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Photo by Ken Crawford

**PERFECT LIKENESS...** Founding president (1966-1988) and President Emeritus of McLennan Community College Dr. Wilbur A. Ball stands by his bronze "portrait" unveiled Sunday afternoon. The unveiling ceremony was held to officially announce the new name of the PAC--The Wilbur A. Ball Performing Art Center.

## Ball immortalized

By LESLEY WILSON

The Performing Arts Center received its new name Sunday during a tribute to the MCC founder and president emeritus, Dr. Wilbur A. Ball.

An admiring crowd of faculty, board members, and general public attended the dedication of the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center, at which Ball was honored with the unveiling of a bronze bust. The building was also adorned with a plaque that also honored

Ball and exhibited the Center's new title.

The bronze sculpture of Ball was sculpted by artist Eugenie "Gigi" Kamrath Mygdal. When asked what she was trying to do in the sculpture, she commented, "trying to capture this wonderful man here...it's really up to you all to decide."

The reception was enhanced by refreshments and music. The Jazzbo's provided the entertainment.

# Magnitude of drug abuse concerns support groups

By JENNIFER JOHNSON and SUSAN POLLEY

The Drug Abuse Prevention Program surveyed fall 1988 incoming freshmen to "determine the extent of substance abuse," according to its report.

A comparable survey was taken nationwide of 180 7-to-12 year-olds in Washington D.C. They were asked how many presidents they could list as compared to alcoholic beverages. Surprisingly enough, these children could list the names of 5.2 alcoholic beverages in ratio to 4.8 U.S. presidents.

The Association for the Advancement of Health Education stated that television commercials are largely to blame. The brand names of these alcoholic beverages that these children could name were among the most heavily advertised.

Millie Waterman, vice president for legislative activities of the national PTA said, "We need to work on both ends of the equation; alcohol advertising must be curtailed and the quality of education must be improved."

Here at MCC, there have been surveys of alcohol and substance abuse for incoming freshmen taken at orientation since the fall of 1988. Because of the interest shown in these surveys, support groups have been formed. Thirty-five percent of the freshmen surveyed that said they would be involved in a support group if it were available. Forty-two percent of another group said the same.

John Porter has been appointed to a national test development committee for the U.S. Department of Education. Last year,

MCC received a grant totalling \$54,231 for the use of such programs. As a result of the programs being started, the U.S. Department of Education increased the grant to \$71,900 to expand more programs for the campus and community.

Some of the programs that have already been formed on the MCC campus and meet weekly are:

- Alcoholics Anonymous (A/A)
- Narcotics Anonymous (N/A)
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)

Co-dependency groups(CODA)

At least one drug preventive program is presented each semester available to all students at the activity hour. These programs are trying to make students aware that there is a drug problem here.

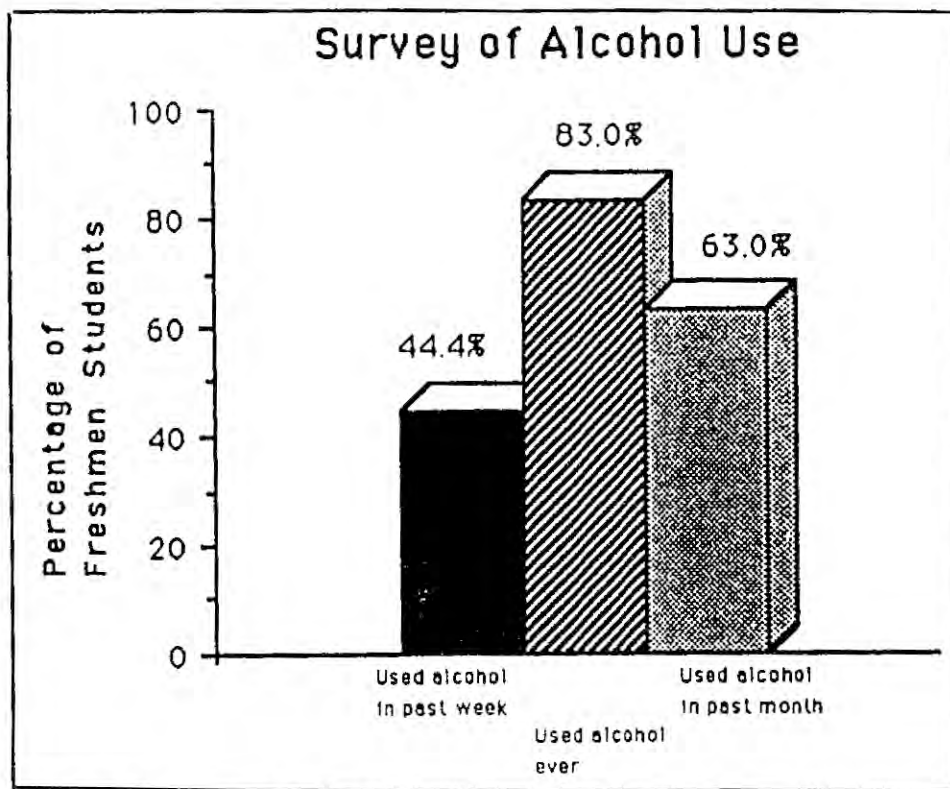
Porter said, "Whether people are willing to admit it or not, most people do not realize alcohol is an addictive drug...more people are addicted to alcohol than any other drug."

There has been good participation on a continuous basis in which Porter thought was an indication of a success. "This is just the first year. There will be a lot more happening," he said.

One of the upcoming events that will be happening is the area-wide Drug Abuse Prevention Conference that is scheduled for April 28, 1989. William Sessions, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will serve as the keynote speaker.

A contest is currently in progress on the MCC campus to develop the MCCDAPP logo, and a drug-free concert is being considered for Spring 1989.

Also, this summer, a video tape will be produced on the MCC cam-



pus with participation of MCC students, staff, faculty, and administrative personnel. This video will show situations common among substance abusers. This tape will be made available to promote group interaction among students in developing alternatives to substance abuse and developing coping skills.

In the near future, in-class drug prevention programs will be presented in 50 percent of all campus classes. The program staff will provide assistance to local high school groups to promote drug-free activities and offer 60 hours of continuing education credit in the field of "Addictionology." Eventually, with the approval of the accrediting agencies of the State of Texas, MCC will offer courses leading to an A.A.S. degree in addictionology.

Currently, academic counselors are being trained in a 14-week substance abuse education and counseling techniques program. Students are also being trained in a "peer counselor" training. The 10-week program is designed to develop peer counseling skills and train students to work with fellow students with substance abuse or emotional problems.

These programs for drug and substance abuse will hopefully provide an awareness of this problem of drugs in our society. According to Porter, "What we want to do is when they have a problem at home that will effect them at school, to be prepared to deal with it here at MCC." He said additional support groups will be started "so students can stay in school regardless of what is going on at home."

Welcome UIL competitors!

## Programmers compute into third place

By TAMMY RICHARDS

What can be more exhilarating than entering a contest and placing in one of the top three places?

Students in the Data Processing Management Association had the satisfaction of receiving a third place plaque in a recent programming contest that was held at Tarleton University Saturday, March 4.

Jody Durant, Patrick Young and Barbara Walts made up the winning team. They were given four hours to get as far as they could in writing two COBOL programs. Dave Burgett, the sponsor of the Data Processing Management Association, said that "the students usually have three weeks of class time to complete two programs." Therefore, the programming contest's time limit challenged the competitors' abilities.

"The students are given the instructions and they have to run with them," said Burgett.

All of the students who were involved with the contest had taken or were taking the advanced COBOL class. The students "could have done better if they had more time to practice," Burgett said.

## Transfer student admissions: Counselor tips on applying to universities

By TERI LYN EISMA

Deadlines to four-year university admissions are crowding up for transfer degree students.

University of Texas at Austin and many other colleges will no longer consider new applications for this fall, while Texas A&M has moved its deadline back to June 1, according to MCC counselor Keith Geisler.

Applying a year ahead of deadline is often the best route to the more prestigious and crowded universities like UT-Austin, A&M and Baylor, Geisler said.

Some information about individual colleges can be found through college directories, references in the Library, references in the testing office on the ground floor of the Student Center, college recruiters and representatives (in fact Corpus Christi State University representatives will visit the

third floor of the Student Center April 3), students and alumni.

"You need to be kind of careful of recruiters, though," Geisler said. "It's their job to get students to come to their campus, and they only give positive information."

Once the student has the addresses of the universities of his choice he can write letters requesting the undergraduate college catalogue, admission application, brochures or catalogues about his particular major, financial aid, on-campus housing like dorms, married housing, fraternities and sororities, campus calendar and activities. Or he can wait to find out if the admission application includes a checklist for further information.

MCC counselors-Ruby Burns, Keith Geisler, John Nobis and Hazel Martin-are available to help students evaluate different colleges and to answer any college planning questions. Each has cat-

alogues to all Texas colleges, and has access to information about out-of-state colleges. The testing office is open to students who wish to look up information about different colleges by themselves. The Library also contains college reference material.

The counseling offices are located on the ground floor of the Student Center and are open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grammar and correctness in the application letter can make or break or at least help a student's chances for admission to some colleges. Other considerations sometimes are auditions for music or drama, art portfolios, the resume of organizational activity, skill in athletics, and minority status, Geisler said.

After filling and sending admission applications the student has from one to six months before he hears the college's response, Geisler said. This period is ideal for visiting the college informally with a friend who can tell all about boring instructor so-and-so or the best place to park or the lab instructor who likes to order out for pizza.

Or the student can ask a counselor or program directors here or at the desired university what students could tell him about what to expect at that college. In case the student's application is denied, he need not lose hope of attending the college of his dreams.

"If he's a good prospective student-batted 500 in baseball, has a high GPA, or some other special quality or cause," persistence may get him in despite a primary denial, Geisler said.

Another recourse is asking to take a few summer courses to improve the student's grade point average or course credit.

"The deadline is just a guideline, and guidelines aren't nailed into granite," Geisler said. "Sometimes (denied applications) can be appealed."

## Relax, good luck, enjoy yourselves

Welcome, UIL competitors.

I am so glad you have come to our beautiful campus because that means most students have the day off. But the Student Government is here to welcome you, to help you find your way around around the campus, to give away door prizes and to help you have a good time.

I went to Robinson High School and competed in the UIL literary criticism contest. I and the rest of the students had fun when we came to MCC, but I noticed that many people were nervous about competing. My best advice to them was not to worry about the competition because it would do them no good. I offer the same advice to you.

Good luck. Take time to walk around the campus. It's very beautiful. If you see any Student Government people around (and I know you will), say "hi" and they will talk with you awhile. Sincerely,

Brian Wallace  
president  
MCC Student Government

UIL schedule, see page 3.

## Library helps students to college, job success

by BRIAN YATES

One of the main concerns of students in junior colleges is deciding what four year university they will transfer to when they leave a two year college. The MCC library can help.

The College Blue Book is a five volume series which lists universities, their locations, degrees offered and scholarship information.

If a student has already completed his or her time in class, then they might consider books such as Good Reading which lists career fields and The Resume Writer's Book which can help you achieve your career goals by writing an effective resume.

Of local interest would be books like Backgrounds of Texas, Texas

Family Style and The Campers Guide to Texas Parks, Lakes and Forests.

Jane Gamez, director of library services would also like to inform students that the Microfiche system offers many helpful aspects to study and work. A College Catalog on Microfiche has the catalogs of many American colleges and Phonofiche makes the phone books of many Texas towns and cities accessible to MCC students.

Gamez would also like to remind students that the Library is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday.

Due to a pilot project, the Library will be open on the following Saturdays - March 18, April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Students on the Move head for Atlanta

By LISA HORNE

Members of the religious organization Students On The Move For Christ are preparing for a special trip.

The students will be attending the 44th annual National Black Baptist Retreat held in Atlanta. They will leave on March 20 and return April 2. The group began fund raising with a bake sale held in the Student Center. Other fund raising efforts will include concerts at local churches, community car washes and garage sales.

The theme for this year's retreat is Standing For Christ-Thru The Church. Approximately 2,000 students from 150 colleges all over the United States are expected to attend this year. The retreat will include performances by various singing groups and a choir competition. Seminars will be held throughout the retreat, keeping students busy.

The trip will cost members about \$80 per person. Those who are interested in donating funds for the group can do so by contacting LaNelle Tate, president of the club, or sponsor Winifred Watkins at Ext. 300, Science Building.

# Campus litter: Who will give a hoot?

Don't mess with Texas!

Over the past few years, these words have been put to music, stuck on bumpers and graced billboards, but some people still are not getting this message.

For proof of this, take a walk on our own campus. Spring is here and our campus really looks nice, until you find used gum wads stuck on the undersides of desks and various candy wrappers and cigarette butts needlessly thrown on the ground.

Students should be proud of the facilities they are given at MCC. Located in one of the more beautiful sections of Waco, MCC makes the most of natural landscaping and original trees and land contours. One would have a hard time finding a prettier college, much less a junior college, anywhere in Texas.

Groundskeepers could do an even better job of making MCC beautiful faster if they didn't have to stop every five feet or so to pick up litter.

Some people just can't make it that extra 10 or 12 feet and put that paper cup in the trash can. No, they leave other people to do it for them--namely the maintenance men who have more important jobs than picking up trash.

Littered lawns and vandalized lavatories reflect badly on the character of our college. As long as anybody continues to litter on campus, they are showing disrespect, not only to the college, but to themselves and the students who will come after them.

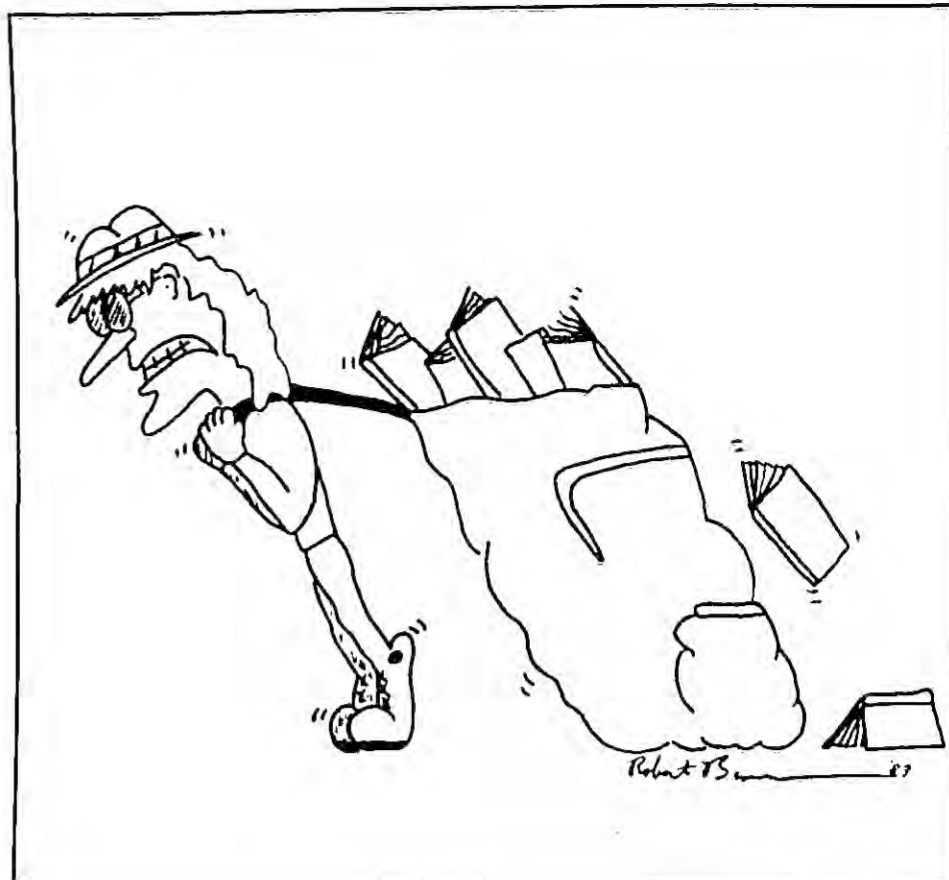
Student Government has been working on an Adopt-a-Highway program. But if students will litter their own campus without remorse, how well will they keep clean a road which they might not even travel enough to litter?

Perhaps some interested campus organizations could have a mass fundraiser to buy more strategically placed trash cans--on the parking lots, for example. Such an effort to rid the campus of trash would be a much-appreciated legacy to future prospective students and organizations.

Everyone should realize the problem of pollution and litter, not only on campus, but throughout the state.

Litter makes the campus cluttered and messy. It detracts from the beauty of campus, toward the ugliness of garbage on the ground.

So give a "hoot" and don't mess with our campus. Do something about litter.



# He should have kept his mouth shut

By TED MESSICK

Being a person who has stuck his foot in his mouth on more than one occasion, I have developed the ability to recognize when someone else does it. This whole mess over The Satanic Verses has been just that: a series of people putting their feet in their mouths.

The most obvious foot nibbler during this international soap opera is Cat Stevens. During the 1960s and 1970s, Stevens filled the airwaves with his pleasant little songs about peace, love, beauty, and all that other good stuff. I own several of his albums, the best of which being "Tea for the Tillerman." That, however, is not the point.

The point is that sometime during the late 1970s or early 1980s, Stevens became a Muslim.

With the fight over The Satanic Verses prominent in the news, some reporter got the bright idea of interviewing Stevens. During this interview Stevens stuck his foot in his mouth. Stevens said that he supported the ayatolla's position over the book and it's author.

He also went so far as to call the author, Salman Rushdie, more than a few not-nice-names. I quote Stevens, "The pig needs to be exterminated and put to death to preserve the honor of Allah and the profit." Stevens went so far as to say that he'd do it himself to keep the name of the "savior" from disgrace.

Because of what Stevens has said I believe his record sales will drop severely. As I understand it radio stations all around America have started to ban the playing of all Stevens' songs. There have been public burnings of his albums and in my opinion he can pretty much kiss royalties for the sale of his records good-bye for a long while. I even saw someone complaining to the manager of a grocery store because they heard a Stevens song on the overhead radio while they were shopping. Okay--so it was me, but I just couldn't resist it.

To get a better understanding of why Stevens would do all this, I decided it was necessary to read the book causing all the fuss. Frankly, the book is boring and for the most part garbage.

I don't think Rushdie knows how to write. It seems to me that he really tries to get you lost with all the weird names and his strange plot jumps--only manage to lose the reader.

I'm an avid reader of books and even I am having some problems with it. So far I haven't read anything blasphemous to any religion and think this whole thing is just slightly reminiscent of the Spanish Inquisition.

The only thing I feel that is really bothering all those Moslems is that all the characters in the book are denouncing their faith. Also Allah instructs another character--who just happens to be a woman. I've heard it said on TV, by some self-proclaimed experts who claim to have already read the book that the only reason the ayatolla is so upset is because there is a satanic character in the book which supposedly represents him.

To be honest with you I think this whole thing is just more than a little silly. I believe everyone has the right to express their own opinion on life, love, politics, and religion no matter how wrong others think they are. Besides, if someone believes that their religion can't take a little criticism, then to me that means they also must have a few doubts about it.

# I feel so pretty

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

As a returning student and mother of teenaged daughters--mornings around the house can get pretty hectic.

This morning was no exception, things were going as usual. I was dressing to get ready for an early morning class, when I finished my rendition of "I Feel Pretty," which I sang into the hair dryer.

First daughter, Amiko, quipped, "Mom, look into the mirror, mirrors don't lie." Ignoring her comment I remarked, "I know, but isn't it great how hair dryers make your hair look so..." she interrupted me again, "like you've had electric shock treatments, yeah--Mom."

Esther, second daughter, enters the room, she thinks my closet is a lending library. As I'm dressing, "Mom, you're not going to wear that are you?--Get Real," she squeals. As I put my blouse back into the closet, she retrieves it--saying "neat, BIG is in this year."

Right then, number three daughter, Cheri takes yet another blouse out of my closet--she remarks, "Mom, you look like a teenager."

"She fantasizes a lot," comments Amiko.

"A teenager, Oh! yeah, maybe from two-miles away," giggles Esther, "and with the help of a seeing-eye-dog," adds Amiko.

With such compliments as these every morning, it's no wonder I feel so pretty, oh! so pretty, Ms. America can just resign.

# Returning students deserve admiration

They can be seen walking across the campus, attending class, and participating in various activities. Many times they are overlooked or left out of the crowd, but they are a part of MCC also. We are speaking of older students.

These older students are sometimes left out of activities because they are considered "too old" or "different." But age should not matter when making friends or including people in activities.

Listen to some of the older students. They are full of wisdom and insight and have many experiences to share.

When you think about it, they appear to be doing quite well, even though they probably have not been in school for a long time. For many students who are just out of high school, adjusting to college life is difficult. Older students have a greater adjustment to study habits, difficult college courses, and fitting in to the college community.

In addition, returning students often have jobs and family responsibilities. Caring for children, and even grandchildren, can require an abundance of time. In addition, a number of older students have full-time jobs to support their families. They must find time between their other responsibilities to study and prepare for class. Often they can settle down to study only after a hard day of caring for their families and working.

However, in spite of these problems, older students are often the ones with the higher grades due to their drive and determination to rise to the top.

Older students should be looked up to and not overlooked. They are to be admired for all they go through. Younger students should hope to have their spirit and never-ending determination.

With enrollment increasing each year, let us hope that it continues to include older students. May they not get discouraged but continue to climb the ladder of success. They serve as an example to the young generation, who can learn from their experiences and grow as they have.

Returning students deserve much admiration and respect. We wish them success in achieving their goals.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Tires stolen during class, seeks witness*

You know, it's really sad that I can park my car on campus and in the middle of the day--and someone can get away with stealing my two back tires without anyone seeing them do it.

I think this says a lot about our school's security.

I hope this letter will prompt students to take some sort of action. Get involved!

If you see something suspicious going on, report it. If you don't it may be your car next time.

And let me assure you that if it does, Campus Security nor the Waco Police Department will be of any help.

If you were in the L.A. parking lot on Wednesday, March 15, between 11:10 a.m. and 12 noon, I hope you will let me know (through the student activities office) if you saw anything suspicious.

Although I really don't ever expect to find the culprits, I do hope I have succeeded in getting people to become involved with the problems of others and not just their own. Thank you. Greatly upset about the state of things, (Name withheld at request of student)

*Poor manners for visiting entertainers*

I have just attended the "Lazer Vaudeville" show, and I must say I was horrified by the lack of proper performance behavior on the part of the audience.

The crowd quickly degenerated into a screaming mob, insulting both the performers and my pride in MCC. This is not the first time I have witnessed this callous behavior. Even at the orientation program students were rude to the performers.

Proper performance behavior includes not walking in during an act, not yelling out during a performance unless it is acceptable and in good taste, and applauding the performer regardless of performance quality.

I have yet to attend a performance at MCC (not counting plays presented in the evening, where the audience knows better) where these simple rules are followed. All it takes is a little common sense and a little maturity. Grow up people--this isn't junior high.

*Disagrees with Coats' claims on cult show*

Dear editor, The following letter is in response to the letter by C. Coats is the Feb. 14 issue of this year's Highland Herald.

I want to say first that I liked the message Mr. Coats was trying to get across; however I discovered that he used many false claims which makes his arguments invalid.

The purpose of the presentation given by the WATCH members was to present personal experiences and documented facts. Anyone they "ridiculed" only received that response because the person denounced what they knew to be true.

Secondly, the speakers definitely did not "blame all the problems of modern society on the satanist." They specifically said that Satanists have spread to all parts of society. Child abuse, run-aways, prostitution, drug and alcohol abuse, murder, suicide all occur without the involvement of Satanists. Communication in the home would certainly help the problem, but not cure it.

My last point is this: the WATCH members did not say that listening to music which is labeled "satanic" makes you a Satanist. It was said during the presentation that drugs and heavy metal music will be found with Satanism, but Satanism will not always be found with drugs and heavy metal music.

I hope that more people were not as misled. Maybe they can try to give a clearer presentation. Brian Wallace president MCC Student Government

*'Pro' and 'no' not the same in abortion*

To the Editor: In presenting your pair of editorials on abortion, perhaps you found that the chance to use rhyming headlines was too great a temptation to resist. But those very banners made a statement that prevented your treatment of the subject from being balanced.

As so often happens, those who favor abortion are called by their own preferred name, "pro-choice" rather than by any of the terms that carry a negative connotation. Yet those who would prefer to be considered "pro-life" are consistently presented as being "no choice", "anti-abortion" and "reactionary" in tone-setting headlines.

Do you not realize that if a "no choice" person had followed a similar course, the headlines could have come out as "Pro-life vs...no life?" Would that have been acceptable to you, or to proponents of abortion?

Actually, it is not even true that one side has a choice at its command, and the other side has none. All people, in this issue or any other, are free to make any choices they please, as long as (they face the) consequences of their decisions, both good and bad.

In the issue at hand, one of those choices which must be made is, paradoxically, who will have the choice?

The pro-life mother passes that right on to her child, who may then make a lifetime of decisions, reaping consequences as diverse as honor and the death penalty.

On the other hand, there are many people who, a few years from now, will not be writing any headlines, who will not be enjoying spring break, who will not be finding cures to for the latest epidemic diseases, and who will not be making lifelong friends in college, because their pro-choice mothers gave them...no choice. Peter Blaskowitz

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### MCC STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Mon. 10:00 a.m.	NA-Narcotics Anonymous Fine Arts, rm. 115
Mon. Noon	ACA-Adult Children of Alcoholics Student Center, rm. 301
Wed. 10:00 a.m.	AA-Alcoholics Anonymous Fine Arts, rm. 115
Fri. Noon	CODA-Co-dependency Anonymous Student Center, rm. 301

# Survey reveals writing habits in computer and English courses

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

A recent survey taken in the computer and English departments concerning the Computer 311 and Computer Tech classes this semester has revealed that students in those classes spend more time working on their papers and complain less than their pen-and-paper counterparts.

The survey was conducted to see if there was a significant difference in the learning process. The survey consisted of two small groups with one group that had "hands on" experience with computers and another group that did not have access to computers at all.

The group that worked with the computers learned basic steps that

made writing and re-writing their papers less time consuming as opposed to writing in long hand. The students were willing to spend more time writing their papers with the special techniques that computers offer such as the aid of a thesaurus, ability to insert or delete words or paragraphs where they might be needed which helped them improve their writing ability, and the students wrote better papers. There were less complaints about their writing assignments and the students developed an attitude that writing essays was not so bad after all, preliminary results indicated.

No substantial statistics of the results of the survey have been

analyzed at this time because the final analysis of the survey has not been completed. The preliminary results that have been taken have shown that the group that worked with computers seemed to have done a better job, but not enough difference to be statistically significant for a complete survey because of the small size of the groups that participated in the survey.

The group of students that had access to computers seemed to definitely have an advantage. They had an overall positive attitude about their writing assignments and made writing more enjoyable to learn. They did have advantages for easy accessibility of a

thesaurus and the computers speeded up the whole process of their writing assignments.

This semester the Computer Tech classes had to be cancelled because there were not enough students who could take this course which was only offered in the afternoons. The reason for this was due to the fact that the CDP classes uses the computers for the morning and evening classes. There are simply not enough computers available which constrained the Computer 311 and Computer Tech classes. Students who had an interest in taking these courses were unable to take them because the afternoon time scheduled for these classes conflicted with their schedules of work or lab classes that they are required to attend.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Board to discuss tuition

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Among items to be discussed are a proposal to change tuition and fees charges for 1989-90, grading system policy, institutional goals, and tax abatement. Visitors will leave the room to the trustees for an executive session about personnel and legal matters.

### Family Fair Day April 1

Family Fair Day will be held Saturday April 1 in the Cameron Park Club House area from 11-9 p.m.

There will be children's art activities, games, balloons, music, parades and a giveaway drawing. Entertainment includes "Rappin Reggie" and a visit from "McGruff"-the crime dog, and "Woody the Owl."

The fair is sponsored by the Waco Association for the Education of Young Children.

### Substance abuse fair next week

"No foolin...do drugs and the joke's on you!" is theme for the Region XII substance abuse media fair to be held at Richland Mall March 30-April 1. Student exhibits from area schools include audio, video-tape, and computer programs. Other creative works will be graphics (bumper stickers, buttons, T-shirts, posters etc.), and drawings, paintings, photographic prints and multi-media.

In addition to the exhibits the "Drug Wolf" from Houston will be on hand Friday March 31, from 4-8:30 p.m. doing his anti-drug presentation and passing out "Drug Wolf Buster" certificates to children. This program is geared to children ages 5-9.

The Optimist Club Chicken will be at there Saturday with the CHICKEN concept-Cool, Honest, Intelligent, Clear-headed, Keen, Energetic, and Not interested in drugs.

A life-size "McGruff," the crime dog, will also be there Saturday. For older students there will be a "chemical free" rock band playing throughout the day.

### Psychology workshops planned

A series of psychology workshops will be held at the Brazos Psychiatric Center on Londonderry beginning March 28. These luncheons are free, but reservations must be made to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Hail, chairman of the behavioral science and humanities division.

### Scholarship application due

The Office of Financial Aids announces that it has received applications for the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program. To be eligible a student must be a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, have graduated in the top 10 percent of his or her high school class or have GED scores of that equivalent, be a full time student, maintain a 3.0 GPA, not have defaulted any federal or state funding and not be a recipient of a Teacher Education Loan or Future Teacher Loan during the period in which the scholarship is to be received.

### Business letter seminar tonight

The Business Resource Center and the Waco Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a business seminar, "Writing Better Business Letters," which will be held on March 22 at 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the De Cordova Room at the Waco Convention Center. Cost for the seminar is \$50 per person.

### Veterans limited on hours

Veterans having more than 60 hours at the end of the spring semester will not be able to be recertified. For more information on this, veterans should contact the office of veterans services on any school day other than March 20-21 because it will be closed on those dates.

### Community Band plays March 30

The Waco Community Band will perform a concert on March 30 at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center Theater.

### Art Exhibit opens next week

The Annual MCC Student Art Exhibit will begin March 29 in the lobby of the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center and will run until May 5.

### Trip to Metroplex Friday

Student Support Services will sponsor a cultural enrichment trip to Dallas/Fort Worth Friday. Students who signed up for the trip will visit SMU, TCU, South Fork, Kennedy Plaza and other places.

### Summer schedules next week

Summer course schedules will be available on campus by March 28. Pick one up at registrar's office for summer course planning. One new offering for the summer will be Journalism 301, "Introduction to Mass Communication."

### Grant deadlines near

May 1 is the last day Pell Grant applications will be taken for the first summer semester. The deadline for applying for private donor scholarships is April 1. To be eligible for a private donor scholarship a student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average. Applications for these scholarships can be obtained in the Financial Aids Office. Pell Grant applications for the 1989-90 school year are now available in that office.

## UIL competition to take place March 28

By BRIAN YATES

The University Interscholastic League district meet will be held here March 28, and on the day of the competition MCC students will not be attending day classes.

Four UIL districts--16AA, 8AAAA, 17AAA and 26A--will participate in the all-day competition which will include ready writing, Lincoln-Douglas debate, calculator applications, prose and poetry, shorthand, number sense, science, journalism (headline, feature writing, editorial writing and news writing), spelling, literary criticism, typing, informative and persuasive speaking, team debate and accounting. These activities will begin with registration at the Student Center at 7:45 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m.

Contestants will be served free drinks and popcorn. A commercial country/western and rock bands which will perform outside the Performing Arts Center, and acting scenes staged by drama students.

Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the day in the Student Center, and the Game Room will be open all day.

The dining hall will be serving breakfast and lunch.

Members of the MCC staff responsible for activities are LaVerne Wong (schedule of events), Greg Clark (game room, commercial music bands), Dee Toombs (shuttle and parking), Nelda Miller (breakfast and lunch), Lou Lindsey (drama students acting scenes), Kae Moore (mini-fashion show), and Sandy Hinton (MCC Dance Company).

## Plaid vest do the Oklahoma swing

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Two forensic speech students brought home awards from the Texas Junior College Speech and Theatre Association state meet. The March 9-11 tournament was held in Sherman at Grayson County Junior College.

Karen Phipps, sophomore, won a second place in prose interpretation and a third place in solo acting for her performances. Gwyn Boswell made it to the finals in persuasive speaking and won sixth place for her efforts.

Other students who competed at the state tournament were Jason Stringer, Laurel McCormick, Donna Schoerene-

mann, Robin Debrule, and James Bone.

Stringer, Phipps and other plaid vests said they were looking forward to the Phi Rho Pi Nationals to be held in California in April. Those who will represent MCC in the national tournament are Donna Schoeremmann, James Bone, Laurel McCormick, Jason Stringer and Karen Phipps, said Ann Harrell, forensic speech instructor, with Gwyn Boswell, Robin Debrule and Sherry King as alternates.

Phipps is the only veteran forensic speech student on the team. She was a gold winner in dramatic interpretation during last year's competition.

## Fashion group plans spring activities

By JUANITA MILLAR

The students in fashion merchandising and the director, Kae Moore, are looking forward to a busy spring.

Approximately ten daytime fashion sales and promotion students will participate in a mini fashion show at a luncheon sponsored by the American Business Women of America on the TSTI campus Wednesday, March 22.

The evening fashion promotion class will model current ready-to-wear clothing and accessories from local and area stores at a meeting of the ABWA at the TP&L Building on Franklin Avenue on Tuesday March 28. Fifteen models will participate. The theme will be

"New Look in Fashion."

The classes are going to Dallas in April on a bus tour. They will visit the Apparel Mart, showrooms, manufacturers and a major shopping mall.

A New York City Study Tour will be held May 20-28. Anyone may go. Visits to manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and showrooms will be featured. Emphasis is on study, not shopping. The cost is about \$850 deposit for six days. Registration will be March 13-17 with a \$300 deposit. For details or registration contact Moore. She expects 15-20 people to go.

The EM students will also participate in UIL this semester with mini fashion shows in the Student Center.

## Students discuss jobs at Health Careers Day

By SARA WARTES

Students who attended the Health Careers Day on March 1 in the student center had the chance pick up free pens, pencils, hats, and candy. Some signed up for drawings for bigger prizes: a \$50 savings bond and watches.

The purpose of the event, coordinated by the Job Placement Center, was to give the 200 health care

students who attended an opportunity to talk with recruiters from health care institutions. Hospitals from the Waco area, Dallas, Abilene, and as far away as Odessa and Harlingen were represented. A total of 70 recruiters represented 40 institutions.

Martha Whelan, job placement director, said health care institutions such as hospitals, medical schools and even the Army are in-

terested in talking to MCC students. "The trend today is that there are jobs in the health field," she said. "We do have a nursing shortage in this country."

Whelan added that much of the recruiting was for other jobs in the health field such as lab workers, respiratory therapists, and x-ray technicians. "These are all programs we offer here," she said.

Whelan also said the health careers day is a good opportunity for students who still aren't sure about

their major to explore the opportunities by talking to people actually hiring in the health field.

The Job Placement Center has held health career days for over 10 years, with increasing participation by health care institutions.

Janice Roberson, director of health careers programs, said the students are always interested in jobs. "The feedback we've had so far from the students was that they really enjoyed talking to the recruiters," she said.

## UIL schedule -March 28

Breakfast	7:30-9:30 a.m.	Cafeteria
Free popcorn	10 a.m.-noon	Student Center
Lunch and snacks	10 a.m.-7 p.m.	Cafeteria
Free drinks	All day	Student Center
Cosmo Phi "Hair Fantasy"	10-10:45 a.m.	Student Center
MCC Dance Company Performance	11 a.m.-noon	Student Center
Rock and Country Bands	2-3:30 p.m.	outside Performing Arts Center
MCC Bookstore	7:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Ground Floor Student Center
Typewriter shuttle	6:30-8 a.m.	front of Admin. Bldg.
Typewriters returned	approx. 1:30 p.m.	Admin. Bldg.

## Calendar of Events

### March 21

1 p.m. Baseball game-MCC vs. Lon Morris-here

### March 22

10 a.m.-Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander room in the third floor of the Student Center.

10 a.m.-Alcoholic Anonymous group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts Building.

11:30 a.m. Cajolery Luncheon in Highlander room of the Student Center. President Dennis Michaelis to speak to faculty on his teaching experiences.

10 a.m.-Workshop "Test taking" in room 212 of the Liberal Arts Building.

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in Board room of the Administration/Registrar's Building.

### March 24

**GOOD FRIDAY NO CLASSES!!!!!!**

2 p.m.-Baseball game MCC vs. Frank Phillips -there

### March 25

1 p.m.-Baseball game MCC vs. Frank Phillips -there March 26 Happy Easter! March 27 10 a.m.-Student Government meets in room 301 of the Student Center.

10 a.m.-Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander Room of the Student Center.

10 a.m.-Narcotics Anonymous Group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts Building.

10 a.m.-Workshop "Career Choices" in room 212 of the Liberal Arts Building.

### March 28

**UIL Day NO DAY CLASSES!!!!!!**

1 p.m. Baseball game MCC vs. Blinn -here

### March 29

10 a.m. -Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander room of the Student Center.

10 a.m. Alcoholic Anonymous group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts Building. March 30 8 p.m. Community Band to perform in the Performing Arts Center Theater.

Noon-National Women's History Month Luncheon in the Highlander room of the Student Center. Writer Dorothy Schullenburger will speak on Corrie Ten Boom, one of the Jews who were forced into hiding during the Holocaust.

### March 31

10 a.m. -Interclub Council meets in room 301 of the Student Center.

10 a.m. -Baptist Student Union meets in room 214 of the Liberal Arts Building.

10 a.m. -Emotional Support Group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts Building.

2:00 p.m. -Baseball game MCC vs. Howard College -there April 3 10 a.m. -Student Government meets in room 301 of the Student Center.

10 a.m. -Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander room of the Student Center.

10 a.m. -Narcotics Anonymous group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts Building.

# Highlanders 4-2 in conference

BY CLAY LASSETER

After holding a 4-2 conference record, the MCC Highlanders have played a number of non-conference games to fill their busy schedule.

The Highlanders swept a doubleheader from Navarro College last Wednesday in Corsicana. MCC blew past the Bulldogs 10-0 and 14-0, behind strong pitching performances and power hitting.

Bret Lowry threw a two-hitter in the first game as Billy Winkler and Jeff Mills combined for a two-hitter in the nightcap. The Highlanders had a total of 20 hits for the day, with seven home runs leading the attack.

The Highlanders split a doubleheader with Longview, Missouri Community College on March 14. The Highlanders won the first game 10-7 behind the pitching of freshman Jerome McGary.

In the second game, Longview's Jeff King threw a three-hitter as they defeated the Highlanders 6-1.

The Highlanders played the Hill College Rebels in a key three game conference series on March 11-12. The Rebels scored two unearned runs in the eighth inning in the opening game of the series as they defeated the Highlanders 5-3.

With the score tied 2-2 and two outs, with runners at second and third, MCC pitcher Bret Lowry struck out the Hill College batter that bounced in the dirt. Catcher Mark Rudis checked the runner at third, but then overthrew first baseman Denny Bowles, scoring the two winning runs from second and third.

In the doubleheader the next day, the Highlanders won the first game 4-3. Gary Paul got the win as Rudis hit a home run and Joey Herring went two for three to spark the Highlanders.

The Rebels won the second game 12-8 to give the Rebels two of three in the weekend series. Hill's Jose Lopez slapped a three-run homer in the eighth inning to break open a tie game.

The Highlanders opened conference play with a three game

sweep of Ranger Junior College at MCC Field. The Highlanders won the first game on March 3 before the other two games had to be cancelled because of bad weather. The Highlanders beat Ranger 7-3 and 11-0 on March 8.

In the second game, Silcox tossed a three-hitter with five strikeouts, as the Highlander bats backed Silcox with an 11 hit attack, as they won 11-0. The game was called by the 10-run rule after five innings. In the final game, MCC's Jahn Finke hit a game winning home run as the Highlanders were trailing 3-0, going into the sixth. After Finke's homerun the Highlanders exploded for more hits to surge past Ranger 7-3.

"It really helps to open on your home turf and go 3-0," MCC baseball coach Paul Miller said. "I'll never give up on these guys."

The Highlanders next home game will today against Lon Morris at 1 p.m.

The Highlanders will then continue conference play on Friday and Saturday against Frank Phillips in Borger. The Highlanders will then return home to face Blinn College on March 28 in a non-conference doubleheader.

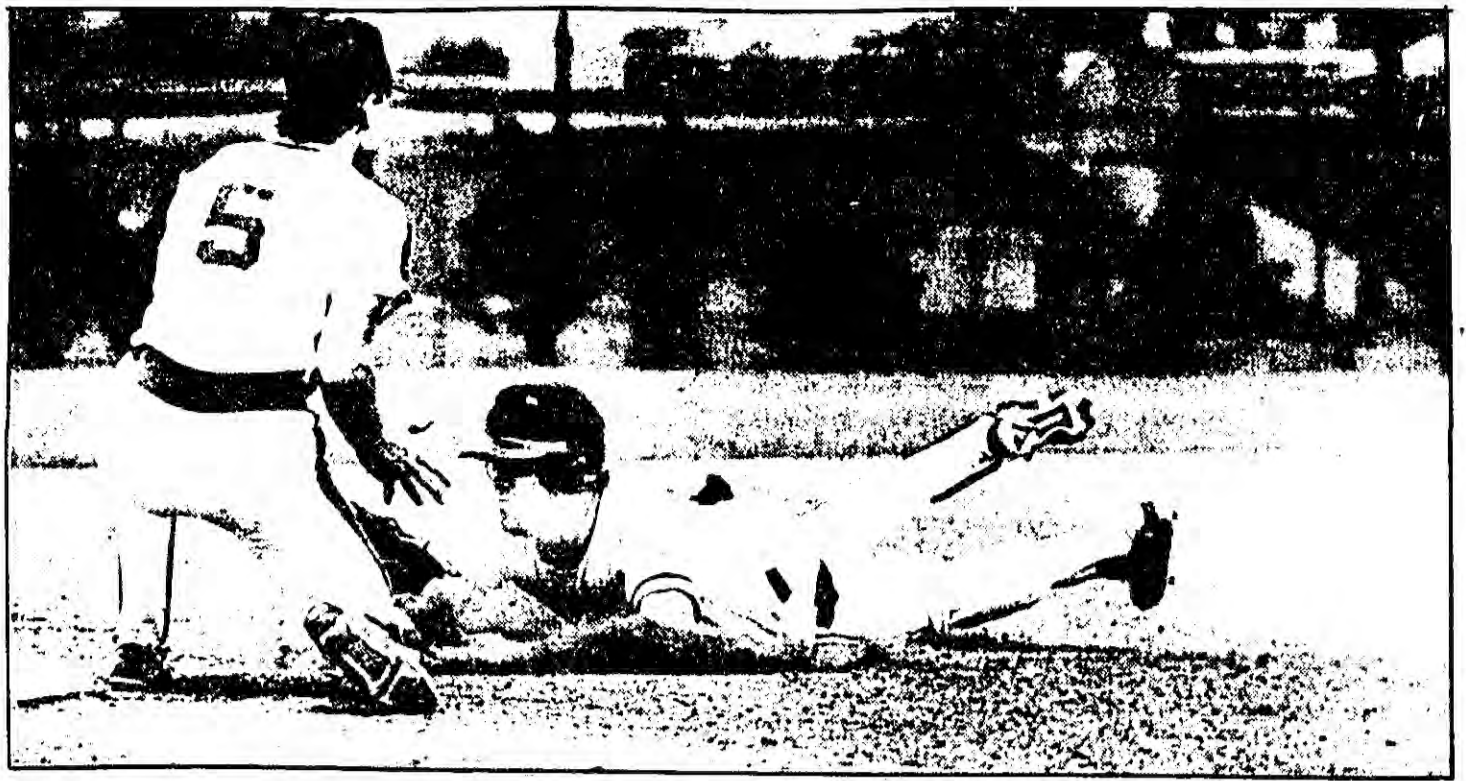


Photo by Ken Crawford

HEAD FIRST... MCC's Kevin Steffenauer slides safely into third as Longview Community College, Kansas's Kelth O'Dell tries to scoop the ball out of the dirt. The Highlanders split the doubleheader 10-7 and 6-1 on March 14 at MCC.

# Highlanders lose to Odessa

BY JEFF CALAWAY

The MCC Highlanders basketball season came to an end after falling to the Odessa College Wranglers, 74-62, in the first round of the Region 5 men's tournament held at the Highlands March 24.

The Wranglers went on to win the Region 5 tournament as they were led by future University of Nevada Las Vegas player, Larry Johnson, who went on to win the most valuable player trophy in the tournament.

Johnson opened the scoring for the Wranglers as they jumped out to a quick 16-4 lead with 13:03 remaining in the first half.

The Highlanders trailed at the

half 44-22, as Johnson led all scorers with 23 points.

However, the Highlanders would not give up as they tried to mount a come back against the impressive Wranglers in the second half.

Maurice Gandy's follow up with 9:26 remaining to play in the game, pulled the Highlanders within twelve, 58-46.

After a basket by the Highlanders' Michael Ferguson, Odessa went on to score eight straight points before Javier Ayala converted a basket to make the score, 63-50, with 4:35 left on the clock.

Following a long 3-point shot by Jason Hooten, bringing the Highlanders within twelve, with 3:53 remaining in the game as the High-

landers trailed 65-53. But, the Highlanders could only pull within twelve as time ran out for them and their season, falling 74-62.

The Highlanders finished the year at 17-15.

Although Larry Johnson had 28 points on the night and led the Wranglers in scoring, the Highlanders held him to only 5 points in the second half, allowing MCC to make their attempted come back.

Maurice Gandy proved that Johnson wasn't the only star on the floor that night, leading the Highlanders with 25 points on the night. Gandy kept the Highlanders in the game, scoring 12 of their 22 points in the first half. Byron Young was the only other Highlander in double figures, scoring ten.



Photo by Ken Crawford

POWER STRUGGLE... Odessa's Lynn Collins fights to keep possession of the ball with help from teammate Sammie Freeman, as MCC's Billy Carlock reaches in, drawing a foul. Odessa was victorious in the Region 5 playoff game 74-62 on March 2 at the Highlands.

# Highlassies beaten, 85-72

By KEITH JENKINS

In the opening round of the NJCAA Region V women's tournament, MCC fell short of upsetting the two-time defending champions, Odessa College, with a score of 85-72, Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Despite a major loss to Odessa in a previous game plus their impressive reputation, the Highlassies came out playing hard to keep up with the mighty Lady Wranglers.

Although MCC was plagued by numerous unsuccessful attempts at first, they managed to hold on to the lead for most of the first half with scoring from key players Sandra Jones and Shawn Medlock.

A combination of quick rebounds and three-pointers gave the Highlassies the advantage they needed to stay ahead of Odessa.

In the middle of the first half, MCC's Lana Larson hit her first of two three-pointers to maintain the team's lead by four points.

After a basket made by Jones, Metlock put the Highlassies up 29-22 by making a three-point shot.

Larson made her second three-pointer of the night to bring the score to 38-36 with 29 seconds left in the half.

It seemed like MCC was going to remain ahead, until Odessa's leading scorer, Janice Holliday, took an inbounds pass and answered with her first three-pointer to put the Lady Wranglers out in front by one point with only :03 seconds remaining before half-time.

After the start of the second half, both teams were dead even at 41-41 until Metlock and Jones broke the tie with baskets to put MCC up by eight points.

The Highlassies remained ahead up until a tied score of 53-53. At this point Odessa's strong defense began taking control of the game.

As the victory started slipping away from MCC, the Lady Wranglers stormed past the Highlassies with a 13 point streak to go out on top, 70-57.

Even though Odessa kept the pressure on, MCC didn't give up in trying to decrease the lead.

Jones and Medlock continued to score including a three-point shot made by Jones to bring the Highlassies within 10 points of Odessa with 1:13 left on the clock.

But it wasn't enough, as Odessa's Holliday ended the game exactly like the first half by shooting another three-pointer to make the final score, 85-72.

Jones finished as MCC's leading scorer with 24 points. Medlock followed in second with a total of 21.

Odessa's win was headed by Holliday who ended the game with 20 points while team player Patricia Rivers contributed with 12.

The Highlassies' loss in the tournament ended their season with a record of 13-15.

# Tennis teams take up slack after missing nine matches

By JUDSON BURROUGHS

Although there have been several injuries and poor weather conditions for play, the MCC tennis teams' results have been mostly victorious over the last few weeks, with the men's team having moved up in the national rankings to sixth and the women's team having claimed several victories.

"We've missed nine matches, because of the weather, and one because of my back injury. It seems like it's February because we've played so few matches," said coach Carmack Berryman.

Berryman added that the biggest concern at the present is the morale of the players and putting the injuries behind the team.

"There are only five players on the men's team that can play because of the injuries the team has suffered. I'm looking to recruit a couple of qualified students with some experience to play on the men's team," said Berryman.

The following scores are the results of the matches that have

been played over the last few weeks.

### Men's tennis

Against St. Edward's University, Rob Grant defeated Carl Belfrage 6-2, 6-0; Mike Brown defeated Todd Doss 6-3, 6-2; Jorgen Bystrom defeated Randy Gleir 6-3, 6-2; Bobby Gulligan defeated Gerald Chavez 6-0, 6-1; and David Garcia defeated Roy Murray 6-0, 6-1. In men's doubles Brown and Grant defeated Belfrage and Doss 6-0, 6-1, and Garcia and Gulligan defeated Gleir and Chavez 6-3, 6-4.

### Women's tennis

The MCC women's tennis team finished with two school victories and one loss for the last few weeks of tennis play.

Against Hardin Simmons University, Jolanda Schreurs defeated Paula Shriver 6-2, 6-2; Maria Carlsson lost to Stacey Shanks 6-4, 4-0, 6-2; Christine Lopez defeated Rosemarie Persilver 4-6, 6-3, 6-4;

Brenda Haag defeated Sheila Barrow 6-0, 4-6, 6-0; and Kelly Massa defeated Sharla Blay 6-1, 6-4.

In women's doubles Carlsson and Shreurs defeated Shriver and Shanks 6-1, 6-1, and Lopez and Massa defeated Persilver and Barrow 6-4, 6-0.

In matches with McMurry, Schreurs defeated Shelley Slyker 6-0, 6-1; Haag defeated Becky Garcia 6-0, 6-1; Massa defeated Jaray Medley 6-1, 6-4; Lopez defeated Donna Reid 6-1, 6-1; and Carlsson defeated Julie Kahl 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles Schreurs and Carlsson defeated Slyker and Medley

6-0, 6-1, and Lopez and Massa defeated Garcia and Reid 6-3, 6-1. The MCC women's team lost to second nationally ranked Cooke College, only having claimed one victory, which was done by Schreurs and Carlsson having defeated Madolaine Johnson and Marlis Krebs 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.



EYE CONTACT... Highlassie Jolanda Schreurs swings a powerful forehand against Madolaine Johnson of Cooke College. Schreurs won the first set before dropping the last two. Schreurs

later returned to win her doubles match. Second ranked Cooke College won the dual match 1-8 last Friday at MCC.

Photo by Ken Crawford

# I AM A TEACHER

## One-man-show to benefit teacher scholarship program

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

The bottom line in business may be money, but in education the teacher is that bottom line. Teachers who are dedicated make a difference in the lives of our future citizens.

This is the message Waco Independent School District aims to get across in the production "I am a Teacher," to be held March 28 at The Hippodrome Theater.

"I am a Teacher" a one-man-show by David Marshall Marquis is based upon his own years in the classroom. "Marquis takes you through a school day," says Kay Metz of the Waco Independent School District.

Like the dedicated teachers in the movies "Stand and Deliver" and "Lean on Me," the message is on the importance of having dedication and commitment in teaching.

The show brings out the responsibilities and contributions of the

teaching profession. "Marquis' portrayal of the challenges, frustrations, joys and sorrows of a teacher who really cares is emotionally moving," said Metz.

WISD has a vision in this community of a public education system which surpasses all others where an educated populace is contributing rather than taking, and creating rather than destroying, Metz said.

One of the aims of WISD is to establish a scholarship fund for the development of our future educators. The school district believes it is necessary to attract and recruit top quality young people as teachers who have the interest and enthusiasm to affect the education system.

"I am a Teacher" is being sponsored by the school district to benefit the "Grow Our Own" Future Educators program. It is a continuing project with four main goals.

The first goal is to aid WISD in the establishment of endowments for an ongoing scholarship program for those who want to be-

come teachers. Other goals are to stimulate interest in the teaching profession, focus public attention on education and teacher recruitment. Restoring honor and dignity to the teaching profession is a the basic goal which underlines all others.

"All monies generated by this project remain in the community," said Metz. This way the project will have more than just one-night-event excitement and it will give the citizens of Waco the assurance that these funds will directly benefit their children.

Tickets are available to the public at WISD Administration Building on Waco Drive, Cox's Department Store and the Hippodrome Theater. Prices range from \$10-\$50. Student discounts are available.

Purchase of a \$50 ticket includes an invitation to the pre-show reception featuring special guest Billy Ray Smith, all-pro line-backer for the San Diego Chargers. Smith is a former student of Marquis who has been on national broadcast for the United Way.

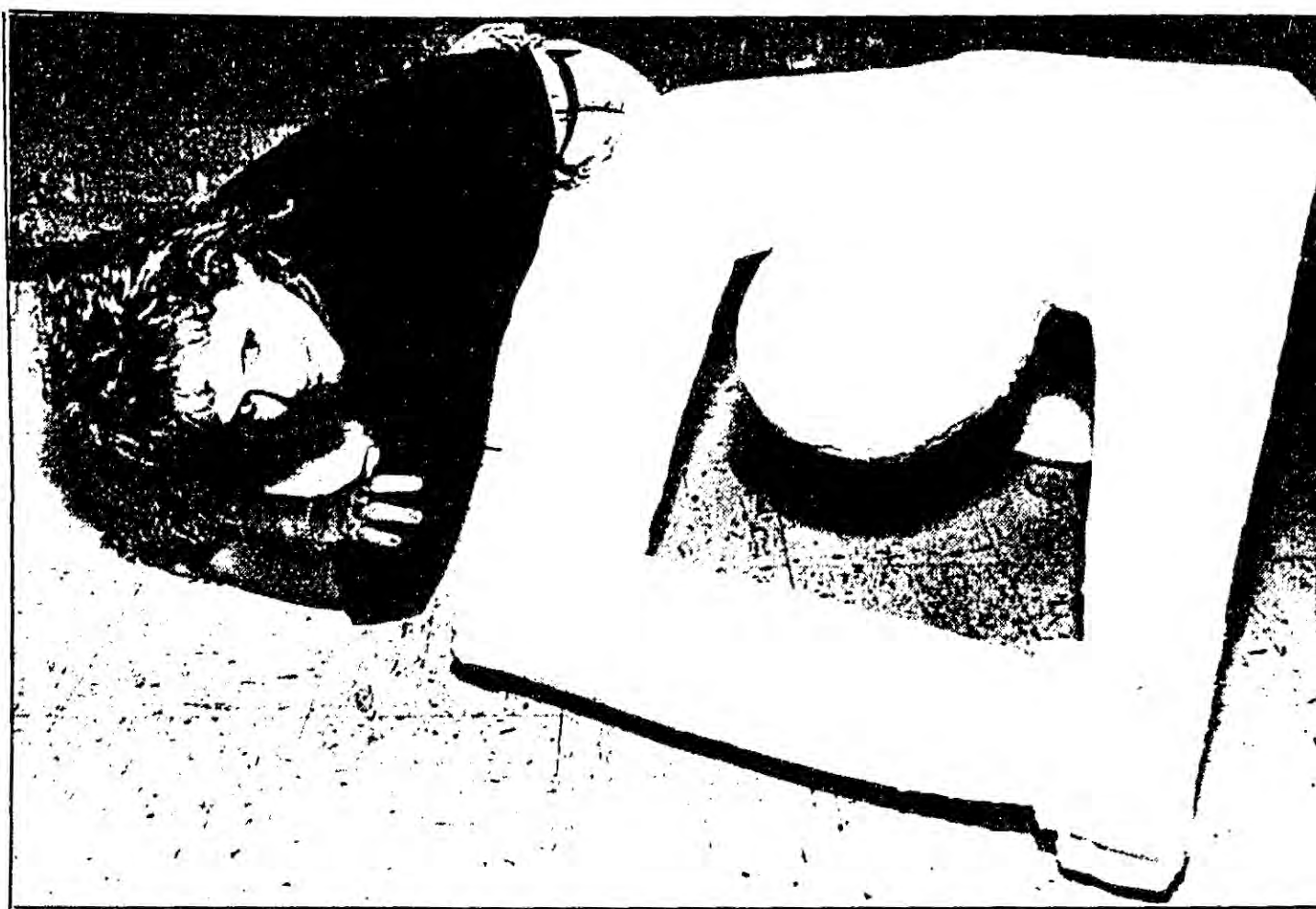


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**LEVEL VIEW...** Melissa Wood mimicks her plaster sculpture entitled "Frustrations." Wood along with three others recieved a \$50 "Juror's Choice" award for their winning entries in the annual MCC Student Art Exhibition. Herhall Seals painter, Art Instructor at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, and Co-Visual Arts Director

at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple was "Norman's World" and Heather Moon's Black and White Photograph "Pancake Pond." the Judge. Other winners were Mike Field with his acrylic painting "Black Beauty in a Blue Blouse;" David Stone's enamel painting entitled

## Dancers perform

By SHERRY WILLIAMS

The MCC Dance Company, winners of the National Collegiate Drill Team Championship in 1987 and 1988, traveled to San Antonio to perform in the San Antonio Spectacular on Feb. 25.

Approximately 50 high school drill teams competed in the event, but the MCC Dance Company was the only exhibition college team in attendance. Dance company members contacted a majority of the schools, handing out packets with MCC brochures, dance company applications and tryout information. They also staffed a booth exhibiting photos and other information.

Following a busy day at the contest, dance company members joined sponsors Mike and Sandy Hinton and several parents on a trip to Sea World.

The dancers raised money for the trip by helping host an MCC golf tournament last Fall.

## Drama department presents play

By AIMEE FARR

Those who missed the drama department's production of the Damon Runyon classic, "Guys and Dolls," missed an exciting, hilarious musical filled with action, dancing and singing. So much in fact, that one had to resist the urge to jump up on stage and join in. The plot centers around two New York gamblers and their "dolls," who want to get married. The gamblers however, are not exactly crazy about this idea.

As the lights came on, you knew that you would be in for a real show. The scene began with a crowd of hookers, gamblers, a few bobbie-soxers, as well as other creatures of the night. In the background tall New York City skyscrapers hovered over the news stand on the street. Every play offers something to the audience, but this one was more than generous.

Rarely does a play offer so many characters who win your heart and present them with such visual impact. Credit must be given to a few of the performers that really brought life and personality to the play. For instance, Les Stevens, who played Nathan Detroit, and Jari Todd, who played his "doll," separately were great-but to-

gether they were amazing. It was exciting to see such chemistry on stage. Equally amazing were Richard Caldwell, playing "Sky" Masterson, a big time gambler, and Cheryl Anderson, who played Sara Brown, a Salvation Army sergeant.

While they may not have had the major roles, a few characters stood out and added that extra touch. Chamberlain Newhouse, who played Nicely-Nicely Johnson, was by the sound of the applause, one of the audiences' favorites. Newhouse was assisted by Richard Martin as Benney Southstreet and together they kept everyone filled with laughter through their antics.

Of course this is a musical, so it had more than its share of singing and dancing. With 45 people in the cast it seems a miracle that they didn't collide all over the stage. Jari Todd, who lost her voice earlier in the week, but regained it in time for the play, really brought the house down in "Adelaide's Lament," and Anderson, as well, sang like an angel, bringing out the sweetness of Sarah Brown.

The Hot Box Cuties and the Havana Dancers complemented the play with not only their excellent choreography but with their colorful costumes as well. Dave

Borron and his team of merry college elves deserve a standing ovation themselves for such memorable sets.

Lou Lindsey and the drama department have scored another hit. But stay tuned. The word on the drama grapevine is that there will not be a final play of the season, but four of them, all student directed!

## Sports galore

By SHERRY WILLIAMS

It was a bright, sunny day with a cool breeze --a perfect day for golf. Bob Lozano, Stan Mitchell, Terry Nightengale, and Darlene Zahiriak shot a 49 to win the par three golf scramble "Summer in Scotland."

Three teams, composed mostly of faculty, competed in the golf scramble, March 11. Wendell Hudson, intramural coordinator, said Spring Break interfered with student participation and hopes for a better turn out next time.

The intramural basketball playoffs were extended and eight teams played in the single elimination tournament last week. The championship game is tomorrow during the activity period in The Highlands.

Racquetball sign-ups have been extended. Hudson plans to begin the open, double elimination tournament when he feels there are enough participants for a good tournament.

The deadline for four-person volleyball and pickleball is this Friday. Pickleball will be played only one day per week at an instructional level. Hudson said a person must have a volleyball team to play pickleball and is eager to get pickleball off the ground at MCC.

## Your plates or mine?

In Case You Were Wondering...

By DARIN BROCK



I bet each and every one of you out there realizes what a great state we live in. It is the largest in the continental United States. Our state is chock full of great cities like Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Corpus Christi. To go along with these really neat big cities are a slew of small towns that add that hometown country attitude that give Texas added diversity. Not many other states can say that. We have miles and miles of coastal regions, beautiful forests, rolling plains, and desert and mountain regions. The only thing we don't have is a rain forest. And the people; let's talk about the people. I don't believe I have ever been in any state where the people were as friendly and warm as they are in this great state. From the great amusement parks, to the national parks, to the beaches--my God! What a wonderful state this is.

So you would expect to have the best or pretty close the best of everything. But have you ever noticed our license plates? Boy howdy, you talk about some ugly, sickly, drab little things. You think that our state government could come up with something a little more creative than black and white. A little generic for such a great state don't you think? We might as well all drive white vehicles with "car" stamped on the side. And let's just go ahead and change our motto to the "generic state."

Compare our plates to that of other states. Idaho, nothing comes from Idaho except potatoes, probably has the coolest plates in the union. Their plates are red, white, and blue in background, with big black trees in the front. They also have big blue letters and numbers and huge black letters proudly displaying the state name.

Even little states like Massachusetts, which displays an outline of Cape Cod, and New York, which has the Statue of Liberty on it, have really neat license plates. Now Oklahoma, probably one of the plainest and unattractive states has really colorful, yellow and gold plates.

It wouldn't be so bad if our plates had a little color in them. What's wrong with having red or blue license plate? Iowa even has blue plates. Or what is wrong with putting the county you live in or the city you're from on them. Iowa, Florida, and Colorado do it. Why can't we? I think we could have at least an outline of the state in the background, like many states do. We could even try to put our state motto on the plates like Pennsylvania or Louisiana.

Well, I guess our prisoners just aren't as creative as others. I think we should try to arrest more artists, graphic designers and painters, so we can compete. I guess the other states have auditions for prison terms. That way artists will have some place to show their work and get a free meal to boot. Either that, or most states figure they have nothing else going for them, so they make elaborate plates to increase the state's image.

Personally, I think something should be done. I don't know about you, but I'm embarrassed when I see Kansas' golden wheat fields, or Wyoming's outline of a bronc buster, or South Dakota's Mount Rushmore and they have to look at the boring black and white of Texas.

I'm proud to be a Texan, but the next time I travel out of state, I'm going to see if I can borrow the car of my friend from Idaho.



JESSIE LEE JANES, author of A Woman For All Times, at a luncheon as part of Women's National History Month, spoke on the first woman physician in McLennan County, Dr. Halle Earle.

USHERING IN Women's National History Month last week was Martha Cotera, author of Dona Doornat: No Esta Aquil. She was the first of three luncheon speakers to celebrate the month.

## Shellenberger to conclude Women's History Month

By CARMEN FRENCH

Student Services recognized Women's History Month by having various guest speakers on our campus to speak at a luncheon on women who have made our country what it is today.

Jessie Lee Janes is the author of the book A Woman For All Ages, which tells of the first women physician in McLennan County, Dr. Halle Earle. She told

how Earle had become a doctor, about her medical training and practice, and then how she retired from medical practice.

According to Marylea Hender-

son, coordinator of displaced homemakers services, there were about 50 people attending the luncheon, which consisted of students, faculty and staff members.

Speakers last week were Martha Cotera (see related story) and Jessie Lee Janes, while Dorothy Shellenberger will conclude the month's events with a luncheon program Thursday in the High-lunder Room.

Shellenberger will present at noon on March 30 a dramatic presentation of the life of ex-prisoner of war, Corrie Tenboom, whose

life was portrayed in the book, The Hiding Place, and then in a widely acclaimed movie by the same title. Shellenberger has performed in a play adapted from the book and

writes for Guide Post Magazine. "Dorothy (Shellenberger) was a very close friend of Corrie, and the program will be very exciting. We hope to have many people show up," said Henderson.

Tickets are \$2.50 for the luncheon, and reservations should be made by call Henderson's office. A limited number of free tickets will

be available to students, but reser-

vations should be made. These programs are provided as part of MCC's Cultural Enrichment Series.

Various other guest at the meeting last Wednesday were Dr. Cornelius Smith, the first women chairman of biology; and Dr. Jane Hawkins, the first woman who majored in linguistics at Brown.



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**MWANSA MANDELA** works in the financial aids department as the new assistant director. She has been working at this position since Jan. 11.

## Student Focus

By KEITH JENKINS

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### Don't take life for granted

I was sitting in one of my classes one morning about a month ago when the instructor stopped in the middle of his lecture and asked the question, "How many of you are hungry right now? If you are, raise your hand."

Since I rarely eat breakfast, it was that time of the day when my stomach begins to make those embarrassing weird noises. I slightly raised my hand along with several other students in the class.

The instructor looked over the entire room and counted the show of hands. He then leaned forward over his desk while a big grin flashed across his face. He then said, "You're not hungry. The people in Ethiopia are hungry."

While the rest of the class had mixed responses, I sat there trying to figure out the point of his comment. But it wasn't really until later that week that for some reason my teacher's comments popped into my head and I began to really give his words some thought.

Last week, I was trying desperately to think of ideas for my column when once again I thought of what my teacher had said. For some reason, that incident had stayed locked in my mind waiting for me to write something useful relating to it.

Although it shouldn't be ignored, Ethiopia's starvation problems weren't the main focus of my thoughts. I leaned more towards the fact of how our society seems prone to take so many important things for granted that others lack.

For the rest of the day, this was my main focus. While I was at a red light, I looked over to the side of the street and saw people who appeared to be really in need of food, money, a place to stay or maybe just someone to talk to.

From that moment on, I tried to keep in mind, how important it is to appreciate the many good things that exists in my life.

Since our society is so materialistic, it can come so easy for me and many others to always just want and want, but never give.

We can get so caught up in just looking out for ourselves that we sometimes forget about those in need and less fortunate.

I think that more people, especially those around my age, should realize how fortunate many of us are. To be able to wake up each morning with a roof over our heads, food, and the rest of the security that we have been granted shouldn't be taken lightly.

It's pitiful for today's youth to grow up not caring and putting such a high value on obtaining materialistic items when there are many who have nothing in life to look forward to.

No one should feel guilty for wanting a better life or for having nice things. But a person's wanting and good fortune shouldn't overshadow their appreciation. I'm not a minister, parent or teacher explaining how one should live their lives, nor am I trying to receive praise or a pat on the back because of my feelings or actions.

I'm simply speaking as a student, another human being, who strongly believes that more emphasis should be placed on appreciating the important things in life that could disappear from us at any time.

## Mandela: New worker experiences life in Ethiopia

By KEITH JENKINS

When thinking of Ethiopia, many people picture a scorching dry desert filled with hundreds of poor people on the verge of death because of starvation.

But to one new staff member here at MCC, who experienced three years of living in Africa, her description of Ethiopia and its people contrasts from the image assumed by the rest of the world.

Mwansa Mandela, the new assistant director of financial aids, has been working on campus for more than two months now. The college, students and community have all made strong impressions on her since her move from Florida.

"I think the design of the campus is so gorgeous. There is no comparison to the college in Tallahassee. The people are very helpful and friendly. The students seem to be more positive and calm here. So far, it's been a pleasant experience," said Mandela.

In the financial aids department, Mandela's primary responsibility consists of processing student loan applications and counseling students on the requirements of the loans. She also works with processing college work study applications.

Before moving to Waco, Mandela worked in Florida at Tallahassee Community College where she was a student advisor on pell

grants. Coming to Texas, she faced various challenges in her work because of the changes that frequently occur in financial aids.

Besides her present career, Mandela has also worked as a teacher when she and her family lived in Ethiopia.

Towards the end of 1981, she applied and accepted a teaching position at the University of Asmara, the country's second largest college. She looked forward to living in Ethiopia for the cultural experience.

"When you move to another country, the sights, sounds and smells are always new. I wanted the chance of living in another country and I also wanted my children to be exposed to another culture. I found the experience to be very rewarding," she remarked.

At the university, she taught introductory courses in psychology to returning students as part of an adult education program.

Some of the adjustments Mandela and her family faced included the country's level of development plus understanding the reasons why people did things the way they did. The language was a problem at first, but within time they were able to communicate with others.

One characteristic that Mandela noticed about the people in Ethiopia is that they seemed to have a common admiration for foreigners and other countries outside of Africa.

## Phi Theta Kappa Induction features Michaelis

By TAMMY RICHARDS

"Knowledge is an end in itself that all of us need to strive to obtain," said President Dennis Michaelis, the keynote speaker at the Phi Theta Kappa spring induction ceremony on Wednesday.

The search for knowledge is what Phi Theta Kappa, a national junior and community college honorary scholastic fraternity, is all about. Many students who have achieved academic excellence in their search for knowledge were

initiated into this organization during the motivating presentation held at the Lecture Hall.

The initiates had the privilege of listening to the inspiring and humorous speech of Michaelis. He got many chuckles from the initiates when he stated that he was an honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa. He congratulated the initiates and reminded them that they represent scholarship, leadership, and fellowship among students everywhere.

Following the entertaining

speech, the initiates each signed their names in the Phi Theta Kappa membership book and received their certificates of membership in the organization. There was a strong feeling of brotherhood as everyone passed the flame of learning along by lighting fellow members' candles. While the initiates were holding this light of wisdom and aspiration, they repeated the Phi Theta Kappa pledge after Brenda Meador, the president of the club, who congratulated them and welcomed them into membership.

The Greek letters, "Phi," "Theta," "Kappa," symbolize the Greek words, "Phronimon," meaning wisdom, the goal after which the members seek, "Thumos," meaning aspiration, the path by which the members follow that goal, and "Katharotes," meaning purity, clarity of mind and purpose.

The theme of the ceremony can be summarized by Michaelis who urged the students to "get a very broad, liberal education in order to do what you can for your fellow man."



Photo by Mike Cavazos

**SIGNING IN** for another class in interpreter training, Jonnie Duncan leads the class in instruction that has gained recognition across the Southwest.

## Program provides help for the deaf

By REBECCA PERKINS

Imagine not being able to hear the telephone ring, talk to a doctor, listen to a sermon at church, or even something as simple as calling a plumber.

These are everyday obstacles for a deaf person. The students in the sign interpretation program at MCC want to make it a little easier.

MCC began its sign interpretation program in 1981 and since then it has grown. "The first year, there were only had enough students to fill a small bus that we took to a seminar. This year we have four (buses)," said Jonnie Duncan, director of the program.

The two-year program not only requires basic liberal art classes such as English but includes special classes aimed at learning and understanding the deaf world. The backbone of the program is the American Sign Language class ranging from beginning to advanced.

Certification is given not in the form of a diploma, but the student goes before a board in Austin and is tested. If attained, there is a field of opportunity.

Many of the students in the program choose free-lance sign inter-

pretation as their vocation. "I want to do everything from signing at hospitals to court rooms," said student Ed Hollcroft.

Why the individual students choose this major is as diverse as the personalities in the classroom.

"I grew up in Ft. Worth and two of my friends had deaf parents. I wanted to be able to talk to them," said Excell Amyett. Others such as Kit Kosta just have a special interest in the language and in the "special people."

A few of the students have personal ties to the field, someone in their family is deaf.

"Only two percent of parents with deaf children can sign a conversation with their child. I take the class so I can communicate with my daughter, and now I want to teach deaf," said Shara Hughes.

Jean Neason, grandmother of a deaf child, takes the class "so I can be able to ask her and her deaf friends how their day was. I want to communicate with her."

The program extends beyond the classroom and into the real deaf world. They are actively involved in organization such as the Silent Club, a social club for the deaf, Central Texas Commission for the Deaf, the state conference in Beaumont this April, and MCC-sponsored banquets.

## Statistics show campus women outnumber men

By SARA WARTES

The typical MCC student is a white female under the age of 23 who very likely graduated from an area high school, according to enrollment statistics.

The Student Profile Report, compiled by the registrar's office, shows that female students outnumber males by about 1,500 this semester and 78 percent of students are white. The report also indicated that part-time students outnumber full-time by about 1,400, comprising 62 percent of the enrollment. Over 1,200 students are enrolled for only three credit hours.

Predictably, the largest age group among students is 17 through 22 years. However, a surprising number of older students are enrolled, with 22 percent of the student body in the 23 to 30 age group and 20 percent between 31 and 40. About 750 students (13 percent) are over age 40.

Black students make up 14 percent of the enrollment, and 7 percent are Hispanic. These enrollment percentages are slightly less than the proportion of black and Hispanic high school graduates in the area, according to the Equal Educational Opportunity Report prepared by the office of personnel services.

Admissions advisors Pamela Brewer and Herman Tucker are involved in an effort to increase the school's minority enrollment. "Since 1977 the percentage of blacks has been around 12 to 15 percent; Hispanic enrollment has been 5 to 6 percent," said Tucker.

Brewer and Tucker attempt to reach minority students by going into community organizations and churches with programs designed to meet their special needs. "We have to recognize that financial problems frequently impair the minority student," Tucker said. He said they deal with that problem by stressing that funds are avail-

able. Brewer said they also try to simplify the admissions process for minorities.

Last year three student recruiters were hired to assist in minority recruitment. Lee Velazquez, a sophomore real estate major, is still on the job. "Lee is very valuable to us because he is bilingual," Brewer said. "He has done several financial aid workshops in churches."

"Our job is to go into the community and let them know we're here to help," Velazquez said. "It's been beneficial because we can relate to people. They are not as intimidated."

The admissions advisors also go to high schools, educational fairs, and to the Waco Boys Clubs on a regular basis to encourage high school students to continue their education at MCC. "We'd like to begin a little earlier, at junior high age where it's so critical," Brewer said. "We're thinking that the key will be early intervention, trying to get them through high school."

In an attempt to support school-wide recruiting efforts, a Minority Recruitment Advisory Committee was created by President Michaelis in January. This committee will assess the programs now underway and provide ideas for attracting minorities to the college. Another purpose is to coordinate the recruiting efforts of various departments. "We've found that a lot of other departments do recruiting," Brewer said. She said they plan to survey departments on campus about their recruiting efforts and maintain a calendar of activities.

Examples of these departmental efforts are UIL competitions held on campus, drill team clinics given in high schools by the MCC dance company instructor, and visits by the music faculty to high school bands and choirs.

Tucker will serve on the Recruitment/Retention/Placement Task Force of the Advisory Committee. He said community leaders have been asked to serve

on this task force to contribute ideas for recruiting minorities and helping them continue to graduation. Norm Adamson, Waco's first black postmaster, Joe Rodriguez of LULAC, Linda Fraga, publisher of Tiempo, a Spanish language newspaper, and Velazquez will serve with him.

**"Our intent is to recruit so that students succeed."**

Another facet of the recruitment effort is linked to the personnel department. "When students come on campus, if they can see faculty, students and staff members of their group they are encouraged to enroll," Tucker said.

A recent report presented to the Board of Trustees by Richard Coronado, director of personnel services, shows that the percentage of minority employees is comparable to that of students. As of

October 1988, 13 percent were black and about 7 percent were Hispanic. These figures are also comparable to percentages of minorities who are available to work in McLennan County. According to the Texas Employment Commission, blacks constitute 14 percent of the labor force and Hispanics about 8 percent.

According to Tucker, of special significance is that 21 percent of administrative level positions at MCC are held by members of ethnic minorities.

"It's important to have role models here on campus. When they see the registrar, who is black, or other minorities in administrative positions, they are motivated to stay in school," Tucker said.

"We really want to try to not be so concerned with numbers. We want the students to be successful, to graduate and pursue baccalaureate degrees. Our intent is to recruit so that students succeed."