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News Briefs

MLK speeches today in Student Center

Martin Luther King speeches will be shown today in the Student Center from 12:30-1:30 p.m. as a part of Black History Month. Credit in some classes will be given to those students who attend the viewing. Students are to sign in with Sherri Sedghi to verify their attendance. African Masks are on display at the Student Center in the TV room, compliments of Vickie Hampton-Mitzel.

Deadline today for Czech tour class

Continuing Education is offering a two-week study tour to the Czech Republic beginning July 26. Tour participants will spend 11 days in Brno and three days in Prague, including excursions throughout the countryside. Tour leader is history instructor Mike White. The cost of the trip is \$2,365 per person, including transportation, housing, excursions, lectures and most meals. A 20 percent deposit is due today. A brochure with detailed trip itinerary is available by calling 750-3528.

Gardening classes begin today

"Residential Landscape Design" will help participants learn to identify, select and plant the right flowers and shrubs for their soil. Students will learn how to plan for their home's landscaping needs, establish a pond and identify soil types. The six-week class will be held from 6:45-9:15 p.m. each Tuesday beginning Feb. 7. The cost is \$34. "Gardening with Perennials" covers choosing a location, preparing the perennial bed, selecting the plants and caring for them as they grow. The four-week class meets from 7-9 p.m. beginning Feb. 7. For complete details on these and other continuing education classes, call 750-3412.

Writers course begins tonight

Writers hoping to get published can get some help from three continuing education classes this month and in March. "Poetry: Humor, Love, and Song," a three-week course beginning tonight, is designed to help develop skills for writing humorous and romantic poems or lyrics for songs. The class is held every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and costs \$24. The "Selling Your Story" seminar covers markets, names, places and how to get published. The cost is \$15 and the session will be held on Feb. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. "How to be a Playwright" describes to novice playwrights how to manage the conception, growth and first draft of a play. The course lasts six weeks and begins March 28. It will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$49. For more information, call 750-3412.

Diversity teleconference Thursday

A teleconference on "Attention Strategies for Campus Diversity" will be held Thursday from noon-2 p.m. in rooms 233-234 of the Community Services Center. Featuring Barbara Jordan, the conference will cover such topics as conflict resolution strategies, inclusive community building, new teaching styles for diversely prepared students, institutional culture links within the learning environment, and methods of encouraging and rewarding faculty for advising, serving as mentors, and tutoring students. The program will include 60 minutes of interactive questions and answers with the panelists throughout the telecast. The program is being sponsored by the Multicultural Committee and Student Activities. Guests are invited to bring their sack lunches.

Donate books, tapes for Library sale

The Library Book Sale will be held March 9-10. Donations are being accepted now, including books, magazines, albums, tapes and videos. Donations should be delivered to the library. For more information, contact Alan Berecka, ext. 579.

Open hours for weight room, pool, gym

The Health and Physical Education (HPE) building contains racquetball courts, a weight training room and a pool that is open to students and faculty on the following hours:
•Weight Room — Mondays and Wednesdays 11:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2-3:30 p.m., 6:40-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-4 p.m., 5-8 p.m. Fridays 11:20 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-8 p.m.
•Pool — Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15-4:15 p.m. Fridays closed.
•Basketball can be played in the gymnasium on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 2:30-3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1-3 p.m.

Telecourse enrollment high

The two telecourses offered for the first time by the college, Texas Government taught by Paul Holder and General Psychology taught by Sherri Sedghi, have been called a "smashing success" by Public Information Director Nancy LeMay. The government class enrolled 60 students and the psychology class 47, which "exceeded our expectations," said LeMay. Broadcast over the College Channel, Cable 18, the courses include some on-campus work as well as required readings, study-guide work and text book material. Instructors are available to work with the students one-on-one via the telephone or office visits.

Neeley new personnel director

Wayne Neeley is McLennan Community College's new director of personnel services. He received personnel training in the Army, then worked eight years in a personnel development program for the U.S. government. Neeley replaces Joanne Alvarez, who left MCC last year to take a similar position at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth.

LOTUS 1-2-3 course begins Feb. 18

Learn to create electronic spreadsheets in "Introduction to LOTUS 1-2-3," a non-credit, hands-on, class offered by from 9 a.m. until noon each Saturday for five weeks beginning Feb. 18 on the MCC campus. The cost is \$55. To learn more, call MCC at 750-3412.

Activities begin for homecoming week

By EUGENIE STEPHEN

Nostalgia fever will be running high this week, as MCC students and staff participate in Homecoming elections, bonfire, spirit day and the game.

Yesterday's talk by Robert Hastings, UFO expert, launched the week's activities.

Tomorrow, Homecoming elections will be held in the cafeteria from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. The

spirit of Homecoming will be boosted this year with the reintroduction of the Homecoming king. This feature lost its prominence some years ago when the MCC male population failed to take part in the contest. Participants for the king and queen competition have either to be nominated by their clubs/departments or have 25 endorsements to get their names on the ballot.

"Voting is opened to every MCC student," said Carol Molter, Student Government president. She also pointed out that the king and queen winners will be presented at half time during the Homecoming game when MCC plays Hill College at the Highlands at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Thursday, the intramural field will be all aglow as the Homecoming bonfire gets underway at 7

p.m. It will be an opportunity to meet all the athletes as well as see the Dance Company perform.

Spirit day, Feb. 10, will usher in the decorated office competition. Creativity and decorative ability will be rewarded with plaques and cash prizes of \$30 for first, \$20 for second and \$10 for third. The Student Government will judge this event.

Business Info. Center helps small businesses

By HEATHER ELLIS

The Business Resource Center recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony launching the new Business Information Center. The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, Waco SCORE Chapter and the Heart of Texas Business Resource Center Incubator also helped in dedicating the new center.

The Business Information Center will help new and existing businesses by providing information to advance its economic development, said Lu Billings, executive director of the Business Resource Center. The center will accommodate a 9,000 square mile area and assist more than 500,000 people.

"The Business Information Center is extremely important," Billings said. "It allows small businesses to have access to important computer software enabling them to have better judgment concerning business." The center provides a large

variety of computer software such as marketing and accounting systems and CD-ROM, and videos containing beneficial information on hiring and firing techniques. These programs also help businesses without computers to have access to one or aid businesses in getting established. In addition to the computer software, the Business Information Center offers an internet to help promote their products or services and aid in importing.

To date, 29 businesses have already been assisted with the pilot program alone and over 150 hours of computer time have been logged in.

For more information about the Business Information Center, contact Lu Billings at 754-8898 or 750-3600. All services are free of charge. Offices are located in the Community Services Center on campus.

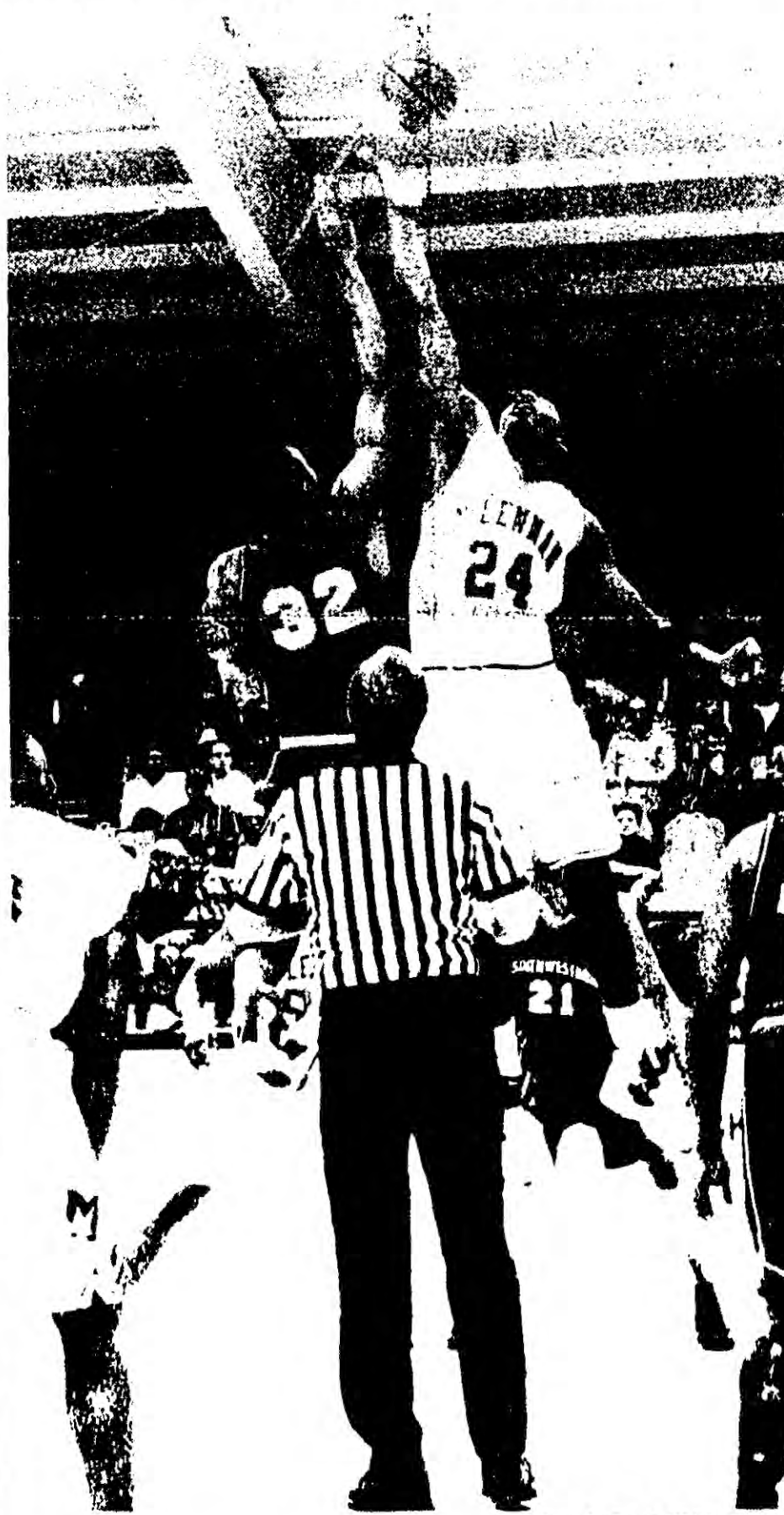


Photo by Brooks Whittington

GET ON UP-- Rodrick Monroe soars for the tip against Southwestern Christian. The Highlanders went on to win easily 124-79. They are currently 21-3 overall and in first place in conference with an 11-0 record.

Art exhibit judging today

By OLGA DURON

Entries submitted to MCC's Annual Student Art Exhibition will be judged today by Dennis Pickett from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, and the results posted in the Fine Arts Building, room 111, on Feb. 16. Winning entries will be on display beginning Feb. 16 and continuing through March 23 in the Performing Arts Center.

Sponsored by MCC's art department, an award of \$200 will be presented to a student, or stu-

dents, whose work Pickett says will be judged based on competency, level of communication, and innovation. Participants may also have the opportunity to sell their art to interested buyers.

John Chatmas, fine arts instructor and director of the Student Art Exhibition, said the annual event gives students an opportunity to show their work outside of class and experience what it's like to work in a professional situation.

Dance team 13th at nationals

By LORELL EISMA

The road to the National Cheerleaders Association Competition was beaten with relentless practice and strong wills for the MCC Dance Company to secure the 13th place in the championships.

With only 14 spots for the different teams from across the country to fill, MCC sought after one of those spots with unbridled determination. MCC's Dance Company nabbed the 13th spot after three days of dancing, jumping and tonics smiles. They competed with mostly four-year colleges. Another Texas school, Stephen F. Austin University, placed first.

The other teams that they were up against were from the Division II, IAA, III and Junior College. They competed against every school except Division I, like Baylor and Texas A&M.

The competition was on a national level so they competed

against schools in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and other schools in Texas.

"We were not intimidated because we know we were doing the best job we could do at that point," said Dance Company Coach Sandra Hinton.

In the beginning, to qualify for nationals, there weren't any arduous climbs up divisional ladders. Rather, this was a one-shot opportunity. Hinton said that two years ago they couldn't travel to try-outs to perform in person, so they sent in a video tape of their home and pom routine. The judges gave them zero points.

Now they go and perform in person for try-outs. They have tried for nationals for the past four years, but this is the first year that they made it to finals.

The three officers were the only members of the Dance Company that went to NCA camp.

That is where they were considered for competition. The captains were judged on a home routine, and competed with the MCC fight song and also performed routines that they learned at camp.

To qualify for nationals certain elements had to be initiated into the performance, these were four eight counts of kicks, 30 seconds of pom, floor work and spirit/yelling; in which they were only allowed three minutes to perform at Nationals. Coach Hinton said that what they do at the games and exhibitions is fun and easy compared to what they had to put out at Nationals.

Beginning in the 1994-95 Fall semester the Dance Company has been considered a sport, called Varsity Dance, in MCC athletics. Hinton said they now have scholarships to recruit dancers. They always had some money for the officers in the past, but now all the dancers have some kind of scholarship.

While at nationals the Dance Company was asked to be in a

commercial for the 1995 NCA Competition. Last semester they had the honor of performing at a Dallas Mavericks game. They will also be shown on cable channel 18 in "After the Buzzer With Ken DeWeese."

As for the Dance Company's coming events, the group will perform at all the home basketball games. They will hold a clinic contest for high schools on Feb. 18. Then on Feb. 25 they will perform at a Baylor basketball game.

They are also currently participating in the Adopt-A-School program and for that program they have been invited to perform at Wiley Junior High School. There is a high school competition, called Showtime Championship, in Fort Worth at which they will perform this semester.

Watching the team practice after the interview, the sweat, knee braces and Band-Aids are reminders of what it takes to compete at this level.

Landers keep win streak alive

By ANDREW BATEMAN
The MCC Highlanders rolled to an undefeated record through the first half of conference. The Highlanders, riding an 10 game winning streak, have compiled a 21-3 overall record with a 11-0 record in conference. The Highlanders are coming off of an important win on the road at second place Temple, 101-97. That win put them up with an almost insurmountable four game lead in conference play.

With that win out of the way, the Highlanders crushed Weatherford at home 110-81. Running over their conference foes, the Highlanders have won their last five games by an average margin of just over 27 points a game. That stretch included wins over third place Collin and fourth placed Southwestern Christian. The Highlanders defeated Ranger 109-85 on the road, Southwestern Christian 124-79 at home, and Collin 104-70 on

the road. Through 22 games this year the Highlanders are scoring 97 points per game while holding their opponents to just below 85 points per game. A strong balance on the outside and the inside has proven to be the team's greatest asset. Led by eight sophomores, the team's maturity and cohesiveness doesn't extend only to the second year players but also to the freshmen, who have proven that any

one of them is also capable of leading the team on any given night. The Highlanders evened scoring attack is led by four players averaging in double-figures. Marcus Moss leads the team with 13.5 points per game, but right behind him are Kenneth Benton with 13, Rodrick Monroe averaging 12.7, and Marco Brown with 11.8 points per contest. Moss is also the team leader in assists per game with 7.6.

Monroe leads the team in rebounds averaging 8.2 per game while Norman Williams has pulled down 7.5 per game. "If we can continue to play hard in conference, we can win the league," head coach Ken DeWeese said. "We have enough maturity." The Highlanders will be looking to extend their lead with a win over Cisco on the road tomorrow night. They will close out the regular season with two

games at home and two more games on the road. At home, they will play against Hill on Feb. 11, the Homecoming game, and Ranger on Feb. 22. On the road, they will play against Grayson on Feb. 18 before finishing the regular season against Southwestern Christian on Feb. 25. The Highlanders next stop will be at the Texas-New Mexico State Junior College Tournament in Waco March 3-7.

For Pete's sake

By PETE SCHOENFELD
When I came to MCC I was surprised that there was competitive sports at the junior college level. But after hearing about the success of the programs here and the tradition I was blown away.

Then talking to a Highlander aficionado, he told me a few names. "You ever heard of Vinny Johnson?" Of course, he played on the world champion NBA teams in Detroit. "Yes, but he started his college career at MCC." There is no way that "The Microwave" started at MCC, I thought.

"You like baseball?" he asked. "Then you know Jay Buhner and Pat Listach!" That was it. He was not going to pull this city boy's leg any farther. There was no way that they both played here too. So after deciding that he wasn't trying to pull one over on me I had to find out why so many great athletes get there start here?

I also found out that winning tradition extends to the tennis and golf teams and the Dance Company, all perennial national title contenders.

How does MCC continue to recruit the top talent from around Texas to come here and play. The major reasons are playing time and tradition. The athletes have a great opportunity to get experience playing instead of riding the bench at a division one school. The athletes are able to adjust to college life on a smaller scale before moving on to a big university.

The tradition has set a precedent that keeps both the player and the major university scouts coming back. The strength of the programs has become known. The scout and players know what is expected from an MCC athlete. Building a tradition takes years of continued success.

It's hard job for any team to repeat as champions. Just ask the Dallas Cowboys. Everyone comes out gunning for you, ready to shoot you down. Every team circles the MCC game on their calendar. For a winning team to continue dominating its competition is one of the hardest feats in all of sports.

However, at MCC we have five of the most winning two-year college programs in the country. And it looks like tradition will continue.



DUNKING 'EM LIKE DONUTS — Jermaine Thomas slams in another dunk as the Highlanders put on a backboard pounding demonstration against Southwestern Christian here Jan. 28. MCC topped the visitors 104-70 with many of the baskets bending the rim like this one.



MORE OF THE SAME — Rondell Turner proclaims, "This is my house" with another dunk against Southwestern Christian. The Highlanders are riding a 11-0 record in conference play as they build momentum for the state tournament here in March.

Photos by Brooke Whittington

5th-ranked netters on the road again

By RYAN LAW

The women's tennis team will put its No. 5 national ranking on the line when it takes on Sam Houston State University at 2:30 this afternoon.

After losing their season opener 5-4 to Southwest Texas in San Marcos and plastering Schreiner College 8-1 in Austin, this is MCC's third road match in a row. The match will be Sam Houston State's season opener while MCC has the experience of playing two formidable opponents already this season. Experience, however, is of no concern to the Sam Houston State tennis team which consists

mainly of juniors and seniors. MCC coach Carmack Berryman expects the division 1A school to be good competition for his much smaller team.

MCC's season opener was a nailbiter with Southwest Texas taking five of the nine matches. For MCC Myriam Jimenez was defeated 0-6, 6-7 by Southwest's Angela Green. Teina Vai came back for MCC with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Southwest's Stacey Samuelson. MCC went ahead 2-1 with Helene Linder's 6-2, 6-4 defeat of Mandy Slayton.

Southwest then knotted the score at two apiece when Britney Mikeasa overcame MCC's Ann

Pangan 6-2, 1-6, 6-2. MCC went on top again after Southwest's Jessica Bair retired and Lana Ereckson got the win for MCC. Aubrey Mika tied the score at 3-3 for Southwest as she struggled to beat MCC's Gledhill 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 on the last singles match of the day.

In doubles, Jimenez and Pangan topped SWT's Samuelson and Slayton 6-1, 6-2. SWT won the other doubles matches with Vai and Linder being edged by Green and Bair 6-2, 4-6 and 7-6; and Gledhill and Heather Henderson losing 6-4 and 7-6.

The Highladies won all their

matches against Schreiner College. Jimenez beat Sarah Byrne 6-4, 6-2; Vai beat Annette Nichols 6-1, 6-0; Linder beat Jenny Cobb 6-1, 6-3; Pangan beat Shannon Jolly 6-1, 6-1; Gledhill beat Vivian Martin 4-6, 6-5, 6-1; and Ereckson beat Angela Castillo 6-1 and 6-0.

In doubles Jimenez and Pangan beat Cobb and Jolly 6-1, 6-3; Vai and Linder beat Byrne and Nichols 6-1, 6-2; and Ereckson and Henderson beat Martin and Castillo 6-2, 6-3.

The team consists of five freshmen and two sophomores with veterans Myriam Jimenez and Teina Vai anchoring the team

with individual national rankings of No. 17 and No. 18 respectively. Each was named an All American honorable mention last season, Jimenez in doubles and Vai in singles.

The sophomore players are not the only team members to have accomplished national rankings. Their freshmen teammates also hold top spots in the nation. Linder is the highest ranked freshman on the squad at No. 19 in the nation, followed by Pangan at 26.

Gledhill, Ereckson, and Henderson round out this freshman five with respective national rankings of 42, 43, and 53.

Sweeps bowling title

By MIMI SEAWRIGHT

The Pinsters and the Mixed-up Strikers, two MCC bowling teams, tied for first place at the bi-annual bowling tournament held in December.

The tournament took place at Action World Bowl in Temple where six MCC teams competed.

In addition to the two winners, other MCC teams also placed high. The Pinbusters placed sixth overall, the Brooklyn Bums seventh, the Old Head Pins 13th, and the StrikIn' to Please 19th out of 21 teams.

Students from Temple Junior College and Central Texas College competed against the MCC teams.

Tight competition at the top, mainly between MCC's top two

teams, had the crowd in suspense. First place competitors remained neck and neck until the last game when the two MCC teams pulled ahead to tie for the win with a final score of 3140. TJC barely trailed with a score of 3120, winning third place.

MCC took home the traveling trophy.

"They [opposing coaches] kid me," said Coach Rick Butler. "They say, 'Why don't you leave the trophy at home?' because we've kept the trophy for the last five tournaments."

The next tournament will be held this spring. Any student currently enrolled at MCC can compete. To enter, contact Coach Rick Butler at 753-0790 or room 109 in the HPE building.



THESE TWO TEAMS from MCC tied for first place in the bi-annual bowling tournament held between Central Texas two-year colleges. The teams were coached by Rick Butler.

Photo by Brooke Whittington

Golf team ranks 11th

By ROBERT LEEF

The 1995 golf season is scheduled to begin Friday at Lake Waco Country Club when the Highlanders take on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The team heads into the new year ranked No. 11 in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association Golf Coaches Poll. With eight of the top 20 teams in the nation coming from Texas, the Highlanders have a great opportunity to advance even further. Coach Stan Mitchell has targeted two teams in particular, Midland College and Odessa College.

Mitchell said three returning players who might help the team to a national title include

Kristopher Kelloy, Patricio Beautell and Daniel Tidebrink. Beautell is an academic all-American who has maintained a GPA of at least 3.0 for 45 semester hours. This helps contribute to the outstanding overall team GPA of 3.29.

Three freshman Mitchell hopes will help are Alexander Chavez, Jimmy Whitfield and Joel Hogenstiek.

This year's full team roster includes Patricio Beautell, Alexander Chavez, Jeffrey Cordell, Douglas Hand, Thomas Hanson, Kristopher Kelloy, John McCormick, Jason Neumann, Daniel Tidebrink, Jason Crow, Jimmy Whitfield and Joel Hogenstiek.

