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News Briefs

Give canned food for Thanksgiving

The Game Room Club is hosting a can drive for Thanksgiving benefiting Food For Families. The club has issued a challenge to all other clubs in order to get them to donate cans. The prize for the club which donates the most cans is a pizza party. The contest started on Nov. 1 and continues until Monday. For more information contact Lisa Hatley's office at 750-3574. No classes will be held on Nov. 24-26 in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Helicopter, military here Nov. 17

The military will visit the campus Nov. 17 when the Options program observes its own "Armed Forces Day." A Cobra helicopter will fly in and land in the area adjacent to the Community Services Center tennis courts about 10 a.m., weather permitting. All branches of the armed services will have representatives in the Options classroom in the CSC from 10 a.m. - noon to answer questions about military service and careers. The campus community is invited to this event.

Interclub Council meets Nov. 18

The next meeting of the Interclub Council will be Nov. 18 in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.. A mid-morning brunch is planned for the meeting.

Prominent at Courthouse event

Legal assistant program students comprised the large majority of participants in the "Day at the McLennan County Courthouse" event recently. The students were able to tour the county jail, offices and courtrooms, as well as serve as jurors in a mock trial conducted by Baylor Law students.

Legal assistant group forming

A student legal assistant association is in its developmental stages. Organizers are drafting a constitution and talking about accommodating the schedules of daytime and evening students. Paralegals employed locally have also expressed an interest in organizing this type of association. These evolving groups present great opportunities for networking across the legal assistant community, according to a news release from instructor Linda Gassaway.

Holiday events varied

Students staying in Waco during the Thanksgiving break have plenty of events to go to. The first event is called Koinonia, sponsored by Homestead Heritage. It is a children and crafts fair starting Friday, Nov. 25, and ending Sunday, Nov. 27. The event is free, and the hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Also, the CenTex Kennel Club will be the host of a dog show Nov. 27 with free admission. It will start at 8 a.m. and will end approximately at 5 p.m. The third event is "Texas Thanksgiving in 1890s." It will be held at the Gov. Bill and Vera Daniels Historic Village at University Parks Drive from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Admission is \$3 for adults, 2\$ for students, and \$1 for students with Baylor I.D.'s. Finally, the Baylor football team will be playing the Texas Longhorns on Thanksgiving Day. The game starts at 10 a.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Jazz, big band concert

"An Evening of Jazz and Big Band Music" will be presented Nov. 18 at Baylor University. Included in the performance will be themes from the 1930s and 1940s, plus a salute to Leonard Bernstein. Music will be provided by the Baylor Jazz Ensemble and Baylor Showtime. Performance will be at 8 p.m. in Jones Concert Hall on the Baylor campus for the Presidential Concert Series.

TB seminar Nov. 18

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center will present a seminar Nov. 18 on the subject of "Tuberculosis in the 1990s." The program is designed for health care professionals interested in the care of patients with tuberculosis. Topics will include treatment and infection control practices used to combat the disease. The TB seminar will be held in the fifth floor auditorium of HBMC's Julian Pace Administration and Education Building from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for Hillcrest associates and \$20 for non-associates.

English class creations displayed

English 1301 students have created some unique displays to communicate their philosophy of life to the MCC community. The philosophy statements were evaluated on clarity, originality, and polish as well as whether or not they communicate the same message as the textual philosophy statements turned in at the same time, according to instructor Jennifer Black. The work is on display in the Community Services Center hallway between A and B wings by the courtyard, in the Applied Science building hallway by the main entrance, and in the Language Arts Classroom building on the second floor hallway, north wing.

Nine-hour TASP limit enforced

Students who have earned or will earn nine (9) or more college-level semester credit hours at a Texas public institution by the end of the 1994 fall semester will not be permitted to re-enroll at the College in any courses other than non-college credit developmental courses until TASP Test scores are presented. Call Herman Tucker at ext. 745 or Lynn Abernathy at ext. 590 if you have questions.

Voice student advance in nationals

Four voice students advanced to the semi-final rounds of competition at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) convention in Houston late last month, and "all of our students performed exceptionally well," said instructor Karen Albrecht. Two of Albrecht's students — Shannon Goodwin and Chad Martin — and two of Lisa Uhl's students — Chris Crawley and Zakiyah Griffin — were the four who advanced.

Nominations sought for outstanding instructors

Faculty members will have an opportunity to be recognized for teaching excellence as nominations are being received across campus through most of the month.

Nominations will go into a selection process that could end in the teacher being recognized for teaching excellence next May by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, an international organization whose primary focus is encouraging outstanding instruction in community colleges.

Anyone — students, faculty or staff members — may nominate a teacher. Nomination forms are available at the circulation desk in the Library and in the student activities office in the Student Center.

Nominations must be received by Nov. 23.

Those selected from these nominations will be presented a medallion at the international NISOD conference in May. Those teachers are then recognized by their peers at the first faculty meeting of the fall semester.

Members of the faculty receiving the medallions last May were Janis Jackson, biology; Paul Gonzales, mental health; Laura Hebert, biology; Nancy Ray Mitchell, management; and Linda Stanford, office administration.

Honored in 1993 were Geraldine Carey, child development; Linda Cook, English; Allen Hamilton, associate degree nursing; Don McCauley, business/economics; and Martie Sauter, mental health.

Earlier NISOD participants from MCC included Lelia Clark,

David Hooten, Sharon Kenan, Mike Stark, Gladys Hammie, Carol Lowe, Jane Gamez, Stan Mitchell, Carol Schulte, and Rayburn Taylor, Mel Hood, Billy Dowdy, Gloria Evans, Jamie Stanford, Randy Waller, Marilyn Kelly, Jimmy King, and John Burton.

One of the prime reasons for the college's participation in NISOD, said Randy Schormann, is the effort "to pinpoint and recognize the teaching excellence we know exists at McLennan Community College."



Photo by Brooks Whittington

FOUNTAIN DEDICATION- President Dennis Michaelis speaks at the dedication of the new fountain at the newly renovated CSC. The new fountain was built with donations from MCC supporters who purchased bricks for \$500 and cornerstones for \$5,000. The fountain is located next to the tennis courts at the CSC.

Twist of fate brings student to America

By JEFF TALBERT

In Eugenie Stephen's hands was her ticket to the United States. A native of Guyana, South America, Stephen held a pocketbook containing a passport, credit cards, social security cards, and tickets. Because of these items, Stephen would soon be on her way to Waco.

However, none of these items belonged to Stephen, and she could not use them to get to the United States. But they were the start of a chain of events that would lead Stephen to the United States.

Stephen was working at a radio station in Guyana doing on-air documentaries, small programs and commercials. The pocketbook had been lost and

was brought to Stephen at the radio station. She had the choice of turning it into the police or finding the person herself. She elected to do the latter and called the woman to tell her the pocketbook had been found. Stephen found out the woman was from the United States and was visiting Guyana where she was originally from.

A week later, however, the woman died from a diabetic complication of the heart. Stephen, who still had the important documents, contacted the woman's husband immediately. The husband was also originally from Guyana but had been living in the United States for the past 18 years. When he went to Guyana to bury his wife, Stephen passed

the pocketbook on to him, and then she got to know him.

They were soon married and Stephen made plans to move to the United States.

"I suppose God willed it," Stephen said. "That is the way it is supposed to be."

And it has been that way for the past year and a half. Stephen is currently in her second semester at MCC and plans to transfer to Baylor. She wants to obtain a degree in two areas — journalism, and nursing.

She said that it is easier to get a degree in the United States than in Guyana. Here a student takes the classes in a subject by what is required for a particular major. For example, a journal-

Speech team keeps rolling

By LISETTE MEDINA

It seems the forensics team never gets a chance to rest. This past weekend, they participated in the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association state tournament.

The results of the "McRice Swing," which took place on Oct. 21-23, are in. And the winners are Gavin Massingill, David Damuth, Kristine Haberman and Shawna Gannaway.

Massingill took second place in dramatic interpretation and Damuth took third place in persuasion. Also, Haberman placed fourth in informative speaking while Gannaway qualified as a semifinalist in prose.

This weekend the forensics team is scheduled to take part in the "Turkey Trot Swing" at the University of Texas-Austin and at San Antonio College.

In an earlier tournament at the University of Houston, team members Massingill and Gannaway qualified to participate in the AFA (American Forensics Association) national tournament in the spring. Massingill won in the persuasive, informative and after-dinner speaking categories. Gannaway also qualified by winning an award in after-dinner speaking.



EUGENIE STEPHEN

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Highlanders struggle in season openers



HANG TIME- Sophomore Rodrick Monroe slams and jams against the Jacksonville Jaguars during the Subway Tip-off Classic on Saturday at the Highlands. Coach Ken DeWeese had never lost a season opener in

his 25 years of coaching every level of basketball. MCC had won 41 straight regular-season home games since losing to Navarro in 1991 in its opening tournament 110-109.

At ROLEX Tournament

Men's basketball

Nov. 9	Navarro College	There	7:30
Nov. 12	Jacksonville College	There	7:30
Nov. 19	Odessa College	There	2:30
Nov. 22	Navarro College	Here	7:30
Nov. 25-26	Kilgore Classic	There	6/8
Dec. 2-3	Temple Classic	There	5:30
Dec. 8	*Collin County College	Here	8
Dec. 10	*Temple Junior College	Here	8
Dec. 16-17	Hutchinson Classic	There	6/8
Jan. 5	San Jacinto College	There	7
Jan. 7	Weatherford College	Here	8
Jan. 11	*Cisco College	Here	8
Jan. 14	*Hill College	There	8
Jan. 21	*Grayson College	Here	8
Jan. 25	*Ranger College	There	8
Jan. 2	*Southwestern Christian	Here	8
Jan. 30	*Weatherford College	Here	8
Feb. 8	*Cisco College	There	8
Feb. 11	*Hill College	Here	8
Feb. 18	*Grayson College	There	8
Feb. 22	*Ranger College	Here	8
Feb. 2	*Southwestern Christian	Here	8
Mar. 3-7	Texas State J.C. Tourney	Here	
	*Northern Texas Jr. College Conference Games		

Women's basketball

Nov. 11-12	San Jacinto Classic	There	6
Nov. 17-19	MCC Highlassic Classic	Here	TBA
Nov. 29	Angelina	There	6
Dec. 2	San Jacinto	Here	6
Dec. 8	Collin County College	Here	6
Dec. 10	Temple Junior College	Here	6
Jan. 7	Weatherford	There	6
Jan. 11	Cisco College	Here	6
Jan. 14	Hill College	There	6
Jan. 21	Grayson College	Here	6
Jan. 25	Ranger College	There	6
Jan. 28	Southwestern Christian	Here	6
Jan. 30	Collin County College	There	6
Feb. 1	Temple Junior College	There	6
Feb. 4	Weatherford College	Here	6
Feb. 8	Cisco College	There	6
Feb. 11	Hill College	Here	6
Feb. 18	Grayson College	There	6
Feb. 22	Ranger College	Here	6
Feb. 25	Southwestern Christian	There	6

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Jimenez, Linder reach quarterfinals

By DAVE EMLEY
The Rolex Intercollegiate Tennis Championships were held in Waco last month and the school's tennis team was well represented. Seven members of Coach Carmack Berryman's team took part in the two-day event. Players taking part were Myriam Jimenez, Teina Vai, Heather Henderson, Lana Ereckson, Helene Linder, Ann Pangan and Candy Gledhill. Berryman said he was pleased with the team's performance. He said they won the matches they were supposed to and didn't lose the ones they were expected to win. Jimenez and Linder reached the quarterfinals of the singles competition. Jimenez lost to Julie Stone of Tyler Junior College 6-1, 6-0, while Linder lost 7-6, 6-1 to Ann Olsson of Navarro College. Laura Nhavene from Tyler

Junior College, the pre-tournament favorite, won the singles title. Berryman says that Nhavene is the best junior college player he has seen in the last 20 years. He said she will play professionally some day. The top three seeds in the singles competition; Nhavene, Paiao Short, also from Tyler and Olsson are the top three ranked players nationally. In the doubles competition, the team of Jimenez and Pangan reached the semifinals by defeating teammates Linder and Vai, 7-5, 7-6. Jimenez and Pangan were defeated by the eventual doubles champions Nhavene and Short, 6-2, 6-2. The doubles team of Nhavene and Short are the number one ranked doubles team in the United States. Winners and runners-up advanced to the national tournament in Oklahoma City.

Intramurals offers competition for all

By JENNIFER D. LONDON
Thad Oliver, Brandon Mitchell and James Rogers all agree on one thing -- that the intramural program is a good program for students to get involved in. Intramural competition is held every day in the HPE gym. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday pickleball and volleyball are played from 10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. On Tuesday and Thursday basketball is played from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thad Oliver said, "It gets people to be active at MCC." Instead of going to the Stu-

dent Center before class, some students go and watch people play in the intramurals program. Brandon Mitchell said that intramurals helps him relieve stress and that he learned about the program from a friend. James Rogers has been a participant in the program for two years. James said that instead of going home every day after class, he and Coach Wendell Hudson compete in pickleball. For more information about the intramural program call Hudson at 750-3546 or go by his office in the HPE building room 112.

Multicultural team plans visit to Ft. Worth meeting

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sometimes be experienced on all campuses. All participants can contribute so that we may better teach and learn together. The whole purpose for sending a transformation team is to touch, according to the conference information, "the conscious breaking of inadequate patterns, a movement through confusion and the creation of fundamen-

tally new and better patterns that capacitate people to experience themselves, one another, the sacred sources and problems afresh." Students who are interested in attending this conference need to get in touch with any member of the faculty or call Sherry Sedghi, coordinator, at 750-3638. CEU Credit is available through the University of North Texas.

Fun run Nov. 19

By DAVE EMLEY
The 4th annual MCC 5K/1 mile fun run Nov. 19 is open to all ages. The race is divided into 11 age groups from ages 14 and under to 60 plus. All participants get a T-shirt for entering the event. Trophies will go to the top five male and female finishers in the 1 mile fun run/walk. For the 5K run/walk trophies go to the overall male/female winners plus the top three male/female finishers in each age group. Prizes also go to the top finishers in the wheelchair division. Entry fee for the event is \$12. Packet pickups will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 18 on the second floor of the Student Center. Participants can pick up packets beginning at 7:30 the morning of the race. The 1 mile fun run/walk will start at 8:30 a.m. followed 30 minutes later by the start of the 5K run/walk. For more information contact Student Activities at 750-3420.

'Landers win, lose in Subway Tip-off Classic Tournament

By HEATHER ELLIS
Coming into the season, the Highlanders were ranked No. 2 in the country but were stunned by the South Plains Texans in the opening game of the Subway Tip-off Classic at the Highlands last Friday. The Texans edged the Highlanders 114-111 with the help of Richard Brown, who scored 31 points. MCC had won 41 consecutive regular-season home games since losing to Navarro in its season opener in 1991. The Highlanders trailed by as many as 17 points in the first

half but cut the lead to 62-61 with a Rodrick Monroe slam. Monroe was ejected from the game with a second technical for hanging on the rim. Despite losing Monroe, the Highlanders took a 92-89 lead with 8:47 left on the clock. South Plains came back from one-point deficits twice in the last minute of the game. On Saturday, the 'Landers rallied to overcome the Jacksonville Jaguars with a 113-111 win. The Highlanders trailed Jacksonville at the half 62-50 with Jaguar Greg Jones scoring 27 of his 40 points in the first period.

The second period saw MCC overcome an 11-point deficit by pressuring Jones into taking shots from poor positions. The Highlanders received help from sophomores Norman Williams and Rodrick Monroe who combined 24 points and key rebounds in the second period. Williams connected on two free throws with 3:42 left in the game to give the Highlanders a 106-105 lead. With seven seconds remaining, Marcus Moss blocked an attempt by Jaguar Gary Johnson to secure the Highlanders two point win.

Need help? Student Support Services can assist with almost any problem

By KRISTIE KUBALA
Need to talk to someone about your academic, career, or personal life but don't know where to go? There's a program on campus that's just for you. The Student Support Services Program provides many different ways to help. For academic problems, it offers tutoring, a general studies lab, a math lab, a writing lab, financial aid information, cultural enrichment activities, study skills workshop, readers and note takers for students with disabilities, interpreters, van transportation and computer-

assisted learning for the physically handicapped and mobility aids. For career problems, it offers counseling and referrals to agencies and resources. And for your personal problems, it offers counseling. The service employs around 60 tutors a year and also have on staff two full-time master's degree counselors. One works with transfer students and the other works with students who will complete their studies at MCC. The project director is Dr. Patsy White. The Student Development portion of the Support Services

Program schedules tours to certain campuses in which transfer students may be interested. Transportation is provided. This semester, students have already visited Texas A&M and Southwest Texas State, and they will be going to UT-Arlington on Nov. 18. For more information about this, or to reserve your spot, call 750-3729 or 750-3715. For more information about the program in general, call 756-6551 or stop by room 302 in the Student Center Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. or on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Good deed leads to marriage Fate brings student to America

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ism major requires only one math credit. But in Guyana students must take every class about a subject no matter what the major. She also has noticed another difference. "I'm surprised there is not much geography down here or much world history," Stephen said. "I believe those subjects would give people a better idea that other people exist." Besides going to school, Stephen works with her husband at Stephen Health Center on Waco Drive, raises two teenage boys, serves as advertising manager of the Highland Herald

and loves to work in her garden. "There is so much in Waco that I can find to do," Stephen said. "Some people feel that I have gone to most everything that there is in Waco. But there is still a lot to do in Waco and the surrounding areas." Stephen is not only a student, newspaper writer, gardener, parent, sight-seer and helper at her husband's work, but she has also received her local preacher's license from the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Waco. She hopes to become an itinerant preacher in four years, and then she will be able to preach wherever the bishop decides to send her.

Stephen said apart from her church, "MCC is the biggest block of people I internet with. I have really met some nice people."

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EDITORIALS

Be a citizen today

Today is the day to exercise your citizenship. Every year at this time citizens rush out to the voting booths to put in their ballots which will help decide the future of our country. Much attention is centered around the election between Ann Richards and George Bush, Jr. along with contests for the congressional seat in our district, attorney general and the State Senate. These are just a few of the many offices that are up for grabs. Many Americans forget that voting is a right that some countries don't have. We should not take for granted this voting privilege that our ancestors worked so hard to get. Perhaps some people don't care who wins and some may not even think twice about voting, just remember this—if we don't vote, then after the elections are over, we have lost the right to get mad about how we are being governed. The voting booths close at 7 p.m. The precinct to vote at should be written on your voter registration card. If you didn't get a chance to register this year and would like to, call the county courthouse and ask to be directed to a voter information line.

Just hang in there

The semester is almost over. It was hard to hang with the tough teachers and demanding due dates. I thought about dropping classes to make the work load easier, but I have now come to the point of no return. This is the point in which it would be harder to turn around and go back. I began to think that after the semester is over I would have accomplished a great deal of work. Boy, will my parents be proud, but some mornings when I have to be up at the crack of dawn, I'm not usually thinking about how proud my parents will be but more like how I'm feeling at the time . . . sleepy. College is just something that many of us have to get used to. Most of us thought that after high school we would finally be rid of the work load, then college came along and yet we find ourselves doing more research papers. We are adults now and most of us have to take care of ourselves. College is the last chance to prepare us for the real future that lies ahead. If you are like me and think every day that it's too hard, just remember, the more you learn now, the less you'll have to learn later.

A WINNING ESSAY

Beer in the fridge meant trouble in the home

By ANN BROWN

(Editor's note: this is the winning essay from an English class taught by Jennifer Black. The essay contest was a part of the Alcohol Awareness Week observed at the college.)

My head started to buzz and my eyelids began to get heavy; everything was a blur. Suddenly I felt someone grab me. I opened my eyes as quickly as possible. It was my father. At least it looked like him. He was wearing slacks and a nice shirt. "Get up son, you're going to be late for school." I couldn't believe my ears, eyes or every other part of my body. He smelled good, too, not like he usually did. I ran to the refrigerator and opened it. The beer was missing. As we got in the car to go to school, my father said, "I'm going to take you hiking tomorrow, okay?" I nodded my head with a polite yes; he smiled and patted me on the shoulder gently, something that I had never felt coming from my father. School was great. I didn't have a sore part on my body, which was usually my problem. Oh, it was just so great! After school he was waiting for me in the car. He got out when he saw me and gave me a hug. He put my backpack in the back seat, while I got in the front passenger seat. When we got home my mom received us with a kiss, and then we sat down to eat dinner. We talked about school, work, and our plans to go hiking. After my father helped us clean the table, we headed to the store to get the supplies for our hiking trip. I started to get scared, because every time my father went hiking with his friends he would always take BEER, and that would ruin the trip. That made me feel good. Now I could kiss all the problems good-bye.

Then I started to hear my mom call me. The voice was far away. I shook my head and woke up. It was all a dream, but it couldn't have been. I wanted to go back to sleep. Maybe, Oh, maybe my dream was true!

Then, I heard my father screaming at my mom. I couldn't stand it any more. "Slap, Pow, and Boom." Then I saw him hitting my mom. He turned around and said, "Go back to bed you . . . you no good, BASTARD!!!" I ran to the kitchen to get away. I saw the refrigerator. I walked to it, and opened the door. The BEER was there. I couldn't help it; tears started to come out of my eyes. All that I could say was: "Why . . . Why does it have to EXIST?"

THE NEW MELTING POT



FACE-OFF

Pros and cons of partisan politics

By AARON TUDOR

How ironic is it that the Grand Old Party is now pronouncing itself as the party of change? Listen to any Republican these days and all you'll hear is "change, change, change." Excuse me?

Any time you hear a Republican say the word "change" I suggest you stop, drop and roll. Because if you buy it, you're going to get burned. Sure they want to change things, change them back to the way they were. Republicans miss the good old days. You remember the good old days, don't you? The '60s when there were no civil rights laws, the '70s when abortion was still illegal and the '80s when the rich received huge tax cuts and the deficit went through the roof. Kind of gets you all misty-eyed doesn't it?

When you're listening to Republican rhetoric, remember there is a huge difference between change and progress. Take the last few months of Congress. With all the legislation the Republicans killed during the last part of the session, they should change their name to the Grand Obstructionist Party. At least they could keep the same initials.

First, they killed health care even though a vast majority of Americans favor reform. Then they killed campaign finance reform and lobbying reform. Texas is sure lucky to have a senator like Phil Gramm who will take a

stand against those types of reform. The lobbying reform act would have required lobbyists to disclose all their spending and gifts. Can't have that now, can we? Say what you will about Gramm, but he ain't gonna give up his free golfing trips from lobbyists without a fight.

The saddest thing is that they didn't even block all of this legislation because of its content. They blocked it for political gain. Any legislation passed would have been considered a "victory" for Clinton. Too many Clinton victories would hurt their chances of taking control of the House and Senate. So they killed everything. I guess that's the change they're talking about, passing absolutely no legislation. Now there's an idea!

But the GOP knew it couldn't block all that legislation without offering some ideas of its own. So they came up with their "Contract for America." It's been more appropriately called "Contract on America" by Democrats because that's exactly what it is. It makes for interesting reading, though. Tax cuts for everyone! A balanced budget! Sounds great, doesn't it?

But it doesn't say how they plan to accomplish these things. Ask a Republican and he'll tell you that the tax cuts (mostly for the rich) will spur economic growth. With more money coming in, the budget will be easy to balance. Maybe it's just me, but that sounds exactly like the same plan they used in the '80s that didn't work. Nah, couldn't be. Not from the party of change.

By MERIE WITT

Just say no! is no longer the anthem of the much acclaimed drug awareness campaign of the '80s. It is now the battle hymn of the Republican party with respect to the passage of legislation in Congress.

Quite frankly, President Clinton must have been a few inches short of a buzz if he thought that he could stop gridlock in the legislative branch of our government. Some say the Grand Old Party is trying to pay back the Democrats for hamstringing the Bush administration, while others think it's a re-election tactic. However, the "mass murder" of recent legislation in Congress can actually be justified by legitimate concerns.

Let's just say an anti-depressant couldn't have gotten Congress out of the slump they were in during Bush's presidency. Little known fact about President Bush: He had many plans and proposals about domestic policy. (Did you know among those ideas was midnight basketball?)

But these ideas never reached the public until after his presidency. They are but silent screams of legislation cast into the abyss. That way the Democrats could make sure the public would see Bush as ineffective. It's like how the liberals cackle about new taxes being passed just shortly after Bush was elected. Well, "Read my lips!" Bush didn't pass new taxes, Congress did!

So, I guess the question is, are the Republicans stooping to the level of past legislative bodies who lacked control of the Presidency. To answer this question I must give an emphatic "Well, yes and no."

Yes, to the extent that right now it isn't a really good political move to be associated with Bill Clinton. Even most Democratic candidates up for election are distancing themselves from our Chief Executive. I certainly don't hear anyone saying "Elect me for office because I stand for the Health Security Act!"

Letter to the Editor

A suggestion on policy

First, I would like to applaud the efforts of educational facilities everywhere for their ongoing pursuit of gender equal athletic programs. Gender equality is an important issue that has been neglected for far too long. I am happy to know that our school is not hesitating in making the necessary adjustments in order to establish parity between men's and women's athletic programs. However, I would like to say that it does not make much sense

With respect to the "no," if the Republicans alone tried to block legislation it would be impossible. Whether you're talking votes or filibuster there are certainly enough Democratic House members and Senators to take care of any Republican opposition. A lot of Democrats also have misgivings about some of the bills being considered in Congress.

As for the matter of filibuster, there are certainly enough Democrats to get closure! Obviously some "lefty" Senators are slipping out the back door or maybe they are just mesmerized by Phil Gramm reading the "Q" volume of the encyclopedia (but probably not!)

The fact of the matter is the Health Security Act, the anti-lobbyist bill, and other pieces of legislation sent to "rest in peace" were filled with little clauses. You know, the kind of fine print you find on contracts you sign to enlist the services of a personal injury lawyer.

Senators like to slip in little grants and programs that have nothing to do with the particular bill being passed. There is no reason why a piece of legislation should weigh more than I do. Arnold Schwarzenegger could work out with some of the paperwork Congress comes up with. How can anyone justify paragraphs being slipped into bills that call for the cross-pollination of raspberries and apricots in Northern Michigan or some other ridiculous special interest?

The blame for gridlock isn't altogether the fault of the Democrats or the Republicans. We need to get the kinks out of our political machinery. We must initiate term limits and the line item veto. Let's just go ahead and eliminate the temptation to pass or kill legislation for political gain. Let's make the all or nothing mentality of Congress a thing of the past.

The Republicans are right, (believe me I said that!) no legislation at all is better than bad legislation. The Republicans were down when they lost their reign over the White House. But because of the election, a shift in who controls Congress is possible. Perhaps a change of power can get those squeaky wheels a turning.

to terminate a nationally-ranked and exceedingly successful athletic program in order to make room for one of the opposite gender. I think that it would be much more appropriate to build the new program slowly up to standard, rather than destroying an already established program. I think that disbanding the established program is a mistake for a few reasons:

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Letter to the Editor

Cajun music refreshing

While most MCC students were filling their heads with history books and math problems, a few lucky students and faculty were filling their ears with good 'ole Cajun style music.

Although their listening audience was sparse, None Jules and Leches Les, which really means, "let go and have fun," kept right on playing.

The program was made possible through the efforts of Lisa Hatley, who is originally from Natchitoches, La. This enabled her to find the group through her father's Louisiana Folklife Center Folk Festival which he sponsors every year. Hatley wanted to subject MCC's students to a different type of music and culture.

"Since Cajun music originated from the French, I wanted to enlighten the students of MCC on Cajun culture," Hatley said.

With Joe Lopez on the fiddle, Calvin Holler on the accordion, Linda Foreman on the drums and Mary Guidry (None Jules's wife) on the rhythm guitar, MCC could hear nothing but the sweet

sounds of "Blue Bayou."

The lively performance in the student center was anything but boring. Many felt it was a refreshing change to a usually monotonous atmosphere.

"It was okay to hear something new, that sounded kind of funny, but it was pretty good," freshman Chris Franks said.

While some sat quietly and just clapped to the beat, others pushed the tables aside and "cut a rug" doing the freeze.

Others even hope to hear different kinds of cultural music in the near future.

"Since Cajuns conjugate their verbs backwardly, I would like to be more culturally aware and hear some Spanish conjugation as to improve my relations with Professor Panlunua," sophomore Givon Upchurch said.

Well, maybe this is the start of a new dawn for MCC. Not only will it be the most beautiful campus around, but also the most culturally diverse. So as None Jules tells us, "Just let go and have fun."

Nikki Johnson

Geoff Brown reviews: He hated it...

By BROOKS WHITTINGTON

On Oct. 24, the Student Government had comedian Geoff Brown come to MCC to make people laugh. Unfortunately, to this reporter, he did anything but.

First of all, let me say that Mr. Brown was moderately funny. Some of his jokes were mildly humorous, albeit old, and most of his antics on stage were pertinent to said jokes. However, I believe that the bad things far outweigh the good things.

As you read this, and if you were at the event, then you probably remember Mr. Brown pulling me up on stage and publicly humiliating me in order to get a cheap laugh. Now, before you start screaming cries of "sore loser" and "spoilsport" and throw down the paper in disgust, let me point out that this review is not about him doing that, even though I do despise comedians who have to depend on degrading a member of the audience in order to make himself look humorous. No, this article is about other aspects of his routine that I found personally offensive.

First of all, the language was horrendous. Yes, we are in college, and yes, most of us hear and even use that kind of language every day, but I think that he went a little overboard in making the language aspect a major cornerstone in his routine. Just out of curiosity, I counted the number of times that he used the word ass.

I stopped counting after I reached 30.

The second thing that I found personally offensive was the fact that almost every aspect of Mr. Brown's routine was similar to Eddie Murphy's "Raw". I got the feeling about halfway through the act that he had been locked in his basement as part of his training, chained to a big screen T.V., doomed to watch "Raw" until he could bring up Murphy's jokes at will.

Now, if you were one of those who actually liked Mr. Brown's act, right about now you are probably asking me to prove it. Well... all right.

One thing that was influenced by Murphy's "Raw" act was the language. Eddie Murphy was the first one, as far as I know, to actually take cursing as far as he did. I guess Mr. Brown thought that he could do the same thing. It didn't work. (By the way, I didn't like "Raw" either.)

Another thing that was influenced by "Raw" were Mr. Brown's jokes. From his "My parents kick my a__ all the time" jokes to his "White men can't dance" jokes, and even the dancing antics that go along with them, Mr. Brown seemed to be competing with Murphy the entire way.

Well, you've been waiting for it, and here it is. Call me oversensitive, but, yes, I was racially offended by Mr. Brown's "White men can't dance" jokes, as I was with Murphy's. Now, while I do agree that it was all supposed to be in fun, that still gives him no right to degrade (whoops, there's that word again!) white males like that.

Before you get all riled up about this, saying that I should get over it, and go and get a life, for Christ sakes, let's look at the other side of the coin. What if I had gotten up on stage and said a racist statement about African-Americans? Chances are that if I said something about the subject, I probably would not be very popular around campus for, say, the rest of my life. So, my question is this. What gives him the right to make a decidedly racist statement, even in fun, that I myself would not have even dreamed of making?

I had heard that he had won the Star Search competition but I'll tell you one thing. He didn't win that award with the routine that he did here.

...She didn't

By ANNETTE BANKS

If you were anywhere near the Student Center on Oct. 24, you probably heard the roars of laughter coming from the building. Geoff Brown, a comedian who has won in Star Search competitions and has been seen on HBO's Def Comedy Jam, was a success with the students.

Brown's stand-up was not focused on a certain group or subject. He talked about everything and everybody. Brown made jokes about the stereotypes placed on different races like, "White men can't dance," and, "If you want to see black people on TV, flip the channel over to COPS." From the rate of laughter, it was easy to tell that no one was upset by such comments. In fact, once he got on the subject of race, his jokes seem to ease what little tension there might have been.

Brown's language was nothing like the language used in the Eddie Murphy's comic stand-up, RAW. In RAW, Murphy used words even I hadn't heard of. Brown's language was nothing that couldn't be heard anywhere on campus. If he would have been upsetting, people would have left, but instead, many students were going to class a little late just so they could hear the last words of this humorous comedian.

The point of a comic stand-up is to make people laugh, and Brown definitely deserves a gold star for his efforts.

Members of Multicultural Committee to attend conference

By KAYSANDRA SMITH

Coordinators of the Multicultural Committee and a "transformation team" will attend a conference Thursday and Friday at Mountain View College and Tarrant County Junior College South Campus in Fort Worth.

This conference is sponsored by the North Texas Community and Junior College Consortium Committee. The theme is "Transformations in the Classroom and across the Campus: Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives."

Different colleges are expected to send teams which will consist of staff, faculty, administration and students. The purpose for this conference is to encourage or enlighten multicultural committees and to help campuses benefit from this diversity. Communication will more likely have an effective outcome with other students and colleagues of different cultural and ethnical

backgrounds.

According to the conference agenda, being able to cope if not eliminate some of those barriers of gender, age and race that will

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- Student support and morale suffer.
- Revenue from that sports is lost.

• Closing the program could lead to tension and competition between men's and women's athletic programs as well as internal friction between members of the staff and student bodies.

McLennan Community College is a fine academic institution, and I sincerely hope that in the future, the issue of gender equality can be handled with a little more concern for the above-mentioned consequences.

Sincerely,
Matthew L. Johnson

Drama production 'Hotel Paradiso' to open Nov. 16



GEOFF BROWN does his best Eddie Murphy impression on stage at the Student Center. An estimated 250

students showed up to watch Brown perform his routine.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

By Lisette Medina
For the cast of "Hotel Paradiso," the last three and a half weeks have been practice, practice, practice, Monday through Friday for more than three hours each night.

The play scheduled for Nov. 16 through 19 and directed by Jerry MacLauchlin is a French farce written by French dramatist, Georges Feydeau. Webster's Dictionary defines "farce" as "a play full of extravagant drollery; absurdity; mere show," or as MacLauchlin said, "One big funny evening."

Set in 1888, "Hotel Paradiso" calls for the use of several different dialects and accents, such as cockney (used by London natives) and Italian. One character must stutter at times while also speaking with a different accent than he is accustomed to. These differences in language make the job of the actors even harder since they already have to memorize their lines and necessary stage movements.

Another adjustment for the cast is trying to break out of the automatic-smile reaction mode, said MacLauchlin. The lead characters are supposed to be quite pompous living in very exclusive neighborhoods. They do not smile. With gestures used in the play, Dr. Bruce Watson, a French professor at Baylor, was called in to help.

So far, preparation for "Hotel Paradiso" has gone well considering the students have never done this style of play before, according to MacLauchlin. He said everyone involved gets along, pitches in and helps each other out. MacLauchlin also said that with the good talent of the students, he'd put them up against any four-year school's students.

Correction

The story in the Oct. 25 issue, "Former student joins seminary" incorrectly stated that Betty Weaver had been a CPA. She has worked in bookkeeping, but is not a Certified Public Accountant.



KING HENRY VIII — Joe Kagle and Marla Witt pose for the camera at the Fountain Dedication on Oct. 28.

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