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# Game, set, match, tennis terminated

By KYLE DAVIS

Staff Reporter

The former national champion MCC women's tennis program will be dropped after this season.

Athletic director Wendell Hudson said that the decision was made at the board of trustees meeting two weeks ago. The board did approve a move to replace tennis with softball starting next season.

Due to the fact that the number of softball teams have increased, tennis programs are dwindling. For example, the number of softball teams, nationwide, have doubled in

the past two years, with 198 competing in the 1998-99 season.

However the number of NJCAA Division I tennis programs have declined steadily the last few years. There were 41 last year and only 17 at the beginning of this season.

"It's a slide that is expected to continue," said Hudson. He also said that "tennis people" expect the number to drop to eight or less "by this time next year."

"I went numb when I heard the news," said Highlassie tennis coach Carmack Berryman, who is a member of both the men's and women's Junior College Hall of Fame.

Berryman, who has been the ten-

nis coach here for 23 years, said losing the women's program was tougher than when the board did the same to the national champion men's program just four years ear-

"This is even worse," he said. "When we lost the men's program, I knew we still had the women's program. Now we don't have either."

The MCC women's team has been to the NJCAA national tournament 11 times, winning the national championship in 1997, and finishing second last year.

The toughest part for Berryman was telling his players the news. The sophomores are Phyllis

Ashley Jensen. The freshman are Kristen Graif, Amanda Schneider, Denise Amagan, and Floresita Lopez.

"There were a lot of tears," said Berryman. "And not all of them were theirs. It was just disbelief because the program has been so success-

"It has been a devastating day for the freshman, but it sad for the sophomores and all the past players, too, because they were a part of the tradition that was started here. This is a loss for the Waco tennis community."

The scholarships of the fresh-

Wilunda, Kristen Davies, and men will be honored through next year and Berryman will try to place them in other junior colleges and four-year programs by next fall.

Berryman will remain on the MCC staff as a physical education instructor and has the task of starting the softball program next sea-

"It saddens us to leave a sport in which MCC teams have excelled over many years," said Athletic Director Wendell Hudson, "but there are now fewer Division I programs. It's important that all our athletes have opportunities to compete on the highest level possible."



## Language and lattes in the library

By Amanda Priest

Recently Reelected George W. Bush Jr., visited the MCC Downtown Center. See related story on page 2.

'Second

time

around'

holo by Elizabeth Meyer

Staff Reporter It's time to come in out of the cold

and enjoy the coffee house setting of Casa De Cafe. Casa De Cafe, will be held sched-

uled Wednesday from 10:20 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the library, is in it's fifth year here at MCC. It is a charity to raise money to buy books for children between the ages of 3 and

8. It is also put on to honor the arts of MCC. The English department has a poetry contest and the winners, either faculty or student, get to preform at Casa De Cafe. There will be live music and art work around the second floor of the li-

At Casa De Cafe there will be coffee, coco, and cookies. "This is the only time that food will be aloud in the library" says Librarian Remona Madewell. The show will be about Herald.

gers-my dad, his dad, and his dad.

By the time I was supposed to take

over I was in Vietnam, hooked on

Hall, a disabled veteran, blind in

one eye, went to the Veteran's Ad-

ministration Rehab Program only

to become hooked on methadone.

After repeated run-ins with the law

including DWI's and citations for

public intoxication, he lost his job

year-old Chicago native, has been

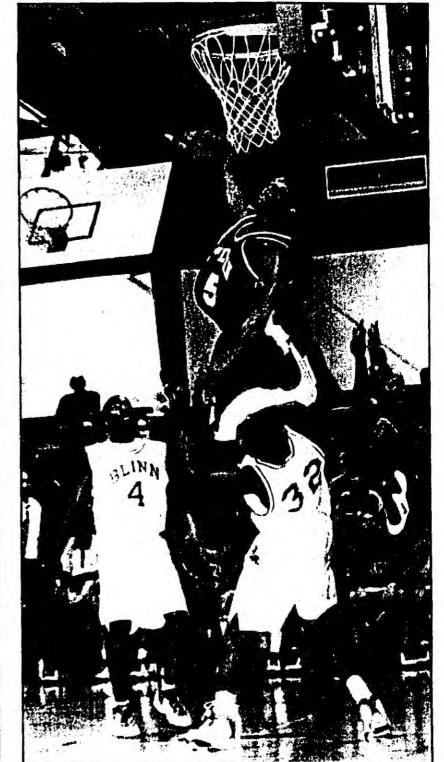
William "Hippy" Oferosky, a 39-

heroin and hash," said Hall.

and ended up on the street.

two hours long and if your professor brings the class then it will just be \$10 instead of \$2 per person. Otherwise it is \$2 per person. Children books will not be accepted as payment this year as they were in previous years.

Last year Casa De Cafe raised \$400 dollars for the Storybook Christmas. Storybook Christmas is sponsored by Central Texas Literacy Coalition and the Waco Tribune -



IN YOUR FACE-Sophomore Senecca Wall smashes down for two

# Hard times for Waco's homeless Highlander Station



year-old homeless man from Atlanta, admitted his addictions. "I grew up in a family of bootleg-

"It changes every day," said Janet Harrison, director of services at Waco's Salvation Army. "New people arrive, some people leave and there are some who live with others that are liable to become homeless at anytime, not to mention those living in abandoned buildings," she

on the road for 26 years since he was "I never knew either of my parents. My daddy was an alcoholic who shot and killed my mainma when I was two. After that I went to live with an uncle who was my daddy's alcoholic brother. Needless to say, I thought I faced the same fate as my mother, so I hit the road Paul Hall, and never looked back," said Oferosky.

Unlike many homeless people, Oferosky does not drink. He claims that the "evils of genetics" would surely "doom" him.

Instead, he spends much of his time panhandling for money to buy food, coffee and cigarettes.

"Pardon me, can you spare some change for a happy meal, or any mend would make me happy for a change," is Oferosky's most creative panhandling line.

Oferosky has also had his own brushes with the law. He said he was cited with criminal trespassing for sleeping in the Fort Fisher Comotory and spont 31 days in the McLonnan County Jail.

"It was nice, while it Insted. Those were the quietest neighbors I've over had," said Oferosky of his cometery

Several organizations have services designed specifically to help

the area homeless.

meals a day, 365 days a year in addition to clothing once a month and offering shelter on rainy days or when it is below freezing outside. Also offered through the program is help finding a job, a place to shower daily for those employed but homeless, and daily paid jobs, called casual labor, through the Texas Work Force Commission.

The Salvation Army offers three

A local organization, Mission Waco, offers meals, clothes and spiritual counseling, "Church under the bridge" is a church service sponsored by, Mission Waco, held every Sunday under the 1-35 bridge across from Baylor University. Here the homeless may attend a church service and enjoy a meal after services.

The problem of homelessness is difficult to combat and the answers are never in black and white.

Janet Harrison of the Salvation Army said that the homeless problem is best addressed before an individual is on the street for more than six months.

"After six months, they get that street mentality and go into a survival mode where they are more worried about where to lay their heads tonight and what they are going to eat tomorrow, not making plans for the future," said Harrison.

As the sun brings on another day, the morning commuters switch off their headlights. Standing with his sign, Oferosky makes a wide gesture to the traffic.

"I wouldn't know how to live in that society. What they pay for in money, we pay for in years." As a dollar snakes emitiously

through a barely open window, Oferosky smiles, and whispers, "God bless you."

He doesn't know another way and wouldn't have it any other

# soon to service area

By SEAN MEDLIN

Staff Reporter

Think back. You're five, maybe six years old. It's your birthday. Your first card comes in the mail. You look at your name and excitedly tear open the envelope to read the contents. Your relationship with the mail begins.

Fast forward to the present. Classes all day-either attending them or teaching them. Quick breakfast. Quick lunch. There's no time left for you to receive mail, read mail, or send mail. You wish your relationship with the mail would end.

If this summarizes your feelings with our mail system, then good news is coming to you. A new post office near MCC will be opening

The Highlander Station, which

the new post office is accurately named, is scheduled to open on Nov. 23. In less than two weeks you should be able to send and receive mail at this new location.

This is great news to those students or employees who seem to be able to put contents into envelopes, address them, and lick the flaps, vet not actually send them. Our answer to the post office's motto of "We Deliver For You" seems to be "When We Get It To You."

The location of Waco's newest post office at 4428 N. 19th St. is an envelope's throw away from the MCC campus and is sure to be a great asset for the college commu-

However, the opening, albeit long awaited and desperately needed, was a long time in the making.

With the area and name proposed, it was just a matter of time before the dream became a reality. (Continued on page 2)



HIGHLANDER STATION will service MCC and the surrounding area.

Personal concepts of conservation see page 3

A tribute to Butler and MCC baseball

Complete overview of MCC Basketball

### **News Briefs**

#### Express registration underway

Returning students who want the best choice of spring classes are encouraged to take advantage of express registration, Nov. 9 through Dec. 4. Undeclared majors can be advised and registered without an appointment at Career Development Services, located on the ground floor of the MCC Student Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Arts and sciences majors should contact a faculty advisor to set an individual appointment for advising and registration. A list of advisors is available in the Career Development Center, the Student Services Building and in each departmental office. Technical majors will be advised and registered through their individual program area offices. Traditional registration for the spring semester is Jan. 12, 14 and 16, with most classes beginning the week of Jan. 19. For more information call 254-299-8MCC or check the website at www.mcc.cc.tx.us.

#### New students can register early

Students planning to enter the college for the first time in the spring semester are encouraged to register early by making an appointment for an information, advising and registration session. Attendance is required for all new full time students planning to take 12 or more semester hours. Express advising and registration sessions are set for 1-5 p.m. Nov. 17, and Dec. 1, and Jan. 12. For the convenience of those working during the day, an evening session will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 18. To make an appointment for an advising session, call 254-299-8614. Traditional registration for the spring semester is Jan. 12, 14 and 16. Most classes begin the week of Jan. 19. For more information call 254-299-8MCC or check the college's website at www.mcc.cc.tx.us.

#### Technology open house here Friday

The "bigger and better than last year's" Instructional Technology Services open house for faculty and staff will be held Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. As budget time is here, what a perfect time to see the latest technology. The equipment and services will be displayed in the Tech Lab and in room 111 in section E of the Community Services Center. For more information call Carla Cockrell at 299-

#### English for half a semester

Students who want to take the research paper class (English 1302) but only want to spend half a semester on the work should sign up for ENGL 1302.80, which meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. The class runs from Jan. 20 to March 17. Cheryl Bohde will be teaching the class. For further information, she can be reached at 299-8937 or email her at cdb@mcc.cc.tx.us

#### African-American lit course offered

An African-American literature course will be offered in the spring taught by Arvis Scott. The course is English 2379.01 and meets MWF from 11:30-12:25. Students who may need a sophomore literature course or humanities elective should consider this class. The course may also be taken for step credit by faculty members. Call Arvis Scott at 299-8940 for more information.

#### Mass communication on the Web

Introduction to Mass Communication, COMM 1307, will be among courses taught for the first time on the Internet next semester. The course covers each of the mass media — television, radio, movies, music, books, newspapers, magazines, and computers — in addition to public relations and advertising. Legal aspects, ethics, research and theory, and how the press interacts with government are also covered. Call Tom Buckner, 299-8717, or email at tab@mcc.cc.tx.us for more information.

#### Mexican American history in spring

History 2380 "The Mexican American in the Southwest" will be aught by Gilbert Montemayor this spring. Students who need a humanities elective should consider this class. It should be especially valuable to social studies majors. It will also be offered to faculty as a step-credit course. The class will meet TTH from 11:10-12:30 in LA 206. Contact Montemayor at 299-8934 for further information.

#### **Practice TASP on the Web**

National Evaluation Systems has announced the availability of the TASP practice test on the TASP Web site beginning this month. The practice test is the full-length practice test from the Official TASP Test Study Guide. It includes test directions, the full-length practice test, an answer key, and a skill evaluation chart so students can compare their results to the TASP skills and skill areas. The practice test can be found on the TASP Web site at www.tasp.nesinc.com and it will be available to view on-line or print out. The practice test will be available free of charge to students and institutions of higher education for non-commercial use. For additional information call Monty Francis 299-8689.

#### Names in the news

Dr. Steve Phillips, government adjunct instructor, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation. He will officially graduate in December . . . Linda Hatchel, who has been selected as the college's Czech Republic exchange English professor for the spring semester

... Sydney Landis, recently was invited to present a paper on her health care research at a sociology conference and subsequently has been invited to publish her work . . . Stephanie Litizzette, sociology adjunct instructor, was selected as outstanding student in the Graduate College at Baylor. She is a doctoral candidate.

#### Perez Queen of Fiesta de la Raza

First year student Elidia Perez was crowned Queen by the Fiesta de la Raza at the St. Francis Church on the Brazos last October. Perez was coronated after writing a winning essay on the role of hispanic women and their domestic and independent life-styles in our modern society. The writing contest did not crown a King because no males entered the contest. Perez used the \$500 award towards her MCC tuition.

#### Retirement video available

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas recently produced a video regarding benefits to TRS active members and retirees. Faculty members are welcome to check this video out from the personnel office. The 17-minute video covers TRS-Care insurance for retirees. TRS-Care does not pertain to institutions of higher education (MCC's insurance for both active employees and retirees is administered through Employees Retirement System of Texas). For further information call Phyllis Pruett at 209-8610.

#### Opportunities for TV exposure

Those who would like television exposure for their programs at the college have opportunities, say Admission Specialists George Harrison and David Hurtado. Harrison is executive producer and host for the pre-taped 30-minute public service program "Forum" on KWTX-TV. Hurtado has been in contact with Dan Guerra, program director for the KCEN-TV morning show. Both are looking for programs or activities that will be informative as well as providing action or demonstration. Those interested should call or email Harrison (grh) at 209-8679 or 808-1360, Hurtado (drh) at 209-8620, Elida Garza (edg) at 209-8597, or Monty Francis (mof) at 299-8689.

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# Student Satisfaction

## Affordable prices and convenient location appealing

By FAWN FALETOGO

Staff Reporter

A survey taken last September indicates that three out of four students choose to attend MCC for the main reason of the satisfactory low costs of tuition and fees.

This general consensus is an interesting twist for a school who has recently increased its tuition and

Perhaps the cost of MCC education is satisfactory in light of its convenient location and available courses, also cited as a major reason to attend, by the randomly surveyed students.

As indicated by the survey, 58 percent of students enroll in this community college mainly to take a stab at personal success.

The rate of student enrollment is linked to the readily available financial aid and the opportunity to work while attending college. This

study also indicates that MCC is definitely not a hot spot for extracurricular activities, and the lack of participation is alarming.

As shown in the student survey more than half of the student body never participates in extra-curricular activities, like the Highlander Games, clubs, and volunteer work.

Overall, student satisfaction can be interpreted from the survey as

being happy with the quality of education relative to the cost of tuition.

Governor Bush says 'Keep up the good work'

# Downtown Center provides free instruction for basic education

By RHIANNON BAILEY

Staff Reporter

People desiring educational aid can go to the Downtown Higher Education Center for general education diploma classes or adult literacy classes.

The classes are taught by Matt Rice, an adult basic education instructor at the Mission Waco Training Center.

On Oct. 10 Governor George Bush came to the Training Center to speak about program which attempt to help people get off welfare by getting an education.

Governor Bush told Rice to "keep up the good work," Rice said he felt proud, but "praise always feels good."

These classes are open-entry, open-exit classes. This way there is no waiting for a semester to begin or end. Plus, there is no set limit. It can

take some people four weeks to four months.

In addition to GED classes, students can take classes to learn testtaking skills needed to get a specific job. For example, a person could come in for two or three class meetings to work on skills. At the end of the program, the graduates are interviewed by different companies.

Most people come to these classes to improve skills and get better jobs at the company where they are work-

Since the majority of people trained in these classes stay in town, Rice said, "Waco can only benefit."

Also, there is an industry class taught to promote job skills, which companies say "If you provide the people, we will provide the job."

Rice's students range from age 25-30 and normally have at least two children. The youngest and oldest students Rice has taught were 16 and 69.

A few years ago, Rice met former classes, call 753-1044.

first lady Barbara Bush who had started the literacy program across the country. Through this experience, he was even more inspired and proud of his job.

Before instructing at the Mission Waco Training Center, he taught high school. Rice said that this is more rewarding because these students actually want to learn.

Other classes taught at the Downtown Center include English as a second language (ESL), keyboarding and workforce classes in manufacturing.

People interested in taking these classes only need to sign up because the classes are free. Textbooks are used in class, so there is no expense on books.

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For more information about these

## Adopt-A-School G. L. Wiley visits campus for shadowing

By VERONICA CABARRUBIA Staff Reporter

The students of G. L. Wiley will be coming to MCC on Friday for Job Shadowing Day.

Job Shadowing Day is when Wiley students accompany MCC participants to the workplace. Wiley students have a chance to observe and even participate with MCC representatives on the job.

The Wiley students will arrive at 9 a.m. in front of the Students Service Building where MCC participants will pick up his or her "shadow."

MCC participants are encouraged to involve students in other activities, such as a tour of campus or having a student join class.

Each participant from both schools will be served a free lunch in the MCC cafeteria between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. After lunch, the students will return to the workplace until 2:30 p.m. The students are to return to the Student Services Building, so they can leave for Wiley.

If a representative cannot pick up his or her student, accompany the student to lunch, or needs more information about participating, contact Joe Fortson at extension 8289.

#### Run/walk for Kids

The 7th annual MCC 5 kilometer/1 mile run/walk will be held Saturday. This year proceeds from the race will go to the Kids College Scholarship Fund. If you would like to participate or volunteer, call Phyllis Tipton at 299-8352.

# SGA gears up for TJCSGA conference

By JACQUELINE HARVEY

Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association has had a full schedule the past two weeks, and have an even more hectic schedule ahead.

· It served as host of a dinner for the Board of Trustees.

·It nominated students for "Who's Who Among College Stu-

 It elected a new faculty advisor. · Members are attending workshops on Parliamentary procedure. Thursday, it will be attending a

The SGA also hosted the Board of Trustees dinner on Oct. 26 out-

statewide meeting in Bryan.

side the Art Center. The eight member dinner committee decorated the dinner in a fall

theme. Throughout the dinner, the

Waco Community Band played

A committee of four members reviewed applications Oct. 9 from 20 students who wished to be placed in the annual publication, "Who's Who Among College Students." Of those 20, the committee unani-

mously decided on only 12 to be sent to the next level of competition. "We sent 12 because we felt only pete at the next level as well as exceptional enough to represent MCC,"said LaKesha Whitfield, SGA public relations officer.

English Instructor Jim McKeown as it's new faculty advisor to assist Amberdawn Moore. After volunteering, he was elected to the Association by members at last Friday's meeting.

During the week of Nov. 2-6, a series of workshops on parliamentary procedure began, continuing through Thursday for all members by SGA Parliamentarian Niel Smith. The workshops were held to

12 were exceptional enough to com- better educate and prepare members for the statewide meeting Thursday. The Region IV conference of the Texas Junior College Student Gov-

The association recently voted ernment Association (TJCSGA) on Oct. 24 was cancelled due to flood However, the meeting was re-

scheduled for Thursday, and the 11 SGA members who attended are anticipating the return to Blinn College in Brenham.

Although the first meeting was cancelled, the SGA members made good use of their time in Brenham, visiting the George Bush Library.

## **Highlander Station**

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The Highlander Station will replace two existing post offices: the Mitchel Station at 1822 Mitchel and the Colonial Station at 2400 Colo-

"They are both so crowded," Kincer said of the two stations. He went on to explain that today's mailing system requires more sorting room, along with larger sorting equipment.

"The other two just don't offer state of the art equipment that we need today," he added.

The fate of the two stations are sealed. Mitchel Station will be closed completely. The Colonial Station, however, will remain open as a finance unit for only post boxes and one window to buy stamps will remain open to the public.

The Highlander Station will combine the employees of both old stations. In fact, while there will be no new job positions opened, there will be no jobs lost as a result of the

The Highlander Station will simply be two stations in one. This will not only allow for more efficiency, but it will also allow the U.S. Postal Service to begin new adventures as

#### A New Concept

In some regards, the new location will be a first for the Waco area. With the new opening comes a new program: the "Postal Store" con-

The Postal Store concept will be unveiled with the opening of the Highlander Station. This is a new concept in postal shopping.

The customer area will be divided into two parts: the traditional counter area where customers purchase stamps, mail packages, and pick up deliveries and the new "shop-

This now addition will allow customers to actually "shop" for items, such as stamps and packaging matorials at their convenience.

Kincor explains that most post offices only carry about 40 percent of the items the U.S. Postal Service offers. "This new concept will give customers a chance to take their

time and choose the items they

The station manager at the new Highlander Station, Nick Bratkovich, agrees. "The vibes we are getting from San Antonio and Austin, who are already engaged in this plan, are positive. They are also telling us that it is very profitable," Bratkovich said. "Apparently

the customers can't stop raving." The Postal Store concept is only one of the reasons that MCC students and employees should be ex-

#### An "MCC" Look

The Highlander Station should look a little familiar to the campus community. Plans are continuing to envelop some of MCC's "flavor" into the new post office.

Kim Harrison, MCC's public information specialist, explains that there have been ongoing communication with the U.S. Postal Service to give the Highlander Station an "MCC" look.

"We started talking with Mr. Kincer and others at the U.S. Post Office over a year ago," Harrison said last week. "Our goal," she adds, "is to do there what we did with the

new McDonalds on 19th St., such as colors, plaques, pictures, and the feel of being a part of the MCC community.'

The process has been slow. However, Harrison believes that MCC will have a lot more leverage when the building actually opens. This means she will be busy with plans and discussions.

"We're still working on it," says Harrison of the project.

Convenience Some may not be impressed with the Postal Store concept, and some may care less about the MCC look to the new post office. But, all will agree that having a post office right next to the college will be a great convenience.

When students and faculty were asked about their opinions of the new post office, all replies were posi-

"It's going to be wonderful. It will be much more convenient," said Senior Administrative Secretary of Math Cloddy Williams.

until 4:30 p.m.

Harrison adds her own comments: "Open it up!" She admits that the new location will save a lot of time for individuals

who need to drop off personal mail. MCC freshman Jennifer Hart agrees that the convenience will be a big help. "It'll be great to just stop by and

drop off my mail on the way to class or when I get out, "Hart said. "It will save me a lot time from going out of my way." With everyone looking forward to the opening of the new post office,

slow down a little. Glenda Gammons, central services clerk in the mail room, says that the mail load will probably decrease due to the convenience of a

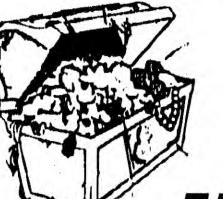
the MCC mail room will probably

post office right next to MCC. "Whether it does or not," states Gammons, "it will definitely be more

convenient to everyone. This seems to be the sentiment of overyone. The Highlander Station She explains that individuals will be a welcomed sight and will have to mail items all the way at offer something new and different Mitchel Station or take their mail to to everyone involved. And, like it or the mail room, which doesn't go out not, the mail involves us all.

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## Today's problems are tomorrow's tragedies

By Justin Braswell

Editor-in-Chief

I am not a nature Nazi. I think that people who lay across train tracks or harass 5,000 ton naval vessels in 50 pound rubber boats have more issues than just the conservation of the environment.

For the majority of students, we have no problem with "who cares?"

We don't care that in our lifetime there will be no fossil fuels lest to power our gas-guzzling

massive amounts of rain forests being obliterated to provide us with futons and our parents with wood chips that look so darned pretty in the yard.

We don't care that lions and tigers are slaughtered to make an "all natural" Asian version of Viagra. Seals, beavers and other innocent animals are shot or beaten to death to prove some silly socialite has more money. not to mention class than the the rest of us.

pollution, soil conservation, money." ozone depletion, smog, fog or

Nor do we care about the atomic testing in countries where famine is still a problem.

Wake up students of America. Today's problems are tomorrow's tragedies. We will one day have the responsibility of bailing our world out.

I read something on the back of a t-shirt in my government class that pretty much sums up our planets current trend. It said, "When the last river has been dammed, the last tree cut down and the last open field paved over into a parking lot... Then We don't care about water we will realize we cant eat

The author is unknown.

# Phi Theta Kappa grants will be used to develop, incorporate technology

Twenty-one two-year colleges will be competitively selected to participate in Phi Theta Kappa's "Improving Science & Technology Education at Community Colleges" project.

The project will equip these colleges to incorporate newly developed advanced technological education curriculum materials, courses and programs into their institution's curriculum. Each of these curriculum materials, courses and programs has been developed through the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education program (NSF/ATE).

A meeting will be held today

(Tuesday) at 3 p.m. in Nancy Neill's office for those interested in pursuing the grant.

Curriculum topics for the project · Geographic Information Sys-

tems (GIS) Mathematics (pre college algebra for technology careers)

 Biotechnology ·Computer Technology in the Classroom: Image Processing

• Precision agriculture • Computer Networking Technol-

• Engineering Technology (Mecomtronics)

"This project will be most helpful to community colleges that have already determined the need for advanced technological education and/ or are currently preparing to change or reform existing courses or programs using up-to-date materials," Neill said in a recent email message.

Colleges submitting applications should already have the capacity (i.e., instruments, laboratories, equipment) to implement the curriculum topic they have chosen.

Proposals are due Dec. 7. For additional information, contact Kaye Votaw, 299-8669, or email hkv@mcc.cc.tx.us.

# How do you survive your most boring class?

LESLIE WILKES, UNDECIDED SHANNON SCILITS, RADIOL-OGY MAJOR **MAJOR** 

to be done."

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# Letter-to-Editor

Dear Editor, Justin Braswell drives an important point home in his recent article, "Apathy is animal cruelty." l agree that we owe domesticated animals an enormous amount of respect and care. Companion animals often hold a dear place in our hearts. The Waco Tribune Herald

"I just go to sleep."

the Journal of Mental Health Conseling. The study revealed that almost one-third of respondents indicated that, "they felt closer to their dog than to any other family mem-

It is appalling that each year hundreds of thousands of innocent com-

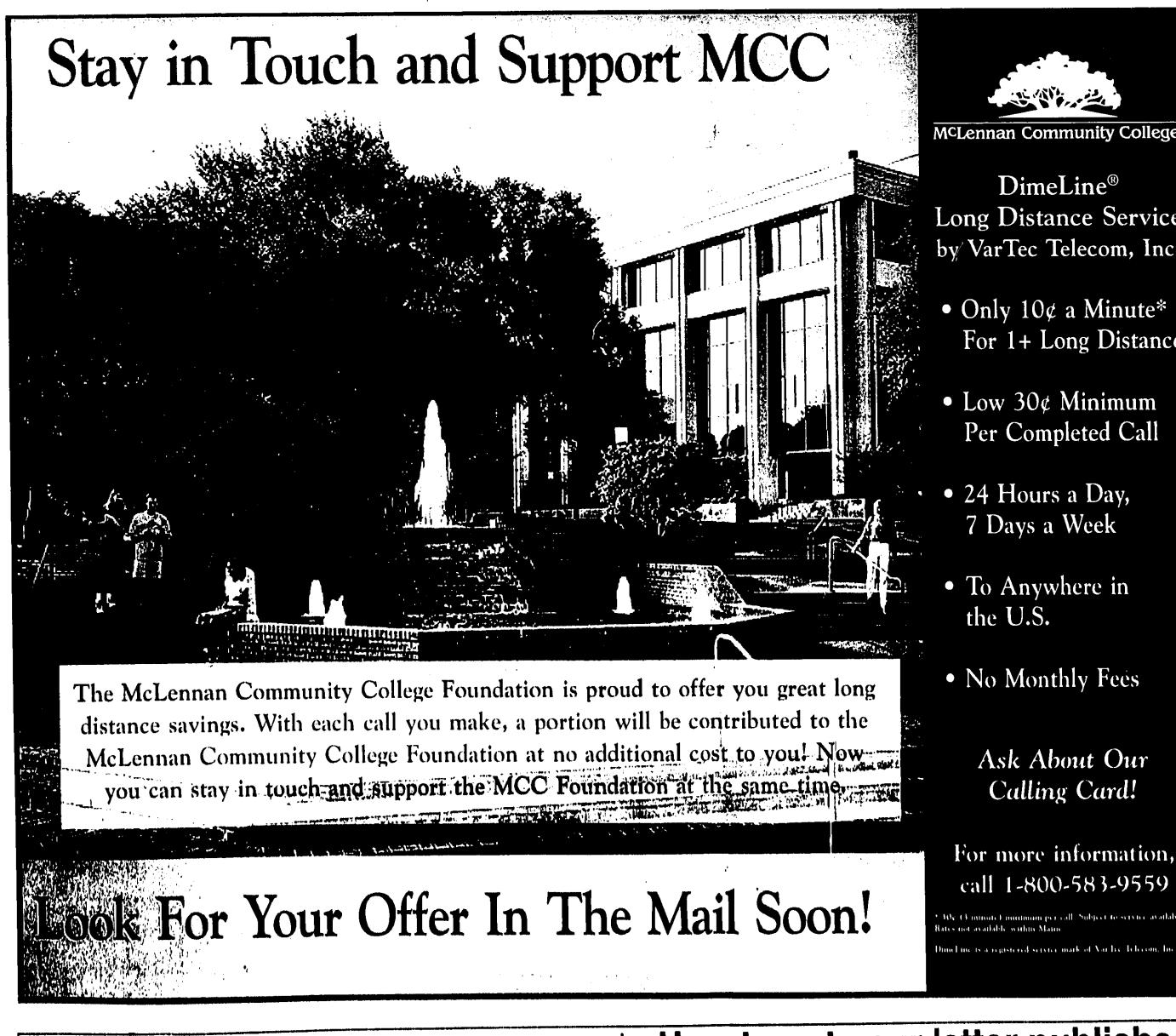
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stop and listen in on the

lecture."

I find it encouraging that more people are beginning to understand our commitment to domesticated animals. I commend Justin Braswell for taking a public stand on this important issue.

Mandolin Shannon





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# Queen size' marriage proposal

By ELIZABETH MEYER

Entertainment Editor

Budding romances are springing to life on the corner of 19th Street and Powell Drive at the Baptist Student Ministries.

One of these romances was recently featured in an article in the Waco Tribune-Herald. The story was of a young man proposing marriage, and declaring his love, by means of a billboard.

Reyna Vergara, 20, and William Schnaithman, 19, both MCC students, met through activities at the BSM.

Almost a year later, as the couple sat eating lunch in El Colorado, a Mexican restaurant on Waco Drive, a nearby billboard revealed to Reyna the proposal of a lifetime.

The billboard, which was up for the month of October read:

"Reyna, you are my sunshine."

The next two lines appeared in Spanish "You are my queen and the love of my life. Will you marry me? Love, William"

Reyna, translated in English, means "queen."

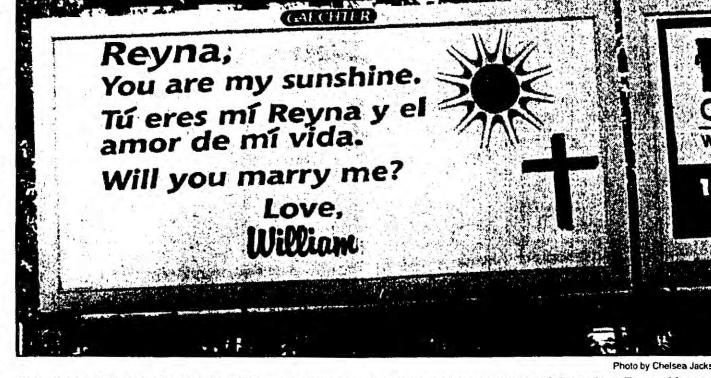
The beginning of a beautiful relationship

It was the 1998 spring break mission trip to South Padre Island when the couple realized the intensity of their feelings for each other. Dave Dover, director of Baptist Student Ministries, remembers on the mission trip that the couple started sitting close to one another and talking more.

"When we returned they had Coke breaks together, talked more, and before I knew it they had a date," said Dover.

Schnaithman said it was the second day of the mission trip, and a little more than a month after they met, that he knew Vergara was the one for him.

"I went into Dave Dover's room, closed the door, and said 'I think she



Powell and 19th street's October billboard proposes true love and marriage to MCC student Reyna Vergara.

said, "Dave laughed and asked 'Does she know this?"

is the one for me," Schnaithman

Schnaithman's BIG idea

Schnaithman knew she was the one, but there was still the question of how he would convey this message to Vergara.

"I knew I had to do something original, something big," said Schnaithman. "I wanted something so big that everyone would know at

Schnaithman got the idea for the billboard proposal after noticing available billboard space around town. After a two month wait the right space became available and he made his move.

On Sept. 30 a sign contractor sat waiting discreetly in the parking lot of one of the couple's favorite restaurants, El Colorado. As Schnaithman and Vergara entered the establishment a long awaited plan sprang into action.

The actual proposal The sign needed to be hung as quick as possible so Vergara could read it all at once. It took Vergara a few minutes to realize what the billboard said.

"I moved around her side of the booth so she could see it," said Schnaithman. He noticed that others in the restaurant were noticing what was occurring, and he wanted to ask her the question himself while he could.

He dropped to one knee and repeated the question which the sign so vividly displayed, "Will you marry me?" As the ring slipped on her finger Vergara said to Schnaithman, "I want to spend the rest of my life with you."

After their story appeared on the front page of the Waco Tribune-Herald the calls began to come. "Past acquaintances and old friends have been calling to say congratulations," said Schnaithman.

The couple's friends at the BSM are also excited for the pair. "I endorse it from a Christian perspective, it is special," said Dave Dover.

"They have been very slow and cautious, and walking with integrity, building a genuine, strong bond," Dover said. This is not the only couple find-

ing love, according to Dover. "This is the third couple this year who are heading this direction, we have one coupledating, another engaged, and one recently married," said Dover.

Schnaithman and Vergara plan to have two wedding ceremonies, one in Texas and one in Vergara's native land Honduras.

A piece of advice Schnaithman's advice to other youngpersons considering marriage is, "If you know she or he is the one, find a creative way to propose, no

matter what the cost.' "If it means fasting for a week, do it, because it is something she will remember for the rest of her life," said Schnaithman, adding with

"This is big. One day we can tell our grandchildren how we got together, and how it all began."

## Spotlighting Alex Lopez **Shuttling MCC students**

By Doniell Gonzales

Staff Reporter

He is the first person you see each morning after getting out of your car, he waits for you when you get out of class, and he pulls up slowly behind you as you make your way across campus and offers you a

No, this is not some psychotic loser who preys on college students, but Alex Lopez, the MCC shuttle bus driver.

For the past three years Lopez, better known as Alex, has driven MCC's shuttle and has became an important figure in the lives of the students he drives around.

"Without him I would always be late to my classes," freshman Mary Tam said.

Joining MCC after a 22 year career in the U.S. Army and 18 years in the Civil Service, he decided a life

at home was not what he wanted. "It gives me something to do," Lopez said. "It keeps me from be-

coming a couch potato." Little did he know when he began three years ago, how much of an important person he would become. While he admits it can be boring at times, he likes his job a great deal.

"I hope to be working here as long as they let me," Lopez said. "Or as long as I am able."

"Without him I would always be late to my classes"



MCC shuttle bus driver, Alex Lopez, as he waits for students to board.

## Former student experiences life in former Soviet Union

By Jamie Jones

Opinion Editor

A wedding was held in Narmengan, Uzbekistan. After the "I do's" were done, the celebration kicked off.

head table, stood up and to asted the bride and groom. After this first toast, the tradition continued around the table, including the parents of the couple and the best man. Each toast mentioned the guest of

However, the guest of honor did not know the wedded couple.

One Saturday afternoon, Keith Byer was just sitting around his hotel when he heard a knock at the door. He answered the door and there stood a man. The man asked him if he would be the guest of honor at a wedding. He answered

This is just part of the extravagant life that Keith Byer leads.

Keith Byer is a former MCC student who is now the Managing Director for Deloitte & Touche in Central Asia.

Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. Before MCC, Byer attended

Byer works in the five former

Riesel High School. While at MCC, Byer took gen-

eral business courses. "I gained a very good basis in general business during my two

years there," Byer said. After MCC, Byer went to Texas A&M in College Station where he graduated with a bachelor's of business administration in accounting.

Upon graduating at Texas A&M in 1985, Byer became employed with Touche Ross.

"My clients were predominately oil and gas and that soon became my specialization," Byer said.

vesting billions of dollars into the development of resources.

as "audits, due diligence information and negotiation assistance." He moved to Moscow in 1995 to

serve two oil companies that Russian management could not move into profitability.

Kazakhstan, for a Canadian client who purchased a large Kazakhstan oil company.

Because of the current economic crisis in Russia, times have been the "biggie." The poorer people purchased medicine and food products. For days after the crisis hit, aspi-

The expatriates have really been

These expatriates make 20 percent to 100 percent more than in the United States. It is ironic that they have no money in their pockets now. "It made some of the problems

faced by the Russians a little easier to understand," Byer said.

She believes that it doesn't mat-

In 1983, Monnenga completed

ter if you take one step at a time as

long as you reach your goal in edu-

her nursing degree while she was a

single mother of two and raised her

younger 12 year old sister after her

college experience as a single mom,

"hauling bottles for a 1-year-old

around was easier than these com-

Looking into the future

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vided for most of the nationally rec-

ognized Indian reservations.

he a greater need there."

Join the Pence Corps overseas.

Mennenga, after obtaining her

This is a medical bealth program

After she retires, her dream is to

"I wanted to go when I was

younger, but as a nurse, there could

She had this to say about that

# Returning back to the future

By LORIANN LODEN

Staff Reporter

Imagine reminiscing back to 1968 to a brother with long curly brown hair down to the middle of his back, wearing bell-bottoms, "Jesus sandals," and the complete grungy hippie look of late 1960s.

Now fast forward to 1998 and laughing at the thought of this same, (now bald) middle aged brother who freaks out about his son's pierced ears and is very picky about his son's appearance.

"It's interesting how times have changed," said Sally Mennenga, a MCC mursing major, who gave some insight on just how times, along with her brother, had changed since

Students' interests in politics After graduating from high school, class of '68, Mennenga attended her freshman year at Ne-

braska Wesleyan University on a nursing program.

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"We were the Baby Boomers, and the war was going on, colleges were popular due to the S2 Deferment."



Bally Mennenga in the late 1060s.

"We were active in organizations, camps, and many demonstrations," said Mennenga of the students political involvement in the late 60's.

There were so many of us rallying to vote and so politically involved and we had liberal ideas."

"I never was involved in one of the demonstrations that resulted with the police, because my mother would have killed me," she said amusingly.

"The civil rights movement and the desegregation of schools and affirmative action was also another political issue that was happening."

The political involvement seemingly differs in today's student activities and of the students of 1968.

"It was interesting and we weren't even old enough to vote." Ideas and life-styles

Another difference between the decades is the concern of the individual in society.

"Back in the '60s, you didn't want any one to know you came from money and didn't want to appear as though you were part of the establishment, you know, maybe that's why we drove those flowered Volkswagens and wore those bell

"Financially, things were better," said Mennenga about the economic aspect of the time.

"The middle class did better, we could live off of a one-parent income in a upper class life-style." Minimum wage was about \$1.60

and you could go to a movie for

around a dollar, buy popeorn and a Coke for under 60 cents.' "One was choup," she added. About the curriculum in 1968, Mennenga said calleges had higher

standards. A grade of 78 or below was fail-

Whereas today a grade of 70 or

thove in passing. Returning back to school After attending her first year in 1968 she decided to not complete

her sophomore year after her deci-

Foreign companies have been in-Byer's job is to provide these investors with financial services, such

In 1996, he moved to Almaty,

THE VINIT

from her freshman year in college.

sion to care for her ailing mother

who was diagnosed with breast can-

with cancer and Mennenga com-

pleted her nursing degree in 1983.

tered nurse, she always longed for

the opportunity to return back to

her undergraduate studies to ob-

tain a bachelors and to ultimately

receive a masters as a murse practi-

long awaited journey down the stu-

dious, scholastic road to financial

freedom and self-worth recognition.

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ention is a woman without power

and you don't want to be one man

away from poverty." Mennenga

worked as an RN eight years for the

Mountain view and Clatesville cor-

out educations would wind up in

abusive relationships and seemed

to have a lack of a sense about

"I noticed women in prison with-

rectional facilities.

"I try and tell every young girl or

This fall, Monnenga began the

tioner or a physicians assistant.

In 1982, her mother lost her fight

Even though working as a regis-

MCC Student, Sally Mennenga, returns back to college, after thirty years

cution.

mother died.

puters today."

The people have been collecting their rubles and buying products that they do not intend to use. The people are buying these products for trade purposes.

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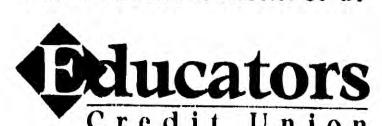
impossible to find, according to Byer. having a rough time with this crisis.

Getting money has been just about impossible for these expatriates. For example, one can no longer get cash advances on his credit card.

Photo couldby of the Keith Byer family

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# McMurtry Honored

# Former pitcher becomes third player to have number retired

By Kyle Davis

Staff Reporter

Ghouls, ghosts, and trick-ortreaters weren't the only things out and about on Halloween night.

An MCC legend was honored Halloween night in front of his former coach and teammates.

CraigMcMurtry, an MCC pitcher in 1979-80, had his jersey No. 18 retired at a ceremony in the Student Center.

"I thought it was great," said his father Joe McMurtry, "He was welldeserving.'

In having his number retired, he joined an elite pair of players. Pat Listach - No. 8 - and Jay Buhner - also No. 18 - are the only other two players to enjoy this honor. Buhner played after McMurtry, but had his jersey No. 18 retired first.

"This is a blessing for me," said McMurtry. "It is something that I was definitely not expecting."

He also received an proclamation from Waco Mayor Michael D. Morrison, declaring "Saturday Oct. 31, 1998, was Craig McMurtry Day."

McMurtry put up impressive numbers while playing for the High-

In 1979 he was 6-3 with a 2.37

season as a Highlander was in 1980.

He put together an incredible season filled with both individual honors and team accomplishments.

McMurtry went 19-2 with an ERA of 1.92. For his efforts, he was named All-Region V, All-American, and Most Outstanding Junior College Pitcher.

The Highlanders, led by hispitching, went all the way to the Junior College World Series, where they finished third. He was awarded Most Outstanding Pitcher for his performance in the series.

He credits his two years as a Highlander pitcher with giving him the experience and skills he needed to succeed.

"It was the turning point of my career and a big learning experience," he said.

The Atlanta Braves selected him fourth overall in the 1980 draft.

In 1983, he had a 15-9 record, a 3.08 ERA, and held the opposing batters to a .243 batting average. After the season he finished seventh in the National League Cy Young Award voting.

He had a 2.25 ERA and opponents hit just 180 against him for the Rangers in 1988.

He went on to compile a record of 28-42 with an ERA of 4.08 in eight

ERA. However, his most productive seasons. His playing career ended with the Astros in 1995, where he coached for several years.

> McMurtry now spends his time as the head coach of the Temple College Leopards. His current players appreciate what he has done in the past, and know that his experiences will help them in the future.

"He definitely knows where we need to be in order for us to be successful," said Temple third baseman Jesse Lopez. "It is good to have someone as a coach who has been here before."

"This is a blessing for me. It was something that I was definitely not expecting."



EX-HIGHLANDER CRAIG McMURTRY, here posing with former coach Rick Butler, had his No. 18 retired

by the college. He joined Pat Listach and Jay Buhner as the only players ever to have their jersey's retired.



CRAIG McMURTRY MAKES his speech following his No. 18 being retired point in his career" and a great learning experience. In 1980 McMurtry by the college. McMurtry credited his years at MCC to being the "turning" was named JUCO All-American with a 19-2 record and an ERA of 1.92.



HENRY APPERSON, the former voice of Highlander baseball, presents a speech commemorating the years of baseball coached by Rick Butler.



MEMBERS OF THE 1983 Highlander baseball team after winning the national championship. The team



1983 National Championship Team.

Maurice Robert, who played on

in Vietnam, but it was all worth it in

the long run, said David Wrezenski,

who was on 1081-83 tonms and is

now the Robinson High School head

the program before eventually mov-

ing on to play in the majors. The list

includes Seattle Mariner outfielder

Jay Buhner, Listach, McMurty,

Patterson, N. Y. Met catcher Tim

Spehr, and Annheim Angelscatcher

Highlanders have had 185 players

that continued on to play at four-

Through the years 1971-88 the

Throughout the dinner players

Six players have come through

Butler's first team in 1971.

baseball coach.

Charlie O' Brion.

year schools.

"He put discipline into us," said

"Sometimes we felt like we were

pose with the trophy they were awarded 15 years ago — was recognized during the baseball reunion dinner.

former players and their families at the dinner. Butler his work as head coach of the MCC baseball team.

HALL OF FAMER- Rick Butler speaks to a group of was recently inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame for

minded the audience of his home

run, double, home run call in 1986. During that year Butler had what

he described as his "most talented

team."The Highlanders were at the

state tournament and were unde-

the final day and had to play San

Jacinto in the final game to decide

who went to the NJCAA World Se-

ries. Leading 6-5 going into the bot-

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landers gave up a home run, double,

home run, and lost the game and

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Butler said, "It is easily the hard-

Waco Mayor Micheal D. Morrison

"Only three times I have over

The team lost the first game on

"Truck" Turner, a member of the voice of the Highlander radio, re-



FORMER MCC HIGHLANDER Pat Lintach aponks about his experiences under coach Butter. Listach also has led his number reflied by MCC

## 17 years of excellence celebrated BY BRIAN HALL

Sr. Assoc. Editor/News

MCC hosted a dinner to recognize the many great accomplishments of the baseball teams that played under former couch Rick Butler between the years of 1971-

Among those in attendance were Maurice Robert, the first ever All-American at MCC, Pat Listneh, 1992 American Lengue Rookie of the Year, along with members of the 1983 National Championship team which included former major lenguer and McGregor native Kenny Patterson.

It was a night of colobration that help to honor the players and teams that have made MCC what it is today.

"It feels great to come back here," Listuch said, "My yours at MCC were two of the best years of my

Ex-Highlander Craig McMurtry was also in attendance, and had his jersey No. 18 retired, becoming only the third Highlander in history to

have their jorney retired. The 1971-1988 teams were all conched by Rick Butler who earlier this year was inducted into the

NdCAA Buseball Hall of Fame. Butler is credited with beginning the baseball program at the college. Starting in 1971 at only 23 years of age Butler went out and created a program that won 11 conferenco titles, 10 regional titles, four state titles which included trips to the College World Series and a National Championship in 1983.

"I'm one proud guy, but this never would have imppened if it woren't for my players and the MCC faculty," Butler said, "Everything was first class."

Many players credit Butler with their growth as individuals and as athletes.

"We came in as kids out of high school, and we left as men," said Bo Hancock, member of the 1986-87

Listneh said, "He basically dosigned my career for me. I owe everything that I have accomplished to Couch Butler."

But ler helped to mold the college into a untional power while stress-

ing hard work and discipling in his "He was a perfectionist, always

extremely intense," said David

rival San Jacinto, the brand new Highlander field, and memories of Dairy Queon's and fungo bats.

shared their memories of many great, and not so great, moments of given the No. 1 sign," Butler said, "I Highlander baseball. Memories of the National Championship in 1983, picking rocks off

only do it when I feel it is truly deserving. I believe you all are deserving of this." the fields in the earlier days, arch

And with a raise of his hand Butler extended his foreflager and gestured to all that Highlander baseball was No. 1.

Also Henry Apperson, former

in Community College Waco, Texas AGE edited by Brian Hall

# Highlanders off to a rocky start



HIGHLANDER WALTER MOORE goes up for a Monday's game. The Highlanders fell to the Bucaneers

rebound against Blinn's Chris Anderson in last 81-65 before rebounding against Eastfield on Saturday.

By Brian Shelton

Staff Reporter

Due to disciplinary suspensions, the Highlanders suited up without two players and in the end were 16 points shy of a victory last Monday night versus Blinn.

The team played without sophomores Nic Wright and Heath Fusilier, both serving one-game suspensions. Head Coach Steve Shields said that although the team would have been stronger with the two suspended players, he still expected to be competitive.

"We played without two of our top guys," Coach Shields said. "We would have been a lot more athletic up front with Fusilier and been able to apply more pressure at the perimeter with Wright."

"You can see some of the reasons why we got out-rebounded and why we didn't guard as well at the perimeter as we're capable of. Not that it's any excuse of what the outcome of the game was but, I had full expectations of winning the game despite the suspensions."

The team's expectations were dampened, however, when Blinn jumped out to a 15-0 lead to start the game. The Highlanders managed only six points midway through the opening half, suffering a scoring drought lasting the first five minutes of the game.

"We used two time-outs during the 15-0 run to try and regroup our guys," Coach Shields said. "To say we were a little shell-shocked would be an understatement. We struggled offensively and defensively."

The Highlanders were outscored 37-21 in the first half but managed to put together an 8-0 run snapped by a Blinn three-pointer with 1:38 left. This gave the team some confidence heading into the second half.

"I thought our intensity was better in the second half," Coach Shields said. "That was the area I was most disappointed with because I felt we didn't get after loose balls and rebounds like we normally do."

After some strategy changes on defense the Highlanders played a more balanced game. The team put together a 10-0 run in the final five minutes cutting Blinn's lead to only 12, the shortest margin of the game.

But, it proved to be to little to late as Blinn held on to a comfortable lead and defeated the Highlanders

Coach Shields said two factors were key in the team's loss. The Highlanders shot only 36 percent from the floor and was doubled in 3pointers 14-7.

"I thought we rushed a lot of shots," Coach Shields said. "We didn't run our offense and we were very impatient for the most part."

Justin Lyman, Jabari Johnson and Chris Anderson were the top scorers for Blinn with 24, 19 and 18 points respectively.

Coach Shields commended Steve Helm, Kendell Garland, Demetrice Simms and Senecca Wall for their performances. Leading scorers for the Highlanders were Sims with 26 points and four three-pointers while Wall contributed 16 points and eight rebounds.

With a relatively inexperienced team Coach Shields said he didn't expect the team to be perfect in the first game and set the goal for the team to improve every game.

"Losing is a part of basketball," Coach Shields said." But, that day is over with and now we need to get geared up for Eastfield."

Highlanders Bounce Back The old cliche: "When life hands you a lemon, make lemonade," rang true for the Highlanders Saturday in it's 65-48 victory over Eastfield. While the absence of three play-

ers looked to sour the Highlander's already bitterseason star, the team's solid play and persistency led to it's first win of the season.

The team was once again plagued by a pair of one-game suspensions to Simms, the team's leading scorer, and redshirt freshman David Hudson. The Highlanders also had to overcome the absence of David Schrag who is waiting on a release from the NJCAA office to play.

"It was huge having someone step up and take some of the scoring responsibilities that we miss with Simms being out," Coach Shields said. "When you lose a returning starter you lose a lot. Not just from a scoring stand-point but, from a leadership stand-point as well."

Despite playing shorthanded, the Highlanders jumped out to an early 12-4 lead, a lead in which Eastfield never recovered from.

Although Eastfield came within seven points of tying the score midway through the game, the Highlanders came out stronger in the second half to secure it's lead.

The Highlanders once again outscored Eastfield by a score of 35-25 in the second half and went on to

win the game 65-48. Coach Shields said that this game was a testament to the team's dept.

"I think we can play 10 or 11 guys each night and not be hurt," Coach Shield said. "I think it's important to get as many people involved as possible."

Kendell Garland, Wall and Nelson Joseph were the leading scorers for the Highlanders with 15, 11 and 10 points respectively. Joseph also led the team with eight re-

Leading scorers for Eastfield were Dickerson with 13 points and Evans with eight.

The Highlanders move to 1-1 on the season and will play San Jacinto at 7p.m. Tuesday in Pasadena.

# Golf teams finish front nine, make goals to reach nationals in Spring

ranked third and defending cham-

pion Tyler, and third place at regionals Temple in attendance-it

will he a challenge," Coach Mitchell

mester with a third place finish at

Paris. Led by Christopher Ohrens

74-75-149. The second tournament

took the team to Tyler, here they

finished seventh despite heavy rain

which shortened the tournament.

and Stuart Whichers 75, and Danny

finish at Odessa and now finish the

semester at Lake Waco.

time," Mitchell said.

perienced team."

Greauns 76.

They where led by Curtis Ohrn

They followed with a 10th place

"Were getting better all the

"We just have a young and inex-

For the men, the team's goal for

The men's team started the se-

By KEVIN BROCK

Staff Reporter

The Highlassies won their second tournament title of the year with a win at the Sam Houston State Invitational in Huntsville.

Led by strong performances by Shelly Wenzel and Linn Persson. The Highlassies won with a 36-hole team total of 656. This edged the host Bearkats by three shots and eight other universities and two other junior colleges.

Wenzel 78-83 and Persson 80-81 tied for third individually at 161 two shots behind Michelle Kaczka of Sam Houston.

Other MCC scores were Allison Burns 83-84-167, Susanna

Helmerson 84-83-167, Rebekah Martin 88-85-173.

Its been a great fall semester for the women's golf team. It started the semester with a win at Abiline led by Shelly Wenzel's second place performance.

The Highlassies then played at to be a difficult one. "With Paris Portland finishing 11.

They followed that up with a seventh place showing at Lamar. Led by Rebekalı Martin's second place finish when she shot a 78-79-

The Highlassies then finished the semester with a win at Sam Hous-

"We have a unique situation, with five No.1 players." Coach Mitchell said.

The goals for the women's team next semester is, "l'o remain consistent and to repeat as national champions," Mitchell said.

The Highlassies will go head to head with Midland the rest of the year, hopefully ending in a showdown at the national champion-

I think it will be between us

and Midland," the coach said. The men finished the fall se-

mester by serving as host to a tournament at Lake Waco Monday. This tournament was expected

> **Subway Tip off** Classic this Friday

# Highlassies take third in Levelland

By Jason Hoskins

Sports Editor

The Highlassies opened it's season off last Thursday in Levelland to participate in the South Plains Rotary Tournament.

In the first game the Highlassies faced off against Northern Pioneer college of Arizona.

The team overcame problems from the free throw line to defeat Northern Pioneer 71-65.

The Highlassies hit seven three pointers and out rebounded it's opposition 55 to 46 to compensate for a measly six for 22 from the foul

Theresa Tindle and Tiffany Donchoo each had 14 points to lead the Highlassies with Tindle adding nine rebounds and Donehoo hit-

ting three three pointers. Tara Alexander and freshman Moriah Johnson each contributed with 10 points.

Crystal Lee led the way for Northern Pioneer with a 10 point

10 rebound game. On Friday, the Highlassies met

up with Howard in the semi finals of the tournament.

Despite a game high 25 points and three three pointers from freshman Karlita Washington the Highlassies fell to Howard 72-63.

Howard out rebounded the Highlassies 52 to 42 in the loss.

Tamika Talley and Alexander chipped in 12 points each including three three pointers from Alexander, the only three pointers made by the

Freshman Danielle Willis contributed with 11 points in the loss. The loss propelled the Highlassies

to the third place game in the tournament. Northern Oklahoma was the only

thing standing in the way of the Highlassies grabbing third place in the tournament on Saturday.

The team used a 21 point gamo from Johnson, who also had eight rebounds, to out last Northern Oklahoma 103-93 in overtime. Tindle chalked up 20 points in

the win, Donehoo hit four three pointers to add to her 14 points and Talley contributed with nine rebounds and 13 points.

The win gives the Highlassies a 2-1 record going into this week.

The Highlassies will host the Subway Classic this Friday and Saturday at the Highlands.



Sophomore Theresa Tindle

By JASON HOSKINS

Sports Editor

This past Monday, I had the privilege to join the sports staff on a road trip to see the Highlanders face off against Blinn in the season opener.

This gave us the opportunity to grow together as a group and get away from the stress of school and the paper.

When we walked into the tiny barn of a building that is the Blinn gym, I was quite surprised at the number of fans who crammed into the Morgan build-

Granted, there is not an awful lot to do in Brenham on a Monday night, but students came out of the wood work to see this team. My colleagues and I had to

deal with the barrage of insults that were thrown at us and at the team during the lopsided game. All of the commetion made me-

I looked at my schedule and noticed that Blinn will be making the trip to the Highlands to participate in the Subway Tipoff Classic this Friday and Satur-

We decided that the outcome will be different when the Highlanders return home. The outcome needs to be dif-

This is where you come in as supportive students and staff. We need to fill the Highlands

and be as loud as we possibly The Highlanders and the Highlassies need to hear us in the stands. We need to let the

teams know how we feel. Last senson, members of the baseball team attended games. They beloed the team by mentally distracting the opposing

players. Trash talking is part of bas-

Now I'm not telling you to start talking about anybody's mother or anything physically wrong with a person, Just let them know how you feel.

If the opponents shoots an air ball, let them know.

If the opponents aren't playing to the best of their ability, let them know how had they are Use your imagination, it's fun-

Let us join together, fill the Highlands and make it the toughest place for opposing toums to compete.

Hoth teams have home games -comingrup, so I will see you there.

#### next semester is "To try to qualify for the National Tournament, and to try to finish in the top 10 ."said Mitchell.

and Saturday

## Jags snag former students

By Julian L. Ramon

Staff Reporter

The arrival of the Waco Jaguars to the Highlands will not only 'bring the excitoment of pro basketball, but it will also bring two individuals who formerly attended MCC.

Damion McKinney, 23, started playing at the collegiate level here after graduating from LaVega High School. After playing here for two yours, he carned a basketball scholarship and went on to play for Midwestern State University, where he was an All-Am-orican.

After reading about the tryouts for the Jaguars in the newspaper, McKinney decided to attend, to avoid missing an opportunity to play at the next level. According to Jaguars head coach Jimmy Carter. McKinney was one of the first players to arrive at the tryouts, which took place in September

McKinney's goal, like many othors, is to bayou careor in prosports. "I fool like this is just a start for me, and I'm really looking forward to it." If McKinney isn't able to have besketball as his occupation someday. the would like to couch. He will start

work as a substitute teacher sometime this month.

Although he never played basketball at MCC, Romelle People is another returning Highlander. People, 30, started playing collegiately at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Missis-

After graduating there, he played basketball at Delta State University, where he graduated in 92. People attended MCC for a brief period after moving to Waco. When he heard about tryouts for the Waco Jaguars, he too, took immediate ac-

People also looks forward to playing at the Highlands. "I'm ready to start, and I'm really enthusiastic about it," said People. He is currently employed as a supervisor at Time Manufacturing in Waco.

"Phoir attitude is right, and they're going to shelp us out right from the start," said Coach Carter of the two. Neither player has seen the other teams in action, but both seem anxious to begin. The Jaguars will start play in January, with the possibility of presenson games in December.

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# "A Christmas Carol" with a twist

## Drama department's last production of the semester

By REBECCA SHIVERS

Staff Reporter

The theater department will present "A Christmas Carol" on Dec.

Jerry MacLauchlin will be directing and choreographing the performance. He is adapting a script from the actual novel by Charles Dickens. He wants to present "A Christmas Carol" in a way that it has never been seen. Richard Leslie is also adapting the script with MacLauchlin.

MacLauchlin has a dream like aspect in mind for the play. He wants the show to be visual. The scenery should have the appearance that it is moving on its own.

MacLauchlin will keep bringing characters back on stage even after their scene is over to keep a continuous feel for the extreme. He wants the atmosphere to be confusing but faintly familiar.

Everyone knows the story and

the characters of "A Christmas Carol." MacLauchlin wants to change the whole mind set of the usual "Christmas Carol."

For instance the Ghost of Christmas Past, played by Jessica Foster, will be a tinkerbell like character who wears leather and has a loud mouth.

The Ghost of Christmas Present, played by Jason Dalrymple, will be a snooty Englishmen who wears a smoking jacket and smokes a pipe.

The Ghost of Christmas Future, played by Brandon McWilliams, will be a frightening sight. Followed everywhere by crawling evil looking creatures, he will be dressed in platform-type shoes that will make him around six foot seven.

Jacob Marley, the business part-

ner of Scrooge, who comes back from the grave, will be played by Lee Trull. Marley will be portrayed as a mumblingidiot who can't quite walk straight.

The character of Scrooge, played by Michael Simpson, will transform into Charles Dickens in certain parts of the play. This idea comes from when Dickens was writing his novel, he felt that he could be Scrooge.

The costumes are being designed by Kathleen Cochran who recently won an award for costume design. Jim Rambo will be teaching the British dialect to the actors in the show.

"A Christmas Carol" is a wonderful play for the whole family, and with these new interesting twists it should seem like a whole new story.

Wyteeshia King, Kristi Forbis, Lisa

Stokes, Miriam Luzunaris, April

Sammons, Joey Bailey, Rebecca

Hutchins, Blake Waller, Casey

Bates, Ben Rosas, Todd English,

Ethan Dooley, Misty Tindall, Kelly

Raley, Vene Carter, Robert Bell,

Donald Reedy, Kevin Stokes, Mar-

tin Trammel, Brandon Hadley, Joe

Rojo, Anthony Johnson, Scott Allen,

Amie Tankersley, Travis Massman.

Jack Forbis, Brian Rangel, Lionel

Maldonado, Robert Weber, Phillip

#### COLLEGE CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 13

CLASSES

MWF classes

2:20 - 3:40 pm

3:55 - 5:15 pm

 Job Shadowing Day with G.L. Wiley. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Preregistration and packet pickup for MCC 1-Mile and 5K Run 11

.m.-1 p.m., Open area of the Community Services Center. · Highlassies Basketball v. Blinn. 6 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 2

of the Subway Tip-Off Classic.

Saturday, Nov. 14 MCC 1-Mile and 5K Run. 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., Student Services

 Highlassies Basketball v. Angelina. 6 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 4 of the Subway Tip-Off Classic.

 Highlander Basketball v. Blinn. 8 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 4 of the Subway Tip-Off Classic.

Tuesday, Nov 17

 Highlander Basketball v. Tyler. 7:30 p.m., Highlands Gym. Wednesday, Nov. 18 Casa de Café. 10:20 a.m., Library. Enjoy music, art and poetry by

students, faculty and staff in a coffeehouse atmosphere. Friday, Nov. 20 Highlander Basketball v. Eastfield. 7:30 p.m., Highlands Gym.

Game 2 of the MCC Classic. Saturday, Nov. 21

 Highlander Basketball v. Navarro. 7:30 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 4 of the MCC Classic.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

· Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m., Board Room, Administration/ Classroom Building.

EXAM DAY

MCC Closes for Thanksgiving through Saturday, Nov. 28.

## **Final Exam Schedule**

DAY SCHEDULE

**EXAM TIME** 

2:20 - 4:20 pm

3:55 - 5:55 pm

0:33 - 7.30 am	Mon. Dec. 14	*0:35 - 7:30 am
	Wed. Dec. 16	
	*(precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 minutes)	
8:00 - 8:55 am	Mon. Dec 14	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:10 - 10:05 am	Wed. Dec. 16	8:00 - 10:00 am
10:20 - 11:15 am	Wed. Dec. 16	10:20 - 12:20 pm
11:30 - 12:25 pm	Mon. Dec. 14	11:30 - 1:30 pm
12:40 - 2:00 pm	Wed Dec. 16	1:30 - 3:30 pm
2:15 - 3:35 pm	Mon. Dec. 14	2:15 - 4:15 pm
3:50 - 5:10 pm	Wed. Dec. 16	3:50 - 5:50 pm
TH classes		
8:00 - 9:20 am	Thurs. Dec. 17	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:35 - 10:55 am	Tues. Dec. 15	9:35 - 11:35 am
11:10 - 12:30 pm	Thurs. Dec. 17	11:10 - 1:10 pm
2:45 - 2:05 pm	Tues Dec 15	12:45 - 2:45 nm

#### **EVENING SCHEDULE**

5:00	- 7:20 pm	MW	Mon. Dec. 14	6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35	-8:55 pm	MW	Wed. Dec. 16	7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00	- 7:20 pm	TTH	Tues. Dec. 15	6:00 - 8:00 pm
	- 8:55 pm		Thurs. Dec. 17	7:35 - 9:35 pm
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	- 9:00 pm		Wed, Dec. 16	6:00 - 8:00 pm
	- 9:00 pm		Thurs. Dec. 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Thurs. Dec. 17

Saturday Classes Exams for Saturday classes will be given at regular class time on Dec. 12, 1998.

Off-campus classes The exam schedule will be arranged by your instructor. (Day or Evening) However, exams will not be given before Dec. 12.

## Music with an International flare Holly Martin, Jessica Gilcrest,

By Wyteeshia King

Staff Reporter

Strike up the band and let there be joy! Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:40 until 2:10, 53 people from campus meet in the Performing Arts Building in room 145 to congregate and make a joyful noise.

The band is going for an international feel this time around. Their music consists of tunes from Japan, France, England, and the U.S.

The band's first piece, "English Folk Song Suite" composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams is a three move-

ment piece from England. It's second piece, "Pas Redouble" by French composer Camille Saint-Saens, is a quick concert march that is "reminiscent of the gallops by Offenbach and other nineteenthcentury composers."

"Elegy for a Young American" by Ronald Lo Presti, is a tribute to the late John F. Kennedy. It is a emotional piece that touches the hearts of many. Yasuhide Ito, a Japanese com-

poser, wrote the famous "Festal Scenes" the band is playing this year. This song was composed from four folk songs from the Aomori Prefecture of Japan: Jongarajamosen, Hohai-bushi, Tsugaruaiya-bushi, and Nebuta-festival. This song is weird in its own right. It has crazy chords but the effect is something you will never forget.

The last piece, "Dunharrow Overture" by Reber Clark, "is the mythical fortress described in J.R.R. Tolkien's Ring Trilogy. The piece opens and closes with fanfare passages, the main body is a heroic theme and a contrasting lyric theme.

Edwin Powell, concert band director, feels these pieces will be a challenge for the 53 member ensemble and will make them appreciate the hard work and commitment it takes to make beautiful music together.

The band has already had one performance this semester and will be performing again on Dec. 9.

Band members include: Paula Barton, Grace Fultz, Brittany Ginn, Francisca Melendez, Stephanie Salazar, Remy Lavadia,

Roscher, Amanda Hubik, Toby Ledesma, Jaime Brittain, Tommy Swanson, Matt Sneed, Tim Crispin, Ramiro Valdez, Danielle English, and Skip Marsh.

# Faculty brings culture to Waco with opera

By Doniell Gonzales

Staff Reporter

Though in the minds of many, Waco is considered an uncultured blemish in Central Texas, a new organization is fighting to end the

The Lyric Opera of Wacostormed

the premiere of "Madame Butterfly," causing a stir in the community. Surprisingly, Waco and surrounding cities were overwhelmingly open to the new company.

"We had a full turnout for both showings," Dr. Cindy SoRelle, vice president of education for the Friends of the Lyric Opera said, "It is exciting to see such a response."

Central Texans weren't alone in on the scene last September with their recognition of the success of

opera in Waco. The Wall Street Journal's Sept. 17 issue featured a front page story about the culturalization of America, spotlighting the Lyric Opera of Waco as one of 34 opening across the nation.

"Finally we are in the papers for something positive," SoRelle said.

SoRelle is not alone in her involvement, fellow faculty members Dr. Donald Balmos, fine arts division director, played in the Lyric's orchestra as pianist, Dr. Karen Albrecht, music instructor, brought her vocal talents to the stage, and Dave Hibbard, program director of commercial music, sits on the board of the Lyric Opera.

"I like seeing us keep an interest in what we do," SoRelle said. "Not just teaching, but getting involved professionally."



'Never too young'

RHIANNON BAILEY AND Jennifer Wokaty get decked out for some fun and frolicing on Halloween night.

## **Pumpkin carving winners**

Results of the pumpkin carving contest just before Halloween found the "Wild Things" (a.k.a. Cloddy Williams, Mary Bass, Lea Ann Buchanan, Fay Gutierrez and Vince Clark) taking first place with their portrayal of 'Pumpkinstein and Bride on their Horrormoon.' Second place went to Career Development Services and their wicked

Third place went to the Student Covernment and its carving of

Farmer Joe.



Getting started in the music business

# Recording sessions on campus

By CHRIS REYES

Staff Reporter

Music is a universal language that everyone understands.

Clotting started is the hardest part of a music careor. Even though a lot of people may have the talent, not everyone can make it in the

Time is a valuable element to the

It takes time to get the sounds dome. equal. Everything recorded must equal out to hoar the music at cortain volumes. A mixer board is used to adjust

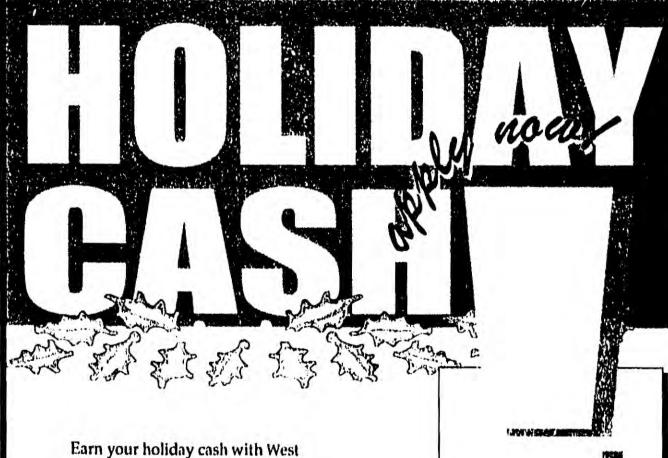
those sounds. Too much of one voice or instrument can throw off a track. The process of recording a track

involves three steps. Those stops are recording on to a 24track analog tape deck, on to a DAT, and on to a cassette. This enssette recording is known as a

After the dome is made, a band will take it and send it to different recording labels.

For the musicians who do make it, each has a different recording Sonding the domo tape is really

the first step in the music business. The next step is to be heard. Being heard is the real battle of the music industry,



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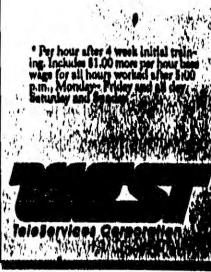
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