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## VP candidate Bentsen speaks here at MCC Business Resource Center

By LESLEY WILSON

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen began the fall campaign with a Labor Day rally at MCC's Business Resource Center.

Bentsen, the Democratic vice presidential candidate from Texas, chose the center as the rally location because he wants Americans to know what is happening in the building.

"Here's a case where you see government, a private sector, a great university (Baylor University), and this community college...all of these people working together. America works best when it works united," Bentsen told the crowd.

He also called the center, home of the small business incubator, "a great resource, a partnership in the very best sense of the word." That is the kind of initiative he is encouraging, he said, for a Dukakis-Bentsen administration.

Bentsen, who advocates small business, went on to talk about running-mate Michael Dukakis. He said Dukakis saved his home state of Massachusetts by turning the economy around, and that he will do the same for America.

Republican presidential nominee George Bush do anything for the energy industry in the last eight years.

thing he has seen Bush's runningmate Dan Quayle do was lead a fight to revoke the law of a 60day notice to employees before



Photo by Ken Crawford

Democratic Vice presidential candidate, spoke U.S. SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN presents his on the advantages provided small business by the speech at the Business Resource Center as wife Center here Sept. 5. B.A. Bentsen looks on. Bentsen, who is the

Bentsen said he has not seen plant closings.

Bentsen also criticized the Reagan administration for writing what he called \$200 million in hot checks each year and in-He also noted that the only creasing interest and mortgage rates for homes. He said the GOP administration is evading the trade deficit and in doing so lost 600,000 manufacturing jobs in

eight years.

Bentsen stated that if Bush and Quayle win the November election, "It would be like putting America on automatic pilot." He implied that would be a disaster.

Bentsen said the goal of the Dukakis-Bentsen administration is to turn the economy around by balancing budgets, facing the

trade deficit, seeing American products accepted by foreign countries, keeping high-paying jobs, and providing incentive for small businesses.

"Mike Dukakis and I want to make America number one again in international economics. We want to bring prosperity home again," Bentsen concluded.

### **Michaelis To Continue Tradition of Excellence**

By LESLEY WILSON

Dr. Dennis Michaelis replaced Dr. Wilbur Ball as president of MCC September 1.

Michaelis, former president of Paris Junior College in Paris, Texas, moved to Waco in August. He has been busy these past few weeks visiting with Ball about the history of the college and aspects of its development. He is also becoming familiar with members of the faculty, staff, Board of Trustees, and the issues he will be facing as president.

Some of the issues include a mandatory test for all junior college students, legislative funding, the Community Services Center, and the Business Resource Center. Michaelis said his biggest problem right now is providing more health insurance for the employees of MCC. If the legislature refuses to do so, he will be forced to cut back in certain areas of the budget.

Michaelis does not want the students of MCC to be shorted by any cutbacks. He wants to see MCC keep up with the progress in technology. He believes students will benefit if equipment and other materials are current.

Michaelis said his highest priority at MCC is to "continue the tradition of excellence" and to keep the school the outstanding institution it is. He will do everything in his power to see that MCC is as good as it can be in helping students achieve their goals.

Michaelis said he would like to become more involved with the students. He plans to attend many different types of student activities. He would also like the Student Government to involve him in various ways. He said he thinks MCC students are fortunate.

"I think they should take advantage of the opportunities MCC has to offer...wonderful facilities, faculty, equipment. Don't just go home after you finish classes," he advised.

## Voter registration deadlineOctober9

By TERI LYN EISMA

Oct. 9 is the last day to register to vote in the 1988 presidential election, according to John Willingham, McLennan County's election administrator.

Voter registration applications received at the McLennan County Courthouse after that date will not be processed in time for eligible voters to participate on Nov. 8, Willingham said in a telephone interview. Thirty days are needed to process voter registration applications and absentee votes.

Willingham also offered some tips in registering to vote:

-- If you are a transfer student or a student from another county and you wish to vote in this county, fill in your McLennan County mailing address under "permanent address." If you submit your other address to the McLennan County Courthouse, your registration application will be can-

-- If you are not a resident of this county and wish to vote in of receiving your card.

registration application to the voter registrar at the county courthouse of your home county. You should not need the street address as long as you know your county seat.

your home county, send your

-- Be sure to fill in the correct year of your birth date. Many people mistake their birth date year for the current year (Ex. 06-23-88), in which case the registrar would assume he was looking at the application of an infant.

-- If you do not know where to find a voter registration application, Willingham said, "applications are available at several businesses around town, and always at the courthouse. Or we can have one sent out to individuals or businesses."

To be eligible to vote, one must be 18 years of age on election day and a resident of the county in which he or she votes.

To vote, one must have a voter registration card. Willingham suggests registering far in advance of the deadline to be sure

## Clubs provide student activity

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

The clubs available at MCC this year meet the needs of a variety of students. Meeting dates and places are

announced in the Chanter, the student bulletin of MCC. Clubs include The Afro-Stu-

dent Kindred, Baptist Student Union, Cosmo Phi, Mental Health Club, Music Educators National Conference, Nursing Students Association, Pan American Club, Phi Theta Alpha, Psi Beta, Press

ation, Students On The Move For Student Center. Christ, Zeta Omega, and several departmental organizations.

The Afro-Student Kindred Club is a special interest organization whose purpose is to promote knowledge of Afro-American culture.

Baptist Student Union (BSU) provides students the opportunity for Christian fellowship, while stressing scholastic excellence. BSU meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Highlander or Tartan Room (continued on page 2)

Club, Returning Students Associ- found on the third floor of the

Cosmo Phi is for students enrolled in cosmetology courses. It provides it's members occupational standards and social activi-

Other departmental organizations include the Criminal Justice Society, Data Processing Association, and the Marketing and Management Club.

The Mental Health Club's purpose is interacting with com-

# to VOTE!

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# Shuttling to new parking lot saves time, money

By BRIAN MAYR

A way to avoid parking tickets and shorten the walk to class is what the new shuttle service is offering MCC students this year.

With MCC's acquisition of the Community Services Center (formerly the old Waco High building), a new parking lot has also been added to the campus.

Since the first day of this semester two vans have been involved in a trial shuttle service.

Students who park in the new lot are picked up there and dropped off at either of two locations on the main campus-behind the Health Careers Building or in front of the Administration Building. The first week the service was offered saw an increase of use from 5 riders the first day to 60 on Thursday.

(people riding) after word gets around," said Vince Edwards, one of the ground maintenance



"I think we'll have over 100 USE IT OR LOSE IT. Shuttle bus drivers show the parking lot that has not been utilized to the fullest by student commuters this somester. The shuttle service can actually save students time in trying to find a place to park, and then can drop them almost at

the place they want to go on campus. It can also save money in fuel economy and perhaps in parking ticket fines, they pointed out. A campus map showing the location of the new parking lot is located on page 3.

workers doubling as a driver.

Currently the vans run their 10 minute route beginning at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

"It's a real time saver. You don't have to drive around 20 or 30 minutes looking for a parking place, plus it saves a lot of head-aches," David Meier, another driver, said.

The new parking lot has room for about 300 cars, according to Meier. Also another new lot is being built on the northwest side of the Community Service Con-

The service is still in the experimental stage. Drivers take a

consus of passengers riding each day to help determine if this or a similar service is really needed.

One permanent alternative to the current system being discussed is the purchase of a bus specifically designated to the shuttle service and the hiring of a full time driver

### Opinion/News -

Why, you communists! You lazy freeloaders! And you call yourselves U.S. citizens? Well, then, by all you hold dear,

### Register, care, and vote!

Last election year, only 69.5 percent of eligible McLennan county residents were registered to vote.

Of those registered, only 70 percent 'bothered to vote' in the 1984 election. On the national scale, only 53.1 percent of votingage citizens (age 18 and over) voted in the election.

More citizens should set aside the five minutes it takes to REGISTER to vote, then WATCH for what candidate they want in public office, DECIDE who will best secure their wishes, and finally act on their values by VOTING.

That U.S. citizens are apathetic about voting is a sad finding in a nation which would otherwise be proud of a working democracy.

Why don't more people register and vote? Is it because they don't have the time? Is it because they don't care who makes the decisions in their community, in their state, or in Washington? Is it because they don't care how much taxes they pay, or how much social security will pay them in later years? Is it because they don't care if a job will be available for them when they leave school or their present work?

Is it because they don't care what their children will learn at school, the playground, or the streets? Is it because they don't care how much it costs to live decently and buy all the wonderful things that make working worthwhile? Is it because they don't care that the sky drops clean rain to help food and flowers grow, or bombs to wreak destruction? Is it because they don't care whether or not we send our young men off to die in defense of democracy here and everywhere? Is it because they don't have the time to secure their rights and freedoms of the future?

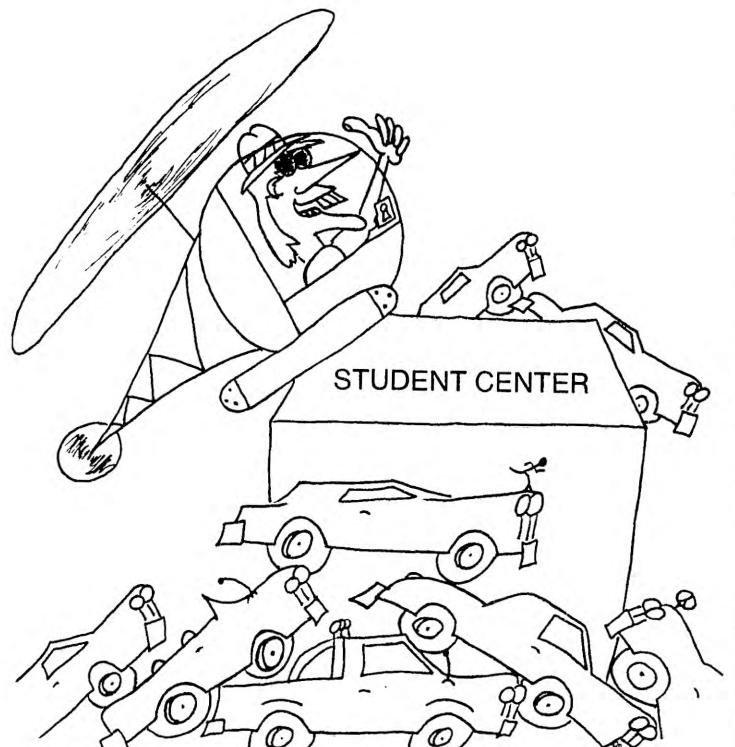
If that's the case, they're certainly not infringing on the rights of those who DO care. Right? Well, some would beg to differ.

If this indifference continues, and U.S. citizens ignore their sacred duty to secure their freedoms through regular voting, some sly slew of snakes may worm their way into top government posts, and poison an already melting pot to corruption.

Which might bring such chaos as higher crime rates, riots-in essence, a disrupted peace, a downfallen prosperity.

In conclusion, we of the Highland Herald petition you our readers to register, to care, and to vote.

(Editor's note: this information is from the Election Data Services in Washington, and is submitted by John Willingham, McLennan County elections administrator.)



Reginald solves his parking problem.

### Former editor appreciates days at MCC

Dear Herald Staff and Readers,

I've traded the old familiar orange and black for maroon and white, my spirit soars and I'm filled with the spirit of Aggieland. But with new faces and places all around me, I still remember the old.

MCC was definitely one of the greatest experiences of my life. The crowning achievement of my time at MCC was having the opportunity of serving as editor in chief of the Highland Herald for 1987-1988.

I want to wish the best of luck to Tom Buckner and everyone involved with MCC journalism. Mr. Buckner is undoubtedly one of the most experienced journalist and finest instructors around.

Also, thanks to all my instructors and friends at MCC for making it so enjoyable.

I will certainly remember the long night in the journalism lab as one of the most challenging and rewarding times of my life. Good luck to Dr. Michaelis as

he takes over the duties as president in an exciting era of expansion and progress.

Also, good luck to Teri Eisma as she takes over as editor and to the rest of the faithful staff members (you know who you are, true believers!).

I'm confident that you will maintain the Herald's tradition of excellence and make it one of the best papers in Texas! Sincerely, Jeff Osborne MCC Class of 1988 TAMU Class of 1990

Students, grow up and get to work

## Welcome Everyone!

Welcome to MCC!

Yes, summer vacation is over, and you know what that means. It is time to return to the humdrum of waking up early and camping in a classroom for three months.

But don't be mislead. This fall has a lot of excitement in store. MCC not only has a new president lending his support and instructors and courses to prepare us for many goals, but it is virtually a gold mine of activity. Sports groups, Student Government, and various social organizations exist for our benefit.

For the student who likes sports, intramurals is the name of the game. Experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat while making new friends and becoming familiar with the campus. Intramurals consist of such sports as football, basketball, softball and volleyball.

For the student who thrives on being a leader, Student Government will be holding elections Thursday and Friday. The responsibilities of Student Government members includes planning dances, homecoming activities, charity drives, and other campus activities, such as dress-up days and mini-concerts in the Student Center. Student Government is a big responsibility, but it returns all efforts put into it.

For students who want to meet others, several clubs exist on campus to bring students together with common backgrounds, interests, and goals. The clubs vary from religious to academic to ethnic interests.

At MCC the saying, "something for everyone," holds true. We encourage you to find some activity that holds special interest to you. Not only will you become more familiar with various campus organizations, you will be taking advantage of an excellent opportunity to make friends.

Read the Highland Herald to get information about the various activities, as well as campus news. We are always open to your suggestions, praise, and criticism in the form of letters to the editor. Please write and let us know your opinion.

Welcome to MCC and good luck in everything you do!

### Welcome, Michaelis!

This newspaper, along with the rest of the MCC campus community, heartily greets Dr. Dennis Michaelis as he assumes the presidency of MCC.

It was certainly a great honor to be deemed the best of 66 applicants. The Board of Trustees could not have made a better

In Dr. Wilbur Ball's 22 years as president he helped MCC become one of the leading educational institutions in Texas. A job done this well would be hard to exceed or even equal, but if any man can even come close, Michaelis is that man. He has that allimportant quality that made Ball such a good president. He cares about people.

MCC's excellent past cannot be overshadowed, but with a challenging and promising future ahead it is possible to come

#### parking lot of The Wharf. Out steps a clean-cut, All-American type in a T-shirt, shorts and apron. Ready for work, it's Larry

A black 280 Z pulls into the

It's 5:52 p.m.

Weststall-a local student who, between school, work and coaching little league baseball, puts in about a 70 hour work week. Coming from humble beginnings in Houston, Larry believes, "You can't get anywhere in this world without an education." Larry also has a strong sincere respect for family, almost rare. He takes nothing for granted. An accounting major, he manages to do it all--paying for his car and paying the rent too. Common sense and responsibility can be included

As an employer I see so many students that I will say I have "no use" for. Spoiled brats apply to work and give up at the first test of pressure, stress, a rainy day or (poor babies!) a hangover. They just don't come to work.

And don't tell me they had to take a friend to the emergency room, as I have already heard that one too many times. What shall I tell the hungry customers in the restaurant when we're short-handed and there is no one to take their orders? They get rude and yell at me and after years in the business, still hurt my feelings. Where is my help?

If they didn't want or need the job, why come and apply? Nothing is wrong with having money--I like it real well myself. And parents' help is great. I plan to help my son all I can. However, I am telling him to "get tough" now at age 14.

Parents, what about teaching your kids good work habits, such as being on time, doing what you say you will, getting along with co-workers and the public, not talking back to your employer, and in general just plain getting along. Are these things out of style these days?

I wonder what, pray-tell, will these students (the brats) do in the real world after graduation--out in the world without the safety of the campus and their parents. What are they going to do when they have to be responsible for their own actions and do things they don't want to do?

I will say that the good outweighs the bad. I so admire the hardworking, sincere spirits I encounter in my business, and appreciate the fine job they do. I know they will be "winners" in whatever they do through their

But "brats" beware-these noble hard workers that go the extra mile and come to work in the rain are going to "eat your lunch" in the real world. Wake up now, or you will be in for some hard lessons that school can't teach you.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Students asked to review developmental courses

Page 27 of the 1987-89 McLennan Community College General Catalogue contains information about developmental courses at MCC and lists the names of most developmental courses. A complete list is shown below. Developmental courses cannot be applied toward meeting degree requirements. Grade points earned in developmental courses will not be included in the overall grade point average (GPA) calculation on the transcript effective fall, 1988. Grades in developmental courses will be either CR (credit), NC (non-completion), or "W" effective fall, 1988.

The rule that developmental course grades cannot be applied toward meeting degree requirements applies to all state colleges in Texas and comes to us from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The college is developing a mechanism for identifying on transcripts developmental courses that do not apply toward degree requirements and that are not included in GPA calculation.

In making your graduation and/or transfer plans, please review your course work to insure that these requirements will not present academic, financial aid, or program eligibility problems (such as veterans) for you.

Good planning means you give yourself enough time to take the courses you need, that you know exactly which ones will transfer or apply toward a degree, and that you are not counting on the grades in developmental courses to bring up your GPA. Good planning does not mean you try to avoid taking developmental courses if the courses can improve skills you need for other courses. Our experience is that many

of our students take one or more developmental courses for their personal and academic benefit.

If you have questions about this, please see your counselor or program director. ENG 111 FRESHMAN COMPOSITION LABORATORY ENG "BASIC GRAMMAR AND COM-POSTION HDV 101 -- CAREER EXPLORATION AND CHOICE HDV 300 -- COLLEGE SKILLS MAT 110 "POLYNOMINALS AND RATIONAL MAT 112 -- EX-PONENTS AND RADICALS MAT 300 -PROBLEM SOLVING MAT 307 -- ELEMENTARY AL-GEBRA REA 101 "STUDY SKILLS REA 301 -BASIC COL-LEGE READING REA 302 -- IN-COLLEGE TERMEDIATE READING REA 303 -- AD-VANCED COLLEGE READING

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### MCC clubs numerous

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munity groups in recognizing, identifying and managing psycho-social problems.

The MCC Chapter of the Music Educators National Conference's purpose is to share and increase knowledge in all areas of music education.

The Nursing Students Association is for students enrolled in the associate degree nursing pro-

The Pan American Club focuses on cultural enrichment of the Mexican-American heritage.

The Phi Theta Alpha Club is open to any student enrolled in the physical therapist program as well as any prerequisite physi-cal therapy student.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national juntor college honorary scholas-Richard Drum Vice President, tic fraternity whose primary purpose is to promote scholarship.

To be considered for member ship a student must have com pleted 12 semester hours and maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Psi Beta is the national honor society in psychology for community colleges, an overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 or better in psychology or mental health courses is required for membership consideration.

The Press Club is composed of students enrolled in journalism courses or who have an interest in journalism and it's related media, according to advisor Tom

Buckner. The Returning Students As sociation is a special interest or ganization designed for adults

who have decided to return to

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Photo by Albert Rivera, Jr.

ENTERTAINING at the Water Melon Cut, September 2, are new Dance Company members (left to right) Lt. Jennifer McCarley, Shannon Bettinger, Jill Pearson, Diane Craig, Marti Gibson, Julie Nuckols, Angle Elkin, Julie Cernosek, Captain Dorothy Matthews, Michelle Meister, Corey Swinson, Lisa Ryno, Lt. Jeannie Swank, Karen Sobota, Misty Lytle, Amy Muse, Shannon Cortez and Stacey

### Hastings retires from MCC to teach at Baylor

#### By TERI LYN EISMA

Dr. Chester Hastings, MCC's first dean of instruction, has retired from the school this year to begin a new career at Baylor.

then vice president at MCC, Dr. ing place." Hastings returns to teaching. He said that in June, "I completed my requirements for retirement under the Texas Teacher Retirement organization-95 years of age and experience-and I had 96."

"First, I want to make sure that people do not tie my retirement to the new president (Dr. Dennis Michaelis) or Dr. Ball retiring," Hastings said in a telephone interview.

To the Dean of Education at Baylor University he said, "I really would like to get back into teaching," and a position was open teaching undergraduate and

graduate students in education courses such as "Foundation of Education," "Supervising Practicum" and a conference class on education philosophy.

Ball and Michaelis released him from this year's contract at MCC, and now Hastings says Baylor is "keeping me busy, After 22 years as dean and trying to catch up, finding a park-

> Hastings "would like to thank the secretarial staff and people who were involved" for arranging the reception on Aug. 26 in his honor. "I was very pleased with the large turnout...I'm not exactly certain of all (who arranged it) ... . but I am really appreciative of all the time and effort it took."

> "I miss MCC, and expect great things (of it). I wish the students, faculty and administrative staff well and thank them for many enjoyable experiences during the time I was there. I invite them, when they complete their requirements at MCC, to come over here to Baylor."

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Michaelis reception Sept. 25

A reception welcoming MCC's new president, Dr. Dennis F. Michaelis, is planned Sept. 25 from 3-5 p.m. at the MCC Performing Arts Center. Refreshments will be served and a photography display by Cullen Smith will be featured. The public is invited to attend.

### Swimming pool hours set

The swimming pool in the Health and Physical Education Building will be open for faculty, staff, and students on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. A lifeguard will be on duty at that time.

### Retailer seeks advisory board

A college advisory board with the intention of developing a direct communication link with Waco area students is being sponsored by the local Dillard's store.

Selected applicants will receive a special discount, attend a monthly luncheon meeting, and work for Dillard's a few hours of the semester doing different activities. Those interested should contact Wiki Erickson at the store for more information.

### Dance company kicks off season with new members

By JEFF CALAWAY

The national champion MCC Dance Company begins a new year with a young but hard-working team.

good job," said Sandy Hinton, director of the Dance Company.

Of this year's 18-member squad, only three are returning from the 1987 national championship team; however, what the team lacks in experience, they make up for in hard work.

The returning members are Dorothy Matthews, captain, from University High School; Jeannie Swank, lieutenant, from La Vega; and Julie Nuckols, from Midway.

Freshmen members are Jennifer McCarley, lieutenant, South Garland; Shannon Bettinger, Reicher; Shannon Cortez, University; Diane Craig, Waco; and Angie Elkin, Hillsboro.

Also Marti Gibson, Gatesville: Michelle Meister, Midway; Amy Muse, Midway; Jill Pearson, Marlin; Lisa Ryno, Wortham; Karen Sobota, La Vega; Stacey Stahl, Midway; Corey Swinson, "They're working hard to do a Midway; and Mysty Lytle, Houston, who is a sophomore, but a new member.

With so many new members, the Dance Company has to learn more than just the routines.

"They have to work to know each other and become a team," Hinton said. She describes the period of time between the beginning of school and their next performance on Oct. 3 as "boot camp."

The Dance Company will perform that day in the Heart of Texas Fair Parade and then during the fair on Oct. 4 and 6. The group is also scheduled to perform at the Texas State Fair in Dallas on Oct. 8.

### 22 newcomers in staff

#### By JENNIFER WARREN

Nine full-time instructors and 13 part-time instructors are among the new faces on the MCC campus this year.

#### Full time faculty

New full-time faculty members are Francis Bravo, cosmetology; Kay Eissler, computer data processing; Lou Lindsey, ter. drama; Lera Lich and Lynn Waller, English; Hazel McCall, coordinator of driver education; Paul Miller, head baseball coach; Ed Stacey, assistant baseball coach; Barbara Harrison, physical therapist assistant; and Dana Whiteman, radiologic technology.

Bravo will be teaching the high school cosmetology program for MCC. She taught cosmetology for the Waco Independent School District for 13 years.

Eissler, a MCC graduate, is teaching computer data processing classes. Eissler, who has been teaching part-time at MCC for the past 18 months, was formerly a programmer analyst at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

Lindsey, who replaced former MCC theater director John Kelly, was previously theater director at Bee County College.

Lich, who is teaching English 301 and 311 classes, comes to MCC from Kerrville. She was an instructor at Ingram Tom Moore High School.

Lynn Waller, who recently earned his Ph.D. degree from Texas Tech University, is teaching freshman writing classes and technical writing classes.

McCall is the new coordinator of driver education. Her responsibilities will include both administrative and instructional duties. She will be teaching simulated driving classes.

New head baseball coach Miller comes to MCC from San Jacinto College where he was formerly assistant baseball coach. He is teaching racquetball and weight training this semes-

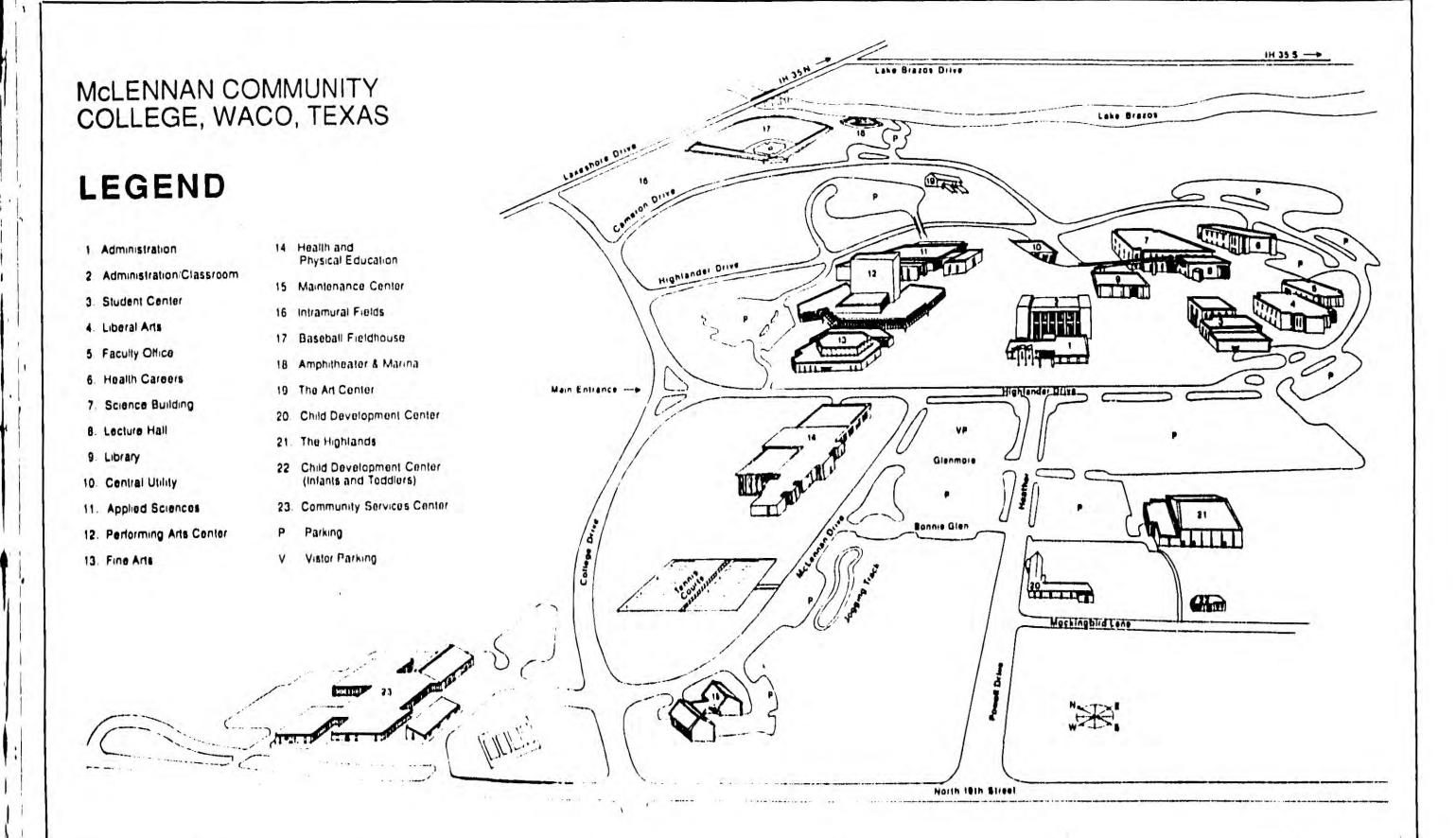
Stacey, new assistant baseball coach, was formerly at Northwood Institute. Stacey is teaching contemporary health, racquetball, weight training and social dance. Harrison, who is teaching

physical therapist assistant classes, is originally from Kansas. She previously worked as a physical therapist at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in occupational medicine.

Whiteman, who is teaching radiologic technology classes, recently graduated from Sam Houston State University. Before coming to MCC, she was a x-ray technician for the Texas Department of Corrections in Hunts-

#### Part-time faculty

New part-time instructors joining the MCC faculty and staff are Laura Hebert, biology; Judy Reed, health/physical education; Ellen Taylor, Thomas Taylor and Diane Brittain, speech; Dana Stanke, Clare Dunn and Gail Patton, reading and Gail Boyd and Mary Taylor, English.



## It's a change for the batter

By CLAY LASSETER

Paul Miller and Rick Butler have just recently experienced radical changes in their careers.

Miller has taken the reins as head baseball coach at MCC while Butler has quit a job he has held for 18 years.

Miller, former assistant baseball coach at San Jacinto College, helped navigate San Jacinto to five straight state championships and three concurrent national championships, including a runner-up finish last year. Leaving a program like that may be tough, but Miller has settled into his new job and likes every bit of it.

"It's everything I thought it would be," Miller said. "MCC is one of the top jobs in the country. I have inherited a traditional, strong program. It was time for me to leave. I am growing. It was time for a head coaching job. I'm happy to be here and I'm looking for a long and fruitful stay here."

Coming from a winning program, Miller expressed high hopes for MCC's upcoming season. "People are expecting more since I'm from San (Jacinto). I know what it takes to have a winning program."

But will the rivalry continue between MCC and San Jacinto? "Yes," said Miller. "I know there will be a rivalry. You cannot want to play to each other. We

By RHONDA HARGROVE

he's ready for another fine year

to be played this semester are

flag football, soccer, three-person

day, Sept. 12. Those who did not

get to sign up have until Friday to get into the playing rotation.

All game schedules will be posted

The soccer teams will consist

of six people per team. Hudson is

of the intramural activities.

basketball, and volleyball.

each week on Monday.

Coach Wendell Hudson says

The games that are scheduled

Flag football started yester-

this season."

According to Miller, the team looks good. He notes that its strengths are pitching and catching, but hitting may be a question mark. There is plenty of time to improve before the season tration at all. I had been thinking begins, though.

Miller's assistant is Ed Stacey, former pitching coach for Northwood Institute. Miller says that Stacey was the most qualified for the job.

The team seems to have adjusted to the new coaching staff just fine. "Our attitude has improved a lot by the way he is coaching the team," said sophomore pitcher Kyle Price. "The team likes him a lot. I believe the team will have more unity. Coach Stacey is a good pitching coach. He knows what he is doing."

Meanwhile--despite not having the coaching duties where he said. won more than 600 games, a national championship and a number of regional and state titles--Butler is staying busy teaching seven classes at MCC. Other activities also fill his life.

"I'm spending a lot of time with my family and playing a lot of golf," said Butler.

Butler has indeed enjoyed his brief time away from baseball. "I'm having a lot of fun. I feel no pressure and my stress level is down 80-90 percent. I enjoy work-

A new game Hudson is intro-

All of the games will be played

Coach Hudson said repeatedly

ducing is three-person basketball.

He wants to organize men's and

at 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednes-

days and Fridays at the intra-

and excitedly that he's ready for

intramurals to begin and for ros-

intramurals contact Hudson at

his office in the Health and

Physical Education Building,

room 112, or call 756-6551, ext. 259.

Or contact Greg Clark in the stu-

women's teams.

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will play each other seven times ing a 40 hour work week instead of an 80-90 hour work week. I'm enjoying life more at this time."

But why the sudden change and will he return to baseball? "I was ready for a change. There was no stress from the adminisabout this for two years," he said. "I was not burned out of baseball."

Butler was in the running for a head coaching position at three Division 1 schools in California, but says that he wasn't looking seriously for a job. "If a job comes along, I'll look at it seriously, but it has to be the right job. I'm just taking this year to re-evaluate and consider my op-

"I have adjusted to teaching and I'm enjoying it so far. I do miss coaching, and people say I'll miss it more in the spring. I'll just have to wait and see," Butler

But come this spring, his many friends may not find him on the golf course. He will be at a more familiar place. "I'll be here rooting for the guys. I still enjoy baseball," he said, eyes gleaming.

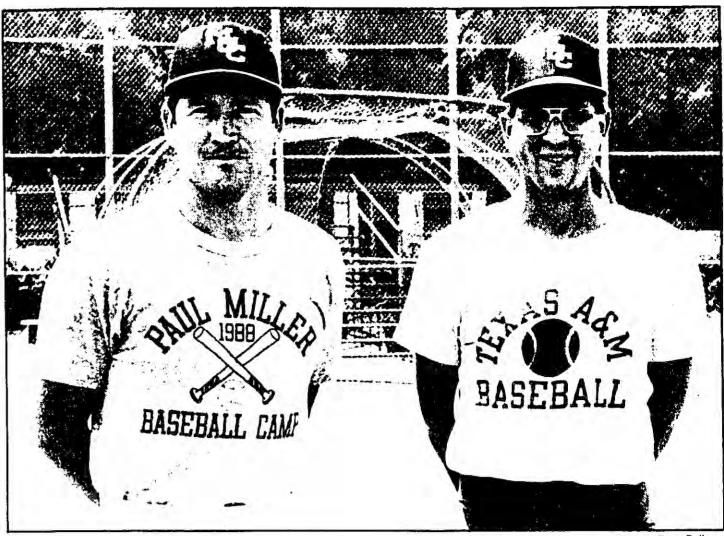


Photo by Rose Polley

Sept. 13, 1988

NEW HEAD BASEBALL COACH Paul Miller and assistant coach Ed Stacey. Miller is from San Jacinto College while Stacey arrived from Northwood Institute.

## Basketball recruits right kind of people

By CARMEN FRENCH

MCC's basketball teams have 15 new faces this year joining a nucleus of veterans who have already begun conditioning for the season that begins in less than two months.

The Highlanders

The new recruits for the men's basketball team are Michael Ferguson, 6-ft. 7-inches, an all-district performer of Houston; Maurice Gandy, 6-7, of Hackensack, New Jersey; Billy Carlock, 6-5,

the most valuable player in his district and on the all state third team from Belton High School; Kelly Henry, 5-11, of Waco Christian; Sean Goolsby, 6-6, of Midway High School; Don Hutto, 6-0, of Midway High School; Patrick Fairley, 6-6, of Waco High; and Marcus Kinney of Killeen High School.

"They are the right kind of people," said Coach Ken De-Weese. As for how well they will play this year, it is too early to tell, he said.

The first official day of practice will be Oct. 1 although the players are currently conditioning by running after school.

Assistant Coach Richard Kilgore said he is excited about the new recruits and feels that the team has a lot of good rebound-

player Jason Returning Hooten says that the new recruits are tall and will have a definite impact on the team. Warren Briggs, another returning player, feels that the team will be a winner.

The Highlassies

The new recruits for the girls

basketball team are Tanya Dovle, 6-3, of Killeen Ellison; Shelia Rewie, 6-1, of Comanche High; FerLandra Lee, 5-10, of Midway; Angela Laws, 5-8, and Shawn Medlock, 5-6, of Waco High; Jill Reed, 5-8, of Clements; and Kendra Haynes, 5-8, of Tem-

is hoping that the girls will continue to work hard so MCC will continue its winning tradition. According to Hudson, this is

Coach Wendell Hudson said he

the tallest team MCC has had since he has been here.

#### expecting to have eight to nine dent activities office in the Stumen's teams and six or seven dent Center. coed teams. Grants still available

for financially eligible

Intramurals to begin

KATHY PEARSON

Money is still available for students who want financial aid.

Even though registration is over, many grants are retroactive. Several grants have not even been applied for, according to James F. Kubacak, director of financial aid.

One such grant is the 1989 Vocational Grant Program sponsored by the Elks National Foun-Vocational/technical courses eligible for this grant are listed on pages 74-75 in the MCC catalog and include the associate degree nursing (ADN) program.

If a student has been denied a grant, he may still be eligible for the new College Access Loan

Program offered by the Coordinating Board of Texas. Up to \$5,000 in funding is available for

Students that have been approved must maintain a 2.10 grade point average to maintain their eligibility status. Eightyfive semester hours are the maximum allowed.

Students seeking more information should contact the office of financial aids in the Student Center between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (except holidays). For students unable to come at that time, appointments may be arranged Monday through Thursday by calling (817) 756-6551, ext. 397, 398, or 399 during regular office hours.

## rs to be filled. For more information about Leadership taught

By SUSAN POLLEY

Approximately 50 youth leaders from two area high schools attended a leadership retreat at Camp Val Verde on August 5-6 as part of MCC's Adopt-A-School program, "Leadership Youth."

The program began through MCC's desire to get more involved in Waco schools. The best way to do that, according to Greg Clark, director of student activities and health services, was by working with students who are potential leaders.

To kick off the program, MCC invited the principals and counselors of University and Waco High MCC's "adopted" Schools, schools, to provide a list of students already in leadership roles. In August, Greg Clark took about 50 juniors and seniors to an overnight leadership program led by Gail Novotny, a California repre-sentative of Mayfair, a company that coordinates student leadership workshops.

The students learned such leadership skills as learning how to work together, being a good leader by approaching each individual differently, and being a

As one student said, "Part of being a good leader is being a good listener."

Although many students complained about the heat and suggested that air conditioning be installed in the cabins, there were no suggestions for improving the workshop.

The students enjoyed the program so much they said that they would recommend it for other students, especially those potential leaders of the student body. Many students said they would like not only to have it again next year, but even sooner.

Plans are already being made for another retreat in mid-October. Although it would be basically the same type of program, Clark said that this one would be for the potential new leaders.

Involved in the program from MCC were students Brian Wallace, Stephanie Crumpton, and Julie Nuchols. MCC staff members Catherine Mynarcik of the Child Care Center and Renee Michalski and Warren Johnson of continuing education participated

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> Coach Hudson has more details... HPE room 112

#### More clubs

(Continued from p. 2) school. This organization pro-

motes fellowship and unity among its members who are changing careers, beginning new careers and/or attending college for the first time. It provides social opportunities, study aids and various support services.

Students On The Move For Christ is a religious organization with it's membership open to all MCC students. Christian music is a focus for this organization.

Zeta Omega Eta is another

pose is to provide students with an opportunity for Christian fellowship and service.

Other clubs can also be organized if enough student interest is shown. For instance, two years ago students interested in chess formed an active club that sponsored campus tournaments.

Any student or group who would like to start a campus club should see Greg Clark at the Office of Student Activities and Health Services on the second floor of the Student Center, or religious organization whose pur- call him at 756-6551, ext. 420.

# Courses expand knowledge for career, interest

By PARRISH DEWALL

White "knowledge is still expanding at a greater rate than our ability to keep up with it," according to MCC's current issue of the Continuing Education Catalog, a number of course offerings in the continuing education division should help area residents keep up with that accelerating pace in the next few weeks.

Those course range from cake decorating and kite building to aircraft pilot instruction and homebuilding crafts, from how to deal with personal stress to how to rescue mountain climbers.

Cake decorating will meet on Monday's from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The class begins September 19. It will be a six week course and it's tuition is \$29 while supplies will cost an extra \$20-\$30.

Drawing 1 is directed mainly at beginning art students. The class begins tonight, Sopt. 13, and meets every Tuesday from 6:30-0:30 p.m. It will last for six weeks and it's tuition is \$20 (supplies extra, about \$12).

Color photography provides

every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It will last for four weeks and the tuition is \$33.

Kite building will provide useful information on the basics of building and flying various types of kites. The student will need to purchase materials for kites. Cost of supplies depend on the size and the type of the kite selected. The course begins Oct. 4 and meets every from 7-9 p.m. The class will be three weeks in length and will cost \$11.

Stained Glass 1 covers glass cutting, simple design, leading, assembling, and copper foil techniques. A class will begin Sept. 15 and meets every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It will last six weeks and costs \$20.

Water-color painting is primarily for the beginner but all skill levels can benefit, according to the catalog description. Ask for supply list when registering. The course starts Oct. 6 and meets every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The class will last for six weeks and costs \$29 (plus sup-

Instrument ground school preuseful information for beginning pares the private pilot for the to advanced photographers. The Federal Aviation Administration class begins Sept. 26 and meets written examination; The course

Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. It lasts 10 weeks and costs \$199 (textbooks extra, about \$70).

Air conditioning and heating begins Sept. 13 and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. It will last for two weeks and costs \$19.

Window and screen repair begins Sept. 27 and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. It lasts for only one week and costs \$14.

Electrical and wiring begins Oct. 4 and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. It lasts for two weeks and costs \$10. Drivers education is approved

by the Texas Department of Pubhe Safety and the Texas Education Agency. Please call the MCC Continuing Education Division after for details regarding time, locations, and cost of this course.

Job seeking techniques and the life skills workshop isdesigned for single purents/homemakers. The course begins Sept. 27 from 0 a.m. noon. The class is

Image" begins Sept. 26 from noon-1:30 p.m. Classes are free. "Stresses: How to Manage and

and meets every Tuesday from text costs about \$13. 7-9 p.m. The class is six weeks in length and costs \$14.

4 and meets on Tuesdays from weeks. The cost is \$20 per person 6:30-9:30 p.m. It lasts for two or \$39 a couple. weeks and costs \$17 (includes cost of workbook).

course to train people in rescue p.m. The class lasts 10 weeks and techniques, begins Oct. 1 and costs \$29 (text extra, approximeets on Saturday and Sunday mately \$6) from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The class costs \$55. Students should bring their own leather gloves, and safety helmets are recommended.

Medication administration recertification meets Sept. 16, Oct. 14, and Oct. 28 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The class cost \$17.

A LVN State Board review is designed to prepare the graduate of a vocational nursing program to take the state examination for licensure. The course begins Oct. 4 and is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0-9 p.m. The class last for two weeks and cost \$22. 7:00-0:00p.m. The class last for 12 weeks and costs \$34 cost of "Building a Positive Self text extra, Approx. \$16)

A beginning course in French begins tonight, Sept. 13, and Pistol safety for women meets on Tuesdays from 7-0 p.m. begins tonight, Sept. 18, and will

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A course in "clogging" begins Sept. 14 and meets on Wednes-"Reality Therapy" begins Oct. days from 7-9 p.m. and last six

A beginning course in plano begins tonight, Sept. 13, and "Basic Vertical Rescue," a meets every Tuesday from 6-8

> Antiques begins, Sept. 22, and meets every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The class lasts for eight weeks and costs \$24 (text extra, about \$19).

> A history class in "Farly Waco and Central Texas" begins Sept. 20 and meets every Tuesday from 7.9 p.m. for eight weeks and

A MacIntosh computer course begins Sept. 24 and will be held for two weeks on Saturday from 8:15 n.m.-12:15 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Another computer course for the Commodore 64 and 128 begins Oct. 8 and meets on Saturdays for two weeks from 8:15 n.m.-12:15 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Pistol safety for women

he held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m. for four weeks. Cost is \$19.

"The Vietnam War: Who?

Why? How?" This course begins

Sept. 15 and meets on Thursdays

from 7-8:30 p.m. for 12 weeks and costs \$29 (text about \$25). A beginning course in bridge playing begins Sept. 15 and is held every Thursday from 6:30-9:30

p.m. Classes last for six weeks Foil fencing begins Sept. 20 and will be held Tuesdays and

Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. The class last for eight weeks and costs \$39. Karate begins Oct. 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-

7:30 p.m. Classes lasts for six weeks and costs \$29. Participants must be 12 or older. A course in "How to Understand Spectator Sports" begins Sept. 13 on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Classes last for six weeks and

cost \$10. Yoga classes also begins tonight, Sept. 13, and meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. Classes meet for six weeks and cost \$20.

For information on requirements for registration or enrollment, call 756-6551, extension 217.

### Geisler speaks about 20 years ago

## Campus peaceful even in turbulent times

By KEITH JENKINS

If today's date was Sept. 13, 1968, you would be attending school on a former U.S. Air Force base along with students from Texas State Technical Institute.

It may be hard to imagine, but 20 years ago both MCC and TSTI were located at James Connally Air Force Base before MCC moved to its present location in 1970. One of those who was there then and is still at MCC is counselor Keith Geisler.

Since 1967, Dr. Geisler has held various positions at MCC. Through his work with many people, he has been able to experience the changes that this col-lege and its students have made over the years.

Geisler recalls that when he first began at MCC, only 857 students were attending the school. He believed that having a small amount of students was a great advantage because it enabled him to know many of them. Today, about 5,200 students are enrolled at MCC according to the registrar's office.

Being on a military base provided a strong and helpful security system for the school. While at the base, Geisler was in charge of campus security and said that it was a joy to work with the campus police.

While the Vietnam War threatened other colleges across the country with demonstrations and the draft, Geisler said this school was fortunate not to experience any of these problems.

"No demonstrations occurred on campus during the Vietnam War. Many of the students were very conservative and motivated in having good grades. I was proud of the students and their attitude. This is what made our college such a fine school," explained Geisler.

During this time, Geisler served on the Admissions Committee and experienced the pain of students not being accepted. In the case of male students, it was extremely important that they were accepted because if they were not, they faced being drafted. It was nerve racking for the committee to decide not to accept a student, Geisler said, because students did have the opportunity to appeal their decision.

When the college moved to its present location, it was a joint effort by the students and faculty to help in any way that was possi-

"Everyone was anxious to get out here. The faculty would have tours and picnics. It was thrilling to see a campus being built plus have a hand in it," said Geisler.

While working in administration, Geisler decided to take out time to begin working on his Ph.D. at Texas A&M and to work in counseling. As a counselor, he would be able to work closer with students.

"The rewards of this job is seeing people be successful at what they want to be and with what they want to do," said Geisl-

The past 20 years has brought about numerous changes at MCC, but one thing that has not changed is Geisler's attitude toward his work and the students. He is continually committed to helping students with the best advice that he can give plus having as much fun as possible.

During this year's freshman orientation, Geisler was giving a tour of the campus to some freshmen. The entire time he was giving the tour he kept thinking, "I can't believe I'm getting paid to do this."



to School Dance in the Performing Arts Center court Thursday, Sept. 8.

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## **Opinions volunteered** on class registration

By KEITH JENKINS

Try and picture a hectic time in a large building. Long and winding lines made up of students can be seen from a far distance.

On the students' faces are signs of frustration, impatience, and even confusion. Many are wondering where to go next, what to do, and when will it all finally be over.

For many students at MCC, this is exactly how registration seems to be. It can often be a pain for a student who is registering for the first time and if desired courses are not granted.

Although this is the case for a majority of students, some are still the students would be plugged into satisfied with the school's registration process.

Russell Almond, a freshman business major, is content with registration and believes that a lot depends on the students.

"I think that some of the problems could be expedited by the students if more of them went to early registration. I've been fortunate by going to early registra-tion," explained Almond.

Cruz Jimenez, a physical therapist assistant at Hillcrest and a part-time student looks at registra-

tion from a totally different angle. "Registration would be better if the various departments could have better communication among each other," said Jimenez.

Not only do students feel that registration can be improved, but some members of the faculty and administration have made several suggestions.

Hazel Martin, counselor, believes that there are too many days to register late and that MCC should practice a process known as unlined registration.

"Unlined registration is where a computer when getting advised. The bill would then be sent to the registrar's office to be paid immediately," explained Martin.

Willie Hobbs, director of admissions/registrar, also agrees that there should be a cut down on the amount of days that students have to register late. Despite this, he still feels that the school's process operates at a good level.

"Even though it's a hectic process and not enough students are aware of our process, I still feel that registration runs smoothly," explained Hobbs.

## Student problems, involvement polled

By JEFF CALAWAY

Less than one-fourth of MCC students said that they participated in student activities, and slightly more said student activity programs met their needs, accord-

a survey last year. But a large percentage felt that student activities, especially social activities, should be improved, the survey indicated.

From 1979 to 1987 a pattern of decline in the percentage of stu-scheduling is making it difficult to

dents who participate in college activities and in the students' perception of the importance of these activities.

program will probably have to said that book costs were a bigger ing to recently-released results of change from its one-time generic approach to a focus on four or five major sub-groups, such as older students, women, singles, minorities, and traditional (ages 18-24), the researchers suggested.

The survey suggested that class

have good intramural and enrichment activity participation at the 10 a.m. hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

When questioned about problem

MCC's projection and planning areas in the school, more students problem than tuition and fees. Nine percent of the students indicated child care as a problem.

The biggest problem for students, however, was parking with 86 percent of the respondents citing this as their number one complaint.

Questionnaires were given to all MCC students enrolled in English and business communications day and evening classes during the ninth and 10th weeks of the fall semester, 1987.

Students who participated in the survey were asked questions related to their impressions/appraisal of MCC, advertising, biographical information and open-ended questions on strengths, weaknesses, and major causes for drop-outs (see related story).

In last year's survey

### Students choose MCC as top college choice, **Baylor strong second**

By CHERYL FOLK

MCC was an overwhelming top choice followed by Baylor, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas at Austin as the schools MCC students wanted to attend, according to a survey here last

All students enrolled in credit English and business English, day and evening classes, an-'swered the questions that were given to them the ninth and tenth weeks of classes.

In response to a question which asked for students first three choices of colleges, MCC was chose by 88 percent, a one percent increase since the 1987 questionnaire and a five percent decrease since 1979.

Baylor came in second with 25 percent, Texas A&M was picked by 21 percent, University of Texas took fourth place with 20 percent, and TSTI claimed fifth with 10 percent.

interest to MCC students were Southwest Texas State University, Tarleton State University, the University of North Texas, Texas Tech, Mary Hardin-Baylor, Stephen F. Austin, Blinn, Lamar, TCU, the University of Houston, Prairie View, Navarro, Abilene Christian University, and Sam Houston State.

Though MCC was not the first choice of some students, some factors which persuaded them to enroll were the low cost, background (preparation for senior institution), convenience pertaining to location, financial aid/scholarships, good reputation for the choice of transfer, the 1087-88 academic programs, friends attending and atmosphere, according to the survey.

In comparison to the 1987 survey, low cost has increased by 10 percent as a major reason for on-

rolling while location doesn't seem to be quite as important and has dropped 12 percent. These new percentages made low cost the number one reason for attending, taking the place of location which was first in previous years.

According to the data, the decision to enroll at MCC was not questioned by 81 percent of the students' families and friends in comparison to 88 percent in 1983 and 1979. The major reason for questioning centered around 'academic standards and transferability,' 'too far to commute,' and 'you need to get away from home and parents.

The bulletin states that eightin-10 of the students thought that it was important for them to graduate from a four year college compared to 94 percent in 1983 and 85 percent in 1979. About 69 percent felt that it was important to graduate from a two year Other schools which were of college (92 percent in 1983 and 68 percent in 1979).

> Eighty-four percent of the student body in 1987 and 1983 indicated they planned to complete a four year degree someday.

> The major institutions to which they would transfer to possibly obtain their four year degrees, in rank order are Baylor, "undecided," Texas A&M, UT Austin, the University of North Texas, UT Arlington, Southwest Texas State, Mary Hardin-Bayfor, Tarleton, Sam Houston, and Texas Tech.

With Baylor listed so highly as Research Bulletin No. 6 suggested that MCC should pursue a "closer high level communication and articulation with Baylor and other senter institutions so as to maximize the coordination and transferability of our curriculn."

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## Man-eating plant takes root in MCC drama department

By TANYA CLARK

The MCC drama department will present the musical "Little Shop Of Horrors" at the MCC Performing Arts Center Oct. 12-15 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 15-16 at 2:30

"Little Shop Of Horrors" is a satire, or spoof, on science fiction, written by Howard Ashman. It will be directed here by Lou Lindsey. The music is by Alan Menken, and the play is based on a movie by Roger Corman. The basic plot is a love story gone awry--a struggle to love with the bad guy always interfering. In this case, the bad guy is a maneating plant.

The play is different from the movie, which originally starred Jack Nicholson. The movie went to stage and then back to screen in 1986. It was an off-Broadway hit but never made it to Broad-

way because the director thought it played better in a small thea-

The stage design and scenery will be done by Dave Boron, who will also be the technical director. Stacy Hellums from Sinton designed the costumes. Karen Albrecht, a member of the faculty, will be the musical director. The assistant director and stage manager is Tina Wilburn from Waxahachie, and Mike Wagner from Canadian will also be the assistant director.

played by Stormi Upton, Friona; Crystal by Julia McClellan, Abilene; Ronnett by Lee Sellers, Waco; Plus One by Kris Andrews, Plains; Mushnik by Richard Caldwell, San Antonio; and Audrey by Jari Todd, Sonora.

Seymour is played by Jeff Chuck Ellis, Friona; Audrey II Ticket Office.

(voice) Richard Martin, Waco; and (manipulation) Mike Wagner, Canadian, and John Haskett,

The chorus includes John Fore, Waco; Charlie Newman, Troy; Dwight Upton, Colorado City; Jeff Buchanan, Clyde; Kim Hopkins, Waco; Stacy Hellums, Sinton; Laura Sulak, Hillsboro; Amy DuBose, Andrews; Darin Brock, Lorena; Greg Scott, Lubbock: Stephanie Bennett, Fort Worth: and Richard Martin, Waco.

Band members will be playing The cast list includes Chiffon the music and acting as well. Karen Albrecht, music director, says the music is fun, in the "blues" vein, like the late 1950s to early 1960s music.

"This musical is fun for everyone, including those on stage, off stage, and the audience," Albrecht said.

Tickets go on sale Sept. 28 at Tribbitt, San Antonio; Orin by the MCC Performing Arts Center



CUTTIN AND MUNCHIN members of the party. Student Government members preparing student government busily cut watermelon for the treats are (left to right) Scott Perry, Kyle the annual event held Sept. 2. The event is held Stuckley, Brian Wallace, and Jeff Gage. as a welcome to MCC and meet new people

## Lindsey takes the stage as new drama director

By DARIN BROCK

One can almost feel the enthusiasm coming from the MCC drama department being projected by the new theater arts director, Lou Lindsey.

Lindsey can usually be found wearing a smile. He almost always has students in his office, helping or talking to one of them, so he rarely has time to himself.

He has planned a busy year for his new drama department. He is enthusiastic about the coming year, and the excitement is reflecting throughout the depart-

Lindsey, now in his 10th year of directing, said he came to MCC for the many great opporhe said, because of the school's added that "I would like to keep

tradition of having a good theater expanding on the top three." program.

The college has such tremendous facilities. You just don't find such wonderful facilities on the junior college level," he said.

He also mentioned the support system of additional staff and budgeting as another reason for coming to the school.

Lindsey also has a list of expectations he would like to live up to this year. "Producing quality theater," something that appeals to almost everyone, was top on his list.

He also wants to meet the full potential of every opportunity given him. Another thing Lindsey would like to do is expand the drama program, which tripled in tunities the school and com- size this semester over last munity provides. He took the job, year's enrollment. Finally, he

Many of the students who will be working under Lindsey have already picked up on his enthusiasm and are ready to begin work.

"Mr. Lindsey seems to have a positive attitude about everything. You can tell that he wants everyone to do well and gives everyone a fair shot," one of his students said. Another student said she returned to MCC this fall in order to work with Lindsey.

Lindsey has an impressive history of theater direction behind him, serving at such schools as West Texas State, University of Texas at Austin, and several summers of professional theater. However, Lindsey thinks of himself as a teacher, not a director.

"Some of the best results come from teaching a person, rather than telling them how to

### SG plan: involve students at MCC

By ELIZABETH DELEON

As the new school year takes full swing, so does the hard work, motivation, enthusiasm, involvement and leadership of the student body.

"The Student Government officers, as well as myself, have been working very hard to get this school year well under way," according to Brian Wallace, president of Student Govern-

"We, as student leaders feel that it is our main goal to get students involved and excited about various clubs and other organizations on campus," Wallace said.

In order to get everyone involved with the different activities and clubs on eampus, such "get involved" events such as the watermelon cut 10 days ago and last week's back to school dance are being held.

Future events include miniconcerts, kicker day, Student Government elections and contests, a Halloween dance, a "bestpick-up truck" contest, health awareness programs, leadership workshops, as well as getting involved in other campus organiza-

"My goals for the new school year are to get all or more of the number of students here on camous more involved and more excited in participating in school sponsored activities, as well as having fun while getting in-volved," Wallace said.

"By getting more students interested in cumpus activities, I feel that we can all make the year a great success. I know that It is going to be a great year," he

## **Drug programs start**

By PAUL BUCHHOLZ

Johnny Gimble has just released recently. "Still Fiddlin' Around," a new MCC was awarded a "Fund western swing album, and MCC's for the Improvement of Post-see-Dick Gimble is a part of that ef- ondary Education" grant for

**Johnny Gimble** 

has new album

album is selling well, according education program to 700 freshto local record stores. It has also man at orientation. had some good reviews for its The counseling staff is also exstyle.

that his father, born in 1926, lems in the next few weeks. began his involvement with music at age seven or eight. After WW II Johnny Gimble played with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. His best known albums are "Fiddlin' Around" and "Texas Dance Party."

In addition to the music of Johnny Gimble (violin, mandolin, guitar, and vocals), other band members in the album include Maurice Anderson (steel guitar), Curly Hollingsworth (piano), Jerry Echols (drums), and Dick Gimble (acoustic and electric bass). The album is available at Hasting's Records and Tapes and Sound Warehouse.

#### By MELINDA WICKS

Drug education and prevention received a boost on campus Legendary Texas fiddle player with the awarding of a grant here

drug education and prevention, On the MCA Records label, the and the school presented a drug

pected to be trained in skills to Dick Gimble informed said assist students with drug prob-

MCC will start håving support

mous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al Anon, Adult Children of Alcoholics, and possibly an emotional support group to assist with the programs. Classes in drug education are also available at MCC.

groups such as Narcotics Anony-

Along with the programs offered for students, MCC is giving seminars and workshops for the community. MCC is also sponsoring drug-free concerts and dances for area high schools and junior high schools. Any students who are inter-

ested in any of the support groups can sign up in the counsel-

### Graduation date and site changed

For those who like to plan ahead, the school year has been shortened with a change in the graduation day.

The previous date, May 19, has now been changed to May 18, according to Jennettie Holliday of the registrar's office.

"It was going to take place at The Highlands, but since it tends to be hot in there at times, the administration decided to change it to the Convention Center where it will be more comfortable."

Since the Convention Center was already booked on the 19th, the date was moved up a day.

Commencement was held at the Convention Center last May, and many of those attending commented favorably on the ac-

## "Handful of Trouble" scores big break for music student

By SARA WARTES

"A Handful of Trouble" may sound like bad news, but Dale Briggs, a sophomore music composition major at MCC, has turned "trouble" into an oppor-

Briggs has written, produced and performed the title song for the movie, "A Handful of Trouble," which will premier in Waco this month.

Last February, when Briggs heard that the movie was to be shot on location in Waco, he went to try out for a part. No parts were available in the movie, but while he was there he decided to talk to the director, Alan Stewart, about the film's music. He was told that the score was being done by a writer from Los Angeles and that several bands were being considered to do the other music.

"I figured it was a rough shot,

Briggs read over a summary of the plot, and driving home he began to mult over some possible lyries, "Not enough time to get

out of here, not enough time to slow down." He put it out of his mind that night, but the next day he went to a music studio he has developed in a detached garage at his parent's house and said, "Hey, I'm going to make up that

"I had the drum machine going in a regular beat to fit the phrase I had come up with driving home," Briggs said.

Then he began to experiment with the words in the movie title. To rhyme with "trouble" he came up with "bubble," and the song began to take shape. "I've got a handful of trouble, nobody's going to bust my bubble." After programming the computer with the rhythm, he began to work with chord progressions, then added bass, guitar and organ.

"You can goof around endlessly until you come up with something," he said.

By late Saturday night the song was complete. Monday Briggs walked into director Alan Stewart's office with the tape and but I asked if he'd be interested a jambox. Stewart listened to the in hearing something," Briggs tape, said it sounded pretty good and then attored those dreaded -words," We'll call you."

But that evening he did call. Briggs could hear the song playing in the background over the

phone when Stewart told him

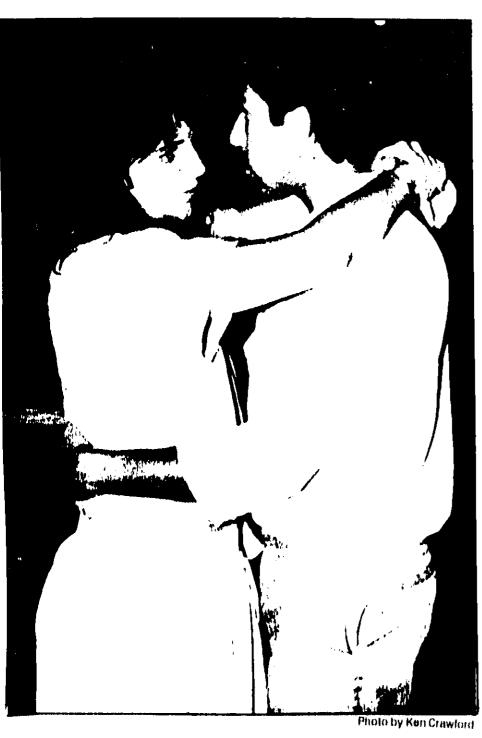
they had decided to use it. Briggs made the final recording of the song in August in a Hollywood studio on the fabled Sunset Strip. He did all the keyboard work, the lead yocal and even the back-up vocals, and had full artistic control. The song is played at the end of the movie and during the credits.

Briggs would like to finish his work here and transfer to the University of Texas at Austin to complete his degree, possibly with a film major. Then he would like to work in some facet of the music or film industry and continue to write songs.

"A good formal education is the best way to learn anything,' he says, "but you have to take your opportunities when you can.'

As a result of his movie experience, Briggs has formed a relationship with a music publisher in Los Angeles who will be marketing this song and others for him in the future, an unusual opportunity for a young songwrit-

If things go right for him Briggs could parlay "A Handfu of Trouble" into a "fistful of dol Jars."



SWAYING SLOWLY to the music, Elias Garcia and Wendl Goldston enjoy the outside air at the Back to School Dance

held by the fountain in front of the Performing Arts Center.

### Civic Chorus begins tonight

Members of the Waco Civic Chorus will begin rehearsals for the 1988-89 season of concerts tonight, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Health-Physical Education Building.

The first concert will be Nov. 3 and will feature the "Gloria" and "Requiem" by John Rutter, A joint "Christmas Festival" with the Civic Chorus, Waco Boys and Girls Choruses, the Waco Community Band and a handbell choir will be held on Dec. 10. The spring concert, Buch's "St. John's Passion," is scheduled for

For information about joining the Waco Civic Chorus, call Pearl Christian at 752-4052 or Madeline Bird at 700 9250.