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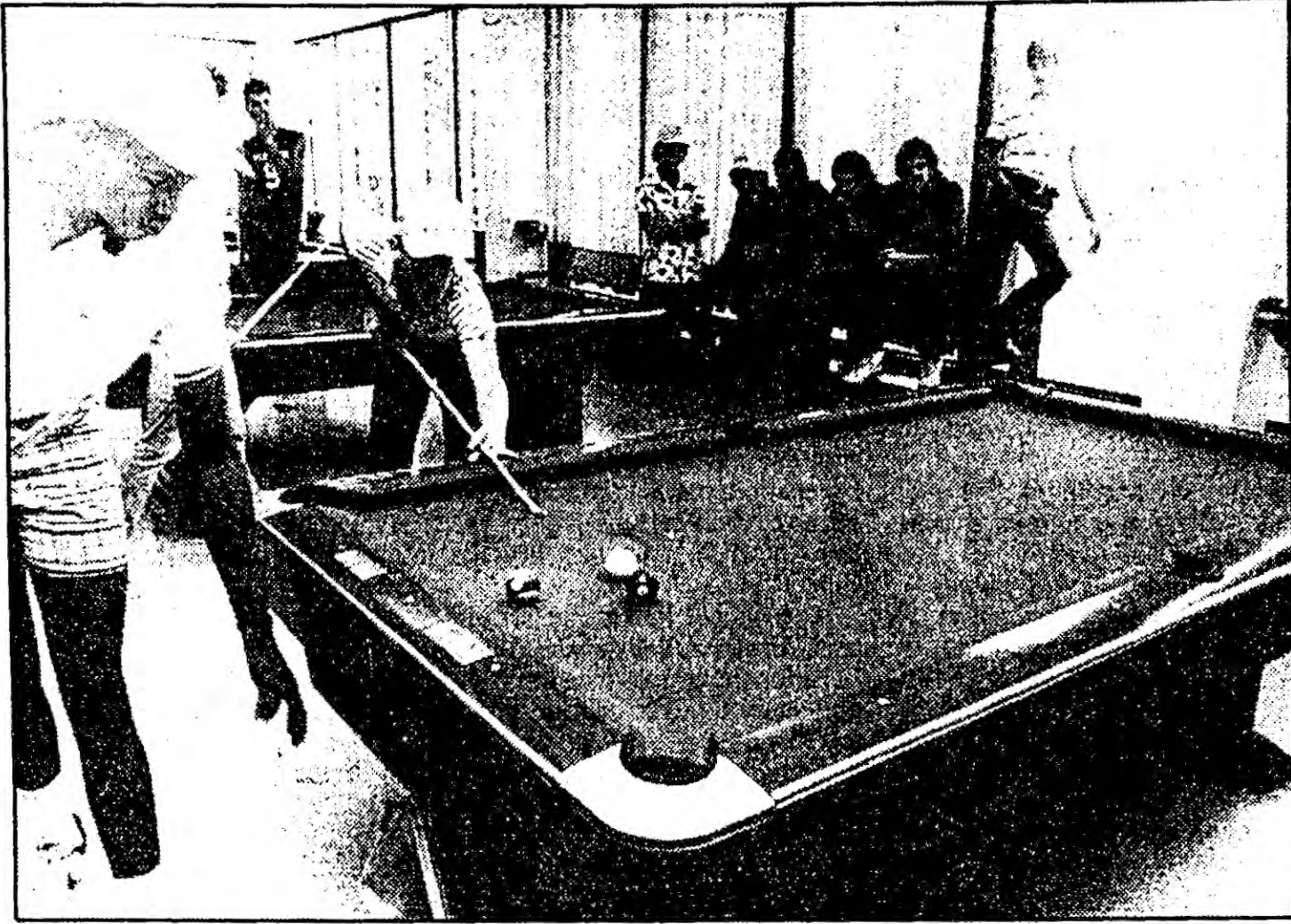
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STUDENTS COMPETE in SG sponsored MCC Student Center. (Photo by Bryant Mauk) doubles pool tournament, held recently in the

## Seay and Jackson win

# Pool tourney completed

BY BRYANT MAUK

Jimmy Seay and Billy Jackson won the pool tournament that was held April 4 in the Student Activities Center game room.

Seay and Jackson defeated Tim Hines and Henry Wilkerson in the third game of a controversial best two-out-of-three match.

Hines and Wilkerson said

that they felt the last game should have been replayed due to an incident that occurred during the final game. Seay, while taking a shot, hit several other balls with his cue stick causing them to roll to different positions, the balls were replaced to their approximate position and the game was continued.

Steve Couch and Greg Clark placed third.

Other participants in the tournament were Donnie Finn, James LaFountain, Leslie Perry, Ian Melean, Bobby Scott, Obie Milliner, Melvin Watkins, Robert Brown, Steve Simpson, Brian Kevel, Bobby Paekwood, Willy Donaldson, Jan Marie Powell, Becky Scarborough, Burle Stewart, Randy Gustofson, Reggie Degrate and Charlie Williams.

# Highland Games fun set for last Friday in April

By LESLY TELSCHOW

History will have a fun way of repeating itself exactly 19 years to the day next week.

On a sunny afternoon, April 25, 1967, the first Highland Games were held marking the beginning of an anticipated traditional event at MCC. It was the first official MCC event to be held on the present campus site. While students were still attending MCC at James Connally Air Force Base the games continued to be held here, and while construction of the present campus buildings was underway they were held at Cameron Park.

Nineteen years later, April 25, 1986, MCC students will once again have the opportunity to play, have fun, and carry on an MCC tradition.

"We want faculty and students to come together to have fun and get to know each other," said Greg Clark, director of student services.

Outside the Student Center beginning at noon MCC students and faculty will be competing in tug-of-war, earth ball relays, egg swat, a lap game, the Highland Run, jalapeno pepper eating contest, pie eating contest, the stone throw, three-legged race, caber toss, and a special tug-of-war between the Highlanders and the Highlassies.

In the regular tug-of-war event, each team will have 10 members with no less than five women.

In the tug-of-war between the Highlanders and the Highlassies, the Highlassies will

have twice as many team members as the Highlanders.

For the lap game, a team lines up and then everyone sits down at once trying to form the longest chain of people.

In the jalapeno pepper eating contest, the person who eats the most peppers in one minute wins.

The caber is a 17 foot long pole, weighing 70 to 80 pounds, that will be tossed end over end. This event will be judged by the farthest toss.

The Highland Run will be held from 10-11 a.m. and will be a mile run around the campus. The three divisions are ladies, men, and faculty. According to Greg Clark, age group divisions may be added if a lot of students want to participate in this event.

Campus organizations may enter a scrapbook to compete in the scrapbook contest.

A logo contest will be held in conjunction with the games and entries must be turned in by April 23. The logos are to include at least one of the following--Highland Games, Texas Sesquicentennial, and MCC's 20th anniversary. The winner of the logo contest will receive a large Poppa Rollo's pizza.

Campus organizations may enter as teams or students may form their own teams. All teams may recruit faculty and other students to be on their team. Individual events will also be held. Entry forms are available in the Student Activities office on the second floor of the Student Center. Teams or individuals may enter as many events as they want.

Each student can be member of only one team.

Teams will receive three points for first place, two points for second place, and one point for third place. The top three teams in each event will receive ribbons for its members. Teams may receive points for all events except the tug-of-war between the Highlanders and the Highlassies, which is just for fun. The team with the most points at the end of the Highland Games will have their name engraved on the Highland Games trophy.

Any team or organization can set up a booth to sell food, drinks, or anything. Clubs can keep the money for their club activities. Other groups must donate the money to a scholarship fund at MCC.

A new addition to the Highland Games this year is an "olympic" style parade from the HPE building to the Student Center before the games begin.

The Ex-MCC Students Association is entering a "mystery team." The first MCC student government president, Ron Rutherford, said they are going to beat everyone, according to Clark.

Radio station, KJNE, will be doing a live broadcast from the Games. "They will probably interview the winners of some events over the air," said Clark.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as a scorekeeper or timer should contact Clark in the student activities office.

"The Games will go on rain or shine," said Clark.

## Law agencies answer questions

By SHAWN RUGGIERI

Thursday, April 10, a variety of law enforcement agencies and military personnel were on hand for the annual Criminal Justice Day which is sponsored by the Criminal Justice Society at MCC.

The purpose of the program was to enable students to seek job opportunities that are available in these areas.

Hugh Belger, director for the criminal justice department, said he was pleased with the number of students who took an interest in the program. He said he hopes they will pursue

an interest in criminal justice, and that all will be successful in finding employment.

"Law enforcement agencies all over Texas are in desperate need of employees. Dallas alone is looking for 5,000 police officers," he said.

This is the third year that students have been given the opportunity through Criminal Justice Day to take advantage at the many job openings that are offered in law enforcement.

The first year the program was brought to students, only local agencies were on hand, and so the following Belger thought it would be more interesting if the program included

authorities who are involved in the criminal justice system from various parts of the state.

So last year, as well as this year, police agencies and wildlife agencies came from as far as Dallas and Houston to offer applications and information to anyone interested getting into this type of employment.

Next year, Belger hopes to expand the program by inviting more corporate agencies that deal with security. Thus students will have a broader range of job opportunities to explore, said Belger.

## Student elections scheduled

Student Government will hold elections for the offices of president, secretary, treasurer, historian and parliamentarian today and Wednesday, April 15-16, in the Student Center.

Contenders for office will be Ronnie Martinez and Tori Spivey for president, Judith Goode (incumbent) for secretary, Micah Dekle and Kim Moore for treasurer, Stacy Scott for parliamentarian, and Cheryl Eitel (now vice president) for historian.

Students vying for offices must have at least a 2.0 grade point average and must maintain an acceptable cumulative GPA. Contenders must be full-time students.

## Inter-club Council attendance down, Highland Games events discussed

Inter-Club Council met April 4 in SC 301 with representatives from only three clubs present.

Alro Student Kindred, Press Club and Student Government were represented at the meeting. Discussion focused on how to increase club representation, and the few present decided to talk about the problem further and to propose and finalize plans for better attendance at the next meeting.

Members also discussed a new contest, "The Hairy Log Contest," to be held in the Student Center. Each club is being encouraged to elect a "hairy log" representative to participate in the contest (see the Student Government story for further details).

Another item on the agenda was the Highland Games. Each club will sponsor a food booth or some type of money-making booth.



MUSIC PROVIDED by an MCC commercial o'clock hour in a mini-concert held underneath music band filled the air April 4 during the 10 the Student Center.

## MCC journalists place

By JORDAN MCMORROUGH

Eight MCC journalism students attended a joint meeting of the Texas Community College Press Association and Texas Intercollegiate Press Association at Sam Houston State University April 10-12.

Students at the convention entered live contests in topics such as news writing, feature writing, editorial writing, headline writing, TV broadcasting, and photography.

Seminars and lectures were held at the convention covering fields such as newspaper, broadcast, and photo journal-

ism as well as advertising and public relations.

Keynote speaker at the conference was John Henry Faulk, popular entertainer and humorist who was blacklisted during the McCarthy era of the 1950s.

MCC's Highland Herald staffers won six awards at the convention, four from the Texas Community College Journalism Association, and two from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

Winners in TCCJA competition were Lynda Yoza, third in feature writing, Warren Garland, third in feature photography, and the Highland Herald

staff, honorable mention in newspaper make up.

The Highland Herald also placed third in the general excellence category in the largest division of TCCJA competition behind San Antonio College and Amarillo College.

Winners in TIPA competition with four-year universities were Warren Garland, third in feature photography, and Grady Fulbright, honorable mention in sports feature writing.

Next year Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos will host the convention.





## Incident under bridge shows need for caution

By LESLY TELSCHOW

An incident that occurred in the middle of the afternoon on March 29 under the Bosque River bridge next to MCC's baseball field has raised an awareness for the need to make women students at MCC conscious of basic safety precautions.

The incident, which has not resulted in charges filed against the attackers and did not involve MCC students, according to police, was a "close to home" reminder that every woman is a potential victim of rape and assault.

The two most important preventive measures to an attack, according to Kelly Peters, education coordinator of the Waco Rape Crisis Center (WRCC), are assertiveness and common sense.

"Don't be in an isolated situation with someone unless you know them real well," said Peters.

According to WRCC, 75 percent of rapists are an acquaintance of the victim. Peters said women should trust their instincts even if it means being rude. Do not allow someone you do not know well to drive you home or walk with you to an isolated part of the campus.

Night class students should be especially aware of avoiding unlit areas and never walking to their cars alone. Women students should walk in pairs to the car and then give the other one a ride to their car.

"Very rarely will something happen if you're with two people," said Peters.

Do not depend on mace, whistles, and self-defense classes. They may not help you in a frightening situation. "We advocate prevention," said Peters.

Some other preventive measures are:

- Have your keys in your hand before leaving the building.
- Always look in your car before you get in it.
- Be alert.
- Walk rapidly.
- Lock doors and roll up windows once in the car.
- At night, park in a place that will be lighted when you return.
- Never leave doors unlocked when your car is parked.
- If you live in an apartment, don't go to deserted laundry areas at night.
- Report to the apartment manager any stranger loitering nearby.

If you're stranded in your car, lock the doors and roll up the windows. Do not get out or roll down the windows for anyone except the police. If someone stops to help, tell them to send for the police. Do not be too trusting. The WRCC sells large signs for \$5 saying CALL THE POLICE to put in the back window of your car.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, rape rose in Texas 14 percent in 1985 compared to 1984. Rape increased more than any other crime in Texas last year. Sixty-five rapes were reported in Waco in 1985, according to the WRCC. National statistics show, however, that only about 10 percent of all rapes are actually reported.

"Rapists will never do it just once," said Peters. The motivation of the rapist is "to express anger, power, dominance, and control." Rape is a "repetitive crime" so by reporting a rape a woman may be able to prevent further attacks by the culprit.

Seventy-one percent of sexual assaults are planned, according to the WRCC. The rapists "pick their victims on the basis of their availability and vulnerability."

Date rape is becoming more common and is less reported because the woman often feels she cannot prove it was rape. Statistics show that 52 percent of the college women used in a study reported a sexual assault on a date. Ninety percent of the women surveyed said they had not reported to the police.

If a woman is approached, use any available weapon for defense—a high-heeled shoe, fingernails, biting, keys, etc. "Sometimes it works to be loud, but sometimes that makes the attacker more violent," said Peters. "If it does, STOP." Do not try to defeat the attacker. Get away and get help, she said.

The WRCC encourages women to report immediately to the police or the emergency room after a rape. The identities of women who go to the WRCC are kept confidential. They do not have to go to the police but the WRCC encourages them to. The WRCC will accompany the woman through the prosecution process if she decides to report the rape. The WRCC provides free counseling to women if they have been abused or assaulted at any time in their life.

The Waco Rape Crisis Center is located at 201 W. Waco Dr. (near the police station) in the Community Services building and the number is 752-1113.

## A freshman looks at MCC

# 'Don't judge a book by its cover'

By ROBERT DAVIS

As I usually attempt to write in a semi-humorous fashion, I am going to break my trend and relate something serious to anyone with the courage to read on.

I am enrolled in an interpersonal relationships class at MCC. Every M-W-F at 9 a.m., barring skips, the class room becomes a veritable melting pot for a cross section of all MCC students.

Under the supervision of the capable Jerry Scarborough, the class of 16 comes together to learn about relating to those around us. Not only do we learn about others, but through others we learn about ourselves. Just being in the class has taught me, a person prone to snap judgments, to not even "glance at a cover," before judging a book. The students in my class were judged instantly, the moment I stepped through the door. This shows just what a fool I am!

The students are the ones I pass in the hall every day. They represent all facets of our student body ... on the outside. Things are much different on the inside.

The girl who, at first glance, seems shy and quiet, has a soul that speaks so loudly that her soft smiles and furtive glances become paragraphs of meaningful dialogue.

The older woman who has lived her life for others, giving selflessly to maintain a family, is coming back to school at an "unheard of age" and learning to live, for the first time, for herself!

The hard-working "no nonsense" girl, who has had to work for every thing she has ever had, underneath her rough exterior has a heart of gold. Her no nonsense becomes, in time, a true honesty, that in this world is all too rare.

The little rich girl, who has had life handed to her on a silver platter, is not as shallow as she seems, she is as complex as any woman, but moreso, because she's had to compete in a world of style and trends, fashion and fads. The life of a debutante is not easy ... perfection comes hard.

The middle-aged woman, moving in the upper circles of our society, has learned about our cities' people through diligent charity work. She has learned a lot about her own children through the honest outpourings of the youth in our class. She loves them more than ever.

The athletes with tough exteriors and cutting wits, in exercises of giving and taking, show selfless giving hearts. The tough exteriors and extreme machismo are there to protect the soft feelings inside.

A truly Christian girl, who while remaining quiet, truly lets Christ and her personal beliefs and values speak for themselves. Her true kindness and love for all people have made us all think twice about spiritual alternatives for earthly vices.

The quiet country boy, has more practical knowledge of life than any of his city cousins. All the culture in the world can't give class, and this guy has more in his little finger than many "upper-class" people I have known.

Of course not everyone in the class has given us a glimpse of their clock work. But what I have seen, as cliché as this may sound, has reaffirmed my faith in mankind. Just knowing that the people beneath the faces and the clothes ... the facades, are all good people, people more like me than unlike me. They are affected by the same things that affect me. No two people can be the same, but we're all in this boat together, and it takes the athlete, the rich girl, the country boy ... the Christian, to make life the interesting and worthwhile thing it is.

The school hierarchy should be aware and proud of the work that Dr. Scarborough is doing. Anyone who could take 16 different people from every facet and social status in life, and show us what we have in common, and what we really are like on the inside as well as out, is worthy of praise.

I highly recommend this class to anyone who wants to know those that they pass in the halls. "Finding Yourself," was big in the 1960s, and I believe that "finding yourself by finding others" will be the trend of the future, Jerry Scarborough is the trend setter.

Sharing a wave and knowing smile across campus, with someone who last semester was a perfect stranger, but is now someone you've learned to really like ... or in some cases love, is to me worth more than any test, lecture or credit. True friends can't help your GPA, they just make keeping one a heck-of-a-lot easier.

Take the class!

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## Students to travel to Big Bend for summer minimester course

By JORDAN MCMORROUGH

Guadalupe Mountain National Park, and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

Extensive hiking, floating down the Rio Grande, and rock collecting may sound like an "Outward Bound" expedition, but all are part of a three-week minimester geology, camping, and canoeing class offered by MCC this summer.

During the field trip, MCC will provide camp stoves, lanterns and necessary fuel. Students must provide their own personnel equipment such as sleeping bags, day packs, and canteens.

The three week minimester is a concentrated study of physical geology (GEL 411) and camping and canoeing (HPE 127), including classroom study on the MCC campus and 11 days of field work in Central and West Texas.

Students will have planning groups for the field trip and each group will be responsible for providing food and any necessary utensils.

Field trip activities include the study of wind erosion and deposition, ground water activity in the formation of caves, river development, ancient volcanic processes, and ancient volcanic activities.

Written guidelines will be provided the first day of the course.

The class will also include trips to Enchanted Rock State Park, Big Bend National Park,

Geology requirements for the course are a completed lab manual, field notes, rock and mineral collection, mid-term test over introductory notes, and a comprehensive final over the lab work and notes.

HPE requirements for the course include notes on various camping techniques and types of equipment, map and compass use, canoeing skills, and a written final.

Upon completion of the course, students will receive four hours credit in geology and one hour credit in HPE.

Enrollment in the course is limited to 24. Registration lasts

from Thursday, April 28, through Thursday, May 15.

Students must register for both geology 411 and HPE 127. The lab fee for the course is \$25 plus other appropriate tuition and fees.

The minimester will overlap one week with Summer I; however, the minimester courses will be completed in the afternoons during the overlap period to avoid conflict with morning summer school classes.

## North wall of building torn down for repairs

By PATRICK KING

Employees of Richard Young Construction have torn down the north wall of the Health Careers building "to ascertain whether the construction was correct to begin with," according to Herman Betke, vice president of business services.

"What we found is (that) we end up with a question as to whether the parapets were properly constructed," he said. "In my opinion there were some things omitted that should have been in there."

From about six feet down from the top of the parapets and all the way to the ground, everything is as it should be, according to Betke, who stated that "there was nothing (no ties) from about six feet from

the top all the way up, so it just boils down to the bricks and the mortar were holding it together up there on the top."

Betke feels that the reason one of the parapets collapsed was that the mortar gave way.

"There was a piece of rubber that goes through the wall to keep water from being able to come down inside the wall and out. The top portion of the parapets were setting on top of that, and the mortar couldn't hold too well there," he said.

Betke said that he was not in a position to say at this time whether or not it was faulty construction.

As of April 8, John Barnes, consulting engineer, was preparing specifications for MCC to go out with bids to get the rest of the repair work done.

## Newsbriefs

### Phi Theta Kappa holds social

Fifteen Phi Theta Kappa members held a party April 6 at the home of counselor and sponsor, John Nobis.

The club provided hot dogs and other food while members brought their own drinks.

The party was scheduled to better acquaint new members, returning members and sponsors. Other sponsors include Ruby Burns, counselor, and Karen Lang, data processing.

### Theft rate at MCC down

Theft is not as big a problem as it used to be at MCC, according to Chief of Security D.L. Chambers.

"MCC has not had as many thefts this semester as there were in previous semesters," said Chambers.

Chambers said that at the beginning of the semester 13 fewer thefts were reported than in previous semesters. He said he expects it to remain low due to better student awareness.

"The best way to prevent crime is through crime prevention," Chambers said. "Students should be more aware of thefts, and the best way to prevent them are by keeping their valuables somewhere safe, like in the trunk of their cars, or where they can see them at all times," he added.

"Campus crime can be prevented if we all work together," he concluded.

### Bookstore sets temporary hours

The MCC bookstore has recently reduced its hours because of a labor shortage, according to management.

The reason for the change is that "right now we are experiencing a shortage of help, and with the number of students we have coming in everyday for service, it's hard for the personnel to attend to all the students needs at once," according to George Ivy, Bookstore manager.

Ivy said the new hours will best fit the students needs while at the same time working better for the employees.

The temporary bookstore hours are 8:45 a.m.-2:30 Monday through Friday, and 5:30-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Horse ownership course offered

McLennan Community College is offering a noncredit course on "Basic Horse Ownership."

This 12-week class is an introduction to horse care designed specifically for the prospective, new or less experienced horse owner. The instructor will be Linda Aduddell of Pilot Point, who has qualified several horses for world competition this year.

Topics to be covered include breeds, terminology, selection, health care, basic care, tack and nutrition.

For more information, call the continuing education division of MCC at 756-6551, ext. 217.

### Combined choirs perform 'St. Paul'

The McLennan Community College Chorale and the Waco Civic Chorus, under the direction of Donald Balmos, performed Felix Mendelsshon's "St. Paul" on April 1 at Baylor University.

Soloists included Lise Uhl, a soprano, from MCC; Jack Coldiron, a tenor, from the Southwest Technological Seminary; and Cody Garner, a bass, from the University of Texas at Austin.

Both the MCC Chorale and the Waco Civic Chorus were accompanied by a full orchestra of about 40 pieces, comprised mainly of members of the Waco Symphony Orchestra.

### Chorale to present concert May 6

The McLennan Community College Chorale will present its spring concert Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The 45-minute program will consist of a variety of general choral literature, according to Donald Balmos, MCC choir director. The material includes some English madrigals and Latin motets from the 16th century, spirituals, and an extended work entitled "Magnificat" by Hallsey Stevens for trumpet, piano and choir.

Tom Spry, an MCC student, will be the trumpet soloist, Balmos said.

The chorale will also perform two selections from Felix Mendelsshon's "St. Paul."

### Health Careers Day scheduled

Health Careers Day will be held in the Student Center Wednesday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All prospective graduates in the health programs are encouraged to attend and meet the recruiters from the health care agencies. Students are also encouraged to attend to receive information about opportunities in the health field.

### Business office receives improvements

The MCC business received some improvements recently. "We moved the counter forward by five feet to allow a little more space back in the office area," according to Herman Betke, vice president of business services.

"We moved some filing cabinets around to give us less of an open office environment," he added.

"We will probably eventually have some partitions in there so we'll have individual work stations for the people that work in the office," Betke said.

## Disabled students get physical fitness tips

By SHAWN RUGGIERI

The Association with Disabled Students heard about physical fitness Friday from Bob Lozano, assistant program director for the physical therapy department at MCC.

Lozano talked about the importance of exercise and how people seem to take it for granted these days. He also emphasized the importance for disabled people to exercise since they have limited use of certain parts of the body, they need to work on those areas that are of use to them.

He said the best type of exercise for people with muscular problems is pool therapy, because the use of the water helps to utilize those muscles that don't get used everyday like they should.

The most effective way for any exercise to work is to pick one that will be enjoyed and try to stick with it. Lozano warned the group to start slowly and not try to overdo at first. He said the best way to exercise is by doing them three times a week for a half an hour which gives one's muscles time to relax.

## MCC 'herps' plan trip

By SCOT SMART

Biology students and their instructor will attend the Texas Herpetological Society spring meeting near Palestine Friday.

Instructor James Schwarz and his group of 10-15 amateur herpetologists will be traveling to the Engeling Wildlife Management Area which is located about 20 miles northwest of Palestine on U.S. 287.

They will join other amateur as well as professional "herps" to turn over logs and peek into promising looking holes in hopes to find a variety of amphibians and reptiles that make their residence on this East Texas wildlife area.

The area is made up of 10,841 acres of post oak woodland, marshes, sloughs, and big fern bottoms on Catfish Creek.

Some of the amateur herps range from engineers to college history who share an interest in the hobby of herpetology, Schwarz said.

When the group from MCC arrives at the area later that Friday morning they will be setting up camp and discussing their game plan for Saturday's expedition.

Saturday everyone will be getting back to the campsite by sundown to have a "show and tell" session and trade stories about the day's events. Animals will be released after they are classified by the participants. Sunday they will break camp and return to Waco.

## SG bridge dance scheduled

By KIMBERLY MOORE

The MCC Student Government will sponsor *Spring Jam 1986* on Friday, May 2 on the Waco Suspension Bridge from 8 p.m. until 12 p.m. to serve as the last dance of the semester.

All students from junior colleges in MCC's region will be invited and admission will be \$1 per person. The Waco Police Department will provide security.

Elections for the Fall 1986 semester officers will be held April 15-16. The offices of president, secretary, parliamentarian, historian, and treasurer must be filled. The requirements for running for office are to have a 2.0 or higher grade point average, a minimum of 12 semester hours, and a free 10 a.m. hour.

Also included in the election will be a Hairy Legs Contest in which clubs around campus elect a representative who will submit a photograph of their "hairy" legs to be voted on by the student body. Anyone can enter the contest by having a petition of 25 names or more.

The government voted to have the last mini-concert of the semester and will have *Flashback*, a 1960-70s rock-n-roll band, to play on Friday, April 25, the day of the Highland Games.

On Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m. an Awards Assembly will

be held in the Lecture Hall and on Wednesday, April 30, a Brown Bag Luncheon will be held with snake handler James Woods as the guest speaker. Students can sign up for a free lunch in the office of Student Activities.

### Fall advisement forms due today

Course advising forms and permits to register for fall 1986 will be issued April 15-28 for day students.

Evening students will only be given advising forms because no permits are needed.

Advisement will be at the convenience of students and their advisers.

### Attend the Awards Assembly

Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.,

in the Lecture Hall.



CHESS CLUB President Doug Zimmerman awards a trophy to second place chess club tournament winner, Gilberto Adamos; also, Kenneth Henkelman, first place winner, is pictured in back. Phil Peach (not pictured) won third place, and Zimmerman won fourth place.



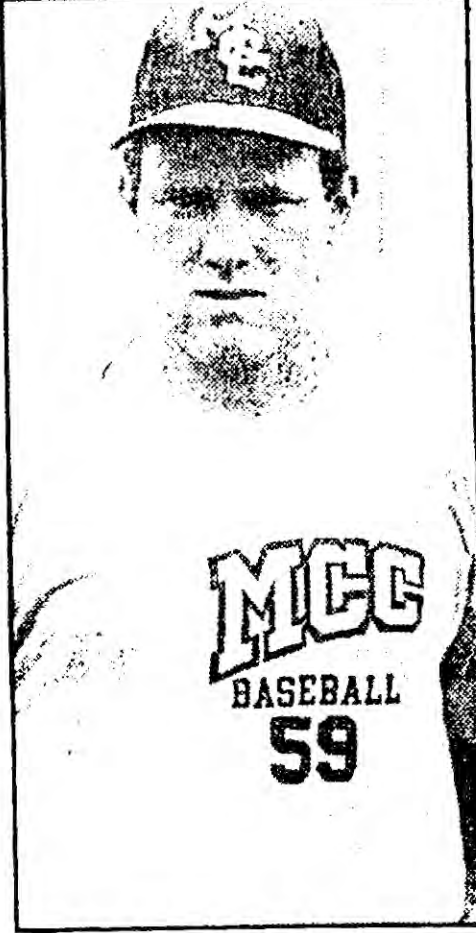


# MCC baseball players add spark to winning team

By KIMBERLY MOORE

"The homeruns are due to confidence, good pitches, strong arms, and a good off-season," said Coach Rick Butler of his MCC winning baseball team.

A number of players on the team have shown outstanding performances on the field, and because of what they call "a good atmosphere and good coaching staff," the following three players claim that baseball has become a part of their lives.



Robert Llevens

Robert Llevens, a transfer from Texas Christian University and a pitcher for MCC, said that he left TCU "because of the better opportunity at MCC through more playing time."

Llevens played in the Dixie Baseball League in his hometown of Lufkin through the summers and one year his team went to the state playoffs. In high school Llevens played on the Hudson High

School baseball team which during his senior year advanced to the state playoffs, but were beaten in the finals. He has received such honors as all-state and all-district as a AAA pitcher.

Llevens is taking basic courses here at MCC and has majored in business, but said that he would like to go into the medical field.

Being a pitcher who depends on curves, spots, or changeups, Llevens said that these different types of pitches serve good in a doubleheader.

"In the first game we can pitch one of our fastball pitchers, such as Taylor, and then in the second game we come back with a totally different kind of pitcher," said Llevens. "It messes up their train of thought," he added.

Llevens still believes that batting is MCC's strongest trait because "when the pitching is bad we can still score a lot of runs so we never lose hope."

Since MCC had such a continuous winning streak Llevens said, "It's good to be a part of such a team with so many talents. We play as a team and we make it a challenge to win."

One goal of all MCC players is to reach the World Series and Llevens is no exception. "I would love to play in the World

Series, but if it's meant to be, we will," said Llevens.

"It was great to beat San Jacinto. I was a relief pitcher (in the 6th inning) and gave up only one run to them," said Llevens of MCC's recent twin victories over their perennial playoff rival.

The long practices in which all MCC baseball players endure are good according to

Llevens because "the way we practice is how we will play in a game."

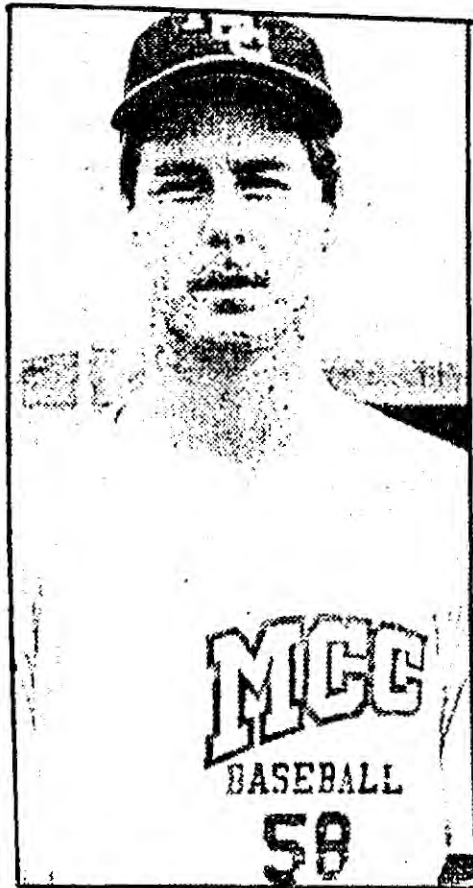
"We learn to get close and coach builds it that way. All of our practices and games are a team effort, not any individual," said Llevens.

Team unity is tremendous and because of the record-breaking winning streak the team is even closer, he said.

Llevens emphasized that there is more to college than athletics.

"Education and baseball are both important, but a person may not always be playing baseball. It's hard to keep grades up, especially after an overnight trip, but it is important and has to be dealt with," said Llevens.

"Baseball at MCC is great. It builds character, responsibility, discipline, and will power," said Llevens.



Mike Taylor

Mike Taylor, a fastball pitcher from Clear Creek said, of the MCC winning streak, "When the season first started our goal was to beat the 26 con-

secutive wins. But now that we have beaten and passed it, the pressure is off, and all we thought about was how far we could take it," said Taylor.

Taylor, who is a graduate from Clear Creek High School in Houston, believes that hitting and the tremendous amount of homeruns at MCC, are the major differences between his old alma mater and MCC. As a high school senior Taylor was named "most valuable player" in the district team and was chosen to the first team all-greater Houston, and his junior year he was named honorable mention all-district.

"My senior year we became the first team in the history of my high school to go to the playoffs," said Taylor.

When it comes to his education Taylor has an undecided major as of yet, but said that he plans on going into real estate next semester.

Taylor has this advice for young baseball players. "It takes a lot of hard work and desire. It's not laid back like in high school. One goes out to win and the competition is very high in college."

When the fall comes around each year all MCC baseball recruits can agree with Taylor when he said, "Baseball and lots of hard work come first, and then the social life."

"Practicing is a key role in winning. You play the way you practice and it takes a whole lot of devotion and dedication," said Taylor.

After leaving MCC, Taylor could possibly become a member of the Baltimore Orioles. He has been drafted by the team and his being chosen all depends on how well he plays this season (he is 10-1 in pitching), how good the team's record is, and how he controls his pitches.

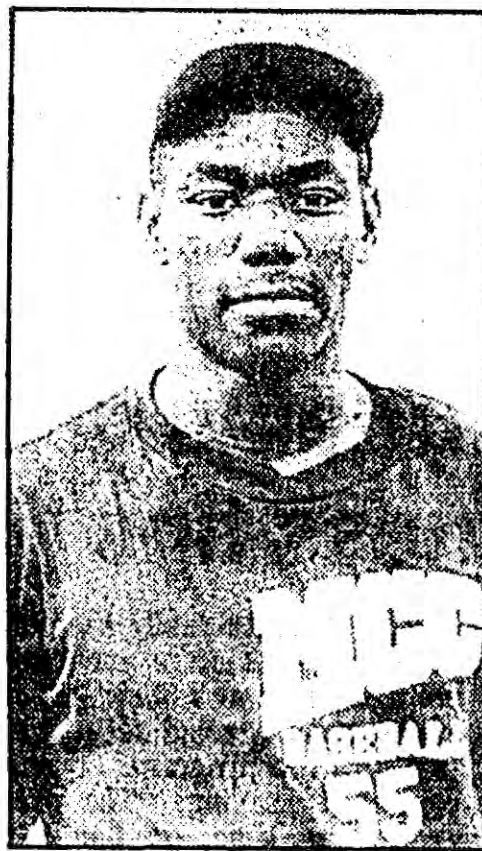
"Right now I think I'm about average," said Taylor. "Playing professional ball is a long shot, but the Orioles are a good team and I would love to play for them," he added.

When MCC recently beat San Jacinto, Taylor rejoiced with the rest of the team.

"Overall it was a off day for me, but beating them is still great," said Taylor.

"The first time we met they swept us and left us feeling upset, so it felt good to know that they had the long ride home," he said.

"We have got the makings, and going to the state playoffs can become a reality if we keep our errors down and believe there is no stopping us," said Taylor.



Bobby Hill

Bobby Joe Hill, second baseman for MCC and a graduate from Waskom High School, said that "Baseball is the most important thing on my mind right now."

Since MCC holds such a prestigious position in baseball both presently and in the past, it would be understandable if a team member felt pressured into keeping the tradition going, but Hill said, "Whether we have a great team, or a mediocre team, we are going to play as hard as we can, regardless."

As most of the players featured from the baseball team have said, Hill also believes that hitting power is the strongest component of the MCC team.

Since he himself is one of the major contributing factors to MCC's hitting power, Hill said, "I think my best baseball trait would be batting... because it is something I love to do."

Attending MCC on a scholarship, Hill is a business major — but he said that baseball is his favorite "class."

Beginning his career as a baseball player at the age of 9, Hill said that he would love to go on to play professional baseball and added that he has no special preference as to which team he would like to play for.

"I plan on graduating from a major university, and if I have the chance, play professional ball," said Hill.

Since Hill began playing at a young age, he said that his father has influenced him the most because "he loves to see me play."

Hill participated in various sports while in high school. He played multiple sports such as baseball, football, and track. He was all district in baseball for four years and three years in track.

Hill said that he thought San Jacinto would give the team the most trouble in Region V play, but since their victory over San Jacinto, he said he hopes "we can go on to state now."

## Lassies take second place

By SCOT SMART

The MCC women's tennis team finished with a strong second place just two total team points behind Cooke County College with 20.

The Highlassies entered the Cooke County College 13th annual tennis tournament April 4-5 ranked number 10 nationally as a team with four seeded players, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association for junior colleges.

### Division I singles

In the first round of the Division I singles competition Henriette Knols got a bye and went on to the second round to take on Stephanie Green of Navaro College. Stephanie Kazan defeated Alisa Congleton also of Navaro to move into the second round against Robin Gerth of Midwestern State University.

Also in the first round Nancy Calhoun received a bye to advance to the second round against Carolyn Lee of Navaro. Teresa Kuykendall also received a bye in the first round to go on into the second round against Patty Deutsch of Midwestern State University.

The second round also proved to be fruitful for the Highlassies. Knols defeated Green 6-0, 6-0 to move on to the third round. Kazan moved past Gerth in the second round 6-2, 6-3; Calhoun defeated Lee decisively 6-0, 6-0; and Kuykendall followed suit with a victory over Deutsch 6-2, 6-3.

In the third round Knols lost her first set of the tournament as she went on to beat Helena Mansson of Cooke County College 6-0, 6-1. Kazan had a tougher time with Jamie McCaffrey but came away with the victory 6-4, 2-6, 6-0 to advance to the quarterfinal round against teammate Knols.

Calhoun advanced into the quarterfinals by defeating Sallyanne Fossey of Cooke County

College 6-1, 6-3; Kuykendall suffered the only loss for MCC in the third round as Samantha Gough of Cooke County beat her 6-2, 6-1.

In the quarterfinals Knols defeated Kazan 6-0, 6-4 to advance into the semifinals against the winner of the Calhoun and Gough match.

Gough of Cooke County beat Calhoun of MCC in a match that was closer than the score indicates (6-0, 6-1). So Gough and Knols were to fight it out in the finals of the Division I singles competition where Knols won 6-2, 6-1.

### Division II singles

The Highlassies entered two seeded players into the Division II singles competition.

In the first round Lynn Gohman defeated Christy Austin of East Central Oklahoma University by the score of 6-2, 6-2; Nora Zainal defeated Wendy Woodstock of Navaro College by default. Susan Bordeaux joined her teammates in the second round by beating Donna Berry of Midwestern State University 6-2, 6-3.

Gohmann was beaten by Lissa Rocha of Cooke County in the second round 6-1, 6-1. Zainal defeated Punam Paul of Cooke County 6-7, 6-0, 6-3. Bordeaux lost to Angie Ryan, also of Cooke County, by the score of 6-4, 6-4. Zainal, the only Highlassie left in Division II, was defeated by Rocha in the longest match of the singles competition 2-6, 6-2, 7-6.

### Doubles competition

The Highlassies made it to the finals of the doubles competition as they fell just short of a victory in a grueling 7-6, 7-6 defeat handed to them by the doubles team of Gough and McCafferty from Cooke County who went on to win the tournament.

In the first round of the doubles competition Bordeaux and Knols defeated the team of

Berry and Fluke while Kazan and Kuykendall defeated Congleton and Green 6-0, 6-0.

Bordeaux and Knols moved into the third round by beating Anderson and Fossey 6-1, 6-4.

This weekend the tennis tournament against Lamar University in Beaumont was rained out and will be rescheduled.

Today, April 15, the MCC men's and women's tennis teams will host Weatherford on the MCC courts adjacent to the HPE building at 2 p.m.

## Highlanders finish fourth in Alabama golf tournament

By KEITH HENRY

Jeff Linnstaedter and Peter Van der Reit both shot three round totals of 222 to lead MCC's golf team to a fourth place tie in the Southern Intercollegiate Tournament in Dadeville, Ala., on April 4-6.

The Highlanders tied Abraham Baldwin College and finished 15 strokes behind the winner, Brevard College.

The Highlanders led after the first round with Chris Little and Van der Reit each shooting a 70, but the team faltered later

in the tournament and ended with a 896 total.

The Highlanders were in a tie after the second round of play. They were paced by Van der Reit's 72 and Linnstaedter's 74. Individual scores in the three rounds of play included: Petre Van der Reit 70-72-80 — 222, Jeff Linnstaedter 74-74-74 — 222, Chris Little 70-78-76 — 224, Jim Delaney 73-77-78 — 228, and Michael Vogel 89-87-92 — 268.

Five of the nation's top-ranked teams were among the

11 entered in Alabama tournament.

## Intramurals

The volleyball season came to an end with the Dutch taking the crown.

The Dutch took a 15-9 win in the first game and then controlled the next game to take the match 15-2 over the Drillers. The Dutch were led by Virgil Gann, Rick Thompson, David Gonzalez, Rebecca Johnson, and Melissa Pool.

The final intramural event, softball, is underway.

## All-star game scheduled at MCC

By KIMBERLY MOORE

The Texas Association Hall of Fame Basketball Games will be held at the Highlands on April 18-19 and MCC's Charlotte Lewis, Missy Davis, and Keron Graves are among the all stars who will be playing.

The games will include high school all star athletes and junior college athletes, and the two days of games will be split between the high schools and junior colleges. More than 100 college scouts are expected to view the talent exhibited.

The women will play on Friday, April 18, at 6:15 p.m. and the men will play at 8:15 p.m. in the Highlands.

Coach Holly Reynolds and Coach Ken DeWeese submitted the names of MCC players, and after various coaches throughout Texas voted the final team was chosen.

"It is a real honor for a basketball player and I think the team is more excited for me than I am," said Charlotte Lewis, one of the recipients.

Lewis, who was selected to play in the all-star game in high school, received the "most valuable player" and the sportsmanship award in that game.

"One of my goals was to get

this honor (of playing in the junior college all star game), but I didn't expect it," said Lewis. "I'm really excited."

Lewis also received all-conference this year and Missy Davis received all-regional.

"This is my second time to receive this honor, but I am still excited about it," Davis said.

Last year "I enjoyed it and I had fun meeting other players

from junior colleges around Texas," said Davis.

This year "I worked hard and this privilege allows me to get something out of it," she said.

Davis is being recruited by colleges such as the University of Houston, Southwest Texas University (which is close to her hometown of Seguin), North Texas State in Denton, and the University of New Orleans in Louisiana.

"All the recruiters should be at the game to watch me, but I am not going to sign until after the all star game," said Davis.

The team in which the women will be playing is coached by Ken Hefner and the members of the team are Dareaatha Conwell, Donna Wilson, and Renny Daughtery from Odessa; Pam Cox from Western Texas, Valerie Bar-

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Charlotte Lewis



Missy Davis



Keron Graves





## Faculty members recall memories

### White brings experiences from Peace Corps to MCC

By KIMBERLY MOORE

McLennan Community College opened its doors for the first time in September, 1966, and Dr. Michael Allen White in the MCC history department is still around helping MCC provide growth and enrichment to its students through his dedication and educational background.

"I have been extremely pleased with teaching here at MCC, and I look forward to another 20 years here," said White.



Mike White

After enjoying history throughout grade school and high school, White went on to attend numerous colleges majoring in history and education. He has attended the University of Texas, North Texas State University, Pan American College, Texas A&I University, San Francisco College, Baylor University, and two years at the University of Liberia. White has earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and a doctorate in education.

While at the University of Liberia, White was serving a term of service for the Peace Corps which has the goal of promoting world peace and friendship.

The two most important qualifications for a member of

the Peace Corps are to be able to perform a satisfactory job after training and to be able to adjust to life overseas, White said. A volunteer for the corps must be dedicated to his or her job — whether it is teaching in

school, improving farming methods, or working in a hospital.

White taught science and Bible classes while in Liberia, and was a librarian at the University of Liberia.

"It was a challenge surviving in the jungle in the Peace Corps, but Liberia is similar to the United States in some ways," said White.

MCC focuses on meeting the individual needs of every student, and throughout White's years at MCC he has witnessed a change in students' ideas and outlooks on life.

"Students during the 1960s were having to adapt to a turbulent time, whereas students today are more conservative," said White.

"There are no demonstrations, just hardworking students furthering their education," White said about the students of MCC today.

Upon graduation from MCC, White said he has observed that most students go on to get bachelor's, master's, or higher degrees. He said that former MCC students are teachers, businessmen, and one is even a member of the MCC Board of Trustees.

When it comes to recommending a student into becoming a teacher today White said that he would not recommend the vocation.

"It is best to gain knowledge in computers, business, and health," said White.

He also added that learning as many foreign languages as possible could be useful and im-

portant right now in all educational fields. White himself has knowledge in Spanish, French, German, Greek, Italian, and Latin.

If a student does plan on becoming a teacher, White's advice concerning that choice is to "have empathy and an understanding of people." He added, "knowledge is very important, and one must really like people."

When asked as to whether he recommends a student to work and attend school he said that he thinks it is important as long as a person can reconcile the two.

"Students tend to work too much and try to take on full loads," said White.

In his spare time White enjoys racquetball, building and gardening. He is a member of the Waco Athletic Club and also plays racquetball at MCC.

When it comes to building, White enjoys constructing historical models. He has models he has made on exhibit at the University of Texas Museum, San Francisco Museum, Baylor-Strecker Museum, and the Youth Cultural Museum. His model of the MCC campus was viewed at the Heart of Texas Fair.

"It takes months to complete them, but I enjoy it," said White.

White's wife teaches Spanish at Reicher High School, and they have two sons. The oldest is a junior at Midway High School and the younger is a seventh grader also at Midway.

The silence grows louder as he stares through the window of his office. He must have memorized the window and scenery by now.

A furrow of concentration appears on his forehead as the silence overwhelms. Could the light shining through the glass give inspiration to Billy Dowdy, a MCC English instructor for 20 years?

Apparently, the answer is yes. Dowdy has written guest columns like "Letter to Bubba Shows Clearly Why Billy Bob Can't Write" for the *Waco Tribune Herald*; poetry like "Lady Lovely" and "Zephyrus" for college anthology editors John Campbell and John Frost; articles like "Hemingway's Stylistic Creation of a Cowardly Hero in 'The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber,'" appearing in the "SRCE Newsletter." He has presented CTE papers like "Imagery, Sounds, and Diction: Their Artful Intercourse in 'I Like to See It Lap the Miles.'"

Accomplishments? Yes, but Dowdy talks of these kinds of work as "hobbies." His real work seems to be his college teaching. Though much of his professionalism he has achieved from degrees and postgraduate hours of various sorts, he attributes most of his savvy to actual work experience over the years.

He began as a secondary English teacher for two years and as principal for another seven years in the Trinidad Independent School District, coming to MCC in 1966 as a professor of English.

During his 20 years at MCC, Dowdy has also had his share of varied work experiences. For instance, he was the first sponsor of MCC's Student Gov-

### Helping students accomplish gives Dowdy the inspiration



Billy Dowdy

ernment and of the Future Teachers Association. He was the first English instructor to teach a section of English for gifted students at MCC. He was one of three originators of the MCC English writing lab.

He was the first English instructor to receive the MCC Developmental Award, which allowed him to gain unique English curriculum development experience from a five-month stay at Idaho State University. He was the first English instructor chosen to participate in the "Great Teacher" seminar, bringing leading area college-university teachers together to share ideas.

At Howard Payne University, he qualified for the General MacArthur Freedom Forum Grant to study in nine European countries and two islands for approximately two months.

Being able to help students survive in college courses requiring writing is one of Dowdy's high professional priorities. He explained that students usually enter junior college courses on different emotional, social, and intellectual levels and hence need different kinds of attention. More capable students need more challenge.

one of Waco's leading young doctors who appreciates Dowdy's "careful planning and course organization" along with a "grading technique that makes improvement in writing easier for the student who really wants to learn."

In connection with helping students further and enriching the future of MCC, Dowdy said that he would especially like to see greater attention given to "placing students in course situations where they can do their best," said Dowdy.

"When entering students do not have the background to succeed in a given area, they should be carefully steered into only whatever course or courses that will develop this needed background. No student should move up until he has moved across the fundamentals and succeeded in learning them. Few people are motivated by failure," he said.

When asked what honor he has most appreciated at MCC, Dowdy quickly said his being nominated several times for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award, a prestigious award given to an outstanding instructor annually in Texas. Though he nor any other instructor has ever won this award in competition with instructors statewide, still the fact that his campus coworkers have at times nominated him seems reward enough for the moment.

"Maybe on-campus actions do speak at times more loudly than words, looks, popularity, or the like," he said—and then became once more silent.

After a long pause Dowdy concluded, "Would you mind writing a strong article in favor of merit pay?"

*This is the second part of a three-part series focusing on faculty that have been at MCC for 20 years.*

## Computer insight helping Thompson

By MELANIE BROWN

A blind student is learning how computers can help her in finding a job.

Patty Thompson, who lost her vision from diabetes while working on her master's at Baylor in environmental science, decided to take a computer class that would help her in the future.

"I felt that since I lost all of my vision that I would need some extra skills to help me to find a job," said Thompson.

"I think that working with computers can help me in many ways," Thompson said. "For one, it could help me with

writing letters and with keeping important information."

Thompson is learning the keyboard on an Apple II computer with the help of a voice synthesizer. The synthesizer is a device that tells her what is happening on the computer.

Tutor Cathy Akin meets with her three hours every Friday.

Thompson is the first blind student at MCC to take a course in this way. Her intentions are to encourage other blind students, who are interested in getting a job, to take this course.

"I think that it is helping me with my future job opportunities, and I am also enjoying it," she said.

## Dallas Mini Study Tour set Fashion Merchandising

By MONTINA WILLIAMS

The MCC fashion merchandising classes are planning a mini-study tour in Dallas May 20-23.

The purpose of the trip is to enhance the students knowledge of the apparel and accessories and understanding of fashion merchandising in general.

Students wishing to attend the trip must take fashion merchandising 102k and 103k concurrently.

Activities on the trip include a guided tour of the Apparel Mart, the World Trade Center, the Now Infomart, of Cotton Inc., of Mary Kay Cosmetics, and a tour of a garment manufacturing and designing facility.

Students will also get a wel-

come to "Big D" at the Dallas Times-Herald Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Students will visit with major fashion retailers at malls, personnel and public relations offices, and advertising and sales promotion offices.

Transportation will be provided on chartered vans. Individual automobiles are not permitted during the tours and scheduled activities.

Those planning to take the tour should deposit \$105 by April 18 for registration, tuition fees, and lodging. The \$85 balance (\$250 total) should be paid by May 2 for the transportation and activities fee.

For more information contact Kae Moore, program director, at 750-6551 ext. 205.

## Guess Who?

These are pictures of some of the faculty members as they appeared 20 years ago, when they first arrived at MCC.



Charles Adams, 20 years ago



Clyde Koehne, 20 years ago



Homer Allison, 20 years ago



Billy Dowdy, 20 years ago

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### Tales from The Convention Zone

# Pardon me, but your dragon is showing!

Jaded? Bored?  
Want adventure?  
Try the Chateau d' If.

—Jack Vance

By MARK LUCAS

Last weekend I had the good fortune to attend the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention held in Huntsville. I know! I have the official Spring 1986 T-shirt to prove it.

Shortly after dawn, two or three hours at the most, on Thursday morning I was bodily yanked from my Arthurian daydream by the familiar honk of the Scotmobile.

That sleek-bodied, baby blue Plymouth with a permanently installed cooler and a strategically placed rust colored primer spot had pulled up without my noticing.

Shortly thereafter with the car loaded down and a reassuring slosh in the forementioned cooler we were on our way to Huntsville, or so I thought.

Little did I know then that the Scotmobile was to be sidetracked to a place that seemed to be but was in fact not Huntsville, but in essence another side of reality known as *The Convention Zone*.

That was the first time I remember hearing the sinister organ music that was to plague us the entire convention.

The second time I heard that music, which seems to come from everywhere and nowhere at the same time, was at the registration desk of the hotel. It was at that moment I realized that we were not to stay at the Holiday Inn, but in reality we were to stay at the *Chateau d' If*.

The Chateau is an extension of a person's subconscious mind in conjunction with their imagination, or at least that's my personal theory in the whole matter (though I've been wrong before).

At the Chateau all of your hopes, dreams, and fantasies cease to be such and instead become realities. Naturally I went back to my Arthurian daydream interrupted some hours before by the untimely arrival of the Scotmobile. In keeping with good or at least mediocre journalistic style I will attempt to paraphrase parts of said daydream.

And so it was proclaimed by the herald Buckner that we were to assemble that first night for a meal provided and a time of revelry and dancing.

Being that it was an informal affair I discarded my great cloak with its badges of honor sometimes referred to by the ignorant masses, who do not have Arthurian daydreams, as rock and roll buttons. In keeping with tradition Patrick likewise discarded his ivory torc called by mundane fools a bow tie.

As we entered the great hall I again heard a score of sinister keys struck as the doorman asked to see my meal ticket and identification. Such an incident barely slowed my forward advance to the buffet which was to be the first of many free meals either provided or scarfed.

The period of good music and quality dance time which followed the meal was enough for some of us to take it upon ourselves to stay and close that baby down in the wee hours of the morn.

With the dawning of a new day (Friday to be exact) came early calls of awaken from the herald Buckner. Afterwards came an incredibly bad repast and a series of seminars that I'm convinced were designed to further confuse our already befuddled minds. Coupled with a free lunch the day was almost as enjoyable as the meal provided by the hotel bar in the guise of free hors d'oeuvres.

Which brings us to the purpose behind this narrative—The night. The night was one to remember for it contained all the elements of a great saga: romance, chivalry, demons, dragons, and of course the fair maid Marion, a name borrowed from the old Robin Hood tales.

Such is the saga of this particular Dark Knight who wore an ivory torc on blackest black under a great cloak with its ever present five badges of honor to the revel held by the residents of the valley.

It was on that eve that this Dark Knight discovered and did many things. He found romance with the fair maid Marion of the northern lands, he fought his dragon, and discovered her demon which she likewise fought, but did not defeat. He saw a king dethroned and saw his faithful squire as a person for once as the king lay in agony on the mosaic tiles.

With the dawning of a new day I awoke not really refreshed in the Holiday Inn. I still felt somewhat jaded by all that I had seen, by all that I had felt, and by all that I had experienced on the eve before. Marion I left with my most precious badge of honor the one altered by the Cantrell and what I hope are good memories.

She left me with much more, a bare patch on my great cloak, the opportunity to face my greatest demon and win, and the reason this narrative had to be written, for I had found that I am not the knight in my Arthurian daydream and there is nothing one can say to himself or another the next day.

When I was asked later that day after the awards ceremony what I had learned at the convention, I said "nothing in the seminars," because what I learned I learned through personal experience.

I learned that there is still beauty, truth, and integrity still left in the world even though it is often buried beneath a mountain of deceit. I also found some semblance of a morale in that before we can be honest with each other we must first be honest with ourselves. Most importantly, however, I learned that *The Chateau d' If* is real, but to find it one must not search too diligently.

## New band plays rock'n roll

By MARK LUCAS

On any given night Cameron Park will be alive with sounds that are simply thought of as part of the park by most people, but one Saturday night stands out in my mind as a night where sounds unique to the park were abundant.

Such sounds as applause, screaming guitars, and real live rock and roll. Not just rock music, but good time rock and roll, the kind that you hear on stations like KRQX out of Dallas.

In a virtual sea of rhythm and blues or country and western music being played by live bands in Waco, a new local band called Flashback has surfaced.

This four man band is made up of local talent and plays a variety of 1960s and 1970s rock and roll music.

Jody Dvoracek, a former MCC commercial music student plays drums, Scott "Nuke" Nelson plays lead guitar, John "Fab" Fabiszewski plays bass guitar, and Ken Young is lead vocalist and plays the rhythm guitar.

With the exception of Young, most of the band began playing about eight years ago, mainly in the Temple and Belton area.

Dvoracek began playing mainly country with bands such as Dallas, Maggie Nettles, and Pyramid, and with two rock bands, Spector and Tympest, which included both Nelson and Fabiszewski.

Dvoracek has played in various clubs which include Billy Bob's in Ft. Worth, and different Austin clubs such as Country Palace, and Frank's Lakeview Inn.

Dvoracek and Nelson played together in Pyramid, before Nelson went on to form his own band called Nuke Nelson and the Fallouts.

Young is the most inexperienced member of the band as far as live performances go. He has done studio work and sung in church and folk choirs.

According to Dvoracek the logic behind playing their type of music is that popularity of such shows like David Letterman, which regularly features older songs by Paul Schaeffer, and KRQX, a Dallas station that plays only vintage rock music, has increased public interest in older rock.

"It is easier to get a younger audience to listen to older stuff than it is to get an older audience to listen to something that Madonna or someone like her would sing," Dvoracek said.

"We've got our market picked out and we think it's a pretty good market—the 60s and 70s," he said.

Flashback plays a variety of kinds of music ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Z Z Top, Aerosmith, Led Zepplin, The Who, and Steppenwolf are also artists whose work is featured by the band.

Flashback performs one original song which is a collaboration of all the band members called "Street Fightin' Man."

Band members said they hope to play in a 200 mile circuit with Waco as their base, with their sights on Austin and San Antonio.

Their first gig in Cameron Park was a dry run for the band that drew a crowd of about 130 attracted by flyers the band passed out in popular hangouts for Waco's younger crowd, like Airport Park.

MCC students will have the opportunity to see, and hear, Flashback during the 10 a.m. hour on April 25 when they will present a mini-concert to help MCC celebrate its 19th annual Highland Games.

## 'Stoned Guest slated at MCC'

By PATRICK KING

The MCC Opera Workshop will present "The Stoned Guest" by P.D.Q. Bach April 17 and 19 at 8 p.m., and April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

"The Stoned Guest" is a spoof of several famous operas such as "Don Giovanni," "Carmen," and "The Marriage of Figaro."

In unreality, P.D.Q. Bach is a fictitious character who was

supposed to have been the "last and least" of Johann Sebastian Bach's 20-odd children, according to creator-composer-arranger Peter Schikele.

The cast of "The Stoned Guest" include Antigone Overstreet and Katherine Slaubaugh as Donna Ribalda, Belinda Whitehead and Odella Stern as Carmen Ghia, Luis Navarro and John Ross as Don Octave, and Johnny Montemayor and Donald Robertson as Il Commendatore.

Other cast members include Robert Sowder, Glenn Bealls, Judy Lawson, Dorothy Wright and Regina Fannin.

Opera instructor Lise Uhl is providing the stage direction. Musical director and accompanist is Gail Geary while Brad Segal will provide trombone and slide whistle music. Steve Peters is in charge of scenery.

Admission to each of the performances is free.

## Balmos to work on DMA at UT

By PATRICK KING

Donald Balmos, MCC choir instructor, will be working on his doctoral of musical arts degree at the University of Texas at Austin this fall.

Balmos began the degree eight years ago.

"I'm just at the final stages. I've completed all of my course work, the language requirement and the residency requirement, and several of the exams. What I hope to be doing the semester that I'm down there is finishing one final exam and beginning the actual writing or the research and the preliminary work on the treatise," he said.

"Then, in the spring, when I'm back here in Waco, I hope to complete the writing to be finished with it by the summer of '87," Balmos said.

A DMA is a "performer's doctorate," Balmos said, adding that "the main difference between (a Ph.D. and a DMA) is that the final dissertation consists of performances in addition to a written paper, whereas a Ph.D. consists of just a written paper."

He said that there are three parts to obtaining the doctorate, including a lecture demonstration dealing with the written paper, which is generally on the music of a particular choral composer. "Then I would perform some of those works and do a lecture demonstration," Balmos said.

The University of Texas, Austin, and North Texas State University at Denton are the only two institutions which offer a doctorate in music, Balmos said.

He said that although he has looked at several ideas for a topic, he has not chosen one. "I'll have to wait until I'm actually down there to meet with the committee and make sure someone else hasn't already gotten that topic," Balmos added.

Balmos said that he looks forward to doing the work this fall, but does not look forward to going to Austin or UT "because I like Waco too much and I'll miss being here."

Balmos, completing his eighth year at MCC, said, "I'm excited about having the opportunity and I'm very appreciative that the college has this program to give to the faculty members. After eight years it's nice to have a bit of a change of pace, a little breather, and to do a little personal work. I think it's a way to recharge one's battery."

### All star game

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nett from Cisco, Angela Jeans from Western Texas, Kasi Higgs from Grayson, Rolisha Goin from Weatherford, and the two players from MCC, Lewis and Davis.

Keron Graves, who received all-conference first team honors this season, said he feels excited about playing in the game for his first time.

"I will be representing MCC and I really didn't expect it," he said.

Graves said that he practices every day and hopes "to improve in my weak areas through practicing."

Upon the completion of this semester Graves plans an attending either Texas A&M or the University of Houston.

"It is a great honor for these players and they received these positions over other players in Region V," said Coach Reynolds.

## Zoo employee speaks

Steve Campbell of the Cen-Tex Zoo spoke to Alpha Sigma Phi and brought an emu to show the members of the Science Club at their meeting on April 3.

The club adopted an otter and also donated some money towards the building of a pen to house the otter at the zoo.

The Science Club meets every first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m. in SB208. Bob Ford is the sponsor of the club.

## Scholarship applications due

Scholarship applications for the McLennan Community College 1986-87 school year are being accepted in the financial aids office.

Scholarships are provided by many local individuals, clubs, organizations and memorials in amounts ranging from \$100 per semester to full tuition and fees. Applications are due April 18 and awards will be made by May 2.

Students may also apply for a Pell Grant, which provides federal assistance for persons demonstrating financial need, or a Texas Guaranteed Student Loan. Loan monies (plus interest), must be paid back, while the other forms of financial do not require repayment.

Interested current or prospective MCC students may obtain applications by calling 750-6551 ext. 307 or by visiting the financial aids office, located on the third floor of the MCC Student Center.



THE MCC DANCE CO. for 1985-86 are left to right on the bottom row, Jessica Davila, Li. Suo Kuykendall, Capt. Amanda Rodriguez, Li. Candice Sheridan, and Pam McGuffey. On the second row left to right are Melanie Brown, Cheryl Ellet, Jennifer Tindoll, Christie Parker,

Jackie Rau, and Eva Culler. On the third row left to right are Melanie Lamb, Audra Daniels, and Rhonda McWilliams, and on top is Catherine Mynarok. Members not pictured are Lisa Vonner and Aleishia Moyer.