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AN AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER DRAWS blood from cafeteria supervisor Mike Connolly. He was one of 15 volunteers to donate blood in the Game Room blood drive on April 2.

Blood drive turnout low Registration, scheduling change to blame

By HEATHER ELLIS
 The Game Room sponsored a blood drive on April 2 in the Student Lounge. "The turnout was lower than expected due to scheduling conflicts with express registration," said Lesa Hatley, director of student activities and health services. Fifteen students donated as compared to last semester's 60 students. "The Game Room really worked hard putting the blood drive together and appreciates those who came out and donated," Hatley said. "We always want to encourage more students to donate." Hatley said the changing of the scheduled date dramatically affected the turnout. She has already started to plan next fall's blood drive.

Board approves \$169,225 bid for Administration Building renovations; budget revisions

By MELANIE GERIK
 The Board of Trustees approved a bid for the renovation of the Administration building, the revisions to the annual budget and discussed a potential early retirement program at its regular meeting on March 29.

Building renovations
 For the renovation of the Administration building, a bid of \$169,225 from Barsh Construction was accepted over two other bids. Billington Construction submitted a bid of \$176,700 and Bobby Graham Construction bid \$178,900.

The board voted in January to change the name of the Administration building to Student Services. Johnette McKown, vice president of business services, said the renovations will accommodate the offices moving into the building. McKown said the registrar's side of the building will undergo minor changes, such as new carpet and paint. The other side, however, will be "opened up" — the brick wall will be replaced by brick columns. All renovations are scheduled to be completed by Aug. 1.

Student services scheduled to be housed in the building will include testing, financial aid, and admissions and records. A general information desk also will be located in the lobby of the building.

Budget revisions
 Two major changes for the revisions of the 1993-94 budget included the decrease of income from tuition and fees and an increase in business services.

Enrollment is down from previous estimates, resulting in a loss of \$164,899 from previous estimates.

Expenditures for business services were up by \$154,821. The largest increase was the cost of electricity, due to rate increases and additional uses. Other increases included elections, athletic insurance, the purchase of a new bus and increased costs in property insurance.

Early retirement plan discussed

The early retirement plan is based on the program implemented by Lee College. President Dennis Michaelis said that the plan would provide benefits for

employees nearing retirement.

Michaelis said the program would be offered in 1994 only, with a sign-up deadline of June 17. Participants must have been employed by the college at least 15 years, and will receive monthly payments of a determined amount for four years in addition to the regular retirement benefits. The amount will equal one year's salary or a portion of it divided by 48. Michaelis said a maximum limit must be set for replacement salaries, and some replacement must be part-time employees.

The board did not vote to approve it, but did give Michaelis the authority to publicize it in order to gauge the faculty and staff opinions. The board will vote on the plan during the April 26 meeting.

Insurance, promotions, mid-year report

In other business the board approved a bid from Coregis Indemnity Company for the educators' legal liability policy. The bid included the current limit of \$2 million and \$2,500 deductible, and had a premium quote of \$160,070.99.

The trustees also approved the promotion of Herman Tucker to director of enrollment services from his present position of director of off-campus education, as well as admissions advisor Joanna Harrington to financial aid specialist.

The mid-year report on institutional goals was presented by Hansel Burley. The college currently has 64 specific goals, and Burley and his committee have proposed to either fit those goals into six broad ones or to delete those that are obsolete.

The trustees granted developmental leave to Warren Johnson, dean of continuing education, to complete a doctorate in community college administration from the University of Texas. He will continue to work in the continuing education department half-time for the 1994-95 academic year.

The board also approved the marketable skills record for technical students. (See related story, this page.)

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 26.

New program will document job-related skills

By MELANIE GERIK
 The Board of Trustees approved a new program designed to document job-related skills learned through courses at MCC at its regular meeting last month.

The marketable skills record is a certificate awarded to students who successfully complete a series of courses designed to enhance job skills and workplace competencies.

"(The marketable skills record) goes farther than the traditional transcript," Richard Drum, vice president of instruction, said. The certificates contain the student's name, courses completed with the student's grade, the competencies the student should have, and the specific software used (if applicable).

The program is made of clusters of existing courses. The marketable skills record will be offered in the following areas, Karen Norwood, director of business programs, said in her proposal:

- IBMAS/400 operations
- LOTUS for WINDOWS
- Keyboarding and business document formatting
- Medical transcription
- Microcomputer dBASE

- IV
- Networking
- Real estate courses required to apply for licensure exam

• Word processing
 The program also will allow MCC to document students who enroll specifically to gain technical employment enhancement, but who are not seeking a degree, Norwood said.

Student awards assembly tomorrow

Nearly 100 to be honored in Lecture Hall for academics, extracurricular activities

By ANNETTE BANKS
 The student awards assembly will be held tomorrow at 10:10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall to recognize students for their outstanding achievements in academics and extra-curricular activities.

Those to be recognized include: Tartan Scholars will be honoring Aura Clark, Gwen Daugherty, Juanita Alexander, Raelene Olt, Melonie Shelton, Merie Witt, Roman Morales, Cleveland Freeman, Kevin Moore, Gail Brown, Carrie Wenzel, Bill Fox, Sheila Albritton and Jennifer Wright. Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College will be honoring Adelena Amaro, Carolyn Baker, Holly Devorsky, Hiram Ervin, Monique Moseley, Gary Mach, Rachel Reasoner, Orlando Rodriguez, Rebecca Rudd, Lisa Sadler, Julie Scorza, Harrison Ward, Merie Witt and Juanita Alexander.

Campus organizations
 Recognized for outstanding service in campus organization will be Michelle Dvorak, Dance Company; Kristy Bridges, Cosmetology Club; Sherry Evans, Press Club; J.P. Acker, Baptist Student Union; Robert Cervantes, Young Democrats; and Patricia Givin, Nursing Club.

Also Orlando Rodriguez, LULAC; Kristen Nobis, Music

Educators National Conference; Merie Witt, Zeta Omega Eta; Rebecca Rudd, Phi Theta Kappa; Amal Jayasekera, International Students Organization; Carol Molter, Game Room Club; Jenny Neff, Student Government; Alan Amundson, Physical Therapy Club; and LaNelle Tate, TIGRESS.

Academic achievement
 Academic achievement will be recognized by the following departments — Mary Elkins, government; Brenda Reveles, Spanish; Jason Stambaugh, physics; Merie Witt, speech/forensics; Ana Vallejo, accounting;

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Dates for Summer I Express Registration

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| Monday, April 18, 10 a.m. | Monday, May 9, 2 p.m. |
| Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. | Tuesday, May 10, 5 p.m. |
| Thursday, April 21, 2 p.m. | Monday, May 16, 2 p.m. |
| Friday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. | Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 a.m. |
| Monday, April 25, 9 a.m. | Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, April 27, 8 p.m. | Friday, May 20, 9 a.m. |
| Thursday, April 28, 2 p.m. | Monday, May 23, 8:30 a.m. |
| Monday, May 2, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. | Tuesday, May 24, 2 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. | Wednesday, May 25, 8:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. | |

Telephone, express registration underway, but high no-show rate for sessions

Counselor says calling most convenient, urges students to attend scheduled group appointments

By TRACHIE LYNCH
 Telephone registration and express registration for summer classes is currently under way. To register by telephone, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. The student must have been enrolled during the 1993-94 school year.
2. The student must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
3. The student must have passed all sections of the TASP test or be exempt from the test.

Any student who is eligible to

register by phone should receive a personal identification number in the mail. The student also can obtain his or her PIN from the office of admissions/records. A student cannot register by telephone without the PIN. To register, the student must call 760-3777 from a touchtone phone and enter the control numbers of the classes he or she would like to take. More detailed instructions are available in the summer bulletin. Counselor John Nobis said telephone registration is the most

convenient form of registration for the student. However, he recommends express registration for those who do not qualify for telephone registration or who are unsure of which classes to take. During express registration, four to five counselors advise and register 50 students at a time. Students can sign up for one of the express registration sessions in the counseling office. Students should sign up in advance. Secretaries in the counseling office said the sessions are usually

filled to capacity one or two days in advance. On the day of the session, the student must go to the office of admissions/records and obtain a course advising form. Students cannot express register without this form. During the session, the student will tell the counselor which classes he or she would like to take. The counselor then will enter the course control numbers into the computer. Depending on the student's place in line, express registration

should take between 30 seconds and 45 minutes, Nobis said. Express registration is an opportunity for the student to be advised as well as choose classes. Nobis said the counselors will have a printout of the student's current and past class schedules. The schedules will allow the counselor to determine whether the student has taken the correct prerequisite courses. In addition, Nobis said that counselors will spend as much time with an individual student as necessary. The counselors will

not pressure the student to make a quick decision. Nobis said that one problem counselors encounter during express registration is a high no-show rate. He said that 40 percent of the students who make an appointment to express register fail to attend. The low attendance rate causes a great deal of wasted time and wasted paperwork, Nobis said. "If you sign up, show up." After students register, they have until May 20 to pay tuition and fees.

NEWS BRIEFS

Health Fair Friday

The MCC Health Fair will take place Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the student center. Participants can receive free screening for blood pressure, body fat ratio, cancer risk, glucose level and lung capacity. The event will also offer free eye exams, hearing exams, glaucoma tests, and fitness tests. From 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., participants can have their cholesterol level checked for \$5 and have a total blood chemistry screening for \$9. The Health Fair will also include exhibits from health associations and local businesses. The MCC Wellness Program will sponsor the event. For more information, call 750-3684.

Class for bank tellers tonight

McLennan Community College and the American Institute of Banking are offering a special series of four seminars beginning April 12 for bank tellers who want to update and enhance their professional skills. The series includes courses on laws and regulations, security and loss prevention, selling bank services and the unique skills necessary for a successful teller. Each class is held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the month of April, beginning April 12. The cost is \$50 per seminar or \$175 for the four-seminar series. For more information on this series or other American Institute of Banking courses, call 750-3412.

Nursing graduates score high

Graduates of McLennan Community College's registered nursing program have a better-than-average success rate on state licensure exams. Data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shows that 92.4 percent of graduates from registered nurse degree programs at public community and technical schools passed the National Council Licensure Exam in 1993. However, 95 percent of the February 1994 graduates and 98 percent of the May 1993 graduates of MCC's program successfully passed the test. MCC's two-year associate degree nursing program prepares students to become registered nurses and give patient-centered care at hospitals and other health-care agencies. The next MCC nursing class begins in January 1995, and the deadline for admission is Oct. 1. General information sessions for potential students will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, and at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in the MCC Health Careers Building. Interested persons should telephone 750-3467 to reserve a space.

Three exercise classes due next week

Three exercise classes designed to reduce the chance of injury are beginning soon at McLennan Community College. "Water Exercise" strengthens muscles without the jarring that sometimes occurs while exercising on land. Held at MCC's indoor swimming pool, a 5:30-6:30 and a 6:40-7:40 p.m. Monday/Wednesday class are scheduled to begin Wednesday, April 20. Either six-week class costs \$24. Another aquatic class, "Swimming for Adults," is offered at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Thursday, April 21. A certified aerobic floor, low impact movements and an Aerobic and Fitness Association of America (AFAA) certified instructor combine to make "Aerobic Exercise to Music" a safe bet. The class features step aerobics and traditional exercise on a suspended floor. Beginning Monday, April 25, it will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for six weeks. Cost is \$21. For more information, call 750-3412.

Chicano Association has scholarships

The Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE) is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards. TACHE will award 12 regional scholarships of at least \$500.00 each. To apply for the scholarship, students must have a minimum 2.75 GPA. Applicants must complete an application form and submit two letters of recommendation, a copy of the most current transcript, evidence of admission and a 200-300 word essay. TACHE will announce the recipients of the scholarship at its annual state conference in San Antonio June 15-17. Any student chosen to receive one of the scholarships must pay a \$5 TACHE membership fee at the time of selection. Applications are available in the office of financial aid. Students have until May 1 to apply.

Range animal science scholarships

Sul Ross State University is offering a scholarship to students majoring in range animal science. The award will be for \$500 per semester. Applicants must be junior college graduates. The recipient will be chosen based on academic ability. Applications are available in the financial aid office.

Alexander technique begins April 18

A clinic on the Alexander Technique, conducted by Alice Pryor of Austin, will be held at the Performing Arts Center on Monday, April 18. Sponsored by the music department, the clinic is being held to help actors, actresses and musicians work to improve muscular habits and reduce stress during their performances. From 10 a.m. until noon there will be an introductory session and a short explanatory film on the Alexander Technique. From 1:30 until 4:30 p.m., Pryor will work with small groups of performers selected to receive instruction. The public is welcome to observe the group sessions.

Nail tech program starts in May

Classes for the new professional nail technician program at McLennan Community College will begin Tuesday, May 31, and run through Aug. 2. The eight-week course, the most economical one of its kind in the Central Texas area, teaches students how to perform manicures and pedicures and create a variety of sculptured nails. MCC's full cosmetology program, which teaches both hairdressing and nail technician skills, requires 13 months of schooling. Students who graduate from the summer nail program will become licensed nail technicians after they pass the state examination required for all Texas nail technicians. Nail technician instruction will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays in order to provide 250 hours of training. In order to enroll in the program, students must have a high school diploma or a GED, complete an application for admission to MCC and an application to the college's Cosmetology Program and take a placement test. In addition, each student must meet with the cosmetology program director or attend an orientation for new students. To make an appointment, students should contact MCC's Cosmetology Department at 750-3602.

Genealogy course follows festival

As a salute to the Brazos River Festival, McLennan Community College is offering an exciting four-day course entitled "Genealogical Research and the History of the Lone Star State." The course, held the week following the River Festival, includes 16 hours of genealogical and historical research in Texas. Topics range from the Spanish and Mexican eras between 1500 and 1880, the major ethnic groups of Texas and researching in major libraries, archives and regional collections. Three afternoon field trips have been scheduled. This course is designed for the experienced researcher or as a follow-up to MCC's "Adventures in Genealogy."

Students in technical programs have streamlined registration

By TRACIE LYNCH

Students in technical programs such as business, health careers, and human services have a different procedure to follow when registering for classes.

Karen Norwood, division director for business and computer information systems, said that business and human services students can register through the department of their major.

To register, a business student must first obtain a course advising form from the office of admissions/records. Next, the student must make an appointment through the department secretary to be advised by a faculty member. Any faculty member in the department of the student's major can advise the student.

After the advising session, the department secretary will enter the course control numbers into

the computer. Finally, the student pays for tuition and fees in the business office or by mail.

Norwood said the student is required to go through advising in order to express register. Norwood also recommended advising for students wishing to telephone register, but said the department does not require it. Technical program directors will also be available at traditional registration to assist students.

Norwood said the purpose of the advising is to make sure the student has taken the right prerequisite courses, is taking the right courses at the right time, and is taken the right amount of courses. She said, "We care if they take too many hours or too few hours." The advisors also help students choose courses that will transfer to a four year college.

Norwood said the department

also encourages students who have not chosen a major but might be interested in business to speak with faculty advisors. The department welcomes students who only want to take one or two business courses to be advised as well.

Students interested in health careers also have an opportunity to learn more about the different programs available.

Janice Roberson, director of health careers said that students who wish to learn more about health careers should contact one of the program directors and sign up for a general information session. Roberson said the sessions are the best way to learn about the program.

A typical session usually lasts one hour and consists of 15 prospective students and the program director.

Roberson said that the health

careers programs are two fold. Almost 500 people are in the programs themselves. However, three times as many people are enrolled in pre-health careers classes. Roberson said prospective health careers students should expect to take pre-health careers classes for one to two semesters before entering one of the programs.

Roberson said that the deadline to register has passed for students who are already in one of the programs.

However, students wishing to take pre-health careers classes can still register for summer by contacting Allen Hamilton, health careers counselor for course advising.

Students can find a complete list of all the programs available in health careers, business, and human services on page eight of the summer class schedule.

Summer classes fill, but choices remain

By TRACIE LYNCH

Five summer classes have been filled, as of April 4.

Summer I classes which have closed include Spanish 1411 with D. Paniagua from 8 - 11:25 a.m. and Biology 2401 with H. Burnette from 8 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Three Summer II classes have closed. They are Biology 2420 with J. Ingram at 10:15 a.m. - 2:25 p.m., Spanish 1412 at 9:25 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. and at 10:15 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Students might consider a course being offered for the first time in Summer I — "Introduction to Mass Communication"

(COMM 1307) with T. Buckner, a course that explores the mass media, advertising and public relations. It transfers as a humanities course.

Karen Clark, assistant registrar, said classes are filling at approximately the same rate that they fill every summer. She said that students who telephone or express register in late April or in May should expect more classes to be closed. However, Clark said these students will still have a much easier time getting the classes they want than students who wait until traditional registration.

Student Fair runs gamut from financial aid to fun

By HEATHER ELLIS

The Student Government sponsored a Student Services Fair April recently in the Student Center cafeteria.

The fair was organized to help students become aware of the many different services that are available to them, said Lesa Hatley, director of Student Activities and Health Services.

"If the students have any questions about the different services, the fair enables them to find out what services are available to them," she said.

The services at the fair included special services for single parents and students with disabilities, financial aid and veteran services, career services and student activities, student success/ student support transfer/graduation information. Also information was offered in counseling services testing, admissions, Upward Bound and

intramural sports information.

"We had a steady stream of people. We were really pleased with the turnout," Hatley said.

Students were able to register for express registration as well as sign up to play for intramural teams. Door prizes were given away and the ARA provided free food items.

Also introduced at the fair were two new student service bulletin boards. One contains deadlines and other information on different colleges for students planning to transfer. The second bulletin board contains information on the various intramural sports and a sheet to sign up to participate.

With the success of the Student Services Fair, Hatley plans on having one every fall semester.

"We want to acquaint new students with the services that are available to them."

For new Tartan Scholars Process begins; selection in May

Application and recommendation forms for the Tartan Scholars Program are now available in Vice President of Student Services Deborah Garrett's office.

Faculty and staff may recommend a current or incoming student to the program. Selections will be made in early May.

Those who recommend a student may wish to contact that student and suggest he or she pick up an application form to turn into the selection committee (Garrett's office), said Marilyn Kelly, one of the coordinators of the program.

"Otherwise, we will receive the recommendation and then mail an application to the nominee, who will have less time to respond," she said.

Application and recommendation forms are also being sent to area high schools. Kelly intro-

duced the program to the counselors and principals who attended a workshop on campus last week.

Traditional and nontraditional students in both Arts and Sciences and Vocational/Technical programs are eligible, Kelly said.

"The selection takes place from a philosophy of identifying outstanding abilities for inclusion rather than finding weaknesses for exclusion," she said.

"Where else could a student receive an enriching extension to his/her educational program and take any developmental courses which could help his/her classroom performance?"

Currently, the age range is from 18 to 35, the majors range from engineering to nursing to education to accounting, students are both part time and full time, and diversity is present as well by ethnicity.



CAREERS IN HEALTH -- Jason Todd and James Tuttle (left) visit with one of the number of health care organizations that filled the center of the Community Services Center Wednesday. The Health Careers Day program is an annual event planned to give students a chance to find the best jobs possible.

CONVENTION Paper 'Best of Show'; Gerik wins scholarship

By SHERRY W. EVANS

The March 29 issue of the Highland Herald placed second for "Best of Show" in the division for two-year schools with bi-monthly publication at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention last weekend.

The newspaper's editor-in-chief, Melanie Gerik, was awarded the Frank W. Buckley scholarship at the awards banquet. Gerik is the first MCC student to win the \$400 scholarship since it began in 1979. "I was really surprised when they started to read something from one of the recommendation letters I had submitted and I knew I had won," said Gerik. The scholarship committee based the award on dedication to pursuing a career in mass communications, service to the college, examples of work, overall GPA, letters from faculty and a letter from the advisor.

Several students won individual awards for work in previous issues of the Highland Herald: Aaron Tudor received an honorable mention in sports column writing, Sherry W. Evans an honorable mention in headline writing, Mike Melton a third place for a sports action photo and Rick Powell a second place for an editorial cartoon.

"We've won more awards at other contests, but I think I'm more proud of those this year than any others," Tom Buckner, Highland Herald advisor, said. The newspaper was competing in Division II, schools with 5,000 to 10,000 enrollment. The Daily Campus, Southern Methodist

University, won sweepstakes and best overall newspaper. Other schools in Division II selected for best overall newspaper were East Texas State University, Texas Christian University and Eastfield College.

Approximately 500 students from across Texas attended the 83rd meeting of TIPA which was held in Corpus Christi at the Holiday Inn-Emerald Beach last Thursday and Friday. Traveling to the beach from MCC were Buckner, Gerik, Tudor, Evans and Kevin Crawford.

The convention began with live contests Thursday afternoon. Students were bused to a harbor museum with replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria, the Texas State Aquarium and other places in the city. The evening ended with a party on the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Lexington with a disk jockey, dance floor and snacks among the airplane replicas and historical displays.

Friday was filled with hour-long sessions on newspaper design, reporting, radio/television, public relations and photography. Games of touch football and building sand castles on the beach were also popular ways to spend time, according to Tudor. The awards banquet, which lasted about five hours, ended the convention.

Next spring the convention will be held in Dallas, according to Buckner who is serving as the president for the Texas Intercollegiate Press Advisor's Association.

EDITORIALS

Cleaning up the Earth

Today, the need to clean up the environment is more serious than ever. Everyone must be aware of the problems that pollution and waste can cause to our society and world.

April 22 is Earth Day, a day when people come together to focus on local solutions to global problems.

When we think of the problems of the environment, we may feel that it has nothing to do with us. This is a feeling of many citizens, but something must be done. It is not just a problem for other countries or the United States in general, it includes Texas, and Waco and even MCC.

In order to make a change, we must begin somewhere, and MCC is as good as any. We can't just wake up on Earth Day and decide we are going to clean-up the whole world. It will take time, and lots of it, but we must be patient in order to see clean, environmentally safe results.

Over the past few years many organizations have become aware of the problems in the surrounding areas and have taken steps to help protect and improve the environment. But we can't just rely on others to do everything, we must take the initiative and work together for a cleaner world.

Whether it is just picking up a small piece of trash on campus or if it is volunteer in a city wide clean-up, we can each do our part and someday the results could affect our children and grandchildren.

Try for multiculturalism

MCC represents a diverse blend of cultures and traditions. Yet sometimes the students and faculty may not respect the differences among each other.

One committee is trying to promote the multiculturalism on campus. The Multicultural Awareness Committee is made of 15 faculty members. It is restructured from a similar committee, and the members started meeting this semester. The committee is lead by psychology instructor Sherrie Sedgi, nursing instructor Laura Anderson and Janie Vicinai of the continuing education department.

Sedgi said one of the goals of the committee is to bring differences together to celebrate unity. The committee participated in the college's celebration of Black History Month in February. Members are planning a Fall Festival Day, a celebration of many cultures, for late September or early October.

Students need to become each other's allies instead of enemies, Sedgi said. They should be aware of differences in religions, traditions and even learning styles. By doing so, they will learn more about the people around them, which will help students understand more about people they might meet at the workplace or in the community.

Students can also take part in the Multicultural Awareness Committee as well. A student representation committee presently is forming. To be a member, students need to have a grade point average of 3.5.

Students meeting the grade requirements should join the committee. If they do not have the grades, the committee still needs their ideas on different activities for the next few semesters. Students with ideas need to contact Sedgi.



Still on the diet roller coaster

By Melanie Gerik
Editor In Chief

The other week, I hit the big two-zero, although my 20th birthday is not until June.

Since Jan. 31, the day I sacrificed my fast-food lifestyle in the name of Richard Simmons, I have lost 22 pounds. When I hit 165, I was ecstatic. Actually, I don't remember weighing in the 160s in my life. In my mind, I jumped from 128 pounds, my weight when I was 14 and I worked out for two hours everyday under the fire of my drill team sponsor's fire breath, to 185 pounds, my weight last semester when I was forced to step on the scale in order to pass Aerobics I.

In the past four years, I weighed myself about as often as I cleaned the room — twice a year. I cared about my body, but I didn't want to see the bad news. I avoided the scale the same way I avoided the layer of magazines, newspapers, shoes and unidentified floppy objects on my bedroom floor.

This semester, however, I like to weigh myself, but I still refuse to clean my room. But for the past few weeks, the scale has not moved from 163.

I know it's nothing I've done. After all, I

can eat the Easter candy and fried cheese sticks until the cows come home, and still loose weight, can't I? When the scale doesn't say what I want, it must be because:

- My hair was still wet from taking a shower, and that adds at least three pounds to my real weight; or
- I weighed myself about one hour earlier last time, so this isn't an accurate comparison of my weight today; or
- These socks are thicker than my pair yesterday; or
- I'm wearing a watch, so I can deduct two pounds from the number on the scale; or
- This is just a puny old bathroom scale. I'm sure if I used a doctor's scale, I would be at least five pounds lighter; or
- I finally have to admit it — I ate a few too many rice crispy treats on Easter.

But during these two months, I have learned other ways to determine my diet success. I had to take links out of my watchband because it slid around my wrist too much. Shorts I bought last summer are too big now — I can pull them on and off without unbuttoning or unzipping them. I now can wear outfits hidden in my closet

for years. A few weeks ago, I finally wore a short set my friend gave me for Christmas two years ago.

But in order to get back on the diet superhighway instead of walking in place on the diet treadmill, I need to resolve to return to my old, successful methods of the first few weeks of my diet.

I will deal my meals the way Richard taught me. I haven't been moving my portion cards when I finish eating the amount allowed. I have been trying to count the calories and servings in my head, and like most journalists, I think two plus two equal five.

I will not be tempted by the food others are eating when I dine out. If a friend orders a chopped barbecue sandwich, I will ignore her and order a nice, lean baked chicken breast. And when the waitress delivers chile con queso to the table, I will drink water and resist the temptation of those evil fried chips calling me to dunk them into the sauce.

I will eat fat-free cereal bars when everyone else is enjoying pizza. I will drink water when

THE HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

'How do you feel about Earth Day and do you have any plans to clean-up the environment that day?'



Sam Shaw
major: undecided
"I plan to observe Earth Day by planting a tree."

Kurt Kurtz
major: pharmacy
"I'm going to help Sam plant his tree"

Dawn Morton
major: physical therapy
"I think it is good to have Earth Day. It gives people a good reason to clean-up around their neighborhood, since most people don't clean-up everyday."

Karl Busch
no major
"It is a good way to make people more aware of the environment and some of the problems that we have."

Laticia Medolck
major: psychology
"I think Earth Day is good, we need to save something. I am going to pick up trash and maybe plant a tree."

Elvia Scott
major: education
"I'm going to clean out my flower beds, I think it is good that we take time out once a year to clean-up the area that we live in."

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Pell Grant cutbacks expected

By TRACIE LYNCH
Students who plan to use federal Pell Grants to pay for summer school will face a reduction in the amount of money they receive.
James Kuback, director of financial aid, said the reductions are a result of a 1993 technical amendment. The amendment said that an academic year must last at least 30 weeks. A full-time student must complete at least 24 hours within those 30 weeks. Kuback said that during the regular school year, MCC conforms to the bill's regulations. However, a problem arises during summer because a summer semester lasts for only five weeks. Kuback said that, because the summer term is so short, Pell Grant awards will have to be prorated. This means that students will receive Pell Grant money based on the number of weeks spent in class rather than the number of hours they spend in class.
Kuback gave an example of how drastic a reduction some students may face. He said that a student who would be eligible to receive \$1150 for the fall or spring semester would qualify for only \$359 during a summer session.
Kuback said students should not let reductions in their Pell Grants prevent them from attending summer school. He said that \$359 is still enough to pay for tuition, fees and books. However, students may find it difficult to cover living expenses.
Kuback said the government passed the bill to regulate hourly rated schools. Some institutions offer programs that last for two or three months rather than an entire year. Living expenses are less for students in the two and three month programs because students are living on campus for a shorter period of time. The purpose of the bill was to help students attending year-long schools.
Kuback said the federal government has not warned the students whom this amendment will affect. MCC plans to inform students of the change the amendment has created.
Kuback said that the amendment is facing some opposition. For this reason, Congress is considering a law that would eliminate the need to prorate summers. Kuback said that if the law passes, it should go into effect in early May.

Participants named for Great Teacher Workshop

By SHERRY W. EVANS
Six instructors and one administrator have been invited to attend the Twelfth Great Teacher Workshop at Baylor University next week.
The goal of the seminar, according to a statement by organizers, "will be to share successes, to grow, to learn new techniques, to stand on the shoulders of other great teachers." Twenty-two participants from Baylor and Texas State Technical College as well as MCC are expected to attend the two-day workshop which begins April 21.
Those selected from MCC include Karen Norwood, director of business programs; Jennifer Black, English instructor; Becky Griffin, health careers instructor; Carol Lowe, English instructor; Doris Schroeder, math instructor; Cindy SoRelle, speech instructor; and Ron Williams, computer instructor.
Resource leaders from MCC are Karen Conino, the chairperson of professional development, and Randy Schormann, director of the Center for Professional Development.
Schormann said the workshop is about outstanding teaching "whether it's to use a computer, be a nurse, be an elementary teacher or repair a truck."

In case you missed it . . .

There's only room for one huge ego at Valley Ranch

By AARON TUDOR

I can't believe it. I'm still in shock. Jerry Jones did what? He let Jimmy Johnson go and hired Barry Switzer? Say it ain't so. I've already got money invested in Cowboys three-peat shirts.

Jimmy Johnson wins back-to-back Super Bowls and what does he get? He gets replaced by Barry Switzer, a man who's only victory in the last five years was in a libel trial involving his book, appropriately titled *Bootlegger's Boy*.

The sad part is, this all came about because of Jones' ego. He was mad because Johnson was getting all the credit for the Cowboys success. Never mind that Johnson made all the draft and personnel decisions, including drafting Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman. Forget that Johnson put together the coaching staff, out of which three (Dave Wannstedt, David Shula and Norv Turner) went on to be head coaches of other NFL teams. Pay absolutely no attention to the fact that Johnson actually coached and motivated the team.

Jones pays the players salaries and has final approval on all roster moves. For performing these tasks, he believes he should get credit for the Cowboys success. How hard is it to say, "Gee, that sounds like a good idea Jimmy!" Please.

Even though all this should have never happened, things shouldn't be too bad next year. The Cowboys still have Aikman and Smith. They also have the entire coaching staff, except for Johnson. So how could Jones mess the team up any worse? Wait a minute. Don't answer that. We don't want to give him any ideas.

Golfers first at Temple tourney

By ELISHA NIEMEYER

The MCC golf team recently placed first in the Temple Junior College Invitational held at Sammons Park in Temple.

Not only did MCC win the tournament, but they also had a second team that placed fifth and three members who were among the individual leaders.

Kirk Strickland and Nils Rorbaek both tied for second place. Strickland shot 74-69, and Rorbaek shot 69-74. Chris Holzshu placed fifth by shooting 71-75.

There were eight teams represented at the tournament. MCC will be competing against some of these same teams at the regional tournament later this month.

MCC's first team consisted of Rorbaek, Strickland, Holzshu, Kris Kelley (73-74), and Patricio Bonatell (78-76). The winning score for both rounds was 579.

MCC's second team included Daniel Tidobrink (76-75), Doug Hand (79-76), Chad Hanson (80-79), Jeff Cordell (87-76), and Paul Foley (81-75). The total score was 617.

Today, MCC is competing in the second round of the State Golf Tournament in Round Rock.

On April 25-26, MCC will be traveling to Hobbs, N.M., for regional competition.

"Everyone is playing well, hopefully this will be our shot at beating the No. 1 team in the nation — Midland College," Strickland said.



SAFE., BUT JUST BARELY -- A Ranger player slides in just under the tag of Highlander catcher Steve Martinez. The Highlanders lost the game 6-4. The Highlanders are currently 22-11 and trail first-place Hill by four games.

Photo By Brooks Whittington

Intramurals Learn how to play pickleball

By Dwayne Dishmon

It's been a busy year for intramural athletics. It all began with the crowning of the Celtics as champions of the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Bud Light edged Crown Royal for the championship of the co-ed volleyball tournament.

Crown Royal won the 1st game 15-11, but Bud-Light won a hard fought victory in the 2nd game by the score of 21-19. They clinched the championship by winning the third game 15-8.

Coach Wendell Hudson was pleased with the participation that volleyball received. He said that volleyball is one of the fastest growing intramural sports.

Students who would like to play softball may continue to sign up until April 13. The softball teams

are also co-ed.

A racquetball tournament will be starting soon, and students may play singles or doubles in both men and women's competition.

A new game will be introduced called pickle-ball. It is a combination of tennis and ping pong.

This game is played on a badminton court, and the net is lowered like a tennis court. It's played with a wooden paddle, and is played according to the rules of ping pong. This game will also be co-ed.

For a demonstration on how to play pickle-ball or if you have any other questions regarding participation in intramurals, contact Wendell Hudson in room 112 of the HPE building from 9 a.m. - noon weekdays.

Volleyball tournament cancelled, no new date announced

By LEE BRILL

The volley ball tournament planned for April 16 has been canceled due to conflict in the sponsors' schedules.

Both of the sponsors of the tournament, Lisa Hatley and Butch Pruett, have prior engagements. Hatley has a Student Government function and Pruett has a Boy Scout function. The two sponsors will be out of town on Saturday, so due to the policy that one sponsor must be at the activity, the tournament will not be held as scheduled.

Although the sponsors are trying to find another date to play the tournament, no date has been set thus far.

Highlanders drop two of three to last-place Ranger

By AARON TUDOR

The Highlanders ran in to a brick wall - last place Ranger - in their quest for a fifth straight conference title. The team lost two of three to Ranger this weekend. The Highlanders (22-11) are currently in second place, four games behind Hill.

"If you're trying to overtake someone, you count on a combination of them (Hill) losing to some other people and you beating them," Miller said. "We took care of our end by beating them twice, but it remains to be seen whether they'll lose to anyone else."

MCC swept a three-game conference series against Collin County last week. The Highlanders won the first game 10-6, then shut out Collin County in

the second game 10-0 behind a two-hitter from Chad Tidwell. In the series finale, the Highlanders continued to bomb Collin's staff, pounding out an 18-4 win.

The Highlanders' hopes of catching Hill rest in large part on the shoulders of Tidwell, Brian Teakle, and David Harper. Teakle is 5-1 with a team low 1.84 earned run average.

Harper is 4-1 with a 2.95 ERA, and Tidwell leads the team in wins with six and strikeouts with 63. He is 6-2 with a 2.92 ERA.

Brian Hatchcock leads the team in hitting and runs batted in. He has a .371 average and 36 RBI's, and has hit five home runs.

Steve Ortiz is the leading home run hitter with six. He is also hitting .327 with 33 RBI's.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

COMING RIGHT AT YA - Chad Tidwell fires one to the plate against Hill College. Tidwell was moved up in the rotation last Friday when Brian Teakle was unable to start. Tidwell took the loss as the Highlanders were defeated by Ranger, 6-4.

Men's and women's tennis teams ranked in top 10 nationally

By AARON TUDOR and ELISHA NIEMEYER

The ITA-Rolax national junior college tennis rankings are out, with Javier Ruiz and Jonas Andersson the top-ranked doubles team in the nation.

Ruiz is also ranked second in singles, with Andersson right behind in third.

Overall, the men's team is ranked eighth nationally.

The women's team is ranked fifth overall, with Jodie Gledhill ranked 12th in singles. The doubles team of Miriam Jimenez and Michelle Morris is 10th.

The men's team ran its record to 15-0 with victories over UT-San Antonio on April 1 and Texas Tech the next day.

Individual match results were: Javier Ruiz def. Ryan Weber, UTSA, 6-2, 6-3. Jonas Andersson def. Ralph Budenbender, UTSA, 6-3, 6-1. Nador Bajusz, UTSA, def. Mattias Sannaströ, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Dan Sonnensson def. Antonio Garza, UTSA, 7-6, 6-0. Jon Hernandez, UTSA, def. Rick Spooner, 6-2, 7-6. Ronnie Bryant def. Chris Clausing, UTSA, 6-1,

6-2. Ruiz and Andersson def. Reher and Budenbender, 8-6. Sonnensson and Spooner def. Garza and Hernandez, 8-3. Clausing and Bajusz def. Brady and Thompson, 8-4. Final score: MCC def. UTSA, 5-4.

Ruiz def. Juan Gutierrez, Texas Tech, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Andersson def. Ru Guerro, Texas Tech, 6-2, 6-2. Sannaströ def. Erick Guzman, Texas Tech, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Ash Ayers, Texas Tech, def. Sonnensson, 6-3, 6-4. Jason White, Texas Tech, def. Spooner, 6-2, 6-3.

Ruiz and Andersson def. Graf and Guerro, 8-4. Sonnensson and Spooner def. Guzman and Gutierrez, 8-6. Barry and Evans, Texas Tech, def. Sannaströ and Thompson, 9-7. Final score: MCC def. Texas Tech, 5-2.

The women's team is currently 12-3 after shutting out Temple and defeating Mary-Hardin Baylor.

Individual match results were: Gledhill def. Kelly Williams, Temple, 6-1, 6-2. Morris def. Candie Borridge, Temple, 6-2, 6-

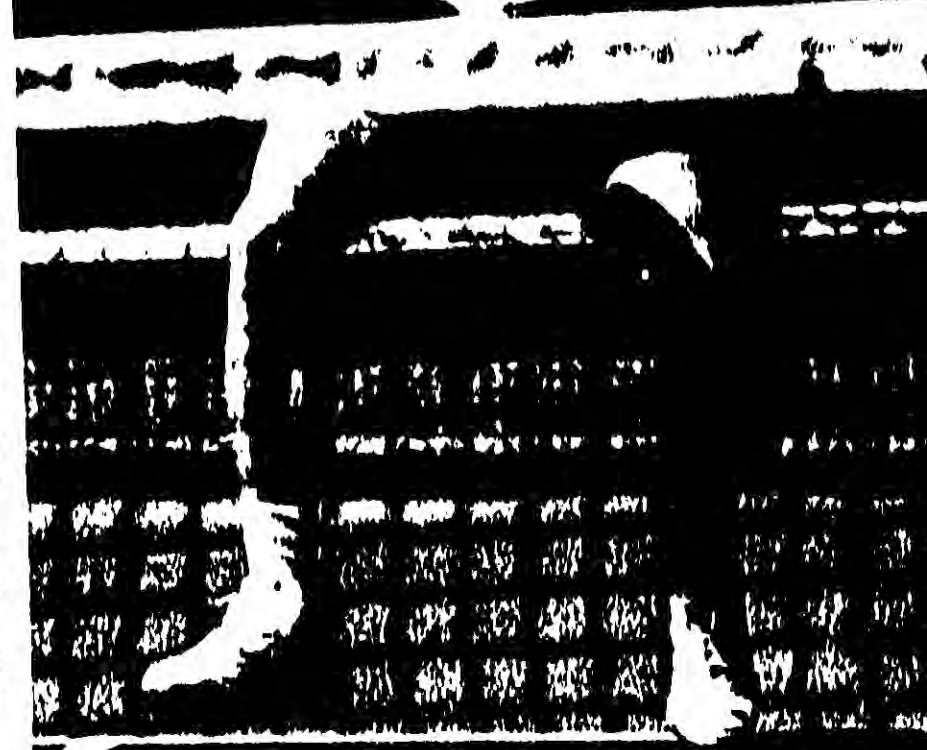
4. Jo Ann Moreno, MCC def. Leandras Lopez, 6-3, 6-1. Jimenez def. Joan Schneider, Temple, 6-2, 6-1. Carla Bukowski, MCC, def. Barbara Tinner, Temple, 6-2, 6-4. Taina Vai def. Chelly Gibson, Temple, 6-2, 6-0.

Bukowski and Gledhill def. Williams and Borridge, 6-3, 6-4. Morris and Vai def. Lopez and Schneider, 6-0, 6-2. Jimenez and Moreno def. Tinner and Gibson 6-0, 6-2. Final score: MCC def. Temple, 9-0.

Laticia Omana, MIIB, def. Gledhill, 6-4, 6-2. Morris def. Jonnita Atkinson, MIIB, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. Jimenez def. Leslie Karrer, MIIB, 6-1, 6-1. Bukowski def. Mary Bayless, MIIB, 6-3, 6-1. Vai def. Cecilia Solis, MIIB, 6-0, 6-0. Moreno def. Dahlia Ramirez, MIIB, 6-1, 6-0.

Omana and Atkinson def. Bukowski and Gledhill, 6-1, 6-3. Morris and Vai def. Karver and Ramirez, 6-3, 6-2. Solis and Bayless def. Moreno and Yong Tran, 6-2, 6-4.

Final score: MCC def. Mary-Hardin Baylor, 6-3.



PLAYING WITH HIS GAME FACE ON -- Jonas Andersson returns a volley in a recent match. Andersson and Javier Ruiz are the top-ranked junior college doubles team in the nation. Andersson is ranked third nationally in singles.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

1994 Awards

5-year

Joe T. Arrington
Linda Austin
Louis R. Banks
Janice L. Beran
Herman E. Burris
Carla L. Cockrell
Linda M. Cook
Linda Dulin
Emmitt Flores
Joe W. Fortson
Paul G. Gonzales
Cornelia H. Gordon
Paul J. Hoffman
Dianna L. Howle
Richard N. Leslie
Teresa G. Lopez
Maria E. McDaniell
Johnette McKown
Nancy Neill
Charles G. Nelson
Lillian F. Robken
Jesse C. Sawyer
Doris A. Schraeder
Sherwin Sedghi
Dennis Strete
Derrick Turner

10-year

William M. Arnold
Pamela Brewer
Thomas A. Buckner
Katherine Burnette
Tracy L. Dobbs
Dianne E. Feyerherm
Elizabeth Flynn-Stigen
Willie K. Goodman
H. Robert Granberry
James E. Hardwick
Diann Harris
Boyce E. Johnson
Brian Konzelman
William H. McClintock
Stanley R. Mitchell
Terry C. Mozee
Jan D. Robertson
Nancy Silva
Rita K. Spinn
Connie Wedemeyer
Patsy White
Bobby R. Williams
J. Ronald Williams
Penny R. Zapata
Ray Zapata

15-year

Ruby Burns
Rebecca B. Griffin
Brenda L. Henry
Lawrence Kirkpatrick
Eugene Maroul
Harry C. Powell
Phyllis J. Pruett
Doris H. Thompson
Barbara S. Truax

20-year

Paul Concilio
Marylin Kelly
Beverly Roberts
Doris Scott

25-year

Jess Collins
Robert P. Holder
Melvin Hood
Dale Hughes
John R. Nobis

Rough start: Student completes nursing program as Tartan Scholar

By MELANIE GERIK

Nursing student Raeline Ott dropped out of high school and married at 17, had a baby at 18, and divorced her first husband by 19.

Now 30, she will graduate from the evening nursing program in December as a Tartan Scholar.

Ott received her high school equivalency in 1981 at MCC and received a cosmetology degree three years later. She worked as a cosmetologist for six months because her son, Justin Campbell, had severe allergies. Ott said as a cosmetologist she made \$600 a month, and one third went to Justin's medical bills. He was allergic to almost everything he ate or drank, and had to be placed on a "rotation diet"—for instance, if Justin ate green beans one day, he could not eat them for the next four days. He could not hear from the time he was four months to nine months old. Justin's food allergies were severe up until he started school, and Ott said she had a hard time keeping him in day care.

She then went to work at an insurance agency, where she worked before she enrolled in the cosmetology program. She worked her way up from file clerk to an underwriter for major medical policies within six years.

But she knew she could advance no further, so she started to work at Providence Health Care Center in the surgery department in 1990.

"Once I finally found my niche in life, it opened my eyes and let me envision the future," Ott said.

She enrolled in the evening nursing program at MCC in 1990. Money was still tight, so she contacted the Special Services program on campus. Student Services Specialist Susan Martindale said approximately 500 single mothers attend MCC, and at least one half are helped by the program.

Ott said she received gas money and emergency funds to help her pay her bills, and she considers Marylea Henderson, director of the program, one of her mentors.

This semester, Ott was chosen as a Tartan Scholar, a pilot honor's program. One of the requirements in her critical thinking class offered through the Tartan Scholars program is

a special project. Ott said she felt she needed to give back something to Henderson, her mentor, and to create a strong support system for other single mothers. A single parent support group already met on Wednesday in the afternoons, but Ott could not attend because of her schedule. Ott then decided to start an evening group, both for her convenience and for other parents.

The first meeting for the support group was last Thursday. Another meeting will be held this Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Center.

"I want others to have the kind of support I have from my family and church, and also to have fun," Ott said.

In December, Ott married her long-time boyfriend Steven, an engineer at Chrysler Technologies. She said he is the one who has encouraged her to complete school. After she completes her studies at MCC, Ott plans to transfer to the University of Texas at Arlington to seek a bachelor's degree.

She also said since she and her family "turned our lives over to Christ" in October, she has received many awards. In addition to the Tartan Scholars, she received the Spirit of Nursing award from the U.S. Army Nursing Corps.

A typical day for Ott starts by waking up at 7 a.m. and getting her son ready to take to school. "Being able to take Justin to school is a big accomplishment for me," Ott said, smiling. "Before, Justin had to ride the bus, walk, or ride with a family member."

On Mondays and Thursdays, Ott attends her nursing classes from 3:30 to 6 p.m. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Ott participates in a nursing clinical from 3:30 to 10:30 at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. During this part of her nursing training, Ott is responsible for full-patient care—medication, feeding and communication with the patient.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, in addition to her nursing classes, Ott is taking art appreciation at 9:30 a.m. She said the class helps her to find ways to become more creative in her life.

Ott said she wants all single mothers to achieve their goals and never give up. "If I can make it, anybody else can," she said.

England currently serves state board

By SUSIE JONES

An MCC administrator is now working for the Texas Higher Education Board.

David England, vice-president of institutional effectiveness, was appointed to a task force in May 1993 for a six-month contract which began

on January 1 and ends June 30. He spends 80 percent of his time visiting other community colleges.

For the Board, England evaluates the performance of community colleges, and determines whether students are learning

the proper skills to assist them in finding jobs. He produces statistics for an annual profile, and sends the evaluation to the colleges. From his research, England says that MCC has one of the highest level results in academics.

MCC free-lance writer publishes first book

By ELISHA NIEMEYER

The Baylor bookstore will host a book signing for an MCC student and free-lance writer on April 20.

Jessica Lewis Watson, currently enrolled in the theater/dance department, will be presenting her first book, *Illegitimacy Empowered*.

Watson is a graduate of the University of Illinois and also of Baylor University.

Illegitimacy Empowered takes a positive, timely, and critical

look at illegitimacy.

According to Watson, "Illegitimate children are born to a parent who isn't married, either by choice or circumstance."

In her book, Watson establishes a portrait of many illegitimate children, from conquerors, warriors and kings to artists and writers and many famous people of today.

Watson states in her introduction to *Illegitimacy Empowered*, "Illegitimate children have become high achievers and in-

credibly famous people, revered for contributions to society."

Watson completes her book with personal details of her own life as a child born out of love and wedlock, according to a promotional piece distributed by her publisher.

Illegitimacy Empowered, is available in paperback for \$10 from Publishers Associates, P.O. Box 140361, Las Colinas, TX, 75014-0361 or can be purchased at the Baylor bookstore on April 20.

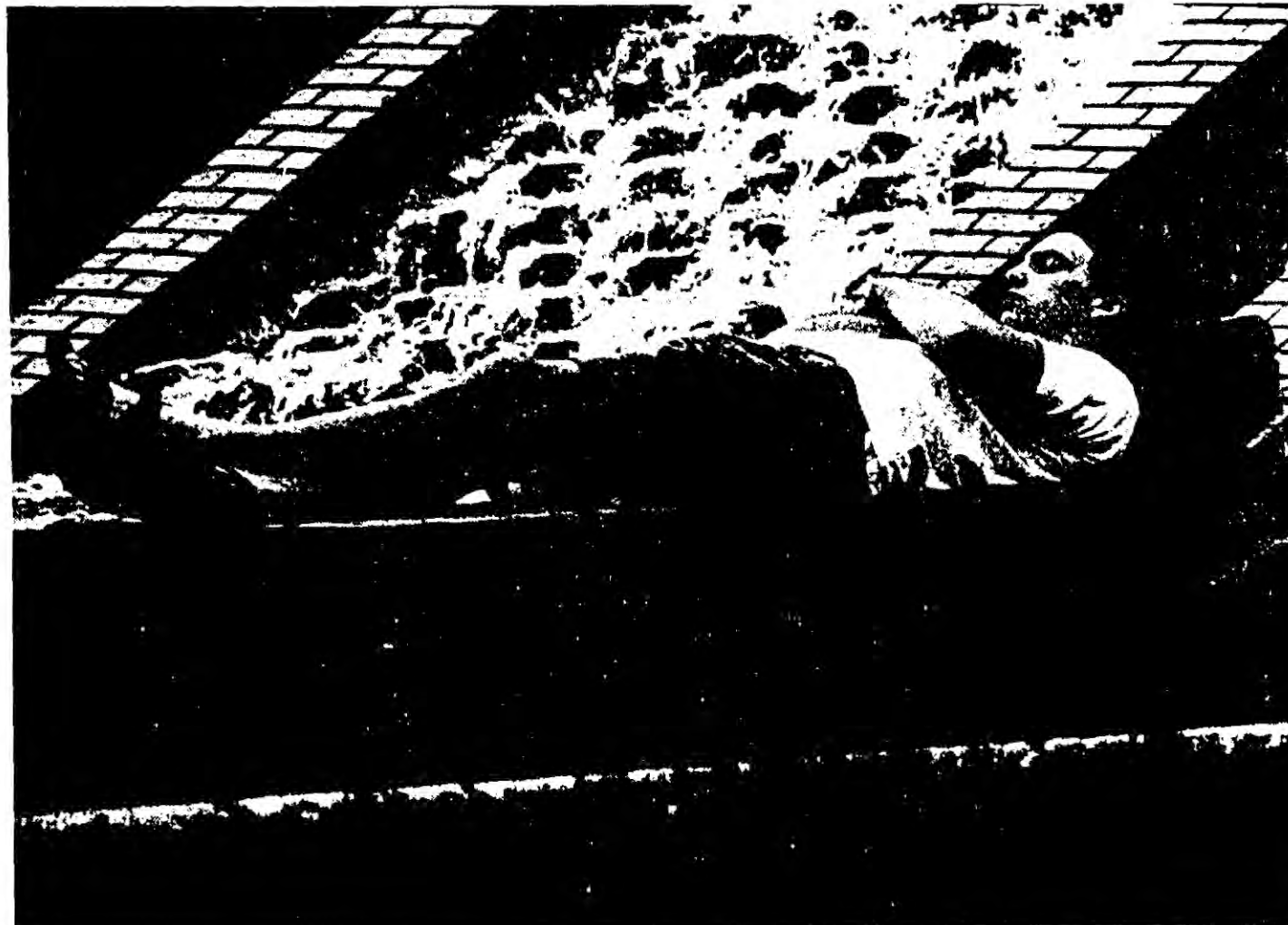


Photo by Brooks Whittington

Dreamy days at MCC — a student enjoys the beautiful atmosphere of the MCC campus as he thinks of his upcoming summer class schedule. Summer session I classes begin May 26.

Service Awards to be given to college employees

By SHERRY W. EVANS

An estimated 500 employees will gather Friday evening for the 1994 Service Awards Banquet honoring college employees for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service and for those who have "gone the extra mile."

The service awards presented to 69 employees include a wall plaque (5 years), pen and pencil desk set (10 years), gold Highlander pin designed by James Avery (15 years), watch with a gold Highlander inlaid on the face (20 years) and a wooden office chair (25 years). According to Randy Schormann, banquet co-chair, recipients are given the option to donate the cost of the award to the MCC Foundation in their name for the scholarship fund instead of receiving the actual items.

More than 100 employees were nominated by their peers for the "extra-mile" award, but only 20 will be honored with the specially designed coffee mug. Schormann, who created the award, said it is a formal way to say thank you to those "who truly represent the spirit of MCC... we are here to serve our students and each other, to help you be all you can be."

A sneak preview performance of scenes from "My Fair Lady" will be given by cast members at the banquet which begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Community Services Center, according to Fay Gutierrez, banquet co-chair. The play opens in the Performing Arts Center April 26.



Jess Collins
Math Instructor

"It's a neat feeling to realize you had some part in someone getting an education and going into a profession and being successful," Jess Collins said.

Although he's still a few years from retirement, Collins said he and his wife have discussed working to help people develop churches in areas where none exist. He said he also wants to learn something about wood-working when he eventually decides to retire.

Collins has written a solutions manual for a textbook and is currently learning to use a graphics calculator for use in the classroom. "It's a hand-held computer," he said. "Now we're using it some in pre-cal, but we'd like to expand into calculus and have discussed eventually moving it down to college algebra and finite math."



R. Paul Holder
Government instructor

"My students are a real blessing. I have some wonderful friendships that are ongoing," Paul Holder said. He's taught more than 10,000 students; among them are "several murderers and three judges."

He plans to teach "quite a few more years" and said he has not even thought about what he might do in retirement. He enjoys tennis, hiking and canoeing and has climbed the Guadalupe Peak, the highest peak in Texas, and braved the rapids of the Rio Grande River.

His name can be found in the front of the national government book currently used here because he regularly does book reviews, proof-reading, for West Publishing and several other companies. "When I read them, I like to give the community college perspective," Holder said.



Melvin Hood
Math instructor

At home recuperating from heart bypass surgery, Melvin Hood will miss the Service Awards Banquet. He said he will not return to work until the summer and plans to use time at home to catch up on some reading and work on a project with a graphics calculator.

Hood said he heard from quite a few students during the last few weeks while in the hospital. Although it will be a while before he can return to normal activities, he said he usually enjoys gardening and playing sports.



Dale Hughes
Religion instructor

"I have a unique opportunity because most of my students will never have more formal religion education," Dale Hughes said. "I got two shots at them, one in the fall and one in the spring."

Several years ago Hughes received his doctorate from Baylor while teaching here. He's looking forward to playing golf and traveling during retirement but he said he doesn't plan to stop teaching any time soon.

Besides bull fighting paraphernalia, his claim to fame on campus, Hughes has several books about Native Americans in his office. He said he is looking into their religion, legends and stories and using some illustrations in his lectures.



John R. Nobis
Counselor

Walking down a main shopping street in Germany, he heard someone shouting his name. "I couldn't believe someone recognized me in Germany... they do remember," John Nobis said.

As of Sept. 1, Nobis will become a "career specialist" as part of the changes in counseling services. But he will not be moving his office. "I will have the same office with the same view I've had for more than 20 years," he said. "I like my things just the way they are."

A self-admitted beatnik, an early version of the hippie, Nobis said he has no intentions or even dreams of retiring. "I really like what I do," he exclaimed. "I wouldn't know what to do if I ever retired."

Interviews by Sherry W. Evans and photos by Elisha Niemeyer



Suess serpent

Photo by Brooks Whittington

A SCULPTURE OF A SNAKE stares into the camera. It is one of many artworks by Dr. Suess, the famous author of legendary children's books, on exhibit at the Art Center. For more information, call 752-4371.

'Goldilocks and Three Bears' come this weekend to MCC

By MCC Public Information Office
Children of all ages will enjoy "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," a hilarious operatic adaptation of the classic fairy tale, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, at the McLennan Community College Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

The traditional tale was first turned into an entertaining opera by the Red River Opera Company of Kentucky. The presentation borrows music from "Carmen," "La Traviata," "Lucia de Lammermoor" and other classics and then adds English lyrics to tell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Prior to the 20-minute opera, the cast of MCC students will perform a 20-minute skit explaining operatic terms, audience etiquette, voice types and other information. In addition to the two public performances, the opera will be presented to Waco Independent School District fourth and fifth graders on April 5, 7, 12 and 14.

High school art on display through May 1

By MCC Public Information Office
Seventy-five pieces of art created by high school juniors and seniors are on display at the McLennan Community College Performing Arts Center through May 1.

The works were selected from 254 entries in MCC's annual High School Art Competition. Students in the Waco vicinity were eligible to enter up to three works in any medium. The contest was judged by Paul Komp, Baylor University art professor.

First place winner was Eric Morrow of Midway High School for an untitled airbrush piece. Other winners were Pamela K. Myers of Reicher, second place for an oil entitled "Garden"; Kevin Conklin of Gatesville, third for his pencil work "Jimi Hendrix," and Celeste Ruder of Vanguard, fourth for a pastel entitled "Galen."

'My Fair Lady' April 26-30

Big production numbers, other songs will 'keep the audience happy,' director says

By MCC Public Information Office
The box office opens April 18 for the McLennan Community College production of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady" April 26-30 at the MCC Performing Arts Center.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. each evening with a matinee at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"My Fair Lady" is one of the most well-written musicals of all time," said Jerry MacLauchlin, MCC theatre instructor and show director/choreographer. "It has big production numbers to keep the audience happy plus lots of other songs to develop character."

Based on "Pygmalion" by George Bernard Shaw, "My Fair Lady" has become a classic since it was first performed over 30 years ago, introducing several songs that are still popular to-

day, including "I Could Have Danced All Night," "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," "On the Street Where You Live," and "Get Me to the Church on Time."

"When it came out, it had more hit songs than just about any other musical," says MacLauchlin, who expects a sell-out crowd at each of six performances.

"The show's leads are excellent," he adds. "We have Tera Dawn Schwarz, an MCC music major, as Eliza and Ronnie Watson, a Baylor graduate student, as Henry Higgins plus 46 other cast members and an orchestra with a strong string section."

"This is one of the largest productions we've done in some time. The acting is as good as the singing and dancing—and it has to be for this show."

Other MCC faculty members actively involved in the produc-

tion include Janelle Flowers, costume designer; Tim Poertner, scenery and lighting designer; Karen Albrecht, music director; Donald Balmos, orchestra conductor; Jim Rambo, dialect coach; Gail Wade, rehearsal pianist, and Cindy SoRelle, dramaturg.

Tickets are free to MCC students, faculty and staff with ID. General public tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. Reservations can be made beginning April 18 by calling 750-3500 between 1 and 5 p.m. weekdays. Seating is limited, so reservations should be made early.

Saturday night's performance is scholarship night, so no complimentary tickets are given that night—everyone pays.

Reserved tickets should be picked up at least 30 minutes before curtain time since people will be waiting to see if they can get unused tickets, SoRelle said.

Classical guitarist performs tonight

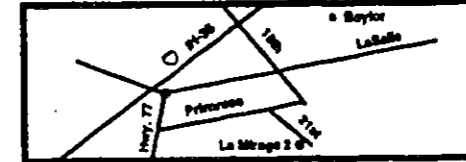
By MCC Public Information Office
Classical guitarist David Asbury will perform in MCC's Fine Arts Building Theatre at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. Admission is free to the public.

Asbury has performed throughout the United States and abroad. He is presently a doctoral candidate at the University of Texas at Austin and teaches music at Southwestern University and the Bay View Summer Music Festival.

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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

SPRING 1994 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
CLASSES	EXAM DAY	EXAM TIME	
Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes			
6:55 - 7:50 am	Mon., May 9 Wed., May 11	*6:55 - 7:50 am	
*(precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 min.)			
8:00 - 8:55 am	Mon., May 9	8:00 - 10:00 am	
9:05 - 10:00 am	Wed., May 11	9:05 - 11:05 am	
10:10 - 11:05 am	Fri., May 13	10:10 - 12:10 pm	
11:15 - 12:10 pm	Mon., May 9	11:15 - 1:15 pm	
12:30 - 1:50 pm	Wed., May 11	12:30 - 2:30 pm	
2:00 - 3:20 pm	Mon., May 9	2:00 - 4:00 pm	
3:30 - 4:50 pm	Wed., May 11	3:30 - 5:30 pm	
Tues. - Thurs. classes			
8:00 - 9:20 am	Tues., May 10	8:00 - 10:00 am	
9:30 - 10:50 am	Thurs., May 12	9:30 - 11:30 am	
11:00 - 12:20 pm	Tues., May 10	11:00 - 1:00 pm	
12:30 - 1:50 pm	Thurs., May 12	12:30 - 2:30 pm	
2:00 - 3:20 pm	Tues., May 10	2:00 - 4:00 pm	
3:30 - 4:50 pm	Thurs., May 12	3:30 - 5:30 pm	
EVENING SCHEDULE			
Mon/Wed or Mon only classes which begin between 5 and 5:45 p.m. will hold final exams on Monday, May 9, beginning at regular class time. The exam period will meet for 120 minutes.			
Monday only classes which begin after 5:50 p.m. will hold final exams on Monday, May 9, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The exam period will meet for 120 minutes.			
Wednesday only classes which begin after 5:50 p.m. will hold final exams on Wednesday, May 11, beginning at regular class. The exam period will meet for 120 minutes.			
Tues/Thurs or Tuesday only classes which begin between 5 and 5:45 p.m. will hold final exams on Tuesday, May 10, beginning at regular class time. The exam period will meet for 120 minutes.			
Tuesday only classes which begin after 5:50 p.m. will hold final exams on Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The exam period will meet for 120 minutes.			
Thursday only classes which begin after 5:50 p.m. will hold final exams on Thursday, May 12, beginning at regular class time. The exam period will meet for 120 minutes.			
SATURDAY CLASSES FINAL EXAMS FOR SATURDAY CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON MAY 7, 1994.			
DOWNTOWN CENTER (DAY OR EVENING) FINAL EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN FOLLOWING THE SCHEDULE.			
ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES (DAY OR EVENING) THE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR. HOWEVER, EXAMS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BEFORE MAY 9.			
ALL FINAL GRADE REPORTS MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BY 12 NOON MAY 14, 1994.			

Calendar of Events

April 14	Karom Shrine Circus	H.O.T. Coliseum. 776-1660
April 17	Hippodrome Theatre and Optimist Club present "Star Wars" Trilogy Marathon	Hippodrome. 752-0707
April 22	Chris LaDoux concert and dance	H.O.T. Coliseum. 776-1660
April 23-24	Brazos River Festival	Fort Fisher Park. 750-5006

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Last class day is Friday, May 4.