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NEWS BRIEFS

Walker, Kelly on conference program

Two MCC instructors will have prominent parts on the program of the first annual Community College Faculty Conference to be held at Baylor Friday. Philosophy and religion instructor Dann Walker will speak on "Critical Thinking—What Is It and How Can We Teach It" and speech instructor Marilyn Kelly will speak on "Meeting the Needs of Gifted Students in Community Colleges." Other sessions will cover such topics as "Introducing Technology Into Your Instruction," "Faculty Roles In Anticipation and Planning for Change" and "Legal Do's and Don'ts for the Classroom Teacher." Coordinator for the event is a former vice president at MCC, Chester Hastings.

Game room, swimming pool open

The hours for two popular on-campus facilities are now in effect. The game room, located in the Student Center, is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The campus swimming pool, located in the HPE building is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A life guard will be on duty.

Library sets Saturday hours

The Library is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. However, no reference librarian is on duty during this time.

Microlab open six days a week

The computer microlab hours on Monday through Thursday are from 8 a.m. until 9:50 p.m., on Friday 8 a.m. until 4:50 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12:50 p.m. The lab is in the Applied Science building room 112.

Creative writing begins Oct. 26

Continuing Education is holding a six week Creative Writing class from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Oct. 26. Enrollment is limited. For more information call 750-3412.

Disabilities workshop next week

Surveys conducted by the U.S. Justice Department indicate that most businesses do not understand the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In response, McLennan Community College's Small Business Development Center is offering a three-hour workshop to explain ADA requirements. The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, and costs \$40. The program is aimed at businesses seeking an effective and cost-efficient strategy for complying with the government guidelines. For details, call MCC at 750-3412.

Criminal Justice Career Day Oct. 20

The Criminal Justice Career Day will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20, 1994 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center. Recruiters representing Waco and other Texas cities will be present. Last year recruiters from over 30 Criminal Justice institutions were on campus to talk to students about jobs in that field. For more information contact John Nobis at 750-3587.

Concerts here next week

On Monday MCC will present a Wind Symphony and Ensemble concert, in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

The Choral concert will be at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center on Oct. 20. Admission is free to both concerts.

Interclub Council meets Oct. 21

The Interclub Council will meet on Oct. 21 at 10:15 a.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. A mid-morning brunch will be served.

North Texas grad courses here

The University of North Texas is now offering graduate level courses on the TSTC campus. Courses are being offered in two program areas: Applied Technology, Training and Development; and Computer Education and Cognitive Systems. The courses taught at TSTC count as in-resident courses and reduce or eliminate the need to commute to Denton Dr. Jon Young, UNT Dept. Chair for Technology and Cognition will be at TSTC on Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. to answer questions. For more information, call John Knue, 867-3302, at TSTC.

Who's Who nominations sought

The Student Services Council voted this week to again nominate students to the Who's Who program. To develop a pool of possible nominees, faculty and staff members are asked to submit names to Deborah Garrett's office by Oct. 18. A nominee should be a second year student with a GPA of 2.50. To nominate a student, send their name and Social Security number or address to Garrett.

Columnist Young at Press Club

John Young, opinion page editor of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, was the third guest speaker of the semester at the college Press Club last Wednesday. Young spoke on career opportunities in the field of opinion writing and newspaper journalism in general, and also on techniques and trends in the field. The Press Club has also visited this semester with Lori Scott, news anchor for KWTX-TV, and David Faulkner, associate editor at Stephens Publishing. The club plans to have guests in the field of mass communication every other Wednesday during the 10:20-11:15 a.m. period in the *Highland Herald* newsroom in the CSC. Any student is invited. Call 750-3444 for information.

'On Golden Pond' at Hippodrome

"On Golden Pond" will be performed on Oct. 21 and 22 at The Waco Hippodrome at 8 p.m. Ticket prices range between \$10 and \$24. For more information call 752-9797.

Transfer Fair Monday

By JANNA AUSTIN

MCC students have an opportunity to visit representatives of 10 different colleges and universities without even leaving the MCC campus.

Student Development is sponsoring MCC's first Transfer Fair on Monday, October 17, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center Cafeteria.

Door prizes, such as T-shirts, pens and pencils, etc., will be given away to participating students.

This is an excellent opportunity to obtain catalogs, brochures, and general informa-

tion from the respective colleges and universities.

According to Transfer Advisor Marie Thibodeaux, representatives will be available to answer questions regarding admission procedures, transferability of credits and other pertinent issues.

Information will also be available regarding minority scholarships as well as general scholarships.

Videos of the respective campuses will be shown throughout the event.

Colleges and universities being represented include Baylor

University, East Texas State, Paul Quinn College, Stephen F. Austin, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M, the University of North Texas, the University of Central Texas, the University of Texas-Austin, and the University of Texas-Arlington. Although Sam Houston State will not be personally represented, information about the school will be provided.

Thibodeaux also stated that Student Development has three campus tours scheduled this semester. A tour of Texas A&M is scheduled for October 21, South-west Texas State on November

4, and University of Texas-Arlington on November 18. Transportation for each of these tours will be provided.

Thibodeaux pointed out that after narrowing down the choices, actually visiting those campuses aids in making that final decision.

For more information regarding these events, Transfer Advisors Mary Thibodeaux and Cynthia Dupuis may be reached 750-3729 or 750-3715 respectively. The Student Development office (formerly Student Success) is located in room 303 of the Student Center.



Photo by BROOKS WHITTINGTON

BURGERS ANYONE?-- Student government representative Gwen Upchurch attempts to wrestle a calf to the ground during the calf dressing competition at the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo last Tuesday. The contest consisted of six teams and six calves, with each team attempting to tie up the back legs of one calf. The student government team finished first in the competition. (Please see related photos on page four.)

Record turnout expected for journalism convention

By BROOKE STACKPOLE

The journalism department will be serving as host to more than 350 high school and college journalism students attending this year's Texas Community College Journalism Association's convention in Waco Oct. 13-15.

Guest speakers will talk about three aspects of journalism — skills, and the coverage of major issues and sports. The convention is to "encourage and motivate young students in journalism and to show a broad

spectrum of print and broadcast, the exciting side and the tragic side of it," said journalism instructor Tom Buckner, who planned and organized the event.

At press time Monday, a record number 23 community colleges and 10 universities had registered for the main convention while a dozen area high schools had signed up for pre-convention workshops.

Thursday afternoon high school and college journalism students will attend on this cam-

pus a series of workshops on news writing, features, editorials and headline writing taught by Bobby Hawthorne, director of journalism for the University Interscholastic League. The workshop will be held at the Community Services Center and is expected to attract about 175, most of them high school students, to the four one-hour sessions. Any MCC student or faculty member is invited to attend this part of the convention. (Continued page 2)

Student government focuses on fall agenda

By PETER SCHOENFELD

Going into her third semester as the president of Student Government, Jenny Neff is finally seeing her dreams come true.

With Lesa Hatley, the new student activity coordinator, settled in, Neff has seen Student Government grow. Neff attributes the growth of the government to lowering the credit hour required for Student Government office from 12 hours to nine.

"We have a very diverse group of officers this year due to lowering the number of hour required to participate on Student Government," she said.

The major goal that Neff and the other officer elected last spring sat out to accomplish was increase the size of Student Government.

She has already seen interest grow among students toward their government. "This year's voter turnout was incredible," she said, pointing out that 200 people voted in last month's elections. Only six had voted in the previous election.

The agenda for the fall semester is full with the government focusing on alcohol and AIDS awareness as well as bringing in comedian Jeff Brown.

Already this semester Neff and the others in government prepared a float for the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo opening ceremonies, and they won the calf-dressing contest in a cloud of dust last week at that rodeo (see related photo story).

Later in the semester she plans to have a canned food drive as well as join the Toy's for Tots campaign. For Christmas they plan to adopt a local family to help.

Neff said the SG is always interested in suggestions from the student body. "Just come to a meeting and I'll find you a seat," she said.

One issue that Neff and the government are looking into is a \$1 or \$2 student functions fee which she said would allow the college entertainment program "to get more big name acts."

"We're working on such a limited budget that if we get a big name act like Jeff Brown, it takes most of our budget. With a functions fee the government could get more acts and activities."

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Golf tourney builds closer community ties

By JEFF TALBERT

Although the skies were cloudy and the chances of rain were high on Friday, the Seventh Annual MCC Athletic Department Benefit Golf Tournament was held at Lake Waco Golf and Country Club without any problems or threats of cancellation.

The results of the tournament were not available as of Monday.

The cost was \$85 a person, but Ken DeWeese, tournament director, said the revenue raised was secondary.

"The most important thing... is to make people more aware of the MCC athletic department,"

DeWeese said. "It's used as an activity to bridge the MCC athletic department to the rest of the community."

The profits of the tournament will provide basically for a reserve fund to help buy some bigger items, such as a whirlpool.

The tournament exceeded its limit with people of all backgrounds attending. Some of the people participating included one of Chet Edward's assistants and several area media people, as well as faculty and students from MCC, and the man who is fourth in command at Chrysler flew down from Detroit to play in the

tournament.

The cost of the event included green fee, cart, lunch, snacks, drinks, and assorted prizes.

The assorted prizes were given away through contests and raffles. Participants had a chance to win a new car by making a hole-in-one on selected holes, but nobody was successful in doing this.

Some of the prizes won during the raffle included autographed baseballs, golf clubs, and two tickets to the Cotton Bowl.

DeWeese said the tournament was a great success and was a lot of fun.

Hudson hopes for improved 'Lassies season

By KRISTIE KUBALA

The Highladies basketball team begins the season November 3-5 at the South Plains Tournament in South Plains.

Wendell Hudson, head coach of the women's basketball team, is enthusiastic about the players and said they have a "great attitude and they play hard."

After a recent scrimmage game at SMU, Hudson said he was proud of their efforts even though they had not had a lot of practice.

Last season, the women's basketball team placed fifth in the conference. Hudson is hoping to improve the record this season. So far, it's looking as if they'll have what Hudson said is a "pretty good basketball team."

Their season begins with the South Plains Tournament starting November 3. Coach Hudson said that it will give them a chance to play more and he'll get a better look at how well they're going to play during the season.

Following the South Plains tourney Nov. 3-5, the team will be at the San Jacinto tournament Nov. 11-12 before returning home to host the Highladies Classic Nov. 17-19. The team then travels Nov. 29 to Lufkin for a game with Angelina College.

The five returning players include Yong Tran, a 5'4 guard from Hamilton; Elenor Alfred, a 5'8 guard from Beaumont; Fredia Wafer, a 5'8 forward from Corsicana; Quiana Kent, a 6' forward from Killeen; and Lisa Brown, a 6'3 post from Corsicana;

Newcomers include LaTeshia McClendon, a 5'4 guard from Waco; Benja Weaver, a 5'9 guard from Jonesboro; Shawna Lucker, a 5'11 forward from the Woodlands; Daniele McKinney, a 5'9 guard from Waco; Paige Bishop, a 5'10 guard from Olgesby; Angelena Morris, a 5'10 guard from Hubbard; Misty Cobb, a 5'10 forward from Port Lavaca; and P.J. Jackson, a 6'1 post from Waxahachie.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

A MIGHT SWING—Math Instructor Buddy Powell had fun in the seventh annual Athletic Department Benefit Golf Tournament at Lake Waco Golf and Country Club

Friday. The profits of the tournament will provide basically for a reserve fund to help buy some bigger items, such as a whirlpool.

Seven recruits join five vets as 'Landers prep for Nov. 4

By DAVE EMLEY

Seven new recruits are suiting up for the men's basketball team this season. The group includes two players who saw little action last year and were redshirted and who retained two years eligibility. They are John T. Walker, a 5-11 guard from Brock, and Scott McAnally, a 6-6 forward from Hurst.

The redshirts will be joined by an incoming class of five talented individuals from quality programs, according to Coach Ken DeWeese.

Rondell Turner is a 6-8 forward from Philadelphia, by way of the University of Rhode Island. Don Long hails from Virginia Beach, Va. He stands 6-

8 and is transferring here from Frank Phillips College. Waco-area fans should be familiar with Joe Ervin. He played at University High School under Coach Carl Lloyd. He stands 6-2 and possesses a nice touch from the three-point line, DeWeese said.

One of the top high school players in the state last year was Jermaine Thomas from Tyler John Tyler High School. At 6-9, Thomas will provide help at the post position for the Highlanders. The final recruit of this 1994-95 class is Thomas Shearin. He's a 6-3 point guard from Philadelphia.

Players returning from last year's team include; Rodrick Monroe, who led the nation in

field goal percentage (70.3%), and Marcus Moss who was in the top ten nationally in assists and free throw percentage. Other sophomores returning are LaZerrick Griffin, Norman Williams, Marco Brown, and Waco-area players, Kenneth Benton and Damion McKinney.

DeWeese says his returning lettermen's experience will make it tough on the new recruits to get playing time. However, DeWeese says he expects several of the new players to have an impact on the program.

The team will open the season Nov. 4 when they host the SUBWAY tip-off Classic at the Highlands.

New services to help night students

By ANIKA STERLING

This semester the office hours of student services, including Testing and Student Records, will have expanded hours for night students.

Director of Student Activities Lesa H. Whited also has events planned such as a night students service fair and the student government is planning to give out popcorn.

The expanded services will be open these hours:

- Personal Development:

Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Student Admissions: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Student Financial Aid: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Student Development: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Student Records: Monday

through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Testing: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Upward Bound: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Career Development: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

WORKING HARD — The Highladies have been working hard on conditioning and fundamentals as they prepare for a promising season. The team will be on the road for the season opener at South Plains. First home game is Nov. 17-19 as Coach Wendell Hudson's charges host the Highladies Classic.

Golf team takes third

By PATRICK LEE

The golf team hopes to improve on its third place finish in the recent Bossier Parish golf tournament as it plays in the Grayson College tournament in Denison Monday and today.

The Highlanders shot a collective 920 to place third in the Louisiana contest behind Midland College, another perennial power in community college golf, which took first place with a 887

score while New Mexico Junior College took second with a 889.

Returning players are Patricio Benhett, Baggs Hanson, Milkil Kelley, Doug McCormick and Daniel Tidebrink.

Now members on the team include Alex Chavez of Waco, Joel Hagonsic of Ingleside and Jimmy Whitfield of Bronham.

The team is coached by Stanley Mitchell

Crisis team to help students

By ANNETTE BANKS

A new service has been added to the personal development department. The crisis team was introduced to help students in emergencies that range from falling down the stairs of the student center to having a nervous breakdown before mid terms. Other emergencies dealing with child care, transportation, career assessment and budget planning can be taken care of in this department too. The calls made to

the team are answered by Larry Radke, campus chief of police; then transferred to the suitable person.

The crisis team is funded by the Carl Perkins grant. The team is being operated by Mary Leo Henderson, counseling and guidance specialist; Lisa Hatley Whited, director of student activity; Larry Radke, campus chief of police; and Katherine Calucci, coordinator of personal development.

JOURNALISM CONVENTION

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Buckner said. Thursday evening Baylor's journalism department will welcome the visiting college students and teachers to a reception on the second floor of the Castellan Building.

Friday's program, to be held at Quality Inn, will feature 13 programs, an awards dinner, and business meetings for two collegiate journalism associations.

Keynote address at the Friday luncheon will be given by Randy Priddy, publisher of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, who will speak on "Cox Jumps into the Newspaper of the Future." Cox Enterprises, Inc., owner of the *Tribune-Herald*, has "been a leader in recent years in advanced technology for newspapers," Buckner said.

Programs under the "major issues" category will be "Responding to the Ruby's Massacre in Killeen" by Gerald Skidmore, publisher of the *Killeen Daily*

Herald; "Managing a Newsroom During Mt. Carmel" by Barbara Elmore, managing editor of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*; and Rick Bradford, news director of KWTX-TV; and "Minorities in Mass Communications" by Roscoe Harrison, public relations, Scott & White Hospital/Foundation.

Programs for journalistic skills are "How We Re-Designed the Trib" by Bruce Kabat of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*; "Learning to Listen to Better Stories" by Jesse Sawyer, MCC Foundation; "Your Future on a Community Weekly" by Terry and Kathy Collier of the *Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post*; "Using Mastro to Get the Most Out of Your Staff" by Larry Thompson of Northeast Texas Community College; and "Preparing to Write Best Sellers" by Al Dowlen, author of such best selling novels as "Night of the Tiger," "Twilight of Honor" and "The Bone Pickers."

Students interested in sports reporting can attend such sessions as "A View From Both Sides of the Mike" by Grant Toss, executive director of the American

Football Coaches Association; "Working the Barcelona Olympics" by Maxey Parrish, Baylor sports information director; "The Voice of the Final Four and Other Stories" by Frank Fallon; and "The Texas Football Magazine Story" by Dave Campbell.

Business meetings Friday afternoon will be held by the publications advisers of the Texas Community College Journalism Association led by President Bob Tompleton, Midland College; and the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Advisers led by Buckner.

An evening awards dinner honoring outstanding community college journalism students for excellence in a number of newspaper and magazine contests will conclude Friday's schedule.

A number of MCC staff members and journalism students will be helping with the convention. Students who will introduce the speakers include Sarah Capre, Heather Ellis, Dave Emley, Travis Elyers, Kaysandra Smith, Eugene Stepan, Jeff Talbert, Becky Travino, Aaron Tudor and Morie Witt. Students who will

video-tape the sessions include Annette Banks, Kristie Kubala, Jennifer London, Lisette Medina, Brooke Stackpole, Brooks Whittington and Ellis and Smith.

NEFF'S GOALS

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The government is trying to figure out ways of providing more activities for students.

Other activities that Neff is considering this semester is running for president school of the Texas Junior College Student Government. Last year MCC served as the vice president school. This association is a state wide coalition of two-year colleges that works on the state level for issues facing students across Texas.

The major issue Neff feels students here should be concerned about is AIDS awareness. "AIDS is everywhere," she said.

Neff plans to transfer at semester to Charleston State University. There she plans to seek a degree in social work. She hopes some day to be a student activities director at a major university.

Dealing with road construction

By BECKY TREVINO

Imagine this...you are in your car driving down the road with your favorite song on the radio and all of a sudden there's a loud noise. You just ran over something that looks like a small manhole or sewer hole. Whatever it was it seemed to shake the whole car. Realizing the rest of the way is the same, you begin to slow down.

I recall one day when I was driving, all of a sudden orange cones were lined up closing off one side of the two lane street. With my tires screeching, I swerved to get to the other side of the street. An accident could have easily happened. If you travel down 18th and 19th streets I'm sure you can relate to what I'm saying.

Everyday we see the big yellow trucks with the rollers in front, the sweaty men with hard hats who we try so hard to keep from hitting and the dreadful orange cones that end up all over the road instead of where they're suppose to be. Instead of making the road better, it just seems to cause problems, like tearing up the road and leaving a mess behind.

The construction can catch you off guard if you are not expecting it. Not only can it cause accidents, but it makes the drive a frustrating one. The traffic is backed up, the annoying noise of the jackhammer breaking the pavement and the big yellow trucks who pull out in front of you and don't seem to care.

It's good that they are fixing the streets, but how about the streets that are in serious need of construction and never seems to get it.

Bush...for governor?

By AARON TUDOR

I have way too much free time. I know this because I frequently work myself into a frenzy daydreaming about politics. In these dreams, I find myself debating an imaginary person we'll call Typical Republican.

In a recent conversation, we discussed the governor's race. "You better vote for George W. Bush," Typical Republican said.

"Why?" I asked him, vainly searching for some logic. "Because he's the best man for the job," he said. My search continued. "What has he ever done besides be the son of a president?" I asked.

"Well, he's a successful businessman," Typical Republican said. "Heck, he's even part owner of the Texas Rangers."

"But according to an article in Texas Monthly, he wasn't exactly a smashing success in the oil business," I said. "Let's see. His first company lost about \$2 million. Then he merged with a company called Spectrum 7 owned by friends of his. After that failed, he merged with another company called Harken Energy. Even though Spectrum 7 had been losing money, he still received 200,000 shares of Harken stock, a seat on the board of directors and a fat salary. I wonder if it had anything to do with his last name being Bush? Nah. It was probably just his keen business sense."

"And as far as the Rangers go, the only reason he's part owner of the Rangers is because he knows lots of rich people. He only put up \$600,000 of his own money and the team cost \$85 million," I said.

Typical Republican was becoming visibly agitated. He knew it was no use arguing Bush's personal achievements. He has none. So Typical Republican did what any well trained conservative would do. He changed the subject.

"Forget all that personal stuff," he said. "Let's talk about the issues. Bush wants to get tough on crime."

"And Ann Richards doesn't?" I asked incredulously. "She's built more prisons than any governor in Texas history. As a matter of fact, she's built more prisons than all her predecessors combined. Plus, she's helped pass programs to get at the root problems of crime, like drug rehab for prisoners."

"Rehab shme rehab," he sneered. "Punishment's the only answer. Lock 'em' up! Have 'em' bustin' rocks!" Images of Clayton Williams danced through my head.

He rambled on. "Bush wants to change things, shake things up."

"What does he want to change?" I asked. "Since Ann Richards took office, crime is down and employment's up. Half a million new jobs have been created in the state. What does he want, more crime and less jobs?"

"Ann Richards is for politics as usual," Typical Republican said.

"You want politics as usual?" I asked. "Seventeen of the first 20 donors who gave more than \$20,000 to Bush's campaign were also contributors to his fathers presidential campaign. If that's not politics as usual, I don't know what is."

The pace of the conversation quickened and Typical Republican's anger continued to build.

"Spending has gone through the roof with her in office," he said.

"But there's a \$2 billion surplus in the state," I said.

"Well that's because she's taxing us to death," he said.

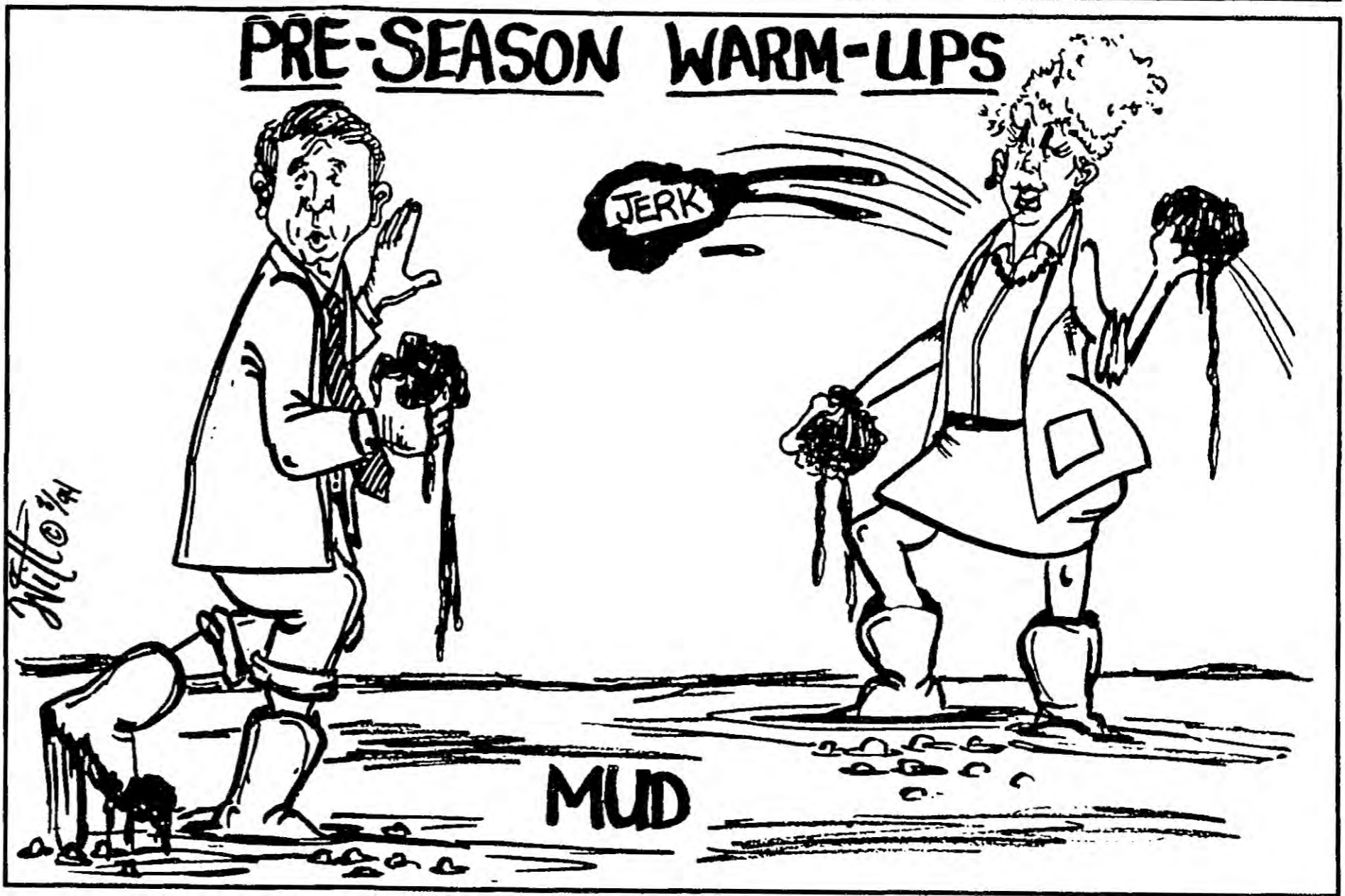
"We don't even have a state income tax like most states," I said.

"But property taxes..."

"...are determined by local governments," I interrupted.

Typical Republican hates being interrupted. It was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. He threw his arms up in the air in disgust.

"There's no point talking to you," he said. "You won't listen to reason. I guess you'll be a pinko commie liberal for the rest of your life!"



FACE OFF

...Or should it be Richards?

By MERIE WITT

I can imagine Governor Richards stomping around her office at the Capitol. About right now, she is probably kicking around her campaign staff with her fake snake skin boots and cussing up a Texas twister over the fact that she and George W. Bush are neck and neck in the polls.

I figure Richards probably thought she'd have an easy time of it in this year's gubernatorial race. First off, it's practically a tradition for Texas to give governors a second term in office. Secondly, I'm sure the governor thought since Bush Sr. was basically applauded out of office, that the Bush name would be like a coon in the hen house. However, what Richards has failed to notice are all the bumper stickers overwhelming the highways of Texas from Amarillo to Brownsville that say, "Don't blame me! I voted for Bush."

In fact, the people of our fine state are getting a bitter taste in their mouths over a new batch of Texas Tea that the liberals are partying with both in Austin and the White House. It's a watered down brew of ineffective policies, with a twist of liberal politics, and a lemon known as raised taxes that will make your lips pucker.

Both candidates are starting to beat out a path through Texas that may prove to be one of the toughest governor's races our State has ever seen. However, one thing is different. Gov. Richards can leave the hat and spurs in the closet because the winner of this race will be judged on their merits not by who scores the highest on the ol' Bubba-meter.

The state of Texas has one of the weakest governors in the nation, and that is due to the State Constitution. We have always been rugged individuals willing to pull ourselves up by our boot straps. The constitution basically reiterates this notion by hamstringing the governor's power. Texans want

small government and not enormous Richardesque Bureaucracy.

With this in mind it's unfair to say that all of the problems we have in Texas are due to Ann Richards being our governor. She has little power to physically change too many things in our state. The one overwhelming power that she does have, though, is that of spokesperson.

As governor she is supposed to represent the voice of Texas, and she has the power to give our state direction through that voice. Her type of pistol packin' mama dirty politics isn't the voice Texas needs to get ahead in the '90s.

George W. Bush has the leadership ability, integrity, and family values to help Texas reach its full potential. Since the true power of the governor lies in his or her ability to motivate, represent, and ultimately lead, it is important to examine the character of both candidates.

Now, Richards would probably tell you that Junior, just like daddy, was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but don't be fooled by statements like this, First it's hypocritical, no one ever says stuff like that about Democratic candidates for public office that grew up with lots of opportunities. Seriously, look at John F. Kennedy, the "Golden Boy" of the Democratic Party. Forget the silver spoon thing, he was born with an entire golden plated dinette set in his mouth.

The facts are you can't buy degrees from schools like Harvard and Yale, and there isn't some economics fairy that hovers over George W. Bush's shoulder to ensure he makes money in his business transactions. He's just an honest, hard working, bordering on brilliant business man who stands up for the traditional values that have made this nation what it is today. You want to know about character and integrity — just look at how he's handled Richards' attempts to turn this campaign into a roll in the mud.

Bush simply refused to join the governor in her childish games and left her in the sand box to make mud pies by herself. If you want to know what I think, there isn't much of a difference between Ann Richards and Clayton Williams. I didn't like either one of them because they both drew caricatures of Texans making us come off as a side show for the nation to gawk at.

I applaud Bush for being mature enough to put a stop to this type of tomfoolery. Bush doesn't have to slam Richards personally because her true colors will emerge on their own. All that needs to be dealt with are the issues. Interestingly enough, we've already begun to see some shades of red over Bush's indictment of Richards' record. Since Richards didn't seem to think she had to campaign for this years election, she made the mistake of allowing Bush to define the issues that will be of importance to the voter.

Richards wasn't at all a terrible governor, but at the same time when you get past the rhinestone cowboy image and all to the election bull riding she's been doing for the last four years, things haven't been so rosy. Sure she passed the lottery, but in the words of Janet Jackson, "What have you done for me lately!"

Unfortunately, our state has got some serious problems that we can't Texas two-step around, and unlike the lottery, there isn't some magic combination of numbers that will solve all of our states troubles.

The campaign boils down to the issues of crime, education, welfare, and spending. I'll give you a breakdown of Bush's platforms.

Crime: According to the Bush camp, violent crime is up 6 percent, and under our current governor violent juvenile crime has risen to 52 percent. Bush wants to stiffen penalties for criminals and to revamp our failing prison systems.

Welfare: Welfare spending is up 142 percent since 1990 and

225,000 more people are on welfare. Bush wants to get tough on people who abuse the system by limiting the amount of time people can stay on welfare and by putting a cap on the amount of children that recipients can receive extra benefits for while on welfare. Also he is pushing for the welfare work to learn programs to be implemented state wide.

Education: Under Governor Richards' leadership property taxes have exploded to 44 percent as the state has decreased the amount of money used for education. Beyond this, our state test scores are some of the worst in the nation. Bush plans to devote more time and money to education programs.

Spending: During the last four years the amount of money spent by our federal government has exploded from \$48 billion to \$71 billion. Richards signed our states first business income tax, and despite her campaign promise to lower insurance rates they continue to rise. Bush promises to put a stop to wasteful government spending and unnecessary taxes.

These statistics were taken from the "Bush for Governor Campaign Pamphlet" and more information on the actual programs can be obtained by calling campaign headquarters in Austin at (512) 472-BUSH.

Of course, you will have to decide for yourself who the best candidate for the job will be.

Watch the debates, read up on the issues, and make an informed decision. Decide what standards and values you want our state to stand for, but most importantly, vote!

I'm especially talking to all you folks out there who feel a bit betrayed by our nation's recent swing to the left.

Don't cop out by saying you can't make a difference. If you don't vote and George W. Bush loses — we won't let you have any of our "Don't blame me, I voted for Bush" bumper stickers.

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Bookstore winners

Five students were picked at random to be the recipient of a \$200 gift certificate from the Bookstore at MCC. The winners are pictured from left to right: Brenda Schuetz, Amy Hyde, Ignacio Gonzalez, Michele Mann and (not pictured - Annette Margolite) the live stacks of books shown are valued at \$200 a piece.



Photo By BROOKS WHITTINGTON

'Orpheus Descending' Tennessee Williams' play a hit

BY BROOKS
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"The Orpheus of Greek mythology was a gentle musician who could charm even the sweet-voiced birds in the trees. When his beloved Eurydice was bitten by a snake and carried in death to the underworld, Orpheus descended to save her. While leading her back to life he defied the gods and turned to look upon her beauty. And so he lost Eurydice. Upon returning to earth, he was devoured by women battling for his affections."

This quote by speech instructor Cindy SoRelle describes the Greek myth that influenced Tennessee Williams to change his play's name "Battle of Angels" to "Orpheus Descending," which the MCC Theatre Department presented on Oct. 5-8.

The play, which takes place in a general dry-goods store in a small southern town located in Two River County in 1955, depicts a drifting guitar player named Valentine Xavier, portrayed by Patrick Whorton, who enters the play after his car axle broke in the midst of a storm.

There he meets with Lady Torrance, portrayed by Regan Thompson, and Carol Cutrere, portrayed by Lillian Robuck, both of whom want Val for different reasons. Val ends up staying in Two Rivers County for a couple of weeks, working at a job that Lady gave him in her dry-goods store. Eventually, Lady and Val end up sleeping together, although he had turned down Carol's offer to do the same earlier in the play.

Not long after that, Sheriff Talbott, portrayed by Joseph Ginnane, told Val to leave the town by the next daybreak, or else. Val, wisely taking Talbott at his word, packs his bags and is halfway out the door before he is apprehended by Lady. She admits that she is pregnant with his child. Val decides to stay, thus precipitating the murder of Lady by her cancer-ridden husband Jabe, portrayed by Bryan Taylor. Val was later killed by a mob who thought he was guilty of the murder.

Although Williams' plays are

typically difficult to interpret and produce, the drama department did an excellent job in accomplishing both. The department's pride and professionalism were evident in several different ways.

First, the set was extensive, leading me to shudder at the thought of the enormous amount of work that was put into it. The props were also impressive, and, I'll admit it, better than I ever dreamed of seeing at a college performance. Most of them were also authentic for the times, as far as I could tell. The lighting was good, and was appropriate for each scene.

Secondly, the actors and actresses did a superb job of interpreting the play and the emotions that went along with it. Some scenes were so real that I was almost fooled by them.

For instance, when Jabe shot Lady and she started moaning and writhing on the floor in pain, I was tempted to look for some blood, (as thoughts of Brandon Lee's fatal "accident" flashed through my mind), even though I knew that the gun that Jabe used was obviously fake, (as evidenced by the fact that he pulled the trigger seven times, with only two shots to show for his efforts). Carol's crying was also amazingly lifelike, as was Val's anger whenever his guitar was handled by anyone but him.

However, it should be pointed out that while the main characters did an excellent job, the play never would have been as good as it was without the help of the supporting actors and actresses, who were just as excellent in their own right.

Lastly, the sound effects of the play added a certain spice that would have been noticeably missing if they had been omitted. The rustic music between scenes, (where the guitar was the main instrument played, of course), the faint barks of dogs in the background signaling the chase of another convict, and the sound of car horns were all well incorporated into the play.

All in all, it was a good play, and if you missed it, you missed one of the best plays ever put on by the drama department.



Val Xavier, portrayed by Patrick Whorton, helps Lady Torrance portrayed by Regan Thompson, massages her back in order to help her sleep. The play ran Oct 5-8.



FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES -- Garrye Burly Brown and her husband pose with President and Mrs. Clinton after being sworn in as head of the U.S. Fire Administration.

English teacher's sister named as head of U.S. Fire Administration

By AARON TUDOR

If it's good to have friends in high places, it's even better to have relatives. Since it doesn't get any higher than the White House, English instructor Hansel Burley must be feeling pretty good these days.

Carrye Burley Brown, Burley's sister, was recently sworn in as head of the U.S. Fire Administration, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The agency deals with legislation concerning fire service and fire safety issues.

Brown had been on the staff of Rep. George E. Brown, chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, since 1977. During that time she helped draft legislation such as the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act and the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Foundation.

She wrote the Hotel-Motel Fire Safety Act, which requires that all federal travel be conducted at facilities with sprinklers, and that all federally funded conferences be held at sprinkler-equipped sites by the year 1997.

Brown was confirmed before the senate last spring. She received strong bi-partisan support, including a letter of support from Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. She also received support from the National Association of State Fire Marshals, one of the largest firefighters unions in the country. Union support is rare for a nominee who has never worked as a firefighter.

Burley wrote a good portion of his sister's statement to the senate. The confirmation hearing went so well, Burley said, that at one point the chairman of the committee remarked, "This is more of a coronation than a nomination process."

Her position became official when she was sworn in Sept. 16. Burley attended the ceremony, in which Brown was sworn in using her mother-in-law's Bible, which her husband held.



Robyn Burles and Leslie Hancock from cosmetology, look on as a teammate tries to rope a calf at the Heart Of Texas Fair Rodeo.

From the Improv to MCC Comedian Geoff Brown brings jokes on Oct. 24

By LISETTE MEDINA

At the end of the month our campus will get a whack on the old funny bone.

Comedian Geoff Brown, who was most recently named Grand Champion of the Bay Area's (San Francisco) Black Comedy Competition in 1993, is coming for a special performance to take place in the Student Center at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 24.

Besides his 1993 award, Brown won 1991 State Champion in a Funniest Young Comedian contest sponsored by the The Laff Stop in California. Brown was named a national finalist in a National Lampoon/Edge Gel Comedy Search in 1990. Brown has made numerous comedy club appearances including stops at the Improviation and the Laugh Factory, both in Los Angeles, The Funny Firm in

Chicago and The Laff Stop in Newport Beach and Montclair, Calif., and Houston and Austin.

He has been featured on Comic Strip Live and the Arts and Entertainment's An Evening at the Improv. In addition, Brown has made a number of appearances with other comedians such as Sinbad, Paul Reiser, Jim Carrey and Jerry Seinfeld.

Brown, who originally hails from Chicago, got his start in California during his four-year stay with the United States Marines, where he served as an electronic/aviation consultant. His first audition was at the Comedy Store in Hollywood where he was discovered and booked as a regular performer.

Among Brown's special skills besides stand-up comedy are improvisation, writing, accents, sports and singing.



PARTNER'S IN SUCCESS-- Left to Right: Stacy Bradley, Jenny Neff, Jeanny Roatocky and Gwen Upchurch pose for a victory picture after winning the calf dressing contest at the Heart of Texas Fair.



TASTE OF VICTORY-- Gwen Upchurch celebrates after helping her team win the calf dressing contest at the Heart of Texas Fair Rodeo last Tuesday.

Art Center

'Images of Texas' now on display through Dec. 4

By JENNIFER LONDON

The Art Center is presenting "Images of Texas 1880-1950" through Dec. 4.

This exhibition is representing a group of Texas paintings ranging from the more academic style of the late 19th century through the end of the regionalists period in 1950. Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. On Sunday's hours are from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The Art Center was first created in 1972 in downtown Waco and was moved in 1974 to the former William Waldo Cameron home. Its facility and the center's programming received national accreditation in 1991. The center has satellite programs at the old Waco High School downtown and the Convention Center.

Joe Kagul, the Art Center di-

rector, said, "The center is under used and students do not use the facilities very often." Sometime next year the exhibit center plans to open a major sculpture path, which will be behind the Art Center. "Every two years, there will be a sculpture exhibit," Kagul said.

In "Images of Texas" no paintings will be sold. Also the center does not show self-portraits and student paintings are not in the exhibit, unless they are judged in.

The Art Center is not a part of this campus, but is located across the street behind the Applied Science building. The Art Center's gift shop is open during center hours. If you want to join the center call the membership office at 752-4371 for an application or brochure.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WRITING TO SOMEONE FROM CALIFORNIA?

I'm a single white gentleman, financially secure professional, sincere, friendly, interesting, physically fit, 35, 5'11", 145 lb. I appreciate southern hospitality and frequently travel to Texas. If you are a single white lady, have a nice personality, and are 18 or older (economic status unimportant) then write to: Jonathan, P.O. Box 2271, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Please, don't be shy. I promise I'll answer your letter, and I'll be happy to send you my picture.

Give it a try! You might be pleasantly surprised!