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## MCC enrollment skyrockets

### Parking problem intensifies

By KEN COPELAND

Increases in student enrollment have added fuel to the flames of an already existing parking problem at MCC.

Parking on campus has become a major concern of both MCC students and employees alike.

Greg Clark, director of student activities, said he sees the parking problem as a positive note, because the problem is due to an increased enrollment, meaning MCC is becoming a more reputable school.

#### More students, more cars

According to early figures from the registrar, enrollment is up more than 16 percent compared to last fall. Herman Betke, vice president of business services, attributes the increased enrollment to a lagging Waco economy.

Betke said people who have been laid off work are returning to school in hope of increasing their chances of finding new employment. Also, recent high school graduates are attending less expensive community colleges rather than universities, and receiving the same quality of education, he added.

#### Immediate solutions

The immediate solution to the parking problem, according to Clark, lies in the hands of the students, since any long term solution will take time to initiate.

Clark has several suggestions to ease the parking problem. Students need to be courteous when parking by not taking two spaces, park as close to the curb as possible, and stay out of handicapped and faculty parking.

Clark added that if students who live close to campus would walk or ride bicycles, and if other students would consider car pooling, the situation could greatly be eased.

Students who want to park close to their classes are encouraged to get to school early, and if there are no legal spaces available, to use the lots further away.

#### Space in some lots

According to Clark, parking lots by the tennis courts, intramural fields, HPE building, and the big east lot often have open spaces.

### Trustees approve by-law changes despite disagreement by member

By JEFF OSBORNE

A change in the Board of Trustees by-laws brought about minor criticism and was the main focus at the board meeting held on Sept. 15.

The changes in by-laws stirred up disagreement between Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC president, and Lawrence Johnson, a member of the board.

Johnson questioned the manner in which the changes had been made, and called for a committee to study the by-laws before the changes were approved.

Rev. Eric Hooker, board chairman, reminded Johnson that a copy of the changes had been sent to all trustees prior to the meeting, and said that if members had any specific complaints, they were welcome to voice them.

A motion to suspend action on the changes died for lack of

Clark also said that people get spoiled by being able to park close to their classes, and when they get to a university, the parking problem is much worse than MCC.

#### Possible solutions

The administration is working on solutions for the near future. One program already in effect is legalized parking on some of the streets. A list of these areas can be obtained from the student activities office, located on the second floor of the Student Center.

Another suggestion being considered is making Highlander Drive one way from the traffic circle to College Drive.

Other possible solutions mentioned by Betke include using the old Waco High parking lot and running a shuttle bus back and forth to campus, or expanding some of the parking lots on campus.

This would cut down on the traffic jams in front of the Administration Building and allow parking on both sides of Highlander Drive, Betke said.

Betke added that MCC would wait until after the third week to take further action, because that is when the parking problem begins to ease off. He noted that these possible solutions are all just ideas right now, and nothing has yet been approved by the administration.

#### Traffic tickets

The campus patrol will be giving tickets for safety violations such as parking on corners and blocking the view of other drivers. Tickets will also be given for parking in handicapped or faculty parking places and for blocking wheelchair ramps on the curbs.

#### Appeals process

Students who receive tickets can discuss their complaints with Clark, whose office is located across from the game room in the Student Center.

Students who disagree with his decision can appeal to the Student Supreme Court. This panel consists of three sophomores and two freshmen, and their decision stands, Clark said.

The Student Supreme Court has not yet been assembled for this year, but will be in the near

future.

All tickets that are not paid within 10 class days will have a \$5 late fee added to the original fine, and students' grades and transcript will be held until the fine is paid.

Clark said he was "excited" about the record student enrollment at MCC, and he complimented the faculty for its efforts.

Ball added that the increased enrollment had caused a shortage of parking places, and he said that the administration had begun working on a long-range solution for the problem.

The achievements of the business department were then discussed. Jerry Jordan, director of business programs, said that all classes in his department were full this semester.

Jordan added that he had never worked with a more professional group of instructors than at MCC. He then mentioned several other schools where he had previously been employed.

The board toured the business classrooms in the Applied Science Building following the meeting.



Photo by Ken Crawford

TIGHT SQUEEZE . . . finding a parking place is hard enough, but fitting in the space is another problem altogether. Phillip Waters, a music major, struggles to get out of his car on his way to class Friday.

### Inter-Club Council meets Friday

By JEFF OSBORNE

The Inter-Club Council, a campus organization representing all campus clubs, will hold its first meeting Friday, at 10 a.m. in room 302 of the Student Center.

Clubs are strongly encouraged to send a representative to the meeting in order to have a more active role on campus.

Among topics discussed will be how clubs can receive money from the ICC, and plans for the semester's activities.

This semester, Greg Clark, director of student services, said that he would like to see an increased involvement by the ICC in activities such as the Caritas canned food drive.

"Challenge Day," a competition between the clubs based on a mini-Highland Games format, is one of the ideas which the ICC may begin.

Scott Perry, the newly elected vice president of Student Government, will serve as ICC Chairman.

### Enrollment leaps 16 percent

By PETE BACON

Enrollment for the fall semester of 1987 has increased the student body at MCC beyond registrar expectations.

Registrar Willie Hobbs said that enrollment is up from 4,808 at this time last year to 5,258 as of Sept. 14. This number is larger than the originally anticipated figure which was 4,900.

Although class sizes are significantly larger this year than last, Hobbs said that he has not received any serious complaints about class overcrowding.

Problems which have resulted from the large increase in students include the lack of available parking places, which Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC president, addressed at the Sept. 15

meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ball said that he was encouraged by the large number of students, and that the increase in enrollment is a compliment to the MCC staff.

Enrollment for the spring semester, which has traditionally been smaller than that of the fall, is expected to drop anywhere from 2-3 percent. This is due to the fact that many students chose to take only individual courses instead of following a degree plan.

When asked whether or not the college will encourage future enrollment growth Hobbs stated that the college has no set limit of student body members, and added that he would like to see as many people enroll as possible.

### Student Government adds new members

By JEFF OSBORNE

After an apparent lack of interest in Student Government during the spring semester in which only five students ran for office, fall has brought an increased interest.

This semester, 32 people ran for SG, one of the highest numbers in recent years.

Officers elected include Lori Wills, president; Scott Perry, vice president; Sharon Gibbs, secretary; and Renee Jarvis, historian.

A total of 20 representatives were elected. They are: Elizabeth Deleon, Patricia Eberspacher, Martin Sauseda, Kimberly Sapp, Phyliss Hutya, Tammy Streeter, Glen Vigus, Kim Kelly, James Cooper, Margaret Beseda, Ken Crawford, and Brian Wallace.

Other students elected are Missy Neill, Jeff Osborne, Stacy Thornton, Mary Miller, Cathy Cervenka, Darin Dietiker, Michelle Reed, and Jeff Womble.

Clark expressed that he was pleased that four people ran for the office of vice president. The office of secretary had three candidates, which Clark said

was the most since his first year at MCC.

"All the students throughout the campus seem like they're going to be an active group," Clark said.

As examples of increased student involvement, Clark mentioned "good participation in the first two activities of the year, the Watermelon Cut and Back to School Dance."

Increased participation in community projects, such as the Caritas food-drive, the Red Cross blood-drive, and the clean community system was a goal Clark set for Student Government.

The parking committee, one of many SG committees that has been active in the past may be reinstated this year. Clark said one function of the committee that he got good response from was to check students license plate tags and write reminders to students who were either in violation or potential violation of the law.

The first meeting, held yesterday was attended by Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC president, and Dr. LaVerne Wong, vice president of student services.

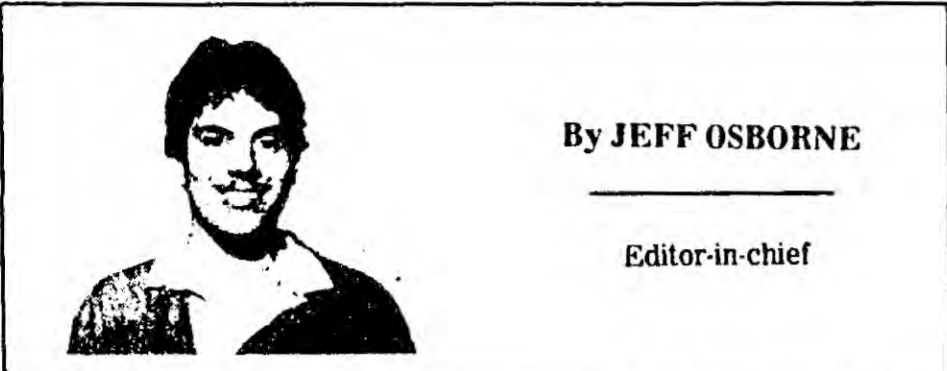


Photo by Lynda Gonzales

DAINI TSUKAHARA, vice consul to the consulate general of Japan, is presented the key to the city by Waco Mayor Pro Tem Lanella

McNamara as Tsukahara's wife Harue, daughter Sachiko, and son Takuma look on with pride at the Art Center's "Air of the Orient" Sept. 12.

# What happened to 'Drive Friendly'



By JEFF OSBORNE  
Editor-in-chief

continued to cross anyway, in either indifference or defiance to the heavy traffic which had the green light.

It is extremely important that people be more careful when driving. Thoughtless mistakes which take only a second to commit can kill or injure those involved in accidents.

Many people show a hostility and aggressiveness behind the wheel that they often lack in other situations. Everyone needs to realize that people make mistakes, but this should not result in violent behavior on the streets.

Am I suggesting that we become a society of passive limp-wristed wimps? God forbid it! What I am suggesting is that people think of driving more as a privilege.

Because of the necessity of driving has increased by an overwhelming percentage in the last 20 years, people tend to think of driving as their God-given right, o a car.

Anger can overshadow your actions, causing you to think about things other than the potential danger you face on the road.

Because driving can end or drastically change a person's life, you need to keep your mind as clear as possible in order to make the split-second decisions necessary.

See you on the highway. Drive Friendly!

Caution — Your attitude and habits behind the wheel may be dangerous to your health and the safety of others.

Driving is becoming increasingly dangerous mainly because of two reasons, thoughtlessness and anger of drivers.

The rash of freeway shootings in California, which have captured the attention of America, are as stupid as they are brutal. However, foolishness on the road isn't limited to any specific part of the country.

One incident which I especially remember occurred right outside the MCC parking lot. After the light had turned red, several cars coming from an apartment across the street

# I'm not being rude, I'm late dammit!

By JEFF OSBORNE

Whatever can go wrong will, especially if you're late to school (Murphy's Law, revised 1987).

It had to happen.

After recently completing a "Drive Friendly" column, it was a fitting twist of fate that I experience the frustration which often is the cause of anger for drivers.

I stand by my "Drive Friendly" statement because not even a gun could have helped me in the adventure I was about to face.

Last Monday morning began like any other Monday of the school year, but quickly turned into the kind of Monday that memories are made of, BAD.

First the gas pump at the convenience store wouldn't start right. After finally filling the tank, gas spewed down the side of my car. Things could get worse, I reasoned. They did.

I sat in the exit of the convenience store for what seemed like hours (it must have been the longest 3 minutes of my life) as a flood of cars roared down the road. Twenty-five minutes to 8:00, and 30 minutes distance from MCC.

I prepared myself for the challenge of getting to school on time. My ally was the steady stream of rock music which kept me going. My rivals seemed to be every red light on the way, an endless flow of traffic bent on slowing me down, and

the patrol cars of Waco's finest.

I didn't want to be late for *this class* because I was frequently late for the same teacher's class last year. Although he had been generally understanding, I unintentionally had pushed his patience to the limit.

After 15 minutes of hard driving, I found myself about 15 minutes away from MCC with 10 minutes to get there. I passed several cars and had the lane all alone. Thinking I was home free, I smiled. Just then, the inevitable happened. A vintage Oldsmobile "land barge" pulled out in front of me. Needless to say, the driver had white hair.

I swiftly maneuvered into the right lane and pushed the gas pedal down. This left the other cars stranded behind grandma's land barge.

I might make it after all, I thought.

Then, disaster struck. The lane I was in was closed for construction ahead and cars were already passing me as I slowed to a halt.

One driver gave me a smirk that seemed to say "Guess who's gonna be late for school today."

I walked into class at 8:01, a miracle considering all that had happened. I quietly slid into my desk and breathed a sigh of relief as the teacher stood up, unaware of my late arrival.

I had done the impossible and made it to class on time. "Pop test!" the teacher called.

I should've stayed in bed.



# Outstanding effort

Nancy Cochran and those who worked with her on the 1987-89 MCC General Catalogue did a outstanding job.

The catalogue, complete with an eye-catching cover photograph of the Performing Arts Center fountain, is an excellent representation of MCC.

This newspaper staff, which is learning something about the rigors of publishing, appreciates the hard work and effort that went into the catalogue project.

The administration and Board of Trustees should also be commended for making the resources available to publish a document worthy of our college.

# Music over silence

WE WANNA ROCK!

The age old controversy revolving around rock music, or loud music in general, has finally hit MCC.

Mini-concerts are one of many attractions offered to students during the 10 a.m. activity hour. For many students, these activities are an entertaining, temporary relief from the pressures of college life.

The activity hour, as designated by the MCC general catalogue, is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of the fall and spring semesters. This hour is provided for organized student activities, such as club meetings, intramurals and student programs.

Why should a designated activity, already approved by the administration, be restricted?

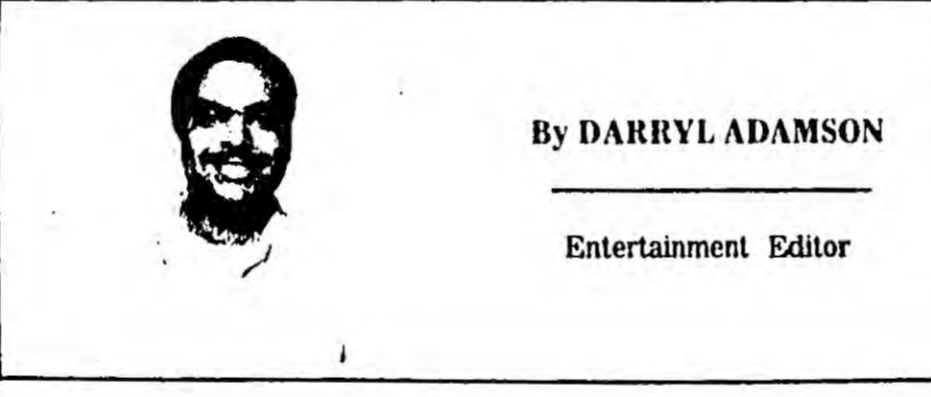
We stand in support of MCC students, to select (albeit as blaring rock and roll) their own form of musical entertainment, as approved by the administration.

We realize that a small number of classes are scheduled during this time period. Accordingly, the MCC catalogue advises that enrollment in classes during this time will keep students from participating in the planned activities.

From this we must conclude that the administration expects students to participate and enjoy this "fun hour," in addition to attending regularly scheduled classes.

So what is the problem? Where does the controversy lie if students and administration alike approve of the concerts?

We urge you, the reader, to write us and voice your opinion on this subject. Your letters will be read, and your views can be expressed to the student body and employees of MCC.



By DARRYL ADAMSON  
Entertainment Editor

# Ours is just as good!

Many times have I heard students from "major universities" brag on how superior their music program is.

Being a successful musician is not so much *where* you've been trained, but depends more on how you train yourself. Diligence in practice, always keeping sight of your goals, being realistic with those goals, and always being prepared to show your talent are more important.

What is so impressive about the music program at MCC is that our instructors in the music department work hard not only to recruit students, but work equally as hard in training them. If they are truly dedicated, they can compete with musicians from any school.

While talking to Bill Haskett, chairman of fine arts, I was truly amazed at his ability of being so frank. Having previously been in the music business, I know how important that quality is and what an attitude like his means to an aspiring

# Men's Basketball

(Continued from page 4)

asset as an inside player, DeWeese said.

Rodney Diggs, a 6-foot-4 guard also from Yates is extremely quick and has the ability to score alot of points, according to DeWeese.

Henry Golightly, a 5-foot-8 point guard from Houston, is really quick and can really play, said DeWeese.

Jason Hooten is a 5-foot-11 point guard from Ellison High in Killeen. DeWeese says he has real good instinct, a great understanding of the game, and will play as a freshman.

Anthony Virgil is a 6-foot-4 from Kimball High in Dallas. DeWeese said he is making the transition from an inside player to the outside and is steadily improving.

Byron Young, is a 6-foot-5 post from Cymoon High in Chicago, Illinois. DeWeese says

that he is a strong inside player and can jump very well.

Lawrence Frazier is a 6-foot-2 guard who transferred from Texas Southern College. He is quick and can shoot well, says DeWeese.

Shone Wyatt is 6-foot-4 and comes from Cashmere High in Houston. DeWeese says that he is an excellent athlete, very quick, and is an excellent shooter. Though he was a red shirt last year, DeWeese say he will have a profound impact in this year's team.

DeWeese says that over all the team has a chance to be quite good, and has an exceptional chance at winning the league. He says the team has a great personality and works really well together. "The team is full of good people who are good to work with, and we're looking forward to a very good year," DeWeese added.

musician. It is important to be able to have an instructor around you whose judgment you can trust. He will tell you if he does not like something, and in the same sense he will give credit where credit is due.

Any musician who successfully completes the MCC music program should be well on his way to success. The instruction gives them expert knowlege of what they intend to make their livelihood.

One of the most important things that music students should have when they leave this institution is confidence in the fact that they have been trained by people who have been involved in the music business. The music faculty at MCC consists of instructors who have not only been thoroughly educated in schools, but who have also lived the life of the struggling musician, which is a lesson to be taught itself.

One of the negative responses that I always hear about being a musician is that the odds are too great, and you won't make it because too many musicians who are equally good are trying to reach the same goal.

Most non-musicians are under the impression that being successful in a music career takes more luck than knowledge. How many times have you heard that its not *what* you know but *who* you know.

Becoming a musical success is just like becoming a success in any other field. It takes hard work and constantly keeping yourself prepared for the moment when a big opportunity comes. This is the only luck involved, in becoming a success, when opportunity meets preparation.

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## Faculty and staff added for the fall

By DARIN CHRISTIE

Along with new and returning students, MCC is also welcoming several new faculty and staff members this fall.

Twelve new people are currently employed by MCC. According to Dr. Richard Drum, vice president of instruction at MCC, this is not an unusually high or low number. "We ordinarily have between six and 12 additions to the staff at the start of the year," Drum said.

Some of the newly filled positions are temporary or one-semester contracts. The temporary openings are due to several faculty members taking leaves of absence.

Five of the positions are in the nursing department. An increase in program enrollment as well as the resignation of one faculty member created the need for additional faculty and staff in this department.

A new staff position was created for the MCC Library. Library use has increased dramatically over the past year. Increases in use are more apparent in the evening hours. The new position is designed to keep a professional librarian on duty Monday through Thursday evenings.

According to Drum, when MCC has a job opening it first advertises in the local paper. Word about the opening is then passed on to employment agencies within the county, and also to placement offices of other community colleges and universities in Texas.

The new MCC employees are Minnie Davis, Kathleen Clark, Carol Lowe, Gary Fultz, Debra Hull, Yvonne Kutscherovsky, Lea Vardaman, Jane Gamez, Sandra Reyna, Mary Kay Trail, Nancy Mitchell, Barbara Gresham, and Diane Kerbo.



Photo by Lisa Roe

THREE NEW FACULTY, Mary Kay Trail, seated, teaches computer data processing while Nancy Ray Mitchell, teaches general business and management and Gary Fultz biology.

## Three staff promoted to directing positions

By LESLEY WILSON

This summer three MCC faculty members received promotions, according to Dr. Richard Drum, vice president of instruction.

The promotions included Lissette Carpenter to chairperson of language arts, Marvin Smith to program director in clinical education in respiratory therapy, and Bob Dettelson to director of the Management Center in the continuing education division, after serving as an instructor for 10 years.

In addition to being chairperson, Carpenter teaches several English classes, specializing in writing skills and British literature.

Carpenter, who has served MCC 10 years as an instructor, received a bachelor of arts at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and a masters degree from Baylor University. She is presently working on her doctorate at Texas A&M University.

In June, Marvin Smith was promoted from instructor/coordinator of clinical education in respiratory therapy to

the position of program director.

Smith earned an associate of applied sciences degree from MCC. He has been employed at MCC since 1980, and is a certified respiratory therapist, respiratory therapy technician, and cardiovascular technologist.

Bob Dettelson, an MCC employee since 1983, also received a promotion. He served four years as the instructor/coordinator of the management center in the Continuing Education division until he was appointed director of that program in July.

Dettelson received a bachelor of business administration degree and a MBA from Baylor.

Each person went through a competitive process to achieve their respective jobs. After applications were taken, recommendations were made from their supervisors to the deans of their programs.

After the deans reviewed the applications, they sent them to Dr. Richard Drum, then to the college president, and finally to the Board of Trustees, to make the selections.



Photo by Lisa Roe

NEW NURSING FACULTY include, left to right, LeaAnn Vardeman, Sandra Reyna, Minnie Davis and Yvonne Kutscherovsky.

## Largest class fills MCC Lecture Hall

By KEN CRAWFORD

What may be the largest class in MCC history held on a regular basis has 118 students currently enrolled, according to Dean Gail Burrier.

Dr. Jim Hail's general psychology class off Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:25 a.m. is held in the Lecture Hall to accommodate the large number of students. Psychology classes lend themselves to allow large numbers because they are straight lecture classes, according to Dean Burrier.

Despite an increase of 96 students over last year's enrollment, the number of classes has dropped from 19 to 17. The decrease in classes was an effort to economize by reducing instructional costs, Hail said.

Without this increase in class size, five other sections and another full time instructor would have been necessary, he explained.

The psychology department has been steadily increasing since last spring when they held the first psychology classes in the Lecture Hall. Last spring Dr. Hail had 76 students while this summer Dr. Juan Mercado taught a class of 92 in the Lecture Hall.

Although this may be the largest class to meet on a regular basis, other classes have been larger but they meet only once a year. Last year the seminar for child development had an enrollment of 567. This year Dean Pollard expects 500-600 students to enroll in this one-day, six-hour class.

## MCC nurses ease statewide shortage

By LISA ROE

Although Texas is experiencing a nursing shortage, Waco and the surrounding areas have not been significantly affected, due in part to the MCC nursing program.

The shortage can be related to the increasing career opportunities open to women, such as today's women opting to become doctors instead of nurses.

Despite this, Janice Roberson, director of health careers programs at MCC, said enrollment in the nursing program is up five percent from last year. Of the 100 students enrolled, Roberson expects 15-20 percent to drop. She also added that most students who drop usually

return after a short absence.

During the two-year program, students learn the academic and clinical aspects of the nursing profession. Second year students participate in a work-study program with local hospitals and doctors' offices where they gain first hand experience.

Upon graduation, Roberson said 65-75 students are sent to take the National Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses. Of those taking the exam, 90 percent pass the first time. Those who do not can retake the exam the next time it is offered, which makes the actual failing rate less than 10 percent.



Photo by Lisa Roe

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT HIRES three new faculty Kathleen Clark, seated; Diane Kerbow, left, and Debra Hull.

## Librarian to participate in leadership workshop

By MELISSA TRESZOKS

An MCC librarian will have a leadership role in the Leadership and Training Skills Workshop to be held in Austin on Oct. 2.

The one-day workshop is sponsored by the Texas Junior College Teachers Association and will cost \$15. The fee also includes a lunch.

Margaret Harbaugh, MCC assistant librarian, is the vice president of TJCTA. Harbaugh was elected to the position at the last TJCTA meeting, which was held in February in Houston. She has also held other positions, such as secretary and treasurer.

On campus, Harbaugh serves as the campus membership representative.

One of her duties includes keeping members informed of TJCTA events.

The association was formed to help employees with grievances or complaints they may have. It also allows members to voice their opinion in the state capital.

Sixty-seven junior college comprise the TJCTA with 5,100 members. Last year 169 MCC employees were members. Dues for one school year are \$25 for full-time teachers and \$15 for part-time teachers.

Recent actions by the TJCTA include lobbying against reductions in the Teachers Retirement System and opposition to expand Corpus Christi State University into a four-year institution.

## Changes in library offer convenience

By TAMMY ROSS

The library has been reorganized to provide the students with a more convenient service, according to the director of library services.

"Our goal," David Drake, director of library services, said, "was to get everything a student might need assistance for on the same floor," instead of a split between the various floors as in previous years.

Students can now find all computers, magazines, microfiche and reference material on the second floor. Since the librarians and assistants are also on the second floor, the new arrangement allows them to be more accessible to the students. The second floor is ground-level to the building's front entrance.

With the main activity con-

centrated on the second floor, the first and third floors can be used by students for quiet studying.

"We make maximum use of our facilities," Drake said, adding that he had never seen a library used as much as this one, "at least not at a community college."

According to Drake, this is because the students are provided with a good basic service in a pleasant atmosphere and "our librarians are very receptive."

"We're not real fancy or high-tech," Drake said, adding that "people want information, they don't care how they get it."

Drake also said that the teachers are helpful in that many of them use the library as a teaching tool in their classes.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**CLERK TYPIST** must be able to type 50 wpm, law office, 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, salary depends on experience.

**SWITCHBOARD:** law office, answer multi-line phone, Monday-Friday, \$3.35 an hour.

**TELEPHONE CHECKER:** 5:30-9:30 p.m., must be able to type 40 wpm, Monday-Thursday, \$4.50 an hour.

**DATA ENTRY:** must know 10 key by touch, 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, must have micro computer experience or CRT experience, \$4.25 an hour, taking applications after Sept. 21.

**SNACK BAR CASHIER:** Theater, 20-30 hours per week, evenings and weekends, \$3.35 an hour.

**ARTIST:** temporary, do pen and ink renderings, contract basis, can work at home.

**GYMNASTICS TEACHERS:** mornings Monday-Thursday, afternoons Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$3.35 an hour.

**CONCESSION STAND WORKERS:** temporary positions available, \$3.35 an hour.

**CHILD CARE:** Church needs someone to care for children (ages 6 months-5 years old), 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., two Fridays per month, \$4 an hour.

**CHILD CARE:** Church, 9:15 a.m.-noon, Sundays, \$4 an hour.

**COMPANION-SITTER:** take care of 70-year-old-man, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., two days a week, LVN or RN student, salary negotiable.

**TYPISTS:** 50 wpm, word processing experience or willing to learn, 20 hours a week, salary depends on experience.

**DATA PROCESSING-SECRETARIAL:** prefer data processing major, bookkeeping, 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, \$3.35 an hour.

**WAITERS-WAITRESSES:** flexible hours, salary negotiable.

**WAITERS-WAITRESSES:** morning and afternoon shifts available, Monday-Friday, \$2.20 plus tips.

**WAITRESS-COOK:** 5 until closing, weekdays and weekends, salary negotiable.

**BUS BOY, COOK, WAITERS-WAITRESSES:** hours vary, salary negotiable.

For more information on these and other jobs, contact the Office of Placement, third floor, Student Center.

## Newsbriefs

### Flexible reading course opens

A flexible entry program will begin Monday, Sept. 28, and will continue through the semester.

This program, designed to give students help in reading when they need it, is a three-semester hour course with times to be arranged with the instructor.

Students can register anytime this week at the registrar's office. The course will cost \$39 and fees for in-county residents, or \$48 plus fees for Texans outside the county.

The flexible course is designed to help students in their specific reading needs, whether in speed, comprehension, or vocabulary.

Further information may be obtained from Doris Manning, room 108 in the Language Arts Building, ext. 344; or from Margarita Sanchez, LA 106, ext. 341.

### Indoor pool sets hours

The MCC indoor pool is now open to all students, faculty and staff for recreational use from 2-4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

An American Red Cross certified lifeguard will be on duty and dressing rooms and lockers are available in the pool area. The pool, located in the Health-Physical Education Building, has a constant temperature of 84-86 degrees and is checked daily for proper chlorine levels.

Swimmers should bring their own towels and locks for the dressing room lockers and follow the posted pool rules, said James Burroughs of the health-physical education department.

### MCC staff invited to lunch

A Cajolery Lunch featuring Dr. John Pisciotta, an economics instructor at Baylor University, will be held for MCC faculty, staff, and administration.

The lunch will be held on Monday, Sept. 28 in the Highlander Room of the Student Center. Food will be served from 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and at 12:30 Pisciotta will begin speaking.

Pisciotta, a nationally known economics teacher, will speak on "Reaganomics," according to program organizer Randy Schor mann.

# Intramural football kicks-off



I'VE GOT IT ... Angle Boyd, a No Names' defender, intercepts a pass in the inaugural coed football game last Wednesday. After the interception, Jimbo Kolacek blocks-out Jim

Davis of Zeta Omega Eta, while teammate Kelth Mann and Steve Bohanon of ZOE react to the play.



HERE, YOU TAKE IT ... After the interception, Boyd tosses an illegal forward pass, while

Kolacek struggles to block Davis.



Photo series by Ken Crawford

NOT ME, I'M BLOCKING ... Boyd watches as the ball bounces off teammate Shannon Doss,

as Doss attempts to block Elizabeth Swaner of ZOE. The No Names went on to defeat ZOE

## For men's basketball team

### Newcomers are key for success

By R. DARIN BROCK

Couch Ken DeWeese is looking forward to a good year with the men's basketball team at MCC.

Eight of the 15 players on the basketball team will be first year players, six will be incoming freshmen and two are red shirts. DeWeese says these

players will have a large impact toward the team's success. Currently the team is only conditioning and scrimmaging, and will not start practice until Sept. 28. DeWeese says that three or four men are becoming key figures on the team.

DeWeese added that it is too early to say who would be starting, but all of them have a

chance. "All the players are so even, and there are so many fighting for positions that all may end up contributing," DeWeese also added.

The newcomers include: Warren Briggs, a 6-foot-7 post from Yates High School in Houston. Briggs will be an

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By STEVEN ABERNATHY

As the first week of competition in intramural football came to an end, three men's teams and a coed team remained undefeated.

With victories over RIP and the Rookies, Coors Light heads the standings in the men's division with a 2-0 record. They are followed by the No Names and The Dreaded Smegs, as both teams were also victorious in their opening games.

In the only coed game last week, the No Names blanked Zeta Omega Eta 20-0.

On Wednesday in the men's division, Coors Light squeaked by RIP 12-8 while The Dreaded Smegs had no trouble with Skid Row 28-6.

On Friday, the No Names topped Scotty's Game in a tightly played game, 22-14. In other action, Coors Light handled the Rookies, 38-6.

Friday was also the day for the first coed game which pitted the No Names against Zeta Omega Eta. In the first half, Ron Bible of the No Names connected with Steven Abernathy in the end zone to open the scoring. The conversion attempt failed, leaving the score 6-0 at halftime.

Midway through the second half, Bible completed a 5-yard pass to Ronnie Satchell to up the score 12-0. The conversion attempt was successful as Bible hit Shannon Doss in the end zone for two points.

On the last play of the game, Joe Jimenez launched a 30-yard pass to Bible as he scampered 20-yards into the end zone.

In action on Monday, The Dreaded Smegs took on the No Names while Skid Row met RIP.

In the battle of unbeaten, the No Names led at the half 14-6. In the second half, The Dreaded Smegs came back as they tied the score at 20-20 with 25 seconds remaining to play. The game ended in a tie and will be finished on Wednesday.

In the other game, Skid Row and RIP were looking for their first victory. RIP led at the half 10-6 and held on in the second half to end the game at 10-6.



By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Sports Editor

## All that glitters . . .

Contrary to popular belief, athletic seasons do not begin with the first game or match of the season.

Ask anyone competing for a position on one of our athletic teams the question, "When does the athletic season begin?" The answer will probably be, without hesitation, "the same day the semester began."

Since the beginning of the semester, while most of our afternoons were filled by countless hours in the library or by just plain working, those hoping to make their respective team rosters were also working. The difference between their work and our work is that their's occurred on a basketball court, tennis court or a baseball field.

From day one of the semester, the men's basketball team has been practicing in the afternoons on Monday-Thursday for at least two hours. The majority of the time has been spent on conditioning (in other words, running) along with some intrasquad scrimmaging.

Of the 20 people who started practicing, only 15 remain. Although only 15 will be carried on the roster, Richard Kilgo, assistant basketball coach, said they will still consider anyone interested in trying out for the team.

The team's present work schedule is ultimately geared for the first game, which is to be held at the Highlands on Nov. 11 against Lon Morris College at 8 p.m.

The women's practice schedule has been similar to that of the men except they do not practice at the same time in the afternoons, and on Tuesdays the women practice at 7 p.m.

Only 12-15 positions are available for the 20 women working out. These women are striving to fill those positions by the time the Highlassie Classic Basketball Tournament takes place at the Highlands Oct. 28-30.

Both men's and women's tennis teams have also been on the courts since the beginning of the semester. Their main concerns are getting in shape and becoming acquainted with the Texas climate, which is 25-30 degrees warmer on the courts. The tennis team also practices in the afternoons, with 10 men and six women vying for six positions on each squad.

While the rest of the athletic teams practice at least two months before their first games, the tennis teams will see action on Sept. 25-26 as they host a 10-team tournament.

Last, but by no means the least, the baseball team has been busy as well. Their practices officially begin at 2 p.m., but some participants arrive as early as 1 p.m. to work on individual positions.

Although the first official baseball game will not be until the first weekend in February, the team has already been scrimmaging and has others planned.

When their seven-week practice is over, which will be the second week in October, the 43 participants will be reduced to 25. The team will then begin working on its weight program.

In essence, sports is not all glamour. By the time these athletes get their names in the papers or their profiles on the television newscasts, they have already payed their dues for such attention.

So the next time you see newspaper space or television time devoted to these athletes, remember the efforts they first put forth.

## Berryman selected by peers as tennis coach of the year

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Individual sport's awards are not confined to the students who participate in organized collegiate sports, but also to the coaches who help develop the potential of those students.

Last year Carmack Berryman, MCC head tennis coach, was honored by such an award. Berryman was selected by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association as its National Junior College Coach of the Year.

The beginning step to receiving this award came when a committee was formed to place the names of several coaches on the ballot.

A ballot was then sent to all the coaches in the association. After voting, the ballots were then sent back for tallying. When the last ballot was counted, the coach on top was Berryman.

"Proud is the only word that I can think of that can describe the way I felt when I heard the news," Berryman said.

Although he has already been named as the recipient of the award, Berryman will have to wait until the second week of December to officially receive the honor.

Berryman will receive an all-expense paid trip to Fort Meyers, Florida, to receive the award sponsored by Wilson Sporting Goods. He will then stay in Florida from Dec. 8-12, since the coaches' convention will also be taking place.

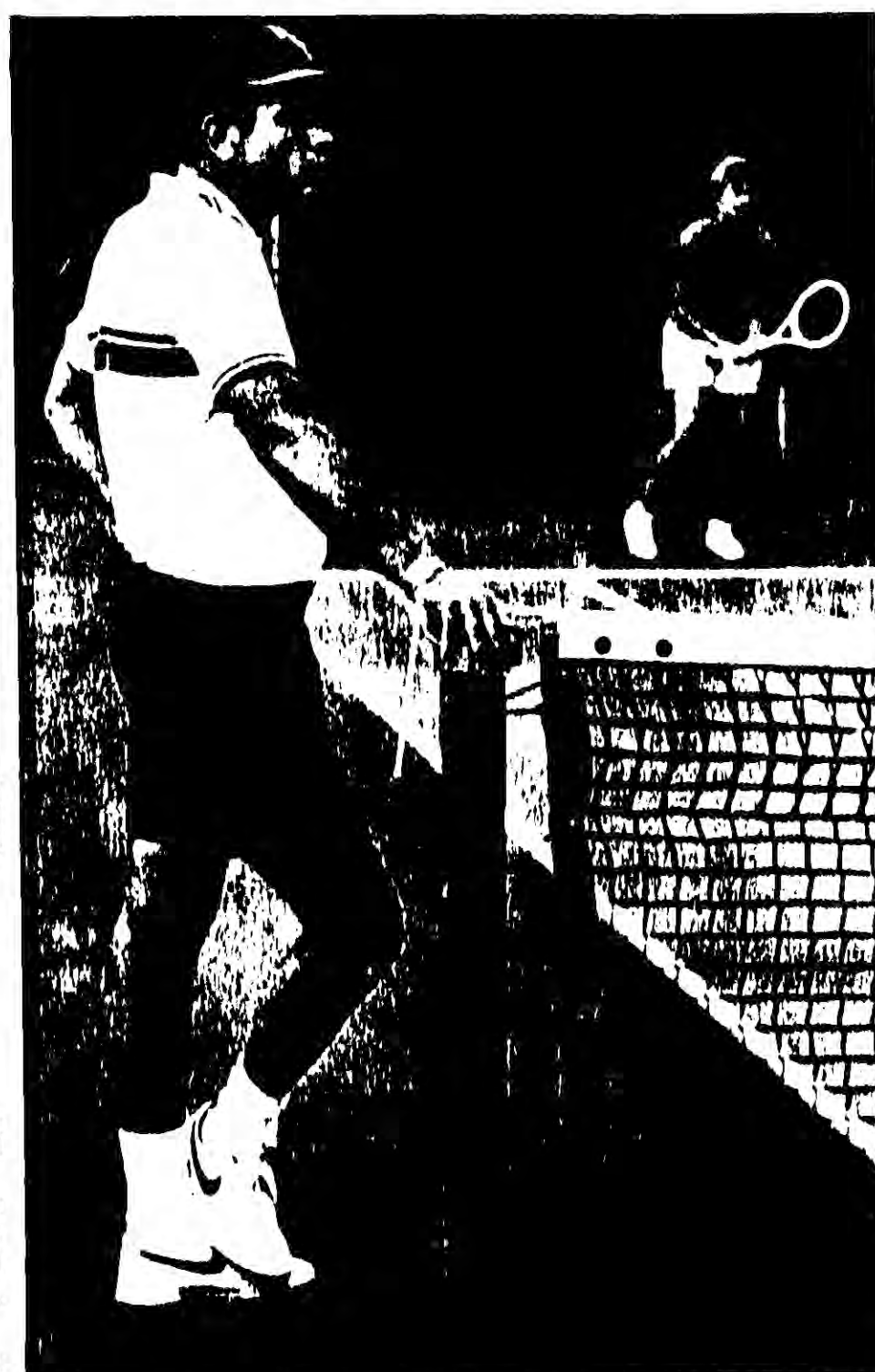


Photo by Ken Crawford

COACH OF THE YEAR Carmack Berryman observes tennis players as they take part in an afternoon practice. For last year's coaching effort, Berryman was selected for the award by the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association

## International students gain new outlooks

By LOY LENAMON

Twenty international students, representing at least five continents and 10 countries, are enrolled at MCC this semester.

In addition to the admissions requirements an American student must meet, an international student is also required to make a minimum test score of 450 on a "Test of English as a Foreign Language."

Foreign students must also maintain a "C" average to be eligible for transfer from another college or university in the U.S. Other requirements are the provision of a financial statement of support reflecting sufficient funds to cover all expenses while in the U.S. as well as a deposit of \$2,500 to MCC to cover tuition and fees for one academic year.

After all these requirements are met, MCC sends the student the necessary forms required by the government for them to enter the United States on a student visa, said Jo Harrington, MCC operations assistant.

Attending a U.S. college is looked upon as an asset in many countries. First year student Wenche (pronounced

Venka) Gjevstad said Norwegians consider the U.S. university system to be better than their own. She hopes her U.S.



WENCHE GJEVESTAD

education will improve her learning ability when she returns home with a business administration degree.

Aside from academics, many international students apply to U.S. colleges to become international in outlook. They already know their own culture and now wish to experi-

ence U.S. life as a non-tourist.

Wenche started her search for the true U.S. culture by working in it first. After graduating from high school in 1986 she went to Denver to work as a nanny before centering her academic sights in Waco.

Born in Japan and having lived in Israel, Greece and Hawaii, Mari (pronounced Mawri) Ichiki was already internationally minded before coming to MCC last year. Her academic goal, after graduating from MCC, is to major in international business at Baylor. She hopes one day to use her practical and academic knowledge to open a travel agency with international branches.

Like many American students, a large number of international students attend MCC as a means to save money on the first two years of a four year education. Baylor's tuition is \$135 per semester hour compared to \$80 per semester hour for foreign students at MCC. Because MCC is a state supported school its fees for out of state students, which includes international students, is set by the state.

Most international students finance their own educations,

but a few are sponsored by their own government with the rationale that their U.S. education will be of special use at home. Departmental and private donor scholarships are also available. The international student must also compete with all other students for these.

David Little, of the Victoria state capital of Melbourne in Australia, was one of the few to win such a scholarship to MCC.



MARI ICHIKI

An Australian friend, who had attended MCC on a tennis scholarship, suggested he apply.

David, whose accent is often mistakenly identified as British by tin-eared Americans, works hard at keeping his tennis scholarship. Any student, American or international, who cannot make the grade goes home, said tennis Coach Carmack Berryman.

The majority of international students fit in academically and socially at MCC, said Willie Hobbs, director of admissions. If they appear to need help, they are referred to the student counseling department.

Ruby Burns, personal and academic counselor, said their problems usually concern practical matters such as finding housing, transportation or just learning to function in a different culture. Occasionally she has had to explain U.S. culture in intimate detail to students who have had trouble adapting.

Although the Australian and U.S. cultures are similar, David has had to grapple with a backward way of writing dates and of crossing the street. "I always look the wrong way," as well as



DAVID LITTLE

with students who think Australia is all Aborigines, koalas and kangaroos. He has also been told he speaks good English.

Although MCC would like to have more international students, it does not actively recruit them. The current international student enrollment has remained steady for the past four years after having peaked in the mid-1970s. That was before the Carter administration, in dealing with the Iranian crisis, tightened U.S. regulations on student visas.

## Instructors visit Europe, tour London landmarks

BY DONNA YOUNG

This past summer, several members of the MCC faculty toured and studied in England and Europe.

Lisette Carpenter

Lisette Carpenter, chairperson of language arts, spent one month in England researching for her doctoral dissertation on Sarah Fielding. One of the difficulties Carpenter said she faced was gathering information on the 18th century authoress and feminist.

Due to her activities, Fielding was unpopular during her lifetime causing available information on her to be scarce, unlike her brother Henry Fielding, author of Tom Jones.

Carpenter used several facilities for her research includ-

ing the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the London University Library and the Public Record Office in Bath.

Carpenter received a graduate student mini-grant for original research from Texas A&M University to help fund her trip to England. Carpenter has worked for nine months on her dissertation, and she expects to be finished in one year.

While in England, Carpenter visited several homes of British poets and collected souvenirs which will be used in her British masterpieces classes. She visited the homes of Geoffrey Chaucer, Samuel Johnson, William Hogarth, and William Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and Rydal Mount.

"It was exciting to walk where the poets actually walked," Carpenter said.

Highlights of Carpenter's tour included a boat ride down the Thames River where she saw the actual steps the Jamestown settlers walked down to board their boat for America.

She also saw the thatching of an English cottage, which is done every 50 years.

She witnessed the changing

Carpenter said she was impressed by the large number of tourists, more than 12 million, who visit the Lake District each year.

Carpenter said she was impressed by the encouragement school children received to visit museums and historical sites. "It made me able to see things about our own country

"It rained every day. We were always packing a wet tent."

of the guard at Buckingham Palace and at Hampton Court, Henry VIII's palace.

Other highlights of her tour included shopping at Harrod's annual July sale, and touring Edinburgh, Scotland, and England's Lake District.

and certainly understand the people more clearly," she added.

Cindy SoRelle

Cindy SoRelle, a speech instructor, was able to partici-

pate in Baylor's program in the British Isles from mid-July to mid-August.

"I went to study theatre," SoRelle said, "and also to keep up-to-date with London Theatre."

SoRelle said that she would use the pictures and handbills which advertised British plays as visual aids in her classroom lectures.

Highlights of SoRelle's one month tour included St. Andrews, Lozon, Interlok, Scotland, Wales, Tintern Abby, St. Paul's Cathedral, Cambridge, Oxford, Stratford, Chateau De-Chillon, and a session of the English Parliament.

The plays SoRelle attended included "Me and My Girl," "Julius Caesar," and "Anthony and Cleopatra," in which Anthony Hopkins played the lead.

She also saw "Les Liasons Dangereux," the Joe Pap

Show's "The Colored Museum," a black review in the International Theatre Festival, and Michael Crawford in "Phantom of the Opera."

"Going to another culture is so good for you," SoRelle said. "It keeps us from being too egocentric, too centered on our way of life."

John Nobis

John Nobis, MCC counselor, backpacked for three weeks across England and Europe.

Sites of special interest Nobis visited in England included Regents Park, Westminster Abby, Madam Tussads Wax Museum, the Tower of London, Speaker's Corner, Wellington Park, and the Roman Baths in Bath.

"It rained every day!" Nobis said, "We were almost always packing a wet tent."

## Cattle herds to thunder on Chisolm Trail again?

BY DARRYL ADAMSON

Bob Detlefsen, an MCC instructor, recently made a proposal to the city of Waco for a revival of the old Chisolm Trail.

1987 marks the 100th anniversary of the Chisolm Trail. Detlefsen's proposal would have called for a remake of the Chisolm Trail through Waco.

Plans included actually herding cattle across the Waco Suspension Bridge in commemoration of the cattle drives of the

past. Also planned were a cattle barron's banquet, an arts and craft show and a longhorn show.

The great cattle drives of the 1800s were an important part of the growth of the west. They also hold great significance to the city of Waco.

The Chisolm Trail, which is the most famous of the cattle drives, went straight through the city of Waco. As many as 3,500 cattle were herded across the Waco Suspension Bridge at a time.

The cattlemen were charged 5 cents per head, which was a major boost to the economy of Waco, especially during post Civil War days. According to Detlefsen, the Chisolm Trail was a major force in actually paying for the Suspension Bridge.

Detlefsen said that the proposal was accepted but later denied by the department of tourism because of the department's refusal to cover the event under its liability insurance.

Strike one for Detlefsen — but the game isn't over for Detlefsen's idea. He said he will try again and will continue to take

an active role in promoting the city of Waco.

Detlefsen said that not only was the proposal geared to pro-

mote tourism but also to re-establish the great heritage of Texas by offering visual insight into a slice of Waco's history.

## Japanese ambassador visits, brings 'Air of the Orient'

By CHRIS BELL

The Japanese vice consul, who visited the Waco Art Center during its annual fund raising auction, emphasized the economic importance of Texas to his country.

Daini Tsukahara, the vice consul for the consulate general of Japan based in Houston, said that even though Japan does not receive any oil from Texas, the state's petroleum industry still makes Texas important to his country.

Tsukahara illustrated his point by mentioning that approximately 100 Japanese auto and chemical companies have branches in the Houston area alone.

Tsukahara said the Houston Consulate General's office is one of 12 such offices in the United States, and it is responsible for maintaining public relations between Japan and Texas and Oklahoma.

"Air of the Orient" was the theme of this year's auction which took place in the Art Center courtyard on Sept. 12. The auction earned enough to meet the goal of \$40,000 set by Susan Diebolt, supervising general chairwoman of the Art Center.

According to Art Center Director Joe Kagle, the rain on the morning of the auction worried him a bit. Kagle said that he folded a paper crane according to the Japanese art of Origami and said that it would

bring good luck. "That is when it stopped raining."

The crowd of about 575 people, many of whom were dressed in silk robes with dragons embroidered on the back, watched as Tsukahara received a wrapped gift from the Art Center and a key to the city from Mayor Pro Tem L. Nolle McNamara.

Tsukahara, his wife Haruo, their two children, Takumi and Sachiko, and the guests dined on Oriental food provided by House of Chen, Cathay House and the Samurai Steakhouse.

The evening ended with a dance from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. with music performed by the Joe Silva Blues Band.



Photo by Lynn Gonzalez

ART CENTER QUESTS, Norma Rhodes and E.B. Morrow in traditional Japanese clothes, check

out auction items during the Art Center's annual fund raising event Sept. 12.



Photo by Ken Crawford

SHARON GIBBS and DAVID HOWARD "jam to the music" at the MCC back to school dance held Sept. 10 in the Student Center Cafeteria.

## Melon-cut kicks off semester

By R. DARIN BROCK

Thirteen large watermelons, the music of the Zone, and a routine by the MCC Dance Company were used to make the 1987 Watermelon Cut a success, according to those who worked on the project.

The Sept. 4 event was held as a time for students to get acquainted with one another and as a special event for those wanting an "A" in orientation.

Director of Student Activities Greg Clark said this year's "cut" attracted one of the largest crowds he had seen turn out for the event.

Student Government, responsible for the event, put in hard work preparing for the project, Clark said. Two students Clark singled out for good work were Jeff Leuschner and Daryl Webb. The work of several other volunteers also aided in the smooth sailing of the event, according to Clark.

## Dance Company members prepare for fall semester performances

By SHARON GIBBS

Thirteen new members of the Dance Company are now practicing for their next performance on Oct. 5.

The new members, selected in three tryouts during the summer, include Lisa Caro, Alicia McMahan, and Stacy Thornton, all graduates of Waco High School; Sharon Gibbs, Mindy Hestilow, and Jeannie Swank, La Vega High;

Stephanie Gilbreath, Connally; Dorothy Matthews and Lynette Padilla, University High; Julie Nuckols, Midway; and Amy Soto, Hallsville.

The next appearances will be at the Heart of Texas Fair Parade and at the fair on Oct. 5-6 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. Performances will take place in the Fine Arts Building at the HOT Fair grounds.

The Dance Company will also be performing at the Texas State Fair in Dallas on

Oct. 10 in the Creative Arts Building from 10 a.m.-noon.

Members who are returning include Kim Bratcher, Hubbard High School; Jackie Garland and Alaina Kulk, Richfield; Renee Jarvis, Connally; and Pam McGuffey, Midway.

The Dance Company is led by returning members Cynthia Salinas Robinson, captain; and Dawn Spears, Midway, lieutenant and new member, Carrie Ready, El Paso, lieutenant.

Practices for the dance

team last at least two hours a day to prepare members for their upcoming performances which will be held in the Highlands during basketball games.

Last year, the team won a national award for their performance at a contest in Dallas.

"With a good deal of work, this team can be just as good as last year's national champions," said Sandy Hinton, director of the group.

## Semester's first dance sets attendance record

By ELIZABETH DELEON

A record number attended this year's back to school dance held for all MCC students, faculty, and administrative personnel on Sept. 10 in the Student Center.

According to Michelle Merony of student activities, the dance had one of the largest attendances of any in MCC's history.

The dance was held from 8-12 p.m. and featured a variety of music, accompanied by a unique light show provided by Professional Lighting and Sound.

Many of the people working for Professional Lighting and Sound are MCC students, according to Robert Russell, operations manager, and a second year student.

Among some of the songs played were "Wipe Out," "Didn't We Almost Have It All," "Cotton-Eyed Joe," and the popular new song by Wham's George Michael, "I Want Your Sex," as well as many other popular songs of rock, rap and country.

Student Government members and volunteers decorated the Student Center in baby blue

with white streamers and balloons, and also provided a variety of refreshments for those who attended.

The back to school dance was held as an opportunity for students to get together, with old friends, and make new ones.

The next MCC dance will be the Halloween Dance scheduled for Oct. 29.



Photo by Ken Crawford

SHOELESS AND FANCY FREE Terry Hoffman dances with Michael Varga at the annual back to school dance.

## Prize-winning 'Mask' video in production

By SCOTT WRIGHT

A video tape of a prize-winning performance by MCC speech students is being produced and should be on the market early next year.

Winning first place last April at the Phi Rho Pi National Speech Tournament was "Mask of the Magna Mortalitas," performed by Robert Davis, Laurie Sykora, Steve Harrelson and Shannon McKelvey.

The story evolves around the disease AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and relates a theme of understanding, safety and compassion in the way people respond to the disease.

The script was written and adapted by the MCC speech instructor, Ann Harrell. Harrell formed the shows around "The Masque of the Red Death," a short story by Edgar Allan Poe.

After the group received wide acclaim with the show, they were given the opportunity to make a professional recording to be made available to the public.

Harrell said there were two reasons the group made the tape, to preserve a professional record of their performance and to provide a structural and informative tool for the public.

Anyone interested can request a free loan of the tape from Ann Harrell. The tape is expected to be released early in 1988.

## 'Glass Menagerie' auditions held, cast chosen for play

By TERI LYN EISMA

Theatre Director John Kelly has selected the cast for the Glass Menagerie, which will be MCC's first play production this semester.

Students and non-students auditioned for "The Glass Menagerie" on Sept. 2-3. They also auditioned for the second production, "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard to be produced later this semester.

Only four out of a total of about 25 people who auditioned were given a role in "The Glass Menagerie."

Melinda Dacus from Hill Junior College received the role of the overbearing mother Amanda Wingfield, and Amy DuBose of Andrews got the role of the painfully shy Laura Wingfield.

Michael Reininger of Round Rock received the role of the struggling dreamer Tom Wingfield, and Wrayton Wood of Waco will play the role of the gentleman caller Jim O'Connor. All but Dacus are drama majors at MCC.

David Borron is the technical director for the play, and the crew is led by Stage Man-

ager Laura Yokus. Other members of the crew are JoAnn Oliver, Joe Fortune, and Laura Sulak (lights); Vlad Bouma and Kevin Caddell (sound); and Lorana Cook and Wrayton Wood (props).

Also Rubicon Toon, Dena Adams, and Wes Millam (costumes); and Yokus, Steven Mazanee, Michael Bettinger, Robert Brown, Amy DuBose, Michael Reininger, Anthony Sehell, Carma Walker, and Ricky Williams (sets).

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams is "a character study about the lives of people who are incomplete, who are less than whole," said Kelly, who joined the MCC faculty at the beginning of last year.

"Some characters won't have the chance to fulfill their lives, and some have the possibility of future happiness," he added.

The play is based upon Tennessee Williams' own family. Laura's withdrawal from the world echoes Williams' sister Rose and her problems with retardation. Tom's life mirrors Williams' frustration and struggle in working, writing and liv-

ing at home.

"The Glass Menagerie" was Tennessee Williams' first successful play, which appeared in 1944. A string of successes followed, including his well-known plays "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "A Streetcar Named Desire," and "Orpheus Descending." Williams also wrote several short stories, poems, novels, and essays.

The original production of "Menagerie" featured surtitles, or projections above the stage that provided certain backgrounds to the scenes.

This prop will not be used because Kelly plans to perform the play in the round, where the audience faces the stage from all sides. "Theatre-in-the-round" presents some problems in staging and acting, but Kelly and his new cast will strive to overcome them in the five weeks of rehearsal before the performance.

The play will be performed in the Fine Arts building October 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m., and on Oct. 11 there will be a matinee at 3 p.m.

Admission for MCC students, faculty, and staff is free, but for other adults the price is \$5.

Children and senior citizens will be charged \$3.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 5 and will be available in the Performing Arts Center from 1-5 p.m. for those who may wish to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available before the performances from 8-8 p.m.

## Mini-concerts provide music

By BRUCE CUMMINGS

This fall the MCC commercial music department will sponsor four mini-concerts, the first of which will be held Sept. 23.

The concerts will feature bands from the commercial music department as well as several groups from the Waco area.

The Zone, which has performed at previous concerts, and First Floor, which provided the music at the end-of-school dance last May, are two local bands that have been slated for possible appearances.

The dates for other concerts include Oct. 2, Oct. 7, and Nov. 11.



Photo by Ken Crawford

DANEYA TURNER . . . takes time out from class to enjoy a slice of watermelon at the annual melon cut Sept. 4