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Hispanics celebrate culture in Cinco de Mayo this week

By CARMEN FRENCH

The College's Cultural Enrichment Committee will have its first Cinco de Mayo Week, which will be held from May 1 to 5.

The week will be filled with different displays, movies, dinners and performances, according to Jane Gamez, director of library services.

Activities started yesterday with three movies, "The Incas Remembered," "E.T.," "Carmen," and a Kick-Off Dinner.

The schedule for the remaining of this week is as follows: May 2: 12 noon-Mexican food served in cafeteria, Student Center 7 p.m.

Movies, "El Norte USA" and "Marianela" in Administration/Classroom Building fourth floor Conference Room. May 3: 10-11 a.m.-Movie, "Memorias de un Mexicano." 6-6:20 p.m.-Performance by LULAC Bilingual Preschool Children dancing to Mexican Music, Ball Performing Arts Center fountain plaza. 6:20-6:40 p.m. Modeling by Las Hispanas of colorful costumes from different regions of Mexico, Ball Performing Arts Center fountain plaza. 7-8 p.m.-Performances by Los Romanceros, a musical trio performing Hispanic folk and contemporary songs, Ball Performing Arts Center. May 4: 7 p.m.-Movies, "Los de Abajo" and "The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez,"

in the Administration/Classroom Building fourth floor, Conference Room. May 5: 10-11 a.m.-Movie, "Goya," in Lecture Hall. Three colorful and cultural exhibits from the University of Texas Cultural Institute: a Festival of Pinatas, Mexican Folk Toys and El Vaquero: Genesis del Cowboy Texano. The exhibits will be in the Library, the Administration Building and the Student Center. "The purpose of the College Cultural Enrichment Committee, which was formed by Dr. Dennis Michaelis, is to identify and celebrate the different cultures found within the student body," said Gamez. "We encourage the students to come," said Gamez.



Photo by Ken Crawford

SAVE THE TREES! Johnny Dimas protects the smaller tree from getting uprooted as Highland Games contestants Ron Hernandez (left) and

Chiqui Sanchez roll the Earth Ball around its course to the finish line for International Club.

FBI chief praises MCC drug program

By SARA WARTES

FBI Director William Sessions, who served as an adjunct professor in MCC's early days, returned Friday as keynote speaker for the Drug Abuse Update Conference.

Sessions said in an interview that he was glad to be back in Texas and to participate in the college's drug prevention program. "What MCC will do is tremendously significant," he said. He added that the program "isn't just a campus project" but extends into the entire community.

Sessions remarked that the major focus of the FBI in combating the drug problem is to attack drug organizations as enterprises, not just the individuals who work for them. He cited a recent case in

San Antonio where a drug organization was "wiped out" as a result of a cooperative effort of the FBI with other local and federal agencies. He said seizure of property and of drugs as well as the arrest of 24 people had effectively "obliterated" the organization.

"People should be aware that law enforcement is more successful than ever," Sessions said. But because "the demand is so tremendous and the supply unending," he stated that the task for law enforcement is "almost insurmountable."

Sessions said the solution to the drug problem must be an expression of the will of the people, and added "That's why I'm here." He said community and neighborhood response to the use and sale of drugs is important and reflects the concern of the people.

In his speech, Sessions said that although he shares a "deep concern about what drugs are doing to this country," he is "not discouraged at all." He praised the appointment of William Bennett to coordinate the nation's drug war and noted that international cooperation is increasing.

He said that despite the increasing success of law enforcement efforts, they are not enough. What is needed, he said, is a program that will "change the minds of young people and young professionals." The effort must be "from the top down and from the tots up," he said.

To meet this need, the FBI has instituted a drug demand reduction program. Drug demand coordinators are located in every field office to aid community efforts in reducing the demand for drugs.

The coordinator for the Waco area is Mr. Klaska, who can be reached at (512) 225-6741. To facilitate this effort, a variety of educational programs are made available. One example is an innovative program which puts a brief anti-drug message at the beginning of video games.

Sessions praised MCC's drug prevention program as an example of a community effort to combat drugs. He read from a letter written by then President Wilbur Ball in support of the program. Ball wrote, "Our goal is to broadcast a clear message that MCC is drug free."

"You are, I think, people who believe along with me that there is a solution to the problem," Sessions told the conference participants.

Olympic medalist, presidential racer speaks here today

By TAMMY RICHARDS

Bob Richards, two-time Gold medalist in the pole vault in the 1952 and 1956 Olympics, will visit the mass communications class today to tell how various mass media affect government and vice versa.

And Thursday Loyal Gould, a former Associated Press bureau chief in Europe who has spent many years helping journalists in other nations learn more about their craft will speak in the same class on international communications.

Guests are welcome at both 9:25 a.m. class sessions in the Highlander Room, third floor of the Student Center.

Gould is chairman of the journalism department at Baylor where he initiated the nation's first graduate program in international communications.

Richards is qualified to speak on his media-government topic since he was a candidate for the office of the president of the United States in the election of 1984.

Richards' experience with the media over the years has been much. His face decorated the ever-famous Wheaties breakfast cereal box for 14 years. Over the years, Richards has become one of the nation's most prominent motivational speakers in inspiring children and adults alike to do great things.

Richards and Gould will be interviewed by students Tammy Richards and Angela Robinson, respectively, in front of the class covering issues pertinent to the topic of study. Each session will probably have time for questions from the floor.

TASP testing: Increasing summer 1989 early admission

By TERI LYN EISMA

Vice President of Student Services LaVerne Wong sees as many as six high school juniors and seniors in her office a day, all of whom want to apply for summer classes at MCC.

Eight to 10 students at Waco High School walk away from their counselor's office each day advised to register at MCC for early admissions or dual credit, going through Wong's office and the Registrar's office, Waco High counselor Keith Crunk said.

Many eligible high school juniors

and seniors are now applying for summer classes to avoid taking the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) tests now required by all Texas colleges.

The test will help pinpoint basic educational deficiencies so that the college can offer developmental courses to help the new students in learning basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills for college. The TASP registration fee is \$24.

New college freshmen who have three college credit hours or more by the fall of 1989 are exempt from taking the test. Applicants of any certificate program

requiring less than nine general education semester credit hours are also exempt.

The test scores "have no bearing on the student's acceptance to the school," said Lissette Carpenter, chairman of the language arts department. Scores do, however, act as a placement basis for college course requirements, like the SAT and ACT placement programs MCC and other colleges currently use.

"A lot of students are taking classes this summer so they won't have to take the (TASP) test," Crunk said. "But I tell them not to enroll for that reason only because

I don't think the tests will be that difficult. I tell them to take classes for their own benefit."

High school students who end their junior year with a B or better average and who need only four credits for high school graduation are eligible to enroll in MCC's early registration program and waive the TASP test if the credit hours are adequate. This credit may be used at any college after high school graduation providing it meets that college's transfer requirements.

The number of early admissions applicants from Waco High has soared from the average of

past years, Crunk said, mostly because "this is only the second year that the early admissions program has been at Waco High—prior to now the students did not know it was available to them."

Midway High School even ordered 100 early admissions applications, Wong said.

Many of these will be used to apply for the college credit courses taught on the Midway campus, History 351 and 352 and English 311, according to senior counselor Donna Spross. "Most of the (graduating) seniors have already taken at least one course." These seniors waive the TASP test

Finalphobia: How to overcome your exam fears

By ELIZABETH DELEON and SARA WARTES

Getting good grades is every student's dream. However, with finals approaching, the thought of failure can turn that dream into a nightmare.

John Nobis, counseling services, and Scott Adams, history department, offered these tips to help overcome finalphobia.

"One way to do well on finals is to start studying as early as possible, and especially not waiting until the night before. That is the worst mistake anyone can make," Nobis said.

Nobis also made the following suggestions for studying to help overcome exam day anxiety:

—Look back on all old tests. By looking over old tests, you not only increase your knowledge for that specific subject area, but are more

likely to know what types of questions the instructor will ask.

—Study in small increments, no more than one hour at a time. This not only helps to develop your mental skills, but also helps in avoiding mental blocks.

—Repeat things you learn by re-writing notes, or by repeating something over and over verbally. By doing small exercises like this you are able to quickly recognize material. Reorganizing notes will help you see things you may not have realized before.

—Study in small groups. This helps because someone else may have notes that you have missed or interpreted wrong. Nobis added a caution: "Group studying can be beneficial; however, just make sure that it doesn't get out of hand, or turn into a wild party."

Adams advised students to "eat well but lightly and get enough sleep." He pointed out that you

don't want to go sit through a test with your stomach growling, but too much food can make you sleepy. Adams also strongly advised against trying to stay up all night studying.

When studying, Adams said it is important to avoid outside distractions. For some that may mean turning up the radio to block out noise. He said his personal preference when he was studying in college was to go to the roof of his dormitory where it was quiet.

Adams also cautioned that it is best to resist the temptation to relieve pre-test anxiety with alcohol. He said it will make you "less alert, sleepy and forgetful." He added, "The best bet is to stay away from alcohol completely until after finals."

Nobis suggested practicing relaxation techniques while studying and just before a test. He said relaxation tapes are available in

the library for students who have serious anxiety about exams.

Another technique Nobis suggested is giving yourself a pep talk. "Tell yourself things like, 'You can do it!' and 'What's stronger a piece of paper or a person?'"

Nobis said it's important to remember that the world will not end if you flunk one course.

A few last practical tips: double check the exam schedule to avoid showing up prepared at the wrong time, and be sure to take extra pens, pencils and paper with you.

Most of all don't panic. If you have done reasonably well all semester you probably will do well on the final. If you aren't doing well in the class, do your best on the final but don't expect to pull off a miracle. Remember, your whole life isn't riding on one exam. Students have been surviving finals for years now, and you will too.

New SG officers elected, plan Beach Party dance

By SUSAN POLLEY ELIZABETH DELEON

The new Student Government officers were announced at last Wednesday's Highland Games. They are: Terrence Ames—president, Susan Polley—secretary, Becky Brunson—treasurer, Chris Taylor—parliamentarian, and Marcel DeShazo—historian. The officers-elect will begin serving in their official capacities this week.

The end-of-school Beach Party dance Thursday 9 p.m. to midnight in the HPE swimming pool is the first order of business executed by the new officers. Student Government will provide a disc jockey for the night's entertainment and will serve refreshments.

These officers were sworn in yesterday and presided over the Student Government meeting with the exception of vice president, who will be elected in the fall because that officer must be a freshman. Representatives will also be elected in the fall.

Outgoing parliamentarian Elizabeth DeLeon said she was happy for the new officers and wished them all good luck. Although DeLeon said she felt they would all do a good job, she did warn them that "it's a lot of hard work."

Brian Wallace, this year's SG president, also had a few words of experience to give to his successor.

"This job is a growing experience. Everyone who does it will change from it."

Among the benefits of serving as SG president were learning better communication and leadership skills. Wallace also said that performing the duties of president would make a person more mature.

Although Terrence Ames won the title of SG president, Wallace said, "Any of the three candidates would have done a good job. They were all highly qualified for the position."

Congratulatory editorial

Congratulations grads!

Let's hear it for the 1989 MCC graduates! They have worked hard, kept going when it would have been easier to quit, stayed up late and gotten up early to complete the requirements for graduation. Because MCC's student body is so diverse, graduation may mean something a little different to some of them.

For students who never graduated from high school, graduation from college means that life has offered them a second chance.

Some graduates will receive the first college diploma ever earned by a member of their family. When they walk across the stage, the hopes, dreams and sacrifices of generations will go with them.

For some older students, graduation is the fulfillment of a life-long dream, deferred by circumstances, but not forgotten. Their success is proof that it's never too late to go after a dream.

Graduation represents great sacrifice for other students, who have worked long hours in addition to attending school and studying. They didn't have much time or enough money for fun during their college days. Graduation day is their payoff.

Some graduates are focused on the goal of a baccalaureate degree at a four-year school or even medical or law school. For them, this commencement is another step along the way toward that goal.

MCC graduates we salute you! Whatever path has brought you to this point, we are proud of you. Whatever the future holds for you, we wish you well.

Congratulatory editorial

Hooray true sports!

Congratulations to all of the Highland Games winners who ran their butts off, stuffed their faces, tossed eggs and cabers, pulled rope until their hands blistered, and jumped around on one leg.

It may have seemed ridiculous at the time, but you must admit it was fun and exciting. Being able to run faster than anyone else made you feel as if you were on top of the world, and stuffing your face faster than anyone else not only gave you heartburn but made you feel as if you really had accomplished something.

Our school is full of athletes, and you proved you were one of them. Even if it was something as simple as tossing and egg back and forth you were still competing against others, and that makes you an athlete.

Aside from the competition, you also gave us laughter and entertainment. Seeing your friends or fellow students with pie all over their face is awfully amusing.

Most importantly, you have shown us that working together has a significance that we cannot deny. You have shown us that single units pulled into one are virtually unbeatable, and you seem to have accomplished this feat with an attitude of generosity toward teammates. Working together is what made you and your team winners!

Editorial

Increase minimum wage to aid workers' survival

The U.S. government has the power to make the average person's life better by raising the minimum wage. To provide someone with decent housing, food, clothing, transportation, etc. takes money. People working for minimum wage deserve to make enough money to support themselves.

If a job needs to be done, no matter how degrading, someone will have to do it. If an employer hires a person to do it, that person will still have to make a living. So they should be paid a respectable hourly wage. With the current minimum wage at \$3.35, it can't be done.

When a person is making an effort to better themselves, their wages should give them the opportunity to do so. A person's income affects their goals in life and their attitude toward others. When someone works 40 hours a week and can't make ends meet, they don't have much to look forward to.

In society, people are judged according to what they wear, the kind of car they drive and the kind of house they live in. Whether at work, play or worship, people must live up to certain standards of society to be accepted.

Working 40 hours a week at \$3.35 an hour amounts to (without income tax and social security taken out) \$134 a week. For one month, it amounts to \$536 and \$6,968 for a year. According to The 1989 World Almanac, the U.S. Bureau of the Census reported that the poverty level for one person in 1986 was \$5,572.

Congressmen and employers who don't want the minimum wage raised or don't want it raised high enough, are the ones who don't have to live on it. They're living in high cotton compared to the employees, yet they don't think their employees deserve an increase.

Thank you for letting me belong

By TERI LYN EISMA Editor-in-chief

Am I ready now? Yes, much more than I would have been without my experiences at MCC. Humor me. I, the Highland Herald Goddess of Journalism, want to relate a few parting words.

Peers. I found there is better life after high school.

Faculty. You're not just instructors. You care, want to help, and like to be able to recognize everyone from your classes by sight.

Administrators. You have kept things moving for the campus to benefit everyone.

Scene. MCC--a most beautiful campus. I have practically lived here for day and night classes and journalism labs the past year. I feel even the trees know me. I leave a part of myself here as I go.

I will miss close friends I have made on the news staff, in the drama and music departments, Student Government, International Club, and Phi Theta Kappa, and other friends. Thank you for being there, caring, listening, and for putting up with my eccentric purple mannerisms.

Thank you groundskeepers, librarians, counselors, student activities office, staff who do all the paperwork to keep the little highlander bagpiping on the tartan, fellow "journalists," squirrels, and

Thank you readers for your interest and responses. Best wishes for your success, future learning and good health!

Drive carefully and God Bless.

I'm outta here!

By JEFF CALAWAY

Well, I'm leaving. I would like to say how much I'm going to miss MCC, but if I did, no one could hear me, so I better write it. (Rimshot!)

But seriously, I'd like to say so long and thanks to a few people before I go. First, I'd like to thank Dr. Buckner for putting up with us the last two years and teaching me everything I know about journalism. I'd like to thank Mr. Dowdy for being so hard that he forced me to learn how to study. And finally as far as professors are concerned (and even if their not), I'd like to thank Danny Walker for teaching me to actually enjoy learning.

Goodbye and thanks to Keith, Darin, Lesley, and my Pulitzer partner Clay along with the rest of you journalists. Finally, a special thanks to Stevie and Al for being my buds. I'll miss Ya' STINKY!

Man-eating plant winner says 'Chow'

By LESLEY WILSON, Editorial Page Editor

It's finally time (after what seems like years) to say goodbye to this wonderful campus, so I will do it the best way I know how.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the professors who have tolerated the excessive tardiness, absence, and overall laziness I have exhibited throughout my stay here. They have shown me an understanding and genuine concern, for which the appreciation is beyond words.

Next, I would like to extend a special thank-you to Dr. Buckner of the Journalism Department. I have always hoped to make a career out of writing, and he has helped turn the dream into a reality.

With no disrespect to those mentioned above, I feel compelled to give my heartfelt appreciation to the friends I have made here. They never failed to stand by me, even when it seemed like there was no tomorrow. They always picked me up when I was down, and I'll never forget them for it.

Although the string of names is endless, these people include my fellow staff members (all of whom have my highest regards and best wishes), especially Darin, Jeffy, Keithy, Clayton (XXOO), Elizabeth, Carmen, and Teri. I also want to include one non-journalist, Kristi.

I can only hope for this much at Baylor. Thank you and good luck!

I know you won't miss me

By DARIN BROCK

Well, here it is. My final farewell. Usually I have a tumultuous amount of things to say, but this time I don't. I would like to thank all those people who read my columns, and I hope you enjoyed them.

Secondly I would like to thank all those who supported me during this learning experience (especially Dr. Buckner). It was a long but rewarding road, even though I never had a story on the front page.

Finally I thank and wish the best of luck to all my friends ("Cliff" Lasseter, "Frasier" Jenkins, "Woody" Calaway, "Karla" Wilson and the rest too numerous to name.) I hope one of them marries some one named Edith, so they can have their cake and Edith too. One last thought for all of those reading this: If sanity is a state of mind--I must be in Rhode Island.

Hasta la vista mis amigos!

By KEITH JENKINS

I can't believe it. It seems like only a month ago I was writing my first story for this newspaper and learning all the other "STUFF" that comes with the territory.

It's been exciting, rewarding and fun attending MCC and being a part of a hard working newspaper staff.

Throughout my education here, numerous teachers and close friends have been by my side keeping me in line and showing me what life can offer by working hard.

Dr. Buckner, words alone can not express my gratitude of your support and guidance. You devoted time helping me with my writing and problems that came along. Thank you for being my friend.

Nothing comes close to the memories I will always have of the times I've spent with my close journalism sister and brothers: Lesley "p...off" Wilson, Jeremy "grumpy bear" Lasseter, Robert "I've got my spine" Brock, and Will "I've got my Orange Crush" Calaway. No matter where we are in life, we will always be together.

And of course, I couldn't forget all of the rest of my journalism buddies.

I wish next semester's staff all the best. I know you will work together to continue the legacy.

Love you all,
Bryan "Sugar"

Memories, knowledge received

By KEN CRAWFORD

As I headed back to Waco after the most successful journalism convention ever, I had plenty of time to think about the last few years at MCC.

As the memories circled around in my head I realized I made many mistakes. My main mistake was some bad advice from a professional photojournalist that I tried to put to use. He told me to let my photography speak for itself and to be competitive to the point of sacrifice of all else.

Well, it took one person less than 24 hours to teach me that was wrong. I discovered that no matter how many awards you win or how much your peers and co-workers respect your work if they don't respect you as a person all the awards you can win don't mean diddly-squat.

With only a few weeks of school left, I can only put the knowledge that I received at MCC to use elsewhere so, look out Arlington. I'm on my way!

Personal Column

Who says men can't cook?

By TED MESSICK

People are always surprised when they find out that I can cook. They're even more surprised when they find out I actually like to cook. It's all true--I can, and I do.

My repertoire consists of everything from pancakes to veal parmigiana. What I don't know how to cook I find a recipe for and learn how to make it.

Being a cook comes in handy. If I didn't know how to cook my roommate and I would either starve or live off of cereal--both of which are pretty much the same thing in my opinion.

Girls just absolutely love having a guy cook for them. My favorite dish to cook for a date is lasagna. Four and a half years ago I cooked lasagna for Mary Elizabeth Starnes, my best friend and now she has me cooking for her all the time.

"When we got married," she likes to tell me, "you'll have to do all the cooking, I'm not going to do a thing." I point out--if that's the way it's to be--she will have to support us while I stay home and become an artist. True--it probably wouldn't work out but it's fun to dream.

At the risk of being chauvinistic--I feel obligated to point out that all the greatest chefs in the world have one thing in common. They are men!

Best thing I like about being able to cook is--the secure thought it gives me knowing I don't have to live on cereal!



Reginald bids farewell to MCC and returns to where he was born.

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Herald sets record 16 wins

By DARIN BROCK

The MCC journalism staff set a Highland Herald record when 19 journalists received 16 awards at the recent Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention.

In addition, Dr. Tom Buckner, journalism instructor, was elected secretary of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Advisers Association. MCC students placed in three live events which took place at the convention. Judging of articles submitted by the staff from spring

and fall 1988 issues of the Highland Herald netted the staff an additional 13 awards.

"This is the most we've won since I've been here," Buckner said. "This is the first time we had anyone place in the live events." Those who broke the drought in

the live competition were Sara Wartes and Ken Crawford. Crawford took first place in feature photography and second in action photography. Wartes placed second in copy editing. Many of the contests had 40 or more contestants, many of them representing major universities in the state.

Winners of Highland Herald articles were Sherry Williams, first place in feature writing; Sara Wartes, honorable mention in series reporting; Jeff Osborne, second place in general column; Jeff Calaway and Clay Lasseter, first place for sports column; Jeff Calaway and Jeff Osborne, third place in sports news.

Ken Crawford walked away with a second place in sports feature photography, third place and honorable mention in sports action photography and second place in picture story. Teri Lyn Elisma and Lesley Wilson took second place in headline writing; the Highland Herald staff received an honorable mention in editorial writing; Bruce Cummings took second and Darin Brock took third in critical review.

The TIPA convention is held every year for colleges who have a newspaper and wish to meet and compete with other schools. Two and four year schools of all sizes compete in various writing and photography events.

Buckner said that the convention is a great learning experience and it helps students network with professors and other students from larger colleges.

"The best part, however, was the awards," Buckner said. "I was extremely proud of our students who fared so well against some tough competition."



SHOWING OFF AWARDS they won at the recent Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention, Highland Herald staff members are standing, left to right, Jeff Calaway, Juanita Millar, Brian Yates, Judson Burroughs, Lisa Horne, Darin Brock, Rebecca Perkins, and

Sherry Williams Evans. The middle row includes Lesley Wilson, Carmen French, Elizabeth DeLeon, Tammy Richards, Rhonda Hargrove, and Sara Wartes. On the front row are Clay Lasseter, Keith Jenkins, Teri Lyn Elisma and Ken Crawford.

Student 'Tales' published

By KEBANA REED

Fifteen students of English 301 have won a different kind of recognition in a writing contest. The papers of the winners are bound into a book and sent to all faculty members.

More than 70 students submitted papers initially, and 15 were chosen as winners. The winners were Rosa Barrera, Chad Betras, DeAndrea Braune, Maria Carlsson, Gellie Chelmo, Raywerd Debor, Larry Hernandez, James Merritt, Mac McCain, Tom Nowlin, Gloria Osborne, Donna Porter, Renee Ritter, Kitty Rosas and David Rudder.

"I wrote a paper about how I came to the United States from Guatemala and how learning English changed my life. I have friends now," said Barrera.

"I wrote a paper about the best advice I've ever gotten," said Carlsson, a physical education major from Sweden. "It was to come to the United States to study and play tennis."

Rosas wrote a paper about her counselor. Rosas, studying to be a

medical laboratory technician, said she is enjoying English more now than in high school. "I didn't think I had it in me," Rosas said.

"I'm really pleased that so many students participate," said Cheryl Bohde, writing lab coordinator. "We've gotten good responses."

Students write about their choice of three topics, Bohde said. Some topics have been "How to Be a Texan," "The Best Advice You've Ever Received," "If I Had the Power to Endow Human Beings With Any Trait It Would Be..." and "The Ideal Teacher."

Several people helped to make the contest a success. Melissa Story designed the book covers. The name of this semester's book is called "Telling Tales." Titles of other books have been "The Write Stuff," "Vantages and Voices," and "Persons, Places, and Things."

Students worked under the supervision of teaching assistants Gail Patton and Clare Dunn, according to Bohde. Two student tutors were Michael Field and Mary Kujawa. Teachers that judged the contest were Jack Yarbrough, Cindy Soltelle, and Debbie Hull.



MARIA CARLSSON, one of 15 writing contest winners, reads the published collection of the essays, "Telling Tales."

New scholarships deadline May 31

By LISA HORNE

Two new scholarship programs, one geared toward blacks and Hispanics and one geared toward Upward Bound student graduates, have been created by MCC.

Deadline for applying for these scholarships is May 31.

The scholarship for black and Hispanic students will be awarded to 20 McLennan County residents

who are high school graduates or those who complete the General Educational Development (GED) test. Students should have a B average (a grade point average of 80 or better) or a score of 50 or above on their GED test to qualify. An application and letters of recommendation must be submitted.

The scholarship is \$250 for each semester and is valid for two full calendar years. To maintain eligi-

bility, students must carry at least 12 semester hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

"The scholarship for black and Hispanic students is part of MCC's ongoing emphasis to try to recruit more minority students," said James Kubacak, MCC financial aid director. "It is designed to be an encouragement."

The Upward Bound student scholarships will be awarded to two McLennan County high school

graduates who have actively participated in the Upward Bound program serves 60 students from University, Waco, LaVega and Connally high schools and the Waco Ninth Grade School. It offers twice-weekly tutoring and cultural enrichment for students. Upward Bound is under the direction of Eleanor Taylor, MCC counselor.

For more information about these or other MCC scholarships call Kubacak at 750-3598.

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REGISTER/STOCKING-Day a vary, 3-7 p.m. CASHIERS/FILLERS-Days vary, flexible hours, \$3.50 an hour.

TELEPHONE-2 positions-8-1 and 1-5 Monday-Friday, \$4.75 an hour. Previous office experience.

GIRL FRIDAY-Monday-Friday 1-6 or 7 copying filing \$4.75 an hour. Previous office experience.

CRAFTS INSTRUCTOR-30 hours per week (more in summer) Salary DOE. Work with children.

PE INSTRUCTOR-30 h/w (more in summer) Salary DOE. Work with children.

TELLER-Monday-Thursday 2-6 and Saturday 9-1. Teller Experience.

TELEMARKETING-Temporary 4-5 months. Weekends and evenings \$4.21 an hour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER JOBS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF PLACEMENT, THIRD FLOOR, STUDENT CENTER

NEWS BRIEFS

Smoking policy details set

Smoking will be prohibited in all college owned vehicles and in all buildings at McLennan Community College except as designated:

- Administration/Classroom Building, the lounge area on ground floor.
- Student center, east end of dining area.
- Community Service Center, Corridor A-38 (designated refreshment area with ramp for handicapped)

Effective June 1, 1989, smoking shall be permitted in individual faculty/administrative offices except while students and/or visitors are being assisted in those offices. However, smoking shall be prohibited in offices or office areas that are shared by two or more people if one of these individuals is a non-smoker.

Receptacles for extinguishing smoking material shall be placed outside all buildings on campus.

Dance Company members picked

Ten new members chosen in the April 22 tryouts for the Dance Company and their schools are Kathy Goffinet, Sheraton Harris and Jacqueline Johnson, Waco High; Diana McDonald, LaVega; Esther Resendez and Tara Vaughn, University; Jacqueline Carpenter, Gatesville; Kimberly Henderson and Kristi Riley, Hubbard; and Carrie Ready, El Paso.

Returning members are Diane Craig, Waco; Michelle Meister, Midway; Melissa Clark, Gatesville; Angie Elkin, Hillsboro; and Jill Pearson, Marlin.

Officer tryouts will be June 17. For information, contact Sandy Hinton, MCC physical education instructor at 750-3551.

Reception to honor Yarbrough

The campus community has been invited to a reception to honor Jack Yarbrough, instructor of English, on his retirement after 22 years with MCC. Arranged by his friends in the English department, the reception will be in the lounge of the Faculty Office Building Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Members of the Honoring Committee are Cheryl Bohde, Billy Dowdy, Debbie Hull, and Travis Looper.

Board meeting date changed

The next meeting of MCC's Board of Trustees has been rescheduled from May 9 to May 11 to allow President Michaelis to speak to McGregor High School honor students.

At the most recent meeting of the board, trustees met in executive session to discuss faculty contracts for the next school year, then returned to open session to approve a list of instructors.

Textbook buy-backs May 15-16

The Bookstore will begin book buy-back days May 15 and 16. See Susan Burgard for times, explanations about what the book store will buy back, and how much it will pay for the books.

Library book deadline May 8

The library staff reminds students and faculty members that May 8 is the deadline for all books to be returned.

Also, any student interested in working in the library during the summer sessions or fall semester can get more information at the circulation desk.

Study help available

Students needing help studying for finals or last minute tutoring can go by the General Studies Lab in LA 109, Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m.

Taylor-Smith honored

A counselor with the college's Small Business Development Center has been selected as the district Women in Business Advocate for 1989.

Diannacy Taylor-Smith will accept her award May 5 at the North Texas Business Congress at the Dallas Hyatt-Regency in conjunction with national Small Business Week, May 7-13. As the Dallas district recipient, she will then be eligible for further recognition at the state and national levels. She is president and founder of Achievement Resources, Inc., a corporation that serves as a training, consulting, marketing and service company dedicated to the advancement of women.

Postal representative here

A representative from the United States Postal Service will be on campus today 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Applied Science Building. The career opportunities offered by the Postal Service will be discussed. There is a specific interest in graduates with accounting, computer/data processing, management, and general business degrees.

Early registration begins

Summer early registration begins today. Check below for Summer and Fall registration times and see your guidance counselor for further information. **Summer 1989**

Early Registration SUMMER I

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2 and 3 (by time permit only) 2-6:30 p.m., Student Center Lounge.

Regular Registration

Daytime registration (by time permit only) Wednesday, May 31, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Student Center.

Evening registration (first come first served). Wednesday, May 31, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

Late Registration/Drops and Adds

Thursday, June 1, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., Student Center.

Friday, June 2, noon-2 p.m., Student Center.

Monday, June 5, 4-6 p.m., Administration Building Lobby.

SUMMER II

No early registration.

Monday, July 10 (by time permit only).

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Student Center.

Tuesday, July 11, noon-2 p.m., Student Center.

Wednesday, July 12, 9 a.m.-noon, Administration Building Lobby.

Fall Registration 1989

(permits available beginning June 12)

Early Registration

August 1-3, 2-6:30 p.m.

Regular Registration

August 20, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Late Registration/Drops and Adds

August 22-23, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fund bill 'attracts trash' says Taylor

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Tuition may be up to help put funds back in college reserve funds, but MCC is not alone in trying to rebuild its financial base caused by state cutbacks in the last session of the Legislature.

Other colleges across the state are faced similar situations, according to President Dennis Michaelis. MCC has been obliged to use its reserve funds to pay \$900,000 for employee health insurance.

Local state Representatives M.A. Taylor and Betty Denton seemed hopeful in November about the appropriation bill to pay

the expenses for the college employee insurance. Nothing along those lines has been passed yet, but is currently under discussion in the Senate as of last Friday.

"I think they need to make up their minds if teachers are state employees or not," Taylor said recently. He said Senate Bill No. 338 passed in Appropriations Committee April 20.

The bill, as described by Taylor, "contains a number of minority set-asides," which he feels should be taken out. Taylor and 18 others voted April 20 to have the set-asides taken out of the bill. Until this is done "the bill is held hostage," he said.

This is a good bill, he said, and like other favorable bills "trash

gets tacked on to it (which) in general louses up the appropriation bill."

"I feel the governor will almost certainly veto it the way it stands now with all this trash in it," Taylor added. "I believe it will eventually pass. It needs to, but not with all the trash."

He described the set-asides as quotas which he felt could give the state future legal problems if these quotas weren't met.

Last Tuesday the bill passed in the House and was sent to the Senate Friday.

Denton could not be contacted for her comment on the bill. For more information and daily updates about Senate Bill No. 338 call 1-800-252-9808.

Highland Games 89'

Photos by Ken Crawford



THE THRILL OF VICTORY...Sherrell Richardson and Chris Taylor breeze past the competition to place first in the first heat of the Three-Legged Race.



HIPPETY-HOP ABOUT TO DROP...Terrell Miller can't tell where his next step is as Lisa Lucket follows him into a fall.



HOW ABOUT A FLY II BALL? Juanita Walton puts her shot and it really flies.



UP, UP AND AWAY...Jerry Roberts shoots for the sky in the men's Stone Throw.



TUGGING AWAY...Chiqui Sanchez, Wendy Gholson, Tara Adams and Ron Hernandez pull with all their might just

seconds before being pulled across the line in the Tug-of-War event.



YUCK!...Wendy Gholson finds herself in a slimy situation as she attempts to catch an egg in the Egg Toss.



UNBREAKABLE...Henry Golightly catches the last egg tossed without breaking it to place first.



SOME TOSSED THE CABER like a twig...Brian Mathis puts some one-leggedumph into the toss.

SG Sweeps Highland Games

By LISA HORNE

Eggs crack, legs tied together fall down, and mud is dirty, but lots of unofficial athletes competed for fun at the annual Highland Games Wednesday.

In overall competition Student Government took first place with 42 points followed by Phi Beta Theta Alpha with 16 points. Students on the Move for Christ with 13 points, International Club with seven points, Nosotros with six points and Iron Man with five points.

In the Highland Run with men aged 17 to 24 Kevin Roark took first place followed by Camba Stefan in second and Ronnie Rhodes in third place.

In the same category of women Kristen Von Hohn took first followed by Corinne Kroll in second place Corinne Kroll.

In the men's age group 30 thru 39 Joe Alonzo took first place and the women's category 30 thru 39 Barbara Gresham won followed by second place Cindy Higgins.

In the women's 40 thru 49 age group Lynn Abernathy took first in the Highland Run followed by

Dorothy Horne in second. In the men's 50 plus category first place went to John Nobis. In the women's 50 plus age group Gail Burrier took first followed by second place Lois Kerr.

The winners of the Jalapeno-Eating contest were first place Jose Palacios, second place Antonio Dominguez and third place Brian Mathis.

The winners of the Pie-Eating contest were first place Mario Jimenez fed by Jerry Reyes, second place Juanita Walton fed by Rene Peever and third place Jerry Roberts who was fed by Candace Green.

The winners in the Caber Toss were first place Gary Zacharias, second place Brian Wallace and Michael Villarreal in third place.

The winners in the men's Stone Throw were first place Gary Zacharias, second place Bobby Bradshaw and third place Kenneth Tate. The winners in the women's Stone Throw were first place Sherry Lamas, second place Lisa Anderson and third place Shannan Costo.

The winners of the Earth Ball contest were first place team Mark Garrett, Marci DeShazo and Sherry; second place team went to

Brian Wallace, Kim Macki and Lisa Luckett; and a three-way tie for the third place team of James, Susie and Cindy; the team of Jimmy Grmela, Kirstan Long and Juanita Walton; and the team of Terrill Miller, Teri Eisma and Carmen French.

The team winners of the Egg Toss were Henry Golightly and Martha Grant for first place, second place Brad Cooper and Donna Hutyra and third place Kevin Duprey and Trina Harris.

The winners of the Volleyball contest were first place Students on the Move for Christ, second place Phi Theta Alpha and third place Iron Man.

The team winners of the Three-Legged Race were first place Angie Laws and Kyle Weaver, second place James Meyer and Kim Macki, and third place Chris Taylor and Sherrell Richerson.

The Tug-of-War winners were first place Students on the Move for Christ, second place Student Government and third place Phi Theta Alpha.

In the Tug-of-War competition, where twice as many women pulled against the men, the men's team won for the first time in several years.

Graduates commence at May 18 ceremony at Convention Center

More than 250 students will receive degrees and certificates from the college in commencement ceremonies in Chisholm Hall at the Waco Convention Center at 8 p.m. May 18.

Dennis Michaelis, completing his first year as president of the school, will be the main speaker on the program as he delivers the "Challenge to the Graduates."

The program will begin with the traditional march of the faculty and graduates into the hall led by bagpipers of the Dallas Caledonian Pipes and Drums.

Other music will include the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by student Chamerlain Newhouse, and "Let's Begin Again," a selection from "The Reluctant Dragon," sung by Opera Workshop members Casey Glaser, Chad Hughes, Marlene Kohler, Kamlin Martin, Brian Mathis, Byron McCauley, John Russell, Stacey Spry, Drew Wornack, and Newhouse.

The program also includes the invocation by the Rev. Alvin Sanford of Bracks Chapel Methodist Church, the benediction by Rabbi Joshua S. Taub of Temple Rodef Shalom, and special presentations by Stephanie Crumpton, secretary of Student Government, and Donald McCauley, president of the Faculty Council.

Graduating with honors

Special recognition will go to students who have excelled in the classroom.

Scheduled to graduate "with highest honors," or straight "A" marks in all their classes, are Peter John Blaskiewicz, Christian C. Nieman, Lori Michelle Lenamon, Cathy Sue Steed, and Karen Renee Rankin.

Those with "high honors," or whose grade point average has equaled or exceeded 3.8 on 4.0 scale, are Sharon Lee Giles, Nan Sanders Johnson, Mary Frances Brown, Earl Bradley Cownover, Kris Allan Griffin, David Allen Westerfeld, Donna Jo Wells, Carrie Alice Marie Degrate, Troy Aahlen Von Haefen, William Peter Branch, Donna Pursche, Garry Lynn Radke, Jeannie Marie Swank, Jill Suzanne Holland, Barbara Rene Steinbrenner, and Rhonda Faye Dreyer.

On the list to graduate with "honors" (3.5-3.79 GPA) are Catherine Neckar Allen, Karen Sue Meyer, Amy Fenn, John J. Guzman, Rebecca Terral Dobbs, Mari Gayle Doskocil, Valerie Rose Grimm, Jodi Rae Jones, Debra Annette Walton, Carolyn Annette Bennett, Paul Frank Cepak, Aprille Lea Kaska, Randy W. Kemp, Vernon A. Kohut, Julie A. Norton, Phyllis Ann Morgan Thomas, Donna D. Griffin, David Anthony Tallarigo, and Lori Jeanne Allen.

Also on the "honors" list are Sherri Davidson, Kimberly Wagenschein Harrison, Joan White Nerviano, Scott Hardin Joyce, Larry James Edwards, Frank P. Sutton, Jerri Gwen Carpenter, Judith A. Carter, Susan Mitchell Anderson, Richard Franklin Roberson, Robert N. Rinehart, Cecil Ray Walter, Marlene Windham Avants, Peggy Hayworth, Rowena K. Johnson, Lana Renae Sims, Kay Rohre Wilson, and Doris M. Stribling.

Candidates for graduation

Candidates for graduation include Alan Lee Kelley, Alice Louise Smith, Amy Fenn, Amy Jo Rauschuber, Andrew J. Martin, Angela DeNoyce White, Angela Lynn Kitchens, Angela Temple, Anna B. Meredith, Aprille Lea Kaska, Azer Lee Williams, Babe Aycock, Barbara Ann Fincher, Barbara Campbell Sloane, Barbara Dotson, Barbara Kay Walls, Barbara R. Steinbrenner, Barnette Freeman, and Belinda Harden.

Also Berda Lee Henry, Bernice Ann Johnson, Roth Ann McMurtry, Betsy Grimm, Beverly Kay Cobb, Beverly Kay Cox, Bob Allen McCann, Bobby Wayne Parker, Bonnie Fay Vickers, Bradley G. Prenevoist, Brenda Ann Walker D'Amico, Brenda Faye Pool, Brenda K. Floyd, Brenda S. Hardy Glenn, Buford West, Carl R. Mayfield Jr., Carla A. Maynard, Carmen D. Christopher, and Carol Ann Brooks.

Also Carol S. Hodge, Carolyn Bennett, Carolyn L. Robinson, Carroll P. Boarden, Currie Allee Marie DeGrato, Cathryn L. Williams, Cathy Sue Steed, Cecil Ray Walter, Charles E. Vickers, Christian C. Nieman, Christopher John Lewis, Cindy Modena Thornell, Claudia Estrella Posay, Cloia K. Smith, Clinton Dean Baker, Col-

leen M. Holden, and Connie Arlyne Anderson.

Also Cynthia Ann Kleypas, Cynthia E. Sewell, Cynthia Maureen Ridenour, Dannie Ray Williams, Darrel G. DeGraw, David Allen Westerfeld, David Anthony Tallarigo, David Paul King, Dawn Ann Durose, Debra A. Walton, Debra Allison Perez, Debra R. Brown, Delinda Diane Abbe, Delores Jean Beran, Denise Desiree Crocker, Denise F. Oxley, Denise Pollock, and Diana Rodriguez.

Also Diann Marie Sulak, Dinah Lynn Price, Donna D. Griffin, Donna D. Reese, Donna Jo Wells, Donna Kay Fabianke, Donna Pursche, Donna Sue Wells, Doris M. Stribling, Doryce Ollene Payne, Eleanor Lehrman, Elias Joseph De La Cruz Velazquez, Eloine Christine Bush, Eric Edgar Sarrafian, Esther M. Marshall, Eugene Rene Molina, Francine Logan, and Frank P. Sutton.

Also Fred K. Flaniken, Gail Elaine Will, Garry Lynn Radke, Gary D. Ward, Georgene Smith Holt, Gwendolyn A. Greene, Glenn D. Hessel, Henry A. Randolph, Jacqueline Davis, James Walts, Jana Susan Helmcamp, Janice D. Flye, Janie Ruth Wehrman, Janine Radunz Truax, Jeanie M. Swank, Jennifer Dansby, Jerri Gwen Carpenter, Jerry L. Stewart, and Jill Suzanne Holland.

Also Jimmie Dale Jones, Jo Raye Lands, Joan White Nerviano, Jodi Rae Jones, Joe D. Cisneros, Joe David Correa, Joel H. Barnett, John Ed Boles, John J. Guzman, Jon D. Andre, Joyce Porter-Dunn, Judith Ann Carter, Judith Parrish Rose, Judy C. Fitzpatrick, Judy M. Hinchey, Julia McClellan, Julie A. Norton, Julie Jackson, June F. Horton, and Karen L. Herbst.

Also Karen D. Page, Karen Renee Rankin, Karina Herring, Kathleen Jones, Katrina K. Erwin, Kay Rohre Wilson, Kebana L. Reed, Kenneth Wayne Alexander, Kimberly Dawn Birdsong, Kimberly Kay Ahrens, Kimberly Wagenschein Harrison, Kris Allan Griffin, Krishna B. Reed, Kristi Ann Gathright, Kristine Reni Nilssen, Kyle Douglas Akin, Lana Larson, and Lana Renae Sims.

Also Larry James Edwards, Larry Wydermyre, Laura A. Wilson, Laurie Magness Sykora, Lawayne Ponzell Shirley Reeves, Leonard Perry Jr., Linda A. Whitfield, Linda Gail Adams, Linda Jane Derrick, Linda K. Langehenig, Linda Qualls, Lisa Jean Patricia Harris, Lisa Renee Anderson, Lois E. Radunz, Lois E. Radunz, Lonnie E. Dossey Jr., and Lori Jeanne Allen.

Also Lori Michelle Lenamon, Lorin G. Curry, Lynn Summers, M. Elizabeth Black, Madeline Sabo, Maedell B. Robinson, Margaret Ann Swanson Abendschein, Mari Gayle Doskocil, Maria Jesus Sanchez, Mark Zylberfuden, Marlene W. Avants, Martha Cox, Mary Elizabeth Vesely, Mary F. Brown, Mary H. Ray, Mary Lee Nichols, Matthew Scott Wheeler, and Mattie Marie Smith.

Also Melinda McClinton, Melissa Danyelle Hollyfield, Melissa Jo Walker, Miriam A. Shannon, Mori Dianne Suasa, Mylinda Jo Ustanik, Myra Diuguid, Myron D. Meier, Nan Sanders Johnson, Nancy Brown Hoyt, Nancy Carol Swanson, Nancy Griffith Newman, Natalie Diane Rush, Nina Busby Ross, Norma H. Thronburg, Norma L. Burns, and Odean Es-lava McClain.

Also Ortenia C. Sabido, Patrice M. Devereau, Patricia A. Kreader, Patricia Rhea Laubert, Patsy Farmer, Paul Frank Cepak, Paul M. Duncan, Peter John Blaskiewicz, Phyllis Ann Morgan Thomas, Phyllis Sauls-Sypho, Poppy Renea Hickman, Queen E. Benson, Randy Wayne Kemp, Rebecca Terral Dobbs, Rhonda Faye Dreyer, Richard Wayne Steppy Jr., and Richard F. Roberson.

Also Richard H. Varlen, Richard Roy Lester, Rita Ann Lopez, Robert D. Cannaday, Robert N. Rinehart, Robin Rebecca Varner, Roger Lynn Wood, Roger Manning Davis, Ronald Doll Bredemeyer, Rosanne Glinksi, Rose Marie Volska, Roy Gene Williams, Royce Hamilton Scott, Russell Craig Rhodes, Russell S. Harvill, Sally Wells Johnson, and Sandra C. Jones.

Also Sandra K. Bedford, Sarajano Annette DeSopo, Scott Hardin Joyce, Scott R. Mays, Scott W. Smith, Seta Barsamian, Shana R. Proctor, Shaun Romarquez Sutton, Shelly K. Griffin, Sheri C. Tallarigo, Sherri Davidson, Sherrice Nan Ryan, Sherry Jo Anderson, Shirley June Cooper Davenport, Stephanie Ann Crumpton, Stephanie Turk, and Stephen Philip Freeman.

Also Stephen Thomas Tomich, Steven E. Johnson, Susan Dianne Ruiz, Susan Mitchell Anderson, Suzanne M. Godsey, Sylvia Dannielle Hayes, Tammy Degner, Tammy Kaye Boyd, Teresa E. Williams, Teri F. Sharp, Terrell Gene Miller, Terri Frances Levison, Theodore G. Iglehart III, Thomas Gordon Spry, Tommy E. Kennedy, Toni L. Stephens, Tonia G. Hunt, and Troy Allen Von Haefen.

Also Valerie Rieger Grimm, Velencia D. Jones, Verda Fay Haynes, Verna M. Riley, Vernon Kohut, Vincent P. Hall, Virginia Jackson, Wanda Faye Chatman, Wanda Lee Elaine Holt, William McDonald Holmes III, William D. Ross, William J. Dunn, William Peter Branch, Winifred Loretta Looney, Yolande H. Gustafson, Zahna Lynn Colvin, Devin Howenstine, and Ghada Talje.

December Graduates

Those who completed degree and certificate requirements in the fall semester were Peggy Hayworth, Donna Denise Mattlage, Tim Adams, Karla Allen, Nancy Lee Allen, Amelia Anderson, Dana D. Arnold, Cassandra Davis Barre, Margaret C. Beachum, Tamy C. Belville, Clyne A. Bigelow, Peggy Ann Blanchard, Amy Bloxton, Mary Jane Bohon, Harry L. Boland, Larry Joe Bone, Merd-ice Brooks, Abbie Butcher, and Kim Duke Carter.

Also Porfirio Casarez, Paul D. Cate, Merle Jeanette Chapman, Jan Cochran, Peggy L. Cohn, Eddie M. Coleman, Cynthia Leann Conner, Shirley Iglehart Cooper, Evelyn C. Cossey, Walda Kennedy Crain, Bryon Cunningham, James L. D'Alessandro, Linda L. Felice, John C. Fore, Rebecca D. Howell Foster, Jeff Gage, Carolyn Suzanne Garza, Keith Damon Gatewood, and Peggy J. Gauntt.

Also Patsy Ann Green, Jeannie Gail Guardiola, Monique U. Hardin, Rhonda Evett Harrison, Shawn Michelle Hendrickson, Ralph Len Hicks, Leslie Ann Holecek, Amy R. Isbell, Joan Jackson, Donna Jepson, Pamela D. Jeschke, Dorothea Iglehart Johnson, Frances Jones, Ros Kerry Dawn Kusler, Mary Evelyn Lane, Billy J. Lenart, Kary A. Lippe, Mary Frances Long, and John Howard Low.

Also Randy J. Mangham, Patricia O. Manuel, John Gregory Martin, Shena Marie Medlock, William Robert Miller, Ava B. Mitchell, Lois Ruth Mixon Nelson, Janice Marie Ortlip, Girlean Parmes, Armadine Pete, Dorita Phillips, Allee R. Poe, Glenn R. Prewett, Pedro Quiroga, Lori Lynn Rebando, Doris G. Ricketts, Thomas J. Rinehart Jr., and Cassandra Dee Ross.

Also David R. Smith, Kimberly Smith, Terri Lane Springer, Shelia Michelle Stough, Elizabeth Swamer, Leesa Marie Swift, Mary J. Teakell, Hazel E. Thomas, Daniel T. Turner, Sammie Faye Turner, Lee Van Wagner, Ramon Vargas Sr., Todd Brent Waller, Melvin Wayne Watkins, Madie Sue Watson, Marian J. Werland, Jamie Carol Chenault Wilson, and Ronald S. Wilson.

Apprentices acquire awards

By JUANITA MILLAR

A group of MCC and Waco Independent School District Cosmetology students attended the 41st annual contest of Texas Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and returned with 23 ribbons.

Twenty-four students and their instructor, Frances Bravo attended the competition, which was held at the Houston Astro Arena and Exposition Center on April 6-8.

Placing first in the Fantasy Comb-outs division were Rebecca Garza and Roberta LaQue of Waco High and Rita Barrentoz of University High. First place winners in Evening Comb-outs were Victoria Johnson and Benitez Sanchez of University High.

Other first place winners were Marilyn Moore of Waco High in the Basic Forms division, Dawn Walker of Waco High in the Notebook category, and Waco High students Sheryl Wilson, Gwendolyn Bell, and Phyllis Nelson in the Wet Sets division. Also taking first in the Fantasy Perma category were Waco High students Jennifer Snyder, Pamela Sutcliff, Katrina Anderson, Andrea Sutcliff, Mifol Walker, and Wendy Fogotte.



LAUGHING TOO HARD TO PULL--Melissa Hyatt and Teri Lyn Eisma concentrate on the aspect of pulling a rope across the mud against a team of stouter comedians.



OTHERS DROPPED IT like a log...Ched Watananueah's caber slips through his hands.



PIGGING OUT...Carmen French munches away on pie as Ched Watananueah feeds her in the Pie Eating Contest.

Photo by Gary Dutschmann

'Landers sweep Plainsman

By TED MESSICK

As an August-like sun beat down upon the many fans that filled the stands this weekend for the three game series against Frank Phillips, they were put through the emotional wringer more than once. All three games had two things in common, all three were close and all three were pulled out in the end by MCC.

Friday, MCC ace Rusty Silcox got the start. Although getting touched for seven runs on four hits, six walks, and a hit batter in the first three innings, Silcox managed to settle down into his game and didn't allow another hit or run before he left the game in the seventh inning with a 14-7 lead.

Tracy Hobbs came in next to close out the game but during the ninth allowed the Plainsman to rally in the ninth and pull themselves within one. Coach Miller made the call to the bullpen and with two runners left on the pads

brought in Bret Lowry. Lowry gave up a game tying single to Ramon Moreno before retiring Mike Adams on a groundout to first.

In the bottom of the ninth with two outs and two men on base, sophomore third baseman, Luis Gomez, who was four for seven that day, having been on base everytime with three walks, a single, two doubles, and four RBI's, clutch hit for a single giving Bret Lowry and MCC the win.

Saturday's first game saw freshman pitcher, Jerome (G.G.) McGary, taking the hill. Trailing most of the way through the game, McGary managed to hold the Plainsmen to only three runs until MCC finally managed to get the bats working and pull off a victory when Frank Phillips pitcher, Darian Jenkins, gave up a walk with the bases loaded in the seventh to end the game.

In the nightcap the Plainsman got the bats working right away as

they jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first. MCC answered with four runs of their own in the first when Joey Herring got a double bringing in three runs, and advancing himself to third on a balk, and home on a wild pitch, making it a new ball game going into the second tied at 4-4.

Lowry got the call for the second time in the series and ended up getting another win as the Highlanders ran past the Plainsman 9-6.

With the sweep, the Highlanders move into first place, as they hold a two game lead over Hill College. The Highlanders close out conference play with a pivotal three-game series with Howard College at home this weekend. The top two teams from each region qualify for a berth in the NJCAA slate playoffs in Brenham May 16-18.



Photo by Ken Crawford

Intramural play-offs

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

The Fellowship, the student government team, beat the Ducks, the physical therapy team, two games to zero in a best of three during the Highland Games on Wednesday.

Ready for some wet and wild fun? Then maybe the "Big Splash Contest" is for you. You don't have to be big to win according to Coach Hudson. "It's knowing how to do it...there's a technique."

"Big Splash Contest" will take place tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the pool at the HPE Building.

If wet's not for you-how about pickle ball? It's played on a badminton court with a plastic ball and wooden paddle. A pickle ball tournament will be held May 5-10 at 10 a.m.

The intramural softball play-off, began on Monday and will continue this week with the final game being played next Monday at 10 a.m.

Describing this years' intramural softball turnout Hudson said, "participation turned out real well...we had four all-men teams...(this was the) first year we didn't have a co-ed."

Hudson plans not to entertain summer intramurals.

Next year Hudson hopes to have "more participation from the female segment of the population," he said.

TIE?--Highlander Luis Gomez attempts to tag out Frank Phillips' Manny Robinson at third.

Robinson was called safe by the umpire. Gomez knocked in the final run with a base hit to defeat the Plainsmen, 18-17.

'Landers, 'Lassies sign athletes

By CLAY LASSETER

As the sophomores move on to their prospective four-year schools, coaches around the campus strive to replace those leaving.

The Highlander basketball team has signed six players for next season. The following is a list of those players signed, along with average points per game and their respective high schools.

Hulon Lodd 6'1 23 ppg. Booker T. Washington High School, Houston

Reggie Johnson 6'5 22 ppg. Corpus Christi King High School

Lavon Perrin 6'2 24 ppg. Copperas Cove High School

Robert Hall 6'6 16 ppg. Forest Brook High School, Houston

Kirk Dembo 6'2 25 ppg. Jones

High School, Beeville

Darryl Fredericks 5'11 21 ppg. Miami South High School, Miami, Fla.

According to assistant coach Richard Kilgore the Highlanders hope to sign two more players. But, the Highlanders have found what they were looking for --guards.

"We have recruited guards to replace the ones that have graduated," said Kilgore, "We're excited about them. It is a good recruiting class. We just need one more freshman player inside."

Recruiting has gone well for the Highladies as well. The Highladies have signed seven players for next season.

Tabatha Truesdale 5'9 32 ppg. Rosebud-Lott High School

Kalen Parkinson 5'7 18 ppg. Grandview High School, Grandview

Kelly Silver 5'11 18 ppg. China Spring High School

Staci Sims 6'2 10 ppg. R.L. Turner High School, Carrollton

Marnee Anderson 5'10 12 ppg. Tuloso Midway High School, Corpus Christi

Martine Anderson 5'11 12 ppg. Tuloso Midway High School, Corpus Christi

Shanda Reese 5'8 15 ppg. Waco High School

Head coach Wendell Hudson is pleased with year's recruiting class. "It's one of the best recruiting classes we've had. They are all very good athletes, not just good basketball players. That's kind of hard to find," stated Hudson.



Photo by Ken Crawford

STRIKE--Bret Lowry throws a strike in Friday's win over Frank Phillips, 18-17. Lowry got the win Friday coming in to close out the ninth inning.

1992: A change for the better



Sports Talk



By JEFF CALAWAY

and

CLAY LASSETER

Apparently the Olympic Committee came to their senses and listened to us concerning the allowance of professional athletes to compete in the 1992 Olympics.

In our column last semester, we wrote a proposal to the Committee about this matter. The unfairness of allowing older, professional athletes from the Soviet Union and other countries to compete against our "amateur" athletes.

Up until 1972, the United States Olympic basketball team was undefeated until a controversial decision was handed down against the Americans allowing the Russians to take the victory. Then in the 1988 Olympics, the Soviets captured the gold again. Things were looking bad for the good old USA.

That is until the International Basketball Federation declared professional players in the States eligible for the Olympics, possibly guaranteeing the return of a dynasty.

The new rules will finally allow America's best on the floor regardless of their age and experience.

Since the Russians and most of the other countries do not have professional teams, this allowed them to have players continue to play well into their 30s while we only put players in their early 20s on the floor.

The new rules will allow for players such as Michael Jordan, Dominique Wilkins, and Patrick Ewing to take the floor by 1992 in Barcelona, and they could be playing as early as this year in the Goodwill Games in Seattle.

But, let's hope that this trend doesn't stop with just basketball. Imagine the likes of stepping in the ring with Mike Tyson. Surely, the Soviets would love that, a "Rocky IV" coming true to life, or how about playing a tennis match against Andre Agassi?

Don't forget about the sport of baseball. Soon this will be more than just an exhibition sport. How about facing a lineup with such names as Orel Hersheiser, Darryl Strawberry, Wade Boggs, Don Mattingly and Jose Canseco?

Perhaps the Olympic Committee has realized its mistake. The United States has been cheated for several years and our time is due. We have some catching up to do and with the new rule changes along with the ones to come, surely the best of times are ahead of us. But still the Olympic Committee needs to be commended for their decision; however, as the old saying goes, better late than never!

Personal column THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Graduate reports on A&M progress

How are things going up at MCC? I'm in the middle of putting together a resume/application for a position on the "Battalion" this summer and fall. I was looking through some old MCC newspapers and decided to write. I will be taking the second writing class this summer. Still haven't written for a paper since my old MCC days, so I might be a bit rusty. I got a 3.5 GPA last semester and hope to do about the same this spring.

I haven't seen any of this year's Highland Herald issues except for the Valentine's edition my sister picked up for me. It looked like you all are doing as well or better than last year. With a bunch of old pros like Ken, Teri, Elizabeth, Clay and Jeff I can see why the traditions of excellence is continuing. Heard Ken was going to UTA and Teri was going to SWT. I'm sure they will be a real asset to those programs.

Joe Jimenez will be graduating this semester and I hope to be out by December 1990 with a double major. The journalism program down here is really blooming. Our newspaper was rated third best campus daily in the region behind UT and Oklahoma. How is the Highland Herald rating? Just wanted to let you know how things are going. Give the journalism staff all my best regards. Sincerely,

Jeff Osborne
(former Highland Herald editor)



"AAAAH..." After missing a shot, Christina Lopez takes it out on her tennis racket by



Photo by Ken Crawford

dropping it to the ground and then stepping on it.

Drama department ends season with smash hits

By KEITH JENKINS

Ending its season of outstanding performances, MCC's drama department presented for the first time four plays in which the students were responsible for the directing on April 28-29.

"It's not often that college freshmen are given the opportunity to direct," said Lou Lindsey, theater director. "It's also not often that you find college sophomores yielding quality and integrity that was presented."

Each play, which the selections were left up to the students, dealt with situations that many could relate to. The students portrayed the personalities of the characters in such a realistic fashion, the audience was able to feel the emotions expressed in each scene.

Both comedy and tear jerkers were presented demonstrating the versatility and style of various actors. Adding to the reality of the plays, the scenery, costumes and light and sounds painted a more vivid picture which was another plus for the department.

The first play, Arthur Miller's "After the Fall" directed by Jari Todd, centered around one man's struggle in trying to come to terms with his involvement with several women in his life. These women included his wife, mother, a woman he met in Europe and one in America who identified with the personality and struggles of Marilyn Monroe. This signified the actual relationship of Miller and Monroe at one time.

Ted Talley's "Hooters," directed by Tina Wilburn, was a fantastic comedy that dealt with a

weekend on Cape Cod where two older women were forced to confront the reality of their lives after meeting two younger men.

"Am I Blue," by Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Henley, was a "bitter sweet" play directed by Chuck Ellis. Set in the sixties, the plot involved two people desperately seeking their own identities and find comfort in each other.

The last play, "Why the Lord Come to Sand Mountain" by Romulus Linney, was directed by Denise Maze. A "modern parable," the story dealt with a poor family who treasured the gift of telling folk tales that had been passed down from generation to generation. When the Lord comes to Sand Mountain, he is given the gift of these stories by the family, and because he is so moved by this gift, a miracle is performed before he leaves.

In each play, the audience was rewarded with spectacular performances from the students who exemplified their creativity and acting abilities. Performers like Julia McClellah who portrayed Ashbe in "Am I Blue," and Lee Sellers who was the "sang picker" in "Why the Lord Come to Sand Mountain," stood out. Providing a real treat were the performances by Kris Andrews and Darin Brock who played the part of 14 children in Romulus Linney's play.

"The vibes by the audience both nights were positive and good. They seemed like they really enjoyed themselves," Lindsey said.

The planning stages for all four plays took about one month to complete. With this amount of time, the final product showed the drama department's future potential in directing and acting.



Photo by Mike Cavazos
WONDER WHERE THAT DRAGON IS? John Russel (left) and Cham Newhouse sing in the fairy tale operetta, "The Reluctant Dragon," in the Opera Workshop production here April 20.

Area intersections undergo repair The end is in sight for street repairs

By LESLEY WILSON

As part of Waco's intersection improvement project, about 20 area streets began undergoing repairs two weeks ago.

Among the repairs of almost 500 miles of arterial streets in Waco, those that will affect MCC students the most are likely taking place on 19th Street between Lake Shore Drive and Interstate 35. The restoration, which takes an average of 13 days for milling and repaving, should be completed by the end of this week, weather permitting.

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Librarian foresees automation

By BRIAN YATES

At an annual conference of the Texas Library Association, Jane Gamez, MCC's director of library services, participated in a panel discussion about the expectations for the "library of the future."

During the conference April 10-14, Gamez and the panelists discussed their goals for library services in the year 2000.

Gamez said, "We look for libraries to be more automated, more computerized and have the capabilities to help students faster. We hope to give students more information and more access."

Gamez and the TLA believe that junior college students will change within the next 11 years. They expect more older students, such as retirees who return to college and homemakers who wish to pursue new careers and interests.

The TLA also expects students to spend more than the traditional 10 years in community colleges.

Since college students are extremely dependent upon the services offered by their campus libraries, the TLA intends to strive to offer students every aspect of library services.

Tillmann displays artworks at annual exhibits

By JUDSON BURROUGHS

Students and teachers of the art department had the opportunity to attend a field trip to three art exhibits in Austin on April 20, where instructor Patricia Tillmann was a featured artist.

Three exhibits were visited by 31 students in the art department. These exhibits included: Laguna Gloria, The Harry Ransom Center and The University of Texas Art Center. "It's something we do as a rule...it gives us the opportunity to see artworks first hand," said Tillmann.

Tillmann, went on to say that visiting art schools and seeing the best works being exhibited is an essential part of the educational process and in helping students find the art school they wish to attend.

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Washington night talk show producer speaks to class

By TED MESSICK

The mass communications class interviewed the producer of the CBS Network's "Nightwatch" program via long-distance telephone recently.

The interview with producer Arlene Lissit was carried out by Cary Albert, a student in the class and niece of Lissit, as the class studied media ethics on April 18.

Lissit fielded many questions over ethics:

-How important do you think it is for journalists to have ethics?

-Do you feel the public has the

right to know everything about a public figure?

-Do you think it is ethical for a journalists to use hidden camera and microphone devices when attempting to obtain a story?

To the query about her favorite and most memorable interviews, Lissit said Tip O'Neil and Mario Cuomo were among the best because they both know so much about politics, and Jesse Jackson because he knows how to talk to an audience and is a very touching speaker.

Nightwatch airs weekdays at 2 a.m. on CBS and is a nightly news

talk show. Although dealing mostly with politics and political leaders, the show also features entertainers and other subjects which effect the lives of people in the audience.

Even though Nightwatch airs so late at night, Lissit said the show has one of the largest audiences for that type of show and is respected among politicians in the D.C. area.

A telephone speaker was rigged to a regular campus telephone, and the long-distance call allowed all students to hear the conversation and also to ask questions from anywhere in the classroom.

In Case You Were Wondering...

10 things God made to confuse man

By DARIN BROCK

When God created the earth, he gave us many useful things like twist tie things for trashbags and food processors. He really took care of us. But at the risk of sounding sacrilegious, I think God put some things on this earth to really confuse, baffle, and make man wonder why these things are here. All the while, God looks down and has a really good laugh.

These mysteries could be any number of things: elbow patches on sports coats or eyebrow combs. I have compiled a list of these sayings, products and what-not that really confuse or make me wonder; sort of Ten Things on Earth That Confuse Man.

10. **Weinies and Hot Dog Buns**-- Why do weinies come in packages of 10, and buns come in bags of 8? Go figure.

9. **Why do they put expiration dates on sour cream?** Does it become more sour? But isn't that the purpose? Maybe it turns into sweet cream. Who knows?

8. **Missing Persons**-- Why do we call people who are lost "missing persons?" Technically, you can't be missing. If you are not here, you're somewhere else. So you can only be lost. And we should quit putting people on milk cartons. We should put them on something everybody drinks, like beer.

7. **Navels and Eyebrows**-- I know it is supposed to be the body beautiful, but what was God thinking when he gave us these. Other than collect lint, what do navels do? And eyebrows, you can't comb them, you can't style them and you look funny if you cut them off.

6. **Evaporated Milk**-- I don't understand. Technically, if it's evaporated, it's gone. Right?

5. **Toenails and Boogers**-- After you remove them from your body and bury them in the rug, where do they go? Do they grab onto your socks and jump off outside. Do they go to Boogerland?

4. **Grade "A" Eggs**-- Has anyone ever seen grade "B" or "C" eggs? So why in the heck don't they just say "Eggs."

3. **Why is it that everytime you stand around a camp fire, and no matter how hard you try the smoke still blows in your face.**

2. **SPAM**-- What animal does it come from? A spig? A spork? Maybe there are little creatures called spamlets that run around in the swamps of Louisiana, and hunters kill them for meat. Perhaps it is a government experiment gone awry. Somewhere they may be a scientist saying " Well, it doesn't produce electricity, so why don't we can it and sell it as luncheon meat."

1. **Women**-- Enough said.

Well, I guess it's God's job to create, and man's job to wonder. It must be the driving force that keeps man going. I thought I would let you know, in case you were wondering.

Stage Band performs

By AIMEE FARR

To help ease mental strain during Dead Week the Stage Band will perform in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center May 10 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

A guitar ensemble will open for the Stage Band. Both the guitar ensemble and the Stage Band will be performing "big band" jazz, popular in the 1940s. The band consists of six saxophones, five trumpets, three trombones, two guitars, a piano and drums.

The concert offers an opportunity for people to hear entertaining, high-energy music (jazz) that's not available here in Waco," according to trumpet player Thomas Spry. Base player, Luciano Garcia said, "Stage Band challenges your technical ability and musical interpretation."

Pete Lopez, saxophonist, added a third opinion, "I recommend it to anyone who really wants to gain knowledge and information in jazz idiom."

Stage Band is different from other classes in that students have to audition for it. The class is instructed by David Hibbard.

The guitar ensemble, which includes eleven guitars and one base, performed last weekend at the Brazos River Festival. Ken Frazier, the guitar ensemble director, said that "The May 10 performance will be like 'jazz with guitars instead of horns.'" The guitar ensemble will also be performing in Indian Springs Park May 11.

The concert will feature work by jazz artists such as Count Basie, John McLaughlin, and George Gershwin. Old standards such as "Bikini Beach" will be performed along with Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me" featuring trombonist Troy Von Haefen. Musicians will be Gordon Strand and Pete Lopez on tenor saxophone, and Thomas Klehm on alto saxophone.

20 'Great Teachers' attend TSTI seminar

By LISA HORNE

Twenty outstanding teachers from Waco's four postsecondary schools gathered at TSTI for the Great Teacher Workshop last week to share their secrets to success.

Five teachers and one administrator from each school-MCC, Baylor, Paul Quinn, and TSTI--were chosen by the schools' faculties to represent them in this year's workshop.

The teachers were chosen because of their ability to think of new teaching methods and to use a variety of techniques in teaching their students. The purpose of this year's workshop was to provide the outstanding teacher from each campus a chance to teach and learn from each other.

The five teachers who represented MCC this year were Janis Jackson, biology; Sharon Kenan, library; Winfred Watkins, medical lab technology; Karen Norwood, CDP; and Pat Brown, nursing. The administrator chosen was Janice Roberson.

The preparations for the workshop began in January and MCC stated the selection two months later. On Thursday night the teachers shared their ideas on what they were doing in their classroom and what things they had difficulty in.

Randy Schormann, director of instructional resources, was one of the chief planners and coordinators for the workshop. He was assisted by Tom Buckner, journalism instructor, who had attended last year's workshop held at MCC.

New classes this summer

By BRIAN YATES

Students planning their summer semesters may choose from new classes as well as those usually offered.

A new class in the art department is Life Drawing II, while students interested in drama will have the opportunity to participate in Costume Workshop 120, Dance 160, Voice for the Actor 307, and History of the Theater 320.

Journalism moves into the summer with the offering of Introduction to Mass Communications (Jou 301) in the first summer session.

Other new classes offered for the summer semester are in Music Introduction to Audio 330, a physical geology class offered at night, History and Literature of Christ 311, General Psychology 301, Basic Reading 301, Intermediate Reading 302, Advanced Reading 303 and British Masterpieces 352.

Also offered are Western Masterpieces 353, 20 orientation classes, new volleyball and racquetball courses, Calculus I-455 and Algebra 307.

Deaf students to put on play

By REBECCA PERKINS

Students from the Texas School for the Deaf will be visiting MCC Friday to perform their version of Edmond Rostand's play, "Cyrano de Bergerac."

The delivery of the play offers something a little different--it will be performed in American sign language.

Cast members include students and three faculty members of the school for the Deaf. Voice-overs will be broadcasted over a loud speaker for the hearing members of the audience.

According to Carol Huntley this is the third year the students will perform at MCC. They performed "The Wizard of Oz" last year and "Fiddler on the Roof" the year before that.

"It's been a packed house every time," said Huntley, the director of the Performing Arts Department at the school. She added "We draw a mixed audience. Anyone can enjoy the play... anyone who enjoys great theater."

Tickets for the show are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Show time is 7:30 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.



LAST DANCE--The Spring 1989 Danco Company which recently won the sweepstakes award in national competition includes these members: (seated left to right) Diane Craig, Capt. Dorothy Mathews, and Lt. Joannie Swank; (center row) Amy Muse, Marty Gibson, Julie Nuckols, and Jill Pearson; (standing) Michelle Melster, Julie Cornsok, Melissa Clark, and Angie Elkin.

Haynes

New librarian exhibits positivity

By KEITH JENKINS

"The library staff has been incredibly warm and receptive in welcoming me. There has not been one sour note. They have really opened their hearts to me."

These words from Craig Haynes, the new circulation/reference librarian at MCC's library, describe some idea of his feelings toward his position.

Haynes has been working on campus since April 3, so he is in the process of getting more acquainted with his job responsibilities. "I'm just getting my feet wet," he said. "I have a million things to do."

Supervising the library's circulation and working in reference are Haynes' chief duties. He will also be responsible for teaching library skills during class tours of the library.

Coming from a previous job as a reference librarian at a public library in San Luis Obispo, Calif., various aspects of the college have been evident in the eyes of Haynes.

"I have been very impressed with the school, especially with the Fine Arts Department," Haynes remarked. "The staff is very professional. In a public library, people can be very demanding and ungrateful. I've gotten to know a few people who seem to be more appreciative."

Besides carrying out his responsibilities on the job, fulfilling some essential along with personal goals will remain on Haynes' daily agenda.

"I want to help improve service that is already good, but can be better and help people as much as possible. That's what circulation and reference are all about," he said. "I also want to remain active at MCC where I can serve and offer my talent and expertise."

Since age 15, Haynes has been working in libraries while in high school and college. What inspired him to want to know so much about libraries and pursue a career in this field? The answer: the book "Megatrends" by John Naisbitt.

In reading Naisbitt's book, Haynes discovered how society has shifted from industry to a more information-based society that has been transferred into a "big business."

"The book got me fired up on this being an information society. It sparked me to read and find out more about libraries. I like to pursue something when I read on it," Haynes commented.

For a while, Haynes' job will take up a large amount of his time, but when he can, he will try to relax by fitting in a few of his hobbies. "For right now, I have put some of my hobbies on the back burner," he said.

A lover of gospel, pop and jazz, Haynes enjoys writing music. To increase his knowledge on music and recording, he plans to one day take some courses in commercial music on campus. Running, working with microcomputers and other areas in culture are included in his interests.

"A person should always think the best about people."

With church being a major part of his life, remaining positive and having a strong faith in God have been primary keys in his work. These qualities help to build the foundation for his philosophy on life in achieving success.

Since Haynes started working, he has had the opportunity to meet with MCC's president, Dr. Dennis Michaelis. From their meeting,

Michaelis spoke some words that fall along the same line in which Haynes describes his own outlook on life.

"Dr. Michaelis sums it up. A person should always think the best about people," remarked Haynes. "You should see problems as a chance to solve them. It takes patience and time plus faith in God and believing that He will be there no matter what."



Photo by Gary Dutschmann

CRAIG HAYNES works as the new circulation/reference librarian at MCC's Library. He filled this position on April 3.

English teacher writes on best-selling author

By TOM BUTLER

Best selling author Larry McMurtry is a product of the Texas myth, but MCC English teacher turned author, Lera Lich has looked past the myth and written a book tracing the development of McMurtry as a novelist.

The book, "Larry McMurtry's Texas: Evolution of the Texas Myth," is printed by Eakin Press and is currently out in hardback.

"McMurtry's Texas" started out as a thesis paper for Lich's master's degree work at the University of New Orleans. In fact, writing a book never crossed her mind until a publisher, Mr. Eakin, who had heard of her thesis work on McMurtry, approached her about writing a book.

Lich has always been interested in what makes writers write, and why they choose the subjects they choose, so when the time came for her to choose a subject for her master's thesis she looked for a writer.

After reading one of McMurtry's book's she felt she could relate to McMurtry's small town Texas style of writing. As she read more of his novels she discovered that they connected, and his development as a writer could be easily followed.

Even though Lich thought she had found the perfect subject for her thesis, others remained skeptical. The English department at New Orleans wanted her to choose a more conventional subject, a writer with an established name. Lich persisted and the assistant dean of the English department finally gave his consent, but warned

Lich that she may have problems defending McMurtry as an important writer. McMurtry took care of that problem himself. His next novel "Lonesome Dove" won the Pulitzer Prize, insuring his worth as a serious fiction writer.

Lich wrote McMurtry to get permission to use these materials and he wrote her back, sending his home phone number. This led to a number of phone interviews, and one personal meeting. From those meetings Lich concluded that McMurtry was "fairly unassuming and approachable, but also very private."

She says he doesn't like to read his critics, but considers himself a critic of fiction and the Texas society. He is an avid reader but doesn't do much formal research for his books, according to Lich.

After six months of working in her spare time, she was working full time as the chairperson of a high school English department. Lich finished her book, and six months later it was on the shelves.

Lich said it was "no big deal" to see her first book in the stores. What she does consider a big deal is the letter that Larry McMurtry wrote her after reading her book.

He said that normally he doesn't read or care what others write about him, but, "Your book is very accurate and I am brooding over it."

For a writer of McMurtry's stature to be brooding over her work is what Lich calls "most rewarding."

Student Focus 10 Keys from Keith

By KEITH JENKINS

features editor

For the past year, I have been giving my opinions on various aspects of life that students are confronted with from time to time.

Throughout my writing, I developed the purpose to present advice and information on topics based on personal experience. Because of this, expressing my feelings became more comfortable since I could relate to the problems.

For this semester's last issue, I'm leaving you with 10 keys to help you face each day's obstacles. If you are still unhappy with yourself or not satisfied with what's occurring in your life, some of these can help create a better image of yourself.

1. Follow your dreams no matter what others think of them. Remember, when you want to achieve something in life that you think you will benefit from one day, your beliefs are more important.
2. Work hard to achieve the success that you desire. The reward is always much better after you have put everything into it.
3. Don't just like, but love who you are and discover the potential you are capable of exhibiting.
4. Have patience. For some, it just takes more time to achieve goals.
5. Stop trying to impress others and act on what everyone says.
6. When you have problems, remember to talk to your friends. When the road gets rough, true friends will be there to help and comfort you.
7. Never give up. No matter how hard it may get, continue to strive and search every possibility to help you.
8. Quit worrying about every little problem that may come along. Sit back and enjoy life by loosening up and doing things that make you happy.
9. Be strong and build up your confidence in everything you attempt.
10. And when the times come when you feel there is simply no hope and no one to turn to; remember that no matter what the situation may be, someone is always there watching over you and willing to help you as long as you have faith in him and yourself.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Classroom	Exam Day	Exam Time
MR	Friday & May 12 & 13*	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
	Friday, May 12	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Monday, May 13	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Friday, May 12	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Monday, May 13	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Friday, May 12	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
	Monday, May 13	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
TR	Thursday & Tuesday May 11 & 10*	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
	Thursday, May 11	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Thursday, May 10	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Thursday, May 11	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Thursday, May 10	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Thursday, May 11	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
	Thursday, May 11	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Thursday, May 10	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Thursday, May 11	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Thursday, May 10	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Thursday, May 11	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
SATURDAY	May 11	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
OTHER DAY CLASSES	May 10	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
OFF CAMPUS CLASSES	TO BE ADVISED - CHECK WITH INSTRUCTOR	

*EXAMINER SCHEDULE

Classroom meeting only one night per week	On regular meeting night per week during May 10 - 16
MR Classroom	W, M, May 10 & 16*
6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:20 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	8:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
TR Classroom	Th, T, May 11 & 10*
6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
8:20 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	8:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*The schedule provides the option of an uninterrupted period of 1 1/2 minutes. Final grade reports must be submitted to instructor by noon May 17.

Shooting travel video in 'land of a thousand smiles'

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

While other students have been busy studying biology, history and English this semester, one student has been busy shooting a travel video in the "land of a thousand smiles," Thailand.

"You are stepping into another world...back in time," said Brian Mayr, when he talked about the northern hill tribe people, his favorite group in Thailand. "All the Thais were really genuinely friendly," Mayr said.

Working as production assistant, "key grip," as Mayr called the job, and shooting a travel video for Travelview International was "fun, just great...and hectic," he said.

"I adapted easily to their culture without compromise to my own beliefs," Mayr said. "When in Thailand-do as the Thais." Although he admitted he lived on his favorite food-cheeseburgers and pizza while in Thailand. Lucky for Mayr-Bangkok had a McDonald's and a Pizza Hut.

"Street vendors sell food which looks good sometimes but...sometimes it smells like-not good," Mayr said. Thai food is hot, spicy and they use a lot of curries in their cooking he said. "My favorite was the coconut ice cream and the Kloster and Singha beer...but not together," he said.

The work was something different every day. Mayr said one day you're "wading in water dodging jelly fish...carrying your equipment over your head," off the southern island of Phuket. Next day it's "elbow to elbow people" on the streets of Bangkok, he added.

One in seven Thais live in Bangkok, Mayr said it's like "twice the size of the Waco area with about 10 million people." He said, "Bangkok is the most international city I can think of...in the hotel elevator you hear 3-4 different languages being spoken."

Mayr missed driving his car in the wide open spaces of Texas. "It took us 15 minutes to go two-blocks one day...there is no rush hour-traffic slows down from 2:5 a. m., after all the bars close."

Tourism is their number one industry. He said Germans and Japanese make up the largest population of tourist. "For the Germans, Thailand is the place to be...it's the in-place...it's very popular right now," Mayr said.

The Thai government has stopped teak lumbering in the north due to mud-slides, he said, and is now heavy into tourism, "protecting the northern hill tribes and their customs." The hill people reminded him of our Indians, as they tried to retain their "old way of life, hand weaving most of their own cloth," he said.

Mayr said that interesting sites abound in Thailand, with many Buddhist shrines and temples, "wats," in the city of Bangkok, as well as colorful fishing villages which surround the area.

This week, Mayr is off again to shoot another travel video with Travelview International. He will be in Baja, Mexico, until June. After Baja, Mayr said he plans to "take 'em as they come," but would like to do Kenya and Australia.

Handicapped overcomes obstacles

By TAMMY RICHARDS

Falling...falling...images fly by as the baby boy plunges to the concrete. The trip from the two-and-a-half story window ends with a loud thump as the infant's head hits the ground. Joel Barnett, at the age of 1, is different from everyone else.

As a 38-year-old handicapped student, Barnett has done many things since his flight out of the window. The motor skills on the left side of his body were damaged by the blow to his head, but he has never let that stop him. He is the first one-handed person to complete physical education classes at MCC.

Barnett has completed four weight lifting classes, two tennis classes, one racquetball class, and a typing class.

"I took all those P.E. classes to prove to myself that I could do it too. I did everything everyone else did. I might have had to do it differently because I have the use of one hand, but I did it," he said.

He gave credit to other programs at the school that helped him reach his goals.

"The Mental Health program at MCC made me stronger mentally, as well as physically. My teachers taught me to turn my weaknesses into strengths."

While maintaining a 3.5 grade point average, he said that "handicapped people have to try harder just to be even with a normal person-when a handicapped person wants to get ahead, he has to be way ahead."

After graduating in May, Barnett wants to continue studying mental health at North Texas State University and make a career out of helping the handicapped.

"I can't stand to see a child who is handicapped, who doesn't do anything about it," said Barnett. "I may have a disability, but I'm still a human being. The program at MCC has helped me to understand myself as well as everyone who is not handicapped. Now, I don't have obstacles. I don't put myself into impossible situations."

Barnett's message to other handicapped students is that "the facilities here are for everyone, not just the athletes. Don't be afraid to ask for help. You can do anything you want to do if you set your mind to it."

Test taking

tips to improve your score

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It's that time again. "You will have one hour to complete this test. All answers must be marked on the answer sheet. Make no marks on the test booklet. Use a no. 2 pencil. Be sure to follow test directions carefully. Ready? Begin."

Feeling nervous? Want to do well? Wish you had studied more? Wish you were somewhere else, anywhere else?

Don't despair. You too can improve your test scores. Just read on for some helpful hints on test taking:

1. "Overlearning" raises grades and lowers anxiety when it comes to test. Try to study over a long period of time instead of cramming for an exam. The material will be retained better for the test.

2. Don't be late for a test-it increases your anxiety. Also if you are early for an exam stay away

from the crowd. Their anxiety can be contagious. You don't need that.

3. On multiple-choice tests eliminate the alternatives. Get rid of two of the choices if you can. This will give you a 50-50 chance of being correct. If you can't eliminate any answers pick the longest one. Test preparers tend to make correct answers the longest.

4. Read and follow all directions correctly. If you don't understand the directions, ask your test giver for an explanation.

5. Pace yourself when answering the questions. Don't spend too much time on questions with low point value. Work to complete all of the questions in the allotted time.

6. On multiple-choice questions, read the stem first and try to answer the question before trying the choices. Choose the answer most like your own.

7. On a test where you must read a passage first and then answer the questions, read the ques-

tions before you read the passage. It will make picking out the answers easier as you read.

8. Skip questions you don't remember and go on. Your brain will scan your memory for the answer while you move on to other questions. Go back to it when you have completed the other questions.

9. Don't change your answer on multiple-choice tests unless you were uncertain about your first answer when you made it. Research has shown that in most cases 85 percent of the time your first choice is correct and changing it will make it incorrect.

It is important to develop a positive mental attitude toward tests and the instructors who administer them. Look at it this way, classroom tests prepare us for other more difficult tests in life.