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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Registration payments due Monday

Students registering by telephone or express may pay their tuition and fees by mail or on campus by Monday. Those payments must be received by 7 p.m. Dec. 12, said Belinda Hudson of financial services, or the registration will be voided. Payments by mail should go to the MCC Business Office, 1400 College Dr., Waco TX 76708. The payment should include the student's social security number and the payment can be made by check, money order or Visa/Mastercard number and card expiration date. Students who pay by mail will have their information packets mailed within two weeks after payment. Students who have been approved for financial aid may pick up their registration packets in the business office during 8 a.m.-5 p.m. between until Dec. 11 and in the Student Center on Dec. 12. On campus, payments can be made at the business office through Dec. 9 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in the office of student admissions through Dec. 8 from 5-7 p.m., and on Dec. 12 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 750-3626 for additional information.

### Extra end-of-semester help by tutors

Student Development's Student Support Services Tutoring center and the Success Lab will be staffed with student tutors and lab assistants for an end-of-semester Studython Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. Free tutoring will be available in most subject areas. The Success Lab computer center will also be available for student use. Refreshments will be served.

### Vegetarian cooking class Dec. 10

Health-conscious students will learn about vegetarian eating and cooking during a one-day course at McLennan Community College. "Vegetarian Lifestyle" will be offered from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10. The cost is \$33. The class will survey vegetarian groceries available from the supermarket and health food store and will learn how to select produce and prepare quick meals. Students will eat lunch and snacks and visit with local holistic health care professionals. Transportation will be provided from the MCC campus. For complete details, call 750-3412.

### Tejano music class established

Singers and musicians, both professional and amateur, will learn how to perform Tejano music during a 16-week course beginning Wednesday, Jan. 18, at McLennan Community College. The course may be taken for college credit or just for fun, says instructor Porfirio Sanchez, a 1984 graduate of MCC's Commercial Music Program. Students will study the development of Tejano music and learn several popular songs. Students don't need to speak Spanish in order to participate since "a lot of Tejano bands are putting English words in their music," Sanchez says. "That's good because many younger people listen to the music but don't speak Spanish." Sanchez, 31, began listening to Tejano music when he was a small boy and started playing in a Tejano band, Ace & Co., when he was 13. The band performed for many years in the Central Texas area, mostly at weddings, dances and at the traditional birthday party known as the quinceanera, which is held to celebrate the 15th birthday of many Hispanic girls. Today, Sanchez belongs to a regional band, Mariachi Azteca. He sings and plays trumpet, accordion, keyboards, and drums. "Tejano music started in Texas, but now everybody is learning about it," Sanchez says. "You can hear Tejano music as far north as Washington, and we're negotiating to take our band to Hawaii, which has 80,000 Hispanic residents. Tejano music is becoming international." The ensemble-type music class will be held from 6 to 8:40 p.m. each Wednesday, beginning Jan. 18, on the MCC campus. The cost is \$77. For registration information, call MCC at 750-3522.

### Community Band concert Dec. 13

The Waco Community Band will present its annual Christmas gift to the city — a free holiday concert — at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. The concert will be held in the J.C. Penney court area at Richland Mall and will feature a selection of holiday favorites, plus songs that encourage the audience to sing along. The Community Band, under the direction of McLennan Community College music instructor James Popejoy, consists of 55 professional and amateur musicians from the Waco area who perform 10 concerts a year. For more information on the band or the concert, contact Popejoy at 750-3486.

### Storybook Christmas Thursday

More than 100 Waco-area youngsters will receive a visit from Santa and the gift of a book when McLennan Community College hosts the third annual "Storybook Christmas" party from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the MCC Student Center. The party is held each year for MCC students, who are also single parents, and their children. This year's event features a turkey dinner and covered dish supper for the parents, plus pizza for the children. Santa Claus will pay a visit and pass out hardback books to all children between the ages of 3 and 7. The books are part of Waco's "Storybook Christmas" project. In addition, Santa will be assisted by "elves" from the University High School drama department. MCC speech students and members of the baseball team also will be on hand to spend one-on-one time with the youngsters and help them read their new books. "This is a joint effort of the campus and the community," says Dr. Marylon Henderson of MCC's Personal Development Department. "It means a great deal to the single-parents students at MCC to be part of this holiday event."

### Civic Chorus sings Saturday

The Waco Civic Chorus will present its annual "Christmas Festival" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, in Waco Hall at Baylor University. The traditional holiday concert will feature 200 participants, including the McLennan Community College Chorus, the Waco Girls Choir, the Waco Boys Choir, the Baylor University Men's Glee Club and the Midway High School Girls Choir. The program will consist of continuous music with no pause between selections, along with audience participation. A variety of seasonal music will be featured, from Handel's "Messiah" to familiar Christmas carols. Conductors for the concert will be Jack Boyd, Melanie Popejoy, Wesley Gilliland, Howard Thompson and Donald C. Balmes. Admission is \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 772-9232 or 750-3487.

## New SG president named

**By JENNIFER LONDON**  
Jenny Neff has resigned as the Student Government president because she is moving on to a four-year college next semester.

Carol Molter, former SG vice president, moves into the top post for the spring.

Other officers include vice-president Stacy Bradley who formerly was SG parliamentarian/historian, secretary Jeanna Rostocky, treasurer Leann Ford, historian/parliamentarian Shirley Weeks and public relations officer Dawn Morton.

All representatives must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and at least six credit hours. To become a representative a student must meet all requirements and obtain and present fifty verifiable student signatures. All representatives are required to sign a contract agreement between themselves and MCC. Scholarships are entitled for the elected officers and the amount is determined by the institution and the sponsoring office.

Molter said there are about 25 members in the Student Government. Molter hopes that the participation in the Student Government rises by the spring semester.

Bradley said, "There is always an open door in Student Government."

Student government is involved in many activities such as the Christmas window decorating contest, adopting families, Casa De Cafe and Toys for Tots. Molter said, "The community is responding greatly with the adopting families."

"Many clubs and organizations are really interested in the adopting families," Bradley said. Many things can be done to help with the adopting families such as giving the families gifts, decorating their Christmas trees or simply cooking them dinner.

Casa De Cafe is in connection with the Library and it is for children ages 3 to 7. It will be Wednesday on the second floor of the library and it will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission

for the Casa De Cafe is to bring a new children's hard back book or \$2. Student Government is asking that the hard back book for the children be with no religious or Christmas over tones. Molter said, "Student Government has already donated 30 books." Refreshments will be served.

Student Government is really asking for the students and the faculty to participate in the Toys for Tots. Molter said, "If you can just bring a puzzle or any type of gift, that will satisfy the children." Donating something is better than donating nothing.

Bradley and Molter said that the most participation they get from the students is when the students have a chance to win money or anything dealing with the Bookstore.

Molter said, "Students really haven't been coming to the Student Government if they have been having any problems." She also said, "Most students think that the Student Government is just for parking violations, but it's not." Student Government is

there to help any student with any problem. If there is a problem on campus and you want it to be changed, Student Government is the place you need to go. Molter said she wants more students to go to the Student Government if they have any problems.

Next semester the Student Government plans to get more involved in the community. Bradley said that the community really needs its help. Also next semester Student Government plans to start a recycling program on campus.

A "study-thon" will be held from 4-8 p.m. starting Monday. It will be in the Tutoring Success Lab and snacks will be provided. All students are welcomed.

Those who want to get involved in the Student Government should call 750-3420 and ask for Carol Molter or Stacy Bradley or go by the student activities office located on the second floor of the Student Center.

## Forensics team gets ready for nationals

**By HEATHER ELLIS**

The speech team is preparing for the biggest competition of the year to be held at the University of Wisconsin in April.

"The American Forensic Association (AFA) nationals is the toughest qualifying event," said Linda Dulin, speech instructor. "Every event must qualify for finals three times and place first, second or third."

The team will be qualified for the AFA nationals by March 20, which is also the qualifying deadline for the tournament.

"Everyone on the team is close to being qualified," Dulin said. "The whole team is doing very well at all the tournaments and has been placing."

The speech team also has been competing against universities and has been winning sweepstakes at these tournaments. The team recently placed third at the "Turkey Trot Swing" behind Kansas State University and University of Texas.

Members of the speech squad contribute much of its success to the closeness of its teammates.

"The people on the team aren't just teammates, they're people I'd be friends with outside the team," said team member Merie Witt.

"It's unusual for a freshmen team to be so talented with so little experience," said Gavin Massingill, president of the speech team. "We're really proud of our team this year. They've" (Continued page 3)



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**— Dawn Sellix works on Student Government's entry in the window decorating contest. The contest consists of campus organizations decorating the windows in the TV room of the student center. Judging will be held today with first place receiving \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25.

## Instructors help with registration

**By TRAVIS EYERS**

As spring registration began, teachers took on a new role, when they became student advisors and registrars.

The idea to include teachers in the registration process was put into motion about a year ago.

A planning committee, consisting of Karen Norwood, Janice Beran, Lynn Abornathy, Donald Balmes and Donnie Hagan, discussed goals, how to bring the program about, possible problems that could arise and ways to solve them.

"Every interaction with a student is an opportunity to teach, to influence, to make a positive difference in learning and development. Small group or individual conversations with students may be among the most meaningful in influencing their development of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and self-determination. The advising relationship should focus on the student's journey for both academic and personal competence," Director of Center for Professional Development Randy

Schormann.

"To better serve students, the decision was made to involve faculty in the advising process," Abornathy, director of Student Success said.

Some areas had already been doing their own advising and registration, such as Health Careers.

"The program has tremendous potential to serve students, and an opportunity for students to interact with faculty," Abornathy said.

Before now, four counselors were advising three to four thou-

sand students a semester.

Before faculty members could become advisors, they had to learn the "ins and outs" of registration.

They attended a series of four training sessions. These sessions included required student documents, interpretation and requirements of TABP and MCC Placement Tests, completing a degree plan, and using the computers to access information and register students.

After finishing the training (Continued page 3)

# Highlanders on winning streak

By DAVE EMLEY

With wins in five of their last six games the men's basketball team has raised its seasons record to 8-and-2. Coach Ken DeWeese said he was pleased, but not ecstatic about the teams performance so far.

The Highlander have shown a habit of playing overtime games. Three of their first eight games have gone to extra periods.

Against Odessa College the 'Landers suffered through a poor shooting performance in dropping a 91-84 decision. The score was tied at 72 after 40 minutes of play. Odessa then outscored the Highlanders 19-12 in overtime to remain unbeaten on the season. The Highlanders could have won the game from the free throw line but missed 10 of their 32 charity tosses. Kenneth Benton was leading scorer for the Highlanders with 16 and Marcus Moss added 14. Benton was also the leading rebounder for the team with 10. Odessa

won the rebound battle, 44-41.

Next on the schedule was a homegame against Navarro. The two teams produced 249 points and two overtimes with the Highlanders coming out on top 127-122. Navarro led the game 51-40 at halftime but the Highlanders caught them at the end of regulation, 98-98. After the first overtime the teams were tied at 111. In the second overtime the Highlanders took control and outscored the Bulldogs 16-11. Moss and Benton led the team in scoring with 26 points each. Rodrick Monroe added 20. Navarro's Ricardo Grant led all scorers with 31. The Highlanders hit nine-3 point baskets in the game.

Game number seven on the season was at the Kilgore Classic against Tyler Junior College.

The Highlanders used 19 point from Benton in winning the game, 94-85 Rondell Turner and Jermaine Thomas added 17 each. Monroe grabbed 10 rebounds in

helping the Highlanders win the battle of the boards, 45-43.

On the second night of the Classic the Highlanders beat the host school, Kilgore, 89-80.

Moss and Benton once again led the team in scoring with 17 points each. Marco Brown added 14. Benton chipped in with 10 assists in the contest. The Highlanders were outrebounded in the contest 45-38.

Through their first eight games the Highlanders averaged over 99 points a game, while holding their opponents to slightly less than 97 points a game.

The Highlanders are outrebounding their opponents 46-42 per game.

The Highlanders are hitting 44 percent of their field goals, 29 percent of their 3-point shots and 69 percent of their free throws.

Individually, Moss has scored 133 points and is averaging nearly 17 points a game. He is also leading the team with 76 assists, which averages out to

nine and a half per game. Monroe is the team's leading rebounder with 77.

Monroe also has the highest field goal percentage, at 65 percent.

Turner is the team's best three-point shooter, at 45 percent and Benton has hit 44 of 50 free throws for 88 percent.

The Highlanders took part in the Temple Classic this past weekend.

Against Ft. Sill, freshman Joe Ervin led the Highlanders in scoring with 17 as the team won 86-75.

The team continued its solid play against Western Oklahoma as they won the game 96-69. Ervin again led the team in scoring with 26. Kenneth Benton added 23.

Conference play begins for the Highlanders this week as they play two home games.

Collin County will be here Thursday and Temple Junior College pays a visit Saturday.

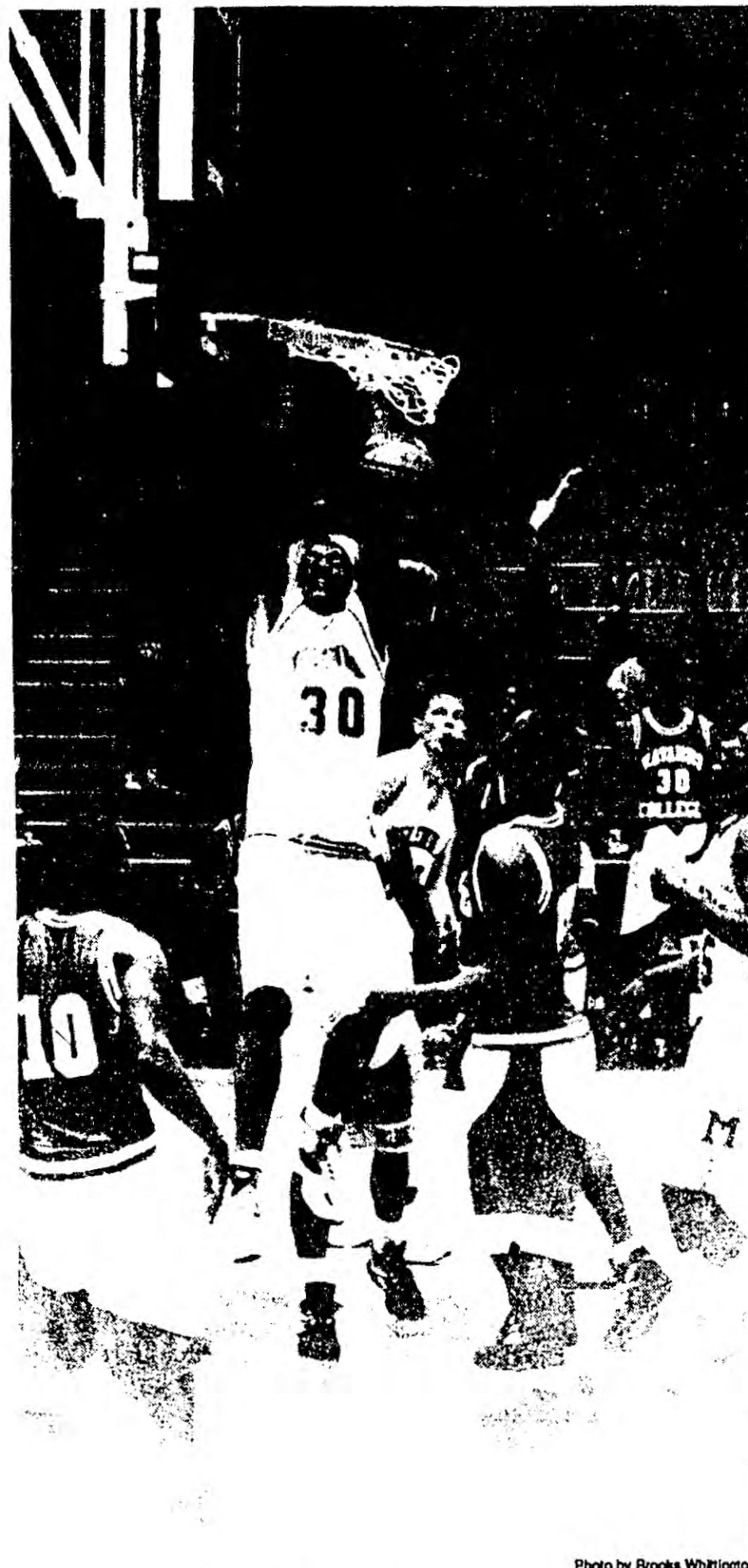


Photo by Brooks Whittington

**JUST HANGIN' AROUND** - Jermaine Thomas slams for two as the Highlanders pull out an exciting double overtime victory against Navarro, 127-122.

## Extra effort

### Highlassies show hustle against favored Angelina

By JEFF TALBERT

The Highlassies were down 43-24 at halftime in their game against Angelina on Nov. 29 at Angelina. Most teams would have finished the game losing 86-48, but Coach Wendell Hudson said he knew this would not be the case because of the team's consistent show of effort.

"The effort this basketball team has put out over this season has been outstanding," Hudson said.

That effort propelled the Highlassies to come back and take the lead 71-69 with four and a half minutes remaining, but they were unable to hold it because Hudson said they did not make some shots and missed some free throws. They ended up losing 89-78.

Leading scorers were Yong Tran with 23 points, Eleanor Alfred with 15 points, and Quiana Kent with 14 points and 15 rebounds.

The same effort could be seen at the Highlassie Classic, Nov. 17-19, where the team went 2-1 and played their first home games of the seasons.

The first game was against Angelina, and they won 94-89. Tran scored 29, while Lisa Brown and Angelina Morris each put in 19. Brown also grabbed 15 rebounds.

The Highlassies won their second home game Friday beating San Jacinto College 77-67. Tran was the leading scorer again with 18 points, while P.J. Jackson and Alfred scored 14. Brown finished the game with 14 rebounds.

To conclude the tournament, the Highlassies played Kilgore,

and they lost 90-69. Morris led the team with 17 points and Tran had 15 points. Brown had 12 rebounds.

Those games give the Highlassies an overall record of 4-5. They played games on Dec. 1 and 2 at home, and have two more games at home on Thursday and Saturday.

Hudson said the biggest assets to the team are their work habits and passing habits.

"We're passing the ball and shooting wide-open shots because of unselfish play," he said.

However, Hudson does see room for improvement.

"I think what this team needs is two or three other players to step up and play consistently with the top seven," he said. "We probably have seven players that are playing as consistent as we are asking them to play."

Conference play begins Tuesday against Collin County College, and Hudson said this is when the games really count.

"Every game is important, and you want to win every game, but you want to play for the conference championship," Hudson said. "And I think that's where playing on the road like we have prepares us to make a run for the conference championship."

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## Speech team looking ahead

(Continued from page 1) really seen a lot of success."

The speech team will be preparing for the "Super Bowl Swing" tournament held early next year as well as the Novice Debate nationals in Maryland.

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By HEATHER ELLIS

Highlander fans at a recent men's basketball game were reprimanded for inappropriate behavior by the campus police and basketball game referees.

Despite security problems, the 'Landers came away with a thrilling double overtime victory against Navarro College 127-122.

"The problems began after the first overtime period," said campus police officer Joe M. Lopez.

"The game referees could not run up and down the court because of fans standing on the sidelines."

Although no one was asked to leave the game, the fans on the first row were asked to refrain from the heckling cheers and spitting on the court.

"We weren't having problems from any one else in the crowd, just those seated on the front row," Lopez said.

While talking to the rowdy first row fans, Lopez said "I could smell alcohol on some of the fans' breath."

He also said if alcohol would not have been involved, there probably would not have been a problem.

A solution to the problem is trying to be found by moving the front row bleachers further back from the court.

Lopez, who has never seen

any problems of this kind in the past four years, said security "will start escorting fans from the Highlands if it comes to the point where the game stops due to heckling."

"It's really embarrassing when we can't control our students like that, but we will eject those causing problems," Lopez said. "Heckling the other teams and spitting on the court does make MCC look very good."

# Golf team sets sights on nationals

By P. J. SCHOENFELD

The golf team is getting ready for the spring season and setting its sights on the national tournament in May.

The team is coming off a tough fall season. "We played a harder fall season than we usually do," said Coach Stan Mitchell. After finishing third in three of the five tournaments this fall the team was feeling a little down.

The team finished third at

the Paris Junior College tournament, six shots behind top ranked Midland and only one stroke behind fourth ranked New Mexico Junior College.

The team's spirits picked up when the NJCAA fall coaches poll rankings came out. "The strength of our schedule showed in the poll," said coach Mitchell.

The Highlanders are ranked 11th, their highest ranking in two years. "We play in a tough

region—eight of the top 20 teams are from Texas," he said.

The team is looking forward to the spring season with six players returning from last year's team.

"We have more talent than ever, we just need to play," Mitchell said. "The highlight of the fall is that two of our team members, Patricio Beautell and Daniel Tiedbrink, are potential Academic All-Americans."

The team is taking time off now to concentrate on academics.

They plan to begin practicing again when everyone returns from Christmas break in January.

The team has confirmed four tournaments for next spring and hope to wind up the season playing for the regional championship and then on to contend for a national title.

## Final exam schedule

### DAY SCHEDULE

CLASSES	EXAM DAY	EXAM TIME
<u>Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes</u>		
6:55 - 7:50 am	Fri., Dec 9 Mon., Dec 12	*6:55 - 7:50 am
*(precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 min.)		
8:00 - 8:55 am	Fri., Dec 9	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:10 - 10:05 am	Mon., Dec 12	9:10 - 11:10 am
10:20 - 11:15 am	Wed., Dec 14	10:20 - 12:20 pm
11:30 - 12:25 pm	Fri., Dec 9	11:30 - 1:30 pm
12:40 - 2:00 pm	Mon., Dec 12	12:40 - 2:40 pm
2:15 - 3:35 pm	Wed., Dec 14	2:15 - 4:15 pm
3:50 - 5:10 pm	Mon., Dec 12	3:50 - 5:50 pm
<u>Tues. - Thurs. classes</u>		
8:00 - 9:20 am	Tues., Dec 13	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:35 - 10:55 am	Thurs., Dec 15	9:35 - 11:35 am
11:10 - 12:30 pm	Tues., Dec 13	11:10 - 1:10 pm
12:45 - 2:05 pm	Thurs., Dec 15	12:45 - 2:45 pm
2:20 - 3:40 pm	Tues., Dec 13	2:20 - 4:20 pm
3:55 - 5:15 pm	Thurs., Dec 15	3:55 - 5:55 pm

### EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00 - 7:20 pm	MW	Mon., Dec 12	6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	MW	Wed., Dec 14	7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 7:20 pm	TTH	Tues., Dec 13	6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	TTH	Thurs., Dec 8	7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 9:00 pm	M	Mon., Dec 12	6:00 - 8:00 pm
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6:00 - 9:00 pm	W	Wed., Dec 14	6:00 - 8:00 pm
6:00 - 9:00 pm	TH	Thurs., Dec 8	6:00 - 8:00 pm

### SATURDAY CLASSES

EXAMS FOR SATURDAY CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON DEC. 10, 1994.

### DOWNTOWN CENTER (DAY OR EVENING)

EXAMS FOLLOW THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

### ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES (DAY OR EVENING)

THE EXAM SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR. HOWEVER, EXAMS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BEFORE DEC. 8 FOR EVENING CLASSES OR DEC. 9 FOR DAY CLASSES.

### OR OTHER EXCEPTIONS

CLASSES WHICH MEET BEGINNING (DOWNTOWN OR ON CAMPUS) BETWEEN 5 AND 5:55 P.M. WILL HOLD FINAL EXAMS AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON DEC. 8, 12, 13, OR 14 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

EDITORIAL

## Student activities — a job well done

Thanks to student activities, parties have been held on campus. Activities ranging from the Go Bananas project held at the beginning of the semester to the Christmas party that happened this month.

Lisa Whited, director of student activities, along with others do studies to try and discover what it is that the students would enjoy. This job can be difficult since many different cultures attend MCC, but through dedicated research, they came up with plenty to keep us busy this semester.

Student activities tries to keep the students interested in the fun projects that the college offers. They bring about projects that can help others, like Alcohol Awareness Week.

Unfortunately night students do not get many special activities planned for them, but the department of student activities is trying hard to change that next semester so that everyone can get the same privileges.

If you have some ideas that you think the students might enjoy or like to see more of, perhaps you could stop by Whited's office on the second floor in the Student Center to share your ideas and suggestions.

## Scholars in review

By LISETTE MEDINA

Before the semester ends and school lets out for the Christmas holidays, 15 students will have been chosen to be the new additions to the Tartan Scholar program.

Last week began the interview process of the 26 finalists to select the 15 Scholars. In addition to the interviews, the selection committee also weighs the students' applications, their portfolios which consist of written or other creative work, and letters of recommendation as factors in its decisions.

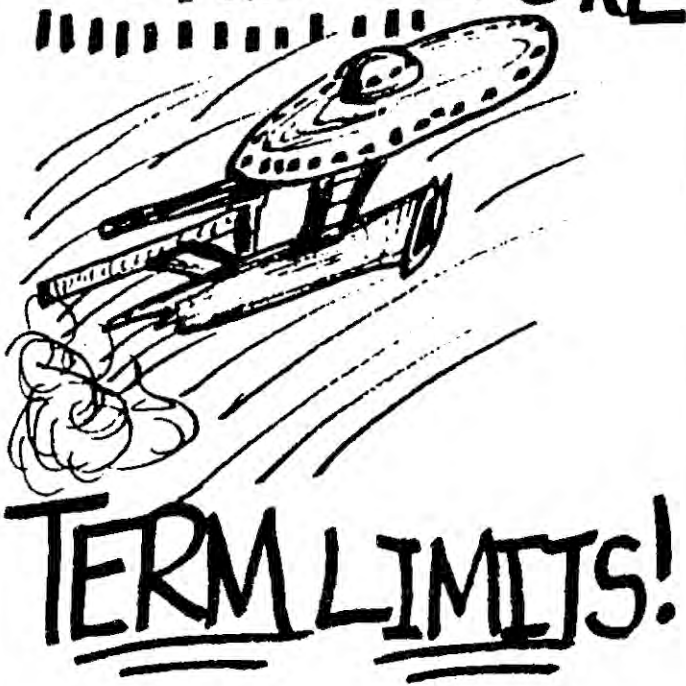
This is a "very competitive

group to get into," said Marilyn Kelly, instructor of speech and also of Tartan classes.

In other Tartan news, discussion has begun on sending two Tartan Scholars on an all-expenses paid study program to the Czech Republic.

Details still need to be worked out, said social sciences instructor Michael White, but the program will definitely involve sending two students to Czechoslovakia for a semester of study. Several students have shown interest in this program and more information will be available in the spring.

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## FACE-OFF

# Two views of the new Congress

By AARON TUDOR

**E**lection night. That fateful night when the American people threw every Democrat they could out on their ear. The night they entrusted Newt Gingrich with the keys to the House. The recent election has haunted me for the last couple of weeks. My emotions have ranged from disbelief to utter sadness.

But the last week or so, I can only think of one word to describe the way I feel.

Giddy.

Only three weeks from the most sweeping victories in the history of their party, the Republicans are already falling apart at the seams. During the months before the election, the GOP showed toughness and togetherness. They stood tall and proud as a party while the Democrats fell apart. The Democrats were in disarray, with each faction within the party more concerned with their own needs than the needs of the party. Now it seems the proverbial shoe is on the other foot.

It's still early and you can already see the internal turmoil. There are big differences among Republicans over the GATT treaty, as there will be on other issues such as school prayer and term limits. There going to find out why the Democrats had trouble with the crime bill and health care even though they had a majority in both houses.

And then there's the upcoming presidential election. Phil

Gramm is already running around saying he'd make a better president than Bob Dole. The election's still two years away! Imagine what it's going to be like when the election actually gets close.

The funniest thing is that all the wacky ideas Republicans could never talk about before, they're telling the world now. As part of their welfare reform, they want to send kids who's parents can't care for them to orphanages. Now that's big government.

I've always known Republican's don't care about the poor, but there supposed to be against big government. I guess when they talk about keeping government out of people's lives, they only mean rich people.

Then there's the brilliant idea of replacing the income tax with a national sales tax. In case anyone doesn't know, sales tax is the most regressive tax there is.

Poor people spend more of their income on sales tax than the rich, so the poor would end up paying a much larger percentage of their income in taxes. But like I said, the plight of the poor isn't high on the GOP agenda.

Although I was saddened by the last election, I'm actually looking forward to the next one. If things keep going the way they have been, and if Republicans keep coming up with more great ideas, it won't be long before Clinton hears those magical words being chanted. "Four more years."

By MERIE WITT

**A**uthor Larry Eisenburg gives the following definition for a practical politician: "One who finds which way the crowd is moving, rushes forward and yells like the blazes!" On election day the nation decided to go "Right" for the winter. The Republicans took notice of the public's sudden migration and took the initiative.

Some of the election results were expected, but in the end, even the Republicans were shocked by the landslide. Bob Dole was probably looking at himself in the mirror and saying, "They like me! They really do like me!"

Then it happened . . . it was like a terrible plague; they began dropping like flies! Some Republicans caught *poweridus maximus* syndrome (P.M.S.), which is a dreaded disease that often afflicts people who rise too quickly to the top. Some of the symptoms can be seen already with a number of the "big wigs" in the House and Senate.

The first symptom is what my doctor likes to call *fungus amongus*. This is when a few people have some nasty itches and scabs from the old administration that they can't seem to get rid of, and because they are in power they are scratching like they're home alone.

For instance, the last thing the country needs right now is to reopen the floodgates on Whitewater. So, Al D'Amato (soon to be the new head of the Senate Banking Committee) and

Bill Archer (taking over the House Ways and Means Committee) get some Hydrocortizone . . . let old wounds die! Sure the Democrats were bullies. They stole your lunch money for years, but does it really matter now? No!

Another symptom of P.M.S. is a mild case of Foot-In-Mouth Syndrome. No one is a better example of this than Jesse Helms. He just can't seem to help himself. Stupid, disrespectful things just keep popping out. Death threats? Please, someone wash this man's mouth out with soap!

One of the worst effects from P.M.S. is visions of grandeur. Some Republicans seem to be hallucinating. I hear there is not much oxygen at the top, or maybe they are taking prescription drugs that alter reality (I hope they don't drive!). Come on folks, I don't really think sending the children of parents on welfare to orphanages is a plausible idea.

The final P.M.S. symptom is similar to Alzheimer's. Like Bob Dole saying that term limits might not be a good idea. Well, I guess we don't really need a line item veto for the president anymore either. Look guys, these days even an agreement written on a napkin is binding.

Don't worry, I'm not jumping ship, I just wanted to make the point that power easily corrupts. Not a new idea, but obviously a hard one to grasp. There isn't time for revenge. Only two years remain and the clock is already ticking. The contract has been signed, the votes cast, and now it's time to start representing.

## Education majors to assist with UIL

By ANIKA STERLING

Education majors will be assisting teachers and staff members in the UIL literary contest next spring.

They are enrolled in a course taught by Ann Harrell that will give them background and experience with UIL contests. The students expect this to be a valuable asset when they begin their teaching careers.

They have already begun preparing for the major event when several hundred students from 20 high schools in three districts compete on campus on March 23.

Major areas of responsibility have been assigned to the students. Lisa Niemeyer will work with journalism news, feature, editorial and headline writing contests; John Hand in computer science and accounting; Sarah Littrell in ready writing and literary criticism; and Lisa Lynch in computer applications.

Also, Michele Allison in number sense, math and calculator applications; Brenda Wilson in persuasive and informative speaking, prose and poetry interpretation; Monique Ransone in team and Lincoln debate and spelling; and Deborah White in science and current events.

## Teachers advising, registering

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sessions, faculty members worked with counselors registering students.

After completing all areas of training, those with computers in their offices could register students from there. Those without computer access will work regular registration on the second floor of the Student Center.

Many positive responses have been made toward the program.

"We are very hopeful that this will improve services to students, it is important to remember that this is the primary goal," Abernathy said.

"I am struck by what an advisor needs to know, but on the other hand it is very satisfying to help students make discussions that might affect their lives," Director of Liberal Arts Lisette Carpenter said.

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# Estimating college cost

By KRISTIE KUBALA

Most people weigh all of their options before choosing a college to attend. There are many factors that affect the ultimate decision, and to some people cost may be one of them. When checked into, MCC was found to be the least expensive two-year college in our area, in regards to yearly tuition and fees and one of the least expensive in book prices. Here are some prices of local two-year schools in the area:

2-year college	Sem. hr.	Yearly tuition & fees	Room & Bd. ave.	Books out. ave.
MCC	\$17	\$660	none	\$484
Navarro	\$16	\$740	\$2740	\$416
Central Tex. Col.	\$18	\$696	\$2095	\$800
Hill College	\$15	\$705	\$2500	\$526
Temple JC	\$24	\$720	\$3500	\$520
TSTC	\$14*	\$1086	\$2895	\$650

(\*TSTC has the quarter system rather than semesters, thus the cost is for less time.)

After attending MCC, many students plan to transfer to a four-year university to continue their education. Costs of these schools greatly differ from that of two-year colleges. These are a few of the most popular universities to which MCC students transfer:

4-year university	Sem. hr.	Yearly tuition & fees	Room & Bd. ave.	Books est. ave.
Baylor	\$232	\$7070	\$3920	\$600
A & M	\$28	\$1528	\$4062	\$500
Tarleton	\$28	\$1478	\$3100	\$425
North Texas	\$28	\$1500	\$3508	\$450
M-H Baylor	\$185	\$5250	\$3106	\$600
UT Austin	\$28	\$1394	\$4100	\$650
SWTSU	\$28	\$1240	\$3854	\$500

These estimates were taken from "The College Handbook," 1994 edition. Susan Martindale and Marie Thibodeaux assisted in compiling the information.

# Transitions program helps single mothers

By JANNA AUSTIN

In light of the recent general election, the subject of transition has been coming up frequently. Transition is exciting and yet a little frightening at the same time. Transition requires courage as well as faith.

Some MCC students know all about transition. Although they are part of a program bearing the title "Transitions," this word somehow seems to be a major understatement.

While spending five minutes in the office of Marylea Henderson, Counseling and Guidance Specialist in Personal Development, two typical students in the Transitions Program popped in for a daily dose of support and encouragement, which Henderson graciously provided.

"Vicki," a fictitious name for a very real person, is one of them. At 23, she has lived through years of an abusive relationship that began at the age of 14. She married, had two children and another on the way, and then separated from her husband.

Vicki's alternatives were few. They included trying to survive on a minimum-wage job, existing on welfare permanently, or returning to an abusive relationship. With the help of MCC's Transitions Program, Vicki is hard at turning her life around.

Another program, B.O.N.D.

(Better Opportunities for New Directions), provides child care for her three sons, ages one, two, and three, enabling her to attend classes.

B.O.N.D. is a federally funded program with a focus on self-sufficiency at an above minimum-wage job. A B.O.N.D. office is housed in the Student Center and is the pilot program for the state of Texas.

Although these programs provide counseling and encouragement, Vicki's main source of motivation is her children.

"They won't have a future unless I make a future for myself. I look at them and it's all worth it." Perhaps that is why she attended class last September up until the day before the C-section delivery of her third son and was back in class the next week.

Vicki knows what she does not want for her children. She has lived in a housing project where she witnessed the murder of a man who fell dead at her feet. She has seen people sell their food stamps in order to buy drugs.

After months on a waiting list, Vicki and her children now have better living conditions.

Although Vicki realizes she has not always made the right choices, she is determined to

make the best of her situation and is now in transition to a better life.

Greta is another typical student in transition. Recently divorced, Greta is a single mother of five, ranging in age from one to 12. Getting an education is the step she is taking to provide for herself and her family.

The Transitions Program provides child care for the two younger children, enabling Greta to attend class.

Greta feels strongly about taking responsibility for her children. "I made the choice to have the children and the responsibility is mine," she said.

Greta is determined to be independent and provide for them the necessary things in life.

With her day beginning at 4 a.m., Greta is able to keep up as a full-time student and with the care of her five children. She is proud of the fact that two of her children are on the honor roll at Wiley Middle School.

Although both of these women have faced obstacles in their lives, they have made positive choices and taken steps to make the best of difficult situations.

For Vicki and Greta, transition is indeed exciting and yet a little frightening. Yet they are both supplying ample amounts of courage and faith to succeed.

# Multicultural Committee attends conference to enlighten students

By KAYSANDRA SMITH

Last month the Multicultural Committee and a "transformation team" which consist of faculty, administration and students, attended conferences at Mountain View College and Tarrant County Junior College in Ft. Worth.

One member of that committee, Linda Cook, said one speaker she enjoyed most was David

Abalos spoke on "The Story of the Journey of Transformation: Images of the Personal, Political, Historical and Sacred in Multicultural and Women's Literature." He said that for students to do better they must make changes in their attitudes in the classroom. Cook also mentioned seeing displays and art exhibits from the Multicultural Diversity Marketplace.

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Photo By Brooks Whittington

Marty Reeder and drummer Tim Kempa of MCC Band No. 3 help play a song last Wednesday during a concert. The band performed many different songs for the students enjoyment.

# 'Casa De Cafe'

Performances in Library to benefit Storybook Christmas

By AARON TUDOR

Ever had the urge to hoot and holler in the library? How about eat and drink? If you have, then your time has come. "Casa De Cafe" will invade the second floor of the library tomorrow, offering "hot coffee and cool poetry" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cafe will feature poetry readings and musical performances from MCC faculty and students. Refreshments will be

served, including coffee, tea, cookies, muffins and cinnamon rolls.

Admission is one new hardcover book or a \$2 donation. All proceeds benefit Storybook Christmas, which distributes books to children of low income families in McLennan County. Refreshments are included in the admission price.

Among the musical performers will be instructors Beth

Ulman and Bill Howard, and KWTX-TV news anchorman Lloyd Immel. Also performing will be Carrie Moore, Jason Young, C.J. Lewis, and Pat McFarland. Forensics team member Gavin Massingil will be master of ceremonies.

In addition to the performances, works of art by 25 students will be displayed throughout the second floor.

# Ex-student's talent to be exhibited in New York City

By REBECCA TREVINO

Planning to be in New York this month and looking for good art entertainment? Here's the answer. Glenn Downing, a former art student, displays his talents at a well know gallery in New York City this month.

Throughout his college career, Downing has had many exhibits, with his recent one in 1993. Here Downing was curator and also a participant at the Holly Solomon Gallery in New York,

New York, the exhibits title was *A Night of Viedos*. Many of Downing's work, has been displayed in well known galleries around the world. From the *Speedway Gallery* in Boston, Massachusetts in 1992, to the *24th International Film and Video Festival* at Humboldt State University at Arcata California in 1991 to the *Sonrisa Gallery* in Taos, New Mexico in 1987. Some of Downing's upcoming exhibits this month include; *The Lubbock*

*Fine Arts Center* in Lubbock, Texas; *Jack Tilton Gallery* in New York City and *Holly Solomon Gallery* in New York City.

Downing's education includes 1975-77 McLennan Community College; 1979 received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from University of Texas at Austin and also received a master's degree in fine arts from Virginia Commonwealth University at Richmond, Virginia.



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Paul Clark and Jeff Queen of MCC Band No. 3 recite a stirring rendition of *The Boys Are Back In Town*, during a concert sponsored by Student Government last Wednesday.

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