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NEWS BRIEFS

Flex entry English 1301 begins Monday

Flex entry classes will begin next week. The English 1301 class will start Oct. 3 and the English 0111 lab will start on Oct. 4.

Financial aid deadline Saturday

Saturday is the deadline for students to complete their financial aid file for the Spring 1995 session. Applications received after Saturday will be considered on a funds-available basis. To be eligible, students must be enrolled inat least six hours of class weekly. If you need additional information, contact the Office of Financial Aid located on the third floor of the Student Center, 750-3698 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. (except college holidays).

Hours posted for gym, weight room

New hours have been posted for students and faculty use of physical education facilities in the HPE building on campus. The gymnasium will be open 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday the hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Those individuals desiring to use the weight room can use the facilities Monday through Friday, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. or 5 to 8 p.m.

Microlab hours in AS 112

The 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.

Class on exporting starts Wednesday

"Transporting and Documenting Your Export Goods" will be offered from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Wednesday here. The one-day class covers the basics of documenting export/import goods, customs regulations, letters of credit and transportation arrangements. The cost is $25. Call 750- 3412 for details.

Government contracting class Thursday

"The ABC's of Government Contracting" will be held here from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday. This informative three-hour class will show you how to cut through red tape, find government projects and request bid information. The cost is $10. To register, call 750-3412.

Evening bookkeeping basics course set

The basics of double-entry bookkeeping will be taught here from 6 to 9 p.m. for 10 Thursdays beginning Sept. 29. Bookkeeping Basics, a noncredit course, covers the complete accounting cycle for service and retail businesses. The cost is $84. For information, call 750-3412.

BSU invites students, plans training trip

Students are invited to attend the Baptist Student Union meetings Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., and free luncheons on Wednesdays at noon until 1 p.m. The lunches are sponsored by various churches in Waco. Also, the BSU will be attending the Leadership Training Conference at Grape Hills Baptist Church in Austin Friday through Sunday. Louie Giglio and the Choice praise team will provide the music and worship ministry. Phillips, Craig and Dean, a contemporary Christian group, will be in concert on Friday night. The cost of the event is $35 plus meal expenses.

Course in Internet begins Saturday

Internet is the growing computer network that allows you and your properly outfitted computer to access information of all types from around the world. McLennan Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering a new, noncredit course on how to use this unique network. Students will learn what hardware, software and permission they need to get on Internet, and they will receive hands-on experience in using MCC's access to the Internet system. The first session will begin Saturday, Oct. 1. Classes will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays for three weeks. The course will be repeated on Wednesday nights beginning Oct. 26. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. for four weeks. The cost of the class is $35.

Golf tourney to raise athletic funds

Boosters of McLennan Community College's Athletic Department will tee-off at the college's seventh annual fund-raising golf tournament on Friday, Oct. 7, at the Lake Waco Golf and Country Club. The tournament begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tee-off time is 12:45 p.m. The cost of participating in the Florida Scramble is $85 per person and includes green fee, cart, lunch, snacks, drinks and assorted prizes. Golfers will have the opportunity to win new cars on selected holes. For more information on the fund-raising tournament, call MCC at 750-3657.

Journalism convention here next month

The college is serving as host to the Texas Community College Journalism Association's annual convention in Waco Oct. 13-15. More than 200 high school journalism students will be in the Community Services Center that Thursday afternoon for workshops in news writing, feature writing, editorials and headline writing taught by Bobby Hawthorne of the University Interscholastic League. Also invited to attend that workshop will be early arrivals to the convention which is expected to draw 250 college journalism students and teachers from 40 schools in Texas and neighboring states. Dr. Jesse "Buzz" Sawyer has a place on Friday's program when he speaks on "Learning to Listen for Better Stories." Helping administer the convention will be student members of the Press Club and faculty and staff members Mary Taylor, Jack Schneider, Lissette Carpenter, Mike Jones, Tommy McGee and Tom Buckner.

Albritton receives Perry Scholarship

Sheila Albritton, a sophomore at McLennan Community College, has been named as the college's first C. Ray Perry Honors Scholar. The scholarship was endowed by donations from the MCC faculty in honor of Perry's many years of service on the college's Board of Trustees. Albritton, a graduate of Midway High School, is majoring in psychology and education and was selected as a charter member of the MCC Tartan Scholars, a new honors program.

Athletic Department makes strides toward gender equity

By HEATHER ELLIS

Late last spring, many were surprised at the announcement that the men's tennis program had been dropped and the Dance Company had been added to the sports roster. This decision was based on the rising national controversy surrounding the gender equity issue.

Gender equity at MCC is defined as the fair distribution of opportunity, participation and resources within the athletic programs for women and men at the school.

A Gender Equity Committee was formed to consider many issues such as the equal distribution of athletic aid to males and females and the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate sports and same-sex intramurals is equally proportional to the interest expressed.

"Gender equity has been around awhile," said Deborah Garrett, vice president of student services. "Before it (gender equity) became an issue we had to take a look at it."

The committee had been considering deleting the men's tennis program for the past two years despite winning a National Junior College Athletic Association national championship two years ago. Garrett feels two of the biggest reasons for the decision were the lack of competition around the area and the number of international players on the team.

"There was a possibility that the team would be dropped, but I never expected it," said Carmack Berryman, former head coach of the men's tennis team. "The committee's intent was not to drop any sports, but I thought they would keep it (men's tennis team) around at least one more year."

Berryman also disagrees with the reasons for cutting the program. He said there were only three international players on the team last year as opposed to past years where the majority of the team were from foreign countries. All of last years players received better scholarships when they transferred to other schools to play tennis.

"The saddest part is that there weren't any lawsuits filed against the school pertaining to gender equity," Berryman said.

Berryman added that the Dance Company was not a factor in the dropping of the men's tennis program. "They (Dance Company) work hard and put a lot of time into it."

"Those ladies practice hard every day as do the other sports," said Garrett. "They also go to a national competition and represent the school."

Also having a coach for the Dance Company was another factor in the team becoming a sport, Garrett said. "She (Dance Company instructor) carries the same class and practice load as do the other coaches."

Sandy Hinton, Dance Company instructor, said that most all junior colleges around the state give dance team members scholarships. With the Dance Company becoming a sport, this allows her to recruit members for the team and the school is also furnishing the team with new uniforms.

"I want more scholarships, but I'm very pleased with what I've got," Hinton said. "I wanted Christmas, but I'm thrilled to have Easter."

"Money is in the process of being evened out . . . more improvements are to come," Garrett said.

Garrett also said that another women's sport will be added and that no other sports will be dropped.

Berryman disagrees with Garrett. "I think that the women's tennis team will be the next to go. I'll be really surprised if Division I tennis does not disappear nationally."

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Photo By Brooks Whittington

WORKING UP A SWEAT- Dance team members (from left to right) Sherry Gainy, Ashley Cox, and Amanda Atlas practice their routines for the upcoming Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo. The dance team was recently given scholarship status by the Board of Trustees. They will perform three times at the HOT fair, including the parade Saturday.

Photo By Brooks Whittington

DEVOTING HER FULL ATTENTION- Candy Gledhill watches closely to coach Carmack Berryman during practice. Candy's older sisters Jodie and Kirsty are former Highlassie players. The women's program is MCC's only tennis team since the men's team was cancelled last year to comply with Federal gender equity laws.

Student government elections held

Additional polling sites dramatically improve turnout

By TRAVIS EYERS

New officers and representatives of Student Government were sworn in yesterday after a record-breaking election put them in office.

Efforts to increase student participation worked two weeks ago as 200 voted. The previous SG election had attracted only six voters.

Carol Molter won the highest office on the ballot, that of vice president, while Andrea Flores was elected historian, Stacy Bradley parliamentarian, and Dawn Morton public relations.

They join President Jenny Neff, Secretary Joanna Rostockyj and Treasurer LeeAnn Ford, all elected last spring.

The 26 new representatives elected were Silvano Aburto, Albert Dee Bender, Erin Jane Berry, Jason S. Blanek, Stacy D. Bradley, Sandra L. Drager, Andrea Flores, Melissa C. Freedman, Manuel Gibson, James Randal "Randy" Hammett, Samantha Roxann Harry, and Melissa Huschka.

Also Michelle Kuras, Londella L. Mahone, Elizabeth R. McKellips, Carol A. Molter, Jamie Monterrubio, Jr., Dawn Morton, Rebecca Salinas, Dawn Selix, William Todd Sims, Mistie Smith, Courtney Susil, Gwendolyn Upchurch, Shirley Weeks, and Vernisa C. Zuniga.

Student Government faces a busy school year of activities. The most immediate will be campus events related to the Heart of Texas Fair with a western barbecue served in the cafeteria Monday from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and then a two-step country western dance contest on Oct. 3 with numerous prizes for both winners and spectators (see related story).

The election, held Sept. 15-16, used several polling places to put the voter turnout to one of its highest numbers in recent years.

Instead of only the one polling place in the game room in the Student Center as in previous years, this year the SG had polls in the cafeteria, the Community Services Center, the Library and the Health-Physical Education building.

Lesa Hatley-Whited, student activities coordinator, has been trying to educate students on the importance of student government since she took the position last year.

Along with being the student's voice to administrators, student government officers serve on the Student Activity Board.

Rodeo week kicks off Monday

Monday marks the beginning of "rodeo week", a week of events held in conjunction with the kick-off of the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo. The festivities will begin with BBQ plates being served Monday in the Student Center from 10:30 until the food runs out. The plates will cost $1.25 and will include a BBQ sandwich, chips, and a drink.

The activities wrap up Wednesday with a best western dressed contest and two-step and jitterbug contests. There will be prizes for the contest winners as well as door prizes for spectators. Businesses donating prizes include Cowtown Boots, Kestner's Western Wear, Ritchie's Western Wear, Casa Ole, the Olive Garden and many others.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

BENDING TO THEIR TASK, these students in College Algebra are learning with a new tool this semester. The school has purchased 80 TI-82 graphing calculators that are being used in a pilot project. The ultimate goal is to help students succeed in a class that statewide finds almost half of the students making grades lower than "C."

New calculators tested in college algebra classes

By BROOKS WHITTINGTON

The math department is conducting a pilot program this fall in two College Algebra classes that are using the new TI-82 graphing calculators as a required accessory.

Members of the department had been talking about implementing graphing calculators into several courses for two years. Then last year a workshop was held for the department faculty specifically involving the TI-82 graphing calculator. Instructors Doris Schraeder and Lisa Linloff volunteered to teach the experimental classes. The results of the two courses will affect whether all of the algebra classes, and some other classes such as chemistry and physics, will require a graphing calculator in the future, said Buddy Powell, director of math and sciences. Pre-calculus and Calculus I, II, and III are already using them.

The overall goal of the courses is to improve the success rates of College Algebra classes. At many colleges in the state, only about half of the students in college algebra classes make "C" or higher, according to Powell.

The college plans to designate the use of calculators on the course sheet in several sections of College Algebra for the spring semester. Powell said that the failure to designate the specific calculator courses for this semester was a "calendar issue" — the decision was not made in enough time to get the fact printed in the registration bulletin. Since the classes were pilot projects and because no advance announcement was made to students about having a graphing calculator for the course, the school furnished the calculators for the first classes.

"We are thinking about having two more sections in the spring, but this time we would hopefully designate them in some fashion," Powell said. He added that he is not displeased with the failure to designate the classes, saying, "You get more of an experiment if you . . . get people who are not self-selecting for a particularly unusual type of course."

The total cost of the experiment, including buying 80 calculators at about $80 apiece, was around $5,600. However, some of the accessories, such as the projection devices, were provided free by Texas Instruments. Powell said that these pilot courses will not push up the cost of tuition at all; in fact, although no specific plans have been made, the members of the department are thinking about selling the used calculators to the students through the Bookstore for a price of about $40 or less apiece, (after the spring semester), in order to get back some of the money that the school lost. However, if the next classes do end up requiring students to have calculators, they will have to buy their own.

Alcohol awareness week

Series of programs to focus on prevention and effects

By AARON TUDOR

When it comes to preventing problems, the great philosopher Barney Fife summed it up best. "Nip it in the bud."

That's exactly what MCC will be doing with Alcohol Awareness Week, a week full of festivities from Oct. 10-14.

The week will focus on prevention and awareness of alcohol problems on campus, according to Paul Hoffman, an MCC counselor who helped organize the week's activities.

"Since alcohol is legal, people tend to overlook the problems associated with alcohol abuse," Lesa Hadley, director of Student Services, said.

Oct. 10 will be kick-off day, with red ribbons being given out to students to remind them of the dangers of alcohol abuse. Tables will be set up in the Student Center and in the courtyard in front of the Bookstore to hand out the ribbons. There will also be posters and essays by MCC and local secondary school students posted in the cafeteria.

The second day will focus on relationships and alcohol, and will feature a creative dating workshop from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It will be held in the TV room of the Student Center and is designed to better educate students about ways to liven up their social live's without alcohol. Topics to be covered are the impact AIDS has on dating, dating expectations, the impacts of alcohol on dating and many others.

Oct. 12 will be community resources day. Fourteen state and local agencies will have information tables set up in the cafeteria from 9 a.m. to noon. Those participating include the DePaul Center, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Texas Addiction Services and others.

Oct. 13 will focus on the effects of alcohol abuse on the community. There will be a panel discussion on this subject featuring Bethie Timmons from the Center for Action Against Sexual Assault, Beth Toben from the district attorney's office, a representative from the Waco Police Department, and Gerald Elliot of the Freeman Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. The discussion will take place from 10 a.m.-noon in the TV room of the Student Center.

The events will rap up that Friday with substance-free day. There will be a "mocktail" party from 10:30-noon in the cafeteria. The party will feature a DJ, non-alcoholic drinks, and top 10 lists from campus organizations on reasons not to drink.

Reorganized

Student services has people working in new offices, jobs

BY LISETTE MEDINA

Student Services has been reorganized and is designed to offer students a wide range of services to assist them in completing their goals in a less time-consuming way and with less hassles.

The previous system of Student Services was constructed to cater to the majority of the population: recent high school graduates. But that was ten years ago. Now the population at MCC consists of not only those recent high school graduates, but also returning students, older adults that are coming to college for the first time or continuing their already started education, single parents, and international students.

Once the student body of today was more closely examined and broken down, discussions on what programs would be helpful in getting all of these students into college, keeping them enrolled and in class, and seeing that their goals were accomplished, ultimately leading to graduation.

Generally all of the staff is happy about the new arrangements that were made, said Deborah Garrett, vice president of Student Services. Only four previous employees were lost in the shuffle on their own accord. Still the number of people working in this division of the school falls between 60-70 employees.

From this increase in staff, the students benefit because offices such as Financial Aid are staying open later. Longer hours enable students to fit in visits to these different services when their schedules permit. Also beneficial to the students is that now more of the services are located in the same building, eliminating the back and forth trips to several buildings for one piece of information, as was the case before.

Included in the Student Services Building, formerly known as the Administration Building, are Student Records and Admissions, which handles such area as supplying enrollment packets, class schedules, class changes and transcripts. Also the Testing Center, which handles MCC placement testing, TASP, as well as GED testing. Plans call for a move of the Financial Aid Office into the same building in the near future.

The staff wanted to see if the previous system in force was still the one necessary for the student body of today, according to Garrett.

Another reason for the reorganization was the call for more staff in departments such as financial aid and testing. According to Garrett, they wanted the "best use of people, to the best of their ability."

Fortunately for the staff, they were allowed to reorganize themselves with an approach they wanted. Another positive for staff came in the announcement that no employees would lose their job. Additionally, if anyone went down in position, there would be no decrease in salary. This was important news to them because one of the first decisions made was to decrease the number of major departments in the Student Services division from seven to three.

The three major departments are now Student Enrollment Services, Student Financial Assistance, and Student Success Services.

Students and faculty were asked to serve on committees to make recommendations for reorganization.

Organizers had the task of making charts of the three major departments and deciding on the number of people needed to fill all the positions in those departments.

Then organizers actually placed the right people in the positions. Some people asked to be moved to different departments. Promotions were also given to some of the staff.

Staff members who changed job positions included Ruby Burns from counselor to admissions specialist, Herman Tucker from off-campus coordinator to director of Student Enrollment Services, Sandi Jones from career development to financial aid specialist, Jo Harrington from admissions and records to financial aid specialist, Susan Martindale from the single parent department to counseling specialist, Pam Nichols from admissions and records to administrative secretary, Darlene Kilgore from the single parent department to office supervisor, Lynn Abernathy from counselor to coordinator of career development and director of Student Success Services, Lesa Hatley Whited from the single parent department to coordinator of student activities, Patti Weir from financial aid to administrative secretary, Tammy London from financial aid to part-time lab facilitator, and Marie Thibodeaux from financial aid to transfer advisor.

Due to all the movement of staff, new teams were born. People who never worked together now do and they work well.

"I think we all know ourselves better," Garrett said.

New sub-departments were also added to the list of student services such as the transfer assistance center that helps students who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university get the information they need on such things as what courses at MCC will the other schools of their choice accept as transferable credit.

An information desk has also been built in the Student Services building that may assist students if they have problems with the locations of buildings or departments on campus.

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New teachers add diversity, experience

Several new personalities and skills have been added to the college faculty and staff this year. New reporters in the journalism reporting class have written about some of these newcomers. Editors plan to complete the introductions for those not listed here in the next issue of the paper.

Leslie Bogart is teaching speech and helping coach the forensic team this year. She comes to the college from Las Vegas. She is a native of Austin where her father taught painting and abstract art at the University of Texas. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. When she has time, she likes to watch old movies. She has a tie-in for this hobby, for she shares her name with Humphrey Bogart's daughter, Leslie Ann Bogart. She also likes to play hackey sack, go camping and hiking, and travel (which she will be doing quite a bit of with the forensic team).

Linda Gassaway has an extensive law background which played a major part in her being selected to head the new legal assistant program. Her job responsibilities include teaching all of the legal assistance courses as well as supervising operation of the program. Her education credentials include a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1982 and a B.A. degree from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. A native of Tulsa, Gassaway has an 8-year record of classroom work as either a teacher or consultant. Most recently, she was an adjunct professor at Baylor. For the last six years she has been in private practice in the law firm of Alford & Gassaway. Her husband is country court-at-law judge, and they have two daughters.

Tom Justice, biology and zoology instructor, said he came to MCC because "they had a job and I didn't." While doing graduate work at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, he had the opportunity to teach some classes. He was told he was good at it, so his has pursued the career. He said he wants his students to interact with and the class. His interest includes automobiles, outdoor sports (he's learning golf), making and drinking his own beer, bicycling and music. When asked what made him different, he said, "I have DNA like nobody else."

Patricia Pape, public information specialist, came here from Dallas where she worked as weekend news anchor on KXAS-TV and in public relations with the South Corp. She is often seen on campus taking photographs and collecting information for the news releases that appear in area newspapers and radio and TV stations. A main project now is the new college cable channel to be shared by MCC, Baylor and TSTC which goes on the air Saturday. She will write scripts and produce for the station. She has a bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology from Texas Woman's University and also an M.A. from Abilene Christian in human relations and business.

It took **Julie Pickle** five years to get her teaching certificate,

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EDITORIAL
Safety First

Whether you're walking or driving, if you value your life and car, you will look both ways before crossing the intersections around campus. There should be a sign that says "Enter At Your Own Risk" at each entrance to MCC. Apparently some of our students just barely passsed their driving test. If you are one of these people, you need to hop on a shuttle bus or lace up your walking shoes for the safety of all.

The problem starts at a quarter 'til 8 a.m. At this time everyone is making a mad dash for a close parking spot. Some don't care if getting a close parking spot means taking out a pedestrian or side swiping another car. This behavior does not only put themselves in trouble but also harms others. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way, so stop trying to race to see who can cross the crosswalk first.

Last year there were several accidents on campus and a fatality just off campus.

Let's eliminate fatalities and keep the number of accidents to a minimum. Everyone needs to slow down the pace and pay attention to other drivers around them to make this semester a safe one.

Exploring the Ladie's Club

By ANNETTE BANKS

I have never understood why "strip" clubs were growing in popularity. My opinion was that male or female "strip" clubs were just a part of a degrading workforce that was increasing for some odd reason, until I, along with my friends, Teshia and Kela, were coaxed into attending the only one in Dallas for females with my sister.

The club is called Labare. While driving to this club, I tried to imagine what I was about to see. Being as pessimistic as I am, I imagined naked men doing almost anything to get a dollar from desperate, wild women. I almost talked myself into turning around and going home when I realized I was about to become part of this crowd of wild women.

We pulled up to the club and a guy dressed as a chauffeur escorted us to the walk way, the car was then valet parked while we were escorted by another guy up a trail of red carpet to the door as if we were royalty. When we finally got inside we were greeted by loud music. We were also among many who were waiting to be seated. The women there were much like us. Some were there for the first time, others were thereparties. The rest of them were ready to be entertained.

We were escorted to seats by a waiter who insisted on calling us by our first names. Once I got to my seat I had a chance to check-out the place for myself. I was amazed at the dancers. They were professional looking and they did their skits with great precision. One dancer even rode his motorcycle in through the side door as part of his skit, another dancer from Hawaii did a native dance from his homeland, then a dancer came on stage that was in the movie *Point Break*. Dancing tables were set up around the club for the dancers who were not on the runway stage at the time. When we got up to nerve to tip one of the dancers, he danced for us, asked our names, thanked us for attending the club, then he leaned down and gave each of us a kiss on the cheek with another verbal "thank you."

The dancing was not tasteless like I perceived it to be. The dancers had so much style and grace, you almost forgot they were naked down to their "G-string" underwear. These men ranged in ages. After getting over the embarrassment of being surrounded by half naked men, I was really entertained. If all "strip" clubs are like this one, I can easily understand why the business is having great success.

FACE - OFF

Two views on Rush phenomenon

By AARON TUDOR

One of the funny things about human nature is that sometimes we are interested in things that appall us. I guess that's why sometimes late at night if I can't get to sleep, I'll watch part of Rush Limbaugh's television show. It must be part of the same instinct that causes people to slow down to watch a traffic accident; you know it's wrong but you do it anyway. But at least it gives me an opportunity to hear what he's saying and think about why I disagree with most of it.

Much has been made recently about the accuracy of some of his statements. But dissecting everything he says and pointing out where he's wrong is futile for two reasons. First of all, he talks so much it would take about as much time and effort to go over everything he says as it did to build the Great Pyramids. Second, Rush is a political commentator, not a reporter. He's not reporting news, only giving his opinions on news topics. For someone to say his opinion is "wrong" would make them guilty of the same hypocrisy he's guilty of most of the time.

If Rush had been at the second Constitutional Convention, America would probably still be governed by the Articles of Confederation.

The thing that bothers me about Rush is his antagonistic approach. In Rush's world there's no middle ground. You either agree with what he says or you don't, and if you don't you're wrong. There's no room for compromise on any issue. How many problems have ever been solved with this approach? It's the same kind of "I'm right and you're wrong" mentality that caused the last part of the baseball season to be cancelled. If Rush had been at the second Constitutional Convention, America would probably still be governed by the Articles of Confederation.

Since Limbaugh is a political commentator and not a reporter, he does not have to be fair. But when it comes to President Clinton, unfair is too light a term to describe his opinions. He has made it his sole objective to destroy the credibility of the president of the United States.

The way Rush operates reminds me of a quote I once read. "Never allow the public to cool off; never admit a fault or a wrong; never concede that there may be some good in your enemy; concentrate on one enemy at a time and blame him for everything that goes wrong."

The quote is from Adolf Hitler, and Rush is following his advice well. The self-proclaimed "doctor of democracy" would never admit that he is wrong about anything. His enemy at the present time is Clinton. He blames Clinton for everything that goes wrong in the country and would certainly never say anything positive about him. I challenge anyone to show me one positive thing he has said about the president since he took office. If he did say something positive, he said it sarcastically.

It's bad enough Limbaugh assails every policy decision Clinton makes, but he along with other conservative pit vipers like Jerry Falwell and Phil Gramm attack Clinton's personal life. Rush Limbaugh attacking someone's personal life? This from a man whose social skills are so limited he met his wife through E-mail!

The radical right got a big kick out of the fact Clinton felt the need to respond personally to Rush a few months ago. Clinton called in to a radio talk show and complained about the unfair coverage he gets from Limbaugh and others.

The conservative response was about as surprising as Jennifer Flowers selling her "story" for big bucks to a tabloid. Conservatives were shocked and amazed that Clinton mentioned Rush in particular. "Why, he's just a talk show host," was an often repeated phrase.

Rush is *not* just a talk show host. He has millions of listeners and spends three hours a day berating the president. The president couldn't just let him go on unchallenged forever. It amazes me that the same conservatives who were shocked that Clinton attacked a "talk show host" were all in favor of Dan Quayle attacking Murphy Brown, a fictional TV character. It's amazing the effect that too much of Rush Limbaugh and the 700 Club can have on the brain.

It kind of worries me that he's so popular, but I have faith in America. It doesn't take them long to tire of right-wing extremists. Just ask Morton Downey Jr.

By MARIE WITT

Rush is right? Yeah, most of the time. Rush is God? Well, probably not. The Clinton Administration, along with many liberal Democrats, are back to their bed-wetting over Rush Limbaugh. It's time to get over it!

I am a liberal Republican (Bet you didn't know they existed). I'm not a die-hard Rush fan, but I don't find him personally offensive or dangerous to my health. I'm tired of hearing Rush's name in the same sentences with the likes of Hitler and Stalin. Besides, Clinton's the one who wants the government to control every aspect of our lives. So I think it's time to silence the pitiful violins of the left-wing, and set the record straight.

There has been a lot of talk lately about truth. Everyone is on some symbolic statistical journey to prove that one side is more truthful than the other. In an effort to do this, someone with a lot of time on their hands came up with the "Fairness and Reality Scale." This is where someone will take one of Rush's comments out of context and try to prove that he is lying. Lying about what you might ask? Well, about his opinions. How can you lie about opinion? This is where I fail to see logic in the liberal news media's attack of Rush.

I'm tired of hearing Rush's name in the same sentences with the likes of Hitler and Stallin.

There is no such thing as fairness and reality in politicIs. There is no way to quantify the success of Carter's presidency, or the value of certain decisions and proposals. I like the way Mark Twain put it in his autobiography. "There are three kinds of lies: lies, dammed lies, and statistics." Both the right and the left collect their slanted polls and figures. Rush is just catering to the needs of the right, just like Clinton plugs in numbers for his personal hidden agendas. It seems to me like the left thinks they put a copyright on being biased, loud, and obnoxious.

Perhaps the main tune that liberals have been singing lately (besides looking for approval ratings in all the wrong places... namely Haiti!) is about how Rush is so unfair to President Clinton. Perhaps this is another 501 mystery, but did Clinton think he could avoid criticism? Anyone who runs for president should know that the spotlight is like those distorted mirrors at the carnival funhouse. Clinton isn't getting it any worse than any other administration. If anyone wants to cry, it should be for Dan Quayle. The poor guy had cameramen going to the restroom with him. I sometimes wonder how many vegtables I might have misspelled in his place.

There are even presidents who are still getting bashed. (If I see another special on JFK's infidelity, I'm cancelling my cable!) If it seems like Clinton is getting an unusual amount of digs, have you ever stopped to think that he's the one holding the shovel? Aside from that, this is the age of the instant media blitz, a reality that Clinton embraced during the campaign. But I guess the honeymoon is over.

In the past, most loud mouthed talk-show hosts have been yanked off the set with the old shepherd's crook. However, Rush seems only to continue to grow in popularity. The reason for this is Clinton's obsession with the show. Author Elbert Hubbard noted in his book "The Notebook of Elton Hubbard," "Never explain — your friends don't need it and your enemies will not believe you anyway."

A few months ago, Clinton thought it necessary to publicly comment on how Rush's show was maligning his good record. I almost cried a tear. I could just hear Rush say "Thanks Mr. President. You just increased my viewership by a couple of hundred thousand." Clinton just caused a segment of the population uninterested in ditto rhetoric to "rush" to the TV to see what the commotion is about. Clinton came off like a pathetic tattle-tale, and actually lost some credibility without Rush's help.

Well, for better or worse, when Clinton married the news media, he married into the entire family. Think of Rush as the gripey mother-in-law who reminds lady liberty she's only got another two years. For those who spend countless hours obsessing over Rush — get a life! He isn't a Nazi or one of the riders who will break open the seventh seal, bringing on the Apocalypse. Rush preaches to the converted. Sure he's biased, because that's his job. He is the voice of the once silent conservative right that is tired of being called ignorant, uneducated, and backward. Who knows? In two years Rush might run for president and end the siege on the White House.

More on new teachers

but it has taken her 18 years to actually become a full-time teacher. She is now an instructor in the physical therapist assistant program. A physical therapist at Rehability Center in Waco, Pickle said she became a teacher this year because she enjoys teaching, enjoys the students, and the timing was right. Her youngest child just started school, and that provided her an opportunity to get involved in school herself. Because of her experience as a physical therapist, she wants to bring a clinical picture of the profession as well as the textbook picture to the classroom. A product of a community college, she said she has a heart for MCC.

Beth Ullman, the newest member of the commercial music faculty, brings to MCC a deep background in classical music along with a currently active involvement in jazz. Although this is her first experience in teaching at the college level, she has taught private piano and voice lessons in Austin for the past 10 years. She said she loves the students here and the faculty have been supportive, and she is enjoying getting to know them "musically." She continues to reside in Austin where she and her husband, Rick Harney, are active in the music community. She has studied at Purdue, Cal State at Fullerton, Cal State at Long Beach, and at the University of Texas, Austin, where she majored in classical piano.

Getting a new job, finally obtaining a driver's license at the age of 32, buying her first car and driving it all the way to from Missouri — that's what life was like before the fall semester for new English teacher **Lori Watts**. With 10 years of teaching experience, including experience at Texas A&I and Central Missouri State universities, Watts said she wanted to work in a community college. Her interests include traveling (despite a fear of flying), music, art museums, reading, baseball, bicycling, and writing poems, three of which have been published.

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Dance Co.

A full schedule; two win honors

By KRISTIE KUBALA

The Dance Company, now an intercollegiate sports team, has begun preparing for a full year that includes five performances in October.

Eighteen women will be performing under the direction of Sandy Hinton. They are Amanda Atlas, Aimee Cage (Lieutenant), Kristi Campbell, Angela Casarez, Ashely Cox, Amy Fruge' (Lieutenant), Sheri Galny, Heather Hinton (Captain), Christy King, Lori Ledbetter, Sonia Lopez, Kelly Miller, Hollie Moegelin, Chemise Parsons, Bianca Sexton, Laura Teasley, Lori Teichelmann, and Jody Welch.

Their schedule includes:

Oct. 1 — HOT Parade

Oct. 2 — 8 p.m. performance at the HOT Fair (on the outdoor Coca-Cola stage)

Oct. 6 — 7 p.m. performance at the HOT Fair (indoors on the Fine Arts building stage)

Oct. 22 — 5 & 7 p.m. performance at the State Fair in Dallas (Showplace Theatre)

Oct. 21 — 1:30 p.m. performance at the Mart Community Center

Nov. 4 — 8 p.m. performance in the men's basketball Subway Classic

The Dance Company has already proven a crowd-pleaser in early performances, and the three officers have shown their talent in the National Cheerleader Association Collegiate Pom/Dance Camp that they attended in Dallas this past August.

Heather Hinton, Aimee Cage, and Amy Fruge' received a division 1 trophy for their home routine and they also received a bid to attend the Collegiate National Championship this January. In addition, they were awarded the Bronze Award which was given to them for their all-around performance at the camp.

Heather Hinton was named an NCA All American and was also asked to teach for NCA. Amy Fruge' was an All American nominee.

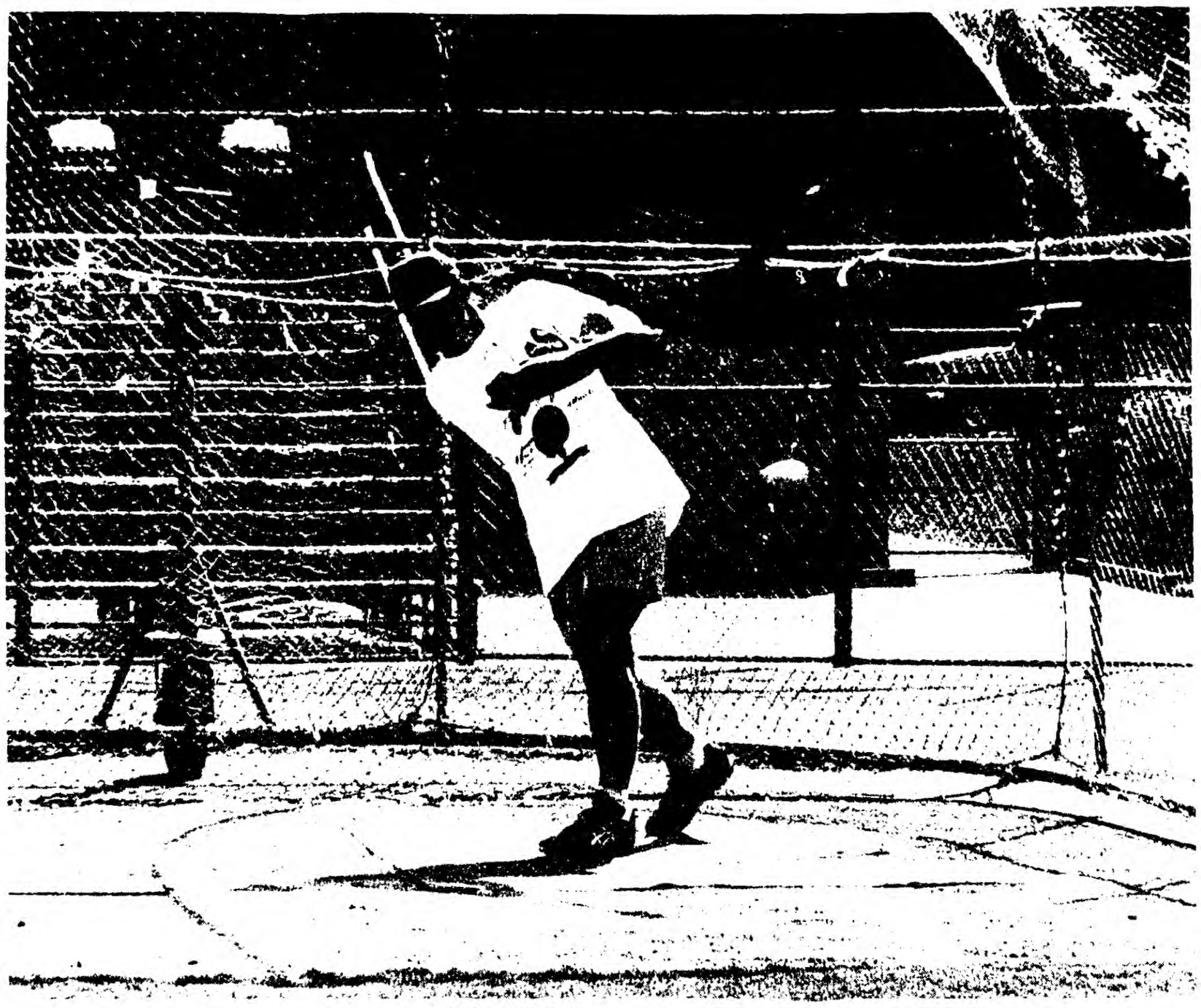

Photo by Brooks Whittington

LOOKING TOWARDS SPRING--Sophomore transfer Mark Henry takes a swing in batting practice. The Highlanders finished second in the conference last season and went on to the state tournament.

Tennis team aims high

By KAYSANDRA SMITH

With the men's tennis team no longer in existence due to gender-equity adjustments by the college (see related story), the women's tennis team has been hard at work to continue the winning tennis tradition of the college.

Their coach, Carmac Berryman, has his hopes for becoming number one in the nation this year.

Right now the main focus of the team will be getting adjusted to the heat and learning more about each other, he said.

The Highlassies will have only two returning players on this years squad. Myriam Jimenez from McAllen was named Honorable Mention All-American in doubles last season and Teina Vai of New Zealand was also named Honorable Mention All-American in singles.

New players are Lana Ereckson of Portland Gregory High School, a semifinalist in singles regional; Candy Gledhill of Axtell High School, a state runner-up in singles 1-A; Heather Henderson of Groesbeck High School, a state semifinalist in 3-A doubles; Helene Linder of Sweden; and Ann Panagan of Chula, Calif., a semifinalist in the CIF doubles.

The Highlassies will travel to Collin Community College on Saturday then will return home to compete in the Rolex Invitational on Oct. 22-23.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

UP AND OVER -- Patrick Monroe dunking over Norman Williams in practice. The Highlanders will start the season Nov. 4 in the Subway Tipoff Classic against South Plains College at the Highlands.

Intramurals offers pickleball, volleyball

By PETER SCHOENFELD

Intramurals have new hours this semester, Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-1:30 p.m. As well as Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:10-11:15 a.m. Volleyball and pickle ball are available at these times.

Pickle ball? Now entering his tenth year as director of intramurals, Coach Wendell Hudson describes the game as a full sized game of ping-pong.

"You use a badminton court (which is set up in the HPE gym during Intramural hours) and wooden rackets and a wiffleball. Then play the game like a standard game of ping-pong.

The game is popular in the East and Southeast regions of the United States, Hudson said. "Everyone who plays it seems to really enjoy it."

Volleyball is also set up in the gym during intramural hours. A few teams have already formed for volleyball but tournaments have not started. There is still time if you or your team is interested in competing. There are sign up sheets available at the Student Activities office in the Student Center.

Intramurals will continue to play pick up games for two weeks, so anyone who is interested just come by the HPE gym during Intramural hours and Coach Hudson will help you find a team.

To be eligible for intramurals you need to be enrolled in six or more credit hours and that is it. Keep checking the "Chanter" and billboards around campus for new sports and times. If you have any questions contact Hudson at 750-3546.

Student sees own car stolen

By JANNA AUSTIN

On Friday afternoon, Sep. 16, I caught the shuttle bus as usual, returning to my Suburban parked in the north parking lot of the Community Services Center.

As we entered the lot, the driver, Santos Lopez, asked where I had parked, offering to drive me right up to my car.

As I looked up and pointed at my Chevrolet Suburban, we noticed that it was moving out of the parking place.

With the remote possibility that my husband could be driving the vehicle, Mrs. Lopez pulled up behind the surburban and honked.

At that point, the Suburban pulled away and as it circled the row of parked cars, I was able to see the driver. It was definitely not my husband or anyone else I know. As I was screaming and pointing, he looked at us incredulously — I'm not sure who was more surprised.

The driver sped through the parking lot, jumped a curb, and headed south on 19th Street Knowing we could not follow him (although it was tempting) we went directly to the campus police and reported the crime. They in turn reported it to the Waco police.

About 10 minutes later, a message was received reporting that the Surburban had been found matching the description. It had been parked and abandoned in the parking lot of a nearby apartment complex.

After examining the vehicle, the only apparent damage was the destruction of the steering column.

A tenant of the apartment building saw the man park and leave the vehicle on foot, heading toward 19th Street, but he was not apprehended.

"As I was screaming and pointing, he looked at us incredulously — I'm not sure who was more surprised."

College working hard to help 4-C transfers

(Continued from page 5)

course was offered in order to enable the students to continue with the Summer II Session, since the actual take over was June 27.

Stanford said that several of the 4-C staff continued teaching with MCC in order to aid in the transition. Three of those staff members remain on the MCC faculty, Walter Reese, Pat Bliss, and Candice Rice.

According to Karen Norwood, director of business programs, one group of 4-C students completed their programs and graduated in August at MCC. Many others, like Sarah Moses, are continuing their courses and plan to graduate in December or May.

Although the 4-C College facility is unoccupied, Warren Johnson, dean of continuing education, said the facility will be utilized as funding is available. Johnson said he hopes this will be an opportunity for MCC to do something positive for downtown Waco.

According to Dr. Jesse Sawyer of the MCC Foundation, the actual value of the donation by former owner Miki McKenzie has not yet been determined. However, he said the facility is valued at a minimum of $500,000.

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Czech students come to further their knowledge

By EUGENIE STEPHEN

The college's international student population is growing.

Among us are two Czech students — Michal Vytopil, 21, and Robert Grof, 18. Vytopil was unavailable for the interview due to his busy class schedule, but Grof consented to do the interview.

The two are here in large part because of the Czech Exchange program, spearheaded by Dr. Mike White and Dr. Juan Mercado, which has been in operation for three years.

These two liberal arts faculty lecturers visited the Czech Republic and recognized where the college's resources could be used.

Grof said he finds the academic staff accommodating and the students friendly.

Though Grof is a business management major, he is still unsure about what he will do when he completes his degree.

Grof is the elder son of Ludmila and Jaroslav Grof. Grof comes from Morovia Province in the Czech Republic. It is a Republic which dates back to 491 A.D. Its present ruler is President Vaclev Havel.

Grof's father first visited the United States in 1986, then again in 1989 with Podluzan, a Czech dancing troupe. His mother visited here in 1991, the guest of Willa Mae Cervenka of Waco. His father was impressed with his two visits and was determined to have his son come to this country, mainly to further his knowledge of the English language.

Princeton, Minnesota, was the first stop for Grof. He went there in the spring of 1993 and completed his high school education.

During his spring break while at Princeton, Grof was able to tour Dallas, Austin and San Antonio, where he met other Czech nationals. He subsequently moved to this college.

He now benefits from fraternizing with the Czech community at West. He loves to play soccer, hockey and racquetball and does ice skating. He reads a lot and enjoys dancing the polka, a native Czech dance.

"Total freedom here in the U.S.A. has had a great impact on me," he said.

He has known life under a Communist regime. Quiet and unassuming, he does not base all his ideals on material things. He said he feels that the inner man in everyone should be reflected in your every day life. Application, for Grof, is helping him through life now that he is at MCC.

Robert Grof

Michal Vytopil

Two professors czech-out MCC

Two university professors from the Czech Republic are in to Central Texas to learn how the economic and educational systems operate in the United States.

Dr. Ladislax Blazek and Dr. Draha Blahova were to be the guests of McLennan Community College instructors Eugene Maroul and Don McCauley when they arrived in Texas Friday, Sept. 23.

Blazek and Blahova teach at Masaryk University in Brno, the second largest city in the Czech Republic. They met Maroul and McCauley, who teach business and accounting at MCC, when a group of Texas educators toured their campus last spring.

"They are coming here because they want to learn more about capitalism and the free market system and to see how education coexists with industry," Maroul said.

They are also looking for ways to provide Czech students with more educational options.

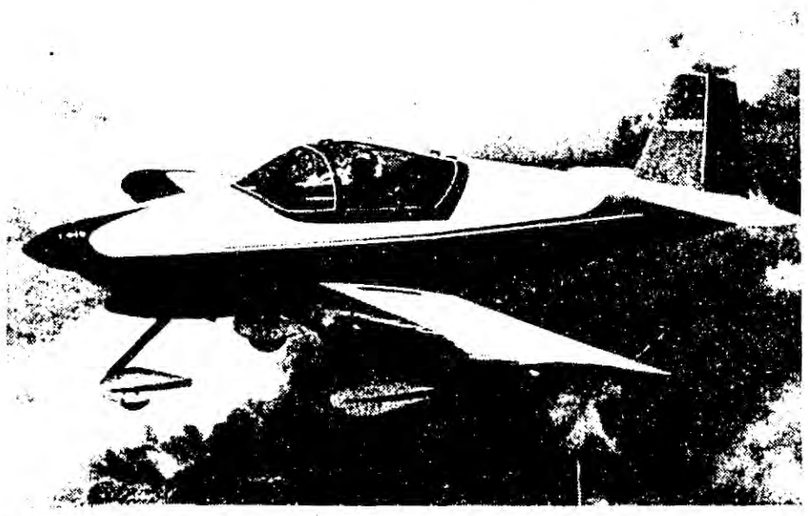
"They can attend a technical school or a university similar to Rice or Harvard," Maroul said. "But they don't have two-year schools, and they don't have access to workshops on management or marketing. As a result, their colleges don't put many business people into the marketplace."

Maroul has planned an extensive agenda for the professors, including showing them MCC's Continuing Education department and Small Business Development Center, touring local industries and attending a cattle auction.

"We're excited that this is the first place they're visiting in our country," he said.

The professors will leave Waco today, Sept. 27, and will tour colleges in Colorado and Iowa before returning home.

Psychology prof flies plane he built from the ground up



TOP— Finally in the air, and for a more than an hour cruising at 185 mph.
BELOW—Jim Hall in his plane before the flight.

By JEFF TALBERT

Most people can only imagine how Orville Wright felt when he achieved the first flight made by man in a power-driven airplane on Dec. 17, 1903, but Jim Hail, psychology instructor, experienced that feeling first hand.

This past summer Hail test-piloted a plane he had built on a dirt strip runway at Baylor Camp Road.

He said he did not really have any anxiety about it, but the day before he had a little bit of butterflies.

"It was just a good feeling to get it up in the air and flying it," Hail said.

Wright probably had that same feeling, but it did not last as long as Hail's good feeling. The famous pilot's flight lasted only 12 seconds, while Hail flew his plane for an hour and a half.

But of course, Hail's plane is made much better than Wright's.

The plane, which seats two, is aluminum with some Fiberglas. It has a 150 horsepower Lycoming engine that enables it to cruise at 185 mph.

Although it took 5 1/2 years to build, the plane has been a good investment. A factory-built plane like Hail's would cost more than $100,000, but Hail built his for about $20,000.

Already Hail has logged 56 hours of flight, including trips to Austin and Amarillo, where Hail's mother lives.

But Hail does not just fly in Texas. Accompanied with his wife Sue, he went to Wisconsin.

The trip to Wisconsin was for the Oshkosh Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in Convention. Hail's plane was one of many on display for a week where it was judged.

"It didn't win anything," Hail said, "but there were good comments on it. The competition was unreal."

Hail said he will continue to take the plane up off and on and take family members for rides, but only when he has the time.

"There's a lot of work around the house I have to do now," Hail said.

His wife will testify to that.

"I have quite a list," she said. "We need to paint the inside (of the house) some. I want him to get a fence up, build a tree house for the grandchildren . . . ."

Although Mrs. Hail had put her "wants" aside for the project, she was really excited when he completed it and knew the plane would work fine.

"I had complete confidence in his flying," she said. "I would've gone on the test flight with him had it been legal."

Orville Wright went on to build more planes and formed the Wright Company with his brother Wilbur. But Hail does not see himself building another plane anytime soon. But if he did . . . .

"I'd build one that would be something to play in," he said," not really a cross-country plane like this one."

Waller's new text finds place in classrooms

By DAVE EMLEY

Lynn Waller, English instructor, has combined his educational background with his literary skills, giving him the best of two worlds.

Waller teaches freshman composition and is the co-author of the textbook, "The Power of Writing," that he is using in the classroom this year.

Waller and David Chapman of Samford University began their literary excursion in the spring of 1989 when they submitted chapter examples to book publishers for consideration of a possible textbook. Mayfield Publishing Company of California was awarded the rights to publish Waller's book. The publishers expended a great effort in printing the textbook, Waller said, pointing out that side bars and dual-colored pages helped enhance the looks of the book. Special permission was needed by the publishers to print popular cartoons throughout the publication.

Waller said he likes the practicality of the book with its many exercises, adding that he got a number of ideas for the book from students. He considers himself a student-oriented teacher and thus can relate better with student's needs and wants. According to Waller, his course will teach students the way writing skills function in the work place. The book will teach them how to become successful writers in whatever field of endeavor they choose.

Waller said "The Power of Writing" has drawn rave reviews by book reviewers across the country. In promoting Waller's book, Mayfield Publishers quoted a book reviewer from a two-year college, who said, "The friendly tone, use of popular comics and inclusion of examples of high interest to students will appeal to the student who may be unprepared for college-level reading or who lacks motivation."

The reviewer had this final question for the authors, "Who are these authors and how do they know my students so well?"

Several schools are already using "The Power of Writing," including Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., Duluth Community College in Minnesota and closer to home, Johnson County Community College. Book sales are doing well in the Midwestern United States. Waller said several fellow instructors liked what they saw in Waller's book and are using it in their classes.

As new as the textbook is, it's already outdated. Waller said a revised edition is due to be published in December for use in the spring of 1995. The additions to the book will include four news chapter with 28 sample essays.

Waller, who's in his seventh year at MCC, resides in Lorena with his wife LuAnn and sons Michael, 9, and Bobby, 5.

Photo by Brooke Whittington
Lynn Waller, co-author of "The Power of Writing."

Help in scheduling

4-C College student finds switch to MCC is working

By JANNA AUSTIN

When Sarah Moses made the decision to return to school in March after 17 years, she chose 4-C College because of its size and location and because of the curriculum it had to offer.

After finding the courage to make such a move, she was devastated in May when she was informed that 4-C College would be closing after her first term. But, as an old Chinese proverb states, "Every problem conceals an opportunity." Sarah found that opportunity in MCC.

The MCC staff has been extremely helpful and has made the 4-C students feel welcome at the Downtown Center as well as here on campus. According to Sarah, "They were there for us!" She will be completing her secretarial course this semester and has decided to continue her education at MCC in the medical secretary program.

Linda Stanford, program director of office administration, said the MCC staff gave the 4-C students special opportunities to set up their schedules and to register at the Downtown Center, rather than having to make the trip to the MCC campus. She also said that a special 10-day

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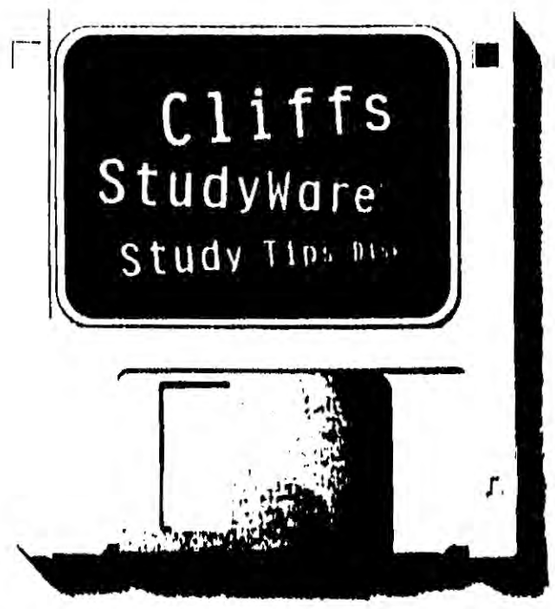

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'Orpheus Descending' opens dramatic season

By JENNIFER LONDON

"Orpheus Descending," a play by Tennessee Williams, will be performed on Oct. 5-8 in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Director Jim Rambo said the 23 cast members have an upbeat nature and are working hard on the play by practicing from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cast members include Regan Thompson as Lady Torrance, Patrick Whorton as Val Xavier, Lillian Robuck as Carol Cutrere, Leah Tyson as Beulah Binnings, Jake Davis as Pee Wee Binnings, Tara Pannell as Dolly Hamma, Ethan Chappell as Dog Hamma, Kim Batterton as Eva Temple, and Jill Hargrove as Sister Temple.

Also Bryan Taylor as Jabe Torrance, Joseph Ginnane as Sheriff Talbott, Sylvia Rojas as Vee Talbott, Derrick Phillips as Conjure Man, David Cutrere, Michael Baily, Julie Law as Nurse Porter, Jim McBride as Mr. Dubinsky, Nikki Johnson as a Woman, and Yolanda Reyna as the Clown.

Co-assistant director is Clinton Hopper; co-stage manager, Kelly Parker; sound, Brent Sykora; light board Operator, Michael Bell; running crew, Angel Gounce; costumers, Jamelle Flowers; and lighting scenic, Tim Potener.

The box office is open; and reservations are recommended. Students, faculty and staff are admitted free with an ID.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

PREPARING FOR "ORPHEUS DESCENDING," Jim Rambo demonstrates the proper gestures to Leah Tyson for her role as Beulah Binnings. The play by Tennessee Williams will open on Oct. 5 in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center Theater with curtain time at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

Photo by Brooke Whittington

GO BANANAS -- Jenny Neff, president of Student Government, serves a hungry student a banana split in this ice-breaking event on Aug. 31 at the Student Center. The SG has plans for a number of student-interactive events this semester including some building up to the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo next month (see related story on page 1).

SURPRISE! Deborah Garrett, vice president of student services, was surprised by her office friends on her birthday on Sept. 9.

Health careers places 91.9%

Recent research shows that 91.9 percent of McLennan Community College's 235 health career graduates were placed in training related positions.

The college's training related position placement rate for all technical program graduates was 78.4 percent. Of these graduates, 75.3 percent were placed in the central Texas region.

The figures were determined for 1991-92 graduates according to the state's classification system for employment, which divides jobs into "training related" or "not training related" categories.

Preliminary figures for 1992-93 show that 88.4 percent of MCC's technical graduates were either employed or pursuing additional education. Training relatedness studies on these graduates will be conducted by the state next year.

MCC offers one-year and two-year health career programs in associate degree nursing, vocational nursing, radiologic technology, physical therapist assistant, medical laboratory technician, respiratory care technician and paramedicine.

Other technical programs at the college include business/management, computer information systems, cosmetology, criminal justice, commercial music, office administration and mental health.

For more information on how to enroll in technical programs at MCC, call 750-3520.

Tartan Scholar deadline Nov. 1 to apply

Nov. 1 is the deadline for applications and recommendations for the Tartan Scholar class to begin in the spring, 1995.

The application forms provide a portfolio application as well as traditional test scores and GPA.

The applications and recommendation forms are in Deborah Garrett's office (VP of Student Services) on the fourth floor of the Administration/Classroom Building.

In order for the application to be complete, the student must turn in the application form and two recommendations for the program must be on file in Dr. Garrett's office by Nov. 1.

Recommendations may be from MCC faculty and staff, employers, community leaders, high school counselors, etc.

Cajun band plays here Wednesday

By ANIKA STERLING

The Cajun band *Lachez-Les* will perform in the Student Center Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.

The group will also conduct a workshop in the Performing Arts Center at 2:15 p.m. The workshop and concert is free to anyone who wants to attend.

The band plays authenic Cajun music and is from south Louisiana.

The next student activities event is when comic Jeff Brown will perform in the Student Center on Oct. 24.

NEWS BRIEFS

Courses for business leaders planned

The Small Business Development Center has added two new courses for business and industry leaders. "An Introduction to EDI" features the Electronic Data Interchange and what it will mean to government procurement and local businesses. The class will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Oct. 19. The cost is $20. "Estimating the Construction Project" is a one-day seminar focusing on tools the estimator should possess. The class will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on, Dec. 1. The cost is $45 and includes breakfast and lunch. For details contact the MCC Small Business Development Center at 750-3412.

Creative Writing enrollment limited

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.

Gala to benefit 'Keep Waco Beautiful'

A "European High Tea" and "Informal Style Show" will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at 618 Austin Ave. at a pre opening gala of the new "Crystal Palace" with proceeds benefiting Keep Waco Beautiful. The reservation price is $35. For more information call 750-5728.

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