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News Briefs

Legal Assistant group organizing

The Legal Assistant Students Organization is holding a meeting on today, March 28, at 2:10 p.m. in AC Room 202. The agenda includes fund raising for student attendance of the annual State Bar convention in San Antonio, developing mentor relationships with working paralegals and assistance to local Bar Association community projects, as well as those of other non-profit organizations with law-related activities. For more information, contact Linda M. Gassaway, legal assistant program director, AC 321, ext. 495.

Voice students finalists in nationals

MCC voice students placed as finalists in the Music Teachers National Association competition. They were Deana Hanks and Zakiyah Griffin-Jackson. They will compete in Lubbock at the state competition in June. Alternates were Kimberly Williams and Shannon Goodwin, also MCC voice students.

Trip planned to Minority Expo

On April 6, 1995 the office of Career Development will transport a group of interested students to Southwest Texas University in San Marcos. The purpose of this trip is to attend the Annual Minority Expo. Some 218 employers participated in the 1994 Expo and even larger participation is predicted this year. For more information contact Patsy Jones (584) or Paul Hoffman (588).

Hobbs retires; Sawyer, LeMay to leave

Two key members of the college administration will be leaving the school in the near future. Jesse "Buz" Sawyer, executive director of the MCC Foundation, will be leaving on April 2, to take the position of vice president for community and public relations and development at Georgetown (Texas) Hospital. Nancy LeMay, director of public information, is leaving the college in May. Her husband was promoted to a position in Dallas. Earlier this month long-time registrar Willie Hobbs, coordinator of student enrollment services, retired.

Health Career Day Wednesday

More than 20 hospitals and other institutions have signed up to have displays and booths for the annual Health Career Day Wednesday in the Community Services Center from 9:30 - 1 p.m. In the past this has been a day of opportunity for the several hundred students enrolled in health career programs as they explore possible job opportunities. All students are invited to visit the booths in the large open indoor area of the CSC that day.

MusicFest deadline Friday

Local musicians will get a chance to win prizes and show off their talents at McLennan Community College's first annual MusicFest 1995, a songwriting and performing competition. The entry deadline for singers, bands and songwriters is March 31. To be eligible, an application, \$10 entry fee and cassette tape recording of the entry must be received or postmarked by the deadline. The competition is open to everyone. Awarded for best song and best band, prizes will include thousands of dollars of studio time, music store gift certificates and scholarships. Finalists will perform May 13 at the MCC MusicFest, a day-long event featuring music industry representatives speaking on topics such as how to get a song published and how to get a recording contract. MusicFest is expected to become an annual event at the college. For more information or an application, call the MCC Commercial Music Department at 750-3578.

Baylor Transfer Day April 13

Baylor University is sponsoring a Transfer Day April 13 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center on the Baylor campus. Any student interested in transferring to Baylor is invited. Students will have the opportunity to obtain application information, financial aid and scholarship info, housing info, and info about various campus activities and organizations. Representatives from various areas of Student Services will speak to the students and a tour of the campus will be given. For more info, contact Donna McAninch at Baylor at 755-3435, or Marie Thibodeaux in the MCC Student Development Office at 750-3729.

E-mail class begins Saturday

Learn how to e-mail a message to the president, do world-wide research without leaving your home and travel down the information superhighway with "Introduction to Internet," a non-credit class offered at McLennan Community College. Students will gain an overview of the Internet in this three-week class, which begins April 1 and meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Saturday. The cost of the course is \$35 and enrollment is limited. Call 750-3412 for more information.

Combined class schedules available

The combined Summer/Fall 95 credit class schedules are now available in the Admissions Office. Registration details are printed in the combination Summer/Fall 1995 schedule, now available at the MCC Student Services Building. No money is required until the scheduled payment deadline, about 10 days prior to the start of classes. Day and evening Summer I classes will begin May 30. Summer II, consisting of day classes only, starts July 11. The Fall 1995 semester will begin Aug. 28. Tuition at MCC is \$16 per semester hour for McLennan County residents and \$21 for other Texas residents. Those interested in applying for financial aid should contact the Student Financial Assistance Office at 750-3698. All new students who have not taken the Texas Academic Skills Placement (TASP) test will need to make arrangements to be tested. New students should call 750-3616 to schedule a time. For more information, call 750-3622.

Fall schedule released

By LORELL EISMA

Schedules for the Summer I, Summer II and Fall Semesters are available now and registration is starting soon. The schedules can be picked up in the Student Services Building.

For Summer I, telephone registration is offered 24 hours a day starting March 27 to May 18. Express registration, which will be by appointment only, will start March 27 through April 28. Traditional registration will start in the Student Center on Thursday, May 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for class changes only.

From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. students will need to make an appointment for registration. Then, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be open registration. Late registration and class changes will only be on Tuesday, May 30, 3 to 6:30 p.m. A fee will be charged for this. Classes for Summer I will start Tuesday, May 30.

For Summer II, telephone registration is offered 24 hours a day starting March 27 to July 2. Express registration will be March 27 to April 28 and June 5 to June 29. Traditional registration will be held in the Student

Center on Monday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for class changes. For registration by appointment the hours available are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Late registration and class changes will only be on Tuesday, July 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. A fee will be charged for this. Classes for Summer II will start on Tuesday, July 11.

For Fall Registration, telephone registration will be open 24 hours a day on March 27 to Aug. 10. Express registration will be by appointment only on March 27 to April 28, June 5 to June 29 and July 17 to Aug. 10.

Traditional registration will be in the Student Center on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment; then open registration will be 5 to 6:30 p.m. Open registration will also be open on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For evening registration the Student Center will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. for class changes and 5 to 6:30 p.m. for registration by appointment. The first class day will be on Monday, Aug. 28.

Go to the Office of Student Admissions to get a registration time.

Faculty busy at TJCTA

By LORELL EISMA

The Texas Junior College Teachers Association and Texas Junior College Association held its 48th annual convention March 2-4 at the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas and carried the theme, "Keeping the Promise."

President Michaelis spoke on "A day in the Life of a Community College President" at a pre-convention meeting in Manchester.

MCC faculty were prominent on the convention program. Paul B. Beran is the chairperson of the Professional Development Committee until 1997. He moderated sessions that included speakers from Sacramento City College of California and North Harris College.

Charles W. (Bill) Bane served as chairperson for Computer Center Directors. He presented a program on "An Overview of Services Available on the Internet."

On the Resolutions Committee, Cynthia M. SoRelle served as chairperson. During the general session she gave a report of (Continued p. 2)



Photo by Brooks Whittington

NO PAIN, NO GAIN— Jay La Fleur stretches out to make a catch against Richland College. The Highlanders are 20-6 overall and are in first place in

conference with a 12-3 mark. The team next plays at Collin County this Friday and Saturday before returning home to face Vernon Regional College April 7 and 8.

SG historian battling odds for education

By DEDRA D. WEIR

Shirley Weeks has overcome the odds to get where she is today.

She's a middle-aged mother of five, a member of the Student Government, a Tartan scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. In addition, she maintains a 3.5 grade point average. Still not impressed?

Weeks also commutes 70 miles a day from Teague, five days a week to attend classes. At present, she is taking 22 semester hours. Her school day begins when she leaves her house at 6 a.m. and ends when she returns at 7 p.m.

Weeks was married at 19 in Conroe and she and her husband John are still married after 30 years. The family moved from the Houston area to Teague when Weeks' youngest son's allergies triggered a severe case of bronchitis.

Children are Weeks' first love. She's had 13 foster children in her life and once had a dream of owning an orphanage. She often volunteered her services to the

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Cub Scouts. When she suffered a mild heart attack, Weeks was forced to discontinue her work with the scouts.

Children are what brought Weeks to MCC in the fall of 1993 when she decided to become a child therapist. In the future, she would like to work with abused children through play therapy which helps abused children communicate through their play.

Among her hobbies are drawing, painting, crafts, sewing, horseback riding and traveling. Weeks is a music fan and loves listening to country and classical music. She also enjoys attending musicals and operas. She recently saw MCC's production of "Carousel" three times.

"I cry through it every time," she says, "I loved it."

Most importantly, Weeks is a poet. She writes about her life and the lives of those closest to her including every one of her five children. Some of her poems deal with her long battle with (Continued p. 2)

Speech team at nationals

By SUSIE JONES

The speech team will fly on Wednesday to Eau Claire, Wis., for America's Forensic National Tournament.

The team will prepare Thursday and compete on Friday. The competition will be held at the University of Wisconsin and will last through Monday April 10.

Merie Witt, team member, said that MCC will be among only five or six two-year colleges in the tournament. The great majority of contestants will be from four-year universities.

The members of the team are Witt, Gavin Massengill, Kristine Haberman, David Damuth and Tina Campbell.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

GIVING A HELPING HAND— Students apply first aid to a young boy during a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. (See related column p. 3)



SHOWING GOOD FORM, Tina Val practices for a match with Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma Friday morning. Val, ranked 18th in the

nation individually, is one of the reason the team is among the most respected in the national rankings.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

Tennis team beats UMHB

By RYAN LAW

After beginning the season with a pre-season ranking of No. 5, the tennis team has slipped to No. 6 in the national polls midway through the season.

Coach Carmack Berryman says that the slight drop in the Highlassies' national ranking is because of a few disappointing losses, but he expects his team to improve throughout the rest of the season.

Some individual rankings have moved up, however, as Myriam Jimenez and Helene Linder both made a jump in the standings. Linder made the biggest leap moving forward seven places from No. 19 to No. 12 and Jimenez made a big move from No. 17 to No. 11.

Teina Vai holds steady at No. 18, the same ranking she held at the beginning of the season, but others have dropped slightly. Candy Gledhill came down from No. 43 to No. 47, Lana Ereckson dropped from No. 42 to No. 49, and Ann Pangan moved from No. 26 to No. 29.

The tennis team helped their chances of improving their national ranking by winning two

matches at the Larado Invitational, including a 5-3 victory over the Mexican national champion runner-up. Their only loss at the Invitational was a 3-6 defeat handed to them by the University of Mexico, the Mexican national champions.

Last Thursday the Highlassies toppled University of Mary Hardin-Baylor at MCC by a score of 7-0. Helene Linder defeated Satakao Yanase 6-1, 6-2 and Teina Vai trounced Julie Garza 6-0, 6-1.

Ann Pangan overwhelmed Mary Bayless 6-1, 6-3 and Lana Ereckson won her match 6-3, 6-1. Heather Henderson rounded out the singles' matches with a 6-0, 6-1 rout of Jayme Madsen.

The doubles teams also had positive outcomes to their matches. Ereckson and Pangan secured a 6-4, 6-2 win over their UMHB opponents and Jimenez and Linder defeated Bayless and Yanase 6-1, 6-2.

The Highlassies hope to improve both their team and individual national rankings when they take on Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City Friday at 10 a.m.

Golfers travel to state

By ROBERT D. LEEF

On April 10 the Golf team will travel to the Texas Junior College State Championship at Sugartree golf course.

The team just finished 7th in a field of 15 at the Gulf Coast Invitational Tournament in Galveston, at the Galveston Country Club.

Chad Hanson led the High-

landers with a 2-day score of 146 which was good enough to earn him a third place overall in the tournament.

Coach Mitchell said that in order for the Highlanders to do well at the state championship production has to continue from Patricio Beautell, Daniel Tidebrink, and Kris Kelley.

News Briefs

All invited to help with Master Plan

The Master Plan Steering Committee invited all students, faculty and staff to discuss and help determine the college's priorities for the next five years. During National Community College Month, forums will be held from 2-4 p.m. on the following dates and the following sites:

- April 4 — Applied Science Building, room 202.
- April 5 — Student Center, Highlander Room (3rd floor).
- April 13 — Health & Physical Ed. Building, room 102.
- April 18 — Library, downstairs meeting room.
- April 19 — Faculty Office Building Lounge. (Faculty and staff only)
- April 27 — Community Services Building, room 232.

Opera Workshop production next week

MCC Opera Workshop will present a favorite of opera lovers every where — Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." Performance dates are April 6, 7, 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ball Performing Art Center. The box office is now open for this production. Students pay \$2 per ticket and non-MCC students \$3, adults \$5, and senior citizens \$3. Special group rates are available. For more information call 750-3485.

Reading prerequisites begin in fall

Some courses such as GOVT 2305 and HIST 1301 in the summer class schedule have notes indicating there is a reading prerequisite for enrollment. The reading prerequisites do not become effective until the fall semester, according to Richard Drum, vice president of instruction.

Record amount raised in book sale

"We'd like to thank everyone who donated items for the annual book sale and the ones that stopped by to browse and buy," said Jane Gamez, director of the Library. The sale raised a record-breaking \$326.70 which will be used to purchase materials for the library.

Shirley Weeks

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depression. Weeks plans to graduate in the spring of 1996. "If I can pass algebra!" she said. Besides algebra, she's had a little trouble in the past with being an older student.

"I'm sometimes mistaken for one of the teachers," she said.

Sweet and tender, fair-haired babe of mine, already changing all too soon. Creeping about, then walking with time, needing space and running out of room.

Tender and loving, fair-haired lot of mine, growing from an innocent child into her teens. Playing once with her dolls, yet changing with time, hair to her waist and always wearing blue jeans.

Loving and beautiful, this child of mine, at home with us for awhile, yet much too brief. A family of her own growing with time, A marriage of heartaches often filled with grief.

Beautiful and sweet, this grown daughter of mine, at home with us for awhile, yet much too brief. A family of her own growing with time, A marriage of heartaches often filled with grief.

Sweet and tender, my Elizabeth, fair-haired babe of mine. My hands too curled with time and eyes too dim to see, and though harsh has age changed us over time, this girl will always be my FAIR-HAIRED BABE to me.

Teachers convene

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that committee's success and agendas. The association will be changing its name from TJCTA to TCCTA. In consideration of Proposed Amendment to TJCTA Constitution and Bylaws it states in Article I, Section 1, and all other places in the constitution and Bylaws where the name of the organization appears, strike the word Junior and insert in lieu thereof the word Community.

Diane Farias and James Richard Sydow were remembered in Memoriam at the convention and printed in the program with other TJCTA members who passed away.

Journalism students to attend convention

By KAYSANDRA SMITH

The Journalism Department will attend the 1995 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association, Southwest Journalism Congress and Texas Community College Journalism Association Convention April 5-8 at the Hyatt Regency at D/FW Airport.

Over 40 topics will be discussed, some include Magazine Writing, Broadcast Job Market, Qualities of Successful Broadcast Journalist and Advertising Career Panel just to name a few. The convention will also include workshops, contests, entertainment, meals and outdoor fun.

The convention will begin on Thurs. Starting 1-7 p.m. Journalism students will register, earlier at 2-10 p.m. contests will be going on relating from magazine layout to photography. Friday students will register starting at 8 a.m. then breakfast for all advisors and a continental

breakfast for students. At 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. work sessions will be held.

Beginning at 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., ExPlan Express Lunch for students. Then at 4:30 p.m., TCCJA will have a business meeting and reception. At 5:30 p.m. sports' writers leave the hotel for a live contest and the spring fling begins. It includes a grilled dinner, beach volleyball, live band; outdoor pavilion.

Then on the last day of the convention at 8 a.m. the TIPA will have another business meeting, and at 8:30 SWJC will have a business meeting. Following the meetings at 9-9:45 a.m. brunch will be served. Then at 9:45-11:30 a.m. TIPA awards.

All journalism majors are encouraged to attend for further information contact Tom Buckner or call (800) 233-1234. Meals are included with registration.

SG to attend convention

By MIMI SEAWRIGHT

The Student Government will attend the Texas Junior College Student Government Association State Convention held in Austin Friday through Sunday.

The convention will be held at the Texas Capital building. Participants will watch the Texas Legislature in action, and hold their meeting at the Capitol.

The convention consists of Student Government officers, members and sponsors from various two-year colleges. Each college has the option of submitting collective ideas meant to enhance all two-year colleges. The participants vote on the proposed resolutions. Each college has a silent vote along with four electoral votes. The resolutions pass with majority rule. When a resolution is passed, the Student Government president of each college is expected to enact the resolution on his or her campus. Several schools are candidates for the Executive Office for the

TJCSGA. The Executive Office writes bills pertaining to two-year colleges and forms the state convention. Candidates include Wharton Controplex for Vice President, Blinn Brenham for Secretary of State, and Blinn Brazos for the Treasury State position. MCC hopes to become the Bulletin school, which keeps all other colleges informed of the happenings of the other schools in the state.

All Student Government officers are automatically invited to the convention. MCC sponsor Paul Hoffman is taking nine students. Representing MCC are Student Government President Carol Moltor, Vice President Stacey Bradley, Secretary Joanna Rostocky, Parliamentarian Hedi Ross, Historian Shirley Weeks, and Public Relations Officer Dawn Morton. Members of Student Government who plan to participate at the convention are Patience Stufflebeam, Ronald Komar and Randy Hammet.

Armed and dangerous

Pitchers loaded, ready for post season play

By ANDREW BATEMAN

With the regular season at its midway point, the Highlanders have held to their preseason predictions proving that this year's group of pitchers is armed and ready for the post season.

A team with a .346 batting average would usually be thought of as a team dependent on its hitting to win ball games. Not this team. With already one of the best pitching rotations in the region, the Highlanders picked up three more pitchers after the fall semester. Compiling a 20-6 overall record, the Highlanders are in first place at 12-3 in conference play.

Returning to this year's starting rotation from last year are two of last year's all-conference picks. A right-hander from Grand Prairie, Brian Tickell, is having another strong season. Through six starts, he is 6-0 with five complete games including a no-hitter. The other returning starter is David Harper, a right-hander from Mansfield. Harper has been slow to return to his form from last season in which he finished with eight wins and a 2.67 ERA. So far Harper is 2-2.

Coach Paul Miller has started five other pitchers to find a third starter for the end of the season rotation and playoffs. Freshman Scott Brand, a newcomer this semester from Lubbock, has been impressive with a 4-1 record with four complete games. Dudley Haas, a sophomore transfer from the University of Texas at Austin and Waco native, has put together a 3-1 record in three starts and several relief appearances.

If the starter gets into trouble another group of strong arms are ready in the bullpen. Sophomore Jarrell Smitherman transferred at the semester from Northeast Texas Community College. Smitherman, who is the Highlander's only left-hander, has appeared several times as a setup man in middle relief. He is also 1-0 in his only start.

Freshmen Zach McWhirter

and Dimitric Murph have mostly pitched in relief and have five starts between them.

The Highlander's closer is freshman Stephen Conlon from Lorena. He has three saves and 1-1 record all in relief.

The Highlanders are right on schedule with their goals for the regular season, but like most teams their goals for this year are in the second season. After falling early in post-season play last year, there is plenty of fire in this year's team to go all the way in the Texas State Tournament.

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FACE OFF

Oh boy, that coming presidential election

By AARON TUDOR

It's that time again kids. With the '96 presidential election right around the corner, it's time to start sizing up the race and making predictions.

Okay, I'm lying. The election's over a year and a half away. The only people on the planet who give a hoot about it this early are idiot journalists with no lives. But ask anyone who knows me and they'll tell you two things: a) I'm an idiot journalist, and b) I have no life.

Maybe that's why I'm already getting excited about the '96 race. (Editor's Note: If you know anyone who is already thinking about the next presidential election, consider it a cry for help and have them seek counseling immediately.)

Already so many people have thrown their hats into the ring I'm having high school graduation flashbacks. Republicans are lining up for a shot at Clinton because they think he's easy pickings. They're wrong.

Clinton's like a weeble-wobble. Every time he gets knocked down, he pops right back up. Remember the last election? Even with all the scandals and bad news that popped up, he managed to avoid the knockout blows. He kept fighting and won. Clinton waffles but he don't fall down.

Whoever his opponent is, it will be a close race. And he could win again. (Editor's Note II: If you know anyone who thinks Bill Clinton will win the next election, consider them insane and have them committed.)

Look at his competition so far. First there's the wildly popular Lamar Alexander. (Editor's Note III: If you know anyone who knows that Lamar Alexander is the former governor of Louisiana, consider them smarter than me.) There's also Pat Buchanan and Phil Gramm, both of whom are slightly to the right of Hitler. Talk about a couple of fine candidates.

The only Republican who has a chance to beat Clinton is that wild, fun loving guy Bob Dole. (Editor's Note IV: If you know anyone who thinks Bob Dole is a wild, fun loving guy, consider checking their pulse. They might be dead.) The rest are either too unknown or too radical.

Dole's the only decent candidate of the whole group, and he should get the Republican nomination. If he does, he'll probably win. If not, get ready for four more years of Clinton. Maybe. Hey, what did you expect? The elections over a year and a half away.

By MERIE WITT

Well, I'm supposed to make predictions about the 1996 nominations and election. So, what do I look like a swami or something? (Darn it, Dr. B., I'm a writer not a psychic!)

The phrase, "Your guess is as good as mine," seems to fit here. But since I wanted to really make an effort to have an unbiased opinion (cause you know how hard I try to be unbiased...)



I called Dionne Warwick's psychic friends, talked to Carmen the spiritualist who lives just off Waco Drive, and finally I asked my trusty "eight ball." With all these predictions in mind, I devised a quick, two second prediction that didn't use up too much paper. Mainly because after all those 1-900 phone Let's just say that since Americans are tired of government passing the buck, they will most likely pass the "Bill." In absence of the handicapped duck (P.C. again) most Americans will have to be leery of Phil's redneck — Just take him with a Gramm of salt. So, I think the Republican nomination and the electorate will be "Doled" out to Bob. While the others who are running are pretty much loose "Buch-cannons." I have to admit that I'm not too impressed with anyone in the running for president in 1996. I know that there are a lot of qualified people out there, but I guess they are all smart enough to know that running for president is more of a hassle than it is worth.

Buck up though, it's not so bad! The president doesn't really do that much anyway, just look at Bill Clinton's record! Please don't get cynical. Let the parties know when you are displeased!

No matter what, you should always vote, but if it turns out that you're like me and you are not impressed with any of the candidates then I have a suggestion. Write me in for president. Vote for Merie Witt in 1996. Now that would be a bright future!



A personal opinion

Students on a mission

By JEFF TALBERT

Spring breaks come and spring breaks go. But some last for an eternity.

No, I am not talking about a spring break to South Padre Island, where a person lives for the moment's entertainment.

A ski trip over spring break will not last forever. Yes, it is good, clean fun, but the memory of it will melt away just as the snow will.

Some people say they will never forget just being able to stay home for a week, sleeping until noon, and letting their brains get recharged. It sounds great to me, but it is just a bunch of Saturdays put together. It too will pass away.

But my spring break experience, and several others, will never be forgotten. It will last forever. We went on mission trips over spring break, and the things we took part in will never be forgotten because God was with us. And what God does is never forgotten.

Some of you might be thinking, "Oh no, it's another religious freak telling about his mission trip to another country." But before you look to another article, I dare you to keep reading.

God is real. I have felt Him, heard Him, and seen what He can do in people's lives. At least two MCC students, Matt Wible and Carl Gulley, spent Spring Break in Juarez, Mexico.

"When we were doing outreach in Mexico," Wible said, "the things God did were truly amazing."

One thing that happened was a person's shoulder had been hurting for the past two years, and the person had been unable to sleep on that side during that time. It also looked deformed. A few students began praying for the person, and the person exclaimed that the pain had gone

away. Then the students prayed some more and they saw the arm pop back into place.

In another instance, a man asked to be prayed for because he was blind in one eye. It was apparent because a white spot was on his eye. The man's eye was healed as students prayed for him.

Another man received prayer when he said he was deaf in one ear. Not only was his ear healed, but his stomach and leg were healed also. The people praying for him did not even know those parts had been hurting him.

A woman with scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, was healed as students prayed for her. One person had her hand on the woman's back, and could feel the spine gradually straighten.

"God changed my life in that He showed me his power in ways that most people think only happen in the Bible," Wible said.

God also did the miraculous on the team's journey home.

Fernando Aguirre, one of the leaders of the trip, was driving a 20 passenger van at about 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Two other vehicles were in the caravan, and Aguirre, for some reason, sensed that he needed to ask the driver of one of the other vehicles if she knew what to do in case of a blowout. He never did.

A few minutes later, the van Aguirre was driving lost its two left back tires. Since he had thought about telling the other driver what to do, it was fresh on his mind not to touch the brakes. The van came to a skidding halt on a bridge just a few feet from a long, steep embankment.

"Why were we so lucky? Because Jesus Christ was protecting us," Aguirre said. "When we arrived in Waco we started hearing about people who had been praying for our safety. We even discovered that several

people were awakened in the middle of the night and felt led to pray specifically for traveling safety. We are convinced that Jesus Christ intervened and prevented a catastrophe."

Some of you might find these stories hard to swallow. But they are very much real, just as God and His son Jesus are real.

I went to Reynosa, Mexico, just across the border from McAllen. One of the places I went to was a trash dump, where several hundred people live. We served the people there.

We had puppet shows, dramas, showed a film, and served hot dogs to them. That may not sound very exciting to most of you, but it is to me because no amount of skiing or hanging out on the beach could replace the feeling I had when I saw the expressions of joy on the people's faces there. In a place where there is no water or electricity, a hot dog and a movie is a luxury.

The last day we gathered around the mayor of the small community and his wife, and we prayed for them. As we prayed, tears streamed down the wife's face. The mayor was also af-

ected. It was not that they were touched by us or our generosity; it was because they felt the love of God through our actions.

Some reading this need to feel the love of God. Maybe you are at an all-time low, and do not feel like living any more. Maybe your girlfriend or boyfriend has turned his/her back on you and it hurts. Or maybe you just want to find something with meaning and purpose. You have tried money, prestige, the opposite sex, alcohol, or drugs, but none of them seem to fulfill you.

The answer to all of those is Jesus. He's experienced all the things you have been through and more. People cursed Him and spit in his face; friends betrayed him; and he experienced the worst possible way to die there was.

He was tortured with a whip and other devices. He had huge nails driven through his wrists and feet. The only way he could breathe was to put all of his weight on the nail driven into his feet so he could catch a breath. And he did all of that because He loves YOU. Will you love Him back? Your life depends on it.



TELLING THE STORY through hand puppets, a group of college students on a Christian mission trip to Mexico keep a group of children and adults enthralled.

Winners named in art contest for high school

By LISETTE MEDINA

Last Wednesday, junior and senior students from area high schools competed in the high school art competition sponsored annually by MCC.

Students were allowed to enter a maximum of three works of art. All media was accepted with categories including painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, craft, photography,

collage and design.

Judging the competition was portrait painter, Laura Reinowski, who is also a digital imaging teacher at Texas State Technical College.

A sum of \$175 in prize money was awarded, as well as awards for Honorable Mentions.

A total of 330 works were submitted to the contest from students attending the following schools: Bruceville-Eddy, Chilton, China Spring, Crawford, Gateville, Groesbeck, La Vega, Lorena, Marlin, Moxia, Midway, Reicher, University and Waco High.

Winning best of show were Ryan Smith of Midway for his work titled "Self-Portrait" and Laura Bradshaw of University for "Pieces."

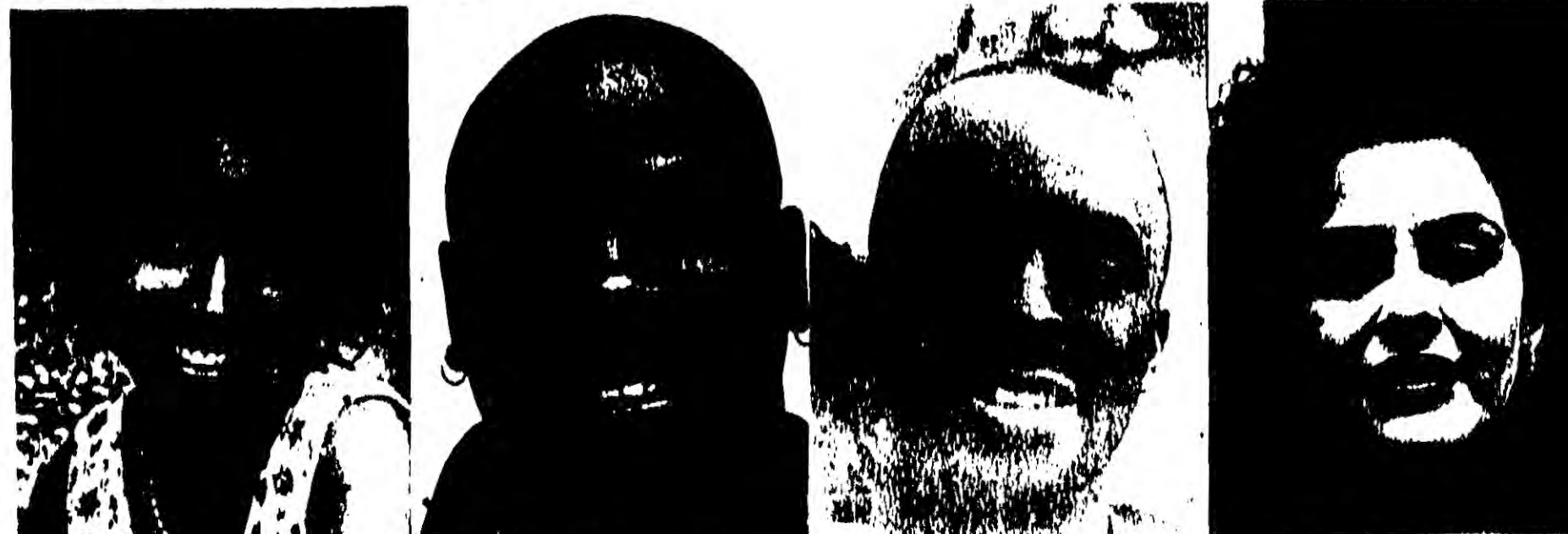
Taking second place was Gateville student Patrick Cnasy's submission, "Haze."

Third place went to a piece called "Wild Nights" entered by Audry Smith of Reicher.

A complete list of names of honorable mentions was not available at press time. The amount of money going to each student also was not known.

All work will be on display in the Ball Performing Arts Center from April 3-21. The exhibit will be open from 8 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Should media have access to the courtroom?



BITARIAL MORGAN

Major Nursing
"It depends on the seriousness of the case."

ANTHONY LEWIS

Major History
"No, Everyone is entitled to his own privacy."

UMOJA GIBSON

Major undecided
"What goes on in the courtroom is between you, the judge and your attorney — not the media."

NORMA B. MARTINEZ

Major undecided
"The media takes a situation and blows it way out of proportion and somehow twists everything around."

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(Above) OLE' ! – Jay LaFlair waits for a player from the opposing team to come closer so that he can tag him out.

(Above Right) GOT YA! – Jay LaFlair tags one of his opponents from Richland College out at third base.

(Right) COME ON, VOGUE! – Jarrel Smitherman leans against a fence while he watches his teammates play.

(Below Right) SAFE BY A MILE – Keith Knoerr slides into home base safely while the catcher from the opposing team waits for the ball.

(Below) TALKING TO THE TEAM – Coach Miller talks to the team after their first loss to Richland College on March 1.



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A DAY AT THE BALLPARK