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On the cover: Jonathan Walker, freshman from Dallas, attacking the basket while getting fouled by a Hill College player on Jan. 23.

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Feb. 8-9: Student Government Elections in the Learning Technology Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Crush Party in the Learning Technology Center from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 14: "Valentine's Coffee House" special event in the Student Center at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 16: PTK Meeting in the Student Center at 4:15 p.m.

Mozart 250 Years Young

María Villagomez
Staff writer

Two of MCC's music professors, Lise Uhl, singing soprano, and Pianist Andrew Hudson, joined guest baritone performer Robert Best in the Ball Performing Arts Center to honor Wolfgang A. Mozart's 250th birthday on Thursday Jan. 26 by reciting a collection of his pieces called "Mozart: The Complete Lieder."

"This recital was a good opportunity to honor the master genius and his fast compositions," said Uhl. Robert Best currently holds a musical arts degree in Vocal Performance and has been a member of the Vocal Studies Division at Baylor University since 2001.

His experience includes concerts at the National NATS Convention, Texas Music Educators Association State Convention and Society of Composers, Inc. conferences, and his voice is also featured on 2 vocal chamber music CDs.

The department picked Best because of his talent and his collegiate relationship with MCC, Uhl said. The soloists sang 31 of Mozart's songs, including "Das Lied der Trennung", "An Chloë" and "Das Veilchen". The audience received an English translation of the music, including lyrics from "Bin Deutscher Kriegsgeliebter". The words were "I would like to be the Kaiser! I would shake up the orient; the Muslims would have to tremble, Constantinople would be mine!"

Campus Event Honors King Legacy

Matthew Clark
Kitty Clark
Staff Writers

Y'vonne D. Williams, the Director of Supplemental Educational Services at Texas State Technical College-Waco, gave an impassioned speech at MCC's MLK Day celebration on Jan. 17.

"This celebration is important because it serves as a reminder that life, as it is now, should not be taken for granted, especially for African Americans because of the extreme struggle which has enabled us to benefit from many of the privileges we now enjoy," Johnnie Talton, Counseling Specialist of Student Support Services, said of the event.

"To act like anything but what you are is a violation of Dr. Martin Luther King's teachings," Williams told the audience.

She stressed the importance of faith in God, because "without the belief in God we would not be here today."

She also spoke of hardships in the black community.

"In Travis County alone, we have more African-American males in jail than in Harris and Tarrant County combined," Williams said.

"Drug dealing has become the economic development in black communities, and when you go to jail you can't get social security, because you're not working, you don't have anything to put into that pot," she said.

Williams also added that one's skills determine who they are, something she grew up learning firsthand from her father, Robert L. Williams.

Mr. Williams was the first African American to receive a doctorate in clinical psychology from Washington University, and later coined the term "Ebonics" in

his 1975 book, "Ebonics: The True Language of Black Folks."

Williams suggested that King's wisdom related to young people today because of "generational continuity", or what our ancestors pass on.

"There was a time when we didn't like who we were and we didn't talk about that because it was family business. We didn't like our big hips, we didn't like our big lips, we didn't like our dark skin, we didn't like our nappy hair, and we didn't like our big butts. We didn't like anything about us. My, my, my, but God made us. He made us in his image," Williams said.

'... With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.'

- -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"And if you think that those dreads, braids, big lips and weaves are still considered negative connotations with us, I can tell you now that you must realize lips are goin' on. People are spending thousands of dollars to their lips to look like yours, something that God gave you, to have their body look like yours, the one God



MCC student, Shakira Golden, performs interpretive dance at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

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made from your ancestors that endures slavery times."

"And how dare you degrade yourselves by droppin' your pants and wearin' g-strings and dresses and tops that show everything. God didn't intend for you to be like that, and Martin Luther King didn't either."

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IN MEMORY OF TAWNY L. MARTIN

Sunday morning at 12:15 a.m., Class of 2005 Moody High School graduate Tawny Lynn Martin, 19, passed away in an automobile collision on I-H 35 near Lorena. She was a second semester freshman at McLennan Community College, and planned to transfer to Texas A&M University. "Tawny was one of the kindest and smartest people that I have ever met. Math, science, and English, she excelled in them all. I am proud to say we were such great friends. She is loved and will be greatly missed," D.J. Manning, MCC student and classmate said.

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Student Groups Welcome Back

Allen Fisher
Managing Editor

Balloon sculptures, face paintings and soft drinks were part of a three-ring circus on Jan. 19 in the LTC complete with carnival barker-like recruiters. People crowded the LTC between classes and during lunch as organizations tried to recruit people as they walked by at the Welcome Back Party.

Margaret Keynes, a hired painter, painted any design or name of choice on the customer's face or neck. Mike Mautha, a balloon sculptor from Chicago, made almost any design, from a monkey in a tree to Donald Duck or any Looney Toons character. The best part of the event that drew students in, it was all free, courtesy of MCC.

"I'm just talking to any one who will listen," said Gabrielle Chapa, recruiter for Phi Theta Kappa honor society, "Just here in between classes telling people about our organization and what it offers."

Several on-campus organizations such as the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Student Nursing Association, and Baptist Student Ministry, where at the welcome back party telling about their organization.

"I just let people know we're



Mike "Da Rovin' Guy" hands balloon art down to a student.

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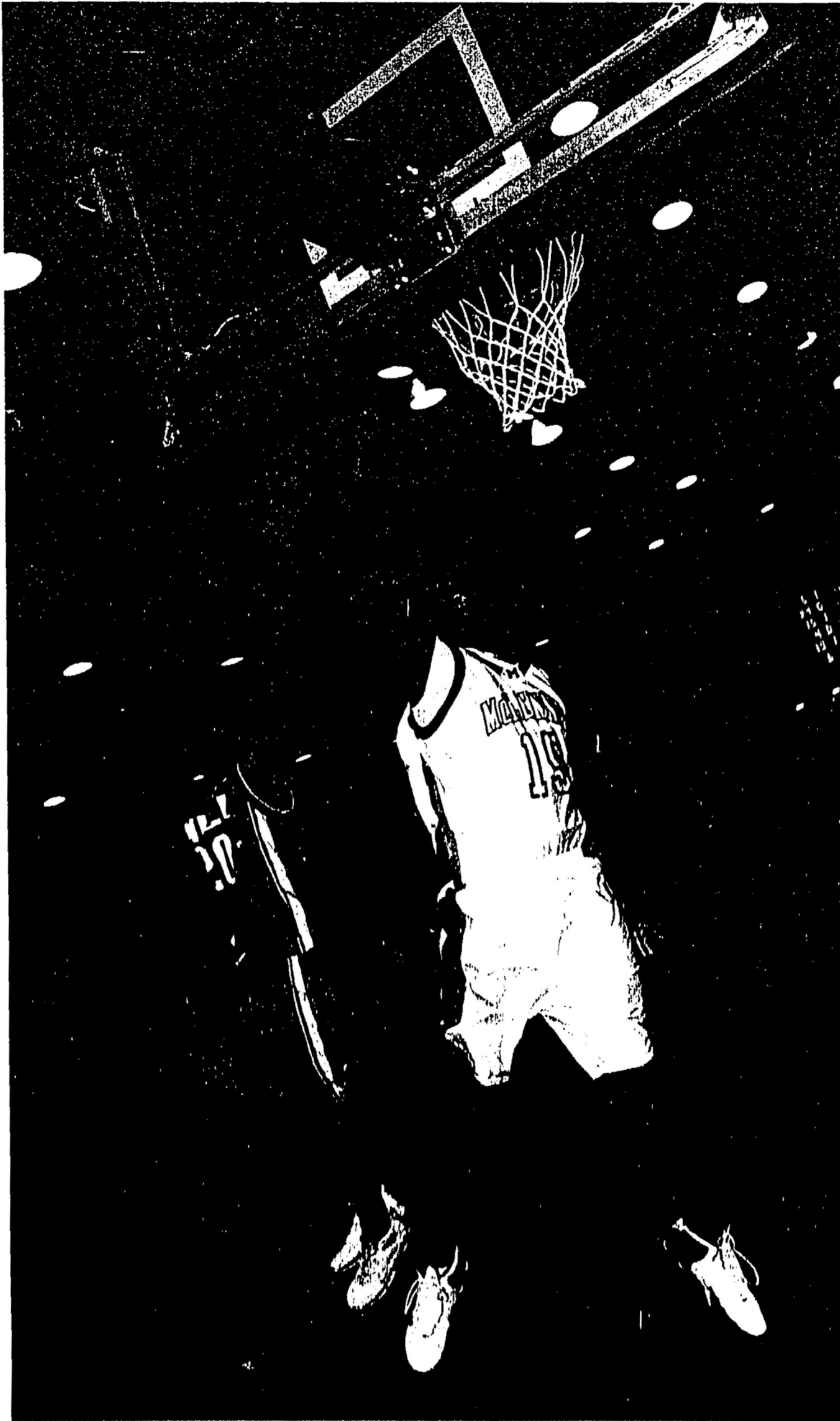
here on campus and they can come by any time because our house is open to the public," said Gabriella Gomez, a Baptist Student Ministries member.

Free soft drinks were also served to passersby at the party.

Above Right: Baptist Student Ministry members look for new recruits at the Welcome Back Party on Jan. 19 in the LTC.

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'Landers on Top of the Heap



#15 Tyler Schwartlsky of Robinson, Texas goes up for an Alley Oop during game play against Hill College.

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Matthew Clark and Alicia Lacy
Staff Writers

The MCC Highlanders have posted an undefeated 5-0 record in North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference play this season, no small feat, considering that, as of Jan. 31, they have faced all the teams in the region.

With their first conference win against the Temple Leopards, the Highlanders pulled through in overtime with the score of 99-97 at the Leopards' home court.

"Right now the hardest we played was Temple," said #1 Jawan Bailey.

With an average of nine rebounds per game, Marlon Vincent leads the 'Landers in accuracy with a total of 30 field goals for 45 attempts, or 66.7 percent.

C. J. Richards follows closely with 61.5 percent accuracy and has scored 16 out of 26 field goals.

"Our second conference game, also our first at home, is against the Weatherford Coyotes," said the Highlanders' assistant coach Larren Silver.

Obstacles to overcome during the game are the Coyotes' two foreign exchange players, who measure 6-foot-8 and 6 feet, plus their guards, said Silver.

"Weatherford's a good team."

C.J. Richards has it covered from the free-throw line, bringing in 23 of 29 attempted for the overall

' ... you've got to go into each game expecting to be challenged despite what their records are ... '

--Chester Moore

season.

The tallest player on the team, Jawan Bailey, stands 6-foot-8 and has 22 blocks on the conference season with an average of 4.4 per game.

MCC's third conference game was against the Rangers at Ranger, and the 'Landers walked away on the winning side of a 99-69 score.

Jonathan Walker, a 6-foot-3 guard, has a 66.7 percent accuracy when it comes to 3-pointers, sinking 8 of 12 attempted so far this season.

Coming off the win against Ranger College, the MCC Highlanders outplayed the Hill College Rebels for a 101-64 win at the Highlands.

Marlon Vincent led the Highlanders with 19 points in the game. C.J. Richards accumulated 16 points, while Marvin Gentry scored 15 and Jawan Bailey totaled 13, according to Kevin Tankersley, MCC Sports Information Specialist.

"The players really brought it," said Highlanders coach Kevin Gill. "It was close at first and then we broke out."

This win gave the Highlanders a 14-6 overall record and the lead in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, but the Crayson County Vikings followed closely behind with a record of 4-1 in conference play.

Then the Highlanders took on Southwest Christian in Terrell and came home victorious with a score of 92-58, assuring them the top spot in the conference.

"Well in conference ... you've got to go into each game expecting to be challenged despite what their records are and you've got to go out there and play a harder game ...," said Chester Moore.

Highlassies Lead the NTJCAC

Clay Turner
Sports Editor

The McLennan Highlassies currently hold an overall record of 13-6, the highest among all teams in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, and are also tied for first place in conference play with a record of 4-1 as of Jan. 31.

Leading the way is #12 Brandi Crouch, a sophomore from Sulphur Springs. Boasting an 11.3 points per game average, 4.3 assists per game and ranking 15th

'Defense is our bread and butter.'

--Ricky Rhodes

out of 99 by the NTJCAC, Crouch is the premiere offensive playmaker on the team.

Defense is often said to be the best offense, though, and in that respect #33 Kim Cessna, a freshman from San Antonio, leads with 5.5 rebounds, 1.3 blocks per game and still puts up a respectable 8.5 points per game.

The last three conference games took place at the Highlands gym on Jan. 18 against the Weatherford Coyotes, on Jan. 23 against the Hill Lady Rebels, and on Jan. 25 against the Cisco Wranglers.

#43 Britt Rutherford, a 5-foot-10 freshman from Rockwall, had 15 points on the day and five rebounds, while #10 Kim Talley, a 5-foot-6 sophomore from Temple, had 13 points on the day and helped carry the defense with three assists and four



Coach Ricky Rhodes pumps up the 'Lassies in the huddle during game on Jan. 23.

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steals against the Coyotes. The game was close on the stat-sheet but the 'Lassies got the lead early and held it, defeating Weatherford 87-73.

Kim Cessna with 15 points and Brandi Crouch with 14 points, respectively, helped hold off a late rally by the Lady Rebels. McLennan pulled it out during a frenetic game where the Rebels fought hard but never could quite close the gap. The Rebels were quickly closing in on the lead at halftime but Kim Talley pulled out a 3-pointer and two field goals to secure the lead into the second half. The final score was 72-65.

"Defense is our bread and butter," said Highlassies coach Ricky Rhodes and one only has to look at the stats to see how true that statement is. Conversions after steals gave the Lassies 19 points against Cisco and helped keep the Wranglers from closing the growing point deficit. Defense may be the team's winning



#10 Kim Talley of Temple launches a 3-pointer over the outstretched arm of a Cisco Defender.

point, but offensively the 'Lassie team is no slouch. Tiara Perkins scored five 3-pointers, and a total of 23 points on the day.

The Highlassies' latest win of 81-44 against Cisco bumped them up to 4-1 in conference play. They now look forward to competing for the rest of the season, especially with a chance to avenge their only conference defeat, challenging the Temple Leopards on Feb. 11.

Children Display Artwork

Donnaulk Young
Staff Writer

In a world where multimedia increasingly dominates creativity, the second annual MCC Children's Art Exhibition offers children an opportunity to explore other forms of expression.

Children from the Child Development Center volunteered to participate in the Exhibition.

Collages, drawings, finger paintings, and sculptures will be displayed at the Learning and Technology Center until Feb. 24.

The driving force behind the Exhibition is demonstrating how children express themselves and showing the community what goes on artistically in the Child Development Center, said Glenn Downing, Visual Arts Coordinator, who oversees the show.

Downing said he believes that children who exhibit may feel more important because "it's a very grown up thing to have an art show."

Former Visual Arts Coordinator Andrew Murad, whose two children attended the Child Development Center, initiated the exhibition.

Their artwork would be the inspiration for Murad's idea. When he suggested it during a meeting with other Performing and Visual Arts faculty, they agreed to hold the first show.

"We decided that it was a good idea since children are natural artists, especially at their young age," Downing said.

Admission to the exhibit is free.



Brenna Ashby, age five, shows her talent in red.



Natalie Tejada and Reese Rhodes draw together on glass in the center.

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Dance Co. 2nd at Daytona

Kitty Clark
Christina Taylor
Staff Writers

After receiving second place in last year's National Dance Association (NDA) Championship, MCC's Dance Company will return to Daytona Beach, and the girls are "working even harder to get first place," Kara Martinez, a second-year dance company member said.

"This year we're not holding back. Last year we lost, we were better than them, but performance wise they were more entertaining," Jackie Herrera, also a returning dancer said.



The MCC Dance Company performs during a Basketball game. Digital image by Christina Taylor

'... there is no such thing as first until you win ...'

--Jennifer McCarrell, Capt.

In 2005, the Company lost to Tamagawa University by .08 of a point with a final score of 9.04 to 9.12.

"Last year, it was neck to neck and a hard decision for the judges, and this year we're neck to neck again, and everyone is waiting to see what will happen," said Herrera.

The second place announcement came as a shock after the company's victory in the preliminary round.

"It was disappointing to go from first place in prelims to second in the finals, but Tamagawa was clean, so this year we're gonna go back and have more energy, and give them a harder routine," Martinez said.

To avoid the shock of 2005, the team is focused on the final round.

"Last year in prelims we came in first, and this year if that does happen, we're really trying to stress to our team there is no such thing as first until you win," said Jennifer McCarrell, a

dance company captain.

"You know they didn't beat us so much as we did it to ourselves, because our score without the deductions would have won; we cut our own throats, so to speak," Sandy Hinton, Dance Company Director, said.

The dance company has chosen to perform at nationals is military.

"This year our theme is America, Army, and I think it is very fitting for what we need now. You know, we need support instead of ignoring the issue," Hinton said.

Because of last year's disappointment, this year the team said they are more determined to win.

"We have six returning sophomores, and coming in second last year set a fire underneath us to get the team pumped up. With us getting to go, getting so close and tasting it, we are out for blood," McCarrell said.

Optimism and grit have left a mark on the team, they said, and they expect "nothing but the best, they are all awesome, and everyone has something to bring to the team. No one is perfect, but together we are the perfect team," Shauna Brown, a freshman dancer said.

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Williams concluded with a poem she wrote for her son titled, "To David."

"What should I leave my child who is black ... you tell 'em my momma left the greatest gift of all, Love."

"She (Williams) shared so many of my feelings and views, and I especially enjoyed listening to her share the legacy she hopes to leave her son, a sense of moral responsibility and her love," Talton said.

MCC student Deleon Harris shared the song "My Story," adding to the faith-based theme, "I've been through too much not to worship Him," and a praise dance by student Shakira Golden, called "Make Me Over," pantomimed the words of gospel singer Tonex.

Members of the BSA and Alesha Vardeman recited King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

"I know that the struggle continues, and if all of mankind works together, Dr. King's dream can become a reality," Talton said.

"With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Y'vonne Williams shares her personal memorabilia at MLK Day. Digital Image by Christina Taylor

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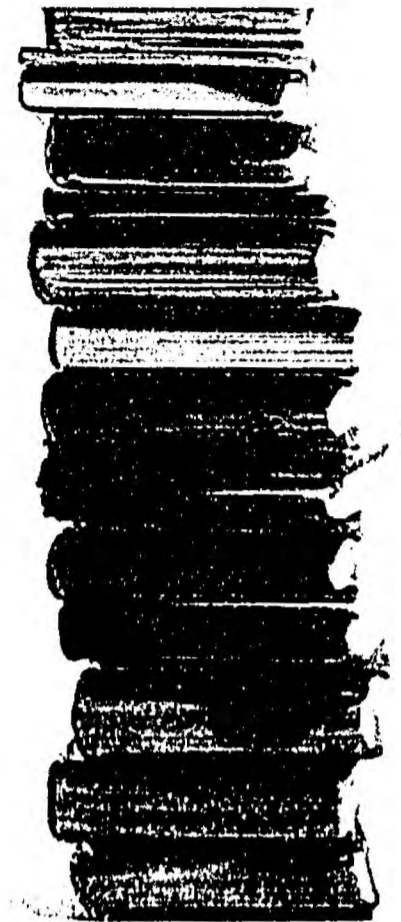
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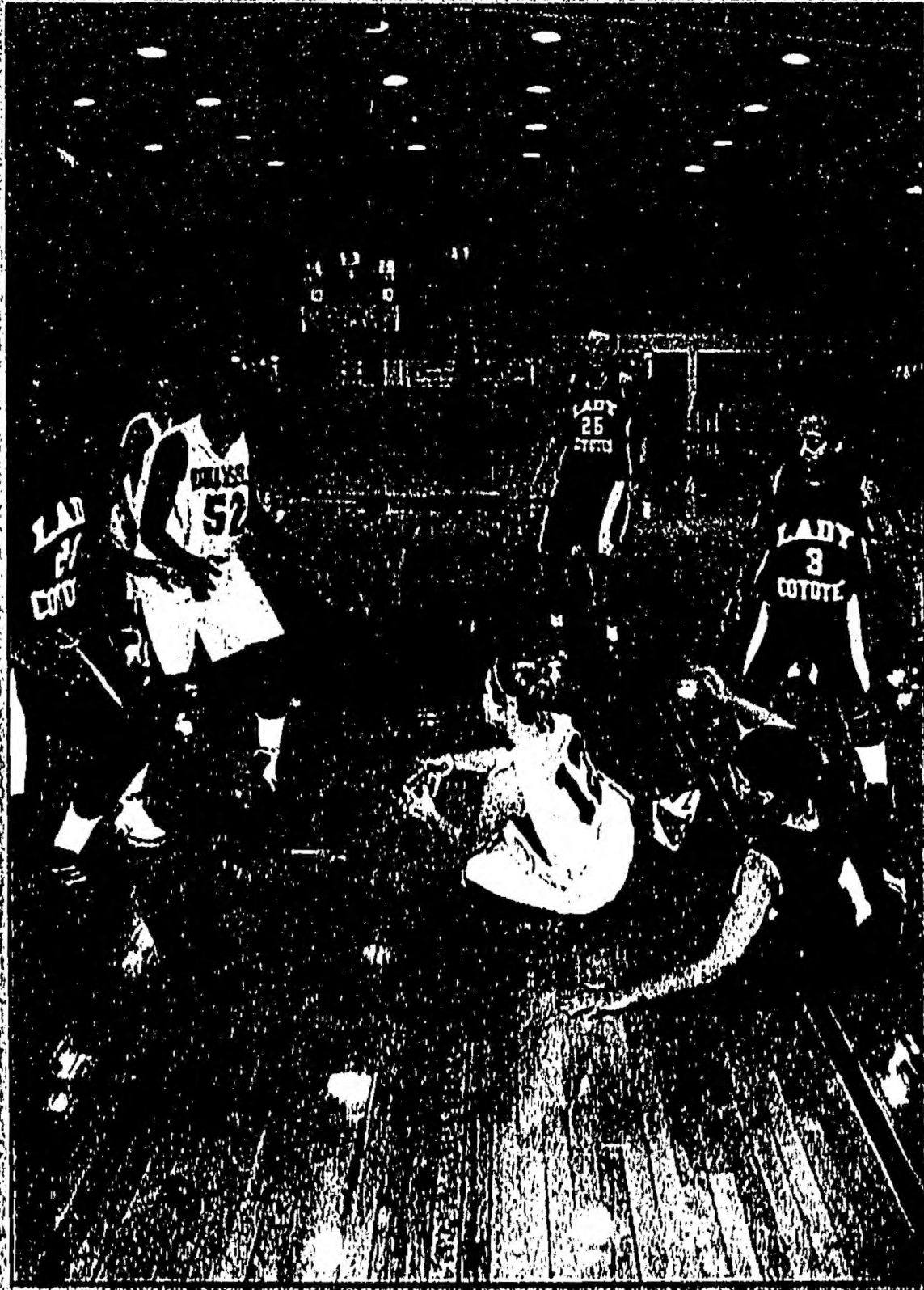
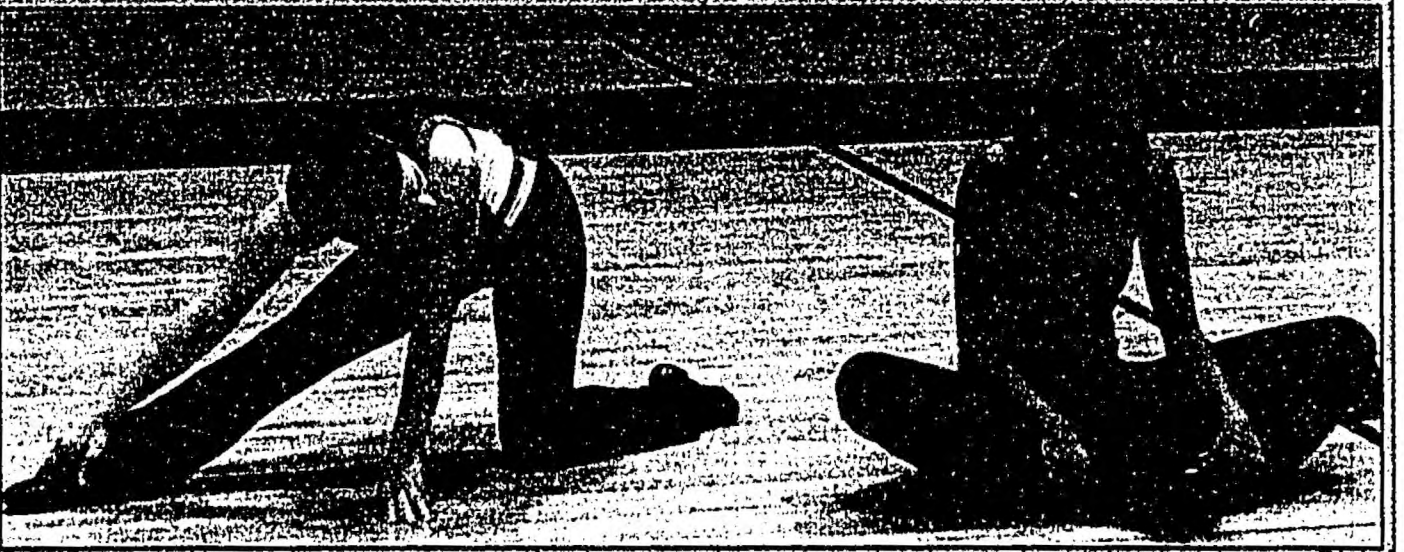


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January in Pictures

Below, MCC women's basketball team scraps for the ball.
Right, Dance team members stretch before a game.
Center right, Charles Wade paints his way into the children's art exhibition.
Lower right, Parent Rebecca Finch, Assitant Thomas Hanks, and Teacher Rebecca Dodds evacuate infants during a false fire alarm.
Lower Center, Danielle McLennan plays with animal balloons at the Welcome Back Party.
Lower Left, Shakira Golden performs a praise dance at the MLK Celebration.



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