by the night fashion sales and promotion class on April 11. The production will be hosted in the Hamilton House on Austin Avenue for the La Societe de Beaux Arts Study Group, a women's service organization.



MELVIN WATKINS (right) models men's spring wear ... RENEE POMEROZ (bottom left) shows off a polka dot blouse and solid skirt from a local area fashion merchant ... TERRI SPEED (back) and STACY RHEA (front) display evening wear in the MCC Fashion Show entitled "Spring into Summer." All student models are enrolled in the fashion merchandising class on our campus and were responsible for picking their own outfits. The show was presented to MCC students in a Brown Bag Luncheon on March 25 and also for UIL participants on March 26.



Photos by Ken Kellenberger

## MCC health careers day, AIDS program next week

McLennan Community College will observe National Medical Laboratory Week, April 12-18, by hosting a program on AIDS and a Health Careers Day on April 15.

The AIDS program will be presented at 10 a.m. in the MCC Lecture Hall by Cassie Stevens of the Department of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Waco-McLennan County Public Health District.

Information on various health careers will be provided from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in

the Student Center. Both the career fair and the AIDS lecture are open to the public.

National Medical Laboratory Week focuses emphasis on the importance of the work of medical laboratory professionals who comprise the health care community's third largest segment.

They perform the laboratory tests necessary to confirm a diagnosis before a physician can begin treatment.

MCC offers a two-year program in medical laboratory

technician training.

"Laboratory professionals use a variety of techniques in the laboratory, from testing blood and urine samples to the operation of sophisticated, computerized instruments," said Winfred Watkins, program director.

The theme of the national observance week is "Your Laboratory Professional: A Vital Link in the Health Care Team."

For more information, call 756-6551, ext. 369.

## Rotary offers scholarships

Qualified men and women who live or study in Waco can apply for special scholarships available from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to study abroad during the 1988-89 academic year.

The Rotary Foundation annually offers graduate, undergraduate, vocational, teacher of the handicapped, and journalism scholarships.

Undergraduate scholarships are for those students who are studying at the university level, and will have completed two years of university work prior to the commencement of schol-

arship studies. Applicants for undergraduate award must be between the ages of 18-24.

Secondary school graduates between the ages of 21-50 who have been employed or engaged full-time in a vocation for at least two years as of the application deadline, and who are not eligible for a graduate or undergraduate scholarship, may apply for vocational scholarships.

Applicants for all of the awards except undergraduate scholarships may be married.

Scholarships may be used for almost any field of study,

but study or training must be undertaken in one of the 160 countries or territories in which there are Rotary Clubs.

Expenses covered by the scholarships include round-trip transportation, all required academic fees, and living and miscellaneous related expenses for one academic year. Also included is an allowance for limited educational travel during the study year.

Applications can be obtained from the local Rotary Club and May 29 is the deadline for receipt of application forms.

## Board approves budget

By KIMBERLY MOORE

The MCC Board of Trustees recently approved the revised 1986-87 budget and decided to give instructor Mary Hughes a fully paid faculty development leave grant.

The mid-year adjustments to the budget are done each year to compare the projected income and expenses last summer to the actual figures in the present budget. Each trustee was mailed a copy of the revisions and also a commentary from President Wilbur Ball explaining them.

During March every year the budget is reviewed because all expenditures are limited.

Mary Hughes, who is a member of the nursing faculty, will be taking courses in her field at Baylor University, making instructional audio tapes, and doing volunteer work in psychiatric nursing area. Hughes will receive full salary for the Fall semester or half salary for the whole year.

The program is set up each year for one MCC faculty member to further their professional development.

Also at the March 24 meeting a report on the review of personnel policies and procedure was given by Herman Betke, vice president of business services. Betke said, "There is no discrimination in being."

Betke reported that all MCC employees will receive a review of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action policies for personnel.

The employees will each receive job descriptions and a copy will be placed in the MCC Library for public use.

A personnel handbook will be distributed and Betke said, "It's a thick book and it is not

as accessible as it should be." But now, several copies will be placed in locations easy to find.

Nancy Podet, a trustee, said this gives a climate of fairness and openness.

The discrimination procedures were also reviewed and discussed in great detail.

On campus there is a committee which is appointed by Ball to examine the ethnic composition and male/female ratio of campus employees. The committee then is to report any discrimination to him so further action can be taken to improve the problem.

"This helps make sure there is no vestige of racism at our college. That is why we spend so much time on it," said the Rev. Eric Hooker, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The board met at the Child Development Center and heard a report on the program. (see related story)

The trustees also approved expenditures for February and the monthly financial report. Then the trustees went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21.

## Outstanding students will receive honors

By DONNA YOUNG

The annual awards assembly for MCC's outstanding students will be presented Friday at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Greg Clark and Dr. LaVerne Wong will serve as hosts for the ceremony and will present the awards.

Among those to be honored will be those selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges; students selected for outstanding scholarship in the arts, the sciences, and technical programs; Student Government awards; and students selected for outstanding service in campus organizations.

Other awards will include those of appreciation to advisers of campus organizations, the outstanding scrapbook award, the outstanding organization award, and some special awards.

Students selected for outstanding scholarship in arts

and sciences subject areas, and in technical programs, are chosen according to their "outstanding" abilities and scholarship by the faculty adviser in that specific area or program.

Certain qualifications must be met for students selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Completion of 30 hours of college work (a minimum of 15 hours having been completed at McLennan Community College) with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.50, and nomination by a MCC student, faculty member, or administrator are among the qualifications.

To be eligible for the honors, students must also be outstanding in one or more of the following — scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the college and community, and potential for future achievement.



Photo by Melanie Poston

THE WACO JAZZ ENSEMBLE performs at "An Evening of Jazz" held on March 30 at the MCC Performing Arts Center. The program was the

first joint effort between Waco Jazz Orchestra and MCC's Faculty Jazz Ensemble.



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# Highlanders take 30th victory, pound Angelina



Photo by Ken Crawford

GOING FOR A THREE BAGGER, freshman J.J. Villarreal slides into third base after hitting a shot to right center field off of Alvin's starting

pitcher in the third inning of the nightcap game Wednesday, April 1.

## Second team comes to life in a 15-14 victory over Alvin

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

The second game of a double-header between McLennan Community College and Alvin Community College began the way the first one ended, with errors.

Going into the final inning of the first game, the Highlanders led 5-4. When ACC was retired in the seventh, they were two runs richer as the Highlanders committed two errors.

MCC was then silenced in their turn at bat giving them their seventh loss of the season. At the end of two and one-half innings of play in the second game, MCC was down 10-3 as they compiled three errors. In the bottom of the third inning starters were replaced with pitchers and substitutes by coach Rick Butler.

"The starters weren't doing

their job and I have other players in the dugout that would have more desire to play today than the starters seemed to have," Butler said when asked what his strategy was in pulling the starters.

"This wasn't the first time that I've pulled starters because of their performance, I also did it last year," Butler added.

The Highlander's comeback attempt began that same inning as J. J. Villarreal hit a two run homer.

MCC bats were then silent until Villarreal once again accounted for two runs. With a runner on base, Villarreal took a pitch deep to right field for a triple. He then scored on a throwing error by the second basemen. MCC then trailed 10-7.

After three more errors and four runs in the top of the sixth,

ACC led 14-7.

The Highlanders then countered with three runs to close the gap to 14-10.

Keeping ACC off the score board in the top of the seventh gave MCC the opportunity for a game winning rally.

The Highlanders started with a one-out single followed by another single and a walk to load the bases. Mike Taylor then produced a two-out hit up the middle to bring in two runners. This was followed by the three run homer of Kevin Berry to left center that helped the Highlanders cap a seventh inning five run rally to preserve a 15-14 victory.

"I was glad to get the right pitch," Berry said after rounding the bases. "I knew we would finally come together because we work hard as a team," he added.

## Students, faculty prep for Highland Games

By DARRYL ADAMSON

Plans for the 20th annual Highland Games on April 24 have organizers talking about "the biggest and best yet."

The games, slated outside the Student Center two weeks from Friday, will highlight both serious and "fun" competition plus food, excitement, and greater campus involvement for students and faculty.

For 20 years the games have also given students and staff a chance to interact on a social and competitive level.

The Dance Company, which danced away with the team competition last year, will begin the festivities by performing some traditional Scottish dances.

Competition will begin with

the caber toss, the most traditional event. This test of strength and coordination, handed down from old Scotland, involves heaving a piece of a telephone pole for distance.

Other events range from various races to pie eating contest, from jalapeno-gulping to the tug-of-war, and from wheelchair maneuvering to egg tossing.

While individuals are welcome to join the competition, the games are encouraging involvement of student organizations. The larger the group, the better their chances are of winning—and fun will be multiplied.

Anyone can be recruited to participate with any organization; but once one starts competition with that group, he

or she cannot switch to another group.

Last year's team winners, the Dance Company, reportedly recruited about 120 participants for its winning efforts. This year a group called the Cruisers have already recruited 80.

On April 24, the day of the games, the cafeteria will be closed at 11 a.m. and different clubs and organizations will sponsor food booths.

Radio station KJNE will be on hand to help announce the festivities and a parade will commence at noon from the Health and Physical Education Building to the Student Center where the fun and games will begin.

By CHRIS SUERIG

The Highlander baseball team was on the road this past weekend with four games split at two locations. The first series was with Texarkana J.C. on Saturday April 4.

MCC took a 28-7 record into the double-header and came away with a 29-8 record. Both games were close as the victor could only manage a one run advantage.

Saturday's first game saw MCC edge Texarkana 5-4. The winning pitcher was Rodney Downey whose record now stands at 7-1. Downey pitched the whole game and gave up only six hits (two homeruns) and two walks. Downey also struck out 12 batters.

The hot bats for the Highlanders were swung by Jody Dixon, J.J. Villarreal and David Sydow. Villarreal had three singles in four attempts at the plate. Dixon and Sydow each had two hits. The only extra-base hit of the game for MCC was Sydow's double. Craig Shirley made good on both of his stolen base attempts.

The second game was also a close one, but MCC couldn't sweep Texarkana and lost 3-2. The winning pitcher was Johnson Hooton for Texarkana. De-

spite only pitching two innings, Highlander Phil Essex dropped his record to 3-2. All of the runs needed to win came in the first two innings for Texarkana.

Mike Taylor entered the game in the third inning to relieve Essex, and he finished the game giving up only three hits and no runs.

One of the few bright spots for the Highlander's offense was Kevin Berry's homerun, however, Sydow did manage a single.

MCC's next venture was in Lufkin to play Angelina J.C. in a twin bill on Sunday. The Highlanders swept, drummed and dominated AJC.

Sunday started out well for the Highlanders in the first game of their double-header by beating Angelina, 17-7. The game was called at the end of the fifth inning due to the 10 run rule.

Winning pitcher for MCC was Chris Martin. Martin gave up all of the opponents runs in his four innings on the mound. Kelly Calvin came in as the relief pitcher in the last inning and gave up two hits.

The Highlanders pounded nine hits and were led by Todd

Shelton who had two homeruns in his four trips to the plate. Other solid performances on the offensive end were given by J.J. Villarreal and Hunter Brewton who each had two singles.

Much of the same story was in store for Angelina as they tried to prevent another MCC victory. The Highlanders won again in five innings by the score of 12-1.

MCC pitcher Gary Byrd lasted the duration giving up only one run, four hits and two walks while striking out eight batters. The victory gave Byrd a record of 1-0.

MCC had a field day displaying their offensive talents with 15 hits; nine singles, three doubles, and three home runs. Craig Shirley, Kevin Berry, J.J. Villarreal and Rusty Kilgo all got multiple hits. The Highlanders averaged a hit every other trip to the plate.

Coach Rick Butler said that the first national junior college rankings will be out this Friday. Butler went on to say that MCC finished first in the final regular season poll last year, although San Jacinto J.C. finished first after the playoffs were over.

## University of Texas rings to a new Bell

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Going from MCC baseball to currently No. One ranked Texas was not too difficult, according to former MCC standout Lenny Bell.

"The transition wasn't difficult, the big difference between the two levels of baseball is that at this level there is a higher caliber of talent," Bell said.

He said that the training for both programs is about the same, "they are both tough."

"Junior college ball helped me a lot, and I would go through it again if I had the chance," Bell said.

When asked what he would concentrate on if he were back in junior college, Bell responded with "hitting the off-speed pitch and taking the ball to the opposite field."

Although he played third base while attending MCC, Bell is a part-time starter at first base for Texas.

"Scott Coolbaugh is our third baseman and the coach wanted a big man on first," Bell said when asked to explain his switch from third to first.

Bell also mentioned that he did not know if he would be changing positions in the future.

On March 27-28 Texas came to town to play three games against Baylor.

Although Bell saw little action in the first two games, he saw plenty in the third.

In the third game, Bell contributed both offensively and defensively for a 5-3 Texas victory.

Offensively Bell was 2-4 at the plate with two singles and a run scored. His first plate appearance was against former MCC pitcher Robert Levens. He greeted his former teammate with a single to left field.

In that same inning he scored the go-ahead run to give the Longhorns the lead, a lead they never relinquished.

Defensively Bell played a flawless game. In order to do this, he had to scoop up a ground ball that was hit sharply and also had to dig out a couple of relay throws to complete the double plays.

"This was my first start in about two weeks," Bell commented after the game. "I probably only have about 35 at



LENNY BELL, 3B/1B

bats for the entire season," Bell said, referring to his lack of playing time. Through the Baylor game, he has 43 ABs.

While playing in 18 games, Bell has compiled a .209 season batting average while going .400 in conference play. He also has one home run, three doubles, seven runs batted in, and nine runs scored for the season.

While attending MCC, Bell broke or tied three different overall season records. He tied the record for the most games played (65) and broke the records for the most runs batted in (86) and most home runs (23). Before he broke the records, the most RBIs and home runs were (76) and (15) respectively.

Along with the overall season records, Bell amassed four others for the 1985 season — best percentage with men in scoring position (.592), most total bases (159), highest slugging average (.850), and highest batting average (.401 or 75 hits in 187 at bats).

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## Volunteers: Rays of hope for the stormy world of victims of family abuse

By MARSHA SNOWDON

*It happened again last night. I heard her screaming. Jerry was cursing and yelling. I heard crashes and thumps, doors slamming and dishes breaking, and once I imagined I heard a soft thud, like a fist hitting a cheek. I couldn't stand to listen after that...*

Family abuse is a reality in Waco. Figures provided by Marsha Brown of the Family Abuse Center in Waco show that "every 18 seconds a woman is beaten in the United States."

In addition, the Family Abuse Center housed 600 victims of abuse during 1986 and currently has many clients residing there.

Because of the humanitarian efforts of volunteers and concerned community members, these victims (mostly women and their children) are not completely without help. Three MCC students spend part of their time working with victims at the Family Abuse Center in Waco.

### MCC students help

Christy Hopkins, Charlotte Shanks, and Mary Helen Nevarez deal with these victims during an emotional time. A time when the victim's world has seemingly been torn apart.

Hopkins, a graduate from Tarleton State University with a bachelors degree in business, is planning to obtain her masters degree and is currently enrolled in the MCC mental health program.

When questioned about her reasons for becoming a volun-

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teer, Hopkins replied, "You do it because you feel an obligation to help other people. It's only through the service of other people that you can measure your own self worth."

Hopkins has been with the Family Abuse Center since January, and puts in eight hours per week.

Shanks, who is married and also the mother of two boys, started working at the Abuse Center in June of 1986. At the end of this semester she will have logged more than 300 hours of volunteer time.

"Caring about others, and knowing that they are not responsible for the actions of others (abusers)," is part of the motivation that has compelled Shanks to work at the center.

**"I've seen them come in with both eyes bruised and damaged, cuts, bruises, and one lady got shot."**

As a student of the MCC mental health program, Shanks said, "I would like to do something in the mental health field. I might work with drug abusers and alcoholics."

Shanks said she had seen what happened in abuse cases where drug and alcohol were involved, and perhaps she can lend a new insight to counseling of abusers.

Nevarez, also enrolled in the mental health program, declined comment about her work with the Family Abuse Center.

Volunteer duties include "intake interviews," a complete gathering of facts and data about the victim, answering "crisis calls," and sessions with the victims.

### Life or death situations

One of the questions asked when involved in a crisis call is, "Are you in danger?" If an apparent threat of real danger is detected, the caller is advised to leave the premises and go to a location where they can be picked up by member of the abuse center.

At no time is the location of the center given to a caller. The anonymity of the center can be, as stated by Brown, "a matter of life or death."

Another point, voiced both by Brown and Hopkins, is the policy that the clients are never told what to do. The clients must be responsible for making their own decisions.

### Heartbreak stage

Brown revealed statistics that show 80 percent of the women seeking assistance at the Family Abuse Center return to the abuser and the abuse situation.

Returns such as these are apparently trying times for counselors, staff members and volunteers alike. "You want to

say don't go back, but you can't... you just can't," said Hopkins.

"Your heart goes out to these women," said Shanks. "I've seen them come in with both eyes bruised and damaged, cuts, bruises, and one lady got shot. You know you want to help them."

When the time to leave arrives, Shanks said, "I always tell them, the doors are open."

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According to Brown, many women will come back two or three times.

When dealing with volatile situations there are times when, "you have to know your own limits," said Hopkins. Sometimes counselors are a little nervous, but they must develop a good rapport with the client. Counselors have to let them know that they are there to help, she said.

**(This is part of a continuing series regarding family abuse in the Waco area.)**



Photo by Melanie Poston  
LAVERNE WONG, vice president of student sheriff's department during Criminal Justice activities, receives some pointers about the Day held at MCC on April 2.

## Scarborough comes home to 'challenge' English students

By JEFF OSBORNE

Patricia Scarborough is a prime example of "coming home to roost."

As a newly appointed English lab instructor, Scarborough revealed her history as an MCC student and the goals she wishes to accomplish in her new job.

Scarborough's main goal as an English instructor is to "constantly challenge students in order to get the material across." She added, "If it can help them improve their lives, it's very rewarding."

Some challenges she poses may include requesting a student to rewrite a paper two or three times. "I'm happy with the attitude of the students in being good natured about this," said Scarborough.

The students directly under Scarborough's supervision are currently enrolled in English 301 and have been assigned to the lab as a requirement for class completion.

Scarborough works in conjunction with Sonia Jacobs-Johnson who is the only addi-

tional designated English lab instructor. "I really feel privileged to work with such professionals in the English department," she said.

Scarborough did not wish to disclose how long she had attended MCC; however, she graduated with an associate in arts degree in 1976.

Recounting her MCC experiences, she said, "I enjoyed the atmosphere, the comradery, and making friends."

She mentioned that the instructors were accommodating and eager to help students.

When asked to comment about her favorite instructors at MCC, she first mentioned Dr. Michael White, her Western civilization teacher.

"He helped me realize how interesting history can be," Scarborough said. Scarborough also commented on her appreciation of Dr. White's enthusiasm which affected her class selection at the University of Texas.

Teachers she mentioned in the field of English include Jeanette McGinnis (no longer on staff at MCC) and Travis Loofer. "They presented material in a very interesting way that made students want to learn more," she said.

Other instructors who left an impact on Scarborough were Paul Holder, government; Barney Fitzpatrick, fine art; Dale Hughes, religion; and Carol Jolly, sociology.

In addition to the atmosphere and the instructors at MCC, Scarborough said she enjoyed attending basketball games and plays presented by the drama department.

She regretted her lack of involvement in club activities which she attributed to her family responsibilities (she has four children and is presently divorced).

One negative memory of her school days at MCC was the "parking problem" which "existed then just as it does today."

Between graduation from MCC and receipt of her bachelor of arts degree from UT in 1986, Scarborough worked for the Veterans Administration regional office and the VA Medical Center.

During this time she was also involved in a part-time business which produced professional resumes.

At UT, Scarborough majored in English, minored in sociology, and enrolled in several history courses.

## Student plays into record books

By MONTINA WILLIAMS

At noon Friday, Feb. 20, Reggie Reed, best known for his trade name "Rappin Reggie," set an unofficial world record by disc jockeying for 45 hours.

Reed, 21, a broadcasting major at MCC, got his idea to set such a record from "Doctor Rock," a disc jockey on KKDA-FM in Dallas.

"Staying awake was the hardest part, I drank orange juice and gargled listerine for my throat," he said.

KCEN and KXXV coverage helped him keep going as well as calls from listeners of KKDA in Dallas.

Reed's record is expected to be entered in the Guinness Book of Records, the 1989 edition.

Typical items such as clothes, cereal bowls, a television set and even a toothbrush, were set up on his DJ's stand for the marathon effort.

At the end of spring, Reed will finish his communications studies at MCC and hopefully continue at Baylor in the fall.

"Dr. Rock planned to break an existing record of 28 hours, and that's where I got my idea

to do better," Reed said.

"My goal was for 50 hours, but by Sunday morning at 7 I decided to give it up. I was shooting for 9 o'clock."

Reed added, "The microphone was holding up my head and then my legs started trembling."

"I scratched and mixed 10 songs and danced without a break for about an hour," he said.

Two phones in the club were used to help keep Reed awake during his quest. One phone was used for K-104 and the other was for KKDA.

"K-104 would call and I'd have to run and catch it before the third ring then they figured I was asleep," he said, adding, "The other phone was beginning to create a problem so I took it off the hook."

Reed played 320 12-inch records non-stop for 16 hours at the Nite Owl Club that Friday night.

"I want to get a degree in communications, then go into radio broadcasting, and be just like DJ Al Joyner," he stated.

Phil Collins is his favorite artist "because the man be jammin'," he said.

A rap record in Run-D.M.C. style is his next goal, with lyrics urging youngsters to stay off of drugs and staying in school.

Reed concluded, "I don't claim to be the best DJ, but I'm a great DJ, see what I mean."



Photo by Danyal Keys

**"RAPPIN' REGGIE"** (right) and friend Larry Wydermyer entertain the crowd at a local night club, "The Nite Owl," where he set a new world

mark by doing 45 hours of continuous disc jockeying. The time will reportedly be published in the new Guinness Book of Records.

## Campus patrol personnel: Not just ticket writers

By CHRIS BELL

The security personnel driving around in a white Ford LTD with MCC written on the side do more than just write parking tickets and stand around at basketball games. They protect students, parked vehicles, MCC's property, and do public relations for the school.

There are no special requirements to work on the MCC campus patrol other than a high school diploma or G.E.D. and a good driving record.

Since the officers are not licensed with the state, they should be called "campus patrol personnel" rather than security guards, said the department supervisor, D.L. Chambers, who is the only state licensed police officer on the staff.

Chambers, who has been at MCC for about three years, said at one time all the patrol personnel were licensed peace officers with the state of Texas but most have relocated to larger police departments.

Chambers said he remains at MCC because he enjoys working with the students.

One of the duties of the MCC patrol is to act as "a visible deterrent to people (non-students) coming on campus and causing trouble," said Chambers.

Other duties include protecting MCC students, faculty, and

property; locking buildings at night and opening them before class in the morning; controlling parking on campus; and assisting visitors who may need information on building location and registration.

First-Aid and C.P.R. training are not required for campus patrolmen, but anyone hired without those skills is sent through courses to learn them.

MCC has a patrolman on duty 24 hours a day. The patrolman at night is on duty mainly for building security and to unlock the doors in the morning.

The dispatcher for MCC's campus patrol is the switchboard operator. However, after the switchboard closes the only way to reach one of the patrolmen is to call Continuing Education or the Waco police department. The MCC patrolmen have direct radio communication with the Waco P.D. and will receive the call through their dispatcher.

Some of the most exciting things that Chambers recalls having to deal with at MCC is an occasional automobile fire, giving assistance when a student becomes ill and catching several auto burglars in the act.

This may be somewhat less glamorous than "Miami Vice," but Chambers still puts in extra effort. When he discovers that someone has parked a car with the headlights on, he turns 'hem off.



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# Child Development Center needs 3-5 year old children

By KIMBERLY MOORE

The MCC Child Development Center is seeking children between the ages of 3 and 5 to fill vacancies.

Theo Pilot and Katherine Wilder, active members in the child care area, recently told the MCC Board of Trustees how the center provides children with a secure learning environment through programs designed to meet growth and development needs.

The center is open 7:15 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. 12 months a year, but it is closed on MCC holidays. The facility was previously only open from September until May, but it now will be open during the summer.

Costs at the facility are \$42 per week for 3-5 year olds, \$45 per week for 18-35 months, and \$50 for 3-17 months.

### Center activities

Parent meetings are held bi-monthly and the group's goals include talking about the needs of the children. The group is presently working on getting t-shirts for the children enrolled which would further publicize the MCC Center, according to Wilder.

The equipment and materials at the center are all "open-ended," which means the children can use a "hands-on" active process. (An example would be blocks)

A child's environment at the center consists of various "learning centers" that focus on the self concept. A learning center as defined by Wilder is an area or space in which choice is well-defined and cleared.

In the summer the children

will be able to take a water safety class at the MCC swimming pool with qualified instructors to further their experiences in the water.

### Child Development Program

MCC offers a two-year associate in applied science degree in child development as well as a certificate.

In addition to classroom work, the center provides students with practical experience with children.

During a student's first year all lab work is completed at the MCC cottages while second year students work off campus.

Presently, 201 students are enrolled in 14 classes on campus and 162 in 11 classes off campus. Also, 103 students are declared child development majors, according to Pilot.



PROUD WINNERS, the staff of The Highland Herald holds several of the contest awards won at the joint meeting of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association and the Texas Community College Journalism Association in San Marcos last week. Left to right kneeling are Mark Lucas, Kim Moore, Jeff Osborne, Joe Jimenez, and Ken Caldwell. On the second row are Scot Smart,

Renee Jarvis, Donna Young, and Chris Suerig. On the back row, left to right, are Cheryl Cummings, Chris Bell, Ken Kellenberger, Marsha Snowdon, Roxie Johnson, Montana Williams, and Joe Zahrlniak. Not available for the picture were Renee Brown, Lori Vance, Kathy Chatham, Patrick King, Keith Henry, Melanie Poston, and Danyel Keys.

# Forum seeks host families

The International Education Forum is now seeking families interested in hosting foreign high school students for the coming academic year starting in September.

A unique feature of the I.E.F. program is that host families can choose from fifteen different nationalities; mostly European and Asian, although a few students from South America are available from time to time.

Upon registering each student completes a detailed application from which a profile is drawn. This is available for perusal to aid in selecting a stu-

dent whose lifestyle and interests are compatible with the host family.

All students have been thoroughly screened and tested during the application process and all have good academic skills and sufficient English to function in an English-speaking family, community and high school setting. The students will be mostly seniors and juniors between the ages of 13 and 18, according to Tom Sergent who is the local representative.

All students bring ample spending money for personal needs and have full medical

coverage. Host families are asked only to provide room, board and the enthusiasm to share their lifestyle here in the United States with a teenage visitor from abroad.

I.E.F. is a nonprofit public benefit organization with its headquarters in California. Annually it brings to the United States approximately 500 students from around the world.

Sergent, its local coordinator, will assist in the matching process of host family and student and is responsible as a local contact during the year for any problems or questions. He may be reached at 751-0581.

# Songwriter Pyle to sing

Singer/songwriter Chuck Pyle will present a free concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the MCC's Fine Arts Theatre.

Pyle is perhaps best known as the writer of "Jaded Lover," a number which became a "Top-15" hit for Jerry Jeff Walker.

Pyle's songs have also been recorded by Southern Pacific and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

An American cowboy folk poet, Pyle's music is a blend of country, western, folk and rock that captures the flavor of the West and Southwest.

He wrote nine of the 10 songs on his debut album "Drifter's Wind," which was well received by music critics.

Billboard magazine wrote of the album, "Pyle sounds something like Gordon Lightfoot, an attribute that goes well with

the introspective lyrics and the strong sense of place that characterize his material."

At MCC, Pyle will also lead a songwriting clinic April 9 from 2-4 p.m. in Room 145 of the Performing Arts Center. The clinic is free to the public.

Pyle's Waco visit is sponsored by the MCC Commercial Music Department. For more information, call 756-6551, ext. 283.

# Stardom, a goal so near he could almost touch it

By DONNA YOUNG

Stardom, so near — yet so far. Darryl Adamson, a current MCC journalism major, almost found his musical "pot of gold."

Growing up taking "those dreaded piano lessons" almost paid-off for Adamson.

It wasn't until high school that things began rolling along "the yellow-brick-road" toward stardom.

Popsicles, a rhythm and blues band, was formed one afternoon when Adamson and several of his friends got together and "started messing-around with music." They liked what they heard, so they began to perform at different social functions.

Top Teens, a high school social organization, helped bring in other members of the group

and "Popsicles" soon became a popular name around the Tyler area.

The big break, however, did not come about until a rhythm and blues band called "SOS" played a gig in Tyler.

James Smart, the promoter of the group, just happened to be backstage when Darryl and other Popsicles members sneaked in and started talking to the SOS band members.

Smart soon found out how popular Popsicles was, and he asked the local group to open for that night's performance.

After that night, Smart became Popsicles' agent.

Their first performance was at Caldwell Auditorium and gigs started "rolling in" after that, Adamson said.

**"It's so gratifying to go into a studio with an idea and later listen to the final product and be awed by what you've created,"**

They began to open for R&B bands coming through town. Bobbie Humphreys, a famous jazz flutist, SOS, Roger Troutman & Zapp, Pieces of a Dream, and Phyllis Hyman were among several of the groups that headlined after Popsicles' openings.

Popsicles also played twice in the Dallas Cool Jazz Festival.

The band soon had its own tour which ranged from Killeen to the Mississippi.

The band's dream of stardom almost came true when they opened up for the band, Johnson Crew, in 1981. Johnson Crew liked what they heard from the Popsicles, and decided to sign them up on their record label contract. This time fate worked against them and the deal fell through, but the band kept on playing. 1984 presented itself as "the

year of good fortune" for the Popsicles. Total Experience, a subsidiary of RCA, got wind of the band and signed them up for a contract.

The band flew out to Hollywood to play in a showcase and performed before producers and playwrights to gain material and popularity.

An album project soon got underway for the band. "It's so gratifying to go into a studio with an idea and later listen to the final product and be awed by what you've created," Adamson said.

One of the producers soon found that Adamson could sing as well as play the piano and allowed him to sing several lead songs. "I was just a piano player ... I didn't know I could sing," Adamson said.

**"It wasn't what I dreamed it would be — it's not all glitter and glamour."**

It was then, that a major break-up occurred within the band. Some of the guys decided they were not getting enough artistic freedom, so they left — breaking contract.

Adamson and the lead female singer were the only members left of the Popsicles. They decided to stick with the project and finish the album contract.

Then Adamson had a major dispute with the company and left, also breaking contract.

"It wasn't what I dreamed it would be — it's not all glitter and glamour," he said.

"You really have to be dedicated to the music profession to be in this business," he added. "It's very political. It's not what you know — it's who you know."

He went on to say that many young artists are taken advantage of from their lack of knowledge of the business. Many performers are beginning to produce their own material or have their material written if they are lucky enough to find "good" producers.

Adamson also had the chance to meet stars like James Brown and Little Richard.

"It was exciting, but my attitude toward these people changed when I saw their true personalities," he said.

"I grew-up a lot out in Hollywood," he sighed, "I don't regret it — I've learned not to take people at face value."

Adamson, now a MCC student, is aiming to a journalism degree with a goal of one day to writing and critiquing music.

Popsicles, his high school band, is still under contract until 1991 or 1992. No one from the group will be able to perform professionally until that contract is expired, according to Adamson.

"I'm going on with my life. Music is a part of me, but I know I am smart enough to do anything I put my mind to," he said.



Photo by Melanie Poston

MCC STUDENT DARRYL ADAMSON shares his life as a music major and plans to write and compose music. Adamson is presently a

journalism major at MCC and is copyrighted by RCA records.