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## Controversy erupts during MCC Homecoming bonfire

By JEFF OSBORNE

Fireworks of two kinds erupted at MCC's Homecoming Bonfire on Feb. 12 when sky-rockets unexpectedly shot into the air and resulted in a protest from Waco Fire Marshall Chris Winkler.

"I've seen a tremendous amount of grass fires lately, and whenever you put explosives into a bonfire, you've got trouble. The bonfire was shooting sparks and carrying them 100 feet across the road. It could have killed somebody. It was a bad situation, and I don't know how much more dangerous you can get," Winkler said.

According to Greg Clark, director of student activities and health services, a special permit is needed to set off fireworks within the city limits. Since no explosives were expected to be placed in the bonfire, MCC did not apply for such a permit.

"Although the fireworks that went off were not hazardous, that still doesn't make it right," Clark said.

"The fireworks were planted in the bonfire, and we don't know who was responsible," Clark said.

As for the preparations for the bonfire, "All the necessary precautions were taken and I did everything I was responsible for. I had no control over the fireworks," Clark said.

The bonfire was delayed one day because of snow, and this delay added time for explosives to be planted.

Clark said that he thought about having fireworks at future bonfires. He added that MCC would need to hire a company to set off the fireworks in conjunction with the bonfire.

On the night of the bonfire, Winkler told Clark, "You'll never have another bonfire here again." But the next Tuesday Winkler changed his mind. "I don't feel the same way," he said. "I don't intend to knock anybody."

Winkler harshly reprimanded Clark during the bonfire, but later apologized for the incident. "I'm human... I saw a dangerous situation and I reacted to it," Winkler said. "Everything is settled and cleared."

Clark down-played the incident. "He made an apology to me because of miscommunication, so its over and done with as far as I'm concerned," Clark said.

The root of the problem was a lack of communication. Although Clark had notified the Fire Department of the bonfire, Winkler said he was not notified until "people called in complaining, and that's how I knew."

The school, on the other hand, had taken precautions in preparing for the event, according to Clark. "Anytime we

have a bonfire I'm always scared. A lot of things could go wrong. We try to have all safety factors in place, and the area was approved by the fire marshal. We've had no mishaps in the past because of the precautions," Clark said.

After volunteers accidentally broke a water connection just before the fire was to be ignited, Clark said, "They (the city) were nice enough to send a fire truck so we could light the bonfire, which took a lot of time and manpower. The main concern is for safety."

"If something happened and somebody gets burned, I am responsible."

"That's the only problem I have with the bonfire," Winkler said.

Clark, who signed the permit, said he could have been responsible for up to \$2,500 in fines because of the illegal fireworks and control of the bonfire.

Winkler said no further action would be taken because he is not certain who was responsible for putting the fireworks in the bonfire.

The bonfire was delayed approximately an hour and a half so that the fire department could arrive, according to Clark. A crowd of over 100 people waited through the delay to witness the event.

"Most cities outlaw bonfires, we're one of the few that's left

that still allow them," Winkler said. He added that he plans to continue working with MCC in the future to insure that the bonfire is safe.

"Next year, the bonfire will be built the day that it is lit, and someone will be posted to make sure nobody throws anything into the fire, like explosives," Clark said.

"We will also call the fire department to double check and make sure they know about the bonfire before it's lit," Clark added.

Another precaution MCC will take for future bonfires is to "have the water hose fixed so it can't be broken away from the faucet," according to Clark.

The water hose, which is used as a precaution in controlling the bonfire, was broken off from the faucet. This prompted the need for the fire department to monitor the event.

Before the fireworks occurred, MCC commercial music band First Floor played to the crowd. As the bonfire was lit, the Dance Company performed a routine to recorded music.

In spite of the unexpected explosions at the event, Clark was enthusiastic about the preparations for the bonfire.

"Students built the whole thing this year, and that's fantastic. In the past I've had to do most of it."



Photo by Ken Crawford

**SETTING THE NIGHT ON FIRE ...** The Homecoming bonfire, held on Feb. 12 erupted with fireworks, evoking protest from Fire Marshall Chris Winkler. The bonfire had been delayed a day because of snow, but it finally blazed away the evening before Homecoming in support of the Highlanders.

### Dance Company to defend title

The MCC Dance Company will perform at the National Collegiate Drill Team Competition at Reunion Arena in Dallas Saturday, Feb. 27.

The winning drill team will perform during half time at the Dallas Mavericks-Philadelphia '76ers basketball game that evening.

The Dance Company took first place at last year's competition.

## Highlanders trample Tornado in Homecoming clash

By JEFF OSBORNE  
& JEFF CALAWAY

In an emotional battle between rivals which featured aggressive play and a bench-clearing brawl, MCC tamed TSTI 93-89 in its Homecoming game at the Highlands on Feb. 13.

The game ended a seven-game winning streak begun by TSTI with its victory over MCC in January, and gave the Highlanders their fifth straight win. MCC improved its record to 17-10 and 7-3 in conference, while TSTI fell to 16-10 and 8-2.

Hot tempers resulted in a fight with 5:58 remaining in the game when MCC's Willie Gilmore and a TSTI player grappled for a loose ball.

The fight quickly turned into a slugfest between the two teams, and fans from both sides ran onto the court to join the action.

After a 15-20 minute delay, order was restored and play resumed. The only notable injury was suffered by Torrence Wilkerson of TSTI, who received a cut near his eye.

The game was aggressive and fast paced from the opening tip-off.

Although the score remained close, TSTI appeared to dominate the Highlanders in the game's opening minutes by coming up with most of the rebounds.

The Highlanders were plagued by poor free throw shooting in the first half, which kept TSTI in control early in the game.

After trailing the Tornado for the entire half, Henry Gouglighly tied the score at 18 with 7:55 left in the half.

Lawrence Frazier put MCC



Photo by Ken Crawford

**ALL OUT WAR!** MCC's Byron Young tangles with a TSTI player as they fight for the ball to typify the action between the inter-city rivals. The Highlanders evened their record at 1-1 against the Tornado with a 93-89 victory at the Highlands on Feb. 13. At stake

ahead 21-20 with a three-point shot with 6:12 before halftime.

Couch Carl Love of TSTI was charged with two technical fouls for harassing the officials with just over five minutes

until halftime. MCC completed all four shots to increase its lead to 25-20.

Jason Hooten gave the Highlanders a 40-32 lead with 1:34, but the Tornado narrowed the

was momentum for a possible conference championship. MCC, 19-10 overall, is tied with Weatherford at 9-3 in conference action, while TSTI is in second place at 8-4. MCC will play Weatherford for the conference title tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Highlands.

half-time score to 40-35.

The opening minutes of the second half were controlled by the Highlanders, who took a 45-35 lead with 18:38 left to play.

A slam dunk by Howard

Turner with 13:08 put the Highlanders on top 58-47 and brought the crowd to its feet.

MCC took its biggest lead of the game, 61-49, with 12:41 remaining, and the game throught

ened to become a runaway.

TSTI stormed back, however, with an 11 point scoring spree to slice the margin to 61-60 with 11:25 left.

MCC finally ended its scoring drought by hitting a lay-up and adding a free throw to stay ahead 64-60.

The Tornado took its first lead of the second half with 9:15 in the game, pulling ahead of MCC 70-68.

The Highlanders were leading 79-77 when the free-for-all broke out on court. Coach Love of TSTI blamed poor officiating, and MCC Coach Ken DeWeese said he was "disappointed" by the outbreak of violence.

With order restored, the lead changed hands several times in the final six minutes, with the Tornado clinging to an 89-87 lead entering the final two minutes.

A three-point basket by MCC's Carl Love put the Highlanders ahead to stay, and MCC prevailed 93-89.

TSTI's Reggie Degrate, a former Highlander, led all scorers with 37 points, including eight successful three-point shots.

High scorers for MCC were Love with 26 points; Howard Turner, 18; and Lawrence Frazier, 14.

Following the game, the Highlanders were jubilant, celebrating their triumph over TSTI.

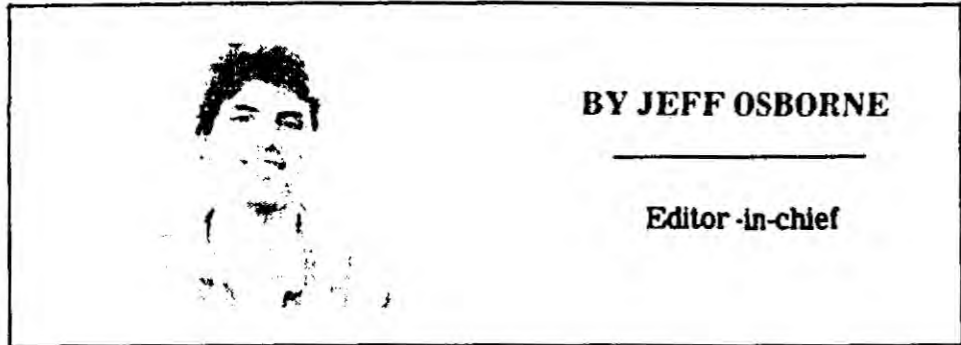
"They beat us the first time, so we had to beat them here. We had to win this one," said MCC's Carl Love.

"If we didn't win another game this season, we wanted this one. We had to stop TSTI and try for first place," said Howard Turner.

"Its revenge, because we're (continued on page 4)



# Prejudice should be ended to guarantee future success



BY JEFF OSBORNE

Editor-in-chief

The shackles of an evil oppression — slavery — have been broken, and cries of "I have a dream ..." and "Free at last ..." have made a lasting impression on our nation.

Black History Month is the celebration of a culture, race, and group of worthy and deserving people who have been downtrodden in our past.

Although the travesty of slavery and Jim Crow laws are only a bad memory in the United States, prejudice against others still lingers like a pestilence on our land.

In a vile and repugnant self-righteousness, some groups continue to discriminate against others today simply because of differences in race, sex, creed or religion.

The contributions of blacks to our society are undeniable and serve as an everlasting monument. This shall never be forsaken by the senseless prejudice of others.

Certainly blacks are not the only group discriminated against. The Indians, America's first inhabitants, were

slaughtered or trampled over in a religious zeal — "Manifest Destiny."

Mexican-Americans are often overlooked or discriminated against today, just as in the past. Their contributions to America are just as evident as anyone else's.

Americans of Oriental descent have also suffered because of prejudice. One prominent example is the use of prison camps to secure Japanese-Americans in World War II. These citizens still remained loyal to the U.S., and suffered injustice because of the "relocation camps."

Women, although not a minority, have also been subjected and treated as less than equal. This practice is just as shameful as any other prejudice.

The practice of racism, sexism or other discriminations are a reproach to our society. We should treat others who are different from us with the same respect, admiration and equality we expect ourselves.

Prejudice of any kind can be damaging, and it is our responsibility to not let its hatred inflame and destroy us.

We should work to overcome discrimination, and by doing so, we strengthen the very foundation this great nation was built upon.

Our potential to achieve success is limited only by our own shortcomings. A major barrier blocking our goals is division among ourselves. Prejudice is a destroyer of hope, dreams and truth.

**"Liberty and justice for all" should not be just an empty phrase we memorize as children. It should be a promise that we can count on, and hand down to future generations.**

# USA!: Call to Olympic glory

By JEFF OSBORNE

A special thanks to Jane Gomez and Sharon Kenan from the MCC library who helped research information for this column.

The eyes of the nation, and of the world, are on Calgary this month for the 1988 Winter Olympics.

During the Olympics, we as Americans seem to come together as a team, and a national family. Racial and social barriers are eliminated if only for a fleeting moment—in America's quest for Olympic glory.

Anyone who remains untouched by the spirit surrounding the Olympics probably has a frozen heart.

The Olympics are a monument to the human spirit. Triumph and tragedy revolve around its time honored tradition and competition.

Examples of triumph abound. Memories of black American Jesse Owens, who won several gold medals and shattered the racist theories of Adolf Hitler in the 1936 Olympics, still flicker in our national conscience.

A more recent vision brings us to the 1980s. In 1980, the United States hockey team surprised the world with a miraculous and stunning upset of an "unbeatable" Soviet team.

The victory restored pride to Americans, who had been haunted by earlier problems in Iran.

Perhaps America's prowess wasn't eroding after all. We had been embarrassed and battered by world opinion, but our victory over the Russians unified our nation and healed our bruised ego.

Hockey suddenly became every American's favorite sport (at least for a few days).

Shades of triumph also glimmer in our success in the 1984 summer Olympics. Sure, the Russians weren't there, but did we care? We had gymnast Mary Lou Retton, America's sweetheart, and swimmer Greg Louganis instead. "Who needs the Russians anyway?," we reasoned.

Examples of tragedy during the Olympics are just as evident.

Shadows of horror and sorrow shrouded the world with the murder of several competitors from the Israeli national team by an Arab terrorist group in 1972.

The tragic deaths of the entire U.S. boxing team in 1980 are another bitter memory which united our nation in sorrow. The men were en route to Poland to compete in the Olympics when their plane exploded. Twenty-two men on the team and the coaches were killed, leaving no survivors.

More recently, we can empathize with the pain felt by American speed skater Dan Jansen, who's quest for the gold was met with heartbreak.

Hours before Jansen's race began, his sister died of leukemia. Jansen dedicated his try for a gold medal to his sister, but he tripped and fell, and his dreams of turning sorrow into triumph ended.

During the Olympics we can "go to war" and participate in competition against other countries without the death and destruction brought by real war.

Whether a heated contest against a Soviet block country or a friendly dual with one of our allies, we can all take part in the thrill of victory or the pain of defeat during the Olympic games.

In ancient Greece, wars were interrupted or postponed because of the Olympics.

We might do well to follow their example but take it one step further — to let the Olympics (or other sports) be the only physical conflict among nations.

Politics have threatened to dampen the Olympic spirit. In 1980, the United States boycotted the summer Olympics in Moscow. The Soviet Union and most of its allies retaliated with a boycott of the 1984 summer Olympics in Moscow in Los Angeles.

Despite these setbacks, the Olympics still survive today. Hopefully, one thing will remain the same — that the sense of excitement radiating from the Olympic games will never be extinguished.

Meanwhile, I'll relax in front of my TV sharing the enthusiasm felt by much of the world, with the chants of "USA! USA!" echoing in my mind.

# Outstanding blacks achieve media and social acclaim

By JUDY MCGOWAN

All too often in the past the media's tendency has been to present the black man in the role of a subjugated slave, with little or no recognition of the accomplishments of the free black population.

This tendency often affects the way society views the race.

In reality, however, many outstanding black individuals have broken down the wide barriers of race and achieved the acclaim of both black and white Americans.

From accounts of the early 19th century leaders of slave revolts — the Nat Turners, the Denmark Vesseys and the Gabriel Prossers — we can turn to the contemporary period and the new revolutionaries, who are still seeking — with different weapons — to lead their people out of bondage.

Perhaps the most important of these contributors was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the nonviolent advocate, whose death served as a cohesive force among black people by binding them closer together. King's death gave impetus to the black power movement and left many blacks disillusioned with the results of nonviolent protest.

But with growing emphasis on racial balance today's society steps ever closer to accepting the equality of every race of humans.

With younger more open-minded audiences, many blacks have even become popular in theater and television. Since Nat "King" Cole's television breakthrough, a number of blacks have appeared often on this national medium. Pearl Bailey, Flip Wilson, Bill Cosby and Diahann Carroll are only a hand full of the blacks who are hosts or stars in their own TV shows and movies.

Yes, I honestly believe that there are many outstanding blacks still seeking to break down the barriers of race and achieve the acclaim of both black and white Americans.

# Blame it on the Zebra

By KEN CRAWFORD

Who do you blame when a junior college basketball game is interrupted by a bench clearing brawl?

Do you blame the player who started it, or the players who lose control and start swinging?

In the professional game, the National Basketball Association simply reviews the films from the game and hands out fines for fisticuffs and other blatant violations.

Since we do not have films of the brawl that occurred during the Homecoming game against TSTI Feb. 13, and the NBA does not have jurisdiction in junior college basketball, put the blame where it belongs — on the referee's shoulders.

When the fight began just four feet in front of me, the referee to my left was only 10 feet from the fracas. If he would have done his job, then the whole unfortunate incident would never have happened. Had he simply separated the skirmish at the start, it never would have turned into an undeclared war.

As more than just a casual observer during the fight, I can say it was like a stampede of cattle. Only worse. Everywhere I turned fists flew furiously. One opponent wearing a blue and white uniform even brandished a trash can after the brawl bled into the foyer.

After what seemed like an eternity had passed, players and fans from both teams held off each other and the conflict was at a standstill. TSTI players walked back to their bench glaring at MCC players. MCC players returned the favor.

The referees again began to earn their money by running from coach to coach to explain the penalties and actions to be taken.

In most situations like this, players are ejected from the game and technical fouls issued to both benches. However, in this instance the referee's called no penalties against either team.

Afterwards, two loyal MCC fans who had nothing to do with the fight were removed from the gym. This action was taken simply because one referee blamed them, saying, "They have been instigating the fight all night long."

Actually, the referee lost control of the game and simply was not man enough to admit it, so he diverted the blame to fans who had been vocal in supporting their team.

If you have to reprimand someone, why not start with the one who is ultimately responsible for all activity conducted on the wooden battle ground.

That's right, blame it on the instigator's mom.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jeff:

I'm writing to express my very sincere thanks for the excellent job done on the stories about my selection as the next president of McLennan Community College. I'd also appreciate it if you would pass along my thanks to all the other journalism students who had a

role in that very special (to me, at least) edition. It was expertly done!

The idea of interviewing various people from Paris was excellent and added a good deal, I felt. I'll look forward to seeing you soon.

Again, many thanks!  
Dennis Michaelis

# Student Services plans activities

By NAHID FATHIMA

Pre-college level basic skills courses for new students, a leadership workshop for potential student leaders, and a childcare services survey were discussed at the MCC Student Services Council meeting last week.

According to SSC Chairman LaVerne Wong, a pre-college level basic course to be offered in summer for high school graduates planning to start college in fall was in the offing.

The six-week course is designed to give confidence to students who might be doubtful about their success in college because the college level is a bit higher than the high school level, Wong said. It may be offered both during the day and evening.

Wong said that they were thinking of adopting two high schools in WISD to do a leadership training for elected youth leaders of clubs to provide leadership skills like parliamentary procedures and organization. One of the methods of teaching them would be networking with mentors already in leadership roles.

A child-care services survey was planned to assess the need for a child care center for MCC students with more flexible timings and payments, according to Wong. Survey forms are available in classrooms, laundromats, and in newspapers.

In the report from Student Government, President Lori Willis said the Homecoming activities were a "great success" even though the bonfire was postponed from Thursday night to Friday night due to bad weather.

Student Government is trying to raise money by selling candy bars to go to a convention in El Paso. Future activities planned by the SG are the

spring retreat Monday, a regional convention of the student governments at MCC on March 3, and a "kiss-the-pig" contest (see related story).

The Inter-Club Council report was presented by SG Vice President Kim Kelly, who was concerned with getting more participation from individual clubs and coordinating their services for the benefit of the students and staff and administration of MCC.

Kelly suggested that these clubs should publicize their services through the campus newspaper, by hanging up flyers in the Student Center, etc.

Greg Clark, director of student activities and health programs, discussed such programs as a mini-concert at the Student Center at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and past programs such as a leadership conference for high school students last Saturday and a drug abuse program last Wednesday.

The Highland Games for spring are scheduled to take place on April 29, according to Clark.

"We want this to be the biggest and the best," said Clark. So he suggested that a committee comprising of students and faculty members be formed to plan and carry out the event.

The Highland Games will include such events as a jalapeno-pepper eating contest and a pie-eating contest.

"It is going to be a lot more fun this time because we are going to have a center stage," Clark said. An area of concern was getting the evening class students to participate, and suggestions to get them interested were discussed.

A proposal to start a spirit club on campus was discussed. Clark said a survey showed that students were in favor of such a club.

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## Former student Chris Roe serves tour of duty in Okinawa

By JEFF OSBORNE

Although the famous hymn of the U.S. Marine Corps begins "From the halls of Montazuma to the shores of Tripoli," for former MCC student Chris Roe, it could easily be changed to "To the shores of Okinawa from the halls of MCC."

Roe is serving a one year tour of duty at a base in Okinawa. While in Okinawa, he said he looks forward to "some of the best scuba diving in the world."

Roe, who is now a second lieutenant in the Marines, completed 50 hours at MCC before transferring to Texas A&M.

"I enjoyed (Scott) Adams history class ... (Travis) Looper was a good English teacher, and (Joe) Zajicek's chemistry class was really a challenge," Roe said.

Although Roe said MCC was more comparable to a high school than college, he mentioned that MCC gave him a start in completing his education.

Roe graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in building construction in the fall of 1986, and three months later joined the Marines.

Roe faced a rigorous schedule and difficult obstacle courses in his 10 weeks of training at Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va.

During his training at O.C.S., Roe was taught how to command a rifle platoon and specialized in supply.

One of Roe's most vivid memories was a "final test." During this exercise in physical training, the men were forced

to sleep three nights in the field "on snow," with a series of five, 10 and 15 mile "humps" (hikes) before taking part in a 12-mile night trek.

"The pace was three times faster than normal, they were trying to make you give up and quit," Roe said.

"I saw one person break down and cry, and he was gone the next day," Roe added.

A total of 382 men began the 10-week course, with 199 graduating and being commissioned as second lieutenants.

After one year of service, Roe said he expects to be

promoted to first lieutenant.

To complete the program successfully, Roe was required to lead a squad of men and capture a strategic area. "I got a 100 on that one, I was lucky," he said.

Roe described his experience in O.C.S. as "something I'll never forget."

"Being in the Corps at A&M helped, I knew what to expect," he added.

"Being a Marine officer can open up a lot of doors in life, it's a good way to go," according to Roe.



2ND LT. CHRIS ROE

## Names in the News

Jim Bunting, a freshman at MCC, will travel to Koln (Cologne), Germany this summer to experience German culture. Bunting was chosen by his high school German teacher last year to visit Germany as an exchange student...

Former Highland Herald staffers' by-lines are appearing regularly in university newspapers this semester including Lisa Roe's photograph and Joe Jimenez's stories (one on the front page) of the Texas A&M Battalion, and a number of articles by Lesley Telschow and former editor Kim Moore in the Baylor Lariat...

The Central Texas Zoo's education curator is a former MCC student. Steve Campbell develops and coordinates programs for schools throughout McLennan County. His job includes photography, historic data, newsletter production, and the transportation of animals to area schools and nursing homes...

MCC music instructors Richard Gimble, Rob Page, Julian Jones, Doug Claybrook, and Jerry Echols will travel during the spring break to Rio Castillo, a ski resort in northern New Mexico, where they will provide musical entertainment for the guests of the resort.

Greg Clark will be running in the White Rock marathon at Fort Worth Feb. 26. He ran the same race the past two years and cut five minutes off his time last year.

## Single parent pursues security as student

By DARIN CHRISTIE

Nursing student Gwenn Hessel is struggling — struggling to do her best, that is. Hessel recently graduated as an LVN second in her class with a grade point average of 3.7. She is now planning to become a registered nurse.

Hessel accomplished these goals even though a little more than one year ago she had no idea what she wanted to do and where her life was going.

Hessel, 29, was divorced from her husband two years ago. Although she is originally from Miami, Hessel and her

two sons Jarrod and Evan came to live with her parents in Moody.

"I knew that to get ahead I would have to get into school somehow," Hessel said. "I just didn't know how to do it."

It was at that time she came to MCC looking for answers. She was immediately referred to Marylea Henderson, counselor and head of Displaced Homemakers.

Henderson persuaded Hessel to take several tests to determine her skills. She scored surprisingly well on the test designed for nursing students. "I felt then that maybe this was for me," she said.

"I was amazed that everything happened so fast," Hessel commented. "I was practically enrolled before I knew it."

After a few phone calls and a little patience, Hessel was set to receive financial aid. Henderson even helped to find an apartment for Hessel and her two sons close to MCC.

On Jan. 12, 1987, Hessel began her college career despite much anxiety about being older than most of her classmates.

Those anxieties disappeared after she received an "A" on her first exam. "Now all those younger students look to me for

help," she said.

She now is working on the academic portion of her degree. Hessel feels that studying for academics is different than what she is used to.

Although Hessel is not working now she already has secured a summer job. She will be resident nurse at Greene Family Camp. "My parents help with most of the bills," she said. "They've been very supportive through everything."

Hessel tries to spend as much time as she can spare with her children. "Occasionally I feel guilty about not

spending much time with them and just take a study break and watch their favorite programs or something."

When asked what her most important goals were, Hessel responded, "Everybody wants to be looked up to... Having my kids look up to me as a role model would really mean a lot to me."

Her advice to anyone like herself who wants to return to school is, in her own words, "Find something to reach for and remember everything is just another step in reaching a goal."

## Hardwick running for District 5

Board of Trustee member James Hardwick announced his candidacy for the board's district 5 position yesterday.

Hardwick said he felt that he has "done a good job so far, but some things remain to be completed." He would like to work with Dr. Dennis Michaelis in his transition period as he assumes the presidency of MCC in September, he said.

Hardwick added he would also like to see that the North 19th Street campus is developed to meet the changing needs of McLennan County's citizens and would like to continue, in the board of trustees role, the tradition of excellence in teaching, of facilities and in reputation — locally, statewide and nationally.

Hardwick currently represents district 2, which includes the communities of West and Elm Mott. Rev. Eric Hooker currently represents district 5, which includes Woodway and West Waco.

The election will be held May 7.

## Forensic squad scores in regional meet here

By KEN COPELAND

MCC's forensic squad won a first and a second place in the Phi Rho Pi Region Six tournament held here last weekend.

For the second time in two weeks, MCC's Karen Phipps took a first in the "speech to entertain" competition.

The other win was in the "readers' theater" contest where Phipps, Scott Wright, Becky Martin and Cindy Korenic placed second.

Eleven two-year colleges and 120 students competed in the tournament that began

Thursday afternoon and ended with the awards assembly late Saturday in the Lecture Hall.

MCC faculty and staff members and former students were among the 45 who helped judge the six readers theater events, the 51 debates and 635 individual events held in four buildings on campus. Cindy SoRelle and Ann Harrell were co-directors of the tournament.

In addition to serving as host for the regional meet, MCC's speech competitors have had a busy schedule with three tournaments in the past three weeks.

On Feb. 11-13 the squad attended the Texas Junior Col-

lege Speech and Theater Association State Meet where Phipps won the "speech to entertain," contest, the readers' theater quintette placed fourth, and Wright placed fourth in prose interpretation.

On the weekend of Feb. 5-6 seven from MCC attended the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Spring Tournament to compete with speech teams from 23 other junior colleges and universities.

In addition to the previously mentioned students, other members of the MCC squad include Carla Truitt, Shelia Jekel, Shannon Doss, Heather Bledsoe and Robin Debrule.

## 'God's Trombones' highlights month

By JUDY MCGOWAN

"God's Trombones," which was presented at MCC's Performing Arts Center Feb. 19, ended with a standing ovation.

Over 400 people attended the standing room performance. The Charles Gilpin Players from Prairie View A&M University, successfully presented seven negro sermons written by the Negro poet James Welton Johnson.

Each of these skits were portrayed with celebrated songs and sermons. The free verse renderings of black preacher's sermons, full of phrases reminiscent of the spirituals, captured the vigor and rhythm of negro religious songs and preaching.

The play itself, directed by C. Lee Turner was a work of research turned into a work of re-creation, filled with magnetism and color.

Most of the musical selections were presented by the Gilpin Hand Chorus and the Werner Richmond & Company. However, soloist Cynthia Owens, played an important role in the musical contribution as well. Other soloists, included Mary Ann Palmer, Billy Jones, and Eric Cooper.

During the 10-minute intermission, several community leaders were recognized. Among these were the late

Oscar DuConge, the first black mayor of Waco; the Rev. Eric Hooker, chairman of the MCC Board of Trustees; Dr. Marilyn Jones, first woman to serve on the Waco City Council; and Dr. G.H. Radford, first black city councilman of Waco. Also during this time, Dr. Wilbur Ball was presented with a plaque for outstanding service to the college, and the president-elect Dr. Dennis Michaelis was introduced.

## 'Miami Vice' writer to visit

Award-winning journalist Tony Castro will be on campus March 18 to speak on his experiences as an investigative reporter and screenwriter and as author of the book *Chicano Power: The Emergence of Mexican America*.

Tentative plans call for him to speak during the 10 a.m. hour and then to meet with combined classes at 11 a.m. to answer students' questions. Those interested in either of these meetings should coordinate with Castro's host, Richard Coronado.

## Navarro edges MCC by three-pint margin



Photo by Ken Crawford

WINNING WITH PAIN...Jane Norris donates one of MCC's 51 pints to the Red Cross as nurse Bellinda Murch inserts the needle. Although the total was below the record 88 donated last semester, Red Cross workers said they were pleased with the results.

Fifty-two people gave from their hearts to donate blood in the blood drive held in the Student Center on Feb. 15.

The drive was sponsored by the Student Government and the Red Cross. Coordinating the drive was Carol Herring, donor consultant for the Red Cross.

Compared to MCC's record win over Navarro Junior College in last year's competition, MCC fell short to NJC by only three pints.

Student Government maintained its first place position from last semester by winning in the interclub competition by having the best club participation.

Although the number of donors dropped compared to last semester's 80 total, Greg Clark, director of Student Activities and Health Services said he believed MCC was successful in its turn-out and effort.

"For the year, MCC reached an all time high with a 40 percent increase from last year," Clark said.



Photo by Ken Crawford

KIM KELLY, Inter-Club Council Homecoming nominee, is escorted by her three-year old son Cody Kelly on Feb. 13.



**Title on line Wednesday**

After an 79-78 overtime win over Ranger Saturday night to stay in a tie for the conference lead, the Highlanders will be playing the team they are tied with tomorrow night in The Highlands at 8 p.m.

MCC will face off with Weatherford, a team that beat TSTI Saturday 83-81 to drop the Tornado out of a three-way tie for the league lead.

Both teams go into Wednesday's game with 9-3 records in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. Winner of the game here will be by themselves atop the league standings and a solid favorite to win the title. The conference champion has a definite advantage in pairings in the regional tournament in Midland March 3-5.

After edging Grayson 101-96 last Wednesday, the Highlanders had all they could handle in Ranger here Saturday. Fouled at the buzzer at the end of the overtime period, Howard Turner made a free throw with no time on the clock to give MCC the win. Turner scored 32 points in the game and pulled down 13 rebounds against Ranger.

Final conference game will be with Southwestern Christian College in Terrell Saturday.

The Highlassies will also be playing in the regional tournament in Midland March 1-3.

**Tennis teams defeated by UT in Tyler opener**

By KEITH JENKINS

The MCC men and women's tennis teams both suffered defeats in their opening dual match of the season against the University of Texas at Tyler on Feb. 12.

"This dual match was a disappointment for me, but you never know what to expect in an opening match," said Coach Carmack Berryman.

MCC's Mike Castillo defeated Lamar May 7-6, 5-7, 6-3, while David Liddle also had to go three sets to beat UTT's David Head.

In doubles, Meenakshi Sundaram and Cliff Reuter of MCC outlasted UTT's team of Hans Oberg and Clay Parten 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

**Tennis teams victorious over Texas Wesleyan 5-1**

By KEITH JENKINS

Both the men and women's tennis teams captured a victory over Texas Wesleyan College on Feb. 13.

By a final score of 5-1, the MCC men's team breezed by TWC with outstanding performances like David Liddle's, who defeated Kbahn Nugen 6-0, 6-2.

MCC's John Hernandez successfully won over Tom Stern 6-1, 6-0, while Cliff Reuter beat TWC's Aziz Mettawa.

In the doubles competition, Liddle teamed up with Mike Castillo to quickly defeat Clint Young and Nugen 6-0, 6-0. Hernandez and Reuter were also

In the overall men's competition, the final score was MCC three and UTT seven.

With a score of 2-7, only three MCC players on the women's team captured victories over their hosts.

By a score of 7-6, 6-4, Martha Barrera and Christine Lopez of MCC beat Susan Guidry and Carrie Cimino in doubles, while Angie Reames won over Guidry in singles.

"The women had a tough time because UT had too much experience while the men suffered from having some injury problems. For each upcoming match, we will need to look better as the season progresses," said Berryman.

successful in doubles by beating Stern and Mettawa 6-1, 6-0.

On the women's team, MCC's Martha Barrera took on Moni Sichanh and won 6-1, 6-2, and then joined partner Laurie McKay and beat TWC's team of Traci Cummings and Sichanh 6-1, 6-2.

Lori Hardage of MCC outlasted Isabelle Braeg in a three set match 7-6, 0-6, 6-4, while Christine Lopez also went to a three set match to defeat TWC's Cummings 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"I was very pleased with the team, especially with the women's performance. We were able to not let our previous defeat bother us at this dual match," said Coach Carmack Berryman.



Photo by Ken Crawford

CARL LOVE puts up a shot over Kevin Goosby in first half action against Grayson Wednesday night in the Highlands. The 'Landers outlasted the Vikings 101-96.

**First place eludes 'Lassies with loss**

By CLAY LASSETER

Grayson's Paula Henderson pumped in 30 points to help the Lady Vikings slip past the Highlassies 63-61 Wednesday at the Highlands.

With the win Grayson takes a two game lead over MCC in conference play with a perfect 9-0 record while the Highlassies fall to 7-2.

Down 26-14 with six minutes left in the first half, the Highlassies came roaring back behind the outstanding play of Glenda Lott.

The Highlassies held the Lady Vikings scoreless the rest of the first half as MCC erased the 12 point deficit to tie game at 26-26 at the half.

The second half was close from the very beginning. With Terri Porter leading the way, the lead changed several times before the Highlassies took the lead 57-56 with three minutes remaining.

But the Lady Vikings came back to take the lead for good, 58-57, with two minutes left. Grayson went on to extend the lead to 63-59 before Renee Proctor cut the lead to 63-61 with three seconds remaining.

Porter led the Highlassies with 22 points and five rebounds. Lott was next with 16 points and six rebounds while



Photo by Ken Crawford

JONI WILLIAMS (51) battles a Viking defender for a loose ball in the Highlassies disappointing loss to Grayson, the conference leader, Wednesday night in the Highlands.

Proctor added nine points. The difference in the game, according to MCC Coach Wendell Hudson, was that Grayson

"hit the big baskets under pressure."

Even with the loss, the Highlassies have clinched a berth in

the regional tournament at Midland.

"We played an awful good game," added Hudson.

**Baseball team wins three in openers with Laredo**

By BRIAN MAYR

MCC overcame first game jitters to sweep a three game series with Laredo Junior College here this weekend, outscoring the Paliminos a total of 28-7.

After a rain delay Thursday the first game got under way two hours late Friday.

Things looked bleak for MCC in the season's first inning when pitcher Phil Essex loaded the bases giving up a single and two walks, setting up a grand slam home run for the Palimino's David Hawkins.

Down 4-0, MCC fought back, picking up an unearned run by Luis Gomez in the first.

Hits by Joey Herring and Russell Ferrell scored Todd Shelton, who walked, in the second. Herring then came home when Palimino shortstop Jesus Camacho bobbled a grounder by Kelly Dickinson.

Laredo held it's one run lead going into the bottom of the seventh and final inning when Herring, who led off with a walk, eventually scored on Dickinson's single. Dickinson moved to second of the throw home and to third on a Gomez grounder. He then scored the winning run when Billy Blanton's hit to second was dropped.

Phil Essex was the game winning pitcher for MCC.

MCC, scoring 18 points in Saturday's first game, came

out with "intensity," said assistant coach Greg Dennis.

A double by Brian Welch scored Dickinson and Gomez in the first. "We hurt them," Dennis said, "We scored two runs and kept on going."

Dickinson hit a smashing triple to right field in the second that scored Herring and Ferrell.

Berry was brought home in the third by a double by Villarreal, who then scored on errors. Eddie Nocker scored when the Palimino pitcher balked, bringing up Herring who smashed a homerun with empty bases. Welch then doubled, setting up Berry who swept the bases clean with a two run homer, his first of two for the day.

Herring's sacrifice in the fourth scored Villarreal and set up Golden, who was running or Shelton. Nocker followed in turn scoring Golden.

Berry's second homer came in the fifth with Welch on base. Villarreal, running for Robert Shiflett, was hooked in by Nocker's sacrifice. Dickinson's basehit scored the designated pinch runner, Golden.

Hunter Brewton scored on a wild pitch in the sixth.

Bret Lowry was the winning pitcher, giving up only one run in 5 2/3 innings. Billy Winkler came in late in the fifth and game up two hits and one run.

In the third game, down 1-0, after Dickinson scored in the

first, frustration began to show itself in the Palimino head coach Troy Van Brunt.

Van Brunt elicited a mixture of laughter and disgust from MCC fans when, following a questionable call by grey-haired first base umpire, he yelled from the third base line, "You're a meathead. You don't know what the hell you're talking about. They should've retired you 10 years ago."

Van Brunt's outburst proved useless as MCC won its third game.

In the fourth inning of that game, Kevin Berry came home off the sacrifice bunt by Herring that moved Villarreal to third. Villarreal came home on the hit by Nocker.

Berry and Villarreal both scored again in the sixth with help from poor infielding by the Paliminos and hits by Shelton, Herring and Nocker.

Ricky Levens pitched an impressive game for the Highlanders, giving up only one run and striking out 12 Paliminos. "You have got to be pleased with that."

Van Brunt said his team "lost the mental advantage" in the seventh inning of the first game.

"We've lost five games by one run, and it really demoralized the guys." But he added, "You gotta' give MCC credit,

they came out swinging the bats."

MCC head coach Rick Butler seconded Van Brunt's sentiment, saying the team played with more "concentration and intensity" Saturday. Butler said the Highlanders played at about 30 percent of their capacity Friday as opposed to 80 percent in Saturday's first game.

MCC will play Murray State Junior College here today at 1 p.m. in a double-header before hosting the McLennan tournament this weekend.

This weekend's tournament will be played Friday and Saturday at both MCC's and Veterans Field beginning at noon.

Friday's action in that tournament finds MCC playing Texarkana at MCC and Northeast Oklahoma A&M playing Crowder at Veterans Field at noon. At 3 p.m. that day MCC plays Crowder at MCC and Texarkana plays Northeast Oklahoma A&M at Veterans.

Saturday at noon MCC plays Northeast Oklahoma at MCC and Crowder plays Texarkana at Veterans. Games at 3 p.m. will be MCC vs. Crowder at MCC and the Oklahoma team vs. Texarkana at Veterans Field.

The Highlanders are currently undefeated and the Paliminos fall to 7-10 for the season.

**Highlanders sink Grayson**

By CLAY LASSETER

Carl Love and Howard Turner combined for 50 points to lead MCC past Grayson 101-96 Wednesday at the Highlands.

The first half was tight with Love keeping the Highlanders in pace by hitting three baskets from the three-point range. The lead bounced back and forth before Grayson took a 44-41 half time lead.

Behind 43-46 in the second half, Love hit his fourth three-pointer of the night to tie the game at 46. From there on out, the game turned out to be the Howard Turner show as he scored 16 points in the second half.

Key baskets and free throws by Willie Gilmore and Jason Hooten in the final minutes led the game for the Highlanders.

"It could have gone either way. Our defense gets the credit for this win."

Love led MCC with 26 points while Turner was next with 24 points and eight rebounds. Gilmore produced 15 points, eight rebounds and Hooten added 10 points.

"It could have gone either way," said Coach Ken DeWeese. "Our defense gets the credit for this win."

"Our guys just played hard when they needed to," added DeWeese.

The win puts the Highlanders into a first place tie with TSTI and Weatherford with an 8-3 conference record and clinches a berth in the regional tournament at Midland.



Photo by Ken Crawford

DRIVING for the basket, tennis Coach Carmack Berryman helped the teachers to beat a team of student all stars before the Homecoming game Feb. 13. It is the second win for the faculty this year, with an earlier victory coming in volleyball.



# Coors Light, No Names in early league leads

By DARIN BROCK

Intramural basketball in both leagues continues this week, and competition has been keen in a number of games, especially in the men's games.

In the opening round of men's action Feb. 3, Vertical Leap pulled away after some close early action to beat the Shorties 36-20.

The second game found the Hawks, who only had three players on the court for a time, finally losing to Coors Light in a close game 52-46.

The first coed game of the season was not as close as the others. Meeting in the small gym in the Health and Physical Education Building, Shoot To Kill soundly defeated the Tommyknockers 70-30.

On the second day of action, Feb. 5, the Hawks man-handled the Mavericks 86-36 while the Running Rebels had more trouble with Skid Row before pulling away to a 65-45 victory.

In the coed game Shoot To Kill met the Rebels and improved its record to 2-0 with a 63-37 victory.

Feb. 12 had another exciting come-back contest as Skid Row burst into an early 14-4 lead over the Hawks. The teams switched baskets for the remainder of the half with Skid Row leading 30-23. In the second half the Hawks overtook Skid Row, but would only hold the lead for a few seconds at 44-43. Skid Row then exploded for six points and never looked back winning the game 61-55.

Coors Light won by a forfeit over the Shorties that day.

Two undefeated coed teams met on Feb. 15 and played a game that stayed close before the No Names pulled out to a 55-46 win over Shoot to Kill.

In men's action that day Coors Light out-muscled the Mavericks 37-16 to improve their record to 4-0. The other game found the Running Rebels back on the winning track as they defeated Vertical

Leap 46-35.

The coed game that day turned out to be a rout, as the No Names steamrolled the Rebels 101-38.

The most exciting action on Feb. 8 came in the coed game where the No Names finally edged the Tommyknockers 43-41 in a see-saw battle.

In men's action that day, Skid Row jumped ahead of the Shorties by an 18-8 score and then held off a rally that saw the Shorties closing within seven points before Skid Row took a 56-43 win. In the other contest, Coors Light pulled out to a 12 point lead at half-time and held on to beat Vertical Leap 47-39.

The games on Feb. 10 found Vertical Leap defeating the Mavericks 61-33 and the Hawks edging the Running Rebels 54-53 in overtime. In that game played by two of the premiere teams in the league, the Hawks at one time had a 16 point lead only to see it evaporate into a tie at the closing whistle.

## Kiss-a-pig contest starts Wednesday

By KIM KELLY

The Student Government is sponsoring a KISS-A-PIG contest in order to raise funds for its upcoming state convention in El Paso.

Guidelines for this contest are simple:

--SG members have asked faculty members to submit their names as potential "pig kissers."

--Jars with each teacher's name will be set up in the Student Center Wednesday through March 4.

--Students (and perhaps other faculty and staff members) can put money into the jar of the person they would like to see actually kiss a live pig.

The person with the most money in his or her jar at the end of the contest will be declared the winner (or loser, according to one's point of view).

A stage will be set up in the Student Center on March 18 and the winner will then perform the act of kissing a pig in front of a crowd of cheering students and the other instructors lucky enough not to win.

Late Friday almost 40 instructors had submitted their names for the contest.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Black History Month continues

The celebration of Black History Month continues tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall with special guest speaker 1st Lt. Rhonda King.

King, the first Waco woman to graduate from the West Point Military Academy, will lecture on "Blueprint For Society: Past, Present and Future."

She will also discuss the role of education in providing equality for Black Americans.

MCC graduates Benny Lambert, Patrick Earl, Rodney Harris, and Carol Higgins will also be featured as guests.

With the exception of continuing art and historic exhibits, this program will conclude this year's commemoration of Black History Month. The program is open to the public, admission free.

### Starr visit rescheduled

The visit of Dr. Douglas Starr, chairman of the department of journalism at Texas A&M University, has been rescheduled April 14 after snow and ice canceled his visit to the campus earlier this month.

He will speak on the A&M journalism program and the overall status of communications programs in higher education. Students and faculty members are invited to attend the 9:25 a.m. meeting of the "Introduction to Mass Communication" class.

Also, Dr. Starr will address the Central Texas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America at noon in the Brazos Club. The subject will be "Public Relations and Higher Education: What Direction?"

Anyone interested in attending the PRSA luncheon or meeting with Dr. Starr should contact Tom Buckner, ext. 443, or Nancy Cochran, director of public information, ext. 212.

### Harbaugh seeks TJCTA office

Margaret Harbaugh, an assistant librarian, is up for election as president-elect of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association. She is running against Emmeline Dodd, a biology instructor at the College of the Mainland in Texas City.

Harbaugh currently serves as vice president for the organization and will be fulfilling the duties of that office at the TJCTA convention in Dallas this week (see related story). A number of friends on the MCC faculty have been helping with her campaign for president-elect.

If Harbaugh wins, she will be the third MCC faculty member to hold the position. The other two are Dean Gail Burrier and Dr. Mike White.

### No classes this Friday

Classes will not be held Friday as teachers and administrators attend the annual meeting of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association in Dallas.

The convention, which begins Thursday and continues until Saturday, will take place at the Loews Anatole Hotel. Among the purposes of the meeting is to plan and carry out TJCTA programs, such as proposed legislation and improved educational efforts.

The convention consists of workshops, seminars, and lectures for different categories in two-year college education. It also features exhibits of educational equipment and literature from a number of book publishers and other companies in the field.

### Michaelis to preside at TJCA

MCC's new president, Dr. Dennis Michaelis, will preside as the president of the Texas Junior College Association as it meets in Dallas this week in conjunction with the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.

The TJCA is an organization of presidents of almost all of the public and independent two-year colleges of Texas.

### 'Flea in Her Ear' opens Thursday

MCC's drama department production of the French farce, "A Flea In Her Ear," will open in the Performing Arts Center Theater Thursday and will continue through Feb. 28. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and the Sunday matinee performance begins at 3 p.m.

Admission for MCC students, faculty and staff members presenting a current identification card is free. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children.

To reserve tickets, call the PAC ticket office at 756-0551, ext. 392.

### Trustees to meet Wednesday

The Board of Trustees will hold a special closed meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Board Room to discuss the duties of the college's president-elect, Dr. Dennis Michaelis.

### Data processing seminar set

The MCC Student Data Processing Management Association will have its first meeting this month, a panel discussion, on March 2 at 10 a.m.

The program will consist of a panel of 12 former MCC students who are currently working in the computer data processing field. The panelists, who are from the Waco, Dallas, Houston, and Austin areas, will answer questions from club members. They will also give advice on how to get jobs, what to expect on the job, and what experience and education is needed.

The panel meeting will be in the Applied Science Building, room 101, and it will be videotaped and shown to evening classes.

# Students participate in homecoming festivities

By ELIZABETH DELEON

Although area streets were covered with ice and snow a couple of weeks ago, that hardly stopped Highlander fans from participating in Homecoming festivities Feb. 8-13.

Kicker day, held on Feb. 10, began the spirit week. However, few students participated in the dance contest or best dressed "kicker" male and female.

The next event on the agenda was the Homecoming bonfire which was scheduled for Feb. 11 but was postponed until Feb. 12 due to an unexpected snowfall.

Although the bonfire was to have begun at 7 p.m., it was not lit until approximately 8:30 due to high winds and a broken water pipe (see related story).

Entertainment was provided by First Floor and the MCC Dance Company.

Winding down the activities of the week were the Homecoming game against TSTI and the dance which were both held Feb. 13.

The game attracted perhaps the largest crowd of the season and included a performance by

the award-winning Dance Company performing and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen Chowie Ramos at half-time.

Nominees for queen were picked to represent various clubs on campus. Students then voted for the queen through the process of secret ballot.

Ramos, the winner, represented Cosmo-Phi. First runner up was Cynthia Salinas, who represented Phi Theta Kappa.

Other nominees included Lorie Wills, representing Student Government; Kim Kelly, representing Interclub Council; Rose Polley, representing the Press Club; Dawn Spears, representing the Dance Company; and Kelley Reynolds, representing Zeta Omega Eta.

The queen was given a crown and a bouquet of six roses and six carnations. The first runner up was given a bouquet of three roses and three carnations. Other nominees were given a long stemmed carnation, all donated by Student Government.

Student Government also decorated the Student Center for the dance in red, white and

pink balloons, streamers, hearts, and cupids.

The dance, attended by an estimated 60 persons, began immediately following the game at approximately 10 p.m. and lasted until midnight.

A variety of rock and country music was played by KWTX-FM disc-jockey Don Russell.

"I think that the reason the dance was so low attended was because of the fight that broke out earlier at the game. Many people were afraid to go (to the dance) still thinking that other conflicts would resolve because of the fight," said Clark.

A Student Government officer had another theory about the low attendance, however.

"The Valentine's dance is one of the biggest dances of the year, and I feel that the reason there was such a low attendance was because of the fact that the dance was held on a weekend," said Jeff Leuschner, Student Government treasurer. "Most people just can't bother with school related functions on the weekend because they have other commitments and duties to perform elsewhere."

## Students help children boost their self-images

By PATRICK KING

Eight MCC students will be conducting workshops for children on self-esteem enhancement next week at three area high schools.

The students will tour North Waco, Alta Vista, and J.H. Hines schools. They will be working with children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Activities planned include flannel board presentations, songs including "Everything Is Beautiful", puppet shows on self-esteem, smiling faces, and a box with a mirror into which the children will look and see themselves. The student volunteers will also help the children make wanted posters and thumb prints with the theme "I'm Thumbbody Special."

The students who will be working with the children are Wanda Oliphant, Jona Brown, Peg Hayworth, Walda Crain, Argale McCoy, Linda Whitfield, Barbara Olsen and Becky Dobbys.

Mary Cantrell, a former faculty member and current executive director of the Mental Health Association, is working with mental health coordinator/instructor Martie Sauter in coordinating the volunteer program.

"The students here will go out into the school and work on self-esteem enhancement," Cantrell said.

Sauter added, "We're excited about doing this because it's the first time that it ever been done in the public schools, and we hope to make it an ongoing project next year."



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CHOWIE RAMOS, Cosmo Phi nominee, is crowned by Tracye Balyer, former Homecoming Queen, Feb. 13 at the MCC Homecoming game against TSTI.

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# Demanding work and devotion required by drama students

By DARIN BROCK

The life of a drama student is much more than just rehearsals and performances.

Drama students at MCC as well as other colleges, must devote almost all their time to drama studies. Working outside of school is hard, having a personal life is also difficult, plus little time is left to do homework from other classes, according to those enrolled in drama. Drama students are required to take a curriculum of drama classes such as theater history, acting courses, and dance and voice classes.

These are taken as well as regular courses of such as English, history, and other basics. Ten hours a week also must be spent working on the sets for coming productions. Nearly 15 hours a week go into rehearsals for those productions. And then there are the try-outs—at times whether one wants a part or not.

One drama student who balances schoolwork with the requirements of the stage is Laura Sulak, a freshman from Hillsboro.

Since she was 10 and attended a camp where she did some skits, Sulak said she has felt the desire to become an actress. She has already made a name for herself at MCC by appearing in "The Real Inspector Hound," "Oliver!" and "A Flea in Her Ear."

Competing with several people for one of the few parts in a play is hard enough, according to Sulak.

"The director gives you an excerpt from the play. You have to read it without ever seeing it before," she said.

Though the students only have to work 10 hours a week in theater workshop, Sulak says the students average 15-20 hours. When asked if she thought it was necessary she said, "Yes, if we didn't, no one would. Plus it also makes us appreciate every aspect of the theater."

The work is demanding. Students have to work with heavy power equipment, building large, elaborate, and intricate sets. Many times it is the first experience students have doing this sort of work.

Several hours a week are spent in rehearsals. Sometimes going to bed before midnight is a treat, Sulak said.

"I'm usually up past midnight every night doing homework. Half the time it's doing work for the drama classes, memorizing monologues, writing play analyses and memorizing the lines for the play we are doing."

Sometimes the work seems to be overwhelming, "but there is a passion for acting that we all draw on that makes it all worth it," according to Sulak. Once in a while the students get tired of all the work and long hours, but they manage to pull through with each others help.

"We are able to build good friendships because there is

that common bond—we are all going through the same thing," Sulak said.

"The hours really tend to add up," she added. "Simple things like doing housework get put aside. Even spending time with your boyfriend or family is a rarity."

Time on the weekend also gets put aside. "We've spent the last two weekends at the school working on the set for the upcoming production ("A Flea In Her Ear") and we'll be here next weekend."

Though every day is not a hardship, the drama student spends a majority of the time working.

Working on sets.  
Working on homework.

Working on lines.  
"When all the work is done, and everything comes together, and you hear the applause of the audience, it makes it all worth it," says Sulak.

"The rewards far outweigh the hardships. Too many good things are learned and experienced for it not to be good."



Photo by Patrick King

SAWING AWAY! Drama student Mike Bettinger cuts off a board on a doorway for the set of the upcoming play "A Flea in Her Ear." Carme Walker braces the ladder while Laura Sulak holds the doorway steady.

## Waco Community Band to play March 1 at 7:30 p.m.

By PATRICK KING

The Waco Community Band will perform March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clifton Junior High School Auditorium in Clifton.

This will be the second time that the community band will be going out to play for the outlying communities, said Roger Rush, community band director.

The numbers scheduled to be performed include "Battle of Shiloh March" by Barnhouse, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna" by Von Suppe, "Great Movie Marches" by Lowden, "Sea Songs" by Thomas Knox, "Fandango" by Perkins, "Prelude to Revelry" by Gordon Jacob, "Highlights from Porgy and Bess" by Gershwin, "Schuler Polka" by J. Offenbach and "Col. Bogey March" by Alford.

The Clifton High School Band and the band boosters club will sponsor the concert. Don Theode is the band direc-

tor at Clifton and also a member of the community band, Rush said.

The Waco Community Band is comprised of 60 members, including 27 teachers and three MCC students, including David Rush on tuba, Thomas Khlem on saxophone and Tim Scarvey on percussion.

MCC offers community band as a one hour course. It rehearses once a week. The band holds 12 concerts a year, including three concerts each semester.

Anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the community band "would need to talk to me and see if there is a position available," Rush said.

The band has to have set instrumentation and "I wouldn't want to get overbalanced in trumpets or flutes or drums or anything like that. So they talk to me and if there is a position, I'll put them on a waiting list," he said.

## High school art contest winners in PAC display

By TERI LYN EISMA

The works of the winners of MCC's 1988 High School Art Competition are on display in the Performing Arts Center lobby, including three cash award winners, 13 honorable mentions and 46 other works.

Fifteen Waco-area schools submitted 226 works of art for the contest.

More schools have participated and more artwork was submitted this month than in the past 10 years the competition has operated, said MCC art instructor Barney Fitzpatrick, who is in charge of the competition.

First place winner was Jeanie Bauer of Reicher Catholic High School, whose ink "Black Magic" won \$100. Second place was won by Felix Suarez of University High School, whose airbrush "Wild Side" won \$50. Third place was awarded to Sean Minehano of Reicher Catholic High School, whose black and white photograph "Still Life and Death" won \$25.

The purpose of the competition is "to help promote and foster artistic ability and creativity, to give the (high school) students something to work toward, and to provide an outlet for them," Fitzpatrick said.

"You can create a work of art and hide it away in some room somewhere where nobody's going to see it, or you can take it out and put it on display. This gives them a place to exhibit their work," Fitzpatrick added.

Only high school juniors and seniors in the Waco area could submit work for the competition. All kinds of art media were acceptable, including paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculptures, photographs, crafts, collages, and designs.

The judge of the competition, or juror, was Mary Burke, who is the current education coordinator (since Nov. 9) at The Art Center of Waco. Fitzpatrick chose Burke because she had never judged MCC's competition before, and because she has had prior experience with high school level artwork and art education. She was juror for a Waco Independent School District PTA elementary school art competition.

Burke said she took three hours to narrow the field from 226 pieces to the 62 that would go to display. "The two most important" artistic features Burke used as a basis of quality were "technical skill and originality." The cash winners excelled in originality and design, Burke added, while other qualifying features included composition, presentation and neatness.

"I was really pleased — there was really a good assortment of artwork," Burke said.

The works were submitted Feb. 4 and have been on display in the PAC lobby since Feb. 10, where they will remain until March 3. Artists may pick their work in Fitzpatrick's office, located in Fine Arts room 113 on March 7.

## 'Flea' set innovations include revolving bed

By DARIN BROCK

You won't find MCC Drama Technical Director Dave Borron in his office too often for the next few weeks.

A note hangs on his door letting students know that he has moved his office to room 147 in the Performing Arts Center.

Room 147 is better known as the Scenic Shop. Borron, as well as all the drama majors, have been putting enormous amounts of work into the set for the upcoming MCC production of "A Flea in Her Ear."

According to director John Kelly, the set depicting a time in the 1930's is one of the most elaborate and intricate sets MCC has had for a straight, non-musical play.

Since the beginning of the semester the crew has put well over 100 hours of work into the set, according to Borron.

"We still lack about 60 more hours of work to finish construction, paint and set lights," Borron said.

The crew has spent the last two weekend at the school building and arranging the set on stage. Almost 38 hours will have been spent working on the set.

The set is "fairly straightforward," according to Borron. However it was hard for him to get two different sets on stage

at once. One permanent unit will be used for the second act, and for the first and third acts five large rolling units will be used.

Removing the units will be a challenge.

"Two of the units on the side will drop into the orchestra pit and the remaining units will slide backstage. But this will be done in full view of the audience," Borron said.

Several intricate pieces of furniture were built by Borron and his crew. "We've built several beds, tables and benches. We didn't have time to build everything this time like I usually like to do," Borron said.

A unique feature will be the rotating bed that will be used in the second act. A large crank has been built to turn the six-foot platform on which a bed will stand. However Borron

said they are having problems getting it to work. He also added the they might have to get some people to turn the bed by hand.

Borron said he was happy with the way things have turned out, and praised all the drama students who have worked hard to get the set as far along as it is.

"For the time allotted, the set is pretty much how I envisioned it," he said.



Photo by Darin Brock

"I COULD NOT KEEP MY EYES OFF YOU ... the other night at the opera!" sings Laura Sulak while Laura Yukus looks on. Both drama

students have put in many hours of preparation for the play and are appearing in MCC's performance of "A Flea in Her Ear" Feb. 26-28.

## Auditions March 16

By TERI LYN EISMA

Those interested in auditioning for the chorus of "H.M.S. Pinafore" need to get ready.

Each must prepare a song from a well-known musical to sing before theater director John Kelly on March 16-17 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Theater.

All auditions are open to the public. The auditions will involve song "and we'll look at some movement," Kelly said.

The roles within the chorus involve male sailors and female nieces and cousins of Josephine and her family, according to Kelly.

The individuals in the chorus will be chosen by Kelly, vocal coach Lise Landsfeld, and musical director Don Balmos.

The MCC Opera Workshop in concert with the Drama Department will perform Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" in the PAC Theater April 27-May 1.

## No more trash music!

By BRUCE CUMMINGS

It is really saddening to be a spectator to the current trend of progressive music. Once again the music industry has become a bloated, complacent giant spewing out an increasingly lethargic series of releases.

Several years ago the music scene was jolted, and rightfully so, by the punks and for a while it seemed as if things changed. Sadly however, the awakening was all too brief and now we find ourselves inundated with formulaic, banal music.

What happened to the new blood that was injected into the industry during the late seventies? Most of the bands involved in the punk revolution are no more. The Sex Pistols burned themselves out after only one legitimate album and a brief, chaotic U.S. tour. Now, Sid Vicious is dead and Johnny Rotten is making dance records. The Clash managed to hang on for some time but, succumbed to commercialism and subsequently fell apart.

Never mind that a group known as the Clash continues to exist — it is not the same band that gave us "London's Burning."

Now in the name of new and innovative music we a subjected to the pretentious, messianic stylings of U2 and the lyric meanderings of R.E.M. Both bands were born of the post-punk wave of the early 1980s — the same movement that fostered Killing Joke, Joy Division/New Order, and Echo and the Bunnymen.

Those bands managed to evolve into commercial viability without losing their integrity. However, U2 has settled into an ponderous, formula sound that begs for life. R.E.M. on the other hand has not changed at all. They are still just as mediocre and uninteresting as they were in 1980.

Still, I would rather be forced to endure the aforementioned bands rather the endless deluge of artificial pop groups that now dominate the airwaves. It really is time for the music industry to get shaken again and realize that we all don't like Debbie Gibson, Tiffany, and Rick Astley.

### Tell us what you like!

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