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## Construction hinders students' mobility

Leah C. Turner  
Managing Editor

Students might find difficulty in navigating the minefield the MCC campus has become this fall.

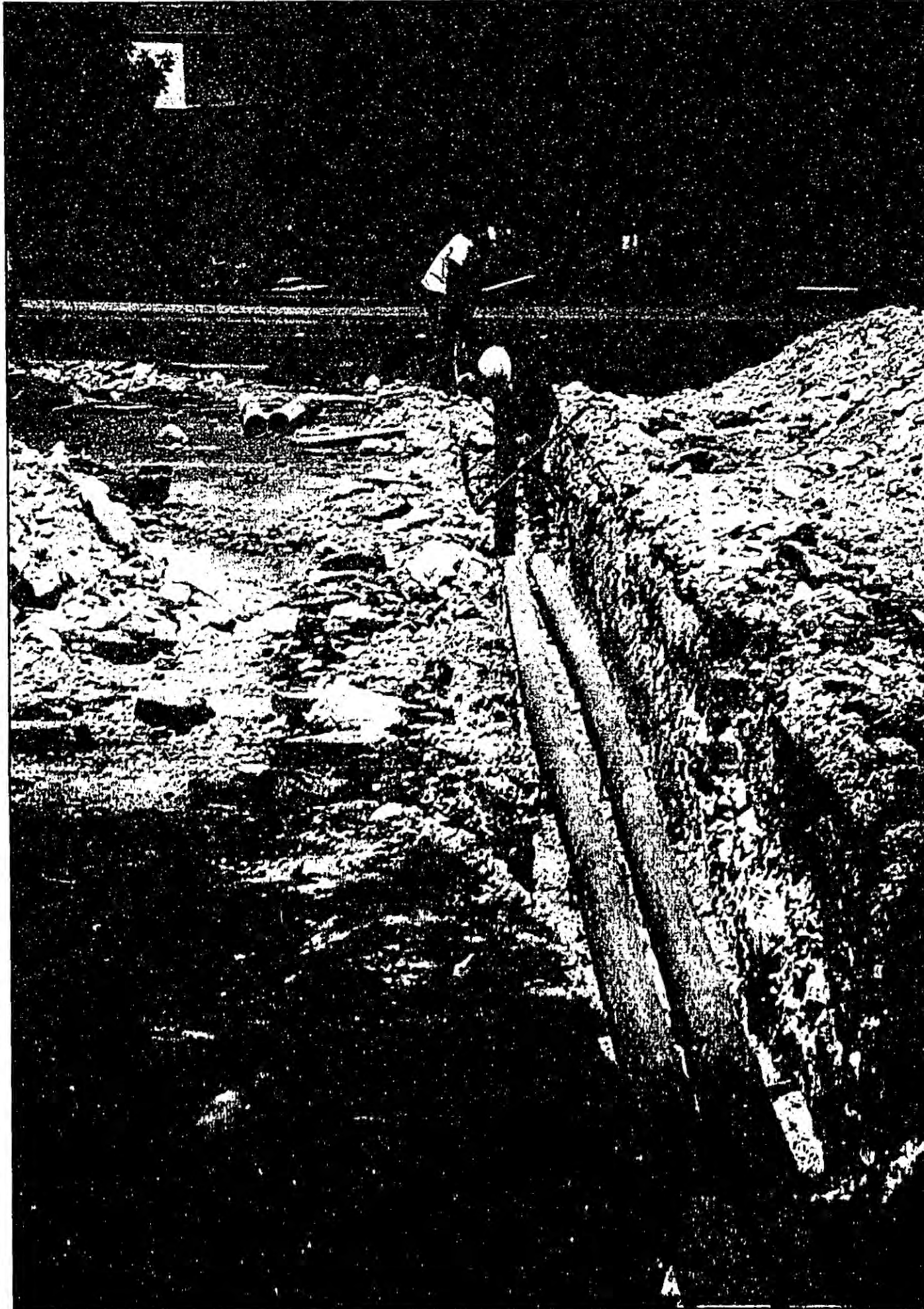
Neon yellow tape sent students on detours during the summer sessions and several sidewalks have been replaced with dusty trails. However, according to Dianne Feyerherm, Physical Plant Director and the Construction Coordinator, the construction is necessary for campus life to continue as scheduled.

"We are trying to upgrade the 30-year-old infrastructure," Feyerherm said. "The piping is drawing near to its expected life span."

All underground electric lines and water piping on the main campus is being replaced.

"The construction is causing a lot of inconvenience, but we are trying to use preventative maintenance instead of crisis maintenance," Feyerherm said. "The water piping provides all cooling and heating to the main campus, so we want to take care of this now before we have a catastrophe on main campus."

Construction on the water piping is expected to be finished by the spring semester, but a date has not yet been determined for the completion of the electrical lines.



Construction workers John Butler, top, and Corban Whitmer work to replace 30-year-old piping and return MCC to normal.

## Food provider improves cafe

Leah C. Turner  
Managing Editor

Fast food will find its way to the MacCafe August 28.

The Wiethorn Company, MCC's new food service provider, has overhauled the student center cafeteria and added fast food outlets. Pizza Hut, Jason's Deli, and Chick Filet will offer hamburgers, sandwiches, and pizza by the slice this fall.

When MCC's old food provider, Aramark, sent a letter in April stating that at the end of June the company would not renew its contract, MCC began investigating a self-implementation plan as well as other providers. Then MCC contacted Texas State Technical College to determine what system their cafeteria was using.

"Word got around to me and I called MCC personally," Ronnie Wiethorn, Owner/Manager of his own company said.

Wiethorn took over food services at MCC in July and began preparing for the MacCafe's grand opening this

fall. The MacCafe will boast a full grill along with potatoes and salads. For dessert, students can snack on a variety of pastries as well as Blue Bell ice cream.

Full meal deals are available for \$4.97 and include choice of two hot entries, four fresh vegetables, bread, and a drink. Hot entree choices will change daily and range from lasagna to roast beef. Price breaks may also be available for meal deals. To find out if you are eligible, contact the cafeteria at 299-8425. Five percent discounts are also available to anyone using their MacCard.

Students can order breakfast burritos in advance at 299-8425. Other breakfast items include omelettes and pancakes.

The MacCafe also features a full-service Chick Filet, sandwich deals from Jason's Deli, and pizza from the Pizza Hut on 19th Street.

The Wiethorn Company started with a burger bar near TSTC, but was quickly asked to move on campus. Wiethorn currently holds a one-year contract with MCC and a three-year contract with TSTC.

## Trolley cut; vans stay

Leah C. Turner, Jana Vaculik  
Managing Editor, Staff Writer

MCC's shuttle system will be without the familiar red trolley this fall due to lack of student participation.

"The trolley cost MCC too much money for it to be driving around empty," Dianne Feyerherm, Director of the Physical Plant said. The trolley was cut from MCC's budget last spring.

MCC's transportation system will now utilize only as many vans as student riders will fill.

"We do not want to strain the transportation service, so we

See Trolley on page 3.

## TREG, internet shrink late registration

Leah C. Turner  
Managing Editor

Last chance registration's usual hectic flow of scurrying students dwindled to no more than a steady stream this fall due to more efficient registration techniques.

"This is the first semester we have used only phone and web registration," Herman Tucker, Director of Student Enrollment Services said.

Approximately 5,000 students enrolled for the fall semester via the internet or TREG, MCC's automated registration service.

In spite of these innovations, some students still found it necessary to attend late registration.

"I registered over the phone, but somehow I lost a biology class," student Stacey Buck

said. "I'm attending late registration to put that class back on my schedule."

James Burroughs, who has taught physical and health education at MCC for thirty years, participates in late registration every year. He said different situations can lead students to late registration.

"Maybe they were not aware of phone registration or this is the only time they could get away," Burroughs said. "Many students have families and other responsibilities that make it difficult to squeeze in registration."

According to Tucker, this is precisely why MCC is switching completely to phone and internet registration.

"We are trying to make registration as efficient as possible and filled with as little stress as possible for students and fac-



Digital image by Leah Turner

Incoming freshman Latoya Carrolls, left, employs the help of future MCC student Roderick Williams to pull her schedule together at Last Chance Registration.

ulty," Tucker said.

Even though enrollment numbers are up 16.7% from fall of 1998, "last chance registration seemed slower than last year," Burroughs said. He said he suspected increased

telephone and internet registration was the culprit.

Wanda Sudbury, Senior Lab Instructor said that late registration is primarily for students who need a counselor's advice and help with their schedules.

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August

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Class Changes: 12:20-6:30

Final Class Day

Initial class roll available at 10 in the Student Center office  
Weekly time sheets due at 11:59 in the Student Center

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Class Changes: 12:20-6:30

Welcome Back Activity: Student Center 9-11

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Labour Day Holiday

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Phi Kappa Phi Meeting

Pre-identified courses of Learning II in Highlander Room

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Index Card Exam 9:30-11:30

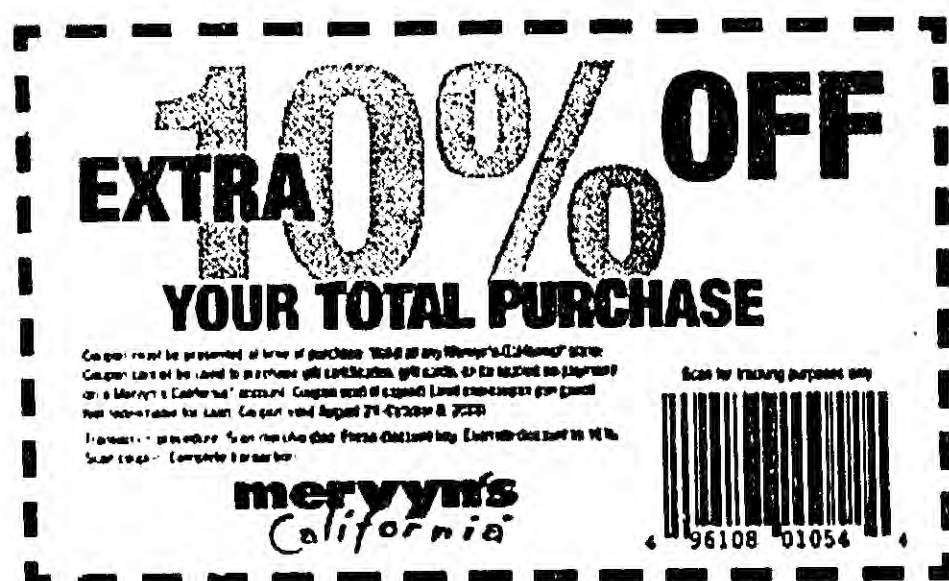
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Pre-identified courses of Learning II in Highlander Room  
Week Study Party



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# A year of renewal

Dennis Michaelis  
MCC President

Welcome back to a new year at McLennan Community College! I know I speak for all the faculty and staff at MCC in wishing you a year that I know will be filled with opportunities to learn and grow both personally and academically.



If you haven't been on campus in a while, you have no doubt noticed the dramatic changes all around you. This summer, work began on construction projects that were approved by the voters in last year's bond election. Believe me, it has been almost heartbreaking to watch tractors dig up our perfectly manicured grounds and crumble our pristine sidewalks. While this construction will cause all of us some inconvenience over the coming year, the resulting improvements will ensure that MCC can meet the needs of our students for years to come.

At first glance, you wouldn't think that MCC is a college approaching middle age. When our campus was built over 30 years ago, the founding fathers made sure that quality permeated everything they did. But after 30 plus years, even the best materials begin to wear out. The upheaval you're witnessing on campus is what it takes to replace underground pipes and wiring—the things we tend to take for granted until lights go out or water mains break. This critical infrastructure work, key to the renewal of our campus, should be complete by December.

Yet another sign of renewal is the work that is about to begin on the building that formerly housed our Library. In May, the Library moved to its temporary home in the Community Services Center, where it will remain until our high-tech Learning Technology Center is complete. By the spring of 2002, MCC's LTC will not only be the centerpiece of our campus, but will be a student learning facility unrivaled in the state. This center, more than any other place on campus, will be a one-stop resource for your learning needs.

A renewal of bricks and mortar isn't the only change that is happening at MCC. Last spring, 13 faculty members took advantage of MCC's early retirement option. Several of these valued faculty members will remain with us in a part time role but we know we will see new faces in our classrooms. I'm confident they will bring enthusiasm and, of course, different ideas into the classroom. Our faculty and academic deans have been hard at work this summer creating new course schedules that will offer our students even more options for making MCC fit their fast-paced lives. In athletics, both the men's basketball and baseball programs are embarking on new eras with new coaches at the helm.

Amid all the change, I promise you that one thing that will remain constant at MCC is what happens in the classroom. Once you dodge the trenches, navigate your way around the temporary fences, and make it to class, you will find the same quality instruction, the same challenging curriculum, and the same personal level of support you have come to expect from MCC.

In a way, the human side of MCC undergoes a renewal each semester when new students embark on their many individual journeys in higher education. Over the next couple of years, the physical side of MCC will be undergoing a similar and equally exciting renewal. I hope you will join me in mustering some patience when you have to allow some extra time or walk a bit farther to accommodate our progress. MCC is at a turning point in its history, and we are pleased you are a part of it.

Personal advertisements containing information pertaining to material appropriate for school use can be purchased for one dollar per inch with a valid student I.D. Classifieds can be purchased for three dollars without a student I.D. Interested persons can contact the journalism department at 299-8524.

# New faculty and staff

by Jana Vaculik and Drew Haley  
Staff Writers

As a teaching assistant in the Child Development Center, **Gwendolyn Nelms** will be working with children and helping them in activities. Nelms previously worked at the Baylor Child Development Center.



**Kenneth Harris** said he is looking forward to the opportunity to teach paramedic students life saving skills this fall in the Health Careers building. Harris brings experience from his previous jobs at area EMS services to MCC students.



**Sharla Faglie** said she was attracted to MCC because of the atmosphere and the opportunity to work in the Business Office as an account assistant. Faglie has been working at MCC for a few months and previously worked at HEB grocery stores.



**Rebecca Lopez** said she was drawn to MCC's "wonderful child development program." She will be a teaching assistant at the Child Development Center, working with the children in the classrooms and helping with activities. She will be attending MCC while working at the center.



Nursing Instructor **Carol Sherwood**, has taught for 17 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Villa Nova University, her master's degree from the University of Texas, and her DM from the University of Rochester. She moved from her home in Rochester, New York, to Waco three weeks ago.



Director and Instructor of the Criminal Justice Department **Ralph Yates** has been a Corpus Christi police officer for 21 years. Yates received his Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree from the University of Corpus Christi. He received his Masters of Education degree from Texas A&M at Corpus Christi.



**Angela Trotter**, the newest member of the MCC nursing staff has done respiratory therapy work since 1983 and has been a licensed nurse since 1992. She received her associate's degree from the nursing school at MCC. She received her BSN from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. Trotter has lived in Waco for 34 years.



**Mark Buckingham**, the new real estate instructor, will direct business projects at MCC this fall. Buckingham said he moved to Waco in order to spend more time with his family. He said his previous job demanded that he often travel state-wide as a negotiator and an independent agent for a wireless fiber optics company in Houston.



After three years as a part-time math instructor, **Debby Hewitt** will finally become a full time staff member at MCC this fall. Hewitt previously taught at Dallas and Collin County Community Colleges and came to Waco to escape the big city life.



**Dee Johnston**, Administrator of Managerial Information Systems, said she wants to help enrich community involvement at MCC. Johnston completed her paralegal degree from MCC and participated in the student work program. She worked in a law office for the past year and a half, and has always wanted to work at MCC full time.



**Alicia Perez**, the new testing clerk in the Student Center building, will help students set up appointments for tests. Perez worked for Paragon Trade Brands for 15 years but wanted a career change, so she earned her associates degree from MCC. She has three sons and five grandchildren.



**Jeff Taylor** will be instructing U.S. history classes this fall in the liberal arts department. Taylor received his bachelor's from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, his Master's of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from University of Baylor.



MCC's new business computer information systems instructor **Robert Dick** moved to Waco in 1999. Dick, who has taught for two years, said his educational goals are to help integrate computer ideas into the marketplace. He spent his formative years in Oregon and moved to Oklahoma in 1972. He completed his bachelor's of theater arts degree from Southwestern State University and received his master's of business administration degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.



**James Rakestraw**, the Volunteer Coordinator for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program, is here to recruit tutors and mentors for inner city schools. A graduate of the MCC Activity Directory Program, Rakestraw has been associated with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for six years. The funding for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program is made possible through a Department of Education grant. He has been in Waco for the past twelve years.



**Steve Ellis**, previously the Vice-President of Instruction at Collin County College, said he is looking forward to teaching history at MCC this fall. Ellis moved to Waco with his wife when she was appointed the new President of TSTC.



**William Stefka** will be fixing doors and locks, along with remodeling and painting as part of the building maintenance team this fall at MCC. Stefka worked at Baylor for several of months before coming to this campus.



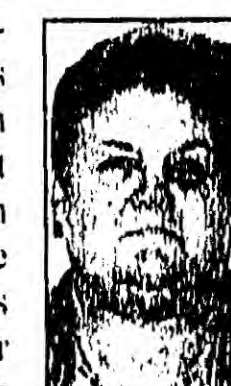
Physics instructor **Jeff Watson** said that he hopes to help modernize the physics department and develop a progressive physics program. Watson completed his Bachelor's of Science degree from Lamar University, his Master's of Science degree from Sam Houston, and his E.D.D. from Texas A&M at Commerce. Watson currently lives in Corsicana.



**Brenda Hand**, the new Academic Specialist, said she plans to help incoming students achieve a higher academic standing at MCC. Hand has two children currently attending MCC. She received her Associate's of Arts degree from MCC, her Bachelor's of Arts degree from Baylor, and her masters degree from Texas Women's College. Hand has lived in Waco since childhood.



**Elaine Strickland**, the new administrative secretary for the director of the Adult Education Center in downtown Waco, passed out caps and gowns this past week at the 2000 summer commencement exercises.



## Trolley

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will play it by ear," Larry Radke, chief of police said. The shuttle system currently has two vans at its disposal.

"If ridership demands, we will run both vans," Feyerherm said. The second van will run for three weeks on a trial basis.

"We have had one van renovated to provide handicapped access," Radke said. The second van may be needed to make up for the "reduced number of students who can ride at one time due to the renovation," Feyerherm said.

The shuttle will run from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Stops will be made every 10 to 15 minutes at the HPE, Student Services, Health Careers, and the CSC buildings.

The second shuttle will make stops this fall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. only.

Students with a parking citation can ride the shuttle for five days to have their citation dismissed. Interested students can contact Campus Police. MCC is implementing this program so students can become accustomed to the transportation service.



# MCC students graduate summer 2000

Leah C. Turner  
Managing Editor

The Summer '2000 graduates graced the stage at the MCC Summer Commencement Exercises, August 17 at the Waco Convention Center. The graduates are as follows:

## Certificates

**Child Development/Special Persons:** Guadalupe (Lupita) Afraro, Cynthia Lee Bolton, Thelma A. Boyd, Ivory J. Bugsby, Charles E. Carr, James Carroll, Jr., Clarice Joann Cooper, Rosemary Cox, Timothy R. Doman, Janice D. Henderson, Shandra E. Horn, Judy Jefferson, Mary-Susan McAlpine, Thelma Davis Pope, Dorothy M. Porter, Martha Kay Redding, Kathy Robinson, Elsie E. Watson  
**Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement:** Christopher Lynn Hudson  
**Medical Secretary Technology:** Maryam Hussain  
**Mental Health:** Charlotte Lovette Shaw  
**Mental Health/Substance Abuse:** Steven R. Alston, Dale LaRue Robinson



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Respiratory therapy graduates Isadora C. Torres and Christina R. Schmitz make final adjustments moments before the procession begins.

**Paramedicine:** Lynnel B. Bolden, Hubert Standlee Crain, Amanda L. Cumbie, Jodi L. Hancock, Christopher Michael Littleton, Jimmy James K. Myers, Samuel Heath Nay, James Piper, Stephen Derrell Walker  
**Respiratory Care Technology:** Monica E. Lemley, Christina R. Schmitz, Isadora C. Torres  
**Vocational Nursing:** Cheryl Dawn Lynn Adams, Catherine Marcine Bass, Carol Bronaugh, Raye Cherie Brown, Jeremiah

J. Byrd, Jessie Ann Freedman, Shirley Schlemmer Grigsby, Brandy Jackson-Anderson, Shannon Suzanne Jacobson, Debra L. Johnson, Latasha Dianne Johnson, Felix Louis Jones, Loretta Jane Stark Kruger, Waynette R. "Justice" McMarion, Angelina V. Pennucci, Lori Pladsen, Nancy Renae Portis, Margaret Michelle Ramirez, Brenda Denise Sanders, Miranda Nicole Thompson, Rebecca Lurea Wachsmann, Kristina Whitt, Carey Anne Wilkins,

Juanita Williams

## Associate Degrees

**Athletic Training:** Kristin Lee Cunningham  
**Child Development:** Janice M. Barrett  
**Computer Information Systems/Network Administration:** Steven Edward Briggs, Bradley H. Bullock  
**Computer Information Systems/Programming:** Jeremy Cooper Daniel, Barbara Sparks, Angela Allene Williams  
**Criminal Justice:** Mary Elizabeth Thornton, Misty Rac Trujillo  
**Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement:** Andrea Rene Ramos Wilkey  
**Education:** Janet Avellaneda  
**Elementary Education:** Cara Beth Callaway  
**General Academics:** Jason R. Califano, James Albert DeSopo, George L.A. Dickerson, Roshon Waynette Jackson, Nicole A. Matich, Ryan Travis Murry, Jaclyn Nielsen, Duong Vo  
**Management/Business:** Dorothy A. Damitt, Wilma Lorraine Warren-Saunders

**Management/Marketing:** Karen Champion Bond, Ursula R. Rorie  
**Medical Laboratory Technician:** Rhonda Marie Coone, Patricia K. Frank-Estelle, Treva Leane Petty, Traci Ann Smith  
**Mental Health:** Lorie A. Simmons  
**Mental Health/Youth Counseling:** Tamara Michelle McKinnerney  
**Music:** Jaime Brattain  
**Office Administration/Information Processing/Administration Assistant:** Tiffany Michelle Boldridge  
**Paralegal:** Elizabeth Ann Fletcher, Christina Ann Perez  
**Physical Therapist Assistant:** Toni Annette Bengochea  
**Radiologic Technology:** Melissa C. Bowen, Gena Kay Castlow, Kayla Dickens Craig, Misty Dawn Davis, Tammi Renee Dobecka, Crystal Lynnette Harrison, David R. Herrera, Jr., Rachel Ann Kaluza, Julie Ann Kuykendall, Stephanie Rae Martin, David Shane McLaughlin, Erin Elizabeth Neill, Christina Cathlene Rhodes, Jamie Ellen Rosser, Alice L. Taylor  
**Science:** Kyle S. Dupree  
**Social Work:** Kelly R. Foley

**Sociology:** Sadie L. Henderson, Cathy Phenix Mitchell

## Honor Graduates (GPA 3.50-3.79)

**Child Development/Special Persons:** Karen K. Hulsey  
**Computer Science:** Nerjissa Lamug  
**Education:** Tiffany Laine Richter  
**Legal Office Specialist:** Sharon Kostecka  
**Medical Laboratory Technician:** Mandi Lynn Wideman, Maria Nieves Macias

## High Honor Graduates (GPA 3.80-3.99)

**Art:** Leslie Ann Townsend  
**Child Development/Special Persons:** Liz Daniell  
**Education:** Jennie Eileen Leland  
**General Academics:** Lincoln G. Coffie, Melissa Suzanne Jones  
**Graphic Art:** Andrea Lange  
**Management/Business:** Jonda June Liles

# New coaches bring experience to baseball and basketball

Aaron Smith  
Staff Writer

If past experience means anything, the MCC baseball team is in good hands with new head coach, David Wrzeninski.

He is back where he began his career as starting outfielder for MCC's Junior College World Series team (1981, 1982). In 1983,

Wrzeninski helped lead the Highlanders to victory at the National Championship. His success continued at the University of Texas, where he competed in two college world series, once in 1984 and again in 1985, putting him in rare, if not exclusive, company: those who played in five college world series.

Wrzeninski's career pro-

gressed to the coaching level as he compiled a 252-43 record in 11 years at Robinson High School, building one of the top 3A programs in the state year-in and year-out. Wrzeninski said he now welcomes the challenge of coaching at a higher level.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to coach at the collegiate level," Wrzeninski said.

"It's great to be able to coach at my alma mater."

Wrzeninski said he hopes to eventually get back to the JCWS and another national championship.

"I have high expectations and see no reason why we can't win right away," Wrzeninski said. "I plan on taking this opportunity and running with it."

Wrzeninski is taking over a program that has an overall record of 1,117 wins and 543 losses since it started under Jerry Walsh in 1969. The Highlanders have been to the playoffs 22 out of the last 24 years, including 11 in a row under Paul Miller before a 26-27 finish last year prompted a change in coaching.

After going head-to-head in countless 3A wars, Manuel Ordonez (Connally) has decided to join forces with 3A rival Wrzeninski to build a successful program at the collegiate level.

Like Wrzeninski, Ordonez comes from a winning background and said he knows what it takes to continue winning at the collegiate level. Ordonez, a

graduate of Reicher High School, gained College World Series experience as a member of the 1978 College World Series team at Baylor.

After 18 productive years at Connally High School (15 as head coach), Ordonez felt it was time to move on. When he heard of the opening at MCC, Ordonez jumped on it.

"It's not every day an opportunity like this comes around," Ordonez said. "It's very exciting to be able to coach at one of the best junior college programs in the country. It's like a dream come true."

Ray Farrell is a man with a past, a winning past.

Farrell was an assistant coach for the 1988 Southwest Conference Championship team at Southern Methodist University, then went on to become assistant coach at the University of Rochester, where he helped coach the 1990 NCAA Division III National Champions (27-5), and the 1991 team that advanced to the "Elite Eight," with a 23-7 record.

In 1998, he accepted his first-ever head coaching job at the University of Texas at Dallas. Starting from scratch, he put together a team that went 5-19 that year. Last season, the same team improved dramatically and finished 11-13 with a schedule that included three Division I opponents.

After Steve Shields' departure from MCC, Farrell said he saw the opportunity to coach at one of the best junior college programs around and took it.

"The success rate here is amazing," Farrell said. "It's pretty exciting to see the talent we're bringing in, and there is no limit to what this team can accomplish."

Going into to his first year, Farrell said he does not know what to expect, but with a strong recruiting class coming in, things look to be on the upswing.

"I don't really know the players or their tendencies," Farrell said. "But I'm confident that after a couple of weeks of practice, we will work out all the kinks."

Tuesday, August 29th

Time: 9 am - 3 pm



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## McLennan Community College Student Center

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## Library moves to CSC for 2000-2001

This fall, MCC students will discover that the library location has changed, but the opportunities the library provides for students have not.

The library is now located in the Community Service Center. Library patrons need to park in the P parking lot of the CSC. The original library building is undergoing changes to accommodate the new learn-

ing technology center.

Services offered by the MCC library include a specialized reference collection, law collections, microfiche/film, current issues of magazines and newspapers, copying machines and personal computers, as well as reserved and time restrictive materials.

The website also offers many databases and indexes for research purposes. Students can access a limited source of information from their homes. However, access is restricted from other databases. Admission into these databases requires a pass-

word only available from the library or the Academic Success Center, located on the second floor of the Student Center. The ASC has general use computers for the internet, some reference materials and an electronic card catalog.

During the fall and spring semesters, the library will be open Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information visit the library's website at [www.mccweb.mcc.cc.tx.us/library](http://www.mccweb.mcc.cc.tx.us/library) or call 299-TEXT.

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