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Dr. Gayle Avant



James Hardwick

## Board race goes into runoff

James Hardwick and Gayle Avant will compete in a runoff election April 28 for Position 3, MCC Board of Trustees.

Incumbents Ray Perry and Norma Podet garnered over 6,000 votes April 7 to win re-election to Position 1 and Position 2, respectively.

"It would have been better for the taxpayers and the public for the election to have been resolved last Saturday," said Avant, in reference to the April 7 voting day.

MCC Vice President of Business Services Gary Luft, who is responsible for supervising the Board of Trustees elections, explained Avant's remark. "The college is required by law to hold the Trustee election in accordance with the Texas Election Code as written by the Texas Legislature. The articles relating to community college districts specifically require the winning candidate to receive a majority

of the vote.

"If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes must compete in a runoff election on the last Saturday in April. That's the law," said Luft. He added that the runoff election in 1982 — the only other runoff election for the Board of Trustees in MCC history — cost approximately \$9,400.

"We're anticipating that this runoff election will cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000. This money comes out of the college's general operating budget. Therefore, we would like to encourage as many people to vote as possible," said Luft.

Hardwick, an employee of the Baylor Alumni Association, nabbed 36.3 percent of the vote. Avant, a Baylor University professor, finished with 34.6 percent of the vote. Hardwick had 2,464 votes; Avant had 2,349 votes. Dr. Willard J. Panabecker finished third in the three-

way race for Position 3 with 28.9 percent, or 1,963 votes. Position 3 was vacated by Mrs. Cullen Smith, who decided not to run. She had been a member of the Board of Trustees since March, 1977.

Neither Avant nor Hardwick plan any special campaign tactics between now and the runoff set for April 28.

"I'm planning to keep on running a very low-key campaign," said Avant. "I need to stress the importance of helping to keep tuition low at MCC so students will be able to complete their first two years of college. In addition to that, I think MCC should work closely with high schools outside of Waco to help them meet the proposed (H. Ross) Perot requirements," said Avant.

Hardwick said, "I'm going to try to meet as many voters as I can and encourage them to examine my qualifications," said Hardwick.

## 'Down in the Valley' brings down-home music style to opera

By GREG FEDRO

The MCC Opera Workshop, under the direction of Voice Instructor Lisa Uhl, will present Kurt Weill's "Down in the Valley" April 12-14. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. April 12 and 14, with 10 a.m. showings April 12 and 13, in the Fine Arts Theatre. Doubled casts will alternate performances.

"Down in the Valley" is a unique opera that even non-opera enthusiasts can enjoy.

Music styles are down-home in character, taken from traditional American folk songs. Thus, it might be more appropriate to label it as an American musical rather than an opera.

The production tells the tale of Brack Weaver (played by Michael Sorley/Greg Fedro), a young lover who has been sentenced to die. In

his final hours to live, Brack decides to escape from his cell to learn if Jennie Parsons (played by Elisa Sevier/Lauri Loffert) love for him is true. Only then can he die without a troubled heart.

Throughout the opera, Brack and Jennie relive their innocent romance and the events that lead to Brack's killing of Thomas Bouche (played by Robin Paul Brown), the town drunk who also has an eye for Jennie.

Other cast members include: Monty Hudspeth, Joe Hooten, Jon Owens, Luis Navarro, Luann Lee, Pat Nystrom, Tracy Hague and Lisa King.

Ticket sales began April 1 at the Fine Arts office. Admission will be free to all MCC students bearing IDs. For further information, contact Denise Montgomery at 756-6551, ext. 283.



### Theater on the rise

Construction of the new \$3.4 million Performing Arts Center (PAC) is projected to be two to four months behind schedule. The new theater will seat more than twice as many spectators as the present Fine Arts theater, and

will contain a large auditorium, a number of classrooms, approximately 15 offices, rehearsal studios and sound studios. The expected date of completion is now October 1984. (Photo by David Nichols)

## 'No-nukes' group plans April 14 walk through downtown Waco

By DANNY QUINN

A local nuclear freeze group, the Waco Nuclear Freeze Committee, is sponsoring a nuclear freeze walk in Waco on April 14. The walk will begin and end in Indian Spring Park in downtown Waco near the Suspension Bridge.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a rally. The walk will

begin at 10 a.m. and will cover approximately 6.2 miles.

Rob Parker, a Baylor history major from Arlington, is chairman at the Committee. Parker said that the Committee has come under the recently formed Waco Area Peace Alliance. The group is trying to form an activist role in the Waco area, according to Parker.

Parker said that sponsors who

bring in \$100 or more will receive a free T-shirt. This walk is being held in conjunction with other walks on April 14 in Austin, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, Lubbock and other Texas cities.

Cherry Langford, a member of the Executive Committee of the Waco Area Peace Alliance, said she feels that the area freeze movement is growing. "This is a very small

provincial town. I think we are getting a lot of grass roots support.

"Increasingly, I think it's disturbing to people (the nuclear arms race). People are beginning to speak up," said Langford.

Parker said that the national freeze organization has not endorsed any Presidential candidate. "Many Democrats who favor a freeze will vote Democratic simply

because the Democratic candidates have endorsed the freeze," said Parker. "People from both parties are supporting the freeze."

The nuclear freeze movement continues to grow in the U.S. The movement has spread from Europe where it culminated last Summer and Fall with massive demonstrations against the deployment of U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe.

While millions have been demonstrating in Europe, the movement in the U.S. reached a new height on June 12, 1982 when approximately 700,000 people marched for disarmament in New York City.

Anyone desiring more information on the Waco walk can contact Parker at 752-4207, Langford at 752-6141, or John DeVries at 752-0035.

## Air Force veteran dedicates life to God; student recalls days in security agency

BY LYNDA YEZZI

"I received the call to go into the ministry as a very young man," said military veteran Kerri Allison, "but due to some things in my life, I really rejected it."

Allison, who is married and has three children, is a sophomore Theological major at MCC. Before an accident that left his arm paralyzed, he worked as an intelligence agent and as a member of the Military Airlift Command for the United States Air Force.

"I felt like I should quit doing some of the things that I was doing," said Allison about his rejection of the ministry. "But I was finally confronted to the point where either I had to accept the call or reject the Lord completely."

Allison joined the Air Force in 1974, a year after graduating from high school. He went into the service without a specific field, and was assigned to what he called a "very interesting" job.

"If you join the military and you don't have a guaranteed field, they'll put you where they need you. I became what is known as a War-Systems operator. I was in Communications Intelligence, which deals with electronic communications."

As part of his job, Allison not only met Presidents Carter and Reagan, he also met Henry Kissinger and had dinner with Queen Elizabeth.

Allison was then moved to Airlift Command, also known as MAC. He worked as an air traffic controller in England with the Royal Air Force, in Korea and in Misawa, Japan. Japan is where Allison got hurt.

"I worked with airplanes and controlled the terminal area," said Allison. "I had an individual push eight to ten thousand pounds of cargo into me. In a way I was lucky because it was pushed into me and not on top of me. It only caused nerve damage and paralysis in my arm. If it had landed on top of me, I would be dead."

That was two years ago, and because of the accident, Allison was discharged from the Air Force, and came to MCC, where his father, Melvin Allison, teaches math, to begin his studies for the ministry.

"MCC is one of the leading junior colleges in the nation. I think it's a good stepping stone to start off from as far as leading to a better education," said Allison. "I think a person coming right out of the military who needs to go to a college needs to start at the junior college level. Especially if they have been in the military for any length of time."

Allison believes that if it were not for the accident, he would still be in the military, where he had originally expected to get his education.

"I won't venture to guess if the accident was part of God's plan for me, I'm just accepting what happened. I enjoyed the military, and even though it has its problems, if I were asked, I would think about rejoining."



Kerri Allison relaxes a moment before the Press Freedom mural in the journalism offices. (Photo by David Nichols)

# 2 Campus news

## Briefs

### Placement office presents Job Fair

The MCC Placement Office will hold a Job Fair for business and law enforcement majors April 12 in the Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All graduating sophomores should drop by and visit, said Placement Office Director Martha Whelan. "People looking for jobs after graduation need to talk to these recruiters about job opportunities. A number of applicants have found employment from talking to these recruiters."

Recruiters have been invited to come from Houston, Austin, Dallas, Waco and the surrounding Central Texas area, said Whelan.

"We don't know how many recruiters will be seeking employees during the Job Fair, but in the past we have had response from 15-20 employing agencies," said Whelan.

For more information concerning the Job Fair, contact Whelan at 756-6551, ext. 393 or 394.

### Art students exhibit artwork at mall

Many MCC art students will be exhibiting their work at Lake Air Mall April 17-20. The exhibition will be in the space inside the mall located at 2052 N. Valley Mills where "The Gallerie" formerly was located. Approximately 50 works, including drawings, paintings and photographs, will be selected from MCC art students for this exhibition. Most of the works will be for sale. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Viewing hours are from 10 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

### Ball organizes Enrollment Council

MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball has organized an Enrollment Management Council to help raise enrollment at MCC. He said "the key thing of the council is the development and administration of a student outreach, recruitment and retention program."

The minutes and a summary of the committee meeting will be sent to other MCC offices where Dr. Ball feels they are needed.

The council consists only of permanent administrators because Dr. Ball feels that students "don't stay around long enough to make an impact on the council."

Council members are: Dean of Instruction Norman Murphy, Dean of Student Services LaVerne Wong, Dean of Arts and Sciences Gail Burrier, Dean of Technical Education Al Pollard, Dean of Continuing Education Herman Betke, Director of Counseling Services Ysleta Kudlaty, Director of Admissions/Registrar Willie Hobbs, the director of Public Information, a Faculty Council representative (appointed by Faculty Council), and Vice President for External Relations-Research-Program Development Chester Hastings, who will serve as the committee chairman.

### Race to be held as part of festival fun

For the first time in five years, the Miller Lite Run will be part of the 1984 Brazos River Festival.

Co-race Director Roland Lundy said, "The run has been held for five years on the same day as the festival. This year we went to the Brazos River Festival people and got the race included in the schedule of events."

The race will begin April 28 at 9 a.m. at the entrance to Fort Fisher Park. The race will include a 5-mile run and a 1-mile "fun run." Both walkers and runners are welcome to participate.

Entry fees for both races are \$7 for the general public, \$5 for Waco Striders and \$9 for late registrants. Entree fees will not be refunded. Pre-race registration ends April 25 at 6 p.m. Entree forms may be obtained by writing the Sports Emporium, 500-A Lake Air Drive, Waco, TX 76710.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, a headband, a worker's pass to the Brazos River Festival grounds and discount coupons to Burger King and the Sports Emporium.

The first three male and female finishers in each age group will receive a trophy. Special awards will be presented to overall male and female 5-mile run participants.

Age groups will range from 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49 to 50 and over.

Lundy commented, "The last year of the run, we had about 230 people turn out for the race. This year, we would really like to have 500 participating."

Profits will go to benefit the Historic Waco Foundation to fund sites such as the McCulloch House.

"We're just looking to have a good, well-organized race and have a lot of fun," said Lundy.

### Spring, 1984, Final Exam Schedule

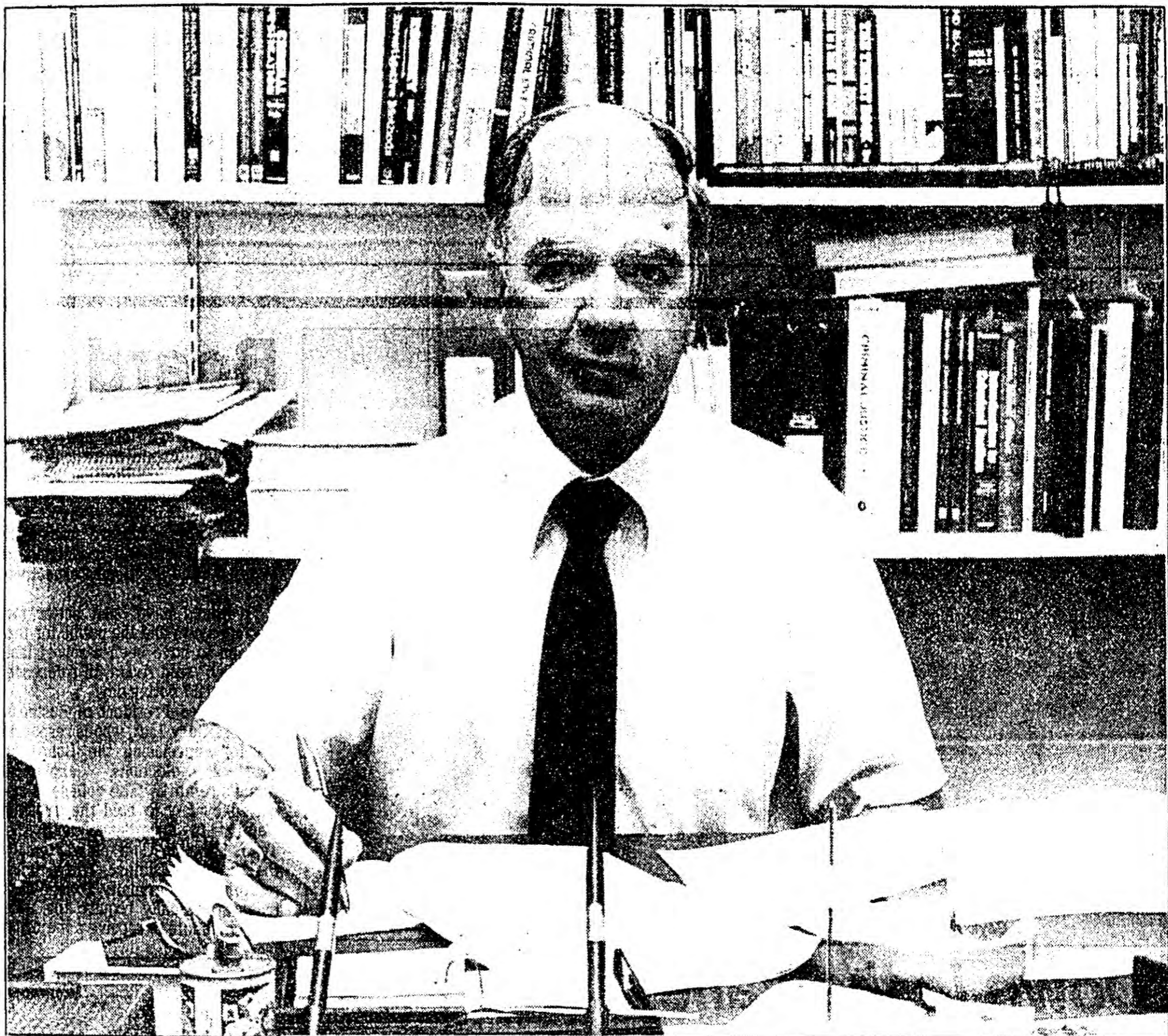
#### Day Schedule

| Classes           | Day for final exam | Time for exam   |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| M-W-F             | 8:00 - 8:50        | Friday, May 4   |
|                   | 9:00 - 9:50        | Monday, May 7   |
|                   | 10:00 - 11:00      | Friday, May 4   |
|                   | 11:10 - 12:00      | Monday, May 7   |
|                   | 12:15 - 1:05       |                 |
|                   | 1:15 - 2:05        |                 |
| and               | 12:15 - 1:30       | Friday, May 4   |
|                   | 1:15 - 2:05        |                 |
| and               | 1:15 - 2:55        | Monday, May 7   |
|                   |                    |                 |
| T-T               | 8:00 - 9:15        | Thursday, May 3 |
|                   | 9:25 - 10:45       | Tuesday, May 8  |
|                   | 10:50 - 12:05      | Thursday, May 3 |
|                   | 12:15 - 1:30       | Tuesday, May 8  |
|                   | 1:45 - 2:55        | Thursday, May 3 |
| Saturday          | Saturday, May 5    | 9:00 - 11:15    |
| Other day classes | Wednesday, May 9   | 9:00 - 11:15    |

#### Evening Schedule

| Classes meeting only one night per week | On regular meeting night during May 3-9 | 6:45 - 9:00 |
|---|---|-------------|
| M-W                                     | Monday, May 7                           |             |
|   | and Wednesday, May 9                    | 6:20 - 6:35 |
|   | Monday, May 7                           | 6:45 - 9:00 |
|   | Wednesday, May 9                        | 6:45 - 9:00 |
| T-T                                     | Thursday, May 3                         |             |
|   | and Tuesday, May 8                      | 5:20 - 6:35 |
|   | Thursday, May 3                         | 6:45 - 9:00 |
|   | Tuesday, May 8                          | 6:45 - 9:00 |

\* The schedule precludes the option of an uninterrupted period of 135 minutes.



Director of Law Enforcement Hugh Belger. He came to MCC in 1983, after retiring from police work, to teach the 60 to 70 students enrolled in law enforcement.

## Belger gives future officers advice

"The program was designed to teach 'em to think, and to use logic. We're teaching them to be able to rationalize rather than to use force or to be able to understand people," said Dr. Hugh Belger.

Dr. Belger is the law enforcement director. He has been at MCC since the Fall of '83. Before coming to MCC, he was a policeman in Dayton, Ohio, for 23 years. During his 23 years of police work, he said, "I drew my gun maybe twice. Most of the time I was able to talk to the person. Both times, the incidents were family disputes."

One of the things he feared most during his career as a police officer

was the "unpredictable neighbor and family disputes were the unpredictable because you never knew what to expect," he added, "others you know — armed robberies, and burglars — you knew what to expect. But in neighbor and family disputes, you don't know what the situation is."

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton, a master's degree from Xavier, in Connecticut, and a doctorate degree from the University of Connecticut. Belger said his reason for coming to MCC was because he "retired from police work and wanted to become a teacher."

The most that he fears in teaching the course is "the program being discontinued."

Belger said, "I enjoyed being a policeman at the time now that I'm teaching I really enjoy teaching. It's what you are doing at the time. At the time I was a policeman, I liked being a policeman. But now that I'm a teacher, I enjoy being a teacher."

There are about 60-70 students enrolled in law enforcement. Students usually choose to become a police officer for many reasons. Some of the reasons, Belger said are that they, "just like to work with people. Some like to be by themselves. The pay is good, and the retirement is

good." Law Enforcement classes have guest speakers, slide programs, films and — because some of the students in the programs are already working in this field — students discuss their experiences.

They are in the process of starting a club called the Criminal Justice Association of Lambda Alpha Epsilon. Members of this club will have to be enrolled in the course.

Upon graduation, students can and do work for various social agencies.

"I like the staff, climate, students and the work that I am doing here," said Belger.

## Plaid Vests continue to out-talk competition

By JENNIFER WARREN

The Plaid Vests Speech Squad attended the Texas Junior College Theatre Association State Forensic Meet March 8-10 at Lee College.

Ten students competed against representatives of 18 two-year colleges in 13 events.

Students competing were Sophomore Joe Chapa, Freshman Mollie Marsh, Freshman Lewis Payton, Sophomore David Atkinson, Sophomore Sonja Glauser, Sophomore Liz Allen, Sophomore Robert Nading, Freshman Ruth Heldreth, Freshman Tracey Libhart and Freshman Tim Havis.

Seven members of the squad

were finalists in nine events. MCC students won a total of 30 certificate awards in preliminary rounds of competition. The squad won 23 Superior awards and seven Excellent awards.

The cast of *It's a Sentimental Journey* placed first in Interpreters Theatre. Cast members are Joe Chapa, Lewis Payton, Mollie Marsh, David Atkinson and Sonja Glauser. The cast was the only performing group to receive first-place rankings from all of the judges in the preliminary rounds and final round.

This is the second year that MCC has won first place in Interpreters Theatre at the state meet.

The cast also won the Ramona

Peebles Memorial Traveling Award. This award is given to the cast voted by their peers to best represent the finest qualities of Interpreters Theatre.

"We (the squad and I) are extremely honored to be the first recipient of this award. I'm very proud of the fine work they have done on this performance," said speech instructor Ann Harrell.

Squad members winning awards in individual events were: Robert Nading, first place in extemporaneous speaking; Liz Allen, second place in CEDA (Cross-Examination Debate Association) Lincoln-Douglas debate; Nading, third place in CEDA Lincoln-Douglas debate. Squad members also winning

were: Joe Chapa, fourth place in dramatic interpretation; David Atkinson, fifth place in informative speaking.

Nading also won first place at the TJCTA State Forensic Meet in extemporaneous speaking in 1983.

The team of Joe Chapa, Lewis Payton, Sonja Glauser, Tracey Libhart, Mollie Marsh and David Atkinson placed fifth in group improvisation.

On March 23-24, Joe Chapa and Robert Nading competed in the Sam Houston State University Invitational Classic and Lone Star Conference Championship Tournament, hosted by Sam Houston State University in Houston, walked away with top honors.

## DPMA major pushes for MCC minority input

By DARNIECE WHITTINGTON

"I like being the only black, but it sure is lonely. I wish there were more blacks in student government, because, minority input needs to be heard."

Student Government Representative Ronnie Conner, a computer technology major, is the youngest of four children. Conner said, "It's great being the youngest, because you get to enjoy privileges that your older brothers and sisters don't." Conner is the only male in his family to choose MCC. His sister, Gay Conner Carter, graduated from MCC in the LVN department in 1981.

Conner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robert Conner, Sr. who are both from small towns outside of Waco. He was born in Waco. Conner was inspired by both his mother and father to come to college. His reason for coming to MCC was "the idea of being close to home and get-

ting a quality education without paying the quality price." In addition, said Conner, "I received an Honor Scholarship."

He is a Waco High graduate. Aside from his other extra-curricular activities, Conner manages to keep his grade point average at 3.5. He is a DPMA Inter-Club Council Representative, Special Services tutor and also a part-time teacher assistant in the Data Processing Department. Conner said he likes MCC because "The instructors are open and the campus is the loveliest around."

He dislikes the fact that there are no football teams, no marching bands and no dorms. He was recently chosen as a Who's Who member. Conner said, "I didn't even think about being in Student Government. But, because of my background in it, I just had to run. It was a shock to me to be listed as a Who's Who member." Conner's most memora-

ble days at MCC are "all the exciting basketball games and the Student Government functions."

Upon graduation this fall, Conner plans to transfer to Prairie View A&M. He will leave MCC with an Associate of Applied Science degree in computer technology. At Prairie View A & M, his major will be business administration. Conner's plans include, "finishing up a master's degree in Business Education." He also wants "to teach in a junior college somewhere, hopefully in Waco or Austin." He has his own apartment because he wants to gain the experience of being on his own before he goes to Prairie View. "I have the greatest friend and roommate that I enjoy hanging around with. We are just like brothers, and this makes living away from home a less trying task," said Conner.

His roommate, Eugene Merriweather, said, "Ronnie is a good friend, a nice guy, and a fun guy to

have as a roommate. A person you can depend on. Ronnie shores a lot. But I've gotten used to it, so that doesn't bother me. Ronnie is a very intelligent young man."

When Conner is not studying, he is involved in the church and in tutoring people in his major field. Peggy Daniels, one of the students he tutors, said, "Ronnie is a nice person. He's very smart and very helpful. There has never been a time that I have seen him mad." Conner said he likes the *Highland Herald*, "because they bring out interesting, thought-provoking topics." "The only thing Conner feels needs to be improved is that "The paper should have more articles about minority subjects and people other than the athletes." Conner is known to his friends as "Big Conners" because of his size. He lives by the philosophy, "Live today, because tomorrow isn't promised to any man."

# King of Sugar Blues lives in harmony with history

By C. ALLIN MEANS

The elegant hard-wood door is always open. The protective storm door's purpose is to keep wind and rain out, but not people.

I tapped lightly on the storm door. A light tap is all it ever takes, because the only one who has to hear it is Bandi, the most snobbish, most stuck-up, most loveable little Shi-tzu you'd ever want to trip over. He promptly alerted the household of my presence, as he always does.

A familiar friendly voice from upstairs said, "Who is it Bandi, Allin?"

Before I knew it, I was greeted with a warm hug and a choice of two delicious desserts, both of which could easily become my favorite — and both of which could be prepared only by a gourmet dessert chef. She was Maxine McCoy, formerly Maxine Bennett of the Bennett Sisters, a singing trio of the late '30s and '40s.

"Yes well, those were great days — but we won't talk about how long ago they were," she said with a laugh. The fact is, talking about when those days were would be the

only way to pose even a guess as to her age. She looks remarkably young and has still maintained the dancer's figure that, along with her harmonizing voice, made her famous.

I couldn't choose between the

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strawberry cake and the ice cream layered cake. I had a little of each and then sat down to chat with "The King of the Sugar Blues," the man of the house, Clyde McCoy.

"Look at this Al," he said as he smiled and showed me a small one-car garage where a tooth had been. "I was playing a high C on my horn. I really shouldn't have been going that high, and my tooth shook right out."

This is the story of his life as a trumpeteer, one tooth after another, in order that people can enjoy his music — I guess he's got the *Sugar Blues*.

Clyde McCoy is not bothered with the trivial annoyances which most of us let occupy too much of our time. He's seen it all and done it all — and then some. What's one tooth when the McCoy's had a favorite poodle's replaced with an entire set of gold teeth? They have cherished their dogs like children through the years and when Jacque's teeth were too old, they simply had them pulled and replaced with 14 shiny new karats.

But who is Clyde McCoy? Is he any relation to the McCoy's who spent afternoons feuding with the Hatfields in the hillbilly hills of the Appalachians? "I never really cared much for all that shooting," Clyde McCoy would rather play his horn — he's the McCoy who shook up band halls from coast to coast with the *wah wah* sound he originated.

Through the era of the Big Bands, Clyde McCoy was in the thick of it all. He blasted the *Blues* with his Dixieland Band in every city from New York to New Orleans.

"We sold 14 million of these," he said as he pointed humbly yet proudly toward the gold decorating his living room wall. The album, of course, *The Sugar Blues*.

I picked the music up in a five and dime. Nobody cared much for it," he added. Nobody, that is, until the Clyde McCoy sound took that music sheet in, spiced it up, and turned out some of the most swinging, most bee-bopping, most fun sounds of the era — of any era. Then millions cared for it — 14 million soon owned a copy, everyone was

kicking wing tips and flapping baggy zoot suits, and Clyde McCoy became the *Sugar Blues*.

Though he still practices and still plays occasionally, he is primarily retired to the cozy home in Memphis, Tennessee, the Showboat city on the muddy Mississippi.

"They called me and asked me to play Mudd Island (a new entertainment development on a small island overlooking the Memphis skyline in the River) and I turned them down. There's no money out there," he said with a laugh and a puff on his pipe.

The love shown between Maxine and Clyde McCoy is comparable to the hugging, hand-holding love shown between newlyweds.

"Yeh, but when I'm bad she makes me sleep with Bandi," he snickers.

Maxine and Clyde McCoy met on the road as she was singing and swaying with the Bennett Sisters and he was blowing the *Blues* with his Dixieland Band. Large advertisement posters tucked away in their garage show the two cheek to

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cheek, publicizing a 1930's engagement. They've been cheek-to-cheek ever since.

Though they no longer spend the majority of their time on the road and have earned the luxury of being able to relax around their town-home, they have kept an appreciation for the entertainment world and an undying sentiment toward it. After all, it's in their blood.

"I received my first trumpet when I was seven . . . hung onto it for years and finally gave it away so a little boy could grow up having as much fun playing the trumpet as I have," he said.

As the day rolled along and the evening began to set in, it was time for me to leave this Mississippi River town and head back to Arkansas. But not before I had become

completely intrigued and enthralled by the stories the McCoy's had shared with me. And I was equally impressed with the stories they *didn't* tell me that they easily could have, but felt too modest to pass along.

Though jovial and kind, Clyde McCoy cares little about whether or not he is publicized. He's been through that for years. Three of the things he is willing to show off are an 8.5 karat diamond which hides a good portion of his finger, an extensive pipe collection sitting on a den table under a "No Smoking" sign, and that gold record on the wall. Ahh yes, *The Sugar Blues*. Even the name sounds like the lazy South and the swinging blues of Memphis.

McCoy's still a very busy man. He's currently writing a book telling the tales of his life. Sunshine publishers hope he'll finish it soon.

So, as I left, full of spirit and desserts, I hugged and waved goodbye, even to an unattentive Bandi.

Incidentally, Maxine and Clyde McCoy are Aunt Max and Uncle Clyde to me.

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## Lack of emotional expression can cause depression

By KELLEY MUDRA

"I'm so depressed." This is a common statement. But are these people actually depressed?

According to Mary Cantrell, director of Mental Health at MCC. "What people call depression usually isn't." She went on to say that depression is a pathological condition. She also said, "If you're really

depressed, you're not functional."

One theory of depression, according to Cantrell, is that grief and depression are often confused with one another. "Depression is associated with loss. Loss is the cause of depression." Cantrell's definition of "loss" is loss of "something significant in your life." She said, "When grief is not resolved, then you get depressed.

"When a loss occurs, it's healthy to cry. It's very therapeutic to cry (especially in the case of death). If people don't cry, and if they don't acknowledge that the loss is real, this can lead to depression," said Cantrell. This can be very difficult for men who have been taught not to cry.

Another of Cantrell's theories about depression is that "Depression is caused by internalized hostility."

People don't express how they feel, "They shove it all down inside," according to Cantrell. "People never say 'I'm really angry about this'."

"If you keep shoving all this stuff down, some day the top is going to blow off." Cantrell went on to say that "Some depression is caused by a chemical imbalance," and can be treated chemically.

When asked about depression on

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campus, Cantrell said, "That kind of depression could possibly be generated by some sort of secondary gain, (such as more attention)." She said that the way people handle their grief depends on whether or

not they can tell others about their grief.

Cantrell ended by saying, "The '70s were popularly known as the age of anxiety, but the '80s are being said to be the age of depression."

## Statistics show 20 million Americans have phobias

By JENNIFER WARREN

Statistics show that 20 million Americans have a phobia of one kind or another.

According to a survey taken by the *London Sunday Times*, in 1973, when 3,000 people in the United States were asked what they feared most, 41 percent said public speaking. Public speaking is more feared than death, elevators, germs — and fear itself.

Jerilyn Ross, clinical director of the Phobia Program in Washington, D.C., defines phobia as "irrational fear." For example, if a person is leaning over on the thirteenth floor balcony of an apartment, it is natural for that person to feel danger and nausea. But if a person is in an apartment visiting friends and panics in fear that he/she must get away from there — even though the draperies are drawn and closing out the view — he/she is entitled to call his/her fear of heights a "phobia."

Many MCC students are afraid of different things. One student, sophomore religion major Carl Bryant said, "I'm afraid of swimming in

water where I can't see my feet."

Dr. Manuel Zane of White Plains Hospital in New York states that phobias are characterized by a "lack of objective cause" for fear. A person's mind begins to wonder "what if?" The fear anticipates the event. Eventually, the person avoids his/her fear totally.

Bob Spiller of the Central Texas Regional Blood Center said, "One of the funniest times (when I was working the blood drive) was down at Jefferson-Moore High School. This little gal came in and went through all the processing. I handed her a bag as I came in; she took the bag and looked around and saw all the other people. She says, 'You're not doing that to me!' and dropped the bag in the middle of the floor and took off. I never saw her again."

The main five categories of phobias are:

- 1) fear of vomiting, blood, and needles;
- 2) fear of heights and elevators;
- 3) fear of animals and insects;
- 4) fear of social events; and
- 5) fear of open places.

A typical phobic is between the

ages of 19 and 35, is bright and introspective, is a perfectionist, and is trustworthy. Any life-changing situation — a birth, a death, divorce or the stress of moving to a new city

— can provide the catalyst for a phobic reaction. Typical remarks of a phobic include statements such as: "I really don't like heights. If there's a high wall, I can look at the

beautiful view, but I can't look over the wall because that scares me.

"Another thing that scares me to death are needles. Even thinking about a needle going into my arm makes me nervous. When I was little, I used to faint at the sight of blood."

Other phobias are more serious. A young woman's mother dies.

The young woman is unable to show her grief. Soon, she is unable to leave her house without her husband. Finally, she is unable to leave her house at all.

Dr. Carmi Harari of the Humanistic Psychology Center of New York reminds us that, under stress, some people prone to psychosomatic illnesses are also prone to

phobias. Basic treatment for phobias is to gradually expose the phobic to the fear until the phobic is no longer afraid. Phobias can be cured 75-80 percent of the time.

In Waco, a person who is allowing a phobia to take control of his/her life can get help by calling the Heart of Texas Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center at 752-3451.

### Psi Beta to promote Psychology Awareness with movies, April 16-19

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|                     | 12 noon | Future Shock  | Lecture Hall | Film  |
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| April 18: Wednesday | 12 noon | A Case of Multiple Personalities/Three Faces of Eve | Lecture Hall | Video |
| April 19: Thursday  | 10 a.m. | Sybil, part I & II and/or                           | Lecture Hall | Video |
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MCC Instructor of Psychology Dr. Juan Mercado is the advisor for Psi Beta.



Some say the eyes are the window to the soul . . . Psi Beta is sponsoring Psychology Awareness Week, April 16-19. (Photo by David Nichols)

# 4 Convention scene



**Journalists bring home Division II TIPA Sweepstakes Award**

Members of the Division II Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Sweepstakes-winning *Highland Herald* staff are, top row, left to right: David Nichols, Danny Quinn, Wynona Troupe, Kelley Mudra, Tracey Thompson; bottom row, Allison Holler, Anne-Marie Kimbell and Jennifer Warren. Not pictured are: Amy Neal, Consuelo Arriola, Philip Monroe, Tracy Poe, Linda Cowan, Harold Manning, Bill Mitchell, Al Means, Lynda Yezzi, Greg Fedro,

Peggy Hebert, Gregg Loyd, Jaci Kenney, Janna Hatfield, Shiri Lott, Lisa Wall and Damiece Whittington. The contest entries were compiled by Allison Holler. Contest entries were picked from the 1983 school year. Editor for Spring '83 was Amy Neal, who is now a Baylor student. Editor for Fall '83 was Tracey Thompson. Harold Manning served as associate editor for both Spring and Fall, '83. (Photo by Gregg Loyd)



Nicholas Von Hoffman, Washington Post column writer, poked fun at all forms of media in his satirical speech at the Scholarship Awards Banquet. (Photo by Gregg Loyd)



The Arlington Hilton was the home away from home for Texas journalism students at the TIPA convention April 5-7. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kimbell)

## Highland Herald staffers capture college press Sweepstakes honor

By TRACEY THOMPSON

The MCC *Highland Herald* staff loaded up their gear early April 5 and left for the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention in the Arlington Hilton Hotel.

They expected to have a good time and learn something new. What they didn't expect was to come back to Waco with the TIPA Convention's highest honor, the Sweepstakes Award for TIPA Division II. Nevertheless, they did.

A win in Sweepstakes requires racking up more points in the various individual categories than the other 38 schools participating in the competition. The *Highland Herald* tallied 45.5 points. The *Northwest Passage*, the Tarrant County Junior College-Northwest paper was second with 37 points.

Host for the convention, April 5-7, was the University of Texas-Arlington.

Entries judged in the contest were taken from papers published

during Spring and Fall 1983. Editor during the Spring was Amy Neal. Tracey Thompson was editor for Fall '83.

"I want to thank my students — past and present — for the work they did," said Cassy Jordan, MCC Student Publications Adviser. "Without their efforts, over and beyond the call of duty, we would not have won. I'd also like to thank members of the MCC administration for their support, particularly MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball."

Jordan's students also attended workshop sessions concerning topics ranging from column and news writing to newspaper graphics and photography.

Notable guest and workshop speakers attending were Nicholas Von Hoffman of *The Washington Post*, Ben Sargent of *The Austin American-Statesman*, Gary Cartwright of *Texas Monthly* and Bruce Kabat of *The Waco Tribune-Herald*.

Conventioners just happened to be at the Arlington Hilton the same time as some other notable enter-

tainers — the New York Yankees and English recording artist Adam Ant. The Bronx Bombers and Ant were glimpsed several times in the lobby of the hotel and were besieged for autographs at every opportunity by the conventioning students.

*Highland Herald* staff members who picked up awards in the competition were: Harold Manning and Tracey Thompson, first and second place respectively, Column Writing; Lynda Yezzi, first place, Newswriting; Jennifer Warren, first place, Editorial Writing; Danny Quinn, third place, Series; Tracey Thompson, honorable mention, Sportswriting; Al Means, first place, News Photo; Tracy Poe, third place (tie), Newsphoto; Bill Mitchell, second place, Sports Photo; Al Means, first place, Critical Review; Al Means, honorable mention, Critical Review; Staff, third place, Single Page Make-up; and Lynda Yezzi, first place, Headline Writing.

The staff also took a number of awards in the Texas Junior College Press Association contest.



Waco *Tribune-Herald* Assistant Managing Editor Bruce Kabat was one of many guest speakers at the Texas Intercollegiate Press association convention in Arlington. Kabat spoke to journalists about modular design and

preparing a resume. Other speakers included Gary Cartwright of *Texas Monthly*, and Ben Sargent of *The Austin American-Statesman*. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kimbell)



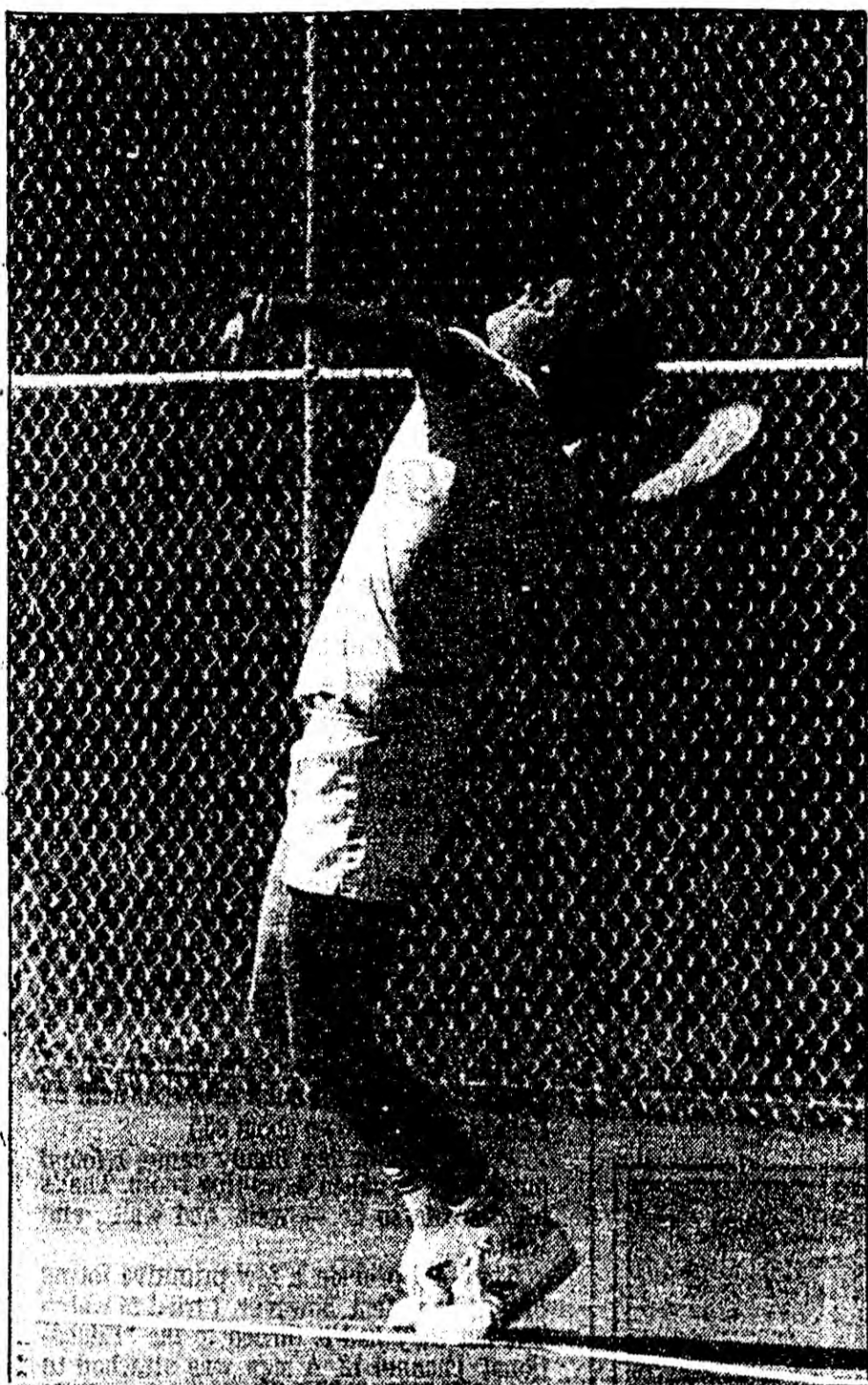
MCC journalism students Allison Holler and Kelley Mudra express a mixed reaction to the photographer who snapped this photo at 2 a.m. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kimbell)



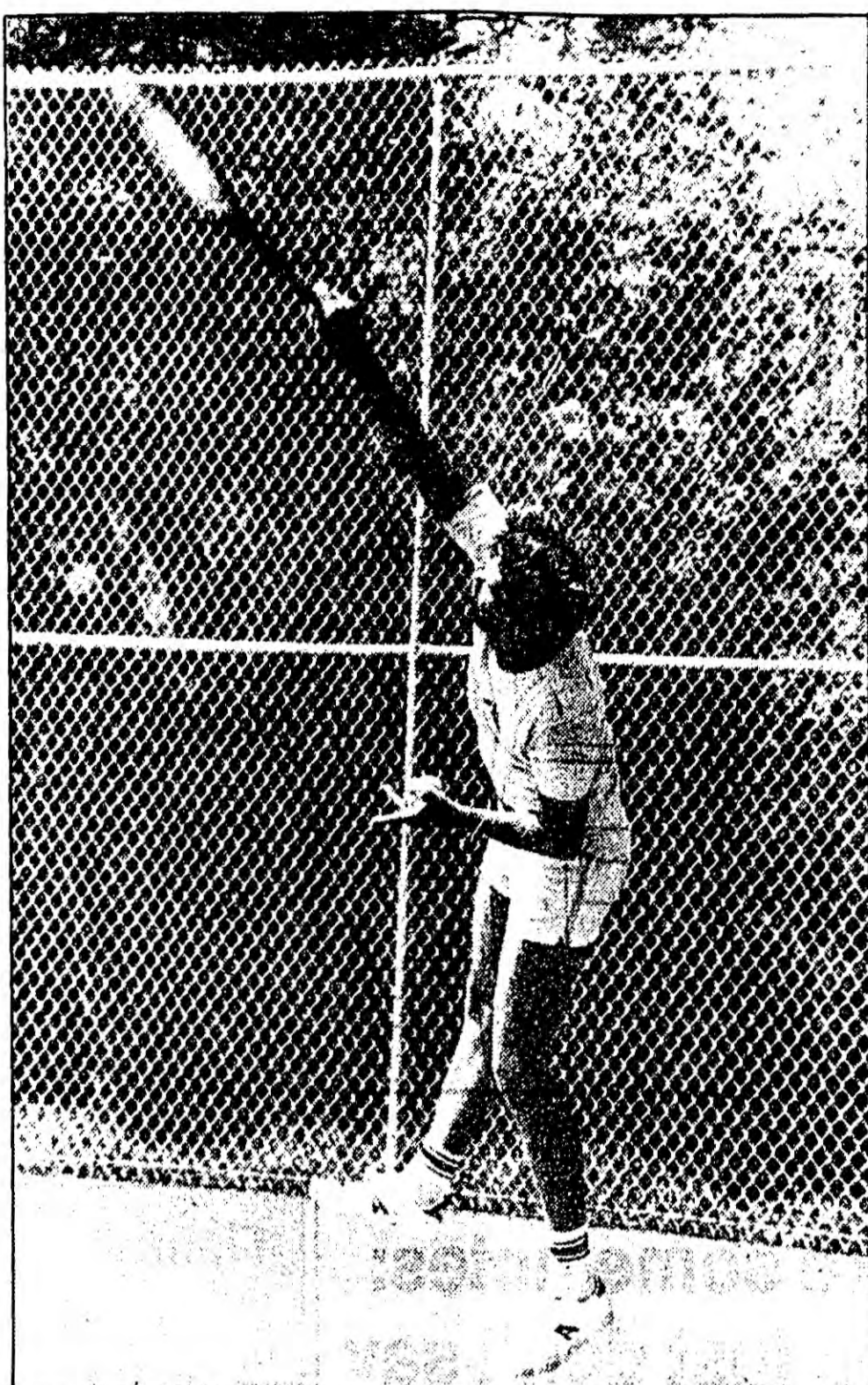
Members of the New York Yankees, who lost to the Texas Rangers Saturday night, 6-5, also visited the Arlington Hilton during TIPA convention weekend. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kimbell)



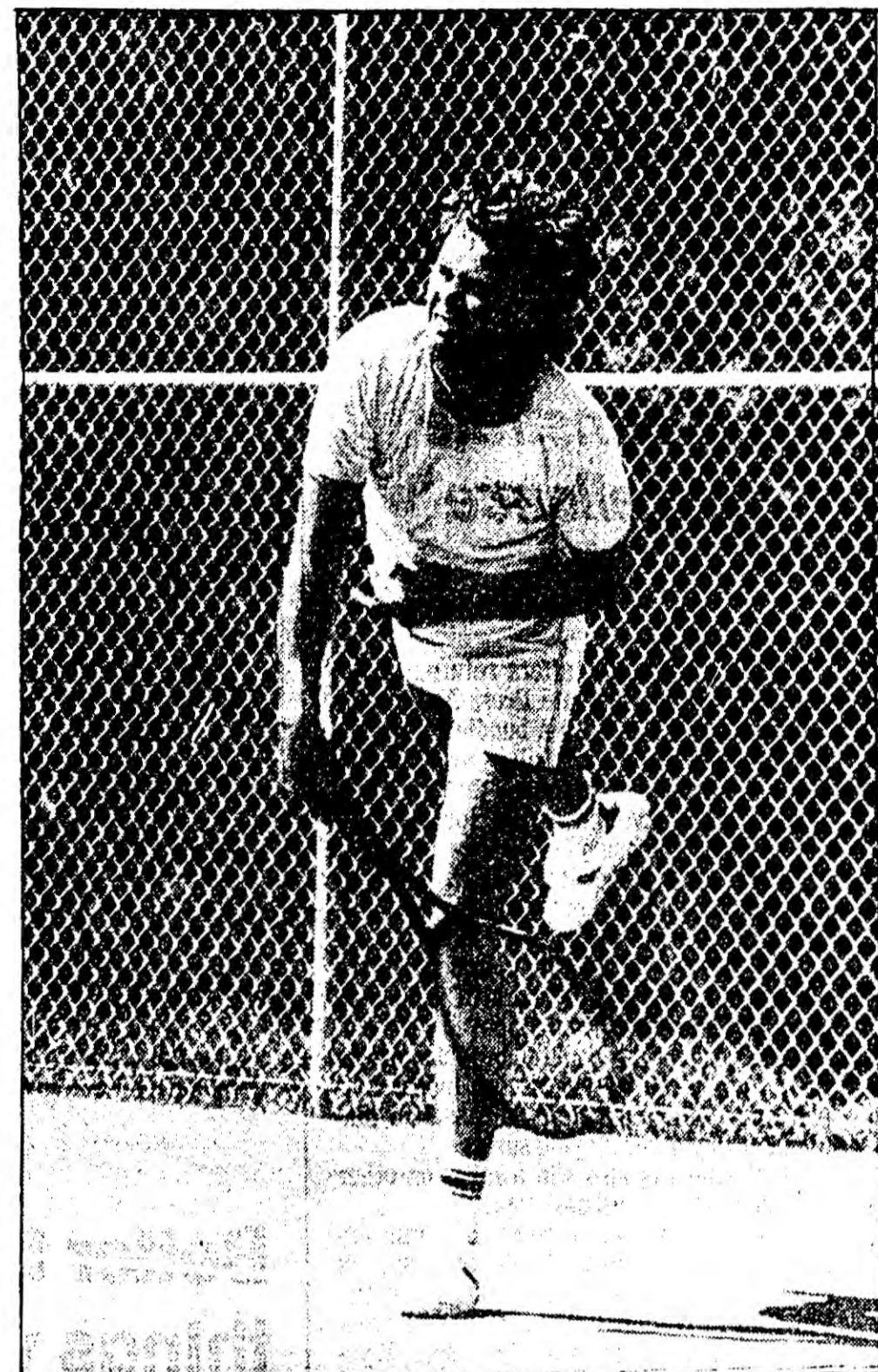
Singer Adam Ant, a British recording artist, drew a crowd wherever he went. Ant presented a concert at Six Flags Saturday night. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kimbell)



Claes Engell, sophomore from Las Palmas, Canary Islands serves.



Engell sends the ball screaming to his opponent. (Photos by Gregg Loyd)



He shows a smile of relief as his serve lands safely in the service court.

# Tennis teams cinch spot in regionals

By GREGG LOYD

Both MCC's men and women tennis teams have assured themselves a spot at this year's Regional tournament which will be hosted by MCC. With the spot sewed up so soon, both teams have the remainder of the month to jockey for seeds before the Tournament rolls around April 27-28. The men's record now stands at 14-4 while the women's is at 16-2. Although neither the men's nor the women's team is favored in Regionals, Coach Carmack Berryman thinks they have a good chance of bringing the Regionals title back to MCC.

"We'll be giving the title a run, no doubt about it, even though we are not favored," said Berryman. "All the other schools are worried about us in Regionals. They know they have to watch out for us."

If MCC does fare as well as Berryman hopes they will, then they will move on to the National tournament in May at Ocala, FL.

At least some of the credit for the tennis teams' success has got to go to the implementation of aerobics into the team workouts. At the beginning of the year, the teams were both required to take an aerobics class, and Berryman is now starting to see the benefits of his decision.

"There's no question about it," said Berryman. "It has been great for them. It's helped their agility, footwork, and their stretching. They're more in tune with their body and more capable of control-

ling it, which makes for more efficient movement."

Since the aerobics has been so successful this year, Berryman has decided to try it again in the future.

"It will probably become a yearly thing," said Berryman. "— part of the yearly program."

Although the benefits of aerobics have been noticeable, the teams still have some problems going into Regionals. One of Berryman's main concerns is his team performance in doubles action, which has been worse this year than in any year since Berryman has come to MCC.

"The biggest key in the Regionals matches is going to be our doubles play. Most of our matches have been won after the singles," said Berryman. "There have been only one or two matches where the doubles mattered."

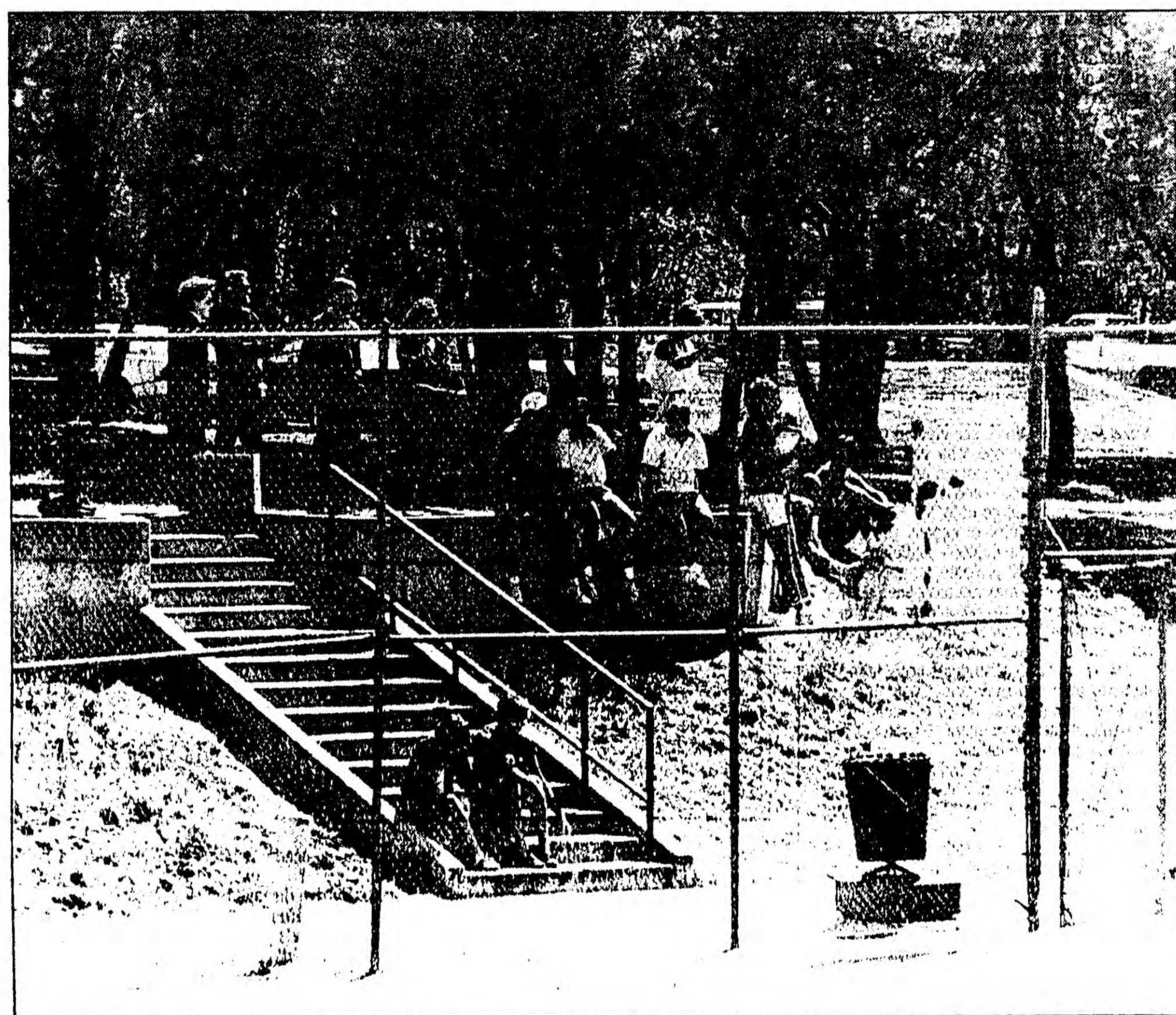
According to Berryman, the winner of the Regional tournament for the last seven years has been decided after the last doubles match. "It's the only thing I'm holding my breath on," said Berryman.

One other problem plaguing the men's team is the absence of one of Berryman's top players. The loss of Mark Belcher, who hurt his shoulder in February, has made a difference in the team's strength.

"If he hadn't got hurt, I feel we would have been favored in Regionals," said Berryman. But despite the problems the team is having, they have already cinched a spot at regionals, and Berryman is happy with the way things are going.

"We're young and growing. The players are getting used to college tennis and what it's all about," said Berryman. "The guys are learning how to shave a little bit. They were kind of fuzzy at the beginning of the semester."

All but a few of the players on both teams are freshmen and probably will be returning to play next



Spring weather brings out the crowds who showed up to watch the tennis tournament held last week at MCC. (Photo by C. Allin Means.)


"The biggest key in the Regionals matches is going to be our doubles play."

season. They are assured a berth in the regionals this year and with the experience and additional training by next year, the teams should have little problem going to the nationals then. The men's team members in-

clude: Claes Egnell, sophomore, Las Palmas, Canary Islands; Joe Capozzoli, sophomore, South Laguna Beach, Calif.; Bill Howie, freshman, South Laguna Beach, Calif.; Roland Zamora, freshman, Harlingen; Kevin McCullough, freshman, Regi-

na, Saskatchewan, Canada; Phillip Wilson, freshman, San Antonio; James Tussey, freshman, Grapevine; and Mark Belcher, freshman, Dunedin, New Zealand.

On the women's team (all freshmen): Samantha Jordan, Houston; Melanie Burrows, Wisbech, England; JoAnn Dusterbeck, Regina, Saskatchewan; DeAnne Laverock, New London, South Africa; Cathy Massey, Melbourne, Australia; and Soraya Masanet, Las Palmas, Canary Islands.



## MCC Cafeteria

I would like to thank the MCC Cafeteria staff for the fast, friendly service that they give to the students and faculty.

This fast, friendly service enables me to eat a balanced meal, and I can use the rest of my time to study or visit with friends. I have eaten in many cafeterias, but I feel that the service and atmosphere in this one is excellent.

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# 6 Opinion

## Editorial

### MCC awards demonstrate excellence

By DANNY QUINN

Highland Herald staffers returned from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Spring Convention with a bundle of awards and the biggest award of all — Sweepstakes for their division. This means that the Highland Herald won the award for the best newspaper in Division II TIPA.

We're talkin' statewide, friends. Enough of patting ourselves on the back, though. This award says much for MCC as a whole. It says more when added to the numerous other awards that MCC clubs and organizations have won. Believe it or not, MCC is not just a school full of jocks, where the only awards we win are on the basketball and tennis courts or the baseball diamond or any other playing surface.

MCC students also win awards on other surfaces — table and desk tops.

Another example of MCC academic excellence is the Plaid Vests, the MCC speech club. Four out of six MCC entrants in the Phi Rho Pi National Junior College Forensic Association Convention in Casper, Wyoming, won awards — two gold national championships and three bronze championships. These awards were won out of 14 categories. We're talkin' nationwide, friends.

MCC awards aren't limited to just journalism and speech, either. DECA, Office Education Association, and numerous other clubs and organizations on campus (sorry if anyone is left out) annually rake in more scholastic awards.

Awards like this say a lot for MCC. They say a lot to students who attend MCC — and those who are considering where to attend college.

The focus is on the fact that MCC "is a serious institution," said Ann Harrell, MCC speech instructor. "It says to students that there are avenues for recognition. It encourages students to pursue academic areas. It encourages students to be serious in studies."

All this is true, and without taking away from their significance, it also does one more thing. It lays to rest the "MCC High" attitude. As MCC journalism student Lynda Yezzi was told before she elected to attend college here, "Anyone who can find their way out of the woods can get into MCC." It's a typical statement — and it's true.

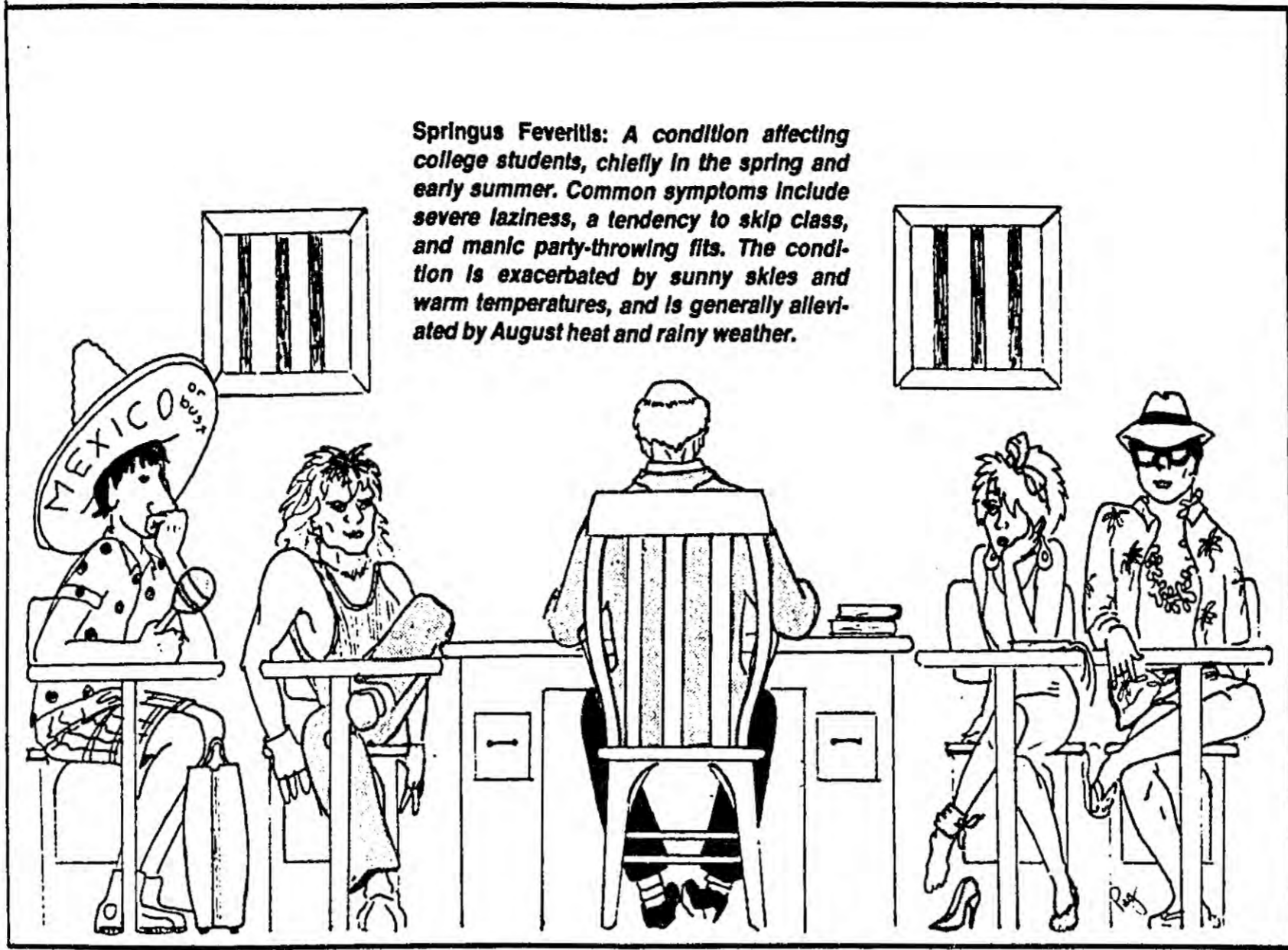
Any student can go to MCC. All students have the opportunity to expand their horizons, brighten their minds — and plan an exciting future. MCC provides an opportunity for someone who may not have been all that successful so far to get a new start in a world that puts so much emphasis on "being someone" and being successful.

Awards that MCC students bring home illustrate an important point: not only are athletics excellent at MCC, but academics are among the top in quality — and not just in Texas, but in the nation.

People hear a lot of things about MCC, both good and bad. It's like that at every community college. One thing can be said for sure, though.

MCC academics are solid, and MCC provides a valuable learning opportunity for everyone. And that's a fact.

We have the awards to prove it.



Springus Feveritis: A condition affecting college students, chiefly in the spring and early summer. Common symptoms include severe laziness, a tendency to skip class, and manic party-throwing fits. The condition is exacerbated by sunny skies and warm temperatures, and is generally alleviated by August heat and rainy weather.

### Better take some notes: things you just don't say

Everyone keeps harping on mistakes that candidates have made by saying something wrong in the Presidential race this year. One wonders what you can say anymore without offending someone.

Actually, all it takes is a little common sense. Presidential candidates aren't the only ones to make those kind of mistakes. Common ordinary people lose friends every year with remarks that never should have been uttered.

For anyone ever presented with an opportunity to speak to someone of higher status, I've compiled a list of what not to say. You can be sure that once said, the individual would never live it down.

Things you should never say ...  
To a stewardess in the middle of a flight: "Eescoe me please, mees, how far eez eet to Cooba?"  
To Gary Hart: "Got bad news, Gary. They've just raised the voting age to 30."

To Edwin Meese: "Say, Ed. Need to borrow some money? No strings attached!"

To Michael Jackson: "Hey man, let's go for a Pepsi!"

To Walter Mondale? "Jimmy just said that without you, why, he never would have gotten anything done."

To a member of the Soviet Politburo: "Did you hear somebody sneeze?"

To any U.S. Olympic official: "Boycott."

To an official for Burger "have it your way" King: "Where's the beef?"

To Madalyn Murray O'Hair: "Thank God you have a son to take care of you in your old age."

To Baylor football head coach, Grant Teaff, during spring drills: "Snap, crackle, pop."

To Jesse Jackson: "The Jewish Defense League has invited you to speak at their fund-raising dinner."

To a visitor in a nuclear power plant: "Uh-oh."

To a newspaper editor at midnight on the night before the paper comes out: "Oh, by the way, I forgot to get that interview for the big story on page one tomorrow."

To anyone within hearing distance of the mother of a bride, just after the bride has been completely dressed for the wedding: "What do you mean, 'she has to go to the bathroom?'"

To the audience at your high school English teacher's retirement dinner: "I ain't never seen no one who could learn people to talk like real intelligent people like this here Missus Rackinschlep."

(By a girlfriend) To an unsuspecting boyfriend at dinner as he starts to cut his steak with his sharp steak knife: "I wonder why I've been so hungry since we got back from the mountains a couple of months back?"

To an over-worked, underpaid public teacher (alias: school militia): "Don't you think adding two hours to the school day will solve our education problem?"



### Baby causes gray hairs

Gray hair. I always thought it was just a part of life. You know, you got to be about 40, you wake up, and there it was. But now I know better.

I became an aunt the other day. I remember back when I first found out that my sister Vicki was pregnant. I grew three gray hairs that day. That was okay. I could live with three. But as time went by, and things got worse, the gray started to multiply.

Every month we got a new report. One month the baby was due on this date or that one, and then "it" became "twins." A few months later "it" was a "he;" then a "she." I was beginning to think things were getting awfully crowded in there.

The due date was drawing near, and I was beginning to get more gray. (As near as I could tell, I'd grown about 80.)

When the big day finally came, I found out why it is called a waiting room. That's all there is to do — wait. And wait... and wait...

They did provide a few primitive forms of entertainment, however. I tried to watch TV, but they had it turned to the "Educational" channel 13. A sign was attached to the dial that read: "Improve your mind; don't turn the switch. I could have improved my mind by reading the National Enquirer magazines that had been provided for my reading pleasure. By now the total gray had risen well over 100.

After what seemed like hours of waiting, (actually it was hours of waiting), my brother-in-law came out to announce that we had a new addition to our family. By then the gray had reached epidemic proportions.

My mom and dad turned old before my eyes when they realized they were grandparents. I wasn't much better; the gray toll was getting higher.

By the time the whole ordeal was over, I was almost completely gray. It was a real growing (ahem) experience for me. I made a new friend. Her name is Ms. Clairol, and with 32 one-is-right-for-you shades to choose from, I expect we will become good buddies as time goes by.

Oh, and by the way... it's a girl!

My mom and dad turned old before my eyes when they realized they were grandparents.



Dying young isn't an enjoyable thought. But at my life's present pace, it's an ever-present possibility. But such morbid thoughts don't possess the strength to cause any changes in my lifestyle.

The only real plausible fear that I continuously wrestle with is that of waking up one morning 15 years from now and finding myself resembling Art Buchwald.

There are certain individuals who only serve to remind me of the proper way to treat my anatomy.

Since the weather has warmed, it seems as if every female at Baylor has transformed herself into one of the world's three best middle-distance runners.

Who are these women? And where are they during the dead of winter? Are they a migratory breed?

I have to drive through the Baylor campus to get home after school. (Well, I don't have to, but there's just something about women running that's hard to resist.)

I often receive abuse — even a few obscenities are sometimes thrown in. (Yes, Virginia, even Baylor girls swear now and then.) As I pass by, my auto belches fumes only a coal miner could breathe and survive. It's no wonder I get no respect.

But I do wonder why these particular females choose to run right down the sidewalks on some of the busiest streets on campus. Why not run in a nearby park or perhaps in a less congested area?

### Women bite the dust again, spark inner struggle with sanity

I have a few theories. But then we'd be dealing with twisted subjects such as vanity and self-love, and delving into such areas could only cause dire repercussions.

But I have to give these women credit. They're out there trying to do something about their health, even though their up to more sinister games than they would care to admit. And I have to respect that, because it's something I ignore with a passion.

I don't know if self-destructiveness could be termed a personal quality, but if so, I possess it. And I'm willing to settle for any signs of quality in myself that I can grasp.

Yes, somewhere down the line this living hell must stop; 23 is not a good age to find oneself falling apart.

I already discover myself toasting the days when I could wake up in the morning feeling nothing more hedonistic than an innocent craving for a bowl of Apple Jacks.

Of late, I've required mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and an obscene telephone call from a catatonic state.

But, I've got to admit, it's worth it. How I feel in the morning is a small price to pay for what goes on the night before.

But come to think of it, wasn't that the same line that the Marquis de Sade used.

### Birthdays are always joyful or sad; either way you go, you just get older

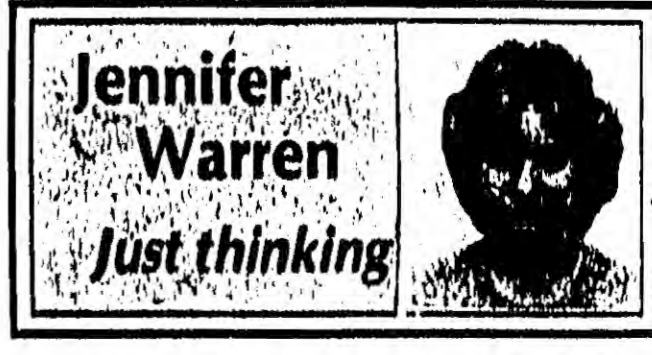
I really thought that the day could have been better, but what more should I ask for — a million dollars? That would be great!

Ice cream, cake, cookies, punch, balloons, magicians and clowns are all things with which we associate a child's birthday party.

For children and grown-ups alike, birthdays are thought of as a time of joy. But birthdays can be considered a time of sadness. Either way you look at it, birthdays just mean that you're getting older.

I can relate. I had a birthday last month. My birthday was okay. Not great, not spectacular — just okay.

The day could have been better, but what is one to expect? Well, I could have gone out and gotten drunk, since I was then old enough to drink.



But I didn't go out and get drunk. I did go out and have a quiet, but nice dinner with my mom.

There was one problem, however. I owed my mom \$45 for two pairs of shoes that she had bought me about three weeks earlier.

She said that they were my birthday gift, and that I didn't owe her the money for them any longer.

That was terrific, but it would have been nice if I could have received some money for journalism convention.

I really thought that the day could have

been better, but what more should I ask for; a million dollars? That would be great!

Unfortunately, I don't know anyone that rich who would be willing to give me a million dollars.

So, to everyone, rich or poor (most of us are poor, we just don't seem to ever have enough money) who have had a birthday recently or will have a birthday soon, "Happy birthday."

Or as the cartoon character Garfield would say, "Happy birthday to me, happy birthday to me..."

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