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### UIL Day Fun and Games Schedule

#### GENERAL INFO

Food — Cafeteria Hours — 7 a.m.-7 p.m. — Student Center  
Bookstore Hours — 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. — Student Center  
Hosts and hostesses are representatives of MCC's Dance Company and Student Government  
Coaches' Lounges (free snacks) — All Day — HPE, SC, AS, LA Buildings  
MCC Information Display — All Day — Student Center  
Gamesroom — All Day — Student Center

#### FREE

Popcorn, Coke, 7-Up — All day —  
Student Center and near Lecture Hall  
Souvenir Cups (with free coupon)  
— All day — Drink stands

#### BIG EVENTS

A variety show with terrific talent — 10-11:30 a.m.  
—Featuring the MCC Dance Company,  
—Comedy Emcees with "Magic" Acts,  
—A Reader's Theatre Production...  
"Unicorns Stay By You Forever,"  
—A Preview of the Fashion Show  
Student Center



#### MUSIC

Band Entertainment  
— with Joe Spata and "One Step Higher"  
12 noon-1:30 p.m. — Student Center

#### SPECIAL

Fashion Show with the latest "in-things,"  
Guys and gals and clothes for all occasions — Wow!  
1:45-2:30 p.m. — Fine Arts Theatre



All MCC students eligible to enter

### Highland games set for April 24

By SUSAN COLE

Appearing at the MCC campus Friday, April 24, will be the 15th annual Highland Games, sponsored by the student government.

No classes will be held after 12 -- so all students will be free to join in the activities. Music, dancing, food, and fun will be right outside the student center.

Games begin after 1 p.m. -- they include: the caber toss, male-female-team events such as leap frog and the three-legged race, "toss-games" with cow chips, eggs, water balloons, and frisbees.

Other events include the pie eating contest, and a big group game of tug o' war -- Lassie vs. Lads. The tug o' war record as of 1978 is: Lassie-8, Lads-5, and tie-1.

Music will be provided by the Temple Band "One Step Higher." The band performed at MCC earlier this year, but this will probably be their last Texas appearance. The group says that they intend to go to California to try to "make it big."

Starting off the activities will be the announcement of new student government officers, crowning of the 1981 Highland Games Queen, and -- finally -- everyone can see who has the "best male legs on campus."

Clubs interested in setting up booths of food or other items need to notify the office of student activities for approval -- and reservations.

"Several clubs already said they'll be selling foods. The cafeteria will probably be closed by noon to be preparing for the awards ceremony," said Director of Student Activities Don Bynum.

Bynum, student government sponsor, said that any students interested in entering the games can -- with no previous notification. April 24, Friday afternoon, all MCC students are invited to take part in MCC's longest-standing tradition -- The Highland Games.



#### Spring breaks

McLennan Community College will be closed Monday, April 13, through Saturday, April 18, in observance of the annual spring semester break.

All campus offices will be open and classes will resume Monday, April 20.

Saturday classes will meet April 11, and resume April 25.

### Fine arts theater site for 'Fashion Affair'...



"It's a Fashion Affair" will be the theme for a show to be staged at 1:45 p.m. April 8 in conjunction with University Interscholastic League Day.

Scenarios in men's and women's apparel ranging from sportswear to western wear to formal attire will be modeled. Local retailers will provide the apparel and accessories. Additional styles will include career dressing, campus classics and "after five" evening wear.

A second fashion show entitled "Sweet and Savage Music" will be presented at 7:30 p.m., April 9. Featured will be soft and feminine looks of spring, the jungle mode and ethnic styles for men and women. Musical and dance selections appropriate to the staged scenarios also will be performed.

The fashion shows will be open to the public at no cost. For more information, call 756-6551, ext. 295.

Students in McLennan Community College's fashion merchandising program will present fashion shows April 8 and 9 in the MCC Fine Arts Theater.



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# Transplanted American exploring British political system

By SUSAN SMITH  
Foreign Correspondent

One of the most interesting aspects of living in England has been immersion in a wholly different political environment. Exposure to the everyday political news of England gives one a perspective on both their and our political systems that could never arise from formal explanations of parliamentary government in a textbook.

The aspect of a parliamentary government that Americans would probably find most foreign is the degree of control that the Prime Minister (P.M.) has over the House of Commons, the ruling legislative body. Since the P.M., Margaret Thatcher, serves by virtue of her majority in the Commons, the House passes whatever legislative proposals she and her ministers send them. In fact, if they failed to pass her programs, then she and they would be in danger of being forced to call a new election and possibly lose their power. Let me hasten to add that such a failure, a vote of "no confidence," does in fact happen periodically, but in between, the

P.M. gets what she wants. Barring a vote of no confidence, a general election is held every five years.

For the past several decades, British political life has been dominated by two parties: the Labour Party and the Conservative Party. It seems that of late the positions of these two parties have become more polarized than ever with Labour espousing extreme left-wing policies and the Conservatives holding to the hard right. In fact, this polarization has given new strength to a traditional center party known as the Liberals. There have also been recent defections from both major parties to a new, middle-of-the-road party which calls itself the Social Democrats.

One extremely important political factor here is the presence of the Labour Unions. In fact, for all practical purposes, the unions control the Labour Party and are at bitter odds with the Conservatives. Unions are far more pervasive and militant here than they are in the United States. In addition to the power of taking an "industrial action," as a strike is

euphemistically called here, the unions wield great power in the writing of contracts, even to limiting the use of new technology in business or industry that might save time and money but cost jobs.

There are literally hundreds of strikes here each year, and many of them are nationwide, causing major disturbances, as in the recent one-day civil servant strike that completely closed England to air traffic.

The industrial relations problem is intensified by the fact that several of the large industries such as steel, railroads, coal mining, car manufacturing and airlines, are nationalized in that they are government-owned and controlled. Consequently, labour disputes between the coal miners and the Coal Board, for example, take on more of a political rather than a merely economic tone, especially with

the Conservatives in power.

I have been somewhat distressed to learn how little I knew about the realities of British politics, especially because of the importance Americans place on the relationship with England. The swiftness with which a new government can change long-standing policies in a parliamentary system makes such ignorance doubly damaging.

As an example, consider how the Labour Party would change things as they now stand if they won the next election. In their "manifesto," their word for platform, they call for withdrawal of England from the European common market and unilateral nuclear disarmament. Among some of its powerful leaders there is also a desire on the part of the Labour Party to withdraw from NATO

and nationalize the 20 largest private companies in England.

Whether you think these moves are good or bad, they would affect the United States and Europe significantly and should indicate to us all that we should be more aware of international politics in an increasingly interdependent world.

## Student tutors on Dean's list

By GLENDA TUCKER

Twelve of the 35 tutors employed by the Special Services Program-Tutorial Center in 1980-81 have made the dean's list.

They are Barbara Coffman, Debbie Downes, Martha Fix, Robyn Ford, and Ruby Hogans. Also, Darrin Lauber, Angelina Lopez, David Malone, Jeffery Manske, Darla Rose, Kay Schlueter, and Teresa Wiedeman.

Director of the Program Omega Rodriguez said, "We feel very fortunate to have such outstanding students to work in this program. These students are special, they have genuine caring attitudes," she added. The staff of the SSP-TC greatly appreciates all the tutors and classroom facilitators and wishes to publicly congratulate those student employees who received this honor of recognition.

## Elections March 22-23

By OLU SOLARIN

MCC Student Government has announced applications and campaigning for four positions beginning Monday, March 30. Positions to be elected this Spring are president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian.

Candidates must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and must have a 2.0 GPA

## 'Herald' staff trekking south

By DAVID JOHNSON and SUSAN COLE

Journalism ... the final frontier. These are the voyages of the Press Club "McLennan" on its junior college mission to seek-out new forms of communication and boldly bring news to the public as no reporter has done before. SWISH!!!!

Editor's Log: Press Date Thursday, April 9. These people will be departing for San Marcos to a Journalism workshop:

Consuelo Arriola, Chris Banks, Melanie Burnette, David Johnson, Tim Isaacks, Susan Cole, Omar Salazar, Olu Solarin, Judy Luna, Jeanne Gauntt, Gerald Schroeder, Ann Foote, and adviser Cassy Jordan.

Numerous contests will be explored in news writing, feature writing, headline writing, and other communication techniques. Allen Beings will welcome the newcomers with a barbecue and dance before the new explorations begin.

Closing Editor's Log: the adventurers will return April 11 bringing new techniques, knowledge, and experience with them. A successful journey is anticipated. Editor's Log -- out.

## Geology class date set

A concentrated three-week study of Physical Geology (GEL 411) and Outdoor Activities (HPE 127) will be offered to students this summer.

The course, which includes classroom study on the MCC campus and eight days of field work in various areas of Central Texas, offers five total credit hours to the student -- four hours in Geology and one in HPE.

Geologic study will include stream erosion and deposition, mountain building, volcanic activity, faulting, natural resources, glaciation, rock formation, and fossils.

Outdoor recreational study will include the selection and care of equipment, first aid, map and compass work, star study and basic canoeing.

The course begins May 18 and ends with a final examination on June 5. Students must register for Geology 411 and HPE 127 April 27-May 15 in the Registrar's Office.

A lab fee of \$25 plus other

appropriate tuition and fees will be required. No special equipment will be required; however, students should be in good health and enjoy being outdoors.

For additional information, call Mary Battles, instructor at 772-1153 (home) or ext. 372 (Tuesday-Thursday, 1-1:40 p.m.), or call the Dean of Arts & Sciences, Gail Burrier at ext. 272.

## MCC health applicants apply

Persons interested in taking health-related courses this summer at McLennan Community College should make application as soon as possible, according to Janice Roberson, director of allied health programs at MCC.

Enrollees do not have to be recent high school graduates, and may choose from a variety of health programs. They include nuclear medicine technology, radiologic (x-ray) technology, respiratory therapy technology, vocational nursing (VN) and associate degree nursing (ADN).

Students who apply for the courses must go through a screening process. That is why persons are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible, Mrs. Roberson said.

Registration is scheduled May 20 for the first summer school session, and July 9 for Summer II classes. Fall registration will be conducted August 20-21.

For more information, persons should call 756-0551, ext. 446.

## Plan your degree

You must have a degree plan conference with a counselor and participate in three (3) orientation-approved activities in order to receive credit for orientation 101. If you have not developed a degree plan with a counselor, please come to the Office of Counseling Services as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for a degree plan conference.

## We goofed...

In the March 24 issue of the Highland Herald, a mistake was made concerning the amounts of grants.

The article, "BEOG processing frozen," stated: "Grants are presently awarded up to \$18,000; they will probably be reduced to \$12,000." These figures should have been \$1,800 and \$1,200, respectively.

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## Student Government at TJCSGA convention

By KATEY JONES

Student Government was busy last week organizing a presidential campaign for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association state convention in Midland, April 5-7.

The Government voted to run for state president during the March 23 meeting.

A campaign committee composed of Student Government Vice-President Mark Rauschuber and Freshmen Representatives Katey Jones and Janie Salazar met March 31 with other representatives and Sponsor Don Bynum to work on campaign procedures.

President Chip Hejl selected four members from Student Government to represent MCC as voting delegates for the convention. The delegates are: Rauschuber, Jones, and other Freshmen Representatives Jill McDaniel and Jeff Hallmark.

These delegates, along with other MCC Student Government members, decide which junior colleges to vote for when state officer elections take place in Midland today.

Members attending the convention are Sophomores Chip Hejl, Jeff Manske, Damon Patterson, Angela Morre; Freshmen Mark Rauschuber, Jeff Hallmark, Jill McDaniel, Janie Salazar, Katey Jones, and Debbie Herbert.

MCC Student Government has actively participated and been recognized state-wide several times within the last decade.

Student Government Sponsor Don Bynum said, "Three times since 1970, we've won the Outstanding Student Government in the State of Texas Award. Two times, we've won the Outstanding Scrapbook Award and we've held every state office at least once from 1970-'79."

Bynum also served as Executive Secretary from 1975-'78.

MCC has already been elected as president of the region for 1981-'82.

During the March 30 Student Government meeting, members approved a certificate of appreciation which was awarded to the Fine Arts Department, James Henderson, and all those involved, for a "most outstanding production of Jesus Christ Superstar."

A committee for the Highland Games was formed consisting of Chairman Jeff Hallmark (freshman) and Sophomores Lisa Simpson, Kim Skrabanek, and Jeff Manske.

A mini concert, featuring the Last Renegades, will be April 10. Plans are also being made for another dance at Magic Music set for the latter part of April.

## Recitals display hard work

John Pinno, instructor of guitar at McLennan Community College, will present a recital of music for the classical guitar and lute at 8 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the MCC Fine Arts Theater.

Pinno will be assisted by MCC fine arts faculty Doris Scott on harpsicord, Lisa Lamm singing soprano and by his wife, Mary Evelyn Pinno, on the flute. The program will feature solos for the lute from the 16th Century and lute songs with Mrs. Pinno as the soprano soloist. Following the lute works will be a set of French songs arranged for voice and guitar by Matyas Selber, Hungarian composer. The first half of the program

will conclude with Pinno being joined by his wife and Lamm for a performance of Gabriel Faure's "Pavane," as arranged for soprano, flute and guitar.

The second half will feature Pinno performing the "Fantasia para un Gentilhombre" by Joaquin Rodrigo. The "Fantasia," originally scored as a concerto for guitar and orchestra, will be presented with Scott on harpsicord and Mrs. Pinno on flute. The work was written in 1954 for Andres Segovia and is a group of pieces based on themes of a 17th Century Spanish composer, Gaspar Sanz.

The recital is free and open to the public.



Step to the music April 8 when a local band, "One Step Higher" will entertain students during University Inter-scholastic League activities. The group will play at 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. in the MCC Student Center. Following the band's performance in the Student Center UIL'ers will travel to the MCC Fine Arts Theatre to view the latest in fashions at a fashion show produced by Instructor Kae Farrell's fashion merchandising students. The fashion begins at 1:45 and concludes at 2:30 p.m.

## Crump advises on scholarships

By SUSAN COLE

"MCC students spend approximately \$240.00 a year on tuition and fees -- this does not include books," said MCC Registrar Willie Hobbs.

Several MCC students attend school on grants, but with the government freeze on grants they may now need to look for some other type of financial aid.

Director of Financial Aids Steve Crump said, "Numerous individuals, organizations, and businesses offer financial assistance to students through many scholarships." Some scholarships are awarded through the college -- others directly through the sponsor. Eligibility for most of these scholarships is based on scholastic achievement and financial need of the applicant. Crump added, "Scholastic achievement is defined as having earned a 'B' average in high school or a 2.5 grade average in college." The student must also be enrolled in 12 semester hours.

## Queen reigns at Highland Games

By JEANNE GAUNT

The deadline for nominations for the "Queen of Highland Games" is Friday, April 10. Each campus organization, or a petition of 25 student signatures, may nominate a candidate for queen.

The queen's duties will be to reign over the games and bestow gifts upon contest winners.

The Queen of Highland Games will be selected by the student body in a campus election on April 22-23. The queen will be announced at the beginning of the Highland Games on April 24.

Pictures of the Queen nominee will be taken in the Student Activities office April 20 and 21.

All nominees are asked to be present at the Highland Games, at which time they will all be presented to the attending student body.

Recipients for the private donor scholarships will be selected by a scholarship committee at MCC. The committee meets this summer to select recipients for the 1980-81 academic year.

Presently scholarship money is available for students who are, or will be, enrolled in Journalism, Nursing, Dentistry, Accounting, Real Estate, and other majors. These scholarships range from ap-

proximately \$150-\$250 for two semesters.

All eligible students are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aids for applications and additional information before the end of the Spring Semester, and no later than July 15, 1981.

Crump said, "Students are urged to apply. They may receive enough money to pay for their tuition, fees, and books."

## Job available in Cosmetology

The Personnel Services Office has announced a job opening as Program Director and Instructor of Cosmetology.

Applicants must be able to instruct students in acquiring the skills and related theory in cosmetology and perform administrative tasks necessary for supervising and operating the program.

Prospective candidates for the job must be licensed to practice and teach cosmetology in the state of Texas, be a High School graduate with five years of recent cosmetology experience, or an Associate or Bachelor's degree with three years of recent cosmetology experience. Administrative experience in operating a cosmetology program is desirable and familiarity with the Rules and regulations of the

Texas Cosmetology Commission is essential.

The candidate must be approved by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Cosmetology Commission. The candidate must also be able to relate positively to students and patrons in performance of duties as well as with co-workers and the various administrative offices on campus.

The opening has a contract length of 12 months with 10 days vacation per year, with a salary range based upon the applicant's qualifications.

Qualified applicants may apply to or call: Richard Coronado, Director of Personnel Services, McLennan Community College, 1400 College Drive, Waco, Texas 76708 (817) 766-6551 ext. 304



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## Males show legs

As Spring blossoms and warm sunny days arrive, summer dress becomes popular with male students. Campus women have an opportunity to ogle their counterpart's legs.

Student Government is sponsoring a "Leg Contest" in an effort to discover the most "outstanding" set of male legs on campus.

Nominations must be in by Friday, April 10. Applications to nominate a student may be picked up at the Office of Student Activities.

Pictures of the "legs" will be taken on Monday, April 20, in the Student Center Project Room from 10-11 a.m. All nominees must have a picture made to be entered in the contest.

Elections for the "Leg Contest" will be in conjunction with the election for Student Government and Queen of Highland Games on April 22-23 in the Student Center. The winner will be announced at the Highland Games on Friday, April 24.



Did you see what you thought you saw?

# Subliminals used to catch viewers' attention

By SUSAN COLE

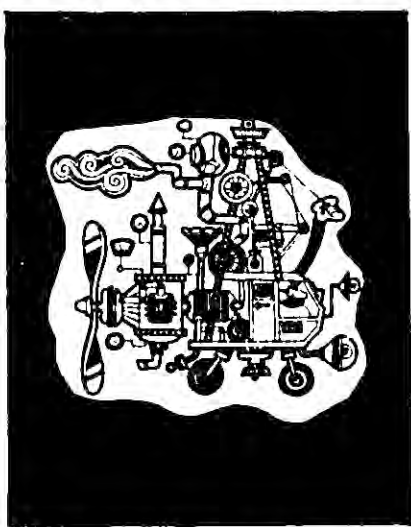
In 1956, "Drink Coca Cola" and "eat popcorn" were flashed very rapidly on the movie screen between the frames of a film.

Results - the movie house reported sales increases of 50 percent in popcorn, and 18 percent in drinks. Subliminals made their film debut - with a bit of success - depending upon which research statistics one wants to believe.

Author Wilson Bryan Key says that people are exposed to subliminals every day through advertisers and the media. Subliminals are a process used to catch the viewer's attention, wants, and needs - without his or her knowledge. A person's subconscious however, will pick up most of the hidden messages that he or she can't see with just the naked eye.

MCC Advertising Instructor Richard Sydow said, "I am opposed to subliminals because they interfere with free will. I teach about them because (A) they are very real, and (B) failure to teach about them leaves the student more vulnerable. Understanding helps to be immune - a little," said Sydow, a former advertising sales manager for Good Housekeeping who also held other advertising sales positions before joining the MCC faculty.

He continued, "Air-brushing is the most frequent technique used in printed media. This requires putting in a word or picture so lightly that it can't be seen, unless one knows what to look for.



"In TV," said Sydow, "the simplest way to do subliminals is to use two cameras. One camera is on the subject that is supposed to be seen, and the other on the subliminal message. The subliminal picture is just made lighter and lighter until it is almost impossible to see.

"A person who has been exposed to subliminals can recall the message when put under hypnosis. The ability to record things in a subconscious mind is so great that police have begun using hypnosis to get witnesses to remember what they saw," said Sydow.

Psychology Instructor Jim Hall said that he doesn't believe subliminals are very effective. "There have been some very well-controlled laboratory experiments showing that subliminal perception just doesn't work."

"Anne Anastasi, a psychologist, has done some experiments with subliminals. 'Buy tasty tea' was flashed rapidly between frames of a

film - people tested perceived 'burn trashy ties.' The chance of misperception is so great that it's not good for advertisers to use."

MCC Speech Instructor David Wiley said, "A general air of fear, tension, and excitement can be created through subliminals." Wiley taught a class in persuasive speaking last year and subliminal advertising was included in the course.

Wiley said that one of the main reasons for teaching this in class was to "make students aware of persuasive forces that are thrust upon them in our society."

Wiley added, "I don't like subliminals because they rely on people's emotions instead of providing concrete reasons as to why one product is better than the other."

Sydow said, "Often advertising companies put in subliminals, and the people who sell the product never know that they're there. Many companies opposed to subliminals have started using them to keep up with the competition.

"Subliminals are not used to change one's way of thinking - just to change one's buying habits. Reversibles are used in music to catch the listener's

attention, and generally not to change one's moral habits," Sydow explained.

"Even with subliminals you can't get someone to do something they're morally opposed to doing. However, if the decision is marginal, they can often be persuaded," said Sydow.

"People who don't smoke can't be persuaded to start, but those who do smoke often change their brands because of advertisements. Cigarette smokers are often afraid of dying - some advertisers will try to play down this fear," Sydow explained.

"Ads may present smokers as older, doing strenuous work, and often in a position of authority - a policeman for example. This gives the im-

pression that smokers live long, healthy, useful lives," he said.

Sydow added, "There is a potential for good in subliminals. For example: Stores often have music playing in the background. Some stores have had a message blended in with the music that the customers subconscious would pick up.

"I don't want to steal. If I steal, I will go to jail." Most stores have found that using this subliminal message is very effective, and they report a decrease in shoplifting."

Sydow sees future problems with subliminals. "Some political parties are starting to use subliminals. If a person's buying habits can be affected, perhaps - so can his voting habits."

## Salazar on the air

By CHRIS BANKS

"Perseverance pays off," says Mary Salazar, who recently secured an internship at local radio station KRZI.

"After repeated requests, I was finally given the job by Leonard Montelego who hosts a show every Sunday," said Salazar.

Salazar's new job consists of gathering community news from Waco's Mexican-

American population, or anyone who has a news item, and preparing the copy for broadcast, named "Mi Favorito," My Pleasure."

"I write the copy with the assistance of Daniel Paniagua, Spanish instructor here at MCC, because I don't write Spanish well. Then I edit the copy and give it to Montelego."

She also said that although the job is an unpaid internship, she values the experience. "I'm interested in broadcasting and wanted to try my hand at it while I was in school. I found the opportunities limited here (in Waco), and decided to try for a bilingual show."

Salazar, a graduate of Reicher High School, is a Journalism major and is on the staff of The Highland Herald.

"I plan to further my education at University of Texas at San Antonio when I leave MCC, and perhaps change my major to mass communications," said Salazar.

The show airs every Sunday from 9-11 a.m. and features music, news, and activities of interest to the Mexican-American community.

Salazar stated that she would welcome any news tips from any student at MCC for possible use on the show. She may be reached at the campus publications office, Ext. 444, or at her home: 754-5793.

## Restaurant Review

### It melts in your mouth

By OMAR SALAZAR

At Crispy Gold Fried Chicken, not only do you get to eat the fried chicken, but the liver and gizzard, too.

Crispy Gold is not like any other fried chicken place in Waco. They have a variety of foods that will make you go back for more, no matter how far away you live.

Various foods include fried chicken, fresh homemade rolls, mashed potatoes, french fries, hot pups, corn-on-the-cob, fried pies, jalapeno peppers and soft drinks.



The chicken was such an experience to me because the taste melted in my mouth and the smell of homemade rolls filled the place. I didn't get to eat livers or gizzards but I noticed several people ordering them and they looked good.

John Trantham and Jim Kanoa, owners, encourage MCC students to come in and try the Crispy Gold chicken and the homemade rolls.

"We do give the best quality and service to the Waco community, and after being open for a couple of weeks, I see that the business is picking up rapidly," said Trantham.

Crispy Gold is located on the corner of 18th and Colcord, at 1221 North 2nd. Store hours are 10:30 a.m. - midnight Mondays through Thursdays and 10:30 a.m. until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Crispy Gold is open until midnight on Sundays.

## Rx from Rodabough...

### COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCIES

By CAROLYN RODABOUGH  
Campus Nurse

Oftentimes, students who visit the Health Center are referred to other helping agencies here in Waco for additional services. McLennan County has a number of health agencies available for those in need.

Many people are unaware of the services provided locally for various health problems. The list below is designed to serve as a guide and could be clipped out and saved for later reference.

PROBLEM OR CRISIS	AGENCY	PHONE	HOURS
Abuse:			
Child	Texas Department of Human Resources	756-6111	8-5
Family	Family Abuse Center	753-8401	24 hr.
Alcohol abuse	Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	753-7332	24 hr.
Dental problems	County Health Department	756-5521	8-5
	Dental Clinic		
Drug abuse	Palmer Drug Abuse Program	776-8347	10-4
	Mental Health-Mental Retardation		
	Crisis Intervention	752-3451	8-5
		776-1101	after hrs.
Emotional problems	Crisis Intervention	776-1101	after hrs.
Poisoning	Poison Control Center	753-1412	24 hr.
Problem pregnancy	Family Counseling & Children's Services	753-1509	8:30-5
	Planned Parenthood	752-8301	8:30-5
Rehabilitation	Central Tex. Rehabilitation Center	756-4447	8-5
Rape	Rape Crisis Center	752-1113	24 hr.
Runaway	National Open Telephone Line for Runaways	1-800-621-4000	Toll free
Speech & Hearing	Baylor Speech & Hearing Clinic	755-2567	8-5
Suicide	Suicide Prevention	752-3451	8-5
	Crisis Intervention	776-1101	after hrs.
Venereal Disease	Public Health Unit	756-5521	8-5
	VI Clinic		
	VI Hot Line	1-800-227-8022	Toll free

Additional information and numbers of many other local agencies may be obtained in the Health Center or by calling the Information and Referral Services 752-8355.

## Auditions are set

Auditions for "The Imagination Players" - a speech department readers theater repertory group - will be held on Tuesday, April 21 in the H.P.E. Lecture Hall from 12:30-6:00 p.m.

Students interested in auditioning for "The Imagination Players" should prepare one or more of the following: a literary selection to read, a song to sing, or a dance.

Contact Ann Harrell, Speech Department, in Faculty Office No. 117 to schedule an audition time, or to receive further information.



## PLAY REVIEW

## 'Superstar' super success

By MELANIE BURNETTE  
During the recent sell-out showing of Jesus Christ Superstar Waco got a grand view of MCC's excellent Fine Arts Department.

Because of the play's controversial version of the last day's of Jesus' life, James Henderson and company went out on a limb. The result was a piece of work that Wacoans won't forget for a long time.

The story was basically the same, but Henderson added a new twist to the end. Instead of the play ending with Christ's crucifixion, it ended with a vibrant, powerful resurrection scene that left the audience drained, but happy.

Technical Director Danny Grace's sets were not elaborate; they served a function. But they filled the Highlands and provided a good acoustics balancer.

Grace's use of lighting was superb. In the crucifixion scene Grace's shadowy reds and blues provided an eerie setting for the cross.

Director James Henderson and choreographer Flo Wendorf pooled their efforts and came up with some fabulous dancing. The energy of the dancers, led by Kim Branch and Vicki Grant, was awesome.

Backing up the rigorous dancing was the incredible orchestra conducted by Donny Balmos. The music was high-powered and gave the show a smart air of professionalism.

Dean Kendall's powerful voice and expressive face was impressive as he portrayed the tormented Judas. As the play progressed, Judas' costume degraded as his corruption became complete.

Steve Power's Jesus was good, and his voice was

beautiful. The rich, powerful tones carried off all of Power's solos with an essential rock sound that was definitely alive.

Jan Obnosky (Mary Magdalena) and David Murphy (Pontius Pilate) also had beautiful voices. Obnosky's clear, sweet, almost country voice was relaxing after Kendall and Power's rock-n-roll solos.

By far the most entertaining visual effect was the scene featuring Neal Herring as King Herod. Herring's Herod was sleazily immoral as he performed his vampy number for a heart-broken Christ.

The climactic scene ("Overture") was a choreographer's dream. The entire cast was dressed in blazing white and became a

perfectly unified dancing team. The performers still had not run out of energy, and the audience was tempted to jump up and sing along.

Even though the cast of Jesus Christ Superstar is probably glad the production is over, it seems a shame not to repeat such a magnificent show again and again.

Hopefully, Jesus Christ Superstar opened the doors for the MCC Fine Arts Department to have bigger productions, even better facilities, and more recognition from MCC students and the Waco arts community.

Because, as those who attended can confirm, Jesus Christ Superstar was a super show.

## MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Howling' is flick with beastly action

By DAVID JOHNSON

Do you like darkness, moonlight, and blood-curdling screams? If so, The Howling, now playing at the Ivy Twin Cinema, is the show for you.

Set in the heart of the big city, The Howling centers around a group of investigative television reporters who uncover the causes of some grizzly murders plaguing the city. What happens to the reporters as they discover more and more about the murders is bizarre.

Patrick McNee, (The Avengers) headlines the actors in this up-to-date werewolf flick. Slim Pickens portrays the sheriff and keeps up his comic western appearance. The lack

of more big-name stars doesn't affect the presentation of total fright that comes over you while watching this film.

Eddie, the leading werewolf, goes through a series of changes before your eyes that practically hurts you to watch. The change seems to take at least 10 minutes, but it's well worth the wait. The make-up crews must be given credit for the most realistic, ferocious looking creatures in filmland to date.

With all this going for it, what possibly could go wrong? The film, with all its monsters and actors, has a tendency to drag. The script has a few holes in it, no doubt chewed out and swallowed by one of the furry actors. But any real blood-thirsty horror movie buff will overlook these dull parts while waiting for the quite toothy, slobbering, hairy, and howling stars of the film.

If you can stomach facing one of your worst nightmares coming to life on the screen, this is definitely the movie for you.

## REVIEW

## Reader's Theater shows talent

By TIM ISAACKS

No wonder MCC's Reader's Theater group keeps winning awards! At the double feature of Unicorns Stay By You Forever and This Is The Land Of Indigo Skies, Sunday, April 5 at 3 p.m. in the HPE Lecture Hall, talent and energy kept the audience fascinated.

Unicorns, a three-time award-winner, has Rocky Connor, Tina Ferguson, Maria Hernandez and Amy Ann Johns acting out legends and prophecies about the mythical Unicorn. The presentation centered around the Unicorn's creation, its importance to mankind, its extinction and its eventual return.

Indigo Skies concerns the sometimes devastating effects the Texas climate can have on those who live off the land, and features Connor, Hernandez, Ferguson and Johns, as well as Susan Cole, Bruce Daily and Steve Morris.

The scenes "Just Let Me

Keep My Land," and "Men Can't Hold the Sky Off the Ground Anymore," reflect the effects man's progress can have on individual lives. Morris was particularly dramatic in "Just Let Me Keep My Land."

Keep your eye on Connor in future years. The young man is going places. He's good in Indigo Skies, but his deep voice and careful characterization in Unicorn make each scene spellbinding.

Indigo Skies was highlighted by musicians under the direction of the highly capable Dave Hibbard. Hibbard's musical abilities never cease to amaze me, and the group, consisting of Warren Connor, Dwayne Hoggar, Frankie Smith and John Striman, provided excellent background mood music.

The combination of all these forces resulted in an entertaining afternoon, which was repeated Monday, April 6.



Danny Grace, technical director, paints set for "Jesus Christ Superstar" (Photo by Bobbie Schell)

## Grace adds professional touch

By TIM ISAACKS  
and KATEY JONES

The moving force behind MCC's successful Jesus Christ Superstar was Technical Director Danny Grace. Both Grace and the position of technical director are new additions to MCC, and benefits derived from the hard-working Grace were apparent in the musical.

The seemingly simple sets took hundreds of man-hours to design and construct, Grace said. "Everything was massive. The doors were 14 feet high, and had to be carried over to the Highlands in sections. There were 5,000 feet of lighting cable, and all that heavy scaffolding. It was definitely a challenge."

"Technically speaking, the show went very well for us," Grace said. "Everyone who worked got a lot out of it, from an educational standpoint."

Grace received his M.F.A. from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, "but this was the biggest thing I've ever done. It seems like all we did was work. But it was worth it. The three main points — the hanging of Jesus, the crucifixion, and the resurrection — all went off perfectly. And that's what I had been really worried about."

Grace said he was most impressed with the Waco crowd. "In all, about 5,000 people saw the show. We were really pleased with the reaction."

Grace said the fall and spring of next year are planned before the semester is out. "We'll be doing two shows in the fall, and a musical in the spring. A musical is such a tremendous effort on the part of everyone involved, it's just like doing Jesus Christ Superstar."

As for an experience as Superstar, Grace said, "I've never been in a show like this before. It's a great experience. I've never been in a show like this before. It's a great experience. I've never been in a show like this before. It's a great experience."

Regarding his relationship with the students, Grace said, "I've been a student at MCC, and I know how hard it is to be a student. I've been a student at MCC, and I know how hard it is to be a student. I've been a student at MCC, and I know how hard it is to be a student."

## Waco winds up for UNCF match

By DAVID JOHNSON

Barry White is coming to Waco. He brings tidings of joy for Paul Quinn College and the Waco community with him.

White is coordinator of the Barry White Celebrity Tennis Tournament and Concert to be held at the Lakewood Tennis Club May 8-10. White hopes to raise \$500,000 with the tourney and concert to help benefit Paul Quinn College in its time of need.

"This ambitious effort is a benefit to provide badly-needed funds for capital improvement on our campus involving roofing, landscaping and renovation," said Paul Quinn President William Watley.

The tournament and concert are the first events in the school's "five year plan" to raise \$1 million. Pro-Line, a manufacturer of black skin and hair products in Dallas, donated \$10,000 to help cover the cost of the weekend's events.

Celebrities from every aspect of stage and screen will attend and play in the tournament. Those who have confirmed their place on the tournament roster are: singer Nancy Wilson, actors Sonny Bono, Dean Cain Jr., Ben Murphy, and Whitman Mayo.

Athletes attending are Arthur Ashe (former Wimbledon champion), Earl Campbell, Drew Pearson, Tony Dorsett.

Designer Oleg Cassini will also attend.

In all, 20 stars and 20 Wacoans are needed to make the tournament a success. Entry fee (to play with the celebrities) is \$1,000 per participant.

Celebrities Dick Van Patten, Chad Everett, Bruce Jenner, Tony Hill, Bob Lilly, Robert Newhouse, and Steve Garvey will serve as members of the honorary tournament committee.

White will host a concert with his 51-piece orchestra May 9 at the Heart-of-Texas Coliseum. Tickets for the concert range from \$10-\$15, and tennis tickets are \$25 a day.



## Emergency care available in Waco

# Emergency department 'not always dramatic'

By JUDY LUNA

Lights flash. A siren screams. A speeding ambulance stops at the emergency-room entrance. Attendants rush their load in for professional care and treatment.

The scene presented depicts what most people view as the events in an emergency room. However, patients rushed in by ambulance comprise only a small portion of the patient load at area hospitals.

Dr. Rodney P. Ryan explained that "people are familiar with ambulance scenes due to television dramatization of the event."

Ryan, a local emergency room physician commented, "TV scenes have caused a change in the role of emergency room to walk-in clinic, when the cost of using a specialized area and staff for minor problems is not cost-efficient."

He added this was a nationwide problem seen by the "out-growth of minor emergency clinics."

Local hospitals, Hillcrest and Providence, offer emergency care 24 hours a day. Both hospitals are staffed with licensed emergency room doctors, resident doctors training in emergency care and licensed nurses.

Many patients are brought to the hospital in private cars. Patients come to have lacerations sutured, bones mended, or to receive medications for illnesses that demand immediate attention.

Prisoners from the city and county jails who require medical attention are brought to the emergency rooms. The prisoners hands and feet are shackled and the shackles are bound to a chain around their waist. Inmates are usually accompanied by two peace officers.

Stunned rape victims, attended by a rape crisis volunteer and accompanied by police, are brought to the emergency room for a legal rape examination.

Dr. Ryan explained if a rape exam is warranted by the district attorney's office, a tedious process is begun. Many legal documents must be filled out as well as retrieving clothes, finger nails, hair, blood and other samples from the victim for examination. He added this

process can be "very demeaning to the rape victim and requires further examination during a time of utmost sensitivity."

When a person without vital signs is taken to the emergency room a "triage decision to attempt resuscitation or pronounce the victim dead must be made," explained Dr. Ryan. Dr. Ryan defined "triage" as the gathering of information on the patient's history, assessment and urgency of the problem. He added, "The dead person is put in a side room for legal identification, notification of family and pick-up by a designated funeral home."

At this inopportune time the victim's family has many decisions to make, when often their minds are clouded by the death. The family must decide to which funeral home the body will be taken and whether the body should be embalmed, as well as provide information on the victim.

Children are often patients in

room door, all non-emergency cases are halted until the crisis is resolved.

Dr. Ryan explained, "The emergency room functions on a triage basis as a necessity. Priority is given to the most urgent cases." He added,

"However, this is a small consolation to those waiting for hours."

To make an emergency situation more real-to-life, Dr. Ryan voiced his observations of the emergency scene. He explained you can hear the "clicking of x-rays, the sound of the rolling wheels of portable equipment, beeping of the cardiac monitor, the assortment of dangling IV lines and the often-present stench of alcohol, urine, feces and vomitus."

He explained the initial treatment in resuscitation is a tense time for the attending staff and an "audible sigh of relief can be heard when a patent airway is established."



Cardiac monitoring and frequent blood pressure readings are two of the many procedures used in diagnosing an acute cardiac episode, as shown by (left to right) Dr. R.L. Kaspar, George Gumbert, R.N., and Pedro Vasquez. (Photo by Judy Luna)

the emergency room and present a difficult challenge when it comes to unpleasant procedures. Dr. Ryan explained, "Nurses employ a mothering approach using distraction and a soothing voice to calm the child. Often, however, strong arms, steady hands and a deaf ear are criteria required when treating little ones."

When a true emergency does present itself at the emergency

Dr. Ryan stated that emergency care is a coordinated effort of critical care personnel. "EMTs (emergency medical technicians) and paramedics in the field -- and skilled persons in the emergency room -- participate in team crisis management." He added, "I like being part of that team."

Many private physicians will use the emergency room to examine patients who have



Radiological technologist Katie Harwood reviews a few of the numerous x-rays she has taken to aid the emergency department in their work. (Photo by Judy Luna)

contacted them about a problem after office hours. The emergency room nurse assists the doctor to provide the necessary treatment for home care or admission as a patient in the hospital.

"The emergency department nurse is a readily accessible source of information," commented Dr. Ryan. This statement is reinforced each shift as worried mothers, grandparents or a baby-sitter will call for medical advice from the emergency room.

The emergency room has its problems also. Dr. Ryan stated "Any facility available 24 hours a day is prone to abuse by those who bear no responsibility for their medical care."

"Many medical recipients find it cheaper to use their medical cards to pay for a \$50 emergency-room visit and a prescription for a medication than to buy a \$2 bottle of cough medicine at the grocery store," Dr. Ryan said.

Members of Providence emergency room staff Sylvia Ferrill, LVN; Sue Fritch, RN; Kathie Morris, RN; and Katie Harwood, radiology technician, compiled the following list of things to remember before visiting the hospital's emergency department:

1. Always bring medications the patient is presently taking.
2. Minors should bring their parents when coming for treatment.
3. Know allergies to medications, dates of required immunizations and the patient's doctor.
4. Come in right away with lacerations and possible fractures. Waiting tends to alter possible treatment.
5. Be aware of the patient's illness, knowing signs and symptoms presented by the patient.

When these guidelines are followed, treatment in the emergency room can be quicker and more efficient.

## First-aid tips

**POISONS and OVERDOSE:** Prevention is the main consideration. Keep poisons, cleaning substances and medicines out of children's reach. If a suspected poisoning or overdose does occur find out what the substance was and how much was ingested. Bring the container with the patient. Don't induce vomiting unless specified on the container or advised by a doctor.

**BURNS:** As soon as a burn occurs, immerse the burned area in cool water. If it is an extensive burn immerse in cool water, cover with clean cloth and seek medical attention. Never apply butter or other oil-based substances to the burn. They tend to hold the heat in the burn.

**SPRAINS and POSSIBLE FRACTURES:** The involved part should be immobilized with a splint, elevated and ice applied to the site. Medical attention should be sought to evaluate the injury.

**LACERATIONS:** Cover the laceration with a clean cloth and apply pressure to stop the bleeding. If an arm or hand is involved, hold the arm in the air -- above the heart -- to prevent further bleeding. If a finger, toe or other portion of the body is amputated, wrap the part in ice and transport to the hospital with the patient.

**BITES:** If possible bring the insect or snake to the hospital with the patient. If the animal was a dog, remember what it looked like and in what location the incident occurred. Apply ice to the site to prevent swelling.

## Art students compete, display work

By GLORIA HANES

"Competition is part of man's life whether it be on the athletic field, in the business world or in the area of art. Competition is the challenge that pushes an individual to surpass his ordinary performance," stated Paul Harris, director of the Art Center in Waco.

Harris, having a B.A. degree and an M.A. degree in Art from

North Texas State University, judged competition of MCC student entries March 25. The students are not necessarily enrolled in art.

Each of the 10 students was allowed to submit a maximum of five entries in any media. A total of seventy-two works were entered, sixty-two dimensional works and twelve three

dimensional works. Many of the students will be offering their works for sale. If anyone wishes to buy an art creation of a student, they may refer to the MCC Student Directory.

These works of art are in exhibition through May 4 in the Fine Arts building during school hours. Due to spring break, the Fine Arts building will not be open from April 13 through 17.



# Golfers prepare for Squaw Creek regionals

By JENNIFER STONE

Faced with its first team play-off of the year, the MCC golf team emerged as first place finishers in the Sam Houston State Invitational at Waterwood Country Club on March 30-31.

Competing in the junior college division, the squad of Duane Stanley, Carl Bilestein, Jerry Foltz, Brett Nelson and Bill Tanner finished the two-day tournament with a 636 total, a virtual tie with Odessa Junior College.

A single hole play-off was held to determine the winner. The five MCC golfers and five Odessa golfers teed up on the par four, number one hole. Bilestein and Stanley birdied while Nelson, Tanner, and Foltz bogied. Stanley's and Bilestein's birdies provided the edge over the bogey performances of all the Odessa golfers.

"It (the playoff-hole) was very difficult. Every hole out there (Waterwood) is hard. It's probably one of the hardest courses in Texas," commented Bill Tanner.

It's almost a certainty that MCC will face Odessa again at the regional tournament on April 21-22 at Squaw Creek Country Club in Weatherford. The squad of Bilestein, Tanner, Stanley, Foltz, and Nelson will represent MCC at the team level. Two other members of the MCC team will be entered in the individual level. Coach Jimmy Clayton has not yet determined who the two will be.



Left to right, Duane Stanley, Carl Bilestein, Jerry Foltz, Bill Tanner, and Brett Nelson smile for the camera.

## Intramurals crown champs

By OMAR SALAZAR

Intramural power volleyball got underway as the Gigolos defeated the Janitors Monday during the 10 a.m. hour in the gym.

The Gigolos really went for it as Tobin Carpenter struck the ball with all his might toward the Janitors starting the first game, Gigolos 14 and Janitors 13.

Both teams were at it when Janitor Ricky Phillips jumped high, striking the ball immediately.

The second game became strong and violent as Gigolo Alan Wade hit the ball flatful into the air scoring 16-15.

The Gigolos got into more action as Ricky Garrett blocked the ball hitting it toward the Janitors for the championship game.

The Gigolos became alive as they won first place 15-11 during the third half of the game.

"These were the strongest power volleyball teams we've had at MCC," said Ray Murray, Intramural director.

The Gigolos consist of: Captain Tobin Carpenter, Alan Wade, James Snow, Damon Patterson, Lloyd Polly, Rusty Stone, Prasant Shah, Keith Stafford, Robert Gelson, and Ricky Garrett.

The Janitors consist of: Captain Tad Smith, Ricky Phillips, Preston McCray, Dwayne Harvey, Ronnie Herbelin, Mickel Jones, David Keys, and Billy Martin.

T-shirt trophies were given to the first and second place winners at the tournament.

"Although volleyball is over with, badminton will soon begin this week during the 10 o'clock hour," said Murray. "We have a great response with singles and doubles, but we do need more people to participate in mixed."

"The largest intramural game will be great, due to the excellent support by Coach Ken DeWeese, who teaches badminton courses," Murray said.

"I encourage my badminton classes to participate because badminton is a great sport," said DeWeese.

All students interested in any intramural sports, please contact Ray Murray at ext. 240, or go by the Student activities office.

## Highlander bats hammer conference victories

By JENNIFER STONE

March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion.

This is not only symbolic of the weather but also of the MCC baseball team. During the latter part of March, the MCC "Lions" roared and fought back to remain undefeated in conference with a 10-0 record.

MCC appeared a bit under the weather in the first game against Hill Junior College in Hillsboro on March 24, falling behind 6-0 in the second inning. Starter Mark Dennis proved ineffective with his curve and fast balls, giving up five hits. Duncanville freshman Steve Sullivan then stepped in relief to pitch shutout baseball for five and two-thirds innings to become the winning pitcher in the 14-6 victory.

The MCC bats were equally hot in the fifth inning. Chuck Rouse led off with a single, David Van Horn walked, and Spike Hubenak singled to load the bases. Richard Gough sliced a single, scoring Rouse and Van Horn. Designated runner Gary Thompson scored on a subsequent Hill error.

Aided by three walks in the seventh, MCC added four runs, highlighted by doubles by Richard Gough and Chuck Rouse. Gough, a freshman from Waco Reicher, has been very effective at the plate. "He's in a hot streak right now, and it's very difficult for other teams to get him out of it," commented Head Coach Rick Butler.

Kevin Kollmansperger gave up five hits and struck out five in the 8-3 victory over Hill in the second game.

Third baseman David Van Horn sacrificed Terry Smart in to score in the first inning. In the second, Buck Sheffield belted a two-run homer to left field to score Richard Gough who earlier walked.

Runner Gary Thompson was walked home while Riley Epps crossed the plate due to a wild pitch in the third inning to account for two more MCC runs. Three Hill errors combined with a Hubenak single and Epps walk in the fifth inning to produce MCC's last three runs of the day.

The MCC squad faltered early against Northwood on Saturday, March 28, at MCC.

Starter Mark Dennis struggled early, giving up seven hits and allowing nine Northwood runs. With no outs in the fourth, Kevin Kollmansperger, normally a starter, entered as relief pitcher. He gave up only one hit and one run for the remainder of the game.

David Van Horn drove in Terry Smart with a two-run homer in the first inning for the error-plagued MCC squad. Right fielder Richard Gough had a key hit to right field in the sixth inning to score Gary Thompson and Riley Epps. Gough later provided the victory margin in the extra inning game with a two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth.

Portraying a marathon man, Kollmansperger went the distance in the second game to finish the day pitching 12 innings. He gave up five hits and struck out eight in the 3-0 MCC victory.

MCC's runs came one at a time, in the third, fifth, and sixth innings. In the third, Chuck Rouse tripled to right, scoring Richard Gough who had advanced to third on a Northwood error. Bruce Colburn crossed the plate courtesy of a walk and a sacrifice fly by Chuck Rouse in the fifth. In the sixth inning, Riley Epps doubled to right and was driven

in by a Perry Ginn single.

The heroes were many in the comeback victory over Ranger, 12-10, at Ranger on April 1. Falling behind 9-2 in the first two innings, MCC's Keith Wood, Chuck Rouse, Spike Hubenak, Richard Gough, and David Van Horn sparked the team with scrappy pitching, hitting and defense.

Sophomore transfer Keith Wood relieved a struggling Kevin Kollmansperger with two outs in the second inning as Ranger led, 9-2. Wood reached back deep to pitch himself out of many late-inning jams, including a bases-loaded situation in the seventh to send the game to extra-innings.

Chuck Rouse and Richard Gough scored early for MCC in the first inning. However, from the second to the fifth innings, the Wacoans couldn't buy a run. This soon was negated by catcher Spike Hubenak's grand slam to left center field in the sixth inning to score David Van Horn, Richard Gough, and Keith Yancey.

Down 10-7 in the seventh inning, Perry Ginn led off with a single to left field. Pinch-hitter Mike Janacek followed up with a two-run blast to right field. With two outs, Chuck Rouse belted a solo homer to left field, sending the frenzied game into extra innings.

Richard Gough became the next hero in the ninth inning with a two-run homer scoring Buck Sheffield who walked earlier.

Completely frustrated by the MCC comeback in the first game, Ranger did everything but give up and did in the 22-1 MCC victory on the second game. Mark Dennis gave up five hits and struck out eight.

Riley Epps and Richard Gough both had round-trippers to highlight a ten run explosion in the fourth. The MCC bats accounted for 22 hits.

Today MCC will host Ranger at the MCC field at one o'clock.



Intramural competitors (clockwise) Lloyd Polly, Prasant Shah, Alan Wade, Tobin Carpenter, Keith Stafford, Rusty Stone and Ricky Garrett show off their T-shirts. These men entered volleyball competition during March.



## EDITORIAL

### Spring speaks at MCC

By MELANIE BURNETTE

Waco does not have a very lengthy Spring. Usually, winter sneaks out and summer burns in. But once in a while, if I look very closely I see Spring, and this year I just had to write about what I saw.

MCC has a very beautiful campus, and to really appreciate spring-time at MCC, one must go to a very quiet place and think about Spring.

I first noticed the new season as I was jogging by the baseball field one day last week. I felt pretty lousy, until a soft breeze (it was one of those non-windy March days) tossed around and I really started paying attention to my surroundings.

So many times, I rush through the day, not noticing (or caring) what life is doing. I'm always too "busy" to notice the little things in life, the "unimportant" things. Sure, I say to my friends, "What a fantastic day, let's play tennis!" But rarely do I settle down and really see those little things that are so important to all people. Trees swaying in the wind, flowers blooming by the roadside, the smell of fresh cut grass; they are out there to be seen and enjoyed during the first glances of spring.

That day, however, I felt Spring trying hardest to really get my attention and she did. Spring showed me how appropriately McLennan Community College was named. The campus is like an unbelievably plush carpet, with tall elms, majestic oaks, and prickly cedars (and for a moment, Scotland is only a thought away.)

Brushed up along the curbs are windblown rosebud blossoms. The rosebuds are in full bloom now, and as I jogged up the hill, they were like a matchless painting. Spring had truly brought out all of her best watercolors.

I noticed how blue the sky was; I had a time trying to describe a perfect color for such blueness and I decided there is no name that could give credit for a spring sky.

Another color that only Spring can boast of is green. There are so many shades of green. The foliage on the hill is a soft, pale shade of green. The grass is a rich and inviting shade of green. And the green on the trees is a tender, new-born color.

The flowering trees are in their prime right at this moment. The rosebuds, the plums, and the crabapples are like delicious cotton candy. Spring has blended the lilac, the lavender, the rose, the white, and the pink to create a sweet harmony of colors.

As I finished my run, I was grateful that Spring had insisted I listen to her. Although I will return to the treadmill of school life, I at least had one quiet moment.

So, at least once, before Spring slips away, stop and be very still, and listen. Spring at MCC will always speak to you.

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## THE BARGAIN POST

By GLENDA TUCKER

There's more to buying meats for the family than just looking at the packages in the local supermarket's meat counter.

"A shopper needs to be a mathematician," said Jim Lillie, instructor in the meat processing and marketing

program at Texas State Technical Institute, Waco campus.

To determine the number of 8-ounce servings yielded in meat, the shopper has to look at the weight and anticipate a 25 percent cooking loss. The amount of waste is considerably less in the boneless cuts.

"Boneless cuts are usually the best buys at everyday prices. Stay away from ribs and meats with a lot of bone and fat. These cuts have low serving yields," said Lillie.

Lillie suggests planning meals for a week or month to know exactly what to buy. This not only saves trips to the store, but the shopper is more likely to buy only specific items needed.

"The cheapest way to buy meats is to watch the ads and buy in volume accordingly," said Lillie. "Stores run sales on items they got for the best prices."

Lillie predicted that colder weather usually means a larger supply of pork and thus better pork prices.

Lola Montgomery, a freshman in cosmetology, lives with her parents. Lola said, "We shop together and with eight people to buy for, we bargain hunt and usually buy in volume."

Lillie said, "The second best way to buy meat is in bulk, such as a side of beef. Again," he added, "a planned menu is a must to make it worthwhile. Most people tend to use the choice cuts of meat first and leave a freezer full of the cheaper cuts."

Chris Banks, a sophomore at MCC, lives within a limited income and has two children to support. Banks said she shops for the specials and buys family-size packages and can get as many as five meals from this size package.

She said, "I shop early in the day and catch those meats that have been reduced for quick sale and cook them that day. Another tip," she added, "is to mix pork sausage and hamburger, about 60-40, add some extra spices and you'll have a flavorful meat patty with less fat."

"A person needs to learn a little about meat and most good cookbooks will have diagrams and explanations," said Lillie, who has read seven cookbooks from cover to cover.

Lillie pointed out that cookbooks often call for more expensive cuts of meat for gourmet cooking. A shopper can ask the store manager or meat wrapper to suggest a cheaper cut of meat to substitute for the higher-priced cut.

Another tip is to look at the texture of the meat, he said. A finer texture indicates a more tender cut of meat, while a marble-like appearance produces higher quality and more flavor.

Lillie said over-cooking meat lowers the nutritional value. He suggests using a meat thermometer. Meats should be thawed and leaner meats browned before cooking.

Menu planning is time-consuming at first, but after they have been planned once, they can be rotated and used again.

"Menus are built around meats and should include fish and liver at least once a week as well as beef, pork and poultry," Lillie added.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By TIM ISAACKS

After months of nail-biting and long nights of impatient pacing, just when so many of us had almost given up hope of surviving the wait, it finally happened. On Tuesday, March 31, a waiting world quenched its curiosity as the Oscar award winners were announced.

Of course, yours truly hadn't been that worried. I just grew more gray hair, and jumped a few feet in the air when I learned of the television date.

America's fascination with Hollywood stars goes back more than five decades. We know who they're with, their favorite foods, who they're married to during what week, and how much money they're losing in their divorce suits.

1980's Oscar race was tough, with such proven actors as Robert DeNiro, Peter O'Toole, Goldie Hawn and Mary Tyler Moore in the running.

The Academy of Arts and Sciences should really have let me control 100 percent of the voting; I could have provided a quick winner in every category: Barbra Streisand! Repeatedly...

Best Actress is no problem. We dedicated Streisand fans would be perfectly happy if she got a dual award every year for A Star Is Born and The Way We Were.

Best Actor? That's easy enough. Streisand's critics are always accusing her of acting too manly.

Those same critics say Streisand personally edits any other strong actresses out of her films, so why not award the Best Supporting Actress award her way, too?

And with Streisand's infamous bossiness, it shouldn't be too hard to justify awarding her with Best Director.

And to top it off, she usually sings the music from her movies.



You say you aren't convinced yet? Perhaps Streisand needs to make her ultimate movie; the Streisand movie; the Streisand movie to end all Streisand movies.

To rival Bette Midler's success in The Rose, we'll call it The Nose.

The Nose centers around a little girl (with a big nose) named Fanny-Dolly Morosky Hoffman, growing up in the Bronx. Parentless Fanny-Dolly must leave home at a young age to seek a career as a boxing manager.

However, Fanny-Dolly cannot get her head through the doors of most fight halls, so she must seek work as a janitor behind the big stage. One night, during a performance, Fanny-Dolly trips over a broom, losing the careful head balance she must maintain at all times, and falls onstage. Upon hurting herself Fanny-Dolly begins to scream to the beat of the music, and voila, a star is born.

But success cannot make Fanny-Dolly happy. Her good looking Egyptian boyfriend, Redford-Kristofferson-Sharif, snorts heroin and extorts money. Finally Redford-Kristofferson-Sharif drives himself into the ocean in his little red sports car.

Does this story sound too familiar? Well, maybe Streisand can write a better one. That way she can win the Best Writer award, too.

## letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend this college's leadership. I believe we can look all over this world and never find as great a leader as Dr. Wilbur Ball. The rest of the administration also is a good example.

Thank you for your leadership. My prayers go with you.

Your friend,

Preacher  
(Lowell Adkins)

Mr. Don Bynum

Director of Student Activities,  
Thank you so much for all your help on the recent Blood Drive. We had 47 donors with 18 first-timers. We really appreciate the students who took time to help.

They really do need to be commended.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Rehder  
Donor Consultant