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Student killed in car wreck



FRESHMAN ANGELA LILLNELLE DEAN, 18, died from injuries she received in a two-car accident while travelling westbound on Lake Shore Drive.

By MOLLY CHAPMAN
Freshman Angela Lillnelle Dean, 18, died from injuries she received in a two-car accident on the edge of the campus on Oct. 15.

As she was turning onto College Drive from Lake Shore Drive Friday afternoon, her 1992 Ford Tempo was struck by a 1989 Chevrolet pickup truck.

According to Sergeant Malissa Sims of the Waco Police Department, Miss Dean was traveling west on Lake Shore when she turned the corner to College Drive. A pickup traveling east hit her car after she failed to give the right of way to on-coming traffic. The driver of the Chevrolet, who sustained minor injuries, was treated and released at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, a nursing supervisor said.

According to Jocelyn Pierce, Miss Dean's high school English teacher at La Vega and close family friend, Miss Dean started

to walk away from the accident when she started to complain of internal pain. After being taken to Hillcrest, she underwent surgery for a detached liver and a shattered kidney. She was pronounced dead at 12:34 a.m. Oct. 16 by Justice of the Peace Cindy Evans.

Dean, ironically, had dreams of being a doctor one day. She was a pre-medical student at MCC with plans to transfer to Xavier University in Louisiana. Ruby Burns, Miss Dean's advisor, said that she was excited to be at college just like it was Christmas time. Like Will Rogers, Burns said Miss Dean "never met a stranger she didn't like... she was real personable, always smiling, real friendly." Burns feels that losing Miss Dean is a "great loss to society... she showed such great promise. I could go on and on about Angela."

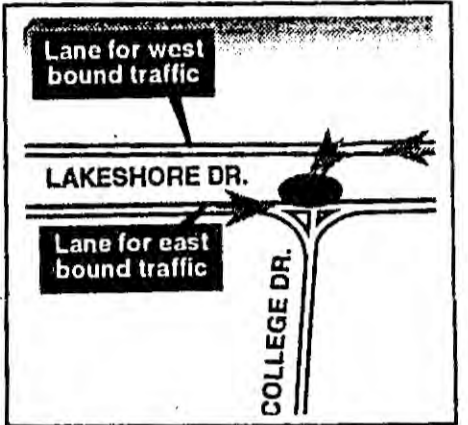
Miss Dean was active in several clubs in high school and was

the recipient of several awards and scholarships. Activities included La Vega Pirate Band, Student Council, African Awareness Club, several University Interscholastic League events and the French Club. Community honors achieved by Miss Dean are 1992 Debutante sponsored by Jack & Jill of America Incorporated, and 1992 Miss Jabberwock sponsored by Waco Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. Miss Dean's numerous scholarships included Black Hispanic Association, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, American Business Women's Association - Brazos Valley, and the Alee Shrine Masonic Temple Lodge.

According to Mike Konicki, La Vega science teacher, Miss Dean loved education and was a hard worker who loved people. "Angela wasn't in it (education) for herself. It was to help other people. I don't think she ever did anything just for herself." Konicki said it was ironic that she always

did something for others and then her life was taken from her in such a tragic way.

Miss Dean was born Jan. 29, 1975. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Logan of Waco; a sister, Jennifer Logan of Waco; a brother, Charles Carlton of Houston; a paternal grandmother, Mrs. Chinese Dean of Buffalo; a paternal grandfather, L. George Logan of Washington, D.C.; and a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Thelma Carlton of Waco.



Blood drive tomorrow

Donations in SC lounge to help holiday shortages

By MELANIE GERIK

The American Red Cross desperately needed O negative blood recently.

So the Red Cross called sophomore Kendall Adler, who donated a pint of blood.

"It doesn't hurt at all," Adler said. "They try to make it really comfortable. They have lounge chairs for you to relax in, and they talk to you so you don't realize that they're drawing your blood."

"The worst part is seeing the long needle. But after you turn your head, it's nothing. After I donated, they gave me drinks and cookies. Then they let me rest for about 10 minutes," Adler said.

He also said that donating blood "gives you a really good feeling afterwards because you know you've helped somebody."

Other students will have a chance to help somebody by donating blood Wednesday. The Game Room Club is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lounge area located on the second floor of the Student Center.

"The need for blood is an ongoing need, although it is intensified during the holiday season. Basically, every 17 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion," Jennifer Riley, director of donor resources for the American Red Cross, said.

Presently, the Red Cross is in need of negative-type blood, especially O negative and A negative. This type is much rarer than positive-typed blood. According to a brochure provided by the Red Cross, only 16.6 percent of the population has negative-type blood out of blood groups, A, B, AB and O. Riley said that people in all groups are able to receive transfusions of O negative blood.

Stanley Brooks, Game Room coordinator, said that the campus organization with the most people to donate blood will receive a prize, possibly a pizza party. He also said volunteers are needed to help Wednesday with the blood drive. Duties for volunteers include unloading the Bloodmobile in the morning, greeting donors, serving refreshments and loading the Bloodmobile in the afternoon.

Riley said that the goal for this blood drive is 40 units of blood. At a blood drive held on campus in March, 21 people attempted to donate blood and 18 units were collected. Last October, in another on-campus blood drive, 44 people attempted to

donate and 32 units of blood were collected.

In order to be a donor, a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health, Riley said. All potential donors must go through a confidential screening before they donate blood.

The entire donating process takes about one hour. First, potential donors are registered. Then, donors answer questions about their medications, any illnesses and possible HIV risk factors such as intravenous drug use. After the screening process, the donor's temperature, blood pressure and pulse rate are taken during a "mini-physical" lasting about 15 minutes. Donors also are tested for anemia at this time. Then, a unit (about a pint) of blood is drawn from the donor, taking 10-20 minutes. Afterward, donors rest for 10 more minutes to restore energy levels. The donors are instructed to drink four 8 oz. glasses of non-alcoholic beverages within a day to replenish the normal fluid levels.

After the donation, samples of whole blood are sent to a lab in Tulsa, Okla., to be tested for the blood type and for viruses such as HIV, the virus that causes AIDS strains 1 and 2, hepatitis strains B and C, and syphilis.

The actual pints of blood are then kept locally at the center in Waco. The Waco location of the American Red Cross provides 28 hospitals and medical centers in 21 counties with whole blood or parts of the blood. Riley said donated blood can be broken down into four parts: red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets.

Red cells can be used for patients who need transfusions during surgery or after accidents. They can also be used to help people with anemia which indicates iron deficiencies or kidney disease.

White blood cells can be used to fight severe infections. White blood cell transfusions many times are given to newborn infants.

Plasma can be used for treatment of shock. It can also be used to treat clotting defects, such as hemophilia or severe liver disease. Platelets can be used to control bleeding in patients while undergoing open-heart surgery. They can also be used to help people with leukemia, people undergoing chemotherapy or others whose bone marrow does not produce enough platelets.



INSURRECTO AND SENOR MUERTO THE CLOWN are professional clowns who enjoy having fun safely on Halloween. In order to have a safer Halloween, parents should encourage their children to attend organized Halloween events. Adolescents who go trick-or-treating should be accompanied by adults.

Adopt-A-School

MCC is adopting G.L. Wiley

By SHERRY W. EVANS

G.L. Wiley Middle School is cheering on the Adopt-A-School Program with a pep rally Monday afternoon followed by a meeting of the partners, including MCC, to plan future activities.

The mission of the Adopt-A-School Program, according to a statement from the Waco Independent School District, is to affect the academic and social development of students to prepare them for a productive future. Business and community people work with educators to develop activities to take the "outside" world directly into the classroom.

Joining MCC in partnership with G.L. Wiley is KCKR 95.5 radio, Sam's Club, St. Luke AME Church and the Baylor chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Each partner will get a special cheer from Wiley cheerleaders, the MCC Dance Company will perform and music students will play with the Wiley band at the pep rally which begins at 2:45 p.m. Monday.

G.L. Wiley Middle School, grades 6 through 8, is in a low socio-economic area and the 500 students are considered "at risk" by the district, according to the community parent liaison from Wiley, Shelly Wright. She said the school is on the list of projected closures if scores are not raised on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

"Everyone is working real hard to raise the TAAS scores,"

Wright said. "They are implementing innovative programs and teachers are using new techniques." Some of the incentives for student achievement are the Honor Roll Pizza Party, and a day at MCC with lunch at the Student Center.

Twelve outstanding students visited MCC two weeks ago and began a campus tour in the game room, which Wright said was the highlight of the day. She said, "They were, like, 'if this is college I know I want to go.'"

Coordinating MCC with Wiley is computer instructor Rayburn Taylor. He said he would like to get as many college students as possible involved with the program to try to touch every student at Wiley in some way. "We've got to do something at lower grade levels," Taylor said. "Junior high is when they decide to go into gangs or not continue their education."

Some tentative activities for the year are a mentoring program, tutoring, recognition of outstanding students and other types of interaction with students and faculty from Wiley. Vice President of Instruction Richard Drum suggested, "The projects can be class or school-wide, but can include a whole variety of things."

The Press Club is planning to help start a student newspaper and teach some of the basics of journalism, according to Highland Herald advisor Tom Buckner.

Forensic team wins 5 firsts at tournaments

By RACHEL SIMONETTE

The five members of the forensic team and sponsor Linda Dulin placed high in a speech last month, bringing home five first places.

The tournaments were two combined contests and included 46 universities and two-year colleges. The contest was held Sept. 24-26 at Southwest Texas University and the University of Texas at Austin.

Merie Witt won a first in persuasive speaking, two firsts in communication analysis, and a first and third in after dinner speaking.

A semi-finalist in the impromptu speaking category, Marco Suarez, also received first and second place in persuasive speaking. Carrie Spencer won third and fifth, while Suzanne Reed placed fourth and sixth in the informative speaking category. Barry Sullivan placed sixth place in informative speaking.

Dulin said that the team has

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Technology Plan

\$1 million planned for update

By BROOKS WHITTINGTON

The college is planning on spending an estimated \$1 million by the end of the 1994-95 school year on updating the school's technology.

Basically, the "Technology Plan" is part of the college's effort to see that the appropriate level of technology is available to every department and area of the school, according to President Dennis Michaelis. While the whole school will profit, the progress of the plan may not be apparent immediately in all of the campus areas, since the technology that each department needs differs from one department to another.

"It isn't as simple as putting a computer on every desk... because in some instances, that is not necessarily what is needed," Michaelis said.

The plan began last year with a major effort that involved making certain that all of the buildings were made ready to be reworked to the configurations of the plan, and also buying file servers so that computers from several different buildings could be shared. It also involved buying a multitude of personal computers for every area of the school.

"Phase II," to be implemented this year, involves completing an "open access lab" which will

be available to the students at any given time. In order to compensate for the lab, a \$5 fee for every full time student will be added to their education bill. The major difference between the new "open access" lab, which will be built in the Applied Sciences Building, and the math and English labs that are already in existence is that while students have to wait for classes to finish in the old labs, the computers in the new lab will be available at any given time.

The technology plan will be finished at the end of the 1994-95 school year with the conclusion of "Phase III," which will place emphasis on three main priorities. Priority 1 will be to invent a "mobile teaching system" which will allow instructors to present information to students in an integrated format.

Priority 2 will be to increase the number of faculty and staff computers. At present, 366 full-time faculty members are using 138 computers.

Finally, Priority 3 calls for the expansion of campus networking which would benefit the school by increasing access to computer services, decreasing computer support costs due to sharing certain software through the network and increasing access to high quality printers around the campus.

NEWS BITES

Faculty meeting time moved

The October and November faculty meeting times will be changed from starting at 3 p.m. to starting at 3:30 p.m. due to the increased number of early afternoon classes this fall. Thus refreshments will be available at 3 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 3:30. Today's meeting will feature the campus kickoff of United Way Drive and guest speaker Henry Walbesser, graduate dean at Baylor.

Costume contests Friday

The Student Government and Inner Circle have planned a Halloween costume contest to take place Friday, on the second floor of the Student Center. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. The best ghouls will be awarded tickets to a local haunted house. So, if this Halloween you are looking for some excitement, dress in your best ghoulish costume and be judged for yourself.

Important dates

- A seminar on "Parenting — Tough Problems" is scheduled for Special Services Wednesday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on the ground floor of the Student Center Conference Room.
- The Waco Community Band will be in concert on Thursday in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Free Admission.
- Telephone and express registration for the spring will begin Nov. 1. For more information call 750-3522.
- An Interclub Council meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the Student Center.
- The basketball Cen-Tex Tip-Off Classic will be held Thursday through Saturday Nov. 4-6. For more information call 750-3657.

December diploma deadline nears

Students who expect to complete all their requirements for graduation this semester should pay their \$16 and fill out the graduation form if they want to receive diplomas in December. Students can get the form and make their payment at the registrar's office. Deadline for this is Nov. 5.

Last call for buying textbooks

Students who still wish to purchase books from the campus Bookstore for the current semester should do so before Oct. 29. Those books will be returned to the publisher after that date as the Bookstore prepares for the spring semester sales.

Center gets toll-free number

Small business owners can use a new toll-free number to obtain services of the Small Business Development Center at McLennan Community College. The new number, 1-800-349-7232, will make calls to the center more convenient for all small business owners in the SBDC's six-county service area, which includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Hill and McLennan counties. Services offered include free counseling, economical training and technical assistance, all geared to help small businesses survive, grow and prosper. Lu Billings, SBDC director, and her staff can continue to be reached locally at 750-3600.

Scholarship announced

MCC students who are interested in careers in mathematics or natural sciences can apply for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. Students must be nominated by their institution. To be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior, must be pursuing a baccalaureate degree, have a B average, stand in the upper fourth of the class, and be a U.S. citizen. Deadline for all 1994 nominations is Dec. 15. Interested parties should contact John Burton in HPE 214 by Nov. 15.

Mail services at new site

The faculty and staff should note that the mail services department moved to the Physical Plant Oct. 19. Stamps can now be purchased in the bookstore. Bringing of personal mail and packages with postage and account number affixed to the mail room for delivery to the Post Office is still available. The extension will remain 524. If you have questions or concerns, please call Dianne Harris at 750-3700.

Fashion class visits Dallas

The Fashion Merchandising Department attended a Specialty Retailing Tour in Dallas Friday and Saturday. The students and instructor Kae Hineline stayed at the Market Center Inn. Friday the group went on a guided tour of Penney Home Office and visited many apparel marts. Saturday the group attended seminars and gained experience with comparison shopping.

Christmas Craft Demo planned

The annual Christmas Craft Demo will be Nov. 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Highlander room. The Demo will show people how to make bows, gingerbread houses and many other holiday items. For more information call Beth at Ext. 684.

Dates set for university visits

The support services program has set dates for college visits. Colleges included are Baylor University, Tarleton State University, Southwest Texas State University, and Texas A&M University. To register for one of these trips, stop by the tutorial lab in the Student Center, room 302.

'SeniorNet' computer course set

McLennan Community College will offer an introductory computer course especially for seniors at the MCC Downtown Center, 711 Washington, beginning Nov. 8. The first steps for using a computer will be covered in "SeniorNet: Introduction to Microcomputers," to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for four weeks. The noncredit course costs \$49. Designed for the beginner, students will receive an introduction to word processing, databases and spreadsheets. SeniorNet is a non-profit organization which teaches computer skills to older adults. Local sponsors are MCC Continuing Education, the Cooper Foundation and the Central Texas Senior Ministry. Membership is available to citizens ages 55 and over. Call 750-3671.

City Library book sale this week

Friends of the Waco-McLennan County Library will have its 31st Annual Book Sale Thursday through Sunday. On the first day of the sale a fee of \$5 per individual or \$10 per family will be charged to enter. Current Friends members will be admitted free. A fee will not be charged to attend the sale on Friday through Sunday. The sale will be held at the Waco Convention Center and the hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Citywide cleanup Saturday

Keep Waco Beautiful will have a citywide cleanup day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals, groups, and businesses will participate in cleaning business parking lots, carpools, garages, vacant lots, school grounds, and neighborhood parks. Tires and large items for disposal may be taken to the following locations:

- Cobba Citizens Collection Station, 44th and Cobba Drive
- Sun Pool Citizens Collection Station, 15th and Ross
- Brooklyn Citizens Collection Station, 1400 Brooklyn Ave.

Campus clubs stay busy

By MELANIE GERIK

The Baptist Student Union will hold a retreat at a member's house on Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$5, which will cover food costs. The Baptist Student Union holds meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. In addition to the regular meeting, on Wednesday local churches provide home-cooked meals for members at noon. The Baptist Student Union is located on the intersection of Powell and 19th St.

For more information regarding the retreat or any other club activity, call 754-1989 and ask for Jeff Hay.

Student Government held elections last Thursday and Friday for representatives. Students also voted on a proposed amendment to the Student Government Constitution which would lower the number of college hours in which a student must be enrolled to be a representative from 12 to nine.

Student Government will hold a Halloween costume contest Friday at 10 a.m. in the Student Center, along with a mini-concert.

The International Students Club is planning a cultural enrichment trip in December. Members are discussing a possible trip to San Antonio.

The next meeting for the club is Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center, room 302. Students

do not have to come from a foreign country to join.

The Game Room Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday. The club is also helping Caritas with the Food for Families drive. In addition, representative Lee Beavers said that the Game Room Club encourages and challenges every club on campus to participate in the Jingle Bell Fun Run to be held in December.

The Physical Therapy Club is in the process of a raffle ticket sale to raise money for two physical therapy assistant scholarships. Winning tickets will be drawn on Nov. 11. Prizes include a color television, a haircut and a manicure, and gift certificates to grocery stores and restaurants. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any physical therapy assistant student or from the physical therapy office in the Health Careers Building.

The League of United Latin American Citizens is planning a volleyball tournament in December. Many details are still in the planning stages, but profits from a previous volleyball tournament was approximately \$300.

The Nursing Club recently held a pizza party to recruit new students. About 70 students attended the party. Some nursing students are planning to attend a mid-winter conference in November.

The Ask Me Club is pres-

ently not active, but the purpose of the club is to help other students adjust to college and the campus. Club members will wear "Ask Me" buttons and will answer questions about the location of buildings on campus or about college in general.

The Press Club is traveling to Dallas on Thursday for the national Associated Collegiate Press-College Media Advisers convention. The club will stay three days and attend seminars and workshops dealing with journalism topics.

Club sponsor Tom Buckner will be honored as the nationwide "Outstanding Student Newspaper Adviser for Two Year Colleges" at the convention Saturday.

Meetings for the Press Club are held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Community Services Center, room 16.

The Young Democrats recently has completed a community service project with the Army Corps of Engineers. The project focused on the beautification of the entrance planter at Speegleville Park III at Lake Waco.

On Oct. 8, Sarah Dudik of the McLennan County Democratic Party spoke to members about the Clinton health care plan and the upcoming gubernatorial election.

The next meeting will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the old conference room in the Administration Building.

The Music Educators National Conference members are planning a trip to the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio in the spring.

Members do not have to be music majors, but must be currently enrolled in three hours of music classes. The next meeting will be today in room 104 of the Fine Arts Building at 2:30 p.m.

The Music Teachers National Association offers opportunities for members to compete in vocal, piano, and instrumental performances at local, district and state levels.

For more information, contact club sponsor Ruth Pitts at extension 679.

Anyone wishing to share and critique their creative writing ability is welcome to join the Writer's Club. The group's first meeting will be on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Faculty Dining Room. Any interested aspiring writers are welcome.

For further information call Carol Ponce at 776-2817.

Is your club not mentioned in this article? Most information came from the Interclub Council meeting. If you would like information about your club in the next issue, the next Interclub Council meeting will be on Nov. 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the faculty dining room of the Student Center. Or send information to the Highland Herald in the campus mail.

A helping hand

Special services gives everyone a chance

By JENNIFER BEUSSE

Students who qualify for special services programs may get 80 percent of child care paid and a transportation allowance provided.

Special services uses federal funding to provide a wide range of programs for those who qualify. For students with dis-

abilities, VTek Voyagers, three wheeled electric carts, and luggage carts are available. Note takers, cassette recorders and electronic visual aid can be obtained by students with learning disabilities.

According to Marylea Henderson, special services was developed over 14 years ago to

benefit displaced homemakers, single parents, single pregnant women and students with disabilities. She said it is the mission of special services to "assist individuals in meeting their diversified needs and in achieving life-long goals."

Free counseling and support groups are offered to students

that participate in the program. Special services has recently developed weekly seminars that are open to all MCC students and staff. Topics vary by month and the topic for November is stress and wellness management.

For more information, call Marylea Henderson, Special Services at 750-3591.

Student's books stolen from unlocked vehicle

By KAY MEEK

A student's textbooks were stolen from his truck while parked across from the Student Center on Oct. 13 between 10 a.m. and noon.

Chris Martinez returned from class to find the books missing from his front seat. He contacted the MCC Bookstore but the personnel said that books of that description had not been returned.

Martinez then checked with the Highlander Bookstore and found that two of the books were sold to the store. The owner, Rex Beasley, gave both books back to Martinez at no charge. Beasley had no other information to provide.

Two other textbooks are still missing and will cost Martinez approximately \$75 to replace. Martinez had left his driver-side door unlocked.

Young women learn about careers here

The college hosted the second annual career conference for young women Oct. 16 and had 100 girls attend, Dr. Lissette Carpenter said.

The conference was titled "Careers Don't Come in Pink or Blue!" and was a joint effort by the college, the American Association of University Women, Waco branch, and Texas State Technical College.

The purpose of the conference was to show young seventh and eighth grade women some opportunities in the career fields of math and science and to introduce them to women currently

working in these fields.

The young women spent the morning on the TSTC campus exploring careers in high technology, graphic imaging and computer technology. After lunch the girls were bused to MCC where they attended seminars from horticulture to plastic surgery, according to Carpenter.

"From the girls' evaluation it was highly successful and they all want to come back next year," said Carpenter. The only male teacher in the group said that he now realizes the importance of encouraging young women in his science classes, Carpenter said.

Health careers lists 7 program options

By MOLLY CHAPMAN

Health career opportunities are available here for students interested in careers in the medical field.

The college has seven health careers programs. Four of these are two year studies — registered nursing, medical lab technician, physical therapy assistant and radiological technology. Licensed vocational nursing, respiratory care and paramedicine are one-year programs.

According to Janice Roberson, division director of health careers, people should not enter into the health field because of the money. She said they should go in with a feeling of helping out their fellow human beings. "There has to be a feeling of wanting to give back to society . . . there is more to it than money."

To decide if health careers is for you, Roberson suggests that students make use of resources in the job placement office. There is a test people can take to see what fields suit them best.

Enrollment is limited in health careers programs and three times more people apply than the school can enroll. The amount of clinical availability determines the enrollment. For example, if there are only 25 physical therapy centers in Central Texas, then only so many students can rotate out of those offices for their clinical work. Only 25 students are accepted into the PT program each year.

This semester 460 students are enrolled in health programs. Clinical work averages about 1,000 hours for LVN's and more for two year studies. Students travel as far away as Granbury and Bryan/College Station for their clinicals.

Once students have completed their studies, they must pass a state board certification exam. Last year, 98 percent of the LVN graduates, 103 out of 104, passed the board. The state requires that a school have 75 percent or better pass the test as dictated by the Board of Nurse Examiners. MCC generally has above a 90 percent passage rate, according to Roberson.

If you are interested in joining the LVN program at MCC, applications for the fall 1994 semester are due next April. The program is currently undergoing a curriculum revision, and LVN Director Billie Ingle suggests that any interested stu-

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LETTERS: Views on biology course differ

Dear Editor,

Starting to college is very exciting but also very scary. In January of 1992, I enrolled at McLennan Community College. I walked into my first class filled with dread and anxiety and left filled with confidence and excitement. The instructor told us we could all be successful in this class or any other class for that matter if we were able to give the time and effort necessary to do so. I could do that. What was the catch?

As it turned out there was no catch. All that was required to succeed was time and effort. The whole class was given a list of test dates, outside assignments and due dates, extra credit opportunities, and even a list of objectives that the final would be based on the very first day of class. We were given specific objectives to complete and lab time in which to do so. True, you did have to wait your turn to ask questions, but is this any different from any other class? The class was structured so that the student knew day to day what was expected and were told how to achieve it. It would be hard for me to name another class at MCC with as much structure and individualized attention. This class was structured around the premise that hard work and effort pay off. It taught me not only that I could be a successful college student, but how to be one. This class was Biology 401.

Success in any class is not based on age but on effort and maturity. I have met many immature 40 year olds and just as many mature 18 year olds. We have finally reached an era where age,

sex, race, religion or national origin is not a prerequisite for success. It is beyond my comprehension, as well as extremely offensive, that any of these would be used as an excuse for success or failure.

All students attending MCC are told that tutoring is available to those desiring it. This is a fact. I tutored Biology 401. I was in the biology lab every Monday and another tutor was there every Friday. This gave every student an opportunity for tutoring before their weekly tests. I helped with assigned objectives or explained lab experiments. The students who came for the most part were the ones who did not really need help. I never had over 4 or 5 students on any day, some days no one showed up. The help was there but not always the students.

I have taken a diverse range of classes at MCC, from remedial math courses through English, history, psychology and chemistry. In not one of these classes did an instructor hold my hand nor did I wish for them to do so. College is a place for grownups regardless of their age. Instructors were always available for any help that I required. At times it was outside of class at their convenience, but it was always there.

The quality of education and integrity of MCC should be based on fact, not opinion. As a result of the quality of education received in academic and nursing courses, 98 percent of the last class of MCC students to take their RN state boards passed. This is a fact, not an opinion. Maybe the problem is not the structure of Biology

401, or even the quality of students, but the knowledge level of those same students. Do they have to pass the TASP or any other knowledge level test? Maybe these are the questions that need to be asked.

This is my opinion and I state it as such. Opinion should not imply or be taken as fact.

Yours truly,
Gwen Harris

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter printed in the last edition. The letter was entitled "Student wants biology changed." I thought that the student might be interested in knowing that several changes have been made in the MCC biology department over the last few years.

Biology courses at MCC are no longer "open lab" and haven't been for a while. A few major differences include: 1) a student is automatically assigned a lab time when registering for Biology 1408; 2) the teacher whose name is on your schedule is the teacher who is in your lab; 3) that teacher is available at all times during your class session unless occupied with the needs of another student.

One of the things that has not changed about biology is that it is still considered a self-paced program. Students are given all the information that would have been presented in lecture in written form. After reading this

material, students can successfully answer any questions pertaining to that unit. Learning aids include: tapes to accompany the script, lab activities and a once per week review in which the student can ask the teacher any number of questions and have them answered.

I am a "younger" student now enrolled in my fifth semester at MCC. I came straight out of high school. This is my first attempt at biology and I am very pleased with my progress so far. I find it very disgusting that anyone should feel that MCC has "ulterior motives" in the way it structures the biology classes. If anything, the teachers are hoping to create independent students who are capable of using their own brains and logic.

I suggest that anyone previously dissatisfied with the biology courses should try one more time. The effort would amount to nothing when compared to the effort and stress gained in making the 60 mile trip to Temple and back.

Yours Truly,
Jennifer Beusse

(Editor's note: Winfred Watkins is teaching biology this semester in what is considered a traditional lecture/lab style.)

Dear Editor,

I was shocked and chagrined as I read the letter from Dorothy Towers in the October 12 issue of the *Highland*

Herald. I wasn't even sure that she was describing the same general biology course that I am currently taking under Janis Jackson. In fact, I find this course to be one of the MOST structured courses I've taken at MCC.

While the labs are self-paced to a degree, there is always help available when I go to work in the lab. All the instructors have been helpful and I've never felt that I was imposing on them when asking for assistance.

The course is taught from lectures, a read-along workbook and audio-visual reinforcement in the laboratory. Then, prior to an exam, a review is offered to better prepare the student for the test. The subject is not extremely difficult but is time-consuming. I do invest a lot of time and energy in preparing for tests, but that true of many of the more worthwhile courses I've taken at MCC.

I've noticed that in many of the classes at MCC, students generally are frequently absent, complain about the amount of work required and are quick to drop. When compared to most four year universities where it's "sink or swim", it seems that the opportunity to succeed is greater here.

Ms. Towers' complaints seem picayunish and are generally unsubstantiated. They certainly don't do justice to the efforts to of the biology faculty.

Sincerely,
Gloria Wroten Burton



Professional, amateur athletes don't mix

By MELANIE GERIK
Senior Associate Editor

Shaquille O'Neal will not be representing the United States in the world basketball championships next fall in Toronto.

He's not injured. He's not retiring like another basketball player did recently. He did not make the team because he makes commercials for Pepsi.

According to *Sports Illustrated*, Pepsi would not allow O'Neal to participate in the championship because USA Basketball, the agency which oversees American participation in international competition, has a deal with McDonald's. McDonald's has an exclusive deal to sell beverages made by Coca-Cola.

Wait a minute. The choice of team members was made by soft drink executives, not somebody who actually is involved directly with basketball? What has sports become?

Maybe professional players should not be allowed to participate in amateur competitions, such as the world championships.

The infiltration of professional basketball players into amateur

competitions started last year during the Summer Olympics. The "Dream Team" was made up of professional athletes who had already represented the United States in previous Olympics. These members took the places of awesome college basketball players who have never had that chance. The Dream Team steamrolled the defenseless foreign teams for the gold medal.

But what was the most memorable event of the Olympic basketball tournament? Michael Jordan, who has a multi-million dollar contract with Nike shoes, wrapped himself in the American flag during the medal ceremony. It was not a gesture of great pride for his country; it was a gesture to cover the Reebok shoes logo on his warm-up suit.

Another infiltration of professionals into the sacred world of amateur competition is happening in my favorite sport, figure skating. Former great Olympic skaters, who have made a nice living touring the professional circuit, are now coming back to compete in the Olympics again.

Why would anybody want to give up a steady \$800,000 a year job in Las Vegas, as Viktor Petrenko, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist, did? Brian Boitano, the 1988 Olympic gold medalist, also earned "outrageous money" from the professional circuit; now he's trying to earn another Olympic gold medal. Why? According to *The Dallas Morning News*, he's doing it because he can.

Boitano is 30, past the prime age of many serious skaters. He skates with a rehabilitated knee, a trick back, a sore soldier and frequent groin pulls. But he wants to achieve his "personal challenge" of skating in — and winning — the Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, in February.

Before Boitano can participate in the Olympics, he has to come in either first or second place in the national championships in January. Mark Mitchell, who has placed in the top five in the previous two world championships, is trying to keep Boitano at home in February. Mitchell opposed the rule passed by the Interna-

tional Skating Union last year that allows professionals to re-enter amateur competitions.

Mitchell has every reason to be upset about professional skaters turning amateur again. Last year, Mitchell placed third in the national competition and thought he had a place on the team. But the United States Figure Skating Association replaced Mitchell with Todd Eldredge, the 1991 U.S. champion and world bronze medalist. Eldredge faltered in the Olympics in Albertville, France, and placed 10th.

Mitchell never has participated in the Olympics; Boitano has participated in two.

Isn't the point of the Olympics not to win, but just to have the opportunity to participate?

Then why do professional athletes have to invade the specialness of the Olympics? It should be an opportunity for those who have not had a chance to finally achieve their moment of success and glory.

EDITORIALS

Donating your blood may save many other lives

Students and faculty have a chance to save someone's life tomorrow. They can donate blood.

The Game Room Club is sponsoring a blood drive tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lounge area of the Student Center.

Cancer patients, hemophiliacs, newborn infants and accident victims are just a few of the many people who benefit from donated blood. Since blood can be used as whole or broken down into red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets, one donation could help several people.

In order to be a donor, a person must be 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in good health.

The entire donating process takes about one hour. During this time, donors are registered and given a "mini-physical" in which temperature, blood pressure, and pulse rate are taken. Then blood is drawn for 10-20 minutes. Afterward, the donor rests for about 10 minutes to replenish body fluids and to restore energy levels.

Jennifer Riley, director of donor resources for the American Red Cross, said that the three main reasons people do not donate blood are inconvenience, fear of getting HIV, the AIDS virus, or another disease, and fear of needles.

The blood drive will be held on campus for the convenience of students and faculty.

For every donation, the Red Cross uses a new, sterile needle and a plastic bag to collect the blood, practically eliminating the risk of infection.

The fear of needles is a personal problem. But it can be lessened by turning your head or closing your eyes so you will not have to look at the needle.

Become a hero. Conquer your fears, and save a life by donating blood.

College students can help middle school students

The Adopt-A-School program with Waco Independent School District is a worthwhile and rewarding project that all college students and faculty members can take part in through MCC's partnership with G.L. Wiley Middle School.

Wiley students, all 500, are considered "at risk" and the school is in danger of being closed if scores are not raised on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test. Striving to make a difference in the lives of these sixth, seventh and eighth graders, local groups volunteer time and energy to take the community into the classroom.

Since education is our business, MCC has the unique ability to help the middle school students strengthen learning skills as well as self esteem. Volunteers are needed for a mentoring program, tutorials and various recognition programs for the Wiley students.

Computer instructor Rayburn Taylor is MCC's coordinator with Wiley and needs students and faculty to help with existing programs and develop new ones. One hour per week or per month, or just a one-time effort could be volunteered for a successful program.

The future of this community depends on the success of the next generation of educators, doctors and civic leaders. Spending just one hour with a middle school student could change his/her life for the better and insure a brighter future for us all.

Join the Adopt-A-School program and make a difference in the lives of some Wiley students. Call Taylor at ext. 682 and volunteer.

The Highland Herald Poll

How can counseling services on campus be improved?



GINA VANOUS

business major

"Counseling services here on campus could be improved greatly if they would be more organized."

KYLE FULLER

undecided major

"The counseling services all need to be in one building to improve."

KAREN AINSWORTH

nursing major

"They need to have someone who can answer all questions instead of sending them all over campus to get information."

CHRIS PAVLICEK

general studies major

"They need to have one-on-one services for each student."

CHRISTI PECHACEK

business major

"Counseling services here on campus can improve by helping transfer students more."

AL ROBINSON

undecided major

"The services are okay, but maybe if a person just had to go through one procedure it would be better."

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Basketball starts Monday

Men face old nemesis San Jacinto in opener here Monday at 7

By AARON TUDOR
After winning three of the last four conference championships and only losing six conference games in the last three years, the men's basketball team is not used to having bad seasons.

But with no returning starters and a rash of injuries to key players, the Highlanders could have a tough season ahead.

The Highlanders open the season Monday against San Jacinto in a non-conference game. San Jacinto returns star player Michael Lloyd who averaged 34 points a game and was the leading scorer in the nation last year.

"I always think we have a shot (at the conference championship), but realistically, I think it's going to be tougher this year than any year before," coach Ken DeWeese said.

"Gerard Darnett and Jermaine Frazier are the only two returning players and neither played considerable minutes last year," DeWeese said.

The losses of 6-foot-8 Hakim Bell, 6-foot-7 Marco Brown, and 6-foot-4 Norman Williams due to injuries have left the Highlanders weak inside. The injuries have left Chris McKinney and Roderick Monroe as the teams' only post players, and have forced the Highlanders to make some changes.

Defensively, DeWeese said the injuries "will kill our rebounding." The lack of healthy post players will also mean more three-pointers on offense. "Every possession will be important to us, and if we can score three points instead of two, we'll be much better off," DeWeese said.

Last year, the Highlanders were 30-0 and ranked second in the nation before being upset by Weatherford in the second round of the playoffs. Although DeWeese said the loss was devastating for him personally, he felt it would not affect this year's team since none of them were a big part of last year's team.

Despite the Highlanders' injuries and lack of experience, DeWeese is not counting his team out. "We should get Marco (Brown) and Hakim (Bell) back about January," DeWeese said, "and hopefully we can stay close enough (in the standings) to make another run for the conference championship."



The HIGHLANDERS basketball team after a hard day of practice for their season opener here Monday night. From the left on the back row are Roderick Monroe, Scott McAnally, Norman Williams, Chris McKinney,

Cornelius Sweet. Front row, Brian Green, Kenneth Benton, Marcus Moss, Damion McKinney, and Marco Brown.

Women travel to Odessa for opener, first home game Nov. 13

By AARON TUDOR
The women's basketball team starts its season Monday night at the Odessa tournament.

After a 14-14 season last year, coach Wendell Hudson expects a better team this year.

"Last year we had a situation where we didn't know where our leadership and scoring were going to come from," Hudson said. He does not expect the same problems this year with four returning players and what he considers a talented group of newcomers.

The four returning players, Samantha Welch, Diane Whitfield, Tracy Graves, and Pam Gonner, have played well so far, Hudson said. "Samantha has really stepped up and Tracy, Diane, and Pam have been really steady," Hudson said.

Hudson is pleased with his new players and has been particularly impressed with Yong Tran, a freshman from Hamilton. Tran was all-state last year and helped her team to the state finals. "I really like what I've seen from her so far and I think she's going to be an outstanding player for us," Hudson said.

The Highladies lost in the first round of the playoffs last year and Hudson expects them to compete for the conference championship and be back in the playoffs this year. "We set goals every year and our main goal this year is to play for the conference championship."

Men's Basketball			Women's basketball		
Nov. 1	San Jacinto	here	Nov. 4-6	Odessa tourney	there
Nov. 4-6	Cen-Tex Tip-off tourney	here	Nov. 13	San Jacinto	here
Nov. 8	Jacksonville	there	Nov. 18-20	MCC Classic tourney	here
Nov. 10	Jacksonville	here	Nov. 23	Angelina	there
Nov. 19-20	Collin County tourney	there	Dec. 1	Collin Co.	there
Nov. 26-27	Mr. Gatti's tournament	here	Dec. 3	Blinn	here
Dec. 1	Collin Co.	there	Dec. 11	Temple	there
Dec. 4	Fort Sill	Temple JC	Jan. 6	Blinn Classic	there
Dec. 11	Temple	there	Jan. 8	Weatherford	here
Jan. 4	Lee College	there	Jan. 12	Cisco	there
Jan. 5	Blinn	there	Jan. 15	Hill	here
Jan. 8	Weatherford	here	Jan. 22	Grayson	there
Jan. 12	Cisco	there	Jan. 26	Ranger	here
Jan. 15	Hill	here	Jan. 29	SW Christian	there
Jan. 22	Grayson	there	Jan. 31	Collin Co.	here
Jan. 26	Ranger	here	Feb. 2	Temple	here
Jan. 29	Grayson	here	Feb. 5	Weatherford	there
Jan. 31	Collin Co.	here	Feb. 9	Cisco	here
Feb. 2	Temple	here	Feb. 12	Hill	there
Feb. 5	Weatherford	there	Feb. 19	Grayson	here
Feb. 9	Cisco	here	Feb. 23	Ranger	there
Feb. 12	Hill	there	Feb. 26	SW Christian	here
Feb. 19	Grayson	here			
Feb. 23	Ranger	there			

TIMES - The men's opening game is at 7 p.m. When both teams play here on the same night, the women's games are at 6 p.m. and the men's at 8 p.m.

SPEAKERS WIN

(Continued from page 1)
recruiters from all over the country looking at them. Consequently, two-year team member Bridgette Sharp is currently on the speech team at Bradley University in Illinois.

The team works extremely hard in competitions, Dulin said. Each member competes in as many as five events each competition. Some of the events include debate, informative speaking and communication analysis, in which someone might analyze a satire cartoon. Also, after dinner speaking, which sometimes consists of light, often humorous subjects.

Each year the team competes in many tournaments. One of the nationals in which they compete in the last spring is the American Forensic Association (AFA). Dulin said "only a handful of community colleges qualify — about one out of 10." The MCC team has qualified for these nationals for a second year in a row.

Upcoming in Odessa is the Phi Rho Phi Nationals, where members brought home high places last year.



Photo by Brooks Whittington
FORMER MCC BASEBALL standout Pat Lileach played in the athletic department's sixth annual benefit golf tournament. Lileach, who plays for the Milwaukee Brewers, was the 1992 American League Rookie of the Year. His jersey was retired by the school last February.

Racquetball next in intramurals

By ELISHA NIEMEYER
Intramural racquetball swings into action Wednesday. Students who wish to participate in the ladder racquetball tournaments should sign up in the HPE building, office 113.

"Intramural sports are going great, with co-ed volleyball having the most participation," Coach Wendell Hudson said.

Volleyball is on the upswing this semester, while flag football has declined, Hudson said.

Volleyball tournaments are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. in the gym. "Anyone interested is still encouraged to sign up and get involved," Hudson said. "All students are given the opportunity to participate."

At the end of November a tournament to determine the winner of the fall volleyball season will be held. More information for this tournament will be posted on bulletin boards around campus.

Flag football is over this semester due to lack of participation. "There was never a real competition, only practices," Hudson said. "Flag football was shaky from the beginning."

There was not a very good turnout."

Basketball, the next intramural sport will begin in November. Sign-ups for male, female and co-ed teams will be held at this time.

Almost everyone can participate in 5K run & walk

By DANA MASON
Runners, joggers and walkers are invited to participate in the MCC Third Annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk on Nov. 20.

This year, corporate, education and MCC organizations can recruit members for their teams. First place trophies will be awarded in each division to the team with the most members. Trophies also will be awarded in each age division for the top male and female entrants.

The event is open to runners, walkers and wheelchair-bound entrants. Persons can participate for their favorite school, business, or club, but only for one team.

The 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 before Nov. 5, and \$12 after Nov. 5.

For more information, call 750-3657 or 750-3420.

MCC 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk Nov. 20, 1993

McLennan Community College will host its Third Annual 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 20. The race has grown from 300 the first year to more than 375 last year. As always, the event is open to people of all ages, and the college encourages children, families, grandparents, and wheel chair bound entrants as well as runners. To grab a head start join us to just start our beautiful campus Saturday, Nov. 20.

Registration
Mail registration form to:
Business Office
McLennan Community College
1400 College Drive
Waco, Texas 76798
Make checks payable to MCC Run/Walk

Mail Times
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - 8:30 a.m.
5K Run/Walk - 9 a.m.

Entry fee
\$10 - Early registration (through Nov. 4)
\$12 - After Nov. 5 (and on race day)

Packet Pick-Up
Packets will be available Friday, Nov. 19, and on race day.

Awards
All participants will receive a T-shirt.
1 Mile - Trophies will be awarded to the first five male and female runners.
5K - Trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female winners and to the first three male and female runners in the following age divisions:
14 under 18 19 20-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55+ over

Wheelchair Entrants
Trophies will be presented based on the number of entrants.

There will be NO duplication of awards.

Course
The challenging 5K course is certified and the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk winds through the beautiful MCC campus. Walkers are invited on both courses which begin and end at the campus.

For more information call 750-3420.

Official Entry Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Date of Birth (preferred) _____ Age on November 20, 1993 _____

Name of Team _____
Please check box: 5K 1 Mile Wheelchair Circle T shirt size: S M L XL Check box: Male Female

Waiver Statement
In consideration of the acceptance of this registration entry, I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or illness which may occur during participation in this race, or while I am on the premises of this event. I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors, promoters and all other persons and entities associated with this event from any and all liability or damage.
Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event.
If entrant is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign entry.

Entrant's signature _____ Parent or guardian's signature (if required) _____

In case you missed it . . . The Mavs were here?

By AARON TUDOR
In case you missed it (and you probably did), the Dallas Mavericks held their training camp in Waco a few weeks back. It's hard to believe that a pro sports team can have their training camp in a city as small as Waco and no one even notices. Of course, that's the Mavericks' fault, not the people of Waco. I'm a huge sports fan and I love basketball, but you couldn't pay me to attend a Mavericks' scrimmage. I know I'll miss out on seeing superstars like Donald Hodge and Sean Rooks, but I have better things to do than watch a team that only won 11 games. How bad are the Mavericks? Well, when Michael Jordan retired, most teams thought their chances for an NBA title improved. But for someone to say the Mavericks have a better shot at the title because of Jordan's retirement would be like me saying I'd have a better chance of marrying Cindy Crawford if she'd dump Richard Gere.....

Ghost haunts faculty offices?

By CLINTON EGGER

The hallway was dark and silent as the lone professor, his arms full of books and papers, carefully made his way down the hall to his office.

Shadows danced along the walls as he walked, his footsteps faintly echoing through the empty building. Stopping at his door, the professor listened intently. The footsteps seemed to continue long after he had stopped. "Who's there?" he asked, his voice slightly quivering. His only response was deadly silence.

The last person left hours ago, going home to a warm meal and a good night's rest. Hundreds of eyes seemed to be staring at him from every dark corner as he cleared his throat and began fumbling for his keys to unlock the door.

"Must be hearing things," he muttered to himself. He put the key in the lock as the air conditioner rumbled to life and a sudden burst of wind sent his papers flying. Mumbling curses under his breath, the professor stooped to pick up his wildly scattered papers.

Suddenly, he felt he was being watched. His whole body shook and the hair on the back of his neck stood on end. The muscles in his neck creaked in the sepulchral gloom as he turned his head to look behind him. Silence hung in the air like a dark, malevolent fog.

Then the footsteps began again.

Slowly at first, the footsteps seemed to be coming down the hall toward him, their cadence as regular as the most well trained army. The professor hurriedly gathered his papers, his uneasiness turning into fear as he remembered stories told to him by history instructor Mike White. He laughed at the foolish notion of a ghost inhabiting the Faculty Office Building as they sat around and drank coffee in the lounge. But that was during the day, and with several people nearby, this was in the dark, alone.

The footsteps kept getting closer, their steady rhythm chilling him to the bone. Reaching for his keys, he steadied them to unlock the door. The lock clicked. The professor reached for the doorknob and began turning it when he felt the hand on his shoulder.

The professor screamed and jumped, scrambling to make his way into his office.

"Whoa, sorry!" the custodian said. "I didn't mean to scare you. What did you think I was, a ghost?"

Above is a fictional story, but a possible scenario if you believe the stories told by White.

"Late at night you can hear noises in one of the rooms," White said. Some of the other things he described are noises such as foot-

steps and breathing. He also said it seems as though someone is there. Cold and hot spots are in different areas of the room. Doors open and close by themselves, White said.

Another teacher, who wished to remain nameless, once heard a pencil being sharpened when no one else was in the building.

"I haven't seen anything, but I've heard doors opening and closing and footsteps when there is nobody there," custodian Lucy Garcia said. "I'm not scared, though."

Others, however are skeptical.

"Most well controlled studies will discount most parapsychology," psychology instructor Jim Hail said. "It could just be that the building is settling and in the case of the doors opening, it could have something to do with your body pushing the air as you walk. Also, when the air conditioner goes off, sounds seemed to be magnified."

"My office is right across from the room and I haven't heard anything," English instructor Gail Boyd said. "When you're here by yourself you can hear things, though. I suppose it's just your imagination."

Whether ghosts are on campus or not, Halloween is just around the corner and it is best to know beforehand where the ghosts might be on All Hallows' Eve.



EXTENDING GREETINGS — English teacher Linda Cook speaks to the congregation of Mucoma Baptist Church in Rwanda, Africa. Dr. Cook collected oral history and studied customs there last summer.

AFRICA: Studying oral history, culture

By AARON TUDOR

A member of the English faculty spent a month in Rwanda, Africa, last summer collecting oral history and studying the culture and customs of the people.

Linda Cook said the trip and her studies were rewarding. "My main purpose in going was because I think it will be very helpful to my students to know about other cultures, since we study primarily western culture and language," she said.

Since most of the literature of Africa is still oral, Cook spent most of her time speaking to the people and listening to their stories. "More of their literature is being written down," she said, "but much of it is just passed down orally from generation to generation."

Her work focused on asking Rwandans to tell her folk tales, proverbs, stories about their past, and stories about their culture and heritage. She also studied the art and music of Rwanda. While studying their art, she was given a sculpture which is now on display in the library.

Cook said the Rwandans were some of the friendliest she had ever met. "Most of the people that I met were very optimistic, outgoing, friendly people who were very happy with

very little."

But there were also some people in the rural areas of Rwanda who were afraid of her because she is white. There are proverbs that caution children about white people. One proverb she heard that people tell their children was that "white people will eat you."

One story she told was about traveling through a rural part of the country and stopping to ask for directions. A small girl approached the vehicle, and upon seeing Cook, she screamed and ran away. "She had obviously been told some of the proverbs and had probably never seen a white person before," she said. But Cook did stress that the event occurred in a rural area and that most of the people she met were very nice.

Although their literature is different from our own, Cook noticed some similarities. For instance, she was told a story very similar to one we know as "The Prince and the Pauper."

She also noticed that they worried about many of the same problems that Westerners do, such as unemployment and health care.

Cook considers the trip one of the most enjoyable experiences she has ever had. She is available to lecture and hopes to write a book about her time in Rwanda.

High-tech computer help due for students

By KAY MEEK

Technological advances may make it possible for students to access their grades or learn of campus activities from a computer terminal.

Deborah Garrett, vice-president of student services, met with the Student Government to discuss proposals which will make better use of the resources available through the college, possibly within the next year. One proposal is for prospective students to the college to take the place-

ment exam at the time of application eliminating trips to the college during the enrollment process.

Other schools in Texas have computer terminals, according to Garrett, that can access grades, campus activities and class closures. Personal computers and automated teller machines are used. Garrett said a school in New York has terminals placed around the campus that will give information on professors and even his or her

picture.

Garrett is in the process of determining how important it is for students to receive their grades at home and how many trips prospective students must make to the college during the enrollment process.

Garrett said that students are encouraged to give their comments and suggestions. Students can speak with a member of Student Government, give opinions during orientation, or stop by her office.



TIME TO CARVE a pumpkin and make a jack-o-lantern for Halloween. They only cost about 19 cents per pound and, after the spooks come for a treat, you can make some pumpkin pie or bread. Photo by Carrie Prewitt

'Grin Reaper' stalks campus

By Pub. Info. Office

Randy Schormann believes laughter is the best medicine for health care professionals.

Schormann, director of the Center for Professional Development at McLennan Community College, said the stress-relieving power of humor can help doctors, nurses and other health care workers who constantly deal with extraordinary stressors. His six-hour skill workshop, "Using the Healing Power of Humor-Creatively," will be presented Nov. 5 as a Continuing Education course and is open to all health care professionals.

"Humor workshops are becoming popular all over the country as humor catches on as the newest method to provide stress relief," explained Antonette

Montez, coordinator of health/human services in MCC's Continuing Education Division. "We are beginning with workshops for health care professionals because of the tremendous pressures they face daily." Humor workshops may be tailored for other professions or groups upon request.

To reduce stress and burnout and to prevent "hardening of the attitudes," Schormann said he encourages the philosophy: "Take your job seriously and yourself lightly." The workplace that takes time out for humor is more productive and tends to have much less employee turnover, he added.

Although he's been studying humor "all his life," the MCC director has been a serious stu-

dent of humor for the past five years. He added to his knowledge recently by attending the eighth annual conference on the "Positive Power of Humor and Creativity" and a humor "skillshop" in New York state. These events covered practical skills and concepts in the use of humor, including how to develop your sense of humor, think positive, tap your creative genius, and laugh with, not at, others.

He explains that the study of humor has nothing to do with telling jokes, but is really the study of the sense of humor.

"Taking time for humor will cause you to look at things from a different perspective to look for humorous solutions and to respond in humorous ways." Through his years of study and

practice, Schormann has learned a lot about humor and what effect it has on people and the workplace.

"If you stand rigid in the face of stress, you will break," he said. "If you approach each day and each problem with a humorous gleam in your eye, you will be more flexible and better able to roll with the punches. Why take life seriously when you can't get out alive anyway," he says with a grin.

The "Grin Reaper," as Schormann sometimes calls himself on the MCC campus, is an often requested speaker through MCC's Bureau. He delivers a 20 to 30 minute program on the healing power of humor for community organizations who request him as a speaker.

Student helps troubled families

By SHERRY W. EVANS

A high school drop-out and mother at 15, mental health student Lynette Cathy is now helping troubled families as an intern with Children's Protective Services.

Cathy, 22, assists case workers and has a small case load of her own "to teach children and parents new skills to learn to get along better," Children's Protective Service supervisor Bill Williams said.

"She is very enthusiastic, eager to learn and has a lot of inherent skills," Williams said. "Clients like her very much and see her as a helping person."

Since she was a wife and a mother at age 16, Cathy said she can really relate to the problems her clients have. "I've

experienced and learned a lot from childhood and I hope to take my experiences to better relate to someone else," she said.

Four years ago, Cathy got a graduate equivalency degree and then decided to take placement tests for MCC. "I've kept my goals simple because they're easier to achieve," she said. She plans to receive an associate degree in mental health next spring and then she might take basic courses to transfer to a university.

"My husband makes fun of me because I get mad if I make a B, but he's proud of me and makes it all worth it," Cathy said. She has a 3.0 GPA, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the National Dean's List.

A "straight A" student in high school, Cathy said she always

loved school but was forced to run away from home and ultimately drop out of school. "My parents were alcoholics and I was neglected at home," she said. "They didn't start caring that I was gone for about a year."

During that year, she said she kept going to school and stayed with different friends two or three days at a time. Then when she was 15, a police officer came to school and told her she would be escorted from her parent's home to and from school, but she had to go home. She said she told a school counselor about her problems, but was not believed. "I just dropped out of school so I wouldn't have to go home," she said.

Cathy moved in with boyfriend Mike, also 15, and his

father who she said was reluctant to take her in. "One Friday night, Mike and I came in and his dad said we'd have to get up early the next morning," she said. "When we asked why, he said we were getting married or I had to leave."

Mike and Lynette Cathy celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary two weeks ago and she said life is wonderful. "You just have to be thankful for what you have and don't look back," Lynette Cathy said. "I had to accept the past and move ahead."

The couple is buying a home and has three children: Kevin, 8, Chasity, 3, and Christian, 15 months. Lynette Cathy said, "I feel normal now, finally. I have a kitchen to cook supper and a bed of my own to sleep in every night."



LIGHTENING THE CARGOLOAD, mental health student Lynette Cathy hands in a completed narrative to be typed at Children's Protective Services where she volunteers 20 hours per week. Photo by Sherry W. Evans

Bits and pieces

By
Editor-in-chief
MIKE MELTON



What is Roadkill?

Roadkill is not something that has been hit by a vehicle and lays lifeless in the road. It does not wait to be picked up by the Beverly Hillbillies and turned into stew. Roadkill is Central Texas' newest offering of high energy rock and roll entertainment. Roadkill will open for Abraxas Oct. 30 at 9 p.m. for the grand opening of the new Pockets Billiards location at 4018 Sames behind the Guarantee Bank in Bellmead.

The band plays a wide variety of musical selections ranging from the early '70s sound of Tommy Bolin to the modern stylings of the Stone Temple Pilots. Founded by drummer Donnie Rorie, the band's main objective is to provide Central Texas with an alternative to the sounds of generic club bands. Rorie previously drummed with Battle of the Bands winner "Flashback" as well as "Abraxas."

Guitarists Mick Barnett and myself previously played together in the band "Ruckus." Barnett also played with the Jeff Massionable Project. The structure of our guitar sounds is based on the timeless duel of Gibson Les Paul versus Fender Stratocaster. Barnett finds his musical roots in the archives of classic southern rock and blues. I'm strongly influenced by the guitar works of Tommy Bolin and Eric Johnson. Bass guitarist Eric Weeaks played with Rorie in the band Flashback and provides a rock solid foundation for the band's sound. Vocalist Dirk Gibson previously played in the band Forced Entry and was chosen out of uncountable vocal auditions for his skill.

Abraxas recently played at the 10 a.m. student activity period and received a unanimous approval by an enthusiastic audience. The band lays out a soul-to-soul rock-and-roll that will even get your grandmother's toes to tappin'.

Guitarist Robert Johnson previously played with the band Riff Raff and acoustically mirrors the sonic image of Jimi Hendrix. He hasn't been seen with Elvis lately but his rendition of "Third Stone From The Sun" and "Voodoo Child" leaves you wondering if he eats lunch with Hendrix. Bass guitarist-lead vocalist Anthony Rodriguez and drummer John Pierce provide a solid wall of rhythm with the precision of a Swiss timepiece. Rodriguez formerly played with The MixMasters and is influenced by Tommy Shannon and Paul McCartney. Pierce, a disabled veteran, recently returned from seven years in the Army after a parachuting accident. He served in the invasion of Grenada and said he had many opportunities in the Army to play with a wide variety of musicians. Central Texas, go see this band. In the near future, you'll be able to say, "I saw them play in a little club in Waco, Texas."

Gospel group
Jamming Friday's for the Gospel

By RACHEL SIMONETTE

For many students, time between classes is spent in the Student Center talking with friends and watching game shows and soap operas. But a few of these students decided they wanted to do something a little different with their time — they gathered around the piano and started singing.

The word spread and people began to join. Greg Clark, director of student activities, suggested the group find a sponsor.

The directors who volunteered are Linda Austin, P.J. Dougan, and Jane Gamez. These leaders are heavily involved in the group's practices and motivate the group to improve. According to secretary Paulette Daniels, treasurer Tyrone Moten and member Sarenson Trotter, the directors are extremely helpful and demand the best from the group.

Many of the 30 members in the gospel group are not music majors but just love to sing or play music. Besides singers, the group also has a band.

Although the gospel group is still new, Daniels said they have a lot of good ideas for the group, such as obtaining choir robes. At this time they have no specific "uniform" they wear. However, the group does try to wear the same color.

Currently the group practices on Fridays at noon. The members of the group seem excited when Friday rolls around. Daniels, with a big smile, said she can't wait until Friday practices. She said she endures Monday through Thursday only for Friday. Another reason she likes the group is because the

members are there because they want to be. As a result, they are willing to work hard.

The gospel group will be the opening act for Foods for Family on Nov. 1. Daniels, Moten and Trotter said they also would like to perform at local area churches. The three were enthusiastic when they mentioned Baylor's gospel group, "Heavenly Voices," and said it would be great to perform with them some time. "They are very good," Daniels said.

Pat Kelley:
guitar instructor
plays with the
D'Javaheads

By J. JASON ADAMS

I found Pat Kelly practicing for the upcoming faculty jazz performance on Nov. 15 in the PAC.

Kelly is here to teach applied, commercial and classical guitar lessons, along with rock band III and country band III ensembles for Clark Nauert, while Nauert is at UT in Austin for the semester. Depending on next semester's enrollment he said he would like to continue here when Nauert returns. "I enjoy teaching because it keeps me learning and keeps me on top of things."

Kelly's background includes being a former student of the college's unique commercial mu-

'Danceworks'

Opens
November
17-20



Photo by Public Information Office

'DANCEWORKS' WAS CONCEIVED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY JERRY MACLAUHLIN, MCC theatre/dance instructor. The show opens on November 17 and is described as not being a dance show but rather a performance theater event. For more information call 750-3500.

'It's actually a performance theater event'

Jerry MacLauchlin

By MCC Pub. Info. Office

"DanceWorks," an original dance performance consisting of two unique acts, will be presented Nov. 17-20 by the theater department.

The show was conceived and choreographed by Jerry MacLauchlin, MCC theatre/dance instructor and director of Baylor University's Showtime troupe.

Act I will be the first-ever staged version of Leonard Bernstein's classic composition, "Chichester Psalms," with a full choral ensemble and percussion ensemble. The work is sung in Hebrew and has elements of jazz,

musical theatre and liturgical music. Dr. Donald Balmos, MCC fine arts chairman, will conduct.

Act II consists of blues and the big band sounds of Glen Miller and other 1940s composers. Jazz works by Dave Grusin and Yanni will complete the overall motif for this act.

"This isn't a dance concert," MacLauchlin said. "It's actually a performance theater event. You won't see tutus and ballet slippers at all. There's lots of comedy and it will be entertaining for people of all ages."

MacLauchlin's visually stunning shows have been building audiences at MCC for three years

now. His works combine various styles of dance with lighting, costumes and sound effects to create an engulfing theatre experience featuring constant motion.

The first act will debut at MCC before being presented at the Texas Educational Theatre Association conference held in January in Dallas and then at the Texas Music Educators Association conference held in San Antonio in February. TETA draws more than 4,000 and TMEA nearly 12,000 attendees.

"It is a great honor to be asked to present at these conferences," said Jim Rambo, MCC theatre

instructor. "Very few four-year universities are selected to appear, so it is quite significant for our two-year program at MCC to be chosen."

The five local performances of "DanceWorks" will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17-20 in the MCC Performing Arts Center, with a matinee performance at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20. MCC students, faculty and staff get in free with identification. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students.

For more information concerning DanceWorks or for reservations, call 750-3500 beginning on November 10.

WCB

plays season's
first concert on
Thursday night

By MCC Pub. Info. Office

The Waco Community Band will present its first concert of the season on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. in the McLennan Community College Performing Arts Center.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature a wide variety of pieces written for the wind band. Included in the program will be "The Fairest of the Fair" march by John Philip Sousa; "Third Suite" by Robert Jager; "Shepherd's Hey" by Percy Grainger; and George Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band." The band will also pay tribute to John F. Kennedy with a performance of Ronald LaPrest's "Elegy for a Young American." Lisa Uhl-Landsfold, voice and opera instructor at MCC, will be the featured guest soloist on this concert. She will perform "Il Daclo" by Luigi Arditi and selections from Rogers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music."

Under the direction of James Popejoy, the Waco Community Band consists of amateur and professional musicians from throughout the Central Texas area. The group performs several formal and pops concerts each year and is partially sponsored by MCC.

MUSIC AT MCC MEANS DIVERSITY

The MCC Music Department is looking for students to participate in our programs. You DO NOT need to be a music major to take private lessons, perform in ensembles, or enroll in music courses. No matter what your degree program or performance level, there is a place for you in the MCC Music Department.

MCC has an outstanding music faculty, comprised of professional musicians/educators, including 15 full-time and 3 part-time instructors. Students benefit from small classes with individualized instruction and excellent facilities, including a 24-track recording studio and mid-lab.

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Some scholarship money is available for students to participate in music ensembles for the spring semester. Students interested in auditioning for a scholarship should contact James Popejoy in the music department, PAC 110, or call 750-3446 as soon as possible to receive additional information. Music scholarships are available to all students, regardless of their major.

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