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Pulitzer Prize winner Gwendolyn **Brooks** to visit campus

By Jennifer Wokaty

Co-Editor in Chief

The Pulitzer Prize winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks will be visiting the campus next month for a poetry reading.

Brooks will read selections of her poetry in the Lecture Hallon April 12 from 11:30-12:30 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow the poetry reading.

The poet became the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for "Annie Allen," a series of poems following the progression of a young black girl into womanhood. In 1990, she became the only American writer to receive the Society of Literature Award from the University of Thessaloniki in Athens, Greece.

At age seven, Brooks began writing, publishing her first poem in her teens. She is noted for providing insight into African-American culture and the experience of daily existence.

Among her many achievements, Brooks is Poet Laueate of Illinois. She has received over 50 honorary doctorates and served as a Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress from 1985-

Brooks will read at Baylor University the same night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Meadows Auditorium in the McCrary Music Building.

Poetry reading April 12 in Lecture Hall from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Campus soon to be reviewed

By DIETTA NOBLES

Staff Reporter

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will conduct a campus On-Site Peer Review Mny 5-7.

The review is to determine if the campus is meeting its state and institutional goals. The campus will be reviewed in many areas including enrollment, completion rates, and technical programs.

The 11 members of the review team will consist of Coordinating Board staff and administrative faculty from other Texas community and technical colleges. The team will measure the campus'effectiveness by sitting at desks and reviewing prepared documents. Coordinator, Paul Illich stated there may even be a few spontaneous student interviews.

Illich realizes the school is not perfect and problems are being anticipated and corrected. Illich said, "We will do fine."

Spring ceremony Wednesday...

Phi Theta Kappa inducts 98 members

By CALEB HAGOPIAN

Staff Reporter

MCCs' chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will be having a spring induction ceremony on Wednesday at 1:30 in the Student Lecture Hall.

The bi-annual ceremony will celebrate the induction of 98 new members; a 33 percent increase from last semester.

Speaking at the ceremony will be Dennis Michaelis, college president, Amberdawn Moore, chapter adviser, Caleb Hagopian, chapter president, and others to be anfiounced. Students were selected for in-

duction into Phi Theta Kappa based on the following criteria.

• Presently enrolled at MCC tak-

ing six or more hours.

 Previously completed 12 or more hours with an institutional cumulative GPA of not less than a 3.50

 Submitted application for membership with references by three faculty members. Those to be inducted are Cynthia

Aleman, Steven Alston, Denise Amagan, Amanda Baize, Dali Baker, Megan Bass, Marie Berger, William Bevens, Kathryn Black, Heather Blanton, and Jennifer Bolfing. Also, Karen Bond, Diana Bras-

sard, Heather Brink, Deanna Brown, Rita Burrows, Steven Butcher, Dava Butler, Erreka Campbell, Samuel Cates, Christine Cockrell, and Sharon Collins.

Curran, Jason Dalrymple, Leslie Sherry Middleton.

Dannhaus, Kimberly Ehrman, Deana Eskew, Elisha Exley, Ladonna Foster, and Casey George.

Also, Juliette Goff, Angela Gonzalez, James Gulley, Nisha Hathi, Dana Hatley, Karen Hedgepeth, Aaron Henderson, Giselle Hewitt, William Hitch, Gary Hively, Holli Hopkins, and Kim-

berly Hughes. Also, Christine Hunt, Danielle Huntley, Angela Jarosek, Joshua Jones, Melissa Jones, Angela Ketterick, Kaci Kecian, Amanda Kubala, Carolyn Kucera, Pat Kultgen, Joshua Lape.

Also, Remy Lavadia, Harold Lewis, Lynnae Lowe, David Lunt Jr., Katheryn Marek, Rebekah Mar-Also, Betty Coppage, Melissa tin, Dorcas McAdams, Rebecca Crain, Allison Crook, Michelle McGuire, Jesse McKinnerney, and

Also, Sandra Miller, Sherrie Nutt, Angela Parshall, Bruce Pearson, Melinda Phagan, John Phillips, Mike Pirro, Barrett Pollard, Tiffany Richter, Lori Robertson, Sarah Sali Tiffany Richter, Lori Robertson, Sara Salinas, and Lacy Scarborough.

Also, Brian Shelton, Jaclyn Sisk, Jon Slaughter, Gayla Smith, Melissa Smith, Eunicca Talton, Kristen Tate. Barbara Taylor, Anjelita Teakell, Judith Timm, and Phillip Vierke.

Also Stanislav Voskoboinikov, ettia Warr, Jennifer Wells, Mandi Wideman, Kimberly Wilson, Chad Wooten, Laurie Yankie, Christen Yarber, and Becky Young.

As members of Phi Theta Kappa these students will enjoy benefits including scholarship opportunities,

academic recognition on transcripts and diplomas, and a chance to serve the community through service projects.

Since its founding in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has become one of the largest and most prestigious academic honor societies with more than 1.2 million members and 1,200 chapters.

MCC's "Pi Chi" chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is gearing up for increased participation in the international organization. Many changes have been made inside the chapter.

"I am pleased to see the level of enthusiasm that our chapter members have shown, and their willingness to work hard to make our chapter prosper," Adviser Moore said.

The chapter constitution was re-

vised for the first time since the 1970s. New chapter officers were elected, and several events have been planned for the semester.

 Phi Theta Kappa will be sponsoring the second annual bananas split eating contest at the highland games on April 17.

 A service project is under way to help elementary school students with studies.

 For the first time, representatives will be attending a state convention in Austin, and a national

convention in Anaheim California. Members are excited about the future of the chapter.

"Amberdawn has worked hard to get the ball rolling, and now the members are using the momentum as never before," chapter member Jodi Christian said.

College to hold area **UIL** competition

By Amy Jo Wilson

Staff Reporter

MCC faculty and some students will serve as host, will judge and will help with a District University Interscholastic League contest on campus this Thursday.

No school will be held on that

UII. meet. She says that MCC benefits from sponsoring UIL competition by the fact that students from all schools who compete have the opportunity of viewing the campus and seeing what MCC has to offer.

Because of specific areas of study here on campus, the school is able to provideskilled teachers in their line of profession to judge in the area they know best says Martin. She says high schools like to come to MCC because of the atmosphere and credibility of the college. MCC offers good facilities and is convenient by the fact that schools do not have to plan the contest and hire judges.

Some speech majors will be helping with speech/debate according to

Three districts are expected to nttend the contest.

Cameron, Gatesville, Lorena, Marlin, McGregor and Robinson are

expected to attend from District **17AAA**.

Blooming Grove, Bruceville-Eddy, Crawford, Hubbard, Mart, Moody, Riesel and Valley Mills are also expected to attend from District 23AA.

China Spring, Connally, La Vega, Hillsboro and West are expected to attend the contest from District 8AAA.

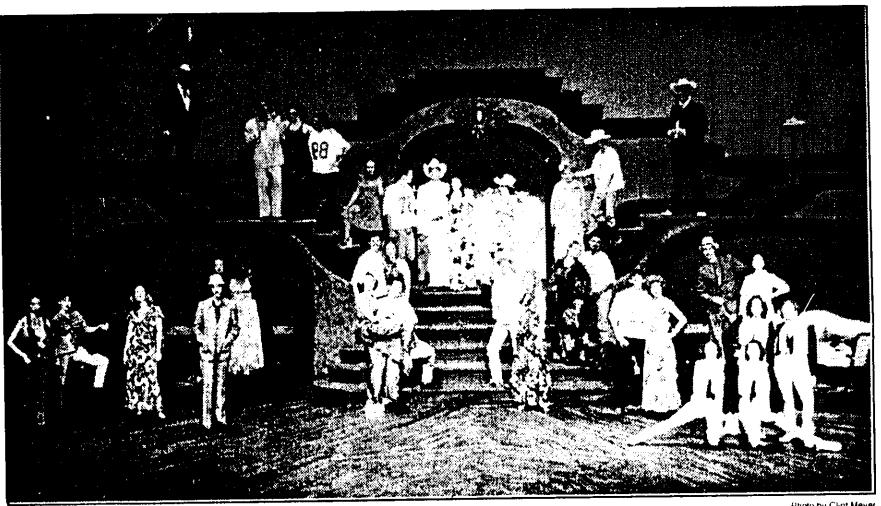
The UIL meet will begin at 8 a.m. and end late in the evening. Student Government members will also be helping during the day.

From contests involving accounting skills to contests like Lincoln Douglas debate, many contests will be going on and the winners will have a chance at a MCC sponsored scholarship.

The contests that will be held at the UIL meet are accounting skills, calculator applications, computer applications, computer science, current issues & events, literary criticism, mathematics, number sense, ready writing, science and spelling & vocabulary.

Other contest include speech events, informative speaking, poetry and prose interpretation, persunsive speaking and Lincoln Douglas debate.

As far as journalism contest there will be news writing, editorial writing, feature writing and headline



'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'

out performance. The musical interpretation of the events which lead to the final days of the famous La Grange Chicken Ranch will continue performances March 25-27. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. All performances begin at 7:30.

THE CAST OF MCC's latest musical poses after Friday night's sold. The coming productions "folanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan and "Appointment with Death" by Agatha Christie will be presented in April. For more information or to reserve seats, call the box office at 299-8200. See page six for Whorehouse review and background of the musical.

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Umpire calls Brookhaven's Jason Fox out at the plate after a tag from Highlander catcher Daron Bertillion. MCC swept the doubleheader, 4-2 and 10-1.

Conference record climbing...

'Landers dominate diamond

By Julian L. Ramon

Co-Opinion Editor

Highlander baseball continued its dominating season this past Saturday with a pair of wins over Hill

In the opener, the Highlanders jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the fourthinning and never looked back. Grant Gregg pitched four solid innings for his sixth win of the year, and Dustin Lansford finished the game in relief.

After a four-run fourth, MCC continued the pound on the Rebels with another four runs in the fifth. Four different Highlanders homered in the game.

As for the evening contest, the game was close until the fifth inning when Ryan Kent blasted a grand slam that broke a 7-7 tie. The homer was Kent's ninth of the year. The relief pitching also came through in the game, as Regan Lochridge and Chris Adams soaled the victory for Lee Gwaltney, who is

now 4-1. Overall, the Highlanders pounded out 31 runs on 35 hits with 10 home runs on the day.

"We had a real good day hitting. The wind was blowing good, and we were able to hit ten home runs," anid Hond Coach Paul Miller. "Our relief pitching also kept us out of

As it stands now, the Highlanders are ranked ninth in the nation.

according to the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll. As for the team's success, Miller states that it is completely a team effort.

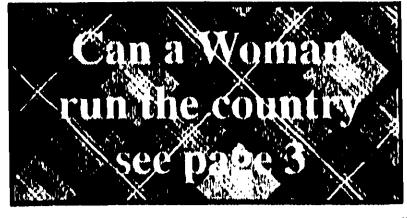
"It's just a matter of everyone on the team having a good year at the same time. Our hitting was just as good last year as it is this year, except we have more depth in the pitching staff."

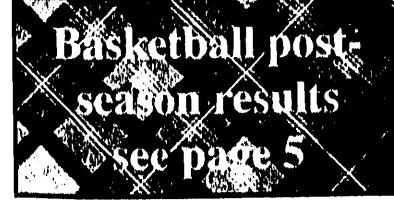
Brookhaven

Last Thursday, the Highlander baseball club played a double-dip at home against Brookhaven, and like many of their other doubleheaders this senson, the Highlanders pulled out the brooms and did some sweep-

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Career Night see page







MCC presents 'College & Career Night'

By JENNIFER WOKATY

Co-Editor in Chief

For those interested in discover-

ing what the college has to offer, vides prospective students and cur-College and Career Night will be held tonight in the Student Center from 7-9 p.m.

College and Career Night pro- ing, or prepare for the TASP.

rent students with an opportunity to view different programs, as well as attend workshops, receive advis-

cialist.

Representatives from different technical careers will be featuring their programs, such as health, human services, and business careers. Also, Upward Bound, commercial music, and the fine arts programs will be represented.

In addition, those attending will have the opportunity to apply to MCC and register for advising sessions. Students may also register to take the Accuplacer or the Quick TASP Test.

Workshops discussing the following will be held tonight: Financial Assistance and Scholarships, Transferring to a Four-year College, TASP and Testing Requirements, and Concurrent Enrollment and Early Admissions.

Last year, about 275 students attended college and career night. Area junior and senior high school students are invited to attend, as well as their parents and current Door prizes will be given, and

refreshments will be served to participants. For more information, call

Karen Clark at 299-8657.

"Its an opportunity for MCC to showcase programs," said David Hurtado, admissions spe-

the full story.

No day or evening classes will meet Thursday, March 25. The UIL District Literary meet will be held on campus with nineteen local area high schools expected to attend. Please see page one for

No classes will meet on Thursday

News Briefs

Cafeteria selling chocolate Easter eggs

The campus will be closed Easter Sunday. To help celebrate the Easter holiday, the cafeteria will be selling chocolate eggs filled with goodies for \$12.50. Those wishing to order a chocolate egg, please call Anita at 299-8421 and place an order on or before Tuesday, March 30 and pick up the egg(s) on Thursday, April 1.

Volunteers sought for "Job Shadow"

"Job Shadow" day is set for April eighth. Students from G.L. Wiley will be shadowing staff and faculty on campus. If you would like to participate please contact Joe Fortson at Ext. 8289 or e-mail at jwf@mmc.cc.tx.us

SGA sweetens up safety awareness

As part of a program to promote safety awareness for spring break, MCC Student Government Members asked motorists on Highlander Drive to stop for a seat belt inspection. Drivers who are buckled up received a "Smartee" candy with a paper attached that says "Be a Smartee and Buckle Up. MCC Student Government Cares About You.". Those who were not buckled up receive "Dum-Dum" suckers, with papers saying "Don't be a Dum-Dum. Buckle Up. Student Government Cares About You." Surprisingly, none of the safety-conscious student government members were run over.

Workshop to be held on learning disabilities

The Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County will present a program entitled" Assistive Technology for Students with Learning Disabilities: An Overveiw of Devices and Services." Speaker Crystal E. Kemp will discuss services and instruments for students with learning disabilities at the Texas Scottish Rite Library located at 2801 WestWaco Drive. For more information contact 755-0038

College Republicans to attend convention

The MCC College Republicans will be attending the annual state Republican convention this Saturday. The event will be held at the Ferrel Center at Baylor. Guests will include Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Press Club visting Kerrville for convention

On April 8-10 MCC Press Club and their adviser will be attending the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Spring Conference in Kerrville. Students will be attending seminars and workshops on a wide range of topics for both print and electronic media and in advertising and public relations. Some students will also be participating in writing, illustration and photography contests. The convention will wind down with an awards banquet on Saturday.

Law enforcement graduation



The following graduates of the Heart of Texas Police Academy Basic Police Certification Course are (left to right, back row) David Keel, Charles Horton Jr.,

Scott Brown Jr., Cody Lee, Jeremy Finch, Jim Peters, (front row) Michale Fazio, Carrie Grayson, Jeff Fadal, Richard Studer, and Sandy Wachsmann.

Campus security guard one of ten graduates

BY ELIZABETH E. MEYER

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Charles Horton, Jr., a member of the campus security staff, was one of ten law enforcement students to graduate from the Heart of Texas Police Academy Basic Police Certification Course.

The graduation, featuring key-

note speaker County-Judge of Limestone County Eleanor Holmes, took place on March 5 at the Health and Physical Education Building.

The graduates have completed a 17-week classroom course required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards in Education. After completing the next level of certification the graduates will be eligible to become police

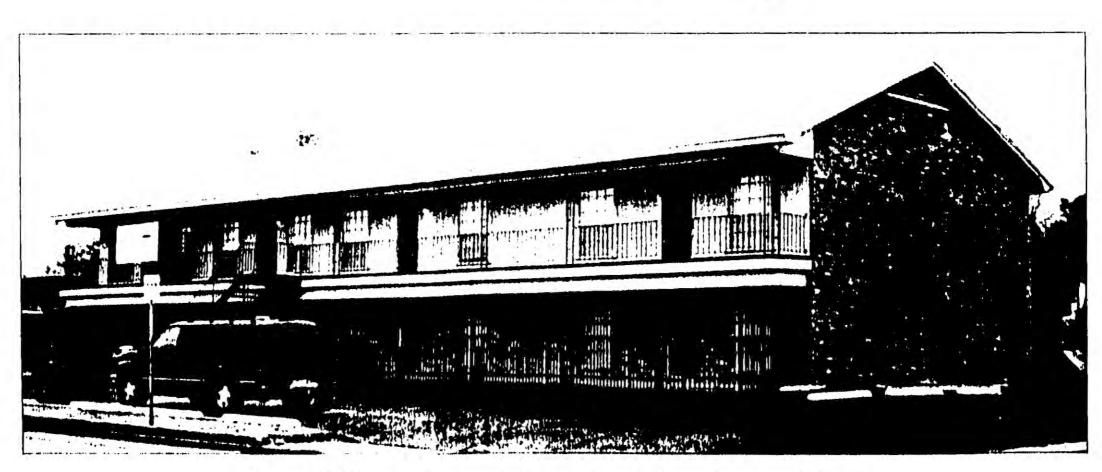


Charles Horton Jr. is a member of the campus security staff, recent law enforcement graduate, and father to son Deondrea.

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Please contact us for a showing at your convenience



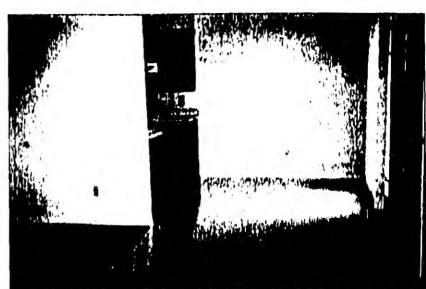
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BEAUTIFUL LARGE KITCHEN and new counter tops.

This beautiful eight unit apartment OASIS complex has been recently updated and remodeled ("like new") to provide comfortable residential living in an atmosphere that is small enough to maintain privacy and develop triendships. The OASIS has four large one bedroom apartments and four large two-bedroom apartments. A security gate is provided for private access by the residents. The corner location allows for excellent visibility and accessibility. The OASIS is well located across from St. Catherine Center, close to McLennan Community College, downtown Waco and the new Zoo. Lease rates begin at \$295 a month for one bedroom and \$395 a month for two bedrooms.



LARGE BREAKFAST/DINING area with large window for viewing.

an Community College - Waco, Texas

Can a woman run the country?

BY ELIZABETH E. MEYER

Co-Editor-in-Chief

or years people have toyed with the idea of having a woman as president. The conversations I can recall on this subject aren't exactly favorable of such possibilities, but I would like to think that as we approach the new millennium that gender equality is at a better level than it was just 10 years ago. With the announcement by Elizabeth Dole of her presidential exploratory committee, the possibility of a woman for president is becoming more relevant than many considered possible.

Whether she will subject Bob the embarrassment of being the only First Gentleman in the history of the country, or even raise the \$20 million she will need to be an early primary contender remains to be seen.

Recent Gallup poll results express the country's new or evolving attitude regarding a woman in the White House. The results show that 92 percent of Americans would be apt to vote for a well-qualified female candidate.

The support behind a male commander-in-chief is their strength in decision making, ability to control emotions, and simply tradition. It is strange that society depends primarily on women to raise our children. yet doubt their control of emotions. Should we dare recognize how little control Bill Clinton practiced these last seven years?

I have been shocked in the last months to hear that the majority of opposition on the topic of a female president is from women. This remains a mystery. How can we as a gender have come so far yet speak out against our own ability to lead this country with talents equaling those of a man?

The presidency should not belong to someone according to their gender, or race, but their qualifications. This country needs someone with love and respect for this country and the awesome history it is built upon.

Many on campus are just beginning to vote. When voting, heed this bit of advice: Turn a blind eye to gender, and race, focus more on qualifications. As these times change our government should too.

Notes from Career Development

We're right next to the Bookstore

By JOHN NOBIS COUNSELING SPECIALIST CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Many students hear of careers or have careers suggested to them, yet are unclear about what such a choice might entail. Here in Career Development Services (right next to the Bookstore) we have a number of ways to help, two of which will be discussed in this brief article.

use of our new computer based career information system, called Career Path. This system has a database of hundreds of different fields, including general duties, required education, salary, and future opportunities for employment. The system is very user-friendly and easily accessed. Students and community members may drop in without an appointment, and the service is free.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT SOURCE of help is our small, but growing checkout library. A sample of titles would include books such the March 22 article titled "Reas Careers for Computer Buffs, Opportunities in Fitness Careers, Adventure Careers, or Great Jobs for History Majors. Books may be checked out to students for up to two weeks. ONE EXCELLENT AVENUE is the Each book will suggest many possible career titles as well asleads to gaining furthur infor-

> Office Hours are 8-6 Monday through Thursday, 8-5 on Friday. There is always a counselor assigned to walk-in duty, so no appointment is necessary. And remember - we're right next to the Bookstore.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

March 23 - College and Career Night. 7 p.m., MCC Student Center. March 24 - MCC Baseball v. Collin County. 1 p.m., MCC Baseball Field. - Phi Theta Kappa Induction. 1:30 p.m., Lecture Hall.

March 25, 26, 27 - MCC Theatre Presents "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. Call the Box Office at 299-

March 29 — MCC Baseball v. Temple College. 1 p.m., MCC Baseball Field.

March 30 - Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m., Board Room, Administration/Classroom Building.

March 31-MCC Baseball v. North Central Texas. 1 p.m., MCC Baseball

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letter

How can the campus environment be improved?

"The ground keepers really take good care of the campus here. I was surprised to see that. There is one thing that bothers me and that is the lack of recycling. I know paper is recycled but there can be a

lot more recycling done, like all the plastic bottles, cans and other different kinds of packages." UWE CARL

BUSINESS FINANCE MAJOR

"The main parking area on campus is devoid of any trees, plants and greenery. Perhaps some large planters with shrubs and plants would look nice there."

ANGELA KETTERICK ACCOUNTING MAJOR

"Our campus is beautiful. I wish, as students, we could appreciate the campus more by having class or lectures outside." LISA SMART

SECONDARY EDUCATION

MAJOR

"When adding on to the library and other areas - we should try to save as many of the trees as possible."

JENI FRANKLIN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR

"Flooded areas around the library and the LA building cause problems for students. Also, between the student center steps and the LA building, students keep the grass worn down by taking a shortcut. We need a sidewalk." PATRICIA CROSS

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

"The campus is so beautiful, it would be wonderful to have benches every 50 feet or so. I have Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD) in both knees, and it would be nice to sit down and enjoy the scenery." AUDETTE TATE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS MA-JOR

one of the best looking cam-

puses in the state of Texas. I don't see too many ways we could improve it." RICHARD JANDER

ACCOUNTING? BUSINESS MAJOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ffirmative action raises competition

....(This letter is) in response to verse Discrimination is not equality," which disputes a petition by The Texas State Junior College Student Government Association that seeks to increase minority admission.

The author would have us believe that affirmative action constitutes discrimination in which minorities are admitted into schools and given jobs solely on the basis of their race. The author parallels affirmative action programs to a game which "is not based on reality, and the morals of the real world seem not to apply (paragraph 3)." Further, the author assumes that affirmative action programs destroy competition and lower standards. These assumptions are false.

First, the goal of society should be to create a world that exists as if racism and sexism did not. Before jumping to conclusions we should step back and ask ourselves if a level playing tive Action: Social Justice or Re-

Chris Reyes

field exists. The fact is that verse Discrimination?" points minorities and women do not hold the same positions in society as white males. A 1996 article in the "Wisconsin State Journal" points out that nationally, blacks in top management positions constitute only sixtenths of one percent, and women make only 72% of what males make for the same work. This means that for every 1,000 managers, only six are black, and that if a man is making \$40,000, the woman in the next cubicle is making only \$28,800. These numbers prove that if this were a game, the cards are stacked against them. Just because racism and sexism are illegal does not mean that they do not exist.

Second, affirmative action programs are not based on reverse discrimination. Affirmative action programs began as an executive order by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

A 1997 book titled "Affirma-

out that the original definition stipulates that employees aggressively seek qualified minority applicants, who are then placed in contention with other applicants and the selection is made on a "color-blind basis (pg 42)." The book illustrates this with the example that when the Secretary of the Army was given a list of people to potentially be promoted, he sent it back and demanded that more quality black candidates be found. Because of this affirmative action demand, Colin Powell made the list, and the rest is history (pg 52). Affirmative action does not turn white males away, it ensures that women and minorities are there to compete, because it is impossible to make the team if you are not allowed in the draft.

Last, affirmative action programs do not lower competition or standards. All students are not raised in the same community, and all students do not

attend the same schools. Stating so attempts to ignore the demographic and socioeconomic diversity of our country. Therefore, it may be perfectly logical to question the validity of the standard TASP test. Even so, College admission standards are consistent for all races. Any minority student in a given school has met and exceeded those standards. Further, viewing affirmative action as a free ride ignores the purpose of higher education. College is only an opportunity, and admission is not a guarantee of gradua-

Before a student stands boldly against any petition, I urge you to contact the Student Government and read the petition for yourself, because affirmative action is not reverse discrimination; it is a pragmatic approach in an imperfect society.

> Charles Mundell Concerned Student

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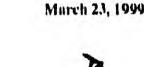
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Last dance on campus

Tennis team wins last tournament on home courts; a tradition of exellence nearing a successful end

By DENISE AMAGAN

STAFF REPORTER

The Highlassie team hosted its final women's tournament Feb. 19th-20th here at MCC. Due to recent termination of the women's tennis program, this was the last MCC Invitational Tennis Tournament that the college will see.

"It's saddening to know that the women's program is being cut and that this was the last tournament MCC will ever host, but it was great that we were all able to make a good showing and play good tennis while we were here," sophomore Phyliss Wilunda said.

Despite mental and physical struggles the team encountered during the beginning of the season, the Highlassies proved to be a success at their final tournament.

Winning three singles titles out of four, the Highlassies made the best showing in a tournament as compared to all other tournaments they have participated in thus far.

"I think this tournament was a good transition tournament for all the players. This season has been hard on everyone, but I think it was a definite confidence builder. It helped us prove to ourselves that we can play with the best and win," freshman Amanda Schneider said.

In flight one singles sophomore Phyllis Wilunda defeated Kristy Rodriguez of Texas Lutheran Uni-

versity 6-4, 6-2 in the opening round. She eased past Diana Rameirez of Laredo Junior College 6-3, 6-0 to advance to the semifinals. She then faced rival Caroline Svenson of North Central Texas College. This was Wilunda's 3rd time this season to face Svenson. Wilunda, playing with full concentration handled Svenson in a grueling 3 set match 6-

In the finals, Wilunda faces Ann Roslund of Tyler Junior College where she was defeated 6-3, 6-0, to place 2nd in Flight One Singles.

Freshman Amanda Schneider also helped lead the Highlassies to victory by taking the flight two singlestitle. In the opening round of play Schneider defeated Ito Kaeko of Texas Lutheran University 6-4, 6-4. She then went on to defeat rival Courtney Edwards of Tyler Junior College 1-6, 6-4, 7-6.

In the semifinals Schneider faced teammate Juliette Andrade. After much rallying, Schneider edged Andrade 7-5, 6-4. In the finals, Schneider faced Caroline Stenman of North Central Texas College. Schneider played patiently and aggressively to handel Stenman 6-4, 6-4 and maintain the Flight two singles title.

Freshman Denise Amagon contributed to the Highlassie's success to take the Flight three singles title. In the first round action Amagan defeated Sammi Gunter of Collin County Community College 6-0, 6-

She then eased by April Wallingford of Texas Lutheran University 6.0, 6.1. Amagon faced Brandice Mueller of Tyler Junior College where she defeated her 1-6, 6-3, 7-6. In the finals, Amagan defeated Allison Edwars of Tyler Junior College 6-4, 6-4 to take the Flight Three Singles Title.

Teammate Juliette Andrade had a successful opening match where she defeated Kristen Kramer of Southwestern University 6-1, 6-2. In the quarterfinals Andrade breezed by Yolanda Duron of NCTC 6-1, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals and face fellow Highlassie Amanda Schneider.

Fellow Hghlassie Kristen Davis

faced a tough first round match in flight one singles against Lilli Torres-Ramirez of Texas Lutheran University where she was defeated 6-2, 6-0.

Sophomore Ashely Jenson also faced a tough opening round match in flight one singles where she was defeated by Caroline Stenman of NCTC 6-2, 6-1.

In flight three singles Kristen Graif opened play by defeating Kristel Brown of Collin County Community College 6-0, 6-2.

She then handled Alyson Krippner of TLU 6-0, 6-1 before falling to Allison Edwards of Tyler Junior College 6-0, 6-2.

Floresita Lopez had a tough opening round against Brandice Mueller of Tyler Junior College where she was defeated 6-2, 6-0.

In doubles action the duo of Graif and Andrade won their first round match 7-5, 6-2 against the team of Jennifer Hatch and Rachael Martin of Lee College before falling to Lili Tores Ramirez and Kristy Rodriguez of TLU 6-2, 6-2 in flight one doubles.

Teammates Amagan and Wilunda advanced to the semifinals of flight one doubles before falling to the team of Rachael Moroles and Carolina Svenson of NCTC 6-4, 7-6.

Other teammates Jenzen and Lopez advanced to the semifinals of flight two doubles before falling to the team of Edwards and Tayntor of Tyler Junior College 6-4, 7-6.

The duo of Davies and Schneider advanced to the quarterfinals of flight two doubles where they were defeated 6-2, 6-3 by Sammi Gunter and Rebecca Clemens of Collin County Community College.

The team travels to Laredo Junior College this coming weekend for their next tournament.



FRESHMAN AMANDA SCHNEIDER swings a mighty backhand at a recent practice. Schneider won the flight two singles title on Feb. 20.

The Sports Zone

By KEVIN BROCK

Co-Sports Editor

It's Baseball time again. Opening Day is just two weeks away, and the big story this off-season is the trading of Roger Clemens.

Two teams won in this deal. The Toronto Blue Jays acquired the best left hander in baseball last year, David Wells; one of the best relievers in baseball, Graem Lloyd; and second baseman Homer Bush, who was outplaying Chuck Knoblauch.

The Texas Rangers, who were also in contention for Clemens, was the other winner. They kept prized prospect Ruben Mateo, who was rated the eighth best prospect in the major leagues by Sporting News.

Mateo hit .317 with 18 home runs, 70 RBI's, and added 30 stolen bases last year in only 90 games played due to injury.

Then he finished the season by helping the Tulsa Drillers, the Rangers Double A team, win the championship by hitting four homeruns in a seven game series and winning MVP honors.

Mateo is considered by some to be the best five tool player since Ken Griffey Jr. Five tool meaning: can hit for power, hit for average, can run, can throw, and can field.

The general manager of the Texas Rangers said recently in the paper that Blue Jays general manager Gordon Ash would regret not trading Clemens to Texas in two years due to Mateo.

The true winner of this trade is clearly the Toronto Blue Jays, but in the end the Texas Rangers may end up with the best of the deal.



Posta by Lazabell Meyer SOPHOMORE FLORESITA LOPEZ slams a serve at a recent practice session. Lopez, along with her teammates, helped bring home three singles titles at the last home MCC tournament.

Golf team begins play; women start strong

CHRISTOPHER FLUITT STAFF REPORTER

The Highlassies edged out Midland to win the Abilene Intercollegiate golf tournament held on March first and second.

The team overcame a 12 stroke deficit in the second round to put the Highlassies in the lead for good.

The Highlassies shot a 34 over par edging out Midland by two strokes. The team also had four players ranked in the top 10 for individual scoring, including first place finisher Rebekah Martin.

Also included in the top 10 were freshmen Susanna Helmersson and Shellie Wenzel who finished sixth and ninth respectively, and sophomore Allison Burns who placed sevonth overall.

The Highlassies are continuing their winning ways. Last year they won the national championship playing in 14 tournaments and winning nine of them. This year they have played six tournaments and won three of them.

They are already making plans to play in the national championship tournament which will be held the third week of May.

Last year the Highlassies had seven all Americans on the team. The team also won the honor of being the academic all American team with a grade point average of

This is a new year. Along with this new year came five new fresh men, Shellie Wenzel, Robekah Martin, Susanna Helmersson, Lynn Persson, and Catherine Cavanaugh.

The Highlassies returned only two players from last years champion ship team, sophomores Allison Burns and Alana Farley.

The team is only two months away from playing for their second straight championship, but judging by their record, youth shouldn't be a problem.

The Highlansies next tournsments are April 19-20 in Midland and at Sam Houston on April 20-30 where they are defending tournament champs.

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March 23, 1999

Basketball teams eliminated in playoff openers

Highlanders' free throw miss gives South Plains 73-72 win

By BRIAN SHELTON

Co-Sports Editor

Last season in the regional tournament the Highlanders were involved in a number of close contests, winning three games by a total of five points and ultimately moving into the NJCAA National Tourna-

This season, however, the Highlanders were not as fortunate.

The Highlanders (19-12) lost it's first game of the Region V Tournament 73-72, to the South Plains Texans (19-11) on March 4 at the Mabee Complex.

After trailing much of the game, MCC cut an 11-point deficit to only two after a layup by Nelson Joseph made it a 73-71 game with only seven seconds left.

The Highlanders regained possession after South Plains was called for a five-second violation on the inbounds play.

MCC's Kendell Garland missed a jump shot, but the Texans' Terry Watkins was called for a foul going over Senecca Wall's back on the

Still trailing by two and with less than one second remaining, Wall ta 71 percent free throw shooter on the season) needed to convert on both free throws to send the game into overtime.

After sinking the first, Wall's second rattled in and out ending the Highlanders' run at a second consecutive division title.

MCC's Meechy Sims led all scorers with 20 points and three treys while backup point guard Steven Barber scored 19 points with five three-pointers to lead the Texans. Sims. Wall all-conference

Sophomores Meechy Sims and Senecca Wall were chosen to the NJCAA conches' all-conference team that was released March 4

Sims, who was chosen for the allconference team last season, averaged 20.8 points per game in conference play and was third in voting for player of the year honors.

Wall averaged 17.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game during the regular season.



SOPHOMORE HEATH FUSILIER goes up strong and lays it in over a defender in a conference game. The team finished the season at 19-12.

Eighth-ranked Howard dominates Highlassies 87-65

By KEVIN BROCK

Co-Sports Editor

The Highlassies hope for a National Championship fell short, 87-65, to eighth-ranked Howard College, on March 3 in Abilene.

In the first half, sophomore Kendra Watson led the way for the Highlassies, scoring 16 points and knocked down two three-pointers from way downtown.

MCC hit seven of 10 from beyond the arc and outscored the Lady Hawks, 9-2, from the free-throw line, yet they still trailed 46-40 at the

Howard put together a closing 8-0 run by hitting two lay-ups and nailing a 10-foot jumper at the buzzer to take a six point lead into the locker room.

In the second half, Head Conch Wendell Hudson went to a trapping 1-2-2 zone, that distracted the Lady Hawks resulting in a 11-2 run that included three straight layups by Kendra Watson giving MCC a the 54-50 lead.

The Highlassies took their final lead of the game with 9:53 left to play, on a three-pointer by Moriah Johnson, who scored 18 points and five rebounds before fouling out.

Then Western Conference player of the year, and all-American Karlita Washington from Howard took over keying a 11-1 run that lifted the Lady Hawks to an 87-74 victory at the Maybee Complex.

Washington finished with 32 points, seven assists and five rebounds for Howard College.

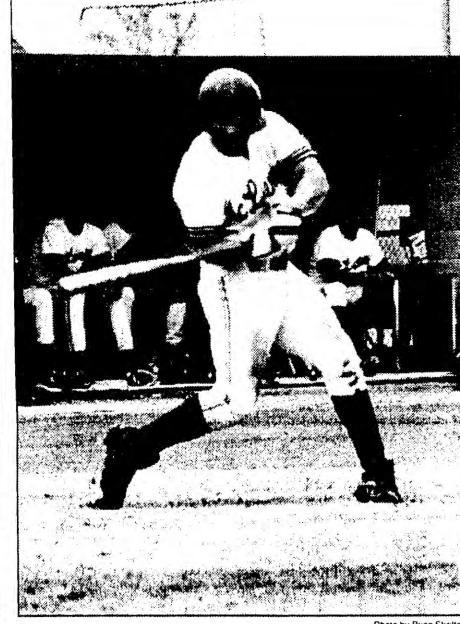
The Highlassies tired down the stretch, missing shots and hitting only 19-of-38 from the free throw

Kendra Watson finished the game with a career-high 31 points. MCC finishes the year at 18-10.

Sophomore Kendra Watson and freshman Moriah Johnson were named to the Northern Texas Junior College Conference coach's allconference team.

Watson averaged 11.8 points and 4.6 assists, while Johnson was fourth in the league in scoring with a 16.6 average.





SECOND BASEMAN BRYAN KENT avoids a Brookhaven runner after making the force out in the fifth inning. The Highlanders won the game 4-2. (Right) Tim Meadows smacks his fourth home run of the season in MCC's 10-1 rout of Brookhaven in the second game of the double header. The Highlanders have jumped out to an overall record of 28-2 and 9-2 in conference. The team plays Collin at 1 p. m. tomorrowat the MCC baseball field.

(Continued from page 1)

The first game resulted in a 4-2 victory for MCC, with Regan Lochridge on the mound. Shortstop Ryan Reynolds went 3 for 3, including a 2-run double in the second inning, which put the Highlanders nhend, 2-0.

After Brookhaven was able to tie it up in the fourth, the Landers immediately took the lead back the same inning, as pinch-runner Kyle-Tidwell scored on a sacrifice fly. Reynolds drove in another run in the fifth to seal the victory.

In the late game, Highlander hurler Zach Sonnier would pick up his 2nd win in a 10-1 blowout of the Bears. The Highlanders started off the game with a 3 run first inning, that included RBI singles by Ryan Reynolds and Patrick Beale. The Landers would score runs in every other inning but the second to put the exclamation point on the win.

Lance Williams went 3 for 4, and Tim Mendows hit his fourth Highlanders improved their conference record to 7-1, and their overall record to 26-2.

Vernon College

After having their winning streak broken against Grayson, the highlanders continued to impress, sweeping a doubleheader over the Vernon Chaparrals on March 13.

MCC pitcher Lee Gwaltney pitched in the opener, attempting to pick up his third victory of the season. Although MCC fell behind 2-1, Brandon Maricle put the Highlanders ahead in the fifth inning with a two-run single that drove in Jesse Gremminger and Tim Meadows. Both teams had ten hits, but it was MCC who came out on top in the seven inning game, 8-3.

The late game was a closer one, however, MCC still picked up another win. Despite allowing four unearned runs in three innings, The Highlanders were able to come from behind in the fifth inning as dason

homer of the year. With the win, the Gremminger drove in Matt Elkjer from third on a ground ball single.

The Highlanders would win the game, 5-4. MCC pitcher Carl Makowsky improved his record to 5-0, and the Highlanders improved their conference record to 5.1.

Grayson

The Highlanders 18 game winning streak came to an end on March 10, as they were defeated by the Grayson County Vikings. However, the Landers were able to take one from their conference rival in the doubleheader, winning the first

MCC sophomore Jason Scobie pitched in the opener, and held the Vikings to three hits in four innings. On offense, MCC pounded out four runs in the first two innings, highlighted by a two run double by Brandon Mariele with the bases full. Later, Austin Cranford hit his seventh homer of the year to addicing to the cake. MCC pitcher Regan Lochridge finished the game

in relief, picking up save number three for the season.

The late game wasn't as pleasant for the Highlanders, as they finally tasted defeat, losing by a 12-6 score. The Vikings rocked MCC for five runs in the second inning, and then six more in the fourth, to give the Highlanders their first loss in nineteen games.

The Highlanders managed three runs in the final inning, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early offensive on slaught by the Vikings. MCC pitcher Grant Gregg suffered his first loss of the season, dropping to

Angelina

The Landers put away another doubleheader on March5, at the expense of Angelina College. In the early game, a 6 run fourth boosted the Highlanders to a 7-5 victory. MCC pitcher Zach Sonnier picked up his first victory in the win.

MCC was able to pick up and easier victory in the nightcap, 7.1.

The Highlanders were blanked through the first four innings, but with some strong pitching, the team only allowed one run, and was able to pull ahead easily in the fifth, scoring 4 runs.

MCC hurler Dustin Lansford improved his record to 3-0, and Highlander outfielder Lance Williams did some nice work with the bat, hitting a pair of doubles and a triple. North Central Texas

On March 3, the Highlanders continued their string of wins by taking a pair from North Central Texas College.

picked up his 5th victory of the season, as the Highlanders beat NCT,

The Highlanders did all of their scoring early in the game, including a five-run second inning. Jesse Gremminger homered for the 4th time, putting three runs on the board for MCC.

The nightcap was just as close, with a 7-6 score. Again, the Landers lit up the scoreboard early in the contest, with a five-run second.

Jason Scobie opened on the mound for MCC, and pitched well early in the game, which proved to In the opener, Grant Gregg be enough to put away NCT.

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Flirting at its finest...

'Attention with no intention'

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER

Co-Editor-in-Chief

She tosses her hair, her hips sway, with a wide-eyed gaze and a teasing smile she sends a comehither look to the lucky recipient across the room. He arches his back and stretches his pecks, as he runs his fingers through his hair with a coy grin. It's flirting at it's finest, a familiar scenario to most college students.

This silent language of elaborate visual gestures communicates to those around us that we are interested in getting to know them, or at least in getting their attention.

Flirting is a game played in many forms, by many people. Women use techniques such as glancing, gazing, primping, smiling, lip licking, pouting, giggling, laughing and nod- mon element humans share with ding. Men sway, lean, smile, gaze, that of the animal kingdom. use grandiose hand and body gestures, laugh, flex their muscles or even flash money.

Why people participate in such antics has long been chalked up to the genetic instinct to procreate the human race. On a less scientific level, one might say it's a way of attracting those who are attractive. Though the bedroom is what many have in mind when flirting, true flirting is just as often an end in itself. "Attention with no intention," as Oscar Wilde so eloquently put it.

Flirtation, a form of self-promotion has long been used by humans, as well as by animals. From the proud display of a peacock's feathers to the head-tossing and hair twirling of a woman, flirting, ac-

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Also Laryn R. Kinder, Tammy L.

Some people seem to be born with killer flirting skills and a knack for attracting members of the opposite sex with little or no effort. While others are quieter, more introverted, and seemingly do not participate in such trivial tactics.

However, after flirtation became the subject of serious scrutiny around 30 years ago, scientist Irenaus Eibl-Eibesfeldt, director of the Ludwig-Boltzmann Institute for Urban Ethology in Vienna, conducted research that proved even the most seemingly reserved person has the same basic flirting techniques as those who aim to better their flirting skills.

After devising a special camera that allowed him to secretly film people from around the world and from many different cultures in the

act of flirting, Eibl-Eibesfeldt found that women from primitive tribes with no written language and modern women who read Cosmo use startlingly similar nonverbal sig-

Flirting, though used by humans since the creation of mankind, may seem to be facing a danger in our politically correct society. For fear of being charged with sexual harassment, many will not even dare to offer compliments to members of the opposite sex. Others believe it is the fast pace of society which allows no time for such games.

Many out there know flirting is still alive and well. On campus you don't have to look far to see the come-hither glances and other signs of flirtation.

Smile, throw your hair back and laugh because you never know who may be watching.

'Dark Side of the Moon' lights up campus

By FAWN FALETOGO

Entertainment Editor

The MCC Pink Floyd cover band will perform on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Ball Peforming Arts Center.

The band members include Michael Garretson (vocals/guitar), Aaron DeRossett (guitar), Scott Allen (bass), Justin Carter (keyboards), Jamie Brattain (drums), professor Rob Page (saxophone), and instructor Jonathan Kutz (percussion).

The band will perform "Dark Side of the Moon" in it's entirety. The band has recruited the help of a synthesizer professional to add needed sound effects. Also, Rob Page will play his saxophone on "Us and Them" as well as "Money."

The vocal gymnastics on "Great Gig in the Sky" is tentatively scheduled to be performed by a local gospel singer.

The band will not be encoring with "Comfortably Numb," but instead will play songs recorded by Creed, Pantera, and the Rolling

Michael Garretson, who will perform the part of David Gilmore, said that at first he "couldn't get into" Pink Floyd.

"They're so mellow," he said, "but theyr'e legends, ya know ...

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ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Glenda Rae Dunn graduated with highest honors while receiving two degrees.

Graduating with high honors were Esther E. Bradford, Ella M. Davis, Sonja L. Pruett, Rebecca Janet Rudd and Anna Isabel Weath-

Graduating with honors were Julie C. Baker, Clara F. Beer, Erreka T. Campbell, Tranquilla A. Duffey, Fred O. Hill, DeAnna S. LaFaver, Frances D. Clinkscales-Layne, Caprice A. McMorrough, Catherine M. Prause, Benjamin W. Ranzinger, Helen F. Steil, Aileen D. Snyder, Jeanne K. Traywick and Dustin L.

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Musical steams up stage

By FAWN FALETOGO

Entertainment Editor

The MCC drama department continues to steam up the stage with it's performance of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," which mirrors true past events of a Texas brothel.

The play consists of three major characters and a revolving number of players that fill roles such as an Aggie foot-ball team and a dozen whores who constantly silhouette and respond to the whorehouse go-

The plot is based on the actual history of a Texas brothel, the Chicken Ranch once located in La Grange, which enjoyed local company before being shut-down in 1973 with the help of a zealous Houston reporter, Marvin Zindler.

Zindler's role takes on the name Melvin P. Thorpe and is played by drama student David McConnell. The conflict in the play oc-

curs when Thorpe encounters the whorehouse owner Miss Mona Stangley (Heather Huggins) and local sheriff Ed Earl Dodd (Ben Cole).

Highlights in the play rest in the "very catchy, very contagious" belt-style music compositions, according to director Jim Rambo.

"You're literally going out and tapping your toes," Rambo said of the steel guitar- riddled country music.

The choreography also adds to the ambience, featuring the "Aggie Number," which tells a time when a senator takes the A&M team out to the Chicken Ranch in celebration of a win.

A discretion advisory is printed at the bottom of the Whorehouse"flyer, warning of adult themes and some profanity throughout the play. "Obviously, we're talking

about sex and an event that actually occurred," Rambo said.

"The Little Best Whorehouse in Texas" will titillate audiences this Thurs-

day through Saturday at the Ball Performing Arts Center.

Reviewing the house of ill-repute... The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'

By JENNIFER WOKATY

Co-Editor in Chief

Now, I admit, I am a dork when it comes to watching plays. I fidget in my seat, anxiously reading my cast pamphlet and anticipating the night's entertainment.

The minutes before the weekend performance of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" were no exception, as I prepared for my first MCC musical as I had sorely missed "Guys and Dolls." The cast delivered a fun and vigorous performance of soul-poking song, dance, and blatant profanity that would make any school girl blush.

The musical is based upon the last days of the Chicken Ranch, a legendary bordello near La Grange, Texas, managed by Mona Stangley (Heather Huggins) under the blind-eye of many local and state government officials.

That is, until Watchdog Melvin P. Thorpe (David McConnell) crusades against the Chicken Ranch, forcing Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd (Ben Cole) to close it down.

Sharolyn J. Arnold, Terri Ronea

Shirley, Gerlean Cephus, Heather

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Carol D. Plant, James Vernon

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A. Belcher, Brenda R. Thompson,

Vicki Lynn Marwitz and Danielle

"It was the nicest little whorehouse you ever saw," begins newspaper editor Edsel Mackey (Lee Trull) whose monologues piece together the tale of this "lil' ole bitty pissant country place." Huggins' portrayal of Mona was strong and



Photo by Clint Mayer

WALKING OFF STAGE, Heather Huggins poses for a picture, dressed in the attire of Miss Mona.

Also Robert W. Laindberg, Wendy

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A. Michael, Sabrina D. Carter,

Stephanie Both Fuentes and Kim-

borly K. Keen.

charming throughout the course of the play.

During the first act, Tenisha Freeman, who played Stangley's assistant Jewel, seized the audience's attention with her soulful interpretation of "Twenty-Four Hours of

McConnell's snide and obnoxious portrayal of Thorpe sends the audience into fits of laughter when confronted with Cole's comically profane Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd.

Dontsey Mae (Julie Linnard) and the Governor (George McTyre) provided comical as well as character insight in their separate songs.

The explosion of the Aggies to The Aggie Song" exemplified the strength of the cast's comic persuasion and dance, while the girls' "Hard Candy Christmas" spoke soft, sentimental tones of relationships between the char-

Performances will continue from March 25-27 at the Ball Performing Arts Center. Each show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call 299-8200.

Tattooing a tradition

By CHRIS REYES

Tattooing has been around the world and back. No one knows when or where tattooing began, but even some Egyptian mummies dating back to 1300 B.C. show blue tattoo

The Japanese and the Burmese have done the most elaborate tattooing in the world. Many Burmese have tattoos covering the entire body. The people of southeastern New Guinea regard tattoo marks on girls as signs of beauty.

Tattooing also became a popular custom among soldiers and sailors of the world.

Today, tattooing is maybe something fashionable or significant depending upon the designs. Some people regret getting tattooed because it is permanent.

Joe Cuellar, husband of MCC student Angela Cuellar, has been a professional tattoo artist for eight years.

Cuellar's influence came from his father. "Everyone around me either had

tattoos or did tattoos," Cuellar said. After seeing how everything was done, he got his first tattoo, and realized that the art of tattooing was to be his career.

Cuellar did homemade tattoos

and got his first set of equipment when he was 17 years old. After a while he was not satisfied with it and decided that if he was going to do it, he wanted to do it right.

Cuellar practiced for a year and asked many questions until he was comfortable enough to do real markings on the skin.

"In my opinion, not just anyone can be a tattoo artist," Cuellar said. "There is more to it than just knowing how to draw or following a line."

Tattoo artists have to keep an open mind and pay attention to what is going on. To be good at it one has to want to do it. Tattooing is an art, not just drawings. Also, consideration for the customer is needed.

The art behind tattooing is also about being creative with the mind and knowing how to work with what is there.

Tattooing is permanent and people who do it at home can make mistakes or may even put someone in danger. Tattooing from home is illegal. Also, home tatooing may not have the proper sterilization needed.

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