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Summertree set

By C. ALLIN MEANS

Summertree, the final spring production, will be presented in the MCC Fine Arts Building April 27-28 at 8 p.m. The play, the result of Ron Cowen's genius, revolves around a father and his son and the conflicts in which they engage.

A young man who wishes to attend music school is forced by his father to enlist to serve duty in the Vietnam War. A complete turn around from the light-heartedness of *Barnum*, *Summertree* creates serious, tense drama and serious acting.

MCC students in the play, many of whom portrayed substantial and convincing roles in *Barnum* and

plays preceding, include Sara Muzundro, Paul Michael, Cindy Calley, Jeff Whitt, Les Stevens and Jeff Bush.

Summertree will be directed by MCC student Neil Herring. Herring, who played the jovial, laughable Tom Thumb in *Barnum*, will concentrate his time on directing his peers in order to produce a play with quality comparable to previous MCC productions.

Tickets went on sale April 23 and may be purchased by calling 756-6551, extension 283, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

All MCC students and faculty may be admitted free, but should make reservations.

Artists display works

Student art works are currently on display in the MCC Library and in the English Writing Lab. Selections from the Spring 1984 Student Show will be exhibited through April 27.

"I think the work in this show is more diverse than in past years and, in some areas, more accomplished. These students have more experience than past students. Our curriculum is broader now, and this gives our students more opportunity to de-

velop their artistic skills," said instructor John Chalmers, who has been teaching at MCC for the past 14 years.

Chalmers said the emphasis in this show is on craft rather than design, expressiveness or creativity. "All of those things are present in this show but, overall, the most outstanding accomplishment was in the area of technical skills."

Chalmers will study at East Texas State University during a Spring, 1985, as he was recently granted a Faculty Development Leave Grant.



Plaid Vest wins national awards

Louis Payton (left) won a bronze plaque for dramatic interpretation at the national speech tournament in Casper, Wyoming April 1-7. Robert Nading (middle) won a gold plaque in extemporaneous speaking. Joe Chapa (left) won a gold plaque for dramatic interpretation. (Photo David Nichols)

MCC Minimester begins on May 14

By GREG FEDRO

Beginning Monday, May 14, a new three-week span of courses will be offered at MCC. Appropriately enough, the intensive, concentrated instruction period will be called the MCC Minimester.

Classes will be held May 14-June 1, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Days and times will vary with each course.

Minimester courses will include Computer Literacy, Introduction to Business, Personnel Management, Microcomputers for Business, British Masterpieces, Fashion Merchandising Apparel and Accessories, Physical Geology, Camping and Canoeing, Aging and Related Problems, General Psychology, and evening classes in Computer Literacy and Microcomputer Operations. These courses are credit and non-credit based.

Fashion Merchandising classes and Geology/Camping/Canoeing classes will be taken as unit courses, with field trips demonstrating application in each of the respective areas.

"It promises to be an exciting,

five-day experience about the Dallas fashion industry," said Fashion Merchandising Instructor Kae Farrell about the Dallas trip her class will take.

According to Dean of Arts and Sciences Gail Burrier, the camping trip has become "one of the most exciting summer courses." She also added that in the four years that the program has been enacted, there has never been any negative feedback.

"The Minimester (itself) is a good idea," said Dean of Instruction Dr. Norman Murphy. "Students who want to work during the summer will now be able to do so, and still be able to apply hours toward a degree."

Murphy added that the Minimester will also allow more people to take campus computer courses. Generally, these classes are not able to accommodate the number of people interested during the long semesters.

Early registration will be held April 30-May 3. Regular registration will be held May 7-10, and late registration will be held May 14 in the Administration Building lobby.

Hot presidential race highlights Student Government elections

By LYNDY YEZZI



Candidate Bobby Hall



Candidate Kathy Matus

The most strongly contested race in this year's Student Government elections is that of President, with three present SG members running against one another. Bobby Hall, Kathy Matus, and James Butler are all vying for the top spot.

"This is not a popularity contest. It is a serious election," said Director of Student Activities Bryant Burleson about the upcoming elections.

The elections will be held April 25-26 in the Student Center, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Students will be required to present a student I.D. in order to vote.

"Water turnout is extremely important if every student is to make his wishes known as to whom will represent him," said Burleson.

The SG elections will not only decide the president, it also decides the secretary, treasurer, historian and parliamentarian positions for the 1984-85 school year. According to the SG constitution, the positions must be filled by full-time students. Full-time is defined as any daytime student with 12 or more semester hours. Candidates must have a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or better at the time of election, and must maintain it throughout the year. Candidates must also be classified as a sophomore or by the beginning of the 1984 Fall semester.

"The leadership elected will determine the quality of Student Government service during the 1984-85 school year," said Burleson. "Prospective voters should look at the quality of campaign of each candidate and the personal political appeal of each candidate, in deciding who they will vote for."

SG members Janna Hatfield and Kelly Robinson are running for secretary, while Cecilia Matus and Cindy Londenberg are running unopposed for the treasurer and historian positions, respectively.

Current SG members Butch Tussey and Tracey Poo, along with former member Ann Anderson are vying for the office of parliamentarian.



Candidate James Butler

MCC Highland Games and Spring Fling round out SG activities

By LYNDY YEZZI

"We planned the Games during the day so it could involve a wide variety of students," said Chairman of the Highland Games Committee Tracey Foe. "The type of games were picked so that both male and female contestants could be included."

Highland Games will be held Friday, April 27. The Games will start at 10 a.m.

with a one-mile Fun Run that will start and end at the Student Center entrance ramp. A mini-concert will follow at noon under the porch area of the Student Center. Then at 1 p.m., the Games will begin.

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"A lot of planning and participation went into this year's events," said Student Government President

Paul Yeldell. "We not only have the Fun Run, we have also added new games." There will be an egg toss,

caber toss, "coolest" student contest, three-legged races, a pie-eating contest, a jalapeno-pepper eating contest, a cow chip throw, an egg-swat contest, a try-to-trip-ski race, and a tug-of-war.

Plaques will be given to the top male and female winners in each event. The day will end with a Student Government-sponsored Spring Fling starting at 8 p.m. at Magic Music. The theme is "Hawaiian

Beach Party." Appropriate attire is to dress like you're going to the beach or to a luau.

Beach balls, leis, palm trees, and life preservers will be provided.

The Spring Fling will be the last scheduled Student Government activity this year.

"I feel that participation is going to be the key," said Yeldell. "The continuation of the Games depends on the success of this year's Games."

'Pretty part-timer' flourishes in local broadcast journalism

By JENNIFER WARREN

In the words of Texas Monthly writer Gary Cartwright, she's a "pretty part-timer."

Robin Johnson, anchorwoman for KWTX Channel 10 at six o'clock, started out in journalism because she wanted to go into public relations.

"As soon as I was graduated from Baylor, I went to work for Pier One Imports in Fort Worth, producing their national newsletter."

"I was going to go into education, and just decided I would be a school teacher. I would always know that I had a job - no matter where we moved. And then, when it was my senior year, I said, 'School teaching is wonderful for some people, but it's just not for me,'" said Johnson.

"And I knew I would be terrible at teaching, so I decided to do some-

After working for Pier One for a year, Johnson decided to see the news director at Fort Worth's Channel 11 about a job.

"He said, 'Are you kidding? So what if you have a degree I don't care. You've never worked in television before.'"

"And so I basically forgot about that. And then when the job did come open, they called me about it and I came in, was interviewed and got the job as morning six o'clock anchor. I had never done my reporting except for the Pier One paper," said Johnson.

Johnson has been working at KWTX for four-and-a-half years. She began working for KWTX in June '81 as the weekend anchor. In May '82, she began working as the six o'clock news anchorwoman.

"You have to sacrifice a lot. And I'm not saying this from experience, because I didn't work my way up as

short of period time that we (women) are so equal with men. And I'm sure that there are markets in this country that you would never question the fact that there is a man on at six and a man on at ten, but if you saw a woman on at six and a woman on at ten, people would look at you as a female station."

"That's where we still have ways to go, in that we aren't completely equal yet in the way people perceive us. But I think that we (women) come a long way in the past few years," said Johnson.

Johnson is a person with conviction, not only about equality between men and women, but about equality for minorities.

"I don't think they've (minorities) come as nearly as far as they should have. And I guess this is on my mind a lot now, because I'm reading biography on Martin Luther King Jr. Just to see how far they came during the early '60s and '70s, he was

been such a plodding pace that the minorities have just been going so slowly. I don't know what can be done about that."

"It bothers me to see a market this size with not one black person on the air. And in the whole time I've worked here there's been one black person on the air," Johnson said.

"And I just can't believe that more blacks have not applied. I just think they're not getting the jobs. And I don't know why," she said.

Johnson was graduated from Baylor University with a degree in journalism, and believes that a journalism major is more important than a radio-TV major.

"The assignments editor and myself are the only two journalism majors in the newsroom. Everyone else was a radio and TV major. There's one girl who was radio/TV and journalism. And so you almost have to have a radio/TV back-

ground," said Johnson.

Electronic journalism continues to grow. The journalism is broadcast and print journalism is an ever-widening battleground.

"I hope it doesn't get any worse than it is now. I hope we don't have a bunch of jelly brains running around who get all of their news from a 30-minute newscast, during which there are only 13 minutes of news," said Johnson.

"I just hope that's not the case. I hope people will realize the need for going back to print and learning what's going on in the world through print. Because you could fill up a fourth of a page on a newspaper with what we do on the news at six every night. And that's ridiculous - for people not to be more aware of world events than that."

So Cartwright was right about a couple of things. Robin Johnson is pretty. And she is a part-timer.



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Briefs

University scholarships available

Some four year colleges and universities in Texas offer scholarships to students who have completed at least 60 hours at a junior/community college and/or who have received an associate degree. Eligible MCC students interested in applying for these scholarships should contact the Office of Financial Aids at the school they plan to attend and request information pertaining to the scholarship such as forms, eligibility, and deadlines for submitting the application, according to Steve Crump, director of MCC Financial Aid. This information should then be submitted to the MCC Office of Financial Aids.

Since the Chief Administration Officer of the College recommends students for these scholarships, all applications should be submitted to the MCC Office of Financial Aids on or before May 1, 1984.

Dance Co. tryouts set for April 28

Dance Company tryouts are scheduled for April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the HPE Building.

Prospective Dance Company members should exhibit poise, posture, projection, rhythm, flexibility and enthusiasm. Students who plan to try out should bring two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a high school administrator and one letter should be from a drill team director or someone aware of the prospective member's capabilities.

Letters of recommendation should address qualities such as dependability, desire to work, punctuality, enthusiasm and scholastic ability.

On tryout day, students will be taught a routine in the morning. After a lunch break and a brief practice session, tryouts will begin, with prospective members auditioning in groups of three or four.

Those chosen for the Dance Company will receive the uniforms and all props. Dance Company officer tryouts will be held this summer. All officers are eligible for scholarships.

For more information, contact Dance Company Director Sandy Hinton at 756-6551, ext. 231.

Summer job applications available

Now is the time to begin looking for that summer job, said Placement Director Martha Whelan. She added that many jobs are now available to students in the summer.

Among those jobs are positions as lifeguards, camp counselors, restaurant workers, retail salespeople, lawn workers and some construction workers.

Summer work-study is also available. Students must re-apply to be eligible for summer work-study.

Students interested in finding summer work should apply in the Placement Office, located on the third floor of the Student Center, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Management Club places in State

Four members of the MCC Marketing and Management Club and Adviser Kae Farrell recently traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to compete in the State Leadership Conference of the Delta Epsilon Chi division of Distributive Education Club of America, March 5-11.

Marketing and Management Club President Morgan McBrude placed second in a state level Small Business Management event, receiving a silver medal.

Sophomore Business Major Larry Davis received a bronze medal for his Third Place win in a Public Relations competition.

Management Development Program graduate Lowell Adkins, received a silver medal.

Gary Holland, past state and central region vice president, received a Second Place silver medal in the National Sales Representative event. Holland is qualified for national competition in Kansas City, Mo., May 6-11.

Farrell served as a chairperson over competitive events at the meeting and attended the chapter adviser meetings. She received a plaque of appreciation for serving as the 1983-84 vice president of the State DECA Advisory Board.

A graduate party will be held April 29 to honor 1984 Marketing and Management Club graduates.

Criminal Justice majors converge

The Criminal Justice Society will be having its last meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 1, at 10:40 a.m. in Room 221, HPE Building.

Purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers for 1984-85 school year.

Most of those interested in joining is welcome to attend — if he or she is enrolled in a Law Enforcement class.

Center offers variety of counseling

The Displaced Homemakers Center provides counseling for divorced, separated, widowed and disabled men and women.

The Center's counselors are Johnnie Talton and Marylea Henderson. It began operating Sept. 12, 1969 and to date has counseled 14,025 people.

The purpose of the Center is to help people work through the initial crisis and begin to make life meaningful again.

Most of the Center's clients take classes at MCC in Continuing Education or credit courses.

Continuing Education courses offered include the Focus Series, which is designed to help clients in developing interpersonal skills.

The four courses that are offered are "The Friendship Factor," "Your Interpersonal Climate," "Reality Therapy for Everyone," and "Be Assertive."

Counseling provided by the Center includes a wide variety, such as working through hurts, better coping skills, choosing new goals and budget planning.

Other services to which clients are referred are the Career Assessment and Testing Center, the Financial Aids Office, and the Placement Office.



Dieterich given gavel!

Duane Dieterich (right) was awarded a gavel for his services on the Supreme Court, a branch of MCC Student Government. Giving the award is Paul Yeddell (left), who is 1983-84 Student Government president. (Photo by David Nichols)

Nearly 100 honored at Awards Assembly

By ANNE-MARIE KIMBLE

Almost 100 MCC students and faculty were honored during the Annual Awards Assembly April 18 in the Lecture Hall.

Students who will be recognized in the 1983-84 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges are: Faranak Tina Bamshad, Stephanie Louise Barton, Greg P. Biegl, Yuan Chang, Ronnie Lee Conner, Renee Ann Davidson, Cathy Denise Dugger, Pamela Sue Eggenbrecht, Daris Ruth Fratley, Sooka H. Glauser, Becky Jean Hartman, Deborah Ann Holt, Jo Lynn Imel, Olivia Whitaker Johnson, Karen Louise Kendrick, Robert Russ Lopez, Brian Van Mattson, Vicki Leigh Sims, Theresa Sloane Smith, Patricia A. Wetherbee, Dana Beth Whitman and Ronald Scott Wiley.

Students selected for the Arts and Sciences honors were: William Woody Jr., Agriculture; Young-Ja Lee Murphy, Art; Elizabeth A. Moore, Behavioral Sciences; Heather Levens, Biology; Tiana Sorenson, Chemistry; S. Scott Clemmons, Commercial Music; Lynn Walden, Concert Band; Duane Dieterich, Engineering; Cecilia Cepak, English; Teresa Hadley, Geology; Lisa Brou, Government; Donna Piant, Health and Physical Education; Rodney Cepak, History; Anne-

Marie Kimble, Journalism; Yuan Chang, Mathematics; Tom Cruz, Physics; Michael L. Capps, Sociology; Carolina Ayala, Spanish; Elizabeth Allen, Speech; and Lee Thomas, Stage Band.

Students chosen for the technical programs honors were: Martha Brown, Accounting; Nancy Dunham, Associate Degree Nursing; Andrea Beasley, Child Care and Development; Melissa Goff, Cosmetology; Steven Cowart, Data Processing Operations; Faranak T. Bamshad, Data Processing Programming; Michael Reeves, Economics; Jo Lynn Imel, Fashion Merchandising; George Stone, General Business; Lori Beard, Interpreter Training; Bonnie K. Lohak, Law Enforcement; Sitsak Wongwaravit, Management Development; Linda Drews, Medical Laboratory Technology; Linda Ebron, Mental Health Associates; Gregory A. Gordon, Nuclear Medicine Technology; John Ted Delorme, Nursing Home Administration; Debbie Sulak, Office Occupations; Dana Beth Whitman, Radiologic Technology; and Sonja Glauser, Real Estate.

Charley Motil received the Wall Street Journal Award, and Kim Grellé received the freshman Chemistry Achievement Award.

The Board, in accordance with awards went to officers: Paul Yeddell, Lynda

Student exchange active in Centex

By JACI KENNEY

"My husband and I are area representatives for the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) Program, one of the largest and most highly recommended student exchange programs now in existence. This organization has been active in Central Texas for the last six years, providing very rewarding experiences for a number of European students and their American host families. The number of successful placements of ASSE students with Central Texas families is almost 100 percent, which is a statistic that not all exchange programs can claim," said Martha Lee, area representative of ASSE.

Lee said, "We are seeking host families who would like to have a European student in their home during the next school year. Some of the students placed in the Waco area are: Maria Strenger, living with the Michael Rucker family of Moody; Annelie Svensson, living with the James Gallagher family of Gatesville; and Helene Kindred, living with the Raymond Lomax family of Harker Heights."

Lee is a high school librarian, in

addition to working with the journalism students on the yearbook and the newspaper.

"The students we have placed in Texas have been fantastic and next year's applicants look promising!" added Lee.

ASSE offers families the opportunity to share American cultural and educational experience with a European young person and at the same time, to learn about another culture and language. Students accepted by the ASSE will come from Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Germany, and Great Britain for the 1984-85 school year.

Families interested in serving as hosts for the 1984-85 school year should contact Mack and Marsha Lee, Route 3, Box 385, Gatesville, Texas, 76728, at 817-865-2020.

The ASSE is seeking local families for 15 European students who are a part of the ASSE program," said Carol Mills, coordinator of ASSE.

The students, ages 16-18 years, are fluent in English and carefully selected for the program based on their high school performance, good character, and interest in the ASSE program. Host families furnish meals and housing.

to serve as advisers to the campus organizations during 1983-84 are as follows: Carol Jolly, Afro Student Kindred; James Burroughs, Baptist Student Union; Joe Ingram, Baptist Student Union; Hazel Martin, Circle K; John Nobis, Circle K; Hugh Belger, Criminal Justice Society; Rayburn Taylor, Data Processing Organization; Iva Lee, Data Processing Organization; Jonnie Duncan, Deaf Interpreters.

Also Andrew Dikshat, Deaf Interpreters; Kae Farrell, Marketing and Management Association; Scott Adams, MCC College Republicans; Don Reeves, MCC College Republicans; Gary Clark, MCC Respiratory Therapy Association; Doris Scott, Music Educators; Rebecca Griffin, Nursing Students Association; Cherry Neuman, Nursing Students Association; Ramon Aleman, Pan American Club; Richard Coronado, Pan American Club.

Also, Carolyn Rodabough, Phi Theta Kappa; Cassy Jordan, Phi Theta Kappa; Keith Geisler, Phi Theta Kappa; Ann Harrell, Piada Vests; Cassy Jordan, Press Club; Dr. Juan Mercado, Psi Beta; Paul Holder, Student Government; Bryant Burleson, Student Government; and Don Reeves, Zeta Omega Eta.

This year's outstanding club was the Pan American Club.

Newly-elected Board members take seats

By ALLISON HOLLIER

Newly elected trustees Norma Podet, Position 2, and Ray Perry, Position 1, were sworn in April 17 by Judge Stanley Rezn at the MCC Board of Trustees Meeting.

After a canvassing of the votes, trustees verified that Dr. Gayle Avant and James Hardwick are still in a run-off for position 3. The run-off election is April 28.

Title changes were approved by the Board for what MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball said was necessary to bring the titles in line with actual job responsibilities, however, no changes in duties are involved. Dr. Chester Hastings' title was changed from vice president to senior vice

president in charge of institutional development. Dr. LaVerne Wong's title was changed from dean of student services to vice president of student services. Dr. Norman Murphy's title was changed from dean of instruction to vice president of instruction.

Other business included an approval of repair costs on two of the four campus cooling towers. The repairs would include replacement of wire grids and repairs on the main cells. The Board voted to let the lowest bidder, The Branton Company, with a bid of \$27,731, to do the work.

Campus security will receive four new cars. The Board has decided to

accept a bid from Sykora Family Ford, Inc. for a Ford LTD Crown Victoria at \$8,661.92. The cars will be available within four to six weeks of purchase.

New carpeting will be installed in the HPE faculty office suite, the administration building and the Applied Science building. The carpeting will be installed to fit the present buildings' decor. Lake Air Interiors will install the carpet at \$20,299.92.

Administrators and instructors will receive dental insurance from New England Life Insurance. The plan will offer 100% coverage with \$25 deductible for 16 months, from May 1 to August 1985.

The Board, in accordance with the call of Waco and independent

school districts in McLennan County, has established a permanent polling place with the city. The Board believes that joint elections would be economical and more convenient for the voters. This would not affect the upcoming run-off election.

In addition to the regular session, the Board called a closed executive meeting to discuss faculty pay raises. Administrators, faculty and classified personnel will receive a 7% salary increase. No other aspect of the salary policy was changed.

In other business, the Board approved the employment of Bobby Roy Williams, a graduate of Prairie View A&M University, for the position of accounting instructor.

Abilene, Texas, Texas Tech in Abilene, and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

"We will definitely be recruiting very heavily in the fall," said Aleman. "The main thing is to get together to recruit members and keep them. We will be losing one member, Margaret Yarbrough. She's transferring to Stephen F. Austin University," added Aleman.

"Overall PAC had a successful year. There have been compromises this year, and we're looking forward to next year. We plan to make it successful," said Aleman.

Pan-American Club members persevere

By JACI KENNEY

"The last time I sponsored a club was when I was a high school teacher. I sponsored a Spanish Club. That was in the late '60s, so it has been about 15 years," said Ramon Aleman, MCC Counselor and the new Pan-American Club sponsor.

Aleman took over for Omega Rodriguez, who left to finish her dissertation at Baylor, at the beginning of March. Aleman is very impressed with the club members' attitudes, can say that the three students who make up the club are very active, said Aleman.

"The biggest consequence of having only three members is that we have to cut down on the number of activities that we engaged in. One example will be the Highland Games. We traditionally would have a big Mexican meal, as we have had in the past. At best, we will have a game booth and a nacho sale," added the Texas Tech graduate.

The PAC also has one more activity planned for this year. The group is planning to go to Six Flags, but the trip is still in the planning stage.

Aleman liked, like any new sponsor, had cool feet. "I was worried about

the low membership. Now I can say that I am very pleased," commented Aleman.

"Prior to coming to MCC, I worked at a correctional facility in New Mexico. The inmates there had been convicted for offenses ranging from burglary to 16 years. After dealing with that for five years, it is refreshing to see students making positive steps to improve themselves forward," said Aleman.

Aleman received a bachelor's degree in Education, a master's in Education, and a Ph.D. in counseling. He has attended Texas A&I in

College Republicans awarded status on campus

College Republicans, a new club on campus, has recently been approved for club status.

The purpose of College Republicans is to register people to vote and to inform people about the Republican Party, specifically the McLennan County Republican Party.

In Texas there are over 150,000 members. There are over 1,200 clubs nationwide.

"Texas is the largest state ... we have more clubs (College Republicans) in Texas than anywhere else," said Deborah Hutto, club president.

"We're committed to political action with the Republican Party, and that's on all levels - national, state, local and campus. We hold voter registration and mock trials. We have literature that we distribute

about the Republican Party and about the candidates.

"The clubs usually have speakers on campus, but MCC has not been lucky enough to get anybody to come. But we've tried real hard. Our club interacts with the Baylor club. It has 318 members. MCC's club has 35 members. Since Baylor's club is so big, and we're so small, they can get speakers that are really great.

So we'll go over and bear their speakers. Really, we interact well," said Hutto.

On March 31-April 1, the club members attended the national convention in Dallas.

Speakers at the convention were Mark Raushbauer, Phil Gramm, Ron Paul, Steve Bartlett and John Tower.

President Reagan spoke to every-

one at the convention by teleconference.

According to Hutto, the club isn't just for Republicans.

"It's not just for Republicans ... it's not. There are a lot of people in the club who are Democrats, but they like President Reagan or they're conservative Republicans. And we're the only political group on campus right now," said Hutto.

Caritas gives 'emergency aid' to people in community

"Caritas means a gift of love. Caritas is in Waco to give somebody something without them deserving it or having earned it," said Dr. Eugene Jud, executive director of Caritas.

The purpose of Caritas is "to give emergency aid to those who are in need in this community," said Jud.

Waco's Caritas agency was begun by the Catholic Church in 1967. "It is

no longer an agency of the Catholic Church, but it still has affiliation with the Catholic Church," said Jud.

The board for Caritas is comprised of Baptists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Jews, United Methodists and Presbyterians. "We do not limit our gifts to any denomination, race or age group." He added that "if somebody has a need, we try to help them."

Jud further explained, "People have an idea who come to agencies like this are the ones who are not working and maybe lazy. We have now what is called the 'working poor.' We have hundreds of people who come to us now because they don't have any income and they have an emergency. But we also have people coming to us who are working for minimum wage but still

can't make ends meet."

A lot of the food is donated by "H.E.B., Safeway, Piggly Wiggly and other places," Jud said. "We get turkey products from Plantation Foods." Some of the food is donated by churches, individuals and various civic organizations.

Caritas also operates two Thrift stores. "Profits from the stores go to our emergency fund," Jud stated.

"Caritas has become a big operation. As I see it, the Federal Government continues putting pressure on the limitation of welfare money. We're going to see more and more of the poor. We will need extra help in order to get by."

In addition to that, "a large number of older people do not have enough money to make ends meet and are coming to us now," said Jud.



Deborah Hutto

Texans for Victims' Rights strives for balance in judicial system

Here's the story behind the headlines.

On September 14, 1974, two Fort Sill soldiers murdered DPS patrolman Hollie Tull, who pursued them after they robbed a bank near Georgetown. Tull died after being shot numerous times.

His killers have now had their death sentences commuted to life. This was made possible by the 1981 Supreme Court ruling that defendants must be informed of their right to remain silent during a psychiatric examination. The justices of the 5th

Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the killers' death sentences because their constitutional rights were violated.

Parole is possible within 12 years.

On June 12, 1976, Sgt. Roger Barrett was shot and stabbed to death outside the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Waco. Inside his murderer already had stabbed Frank Johnson, Jr., of Cherrydale, Kansas, to death. Sgt. Barrett's killer's defense in the trial was that he was insane at the time of the murder. Before the trial, his attorneys asked that he be de-

clared mentally incompetent to stand trial. A court-ordered mental examination found that he was competent. Six years later, after two competence hearings and one murder trial, Sgt. Barrett's murderer's death sentence was overturned by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. His conviction was placed in question by a recent Supreme Court decision concerning psychiatric testimony. The murderer pled guilty to two counts of murder and was sentenced to two consecutive life terms.

Because of their feelings that the criminal justice system is weighted on the side of the criminal, Shirley Barrett, widow of Sgt. Barrett, and Nell-Wynn Tull of Hollie Tull, decided to start Texans for Victims' Rights in October of 1982.

TVR is a non-profit corporation comprised of families of homicide victims and concerned citizens organized for victim advocacy, according to Barrett.

The purposes of TVR are as follows: 1) To educate the public concerning the criminal justice system

and to the needs of the victims of crime, 2) To educate the public about methods and procedures for reducing the incidence of crime, 3) To establish educational procedures and programs to accomplish the rehabilitation of victims of crime.

Also, 4) To gather and disseminate information to the public concerning crime and solutions to it through conferences, seminars and other public educational events, 5) To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on assistance to victims of crimes and

6) To obtain and disseminate results of research studies and conferences concerning victims of crimes for educational purposes.

Texans for Victims' Rights participate in many activities. This includes conferences throughout the state, as well as attendance at court hearings. One of the group's main purposes is to let the victim know that he is not alone.

Anyone interested in Texans for Victims' Rights should write to Texans for Victims' Rights, Inc., Box 140, Satin, Texas 76685.



Lewis Gamble

Commercial Music ex-student Gamble releases record

By GREG FEDRO

"I've always wanted to cut a record. All the time while I was growing up, that was the only thing I thought about," said Lewis Gamble. Gamble, a graduate of John Tyler High School in Tyler, Texas, and a recent MCC Commercial Music student, has turned his wish into reality. Released just four weeks ago was Gamble's "Midnight Cat" and "Oh Natalie" single.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Gamble came to MCC from East Texas State University to study

Commercial Music and marketing. "The only reason that I got a marketing degree (at ETSU) is because I wanted to go into entertainment promotion," he said.

While at MCC, Gamble studied voice under Lorna McDonald, played piano and synthesizer, and was a cast member in the drama production "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

In telling how he prepared for the album singles, Gamble said, "I've always written songs but, until I went to MCC, I'd never tried to write them in an organized way. I guess I

really decided to cut the record this past Fall. That was really a goal. I tend to set goals or make lists. That was on the list."

"With a lot of hard work and a 'lucky break' in finances, Gamble attained his goal.

"First of all, I had to find the financial backing," said Gamble. For Gamble, however, this was no great drawback in his plans. While on some personal-business in Detroit, he made contacts for his financial cover. As Gamble explained, Detroit is the "home" of MOTOWN records.

"There's always people there (in Detroit) who are interested in investing in records. So I met a few people again there and I also had plans to go to California ... Pretty soon, we had a financial package and were ready to go."

Even after leaving MCC, Gamble still utilizes ties to the campus. One of the backup groups he uses is "Up-stage."

"They've helped me out a lot because they're experienced. A lot of things that they wouldn't know, I would know. A lot of things that I wouldn't know, they would know. So

it seems like we've reached a happy medium."

Also in the making for Gamble is a video production which is being filmed at Indian Spring Park along the Brazos River. The video, when released, will be distributed through the Rainbow Video circuit.

Gamble's new releases are now available at Hastings's, Floyd's Audio Capital and the Sound Warehouse.

"I've spent a lot of time thinking it out and preparing for it," concluded Gamble. "It's what I've wanted to do."

Staffers 'clown around' at annual Service Awards Banquet April 13

By ALLISON HOLLIER

The Ninth Annual Service Awards Banquet for MCC staff was held April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center.

Entertainment included excerpts from *Barnum*, the MCC spring drama production.

Five year service awards were presented to "High Flyers" Javel

Jackson Bell, psychology instructor; Ruby Burns, counselor; Rebecca Griffin, nursing instructor; Brenda Henry, office occupations teaching assistant; Barbara Holman, cosmetology instructor; Jamie Hurtado, continuing education Typing I; James Kuback, financial aid assistant; Eugene Maroul, accounting coordinator; Charlotte Mason, coach; Robert Morgan, building maintenance technician; Norman

Murphy, dean of instruction; Harry Powell, math lab instructor; Phyllis Prusett, secretary of student activities; Hubert Ramsey, custodian; Willa Mae Reeder, biology instructor; Terry Rose, nursing instructor; Milton Sanders, campus police officer; Doris Thompson, executive secretary of student services; and Barbara Truax, nursing instructor.

Ten year awards were presented to "Death Defiers" Lloyd Alexander,

instructor of radiology technician; Paul Conclio, accounting instructor; Florine Green, child care lab assistant; Hazel Martin, counselor; Doris Scott, instructor of music; Jessie Stevens, custodian; William Strother, assistant dean of continuing education; and Beverly Wright, operations coordinator of computer services.

Fifteen year awards were presented to "Awe Inspirers" Elvise

Clements, office education instructor; Jess Collins, math instructor; Jose Diaz, purchasing agent and accounts payable; James Henderson, drama instructor; Robert Paul Holder, instructor of government; Melvin Hood, math chairman; Dale Hughes, religion instructor; Carol Jolly, sociology instructor; Ivi Lee, data processing coordinator; Lucille Locke, library assistant; John Nobis, counselor; Charlie Raulis,

custodian; and Jerry Scarborough, psychology instructor.

Mary Cantrell, director of mental health; Ella Maye Rhea, accounting instructor; Ezra Henderson, instructor of office occupations; Elvise Clements, instructor of office education and Florine Greene, Child Care lab assistant have announced their retirement at the end of this year.

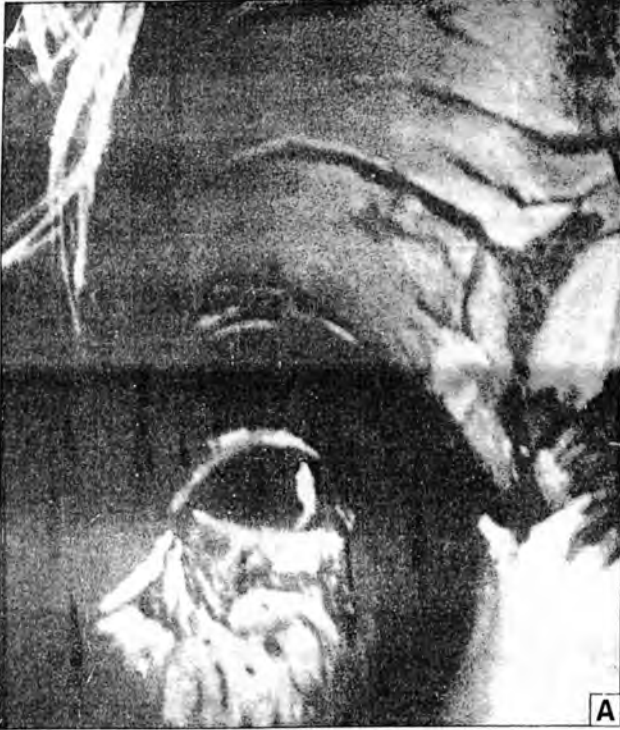


Senior Vice-President of Institutional Development Chester Hastings (at left) was dressed up as a circus Barker for the festivities at the annual MCC Service Awards Banquet. The banquet was held in the MCC Student Center April 13 and featured a circus theme. Drama Director James Henderson and his troupe performed excerpts from the Spring musical, "Barnum," to entertain those in attendance. Among the revelers were MCC Board of Trustees member Ray Perry (below left) and MCC Engineering Instructor John Burton (below right). At right, Dr. Wilbur Ball (left) gives a presidential handshake to Building Maintenance Technician Robert Morgan (right).



4 Gallery

Art show displays variety of talent



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Shown here are selected works from the MCC Student Art Show on display in the MCC Library and the English Writing Lab. The show will continue through April 27. Photo (A) is a detail of "Indian" by JoAnne Lefever; (B) "Serenity" by Gladys Weaver; (C) another version of "Serenity" by Jenna Scott; (D) "Lisa" by Beverly Walker; (E) "Tribute" by Liolela Santibanez; (F) "Ann" by Lee Murphy; (G) "Hummingbird" by Beverly Walker; (H) "Joan Jett" by Natalie Drews; and (I) "Boots" by Violeta Santibanez. Art Instructor John Chatmas said the works on exhibit are "more diverse than in past years." (All photos of art works by JoAnne Lefever)

Holloman finds test of life 'tough but rewarding'

By SHIRI LOTT

Tim Holloman is a blind man with vision. "When I first began going blind, I was very angry," Holloman confided. "I thought, why did this have to happen to me? I was never able to get an answer."

But Holloman is still searching for that answer — as well as other answers. His life is a test, where daily occurrences the sighted take for granted are a measure of Holloman's bravery.

Take going to MCC, for example. Getting across campus without the benefit of sight is like visiting another planet. For this MCC sophomore, each step is an adventure on a starship destined for a star.

Successfully completing this semester at MCC is just one additional step in a pattern Holloman began as a child, a pattern of non-

conformity, perseverance and independence. Holloman's flight pattern has been so turbulent weather.

"I was very unruly and undisciplined as a child," Holloman admitted. "I was not the ideal child." His most memorable childhood endeavors include playing hockey from school, hanging around in wheat fields, climbing trees and splashing around in the nearby creek.

"I mostly went to school because that's where all the girls were," said Holloman. Mostly, he didn't go to school. It cost him six years of failing grades.

At age 20 he was a high school senior and the school board decided to expel him from school. Holloman went to work for a while, taking jobs that didn't really suit him.

"I realized that I wouldn't want to do those jobs for the rest of my life," said Holloman.

With this realization in mind, Holloman took his GED test at MCC in the spring of 1970. That summer he began classes and later transferred (in the summer of 1972) to Texas A&M at College Station. There, he studied Nuclear Engineering.

"I realized that Nuclear Engineering was going to touch a lot of people. I wanted to interface between the public and the nuclear industry," said Holloman.

In this same year, Holloman, during a routine eye examination for new classes, was told that in a few years he'd lose his vision.

"My visual loss is due to a degeneration of the retina," said Holloman. From 1972 to 1976, he spent a lot of time going back and forth for surgery — and missed plenty of school. "It was really a struggle," said Holloman.

Holloman wasn't alone in the struggle. As his vision began to fade, so did his marriage.

"Honestly, when I married my wife, I thought I was in love with her and she thought she was in love with me. As I began to lose my vision, I realized it was very difficult for my wife to endure the changes going on in me. It was very very difficult to live with me. I felt like I was going from Jedi down to a june-bug. The image projected in early life was fading. What she found attractive was no longer there. It (divorce) was the ultimate disappointment," confided Holloman.

The Hollomans were married a few months short of 10 years.

"Obviously one of us didn't truly love the other. If we did, we would still be married now," said Holloman.

Holloman's loss of vision during the summer of 1981 and the end of his marriage happened within a six-month span.

He's lost his vision and his marriage, but he hasn't lost the love for and from his two children, Jeff and Jennifer.

"They've come to learn that the world isn't as it is depicted in fairy tales. It's not a dream world. It's un-forgiving."

"I hope," he said looking skyward, "my children will be able to develop a healthy perspective."

"With my blossoming, I feel I'm in a better position to present myself to their mother, and to them. I feel very confident and secure with myself. They (children) are very sensitive to my needs. They are loving little people, warm-hearted and compassionate," said Holloman.

Holloman's blossoming didn't take place on its own. He met a young lady who became his good friend. She was his "Oasis of hope."

For her he wrote a poem titled *Valentia*.

"It was a gesture of appreciation for her attempt to get me out of the dumps," said Holloman.

The poem never reached its destination in February of 1983.

But Holloman still has imagination and hope. He believes in trying because it makes him smile. "I feel so good sometimes I just want to laugh. Life is tough, but rewarding. I feel the warmth of the sunshine, the breeze. I hear the ruffle of the leaves and the chirping of the birds. I feel I could jump up and fly!"

Holloman's kind of vision appears to put him in touch with the stars.

Coach Berryman praises tennis teams' 'net value'

By GREGG LOYD

Both MCC's men's and women's tennis teams have assured themselves a spot at this year's Regional tournament, which will be hosted by MCC.

With the spot sewed up so soon, both teams have the remainder of the month to jockey for seeds before the Tournament rolls around on April 27-28. The men's record now stands at 16-2 while the women's is also at 16-2. Although neither the men's nor the women's team is favored in Regionals, Coach Carmack

man thinks they have a good chance of bringing the Regionals title back to MCC.

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

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

At least some of the credit for the tennis teams' success has got to go to the implementation of aerobics

into the teams' workouts. At the beginning of the year, the teams were both required to take an aerobics class, and Berryman is now starting to see the benefits of his decision.

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

Since the aerobics has been so successful this year, Berryman has decided to try it again. "It will probably become a yearly thing," said Berryman. "Part of the yearly program."

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

"The biggest key to the Regionals matches is going to be our doubles play. Most of our matches have

been won after the singles," said Berryman. "There have only been one or two matches where the doubles mattered."

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

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

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

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

Spring, 1984, Final Exam Schedule

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

Evening Schedule

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

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

MCC courtsters close successful season

By GREGG LOYD

Golf has come a long way since feather-stuffed balls and wooden shafts.

MCC's golf team has also come a long way. Of the B tournaments MCC has participated in this year, they finished first in 12 and second in the one they didn't win.

With the regular season over, MCC starts looking toward the National tournament in Roswell, N.M. on April 26 and 27.

With MCC's record, Coach Bob Ammon can't help but be optimistic about the team's chances in the Regional tournament. "I feel good about our chances in New Mexico because we have won so many of our tournaments... There are some teams out there who are pretty good that we haven't faced in any of our tournaments so far."

"But we have as good a chance as anybody to do well in Regionals and go to the National tournament," Ammon said.

MCC must place either first or second in the Regional tournament to go on to the National tournament in Ft. Myers, Fla. on June 3-10. Since the worst finish turned in by the MCC

golf team is second, chances are good that MCC will be traveling to Ft. Myers in June.

Another strong point in MCC's attack lies in the fact that not only the team, but the individuals, have done well in the tournaments during the regular season. When asked who Ammon expects to preform the best, he said, "Whoever happens to be the best that week seems to win. We have had someone win just about every tournament we have played in this year."

The top five golfers have done extremely well during the regular season. Arthur Lopez, a sophomore from Houston, has completed in 12 tournaments and placed first in the Sam Houston State University tourney at Waterwood National G.C. and the Lue Plumer Invitational in Huntsville.

Gavin Munro, a freshman from Durban, South Africa, had the lowest stroke average in the Fall at 73.3. He also shot 75-68 to win the Tapalo Intercollegiate tourney in San Antonio.

Jerry Smith, a sophomore from Okaloosa, Iowa, placed first in both the Cardinal Classic in Beaumont and the Texas State Junior College Championship, which was played in

Conroe and was the first time this tournament has been played.

Rodger Salazar, a freshman from Corpus Christi, finished first in three tourneys this year. He won the Southwest Recreational Classic, the Bahamas Intercolligiate Tournament in Freeport, Bahamas, and the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Championship held in Waco.

Bob Brewer, a sophomore from Mart, has not won a tournament, but has been one of Ammon's most consistent players, finishing in the top 10 in 8 out of the 11 tournaments he played in this year.

Ammon is pleased with the team's progress this year and is happy with the results — no matter how the team does in post-season play.

"I think they have done very well this year. They have a lot of potential, and they have worked hard. They are a pretty motivated group of guys, so I don't need to tell them to go to the golf course. If I did, then they wouldn't be the kind of athletes I want," Ammon said.

Ammon has a simple but very effective philosophy about college golf. "Our philosophy is to go to the tournament and play as good as we

can play because the best team is going to win. If you go out there and do as good as you can do, then that's all that we are concerned about. If that means we win, then great. If we don't, then we just try to improve and go to the next tournament," said Ammon.

Much of the golf team's success has to do with Ammon's ability to recruit. When asked if next year's team will be as strong as the present team, Ammon said, "I expect all my freshmen to get better each year. But a lot of our success will depend on who I recruit. But we should have a good team next year."

Ammon's recruiting techniques are different but effective. "Being a golf coach, you usually just hear about the good golfers in Texas. But as for other places, it's basically just hook and crook recruiting. One thing I know is that you don't win if you don't have the horses," he said.

Other members of MCC's golf team include sophomores Sam Beck from Dekater, Ill.; Mark Price from Ontario, Canada; Terry Jackson from Austin; Rogee Baecker from Crosby; and John Derik from Waco. The freshman are Bobby Sullivan from Round Rock and Jon Christian from Albert-Lea, Minnesota.

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Baseball team turns around to capture championship

By TRACEY THOMPSON

The Highlanders baseball squad captured the Region V championship April 19. It was MCC's fifth consecutive championship — the sixth in the last seven years.

The Highlanders are now 37-14, 19-2 in conference play.

Today offers the last chance for fans to catch the show in a local game, when the Highlanders take on Alvin at 1 p.m.

Then the Highlanders will end the season April 28-29 in Dallas versus Northwood.

Season highlights include:

Feb. 14 — Bacone Junior College invades MCC, quickly handing the Highlanders a season-opening loss, 4-2. In the second game, MCC rallies to pull out a 12-6 victory.

Feb. 17 — MCC takes a doubleheader from Navarro 8-4 and 6-0, ranning their winning streak to three games.

Feb. 19 — A doubleheader sweep over Bee County brings Highlander wins to five games.

Feb. 23-24 — The MCC six-team tournament begins, but the Highlanders drop two quick games. On the following day, a loss to Northwood dashes hopes for a slot as tourney champs.

Mar. 2 — League play begins. MCC responds accordingly, whipping Hill 13-2.

Mar. 11 — MCC splits a twinbill with previously unbeaten and number-one ranked Connors State.

Mar. 18 — Howard gets blasted 15-5 in the Region V home opener, bringing the Highlanders confer-

ence record to 4-0.

Mar. 24 — MCC sends Central Arizona packing, sweeping a doubleheader 15-6 and 5-4.

Mar. 31 — MCC ups its Region V record to 7-0 with a 9-5 victory over Northwood.

Apr. 1 — MCC clinches a tie for Region V with a 12-7 victory over Howard.

Apr. 19 — The Highlanders grab the Region V title with a doubleheader sweep of Howard.

Roundin' up summer grub

MCC Cafeteria

Breakfast and Noontime Grill Orders

7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.



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Summer Sale 25%

Book buy-backs: Mar 31, 7, 8, 9, 10

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MCC Grads: Pick up Caps and Gowns May 8-11. Invitations now available.

6 Opinion

Editorial

'Stereotype' should be eliminated

By JACI KENNEY

Okay, I admit it. I admit it that I laughed when Joan Rivers said "Liz Taylor has more chins than the Chinese phone book." I bravely admit that I almost keeled over when Richard Pryor said, "You can go to prison looking for justice — and that's what you'll find there — just us," speaking of course of my Black heritage.

But once you get to thinking about it, the jokes are really stupid. Well, maybe not stupid (sorry Rich), but sometimes they do get to you thinking. Do I stereotype people before I get to know them?

Sure you do. You might as well admit it. I do it. You do it. Billy Graham probably does it. Everyone does it. Before you meet people and take the time to get to know them, you stereotype them.

Still not convinced, eh? Just couldn't be true — not of intellectually liberated you. Okay. A pretty blond-haired, fun-loving, gregarious woman walks in. Everyone thinks "dumb blond" when in actuality she is an English major working on a thesis about some obscure topic only a Ph.D. candidate could understand.

Or take for example a young brother struts into class with shaggy and a punk hairstyle while wearing a Walkman. You think that he is really spaced out, a regular space cadet, but he is a real conservative brain, who is into classical cars and chess.

First impressions are based on stereotypes. First impressions are often incorrect. So it's easy to see that stereotyping wastes brain power. Stereotyping puts people on the wrong track in life.

Therefore, the practice of stereotyping should be outlawed, banned, desecrated, shot into oblivion and forgotten.

Even the word should be obliterated.

Let's write Danny Webster. Or better yet, let's let the word disappear from lack of use.

To the Editors, MCC Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administrators:

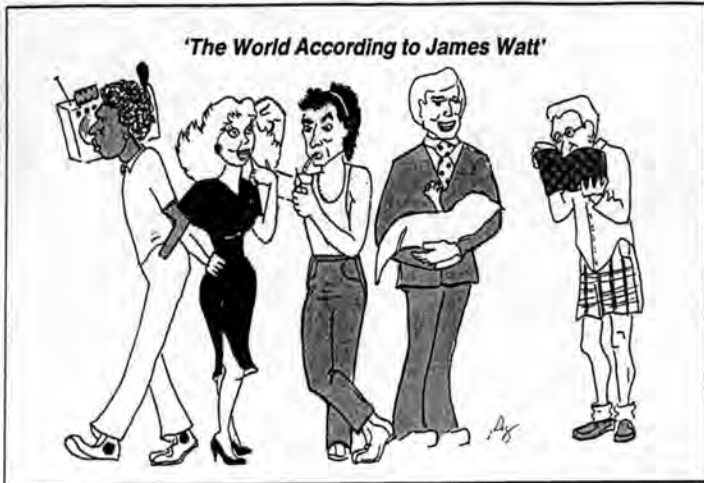
Spring 1984 will soon be a memory. However, earlier in January, I was to realize my life's greatest challenge.

This was my first semester back to college. Life after my total loss of vision. There were many doubts and fears and much anxiety. Nonetheless, I was excited, optimistic and considered this a real adventure.

I wish to thank those many people who supported and assisted me up to this point. Many of these wonderful people I knew only as a voice without a name. Special appreciation should be given to my individual instructors and classmates for their patience and extra effort.

I also wish to thank the many folks who rescued me from the bushes, parking lots and those ever present broom closets.

Tim Holleman



Departing editor reviews examples of 'profound' prose



Earlier in the semester, I read a column that discussed "famous last words" of famous people. So I'd like to give my "deathbed" mutterings as a columnist for the *Highland Herald*, since this is my finale as co-editor. I feel what I write here in these last column inches should be something profound, something that you can look back on for guidance in your future affairs.

The *Random House Dictionary* defines profound as "having deep insight; penetrating to the depths of one's being; thorough or pervasive; existing far beneath the surface." I think I'll go with "having deep insight" and "penetrating to the depth of one's being."

There lies the advantage. Saying things with "deep insight" and "penetrating depths of being" tend to make one seem knowledgeable. While I'm no bookworm, mind you, saying something profound would do wonders for my social standing.

So I've been studying profound thoughts from the past so that I might seek some guidance from my predecessors. Among some of the more profound things said in recent history was, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," John Kennedy said it. Kennedy said a lot

of profound things before somebody shot him.

Other words to live by include Franklin Roosevelt's, "There's nothing to fear but fear itself." Roosevelt could say that. He was snug in the White House.

But other "profound" statements have been made. Deeply profound. Those kind of statements made those men immortal. I'll settle for saying something you'll remember — even if it doesn't make me immortal.

But other "profound" statements have been made. Take Henry Kissinger's "peace is at hand" statement. He said that to a Viet Nam war-weary nation near the end of the war in October, 1972. Then the peace talks broke down with the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong. The U.S. Air Force bombed the hell out of Hanoi. (Pardon the French.) Some peace!

Just goes to show that you can't take anything for granted. President Reagan has made quite a few "profound" mistakes. In regard to equal rights for women and the value of women in human history, for example, Reagan said something about women keeping men from remaining cave-men forever. Unfortunately, he said it to a group of feminists. Feminists are difficult to please.

The Pope found that out when he said that it was morally wrong for men to just after women. It sounded pretty good at the time to the Pope, probably, but feminists gave him heck for the remark.

Just goes to show you that statements should be fairly neutral so you don't get anyone mad. Look it up. It's part of the rules of human language. (Ask any Ku Klux Klan member. They haven't ever said anything profound. Their actions speak louder than their words. Too bad you can't tell actions to shut up.)

But I guess it's time to stop stalling. It's time to make a profound statement that will serve as a guiding light for future generations. A statement for which the name Danny Quinn will be remembered.

So in the famous words of Schneider on *One Day at a Time*, "Always remember and never forget." Life's experiences are like buying Twinkles.

Sometimes you get a lot of whipped cream in the middle. Sometimes you don't. And no matter how high the price gets, you still have to buy them.

Else they'll just sit on the shelf and get stale.



Good writing just doesn't come so easy

Writing isn't all it's cracked up to be. It's not boring or unrewarding or anything. It's just that when you write something you feel is good, everyone else says it's mediocre. And when you write just "any old thing," people say you've written a Pulitzer-Prize-winner.

Or so I've heard. That has yet to happen to me.

Most people think that writing comes easily, that there couldn't possibly be anything to learn. They assume one just sits and looks at something pleasing and the words just flow from the very depths of one's inner soul.

Fat chance. Writing well is hard work. The writing process is physically and emotionally draining.

Writing takes something out of you. It isn't ever just a process of writing facts. Everything you write is important to you. It's a piece of your brain poured out in alphabetical order.

Writing drains all your thoughts and feelings. Writing is a kind of purging of the intellect.

It's especially hard on you when you write something you think is good and receive no recognition. Your heart and soul are tossed into a basket labeled "save for the future."

What future? When? The year 2000? Because fame and fortune often seem a long way off, a writer's most important asset is a sense of humor. But don't let that lure you into thinking you can write humor. Something you may think is hilarious, someone else "doesn't get."

So you try and write something that is understandably funny, not too personal, interesting — and still won't get canned for being boring.

After all of that, what you write is often so artificial that it misses the "save for future use basket" and heads straight for the wastebasket.

So after all this torture, it's amazing that so many people choose to write for a living.

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Dreamers have a simple goal: loving to live, living to dream

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Dreamers search for the mystery of life. They are seldom content with conventional ideas or answers. They seek continuity. Dreamers live in the past and future as comfortably as the present.

Dreamers are people who listen to the words of a song instead of the music. Dreamers listen to the wind and the birds — and to the rhythm of their own souls.

Dreamers feel at one with the outdoors. They seek the freedom of the horizon. Dreamers love the space and the freedom of the wide open country. They like the openness of the beach and the solitude and majesty of the mountains. A pastel sky at sunset can make a dreamer cry.

Dreamers are the people who, as poet James Kavanaugh says, can "hear the honking of geese over the sound of traffic."

Dreamers experience the world differently from other people. Their feelings are deeper and more intense. A dreamer's life is painful because a dreamer usually cares too much and is too easily hurt.

Dreamers are not easily understood. Their values are different. Some dreamers share too much of their lives with other people in hopes of finding a kindred spirit. Old dreamers may close themselves behind a mask, the result of a futile search.

Dreamers avoid superficial relationships. Yet dreamers live for romance.



They can see romance in the innocence of a child or in the wisdom of a pained and aged face.

Dreamers don't like the conventions of society. But dreamers are comfortable people, people who let you fit in without asking anything of you. There is no particular job that you have to hold, no fancy clothes or cars you must own — just a

sense of who you are.

Simple things can make a dreamer happy, being with friends, a pretty day — or a kind word from someone who cares. Dreamers cry when they see an unhappy child, an injured or neglected animal — or the end of a dream.

Dreamers can be content just to sit and watch the world sometimes. They love sunrises and sunsets and rain and sunny days.

Dreamers are creative people — if they can find the key to unlock what's inside of them. Fresh beginnings and new births feed a dreamer's soul. And yet they also value those things that have withstood the trials of life and the tests of time.

Opportunities for new dreams can send a dreamer soaring.

There's a special place for dreamers, a place that they search for all their lives — a special kind of happiness that only another dreamer could understand.

How does one recognize a dreamer? One can see it in his eyes and feel it in his words. One can see it in his restlessness — even in his moodiness.

Dreamers don't want to find the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." Dreamers are content with the rainbow.

Some dreamers want love. Some want freedom. Some want happiness. Some want answers. But most want only to dream.

So dreamers don't have the answers. Why, dreamers don't even know all the questions. But they do know the importance of the search.

Dreamers learn to live with failure early. Most dreams don't come true. But the dreamer goes on dreaming. Undaunted.

For dreamers live to dream. I know, I dream. And the drummer's beat grows louder as I continue to take the path "less traveled by."