



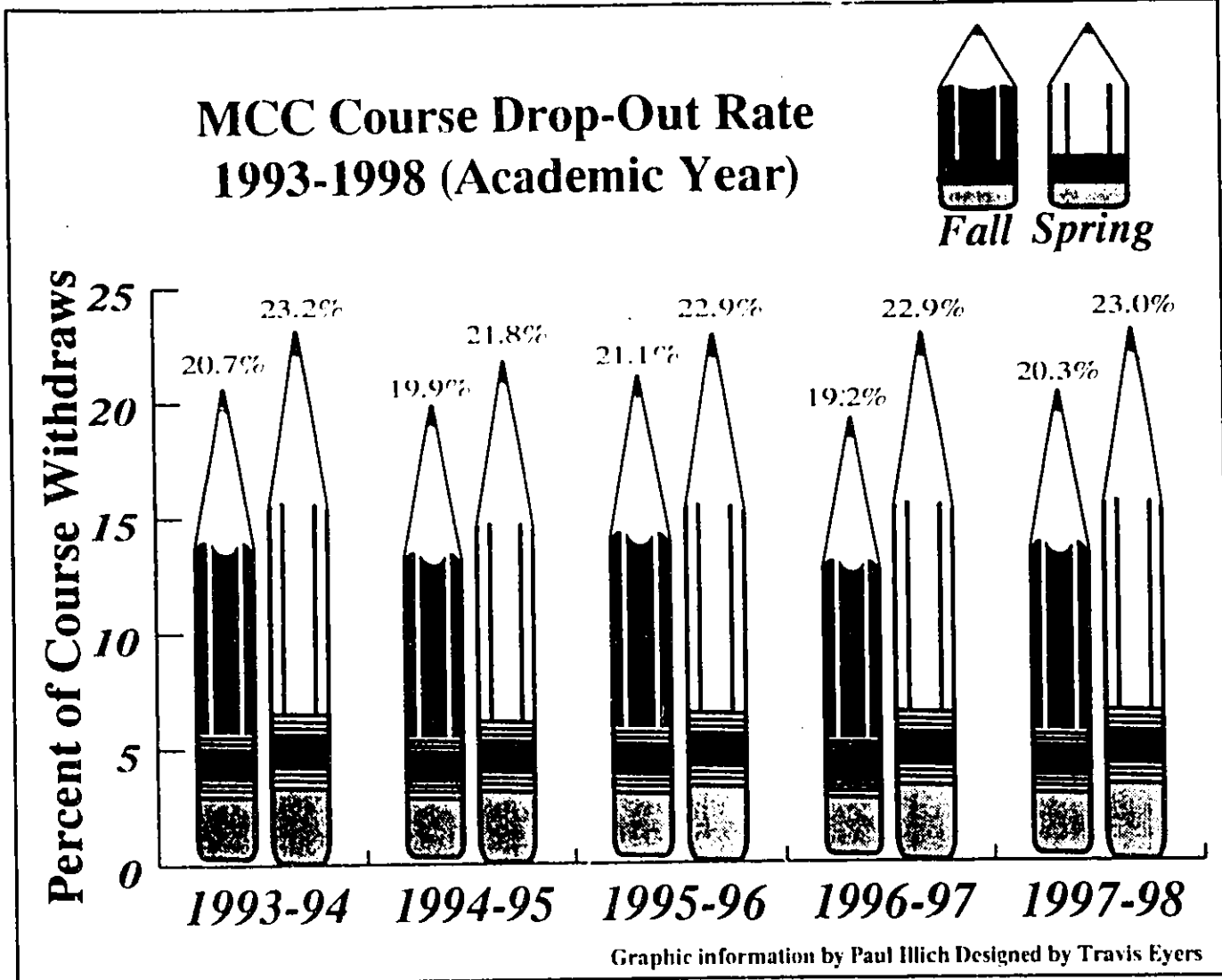
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Percentage of dropouts increase



By JUSTIN BRASWELL
Editor-in-Chief

For generations Friday the 13th has been associated with evil and sinister omens. This could be the reason that the administration changed the last day to drop a course from Friday, Nov. 13 to the following Friday, Nov. 20.

This day, nonetheless, will be marked with despair as some students reevaluate their college careers by reducing course loads and in some cases terminating their semesters.

According to Paul Illich, director of Institutional Research, 23 percent of courses were dropped last spring totaling 4,037 classes. This was the highest percentage of dropped classes in four years since the spring of 1994 with a 23.2 percent attrition rate.

Research points out that figures have been consistent at an average of 21.5 percent with spring semesters consistently higher for dropped courses on average of 2.3 percent from the last five years.

John Nobis, career service guid-

ance counselor, has been with MCC for 29 years and has his own theory of why students drop out.

"Students graduate from high school and think they need that \$10,000 car and then have to work more hours to pay for it, taking away from their studies," Nobis said. Nobis said students who drop out of classes have "great problems with time management," finances and study habits.

"Students never truly learn to study. How many students do you know who put the same hours into studying outside the classroom as they do inside?" Nobis said.

Johanne Talton of tutorial services has been with MCC for more than 17 years. She attributes dropping out to similar reasons.

"Attending college is only one slice of the pie," she said.

"Students have to work, many have families to take care of and other influences all of which are part of the pie. It is a matter of poor planning, lack of motivation and not being considerate of each small slice of that pie," Talton said.

Both Nobis and Talton gave advice for students worried about becoming part of MCC's attrition sta-

MCC student dies in cycle accident

By JUSTIN BRASWELL
Editor-in-Chief

MCC student Ernest Jones, 18, was killed on Aug. 31, the first day of fall classes, after losing control of the motorcycle he was riding.

The police accident report states that Jones was traveling west on Lake Shore Drive at 12 p.m. An eyewitness, Stephen Jansky, said that Jones looked over his left shoulder as if to change lanes. Jones then lost control of his 1993 Kawasaki KLR-250, jumped the right curb and drove into a guardrail and then a telephone pole near the

3400 block of Lake Shore Drive.

Jones, unconscious with severe internal injuries, was rushed to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center where unsuccessful attempts were made to save his life. Jones was pronounced dead at 1:20 p.m.

Waco Police Officer Samuel Ruiz said he found two MCC identification cards in Jones's wallet although he was not yet registered for the fall semester.

Lyn Abernathy, dean of student services, said that she and other school officials believe Jones was attempting to take advantage of late registration on the day of the accident.

tistics.

Nobis said that students should commit themselves to studying and they can contact the student career development office for a program to develop time management skills.

Struggling students should take advantage of the tutorial services

offered free to all students, Talton said.

She added that students should "start believing in themselves and take little steps instead of trying huge gallops."

Fire Academy prepares trainees to keep their cool

By CHRIS REYES

Staff Reporter

The MCC Fire Academy is not as easy as it looks. MCC students are finding out that it takes skill and character to be a fire fighter. They have many difficult obstacles that require practice as well as professionalism. Such as high angle rescues, taking apart a car to get injured people out, putting out fires, and saving people in floods.

Professionalism is very important in this academy. The reason for this is because these fire fighters are entering a profession that is the worst time.

This is where the trust comes in. The community expects profession. These student fire fighters get very good hands on training. About the end of their time of training the

MCC fire academy sets a house on fire to get the hands on experience they need to be successful in the work they do in the future.

Frank Patterson, director of the MCC fire academy, said students received unexpected hands on experience this summer. In June, a grass fire was reported behind the CSC building and the city of Waco Fire Department was called to the rescue.

The MCC fire academy was coming back in from a full day of training and ended up being the first ones to the rescue putting the fire out before Waco fire fighters got there.

Before getting into the academy, each student has to take the TASP or placement test. Students must then pass a physical to ensure they can perform the duties of a fire fighter before beginning the 17 week academy.

Help for students

By BRITA HIGGINS

Staff Reporter

Most students experience problems during their college years but there is help.

Tutoring and personal guidance is being offered at no charge to all MCC students through The Support Services Program/Tutorial Center.

College resources and federal grants make it possible for all students to get help.

Every individual has a unique situation and deserves the proper attention so each student gets to talk to a counselor who evaluates their needs and points them in the right direction.

All tutors are students who passed the class they are teaching with an A or B and have been recommended by their instructors. Sixty tutors in all academic areas are available when fully staffed to assist students.

Mobility aids may be paramount for those with physical handicaps just as blind and deaf students may need note takers who are also available.

Confidence and inspiration is all around as you make your way to room 302 of The Student Center. An abundance of information and encouragement is posted on bulletin boards as well as posters set in areas where you just happen to notice them.

Date rape issues are addressed, financial guidance, and four year transfer counselors who arrange college visits are among the wide range of services offered. Although some of these issues are transferred out to dif-

ferent campus departments, the bottom line is, start here and you will get help.

Proudly, Patsy White, program director for the center, said she feels that the spirit of cooperation between her center and others on campus is in fact what makes them successful in solving problems.

White added that the tutors are focused and serious about their jobs and two of them represented MCC at a Leadership Conference at Trinity Valley College in Athens.

Dr. Whites shared the fact that she used a tutor during part of her college years which helped her tremendously. Thirteen years of the twenty one the center has been in operation has convinced White that it can only be beneficial to seek help on any issue.

Exceptional things have happened to students who asked for help. White with much enthusiasm mentioned that one completely deaf student who used the service is now Post Master in a small Texas town and a blind man has transferred to Baylor for his masters in counseling.

No obstacle is completely impossible to overcome; students often need guidance and the Support Services Center is designed for them.

Those wishing to become a tutor are encouraged to contact the center which is hiring at this time and pay \$ 5.15 an hour.

For more information, please call The Support Services Center/Tutorial Center at 750-3570 or 750-3573.

Competition in the rough Highlassies take Nationals

By JANON HONKIN

Sports Editor

The Highlassie golf team ran away from the competition and took home the national championship in a dominating fashion.

The team's nearest competitor was Cisco junior college who finished 74 strokes behind.

Chairo Hunter led the fold with an impressive opening round of 71 and followed it up with rounds of 75 and 77. While Heather Sterling was

third overall with rounds of 81, 76 and 75.

Mariisa Gortney, Misti Cathoy and Allison Burns also finished in the top ten with combined totals of 251, 251 and 254 respectively.

Medalists from the team included Misti Cathoy, Delaina Shahan, Avery Litton, and Alana Farley.

- TEAM RESULTS
1. MCC-327, 315, 313 - 951
 2. Cisco-348, 341, 330 - 1025
 3. Marshalltown (IA)- 416, 387, 394 - 1197
 4. Bethany Lutheran College (MN)- 428, 412, 400 - 1240

Workshops speeding to the PASS-ing lane

By JACQUELINE HARVEY

Staff Reporter

The Office of Student Activities has scheduled two new PASS Workshops for fall. This allows students two brand new opportunities to improve their study skills while possibly earning extra credit.

PASS, which stands for Program for Academic Success for Students, is a series of free hour-long workshops chosen by the student body each semester.

Each workshop is aimed toward such student issues as Time Management, Transferring to a Four-

Year University, Using the Internet, and Learning Styles and Writing Skills, which are new for the fall. Some professors even offer extra credit for attending these valuable workshops.

Student Activities, Director Amber Dawn Moore, insists that these workshops provide much more than just extra credit.

"Of all the programs that the Student Activities office sponsors, the PASS workshops are the ones that have proved to be the most beneficial to students. They are quick and practical and are immediately useful," said Moore.

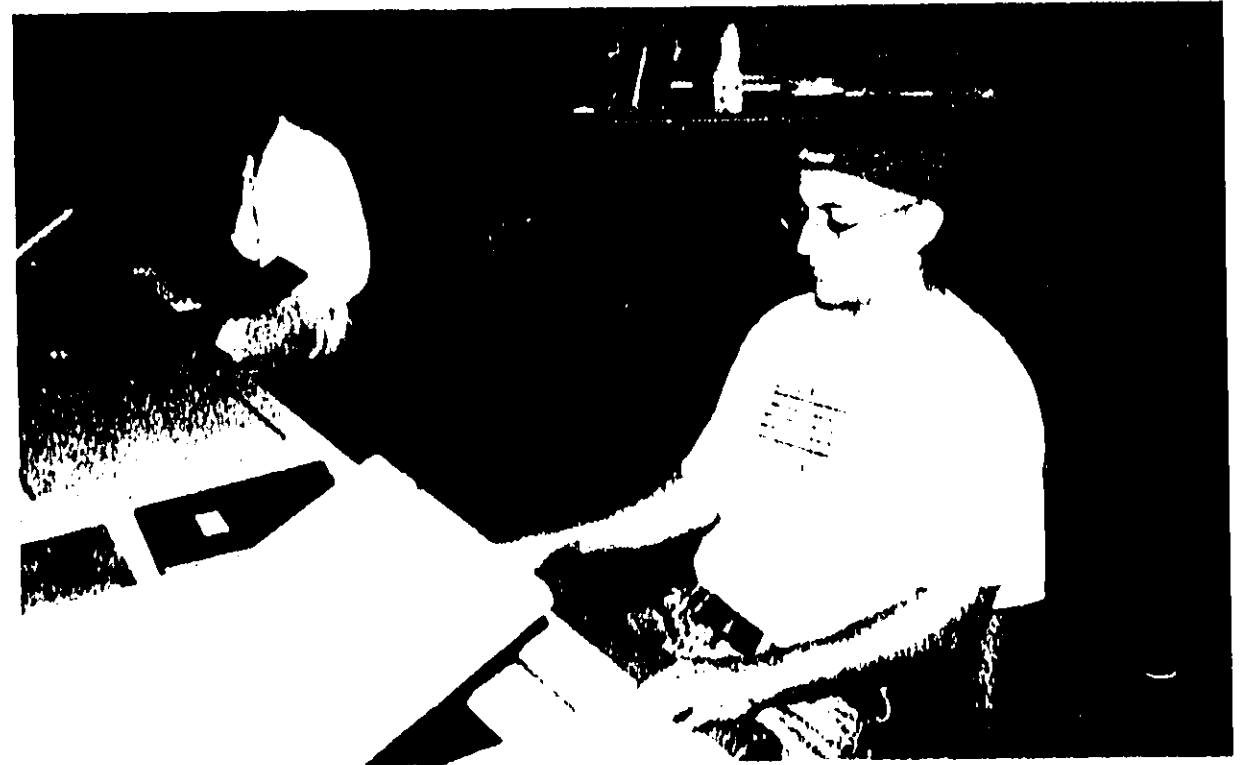
The first in this series, Whom To Ask, began yesterday and provided

students with a list of resources to help answer common questions about MCC services and campus life.

At the end of every semester, students who have attended critique and evaluate each workshop and offer suggestions that normally result in at least 2 new workshops each semester.

Students have several opportunities to take advantage of the PASS Workshops this semester. The remaining workshops will be held in room 101 of the Health and Physical Education Building.

To inquire about future workshops contact Amber Dawn Moore at 299-8465.



MCC STUDENT, Ricardo Zelaya, uses new computers recently installed in the library to read the newspaper in his home town in El Salvador.

MCC expands technology network

By TRAVIS EVERS

Sr. Assoc. Editor / Production

Network Services have been hard at work over the last couple of months preparing for the fall semester by upgrading and expanding the school's technology network with about \$700,000 worth of new equipment and software.

Among the preparations are the installation of 275 new computers and the upgrading of over 325 existing computers around campus.

The major goal of these upgrades is to standardize software

campus wide," said Michael Senwright, director of network services.

The standardization will include the installation of Microsoft's newest operating system, Windows 98, Microsoft Office 97, which includes Microsoft's popular Word, Excel and PowerPoint, and Microsoft Outlook 98, used for email.

Other additions to MCC's technology network will be the construction of two-way interactive classrooms in the Community Services Center, room 111. MCC has formed a partnership with Baylor, Clinton ISD, Rio Brazos Co-op and TSTC for the use of the two-way interactive classroom.

The majority of these projects are complete, but installations and upgrades on the school's technology will be completed by Christmas.

A campus bulletin board system is soon to be installed. This will help to inform students of campus news through the use of televisions on campus.

An upgrade to the school's dial-up Internet service will allow students to access the Internet at speeds up to 56 Kbps.

Network Services also plans to upgrade the fiber optic backbone that connects their office in the library to the networking equipment in the CSC.

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MCC FIRE ACADEMY STUDENTS, Ellahie Winningham and Brent Ewing (left to right), prepare for search and rescue training. As part of the training trainees eyesight is obstructed to simulate poor visibility in dense smoke.

'Quick TASP': Presenting new test taking opportunities to students

BY RHIANNON BAILEY
Assistant Web Editor

The Texas Academic Skills Program, otherwise known as TASP is a test designed to rate the abilities of students in the basic skills of math, reading, and writing. The results of this test determine whether or not a student is college ready.

Under the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board, all degree-seeking students must take the TASP or approved alternative test before enrolling at a public college or university.

The TASP test currently cost \$29. If registered on time, with the price increasing dramatically every day closer to the test date. But now there is something new, "Quick TASP."

"Quick TASP" is the easy, quicker way to take the exact same test as the original TASP. "Quick TASP" is different than the original TASP by how often students are able to take it.

One advantage to the "Quick TASP" is that you can pay the day you take the test. Paying by money order will allow students to get

scores faster than by check, which may take a month.

The standard TASP comes, on average, every two months. "Quick TASP" will come on a more regular basis with even more opportunities to take it as registration nears. Students may register for the "Quick TASP" at the Student Services or Career Development Services. Students fill out an application and register by mail.

The TASP, "Quick TASP," and the MCC Accuplacer are all made up of the same three parts, reading, writing, and math. If a student were to fail one or more parts, they must take a developmental course in that failed section to prepare them for college-level work.

Once a student has completed the developmental course, they must retake that section of the TASP in order to receive credit for the course completed. The B-Rule then determines where to go from there.

Also, a change in the MCC Accuplacer took place in June, the computer-based test will now have an essay section. Also, the Accuplacer will now cost students \$25.

As of now, Human Development labs are only available to students

within a certain margin of passing one of these three tests. HUMD labs are two hours per week per semester. The following scores determine who may enroll in a HUMD lab.

TASP	Accuplacer
Reading: 225-229	76-77
Math: 225-229	61-62
Writing: 215-219	78-79

Any student who would like to enroll in a HUMD lab must have special approval from a dean, program director or from Herman Tucker, Vickie Hampton-Mitzel or Susan Martindale. Since HUMD labs will be limited to only these specific students, only two attempts in the same area will be allowed.

The B-Rule

A specific sequence of events for students to follow in order to qualify for the B-Rule is as follows:

1. Student takes the TASP and fail one or more sections.
2. Based on where student's scores placed, student must then complete the prescribed developmental sequence in the failed area.

Reading: READ 0300, 0301, and 0302
Math: MATH 0300, 0307 (for MATH 1332) and 0311 (for MATH 1314 & 1316)
(MATH 0105 + 0106 + 0107= MATH 0307)
Writing: ENGL 0300 and 0301

3. After successfully completing a developmental sequence, student must retake the TASP.
4. If failed again....

5. Student may then attempt a Board-approved course in the failed area, chosen from the following:

Reading: PSYC 2301, HIST 1301, 1302, GOVT 2305, 2306 or ENGL 23222, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333
Math: MATH 1332, 1314, 1316
Writing: ENGL 1301, 1302

6. If students makes an A or B in the Board-approved course, student is considered TASP completed in that area.
7. If student makes below a B, student may...
 - a. Re-take the course and try to make a B.
 - b. Attempt a different Board-approved course in the same area.
 - c. Return to developmental studies.
 - d. Re-take TASP

For more on the B-Rule please see Susan Martindale, Career Development Services, First Floor, Student Center, or call 299-8413.

Enrollment increases

BY JENNIFER ALDERSON
Staff Reporter

Enrollment at MCC has increased since the last semester.

There were 5,493 certified students enrolled at MCC for the 1997 fall semester. Now, 5,714 preliminary students are enrolled for the 1998 fall semester.

This year the attendance at MCC

is important. Every other year, the college is required to submit to the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board the number of students enrolled for the year to determine the amount of money the college will be funded.

Since the last time that student enrollment was submitted in 1995, MCC's enrollment has increased by 347 students.

RSVP's 'Loving to Learn' project aims to guide young minds

BY WYTEESHA KING
Staff Reporter

For many, tomorrow's generation is looking bleaker than ever these days. Children are quitting school before they reach high school. To stop this problem, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) members have decided to start a project to help EOAC Headstart students "Love To Learn."

The RSVP consists of older adults, 55 years of age and up. These adults work around the community helping others in projects, such as Meals on Wheels, hospital duty, working in area schools, libraries, nursing homes, and other institutions where there is a need for their help.

The "Loving To Learn" project is another example of how these se-

nior citizens are helping their community with an on going problem that has affected this area for years.

Susan Copeland, the program director of the Heart Of Texas RSVP, said, "The RSVP identified a need. We feel we can meet this need by recruiting volunteers to go into the schools and teach the children social skills and just listen to them read."

According to the Central Texas Literacy Coalition, 55 percent of all adults over the age of 18 in the Heart of Texas Region are undereducated and/or have illiteracy related problems. The RSVP realizes that this number is exceptionally large and that something needs to be done to help these children at an early age.

The Headstart program is the first school that most children go to and therefore is the stepping stone

that the RSVP will use to start these children off in the right direction.

There are a dozen centers in and around the McLennan County area. The other centers are in Bosque, Hill, Freestone, Limestone, and Falls counties. The most critical need for help is in the Waco area.

"The problem with finding volunteers is that they are hesitant about helping the children because they feel the schools are not safe or the children will know more than they do," Copeland says.

Copeland wants to reassure potential volunteers, "The schools are safe. And no matter how smart the child is, they will still have a tremendous impact on the students."

With this program, the RSVP hopes the children will be less likely to be involved in crimes or on public assistance and more likely to be well educated to teach their chil-

dren to love school and become well educated.

The RSVP is looking for any volunteers 55 years of age or older interested in sharing their skills, talents, or their time in helping children.

Headstart meets from about 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Other volunteer projects are available.

Hours are flexible, and the RSVP has no trouble working around a volunteer's schedule. Placement is immediate.

Copeland said, "If we help these kids now, they will be good students when they come to MCC or go abroad. Let's make a difference people, let's help the youth of tomorrow. They are the future."

Those interested in volunteering may contact Susan Copeland at 299-8577.

Manufacturing course now offered

BY BECCA SHIVERS
Staff Reporter

Work force education is now offering a manufacturing course. The course is an eight week program, or 16 weeks if taken in the evening. The main focus of the course will be on welding. Richard Coronado, the associate dean of work force education, teaches an overall basic understanding of workplace readiness, blueprint reading, mathematics, computer literacy, workplace communication, and safety in the workplace.

Seven companies in the immedi-

ate Central Texas area are hiring students from this program, including companies such as Davis Iron Works, TYMCO, and Alamo Steel. After the completion of this course, students will be eligible for a job with some of these companies paying \$7-8 an hour. The first session started on Aug. 17, and already, all of the students in this course have jobs lined up.

Computers are a big part of American industry. By the end of this course, students will have a basic understanding of Windows 95, spreadsheets, software, hardware, and the basics of a computer. The class spends 30 hours on computer

literacy. Although that may sound like a lot, Coronado believes this course spends little time on computer literacy.

When students leave this course, they will have a better understanding of production skills and welding. The students will also feel better about themselves and their future.

MCC has allotted Coronado to teach 173 students with about 25 students per class. The next available session begins Oct. 19, and the next evening session will begin in January. For more information, call 299-8658.

Big-hearted students make blood drive a success

BY JACQUELINE HARVEY
Staff Reporter

MCC Students gathered at the Student Center for the American Red Cross Blood Drive September 9.

This was definitely the most successful blood drive in the three years W.D. Higginbotham has been com-

ing to MCC as the Team Supervisor for the Red Cross. "Today we collected over 40 pints of blood. Our goal was only 30," said Higginbotham.

Those who donated blood were provided t-shirts, a \$5 Cadillac Jack's coupon, snacks, and drinks. But the biggest reward was knowing that their donation alone can save up to three lives. In those few

hours, MCC students gave enough blood to save a potential of over 120 lives.

Higginbotham, on behalf of the Red Cross, graciously thanked students for their willingness to participate. "We appreciate the opportunity to come to MCC. Everyone is friendly, and it's always a very pleasant experience. We look forward to coming back."

International Week underway

BY JAMIE JONES
Opinion Editor

The Inter-Club Council, ICC, met for the first time on Sept. 2, under the guidance of Chairman Adolfo Chuong.

Representatives from the Pross Club, Rho Kappa Pi, VNVR Club, Nursing Club, Physical Therapy Club, Ceramic Arts Guild, DPMA/HOTLAN and an international student advisor were in attendance.

Now business included student activities events, the Club Fair, International Week, re-registration of student organizations, ICC funding assistance, and the future plans of the ICC.

International Week kicked-off yesterday and ends on Friday. The week's events began with an International Student Reception.

A film, "Au Revoir les Enfants" (Good-bye Children) will be showing in Language Arts building, room 104 from 9:35-11:30 a.m.

Also, an opera in European culture will be administered in Fine Arts building, room 104 from 2-3 p.m.

Tomorrow is the day for the celebration of "Díaz y Bois." This celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Student Center.

Another film, "Como Agua Para Chocolate" (Like Water For Chocolate) will be shown in Language

Arts building, room 210 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, a traditional Czech dance performance will be performed by the West High School Dancers in the Student Center at 10 a.m.

Then, a workshop about academic exchange programs will be held in Health and Physical Education building, room 101 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday will offer oral history traditions in Korean culture in Health and Physical Education room 101 from 10:20-11:15 a.m.

In addition, the MCC Cafe will be serving a various mix of international foods in coordination with International Week.

Library survey yields positive results

BY FAWN FALETOGO
Staff Reporter

The availability of library services and the assistance of the library staff received praise in a survey taken last spring of 189 randomly selected students. The survey's purpose was to evaluate the general use and opinion of the library among the student body.

60 percent of the students surveyed felt that the quantity of reference resources met their scholastic needs, along with 59 percent who indicated the quantity of current books was satisfactory. This, coupled with the 76 percent who believed that help was readily available at the reference desk reflects a user-friendly atmosphere in the library.

Results of the library survey also reported that the hours were convenient for 83 percent of the students. The open hours of the library are important to the typical student, for the majority of those surveyed were employed part-time (under 35 hours per week) and had a limited time schedule that governed their visits to the library.

Despite the general consensus on the adequacy of the library's resources and availability of the staff, the survey also indicated a lack of utilizing the alternative resources. About half of the respondents never used the web page or microfiche collection, signaling a need for more awareness and experience with those tools.

NEWS BRIEFS

Flex entry courses begin next week

MCC is offering flexible entry courses with most of them beginning next week. The courses are:

Reading 302	English 300
English 301	English 1301
Fast-track English 1302	Computer Literacy 1170
Programming Logic 1309	Material/Method Construct 1101
Basics of Construction 1103	Building Structural System 1104
Building Structural System 1104	Intro to Construction Trade 1401
Rehearsal & Performance 1120	Costume Workshop 1170
Theatre Workshop 1173	Rehearsal & Performance 2120
Costume Workshop 2170	Theatre Workshop 2173
Paramedic Practicum I 1131	Paramedic Practicum II 1132
Firefighter Certificate VII 1113	Firefighter Certificate VI 1211
Firefighter Certificate IV 1407	Firefighter Certificate V 1509
TASP Writing Remediation	Beginning Field Experience 1204
Keyboarding I 1101	Clinical Practice II

These courses, except fast-track English 1302, will start September 21 or 22 and finish the same time that all other fall semester courses end. Fast-track English 1302 will start on October 26 and end December 17. In registering for these courses you must pick up an advising form, contact an adviser, or see a counselor in career development. All rules to traditional registration apply to flex registration.

Student Government elections Sept. 24-25

Student Government elections will be held on Sept. 24-25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Student Center. The Student Government Association is looking for dynamic leaders who want to make a difference at MCC. Benefits of being in student government include representing the college at conferences and in the community and having an opportunity to be involved in planning campus activities and events. Some scholarships are also available. Eligibility requirements are to maintain a 2.0 GPA, be enrolled in at least nine hours at MCC. Members are expected to attend SGA Meetings on Fridays at 1 p.m., and to hold regular office hours for SGA service. To apply, Contact the SGA at 299-8446.

Silent Auction Sept. 22-25

The Child Development Center will be holding a silent auction Sept. 22-25 to raise funds to refurbish the infant and toddler playground adjacent to the Community Services Center. "This year we hope to be able to finish this project," said Leslie Maggard. Those on campus are encouraged to donate items for the sale, and then they are urged to come by and look at the items and submit bids on them. If you have items for the auction, contact Dorothy Cardwell at 299-4371 and the donation will be picked up, Maggard said.

Who's Who nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Any student, faculty or staff member may nominate students who deserve special recognition for outstanding qualities which distinguish them from others on the campus. Nominations must be turned in by Sept. 23. Nomination forms are available on the campus computer mainframe "L" drive under WHO, or they may be picked up at the following offices—Administration/Classroom Building 302, Applied Science 218, Ball Performing Arts Center 104, Community Services Center 230, Faculty Offices Building 122, Health Careers 203, Health-Physical Education 113, Science Building 219, and the career development office in the Student Center.

Stolen purse alerts potential victims

A purse was stolen recently out of an office in the Community Services Center. This purse was not left out where it could be readily seen but was in the back of a desk. House keys, credit cards and cash were taken. Five people saw a young man "hanging around" all day, yet no one thought to report him. Students and faculty are warned to always check to see where you put your belongings, and also to keep an eye out for suspicious persons in campus buildings.

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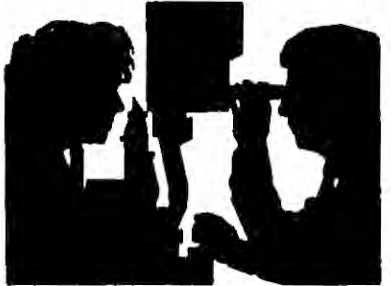
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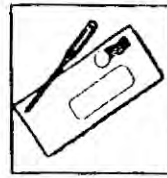


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OUR VIEW

Good job, grounds crew

The Issue:

The need for a beautiful campus.

We suggest:

Keeping it beautiful is a campus wide effort.

Call in:

If you wish to comment on this issue please call The Highland Herald at 299-8524.

MCC's campus is beautiful. Through one of the hottest summers in recorded history, the grounds crew managed to keep the campus looking great.

For instance, two dead trees were taken down and disposed of over the summer.

The baseball bleachers and the parking lots received new paint jobs.

Also, trees and shrubs were trimmed and flower beds were weeded.

Grounds crew members added student parking and moved some of the faculty parking also.

Everything that has been done will surely allow for the students

to have a luxurious campus.

The people one can thank for that are Mike Chapa, Frank Brennan, Grady Massey, Lester Byer, Travis Roe, Oscar Stallings, Don Aldridge and Jamie Jones. These employees are under the supervision of Dianne Feyerherm and Bob Park.

Next time you cross the path of a grounds crew member, say thanks.

Grounds crew employees also pick up abundant amounts of trash daily.

So, when a student has trash in hand, don't drop it. Please, find a trash can.



A Window Seat...

Welcome to reality

By JUSTIN BRASWELL

Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to college. That's right...college. Maybe you have heard that this was "High School on the Brazos," "13th Grade" or "McCollege." It is true that we don't have a football team and our mascot doesn't drink Dr Pepper from a bottle or require a freshman to follow it with a pooper-scooper. We don't hook 'em, gig 'em or maul them; but if you'll take the time to check out our sports page you will find we do beat 'em.

If you have stood in line for hours only to be told your paperwork has been lost, delayed or refused, then you've been through class registration or the financial aid process. Like a "real" college, parking may be a problem and it may require a home equity loan to buy books for a semester. We even have a student government whose agenda is having meetings and making motions to postpone activities until the following semester.

All satire aside, MCC is a real college. Your professors are winners of prestigious awards, many of whom have years of real world experience in their fields and a real desire to teach. All are accessible to assist you on a one-to-one basis. You have programs at your disposal from tutorial services to workshops to help you succeed. You can easily become involved in activities that will integrate you into the campus community.

But be warned! Since this is college and not high school, it can easily be blown off. Lose focus and F's and W's will be your only legacy hidden deep inside the memory banks of MCC's computers.

All of your trendy Hilfiger, Fubu and Doc Martin gear won't be enough to set you apart when your voice anonymously asks through the late night speaker grill of a fast food drive-thru "Can I take your order?"

So, don't trade in your oversized I'm-So-Cool-I-Look-Like-Every-One-Else duds for the hairnet, intercom headset and discount shoes. Go to class everyday, pay attention, study and seek help if you need it.

Besides, one day, much to Tommy's dismay, you will outgrow his silly self-advertising clothes. Even if you don't, with a degree, at least you and not your parents will be able to afford them. You can hang them next to your Donna Karan or Giorgio Armani business suits.

Police Academy graduates 20

By CRYSTAL HOYT

Staff Reporter

This summer the Police Academy program congratulated 20 new graduates.

They were Joseph Chavez, Robert Dillard, Michael Friedman, Travis Gump, Eric Hawkins, Robert Howard, Denise Lacombe, Craig Lampe, William Mahon, Shane McLain, James Mitchell, Christopher Morrison, Bruce Norman, James Pack, Ryan Schroeder, Randall Scott, Ollie Short, Hobe Torres II, Candice Wolmann, and Alexander Zurfas.

Students were required to complete a 560-hour Basic Peace Officer course. This is composed of several sections ranging from Fitness and Wellness to Professionalism and Ethics, for a total of 33 subjects arranged by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Graduation was held on July 23. Criminal District Attorney John Bogrost appeared as a guest speaker at the ceremony.

The new session will begin October 12.

A welcome from the president

Dear Students:

Welcome to McLennan Community College for the 1998-99 school year! This is an exciting time to be at MCC and, speaking on behalf of the faculty, staff, and trustees, we are tremendously pleased you have selected this college. Virtually all the people associated with MCC work hard every day to make your educational experience here one of great satisfaction and superior quality.

As you return to classes this fall, you will notice the great emphasis placed upon seeing to it that the most up-to-date technology is available to all students in every building and program on campus. When you add that to the fact that MCC is one of the most attractive campuses in the entire country, we sincerely hope that it provides you with the best learning environment possible.

The hallmark of MCC has always been an emphasis on quality instruction. I know you will enjoy getting to know your instructors and that you will appreciate their expertise and their caring attitude. Each MCC instructor is a dedicated professional educator whose sole function is to teach and assist you in the learning process as you pursue your educational goals.

You are the key ingredient, however, to the success of your education. We are totally committed to providing a quality instruction, great facilities, and current technology, but you must commit yourself by attending class regularly and by seeking out the many kinds of assistance MCC provides for students who need just a little bit of extra help.

Thank you for your vote of confidence by selecting MCC as your college. I hope you are just beginning the most successful year of your entire education.

Sincerely,
 Dennis Michaelis
 President, MCC

P.S. Comments? Questions?
 My e-mail address is: dfm@mcc.cc.tx.us



COLLEGE CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 19 — Basic Vertical Rescue. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sunday. Firefighters and emergency personnel hone their rescue skills in this two-day class. Cost is \$99. Call Polli Williams at 299-8591.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 — Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic Course. 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. occasional Saturdays, through Dec. 12. This 12-week course teaches theory and skills necessary to meet the Texas Department of Health requirements for certification using the new curriculum. Students must have a Health Care Provider CPR card to take the course. Cost, including text, is approximately \$465. Call Polli Williams at 299-8707.

Friday, Sept. 25 — Healthcare Leadership for the Year 2000 and Beyond: Leading Dynamically. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Pavilion Auditorium at Providence Health Center. This seminar concentrates on nursing leadership and its visibility and responsibility in the modern healthcare workplace. Co-sponsored by MCC and the Providence Healthcare Network. Call Joyce Sims, R.N., at 299-8784.

Thursday, Oct. 1 — Athletic Department Pre-Tournament Party and Silent Auction. 7 p.m., The Art Center. This silent auction of sports memorabilia and other prizes benefits MCC's athletes in all sports. Call the MCC Foundation at 299-8606.

Friday, Oct. 2 — Athletic Department Golf Tournament. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Lake Waco Golf Club. MCC's annual golf tournament benefits athletic programs in all sports. By popular demand, the tournament has been expanded to include morning as well as afternoon rounds. Call the MCC Foundation at 299-8606.

Friday, Oct. 2 — MCC Theatre presents "An Ideal Husband." 7:30 p.m., continuing through Saturday and Oct. 9-10. Ball Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 299-8200.

Wednesday, Oct. 7 — Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Induction. 1:30 p.m., Lecture Hall. Call Amberdawn Moore at 299-8465.

Friday, Oct. 9 — MCC Theatre presents "An Ideal Husband." 7:30 p.m., continuing through Saturday. Ball Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 299-8200.

Monday, Oct. 12 — MCC Chorale Concert. 7:30 p.m. Ball Performing Arts Center. Call the Music Department at 299-8283.

Tuesday, Oct. 13 — American College Theatre Festival. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. daily through Friday, Oct. 16. Ball Performing Arts Center. MCC Theatre hosts this four-day festival of college theatre, sponsored by the American College Theatre Festival and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Competing schools will perform two full-length productions daily. Participating schools include MCC, Hill College, Southwest Texas State University, Texas A&M University at Commerce and Grayson County College. Call Jim Rambo at 299-8177.

Saturday, Oct. 17 — Open Door Arts Fest. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., continuing through Sunday, Oct. 18 at The Art Center and MCC campus. Art, music, theatre and more for all ages at this second annual celebration of the visual and performing arts. Professional artists will demonstrate and sell their work and guests will have the chance to participate in arts projects while they enjoy non-stop entertainment. Many activities for children. Admission is \$2 for adults, children 12 and under free. Call 762-4371.

College Channel surveyed

By TIFFANY BREWER

Staff Reporter

In a recent survey of cable users in this county, eight out of ten respondents say the MCC College Channel is "excellent or good."

About half of those surveyed believe the channel is "beneficial."

The survey was done by Baylor's Center for Community and Development last spring. One thousand one hundred randomly selected homes were contacted. Of those, about 60 percent said they had cablevision. Questions about the college channel were only directed to those people. About 30 percent of those surveyed

remember watching the message board, which is generally shown about 12 hours a day.

"Our program directors report many calls in response to messages on the college channel," said Kim Harrison, director of the College Channel.

Those with cablevision say eight percent remembered watching an MCC telecourse. About 35 percent of those surveyed indicated an interest in earning college credit by watching television. And about 70 percent of those surveyed, who are also currently attending MCC, indicated an interest in earning credit on television.

A student government welcome

The Student Government Association (SGA) would like to welcome all MCC students.

SGA is an organization that sponsors and helps put together activities around campus.

SGA represents students on campus and around McLennan County.

Student Government currently has several positions open and the Fall elections will be held Sept. 24 and 25.

The requirements to hold office are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, be enrolled in at least 9 hours at MCC and be able to hold regular office hours.

To sign up for Student Government, please pick up a form in the Student Activities office or at any Student Government meeting.

These meetings are held every Friday at 1:00 pm in the Student Center, room 301.

If you would like more information, contact the SGA at 299-8446 or e-mail sg1@mcc.cc.tx.us.

Again, welcome to MCC! We are glad you're here.

Sincerely,
 Brandon Walker
 President, Student Government



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New Tartan Scholars selected

By JENNIFER WOKATY

Web Editor

This semester, MCC welcomes 12 new Tartan Scholars to its list of outstanding students.

Since its beginning in 1994, the program has grown to enrich the lives of 180 students. Currently, there are 50 Tartan Scholars, including the 12 new members, enrolled at MCC.

The new members for the program for fall 1998 include Tracy Denison, Alice Peper, Jodi Christian, Christian Heger, Shannon Johnston, Annette Hoover, Megan Bass, Laura Rivard, Jeni Franklin, LaKesha Whitfield, April Sammons, and Nisha Hathi.

"It had a lot of advantages," said Laura Rivard, one of the 12 new members, who was attracted to the program for the honors courses specific to Tartan program and the opportunities it presented to meet new people.

The program offers book allow-

ances and paid tuition for up to 18 hours each semester, including a three-credit-hour course designed for the Tartan Scholar. In addition, the scholarship provides the opportunity to travel through its mini-study tours to such places as the opera, museums, or even a baseball game. During this spring break, some students will be participating in the one week trip to study on a mountain retreat in the Czech Republic.

"Being able to go places... It sounded like a whole bunch of fun," said Shannon Johnston, an accounting major who plans to continue her studies at Baylor.

Students bring their individual experiences to the classroom, sharing with others their opinions and aspects, accounting for the group's diverse background.

"It's a great opportunity to learn, to think on a different level and to meet new people that challenge your intellect who will in turn, make you greater as a person," said LaKesha Whitfield, an architectural engineering major who is in her third

semester at MCC.

In speaking of her first impressions of Psychosocial Issues in the Workplace (Honors), her first Tartan class, Whitfield replied, "Everyone was outgoing."

These interdisciplinary courses are geared toward student discussion and interaction, as opposed to traditional classroom settings. Johnston, who is taking Critical Thinking (Honors), describes it as "very comfortable" and that "the class seemed more laid back."

Marilyn Kelly, the program coordinator of the Tartan Scholars, said that the program is giving more "emphasis on giving back to the community through volunteering." This semester, the Tartans have already volunteered at the lyric opera "Madama Butterfly."

Tartans are selected based on their submitted applications, portfolio, recommendations, and an interview. Individuals who wish to apply for the 1999 spring semester should turn in their applications before the October 15 deadline.

For more information call the

office of the Dean, Arts and Sciences at 299-8661, or Marilyn Kelly at 299-8936. Applications may be picked up at the Dean, Arts and Sciences office in room 301 in the Administration/Classroom Building, Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

"It's a great opportunity to learn, to think on a different level and to meet new people that challenge your intellect who will in turn, make you greater as a person."

New faculty brought in to help students

By SEAN MEDLIN

Staff Reporter

Eight new faculty members have arrived to MCC this semester. These instructors are filling many different positions.

The new full time faculty members and their positions are as follows: Orlando Bama, government instructor; Barbara Harrison, physical therapy; Marlyce Kerr, health and info technology instructor; Jonathan Kutz, commercial music instructor; Sydney Landis, sociology instructor; Jim McKeown, English instructor; Debra Morgan, instructor for the associate degree in nursing; Brooks Wilson, economics instructor.

"This was an unusually large number of new full time employees," said Paul Illich, Sr. director of institutional effectiveness and planning. A large contributor to the number of new staff hired each year is the student enrollment: the more

students enrolled, the more instructors needed. However, said Illich, "enrollment has leveled off the past four or five years. In fact, as of this year, enrollment is actually down compared to last year."

With Enrollment down there is one reason that they had to hire new people. Simply put: retirees. In fact, six faculty members have retired this year alone. Among those were Helen Goddard, Lawrence Kirkpatrick, Eugene Maroul, Fran Robken, Harvey Spross, and Frank Taylor. Even with enrollment at a standstill, the loss of six faculty members calls for replacements.

Employee hopefuls obtain job information through the personnel office, the Waco Tribune-Herald, or via the Internet. After their applications have been received by the personnel office, the selected applicants are actually interviewed by the Deans of the school. The eight new faculty staff members met these requirements.

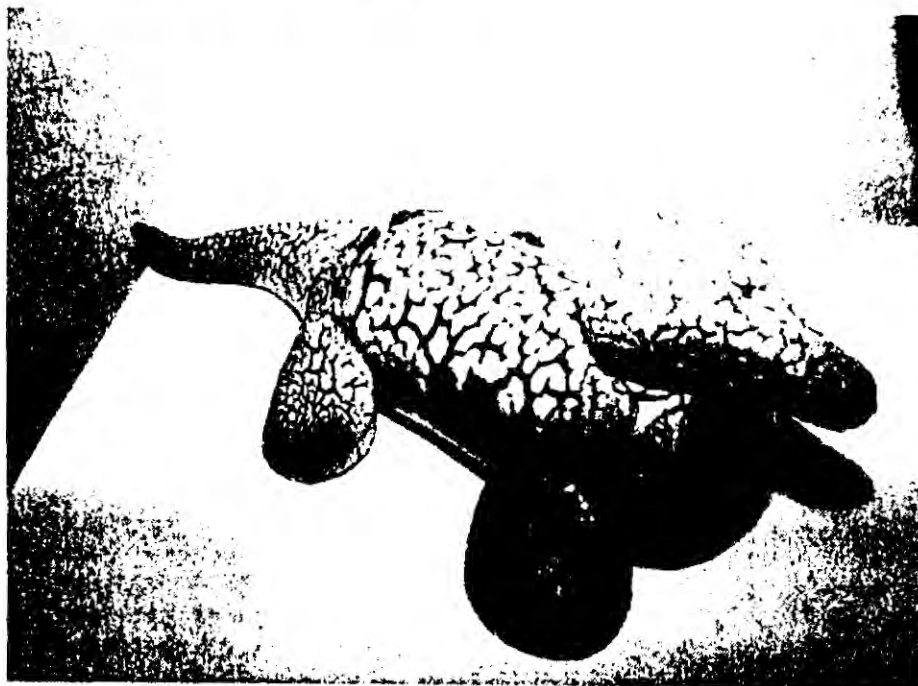


Photo by Justin Braswell

MCC is displaying Potter Randy Brodnax pottery in the CSC building. His items will be available for sale the week of September 30.

Bayou roots evident in ancient Japanese pottery

By AMANDA PRIEST

Staff Reporter

Raku pottery by Randy Brodnax is being featured at the MCC art gallery in the Community Services Center building.

Brodnax was born in Louisiana. He has been making pottery for about 30 years. Brodnax invented a glaze method called Lichen glaze. It is the crackle-looking glaze on most of his smaller creations. He also uses horse hair to make the designs on his pots.

"If you have ever been to Louisiana you can see his roots in his pottery," says pottery instructor Trey South.

Brodnax came to MCC to instruct

a pottery workshop, the first held at MCC.

Raku pottery originated in 16th century Japan, finding its way to America about 75 years ago. Raku pottery is faster to make than traditional stoneware pottery. Raku pots are baked at 1900 degrees for about 20 minutes. Then, the pots are taken out and placed in sawdust or newspaper to cool. The smoke gives the pot its beautiful and unique color. After about an hour, the students can take the pots home. In contrast to stoneware, the process would take several more days.

Everything at the Raku pottery show will be on sale. The art show will be open on September 30, Monday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Construction helps campus keep with the change in times

By L. EPHIE HEARNE

Staff Reporter

Construction and renovation is constant here at MCC to keep up with our growing needs.

Several projects were started during the Spring and Summer semesters. Fortunately, there will be no disruption of traffic, parking, or building services.

The Highland building has seen the most attention. Over the summer, new flooring was installed. The locker rooms have new carpet and freshly painted walls. The concession area has been remodeled and is complete, except for the plumbing. New restroom and shower partitions are on order and expected soon.

According to Diane Feyerherm, Director of the Physical Plant, there is great excitement about our new trophy cases. These cases are being custom-made (of wood) and will be

delivered shortly. All of the work at the Highland building is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

The baseball field facilities have also received a face-lift. During the spring and summer, a canopy was placed over the bleachers and the dugouts were revamped. Remodeling will continue at the field house.

Exciting things are also happening at the Amphitheater and Marin area. An architect is currently working on plans to expand the amphitheater, refurbish the lighting, and "clean up" the restroom areas. There are also plans to enlarge and improve the boat ramp.

In addition to these projects, part of the HPE building has a rebuilt roof.

The majority of these projects should be completed by the end of this semester, said Ms. Feyerherm.

Rambo represents MCC for 1998 Piper Award

By JAMIE JONES

Opinion Editor

Jim Rambo, Theater instructor, knows how it feels to be awarded for doing what he loves.

Rambo is the 1998 MCC nominee for the Mini Stevens Piper Award. He was also nominated for the 1998 U.S. Professor of the year.

Rambo has previously received five directorial awards from the American College Theatre Festival.

In 1979, Rambo was named the Outstanding Young man in America. In 1985, the Texas Educational Theatre Association named Rambo as the first Educator of the Year for community/junior colleges. Rambo was also a Piper Award nominee at Western Texas College. In 1994, Rambo received the Texas Educational Theatre Association Founder award.

"These nominations are a nice way to say thanks," Rambo said.

Rambo received a bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian University in 1971 and a Master of Arts degree in 1974 from Texas Tech University.

When Rambo was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, he answered, "all I want to be is a poor teacher."

Rambo began his teaching career as a six-year-old swimming instructor. He taught the smaller kids

how to hold their heads underwater and float.

"Effective teachers must have the heart for watching people grow," said Rambo.

Although Rambo always wanted to be a teacher, as he got older he became interested in theater. Yet, he admits that he never came to a cross-roads. He felt the two just connected.

The Piper Award is \$2,500 to be endowed. The award is given to 10 outstanding professors in Texas.

"I was humbled and astounded," Rambo said.

Each institute of higher learning is eligible to nominate candidates. The faculty votes for the best candidate. The number of nominees depends upon the number of students enrolled at that school. Each school receives the opportunity for one nominee per 10 thousand students.

MCC has had two Piper Award winners. These winners are Marilyn Kelly and Hoyt Burnette.

"It is wonderful to have the support of fellow colleagues," Rambo said.

"Effective teachers must have the heart for watching people grow."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Trips to universities begin next month

Free trips to Texas universities are offered each month, allowing interested students to become acquainted with the institution's atmosphere and what they have to offer in various fields of study. Next month, students can venture to Texas A&M on Oct. 2 and to Prairie View A&M on Oct. 23. Also on the agenda is a visit to Sam Houston State on Nov. 6 and UT Arlington on Nov. 26. To sign up or for more information contact the Crew Development Center. For those who would rather have the colleges come to you, make plans to attend "Transfer Day" on Oct. 19 in the Student Center. In this workshop you can ask questions and interact with representatives from various universities.

Applications due for EMT basic course

The college is accepting applications for its Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic course, which begins September 22, on campus. This 12 week course meets Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-10 p.m. and occasional Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuition is \$425 plus books and supplies. Course work includes a special trauma class and hands-on training in MCC's teaching ambulance, as well as in area hospitals. Theory and skills taught in the course meet the Texas Department of Health requirements for certification using the new curriculum. For more information, call Polli Williams at 299-8707.

Gym, weight room hours set

The fall schedules for the weight room and gym are now available. The weight room on campus will be open from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays it will be open from 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays it will be available from 1-4 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. The gym hours are 2:15-4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No schedule for the indoor swimming pool had been established at press time.

Business Showcase this week

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Business Showcase Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Waco Convention Center in the Chisholm Hall. Admission is \$2 per person. Over 100 businesses will be there to show off their products and services. Call (254) 752-6611 ext. 213 for more information.

Poetry Contest underway

The college's poetry contest is accepting entries with an Oct. 15, 5 p.m., deadline. The contest is open to all MCC students and employees. Poems must be typed and accompanied by a cover sheet that includes the author's name, address, phone number and MCC category (student, faculty, staff, or administration). Writers are limited to two entries. Entries should be turned in to Jennifer Black in the Faculty Office Building. Winning poems will be published in a special insert to the Highland Herald in November and will be read at Casa de Cafe on Nov. 18. This event benefits Storybook Christmas.

New weekend hours for Library

The Library will begin the new fall weekend hours on Sept. 20. The library will be closed on Saturdays, but open on Sundays from 3-9 p.m.

New installment plan used for tuition

MCC students taking college credit classes are now permitted to pay tuition and fees through an installment plan. The plan allows students to pay 50 percent of their tuition and fees with an added \$25 non-refundable service fee. Students taking advantage of this plan will have to sign a promissory note for the balance. The second payment of 25 percent is due Oct. 2 with the final 25 percent due by Nov. 6. For more information about the tuition installment plan, call the MCC business office at 254-299-8627.

Nurses Assoc. set to host fundraisers

By TIFFANY MARTIN

Staff Reporter

The Student Nursing Association will be hosting two fund-raising activities in the coming months.

On Tuesday, September 22, 5-8 p.m. the association will be hosting a dinner at Mazzio's Pizza. The volunteers will be bussing tables in exchange for 10 percent of the profits during that event.

They will also be having a garage sale Saturday, October 3, between 8

a.m. and 2 p.m. at 4716 Edmond.

The association is also a service club, which gives back to the community. In the past, they have donated over \$700 in earnings to the Family Abuse Center, Hospice, and students who need financial assistance, along with donating books to Caritas at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The portions of the earnings that they keep will go to helping the members afford a trip to the nursing state convention in Houston in March.

Extra help offered to students

By VERONICA CABARRUBIA

Staff Reporter

The Downtown Higher Education Center emphasizes adult basic education through its English as a Second Language, GED classes and a work force training program.

The ESL courses available at the Center are given between the hours of 8 a.m. and until as late as 10 p.m. This program is free of cost and open to anyone wanting to learn English as a second language.

Individuals from Mexico, South America, Thailand and Vietnam

have attended ESL classes in the greater Waco area. Classes are provided in public libraries, some local businesses and churches.

The main purpose of the Downtown Center's GED classes is to prepare individuals for the math component of the GED exam as well as other portions of the test.

The work force training programs are more focused and shorter than those of the past. The training is provided in the areas of material handling, welding and telemarketing.

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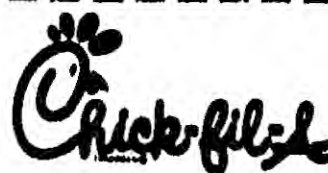
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Hall of Fame Highlanders

Berryman in Hall for second time

By **KYLE DAVIS**
Staff Reporter

The MCC women's tennis coach Carmack Berryman was recently elected into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Women's Tennis Hall of Fame.

The Highlassie tennis team finished second, behind Tyler junior college, in the national tournament this summer.

"This shows all the hard work I've done over the years," Berryman, who has been

coaching at the college for 23 years, said. "It feels very satisfying."

Originally from San Diego, California, he grew up in a tennis playing family. His father was a teaching pro and his mother played competitively. He then attended East Texas State University on a tennis scholarship.

After college he coached at South Grand Prairie High School.

During his tenure here at MCC, Mr. Berryman has coached many fine players. Some of whom have even been in the world rankings. Others have been on the satellite recruits. This is equivalent to the minor

leagues in baseball.

He has won two NJCAA national championships. One as the women's coach, and one as the men's coach. Berryman is being honored for his work as women's coach, however he is already in the men's Hall of Fame. He was elected into it in 1995.

"Carmack has been an outstanding coach for many years. He is truly one of the banner coaches in America," Athletic director Wendell Hudson said.

Along with the honors already mentioned, Berryman has also received an award for being the International Coach of the Year several times.



Carmack Berryman



Rick Butler

Butler gets in hall for baseball

By **KEVIN BROCK**
Staff Reporter

Former Highlander baseball coach Rick Butler's stellar career was honored on May 22 by the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Hall of Fame.

Butler, who won a national championship at M.C.C., was honored at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction, Col.

Butler said, "It was a great honor to be

recognized by your peers."

Coach Butler, received a jacket, ring, and plaque for being inducted in the Hall of Fame.

Butler coached the Highlanders from 1971-88, and had an overall record of 624 wins and 308 losses, placing him 13 on the all-time win list for inactive coaches.

He also coached the famous 1983 team, which won the NJCAA national championship, and were ranked No. 1 the entire season. Butler was also named American Baseball Coaches Association and NJCAA

Coach of the Year that year.

A reunion will be held for former M.C.C. players and teams on Saturday Oct 31, 1998 at the Student Center.

It is open to the students and faculty. Former players tentatively scheduled to appear are Jay Buhner, Pat Listach, Tim Sphere, Charlie O'Brian, Lanny Hanks, and Craig McMurtry, who will also be honored, joining Buhner and Listach, as the only players with their number's retired. Only the third MCC player to receive such a honor behind, Buhner and Listach.

By **JASON HOSKINS**
Sports Editor

Well, here we go again. Time for all of you to put up with me blabbing on about what I think about sports, and it has been a long break so my head is oozing with hot sports opinions.

History has changed in athletics at the college and in sports in general since last semester.

Pros at the Highlands?

For the first time in school history the Highlands will be the home of pro basketball. Yeah, you read that right, pro basketball. The Waco Jaguars will give players a chance to play ball competitively and polish their skills so maybe one day an NBA team will notice and pay them the big bucks to play for them.

Starburst busted

Also along the lines of basketball, presidents from other junior colleges made, in my opinion, a real bonehead move when they decided to kill the Starburst tournament that has been held in Waco for many years.

They obviously didn't listen to the coaches who thought that this was the best junior college basketball in the nation. Hundreds of recruits marked the tournament on their calendars and made a point to be there.

Many athletes who play sports at a junior college strictly go to play at a four year school. Unfortunately, now they may not be noticed because a group of people decided that it would be in the school's best interest to no longer have the tournament. It just doesn't make much sense.

Good guys finish first.

Finally, unless you live under a rock you know that the "sexiest" record came crashing down with two swings of a bat. I am talking about the home run record that Roger Maris held for 37 years.

In the days of the self-centered, egotistical, grossly over paid athlete emerged two men who stood head and shoulders over the others physically and morally.

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa seem to care more about the fans and the game than their appearance and shoe deals. These two athletes understand that the game made them who they are, they did not make the game what it is today. They are just happy that they have been afforded the opportunity to bring fans back to the game they both love.

I am glad that I had the opportunity to see history and I am ecstatic that someone who loves the game had the chance to do it.

Look for complete coverage of the Highlassie tennis tournament in the Sept. 29 issue.

Teams depend on youth this season

By **JULIAN RAMON**
Staff Reporter

The 1997-98 season brought much success for MCC basketball. But soon, both the men and women's teams will face a new season, and with it, new challenges.

After a season that brought them a regional championship, the men's team holds many questions. With 6'2" guard Demetric Sims and 6'4" Sonecca Wall being the only returners from last year's squad, the team will obviously take a different look this season. The goal of victory, however, will remain the same.

Aside from David Hudson, who red-shirted last season, the rest will call MCC their home for the first time.

Some of the newcomers to the team include Marcus Gradney, from Long Beach State, Heath Fusilier, Jacksonville Baptist's leading rebounder last season, and Nic Wright, who started in all but three games for Liberty University.

The team also gains size with 7'2" David Schrag, a transfer from Louisville, and 6'9" Walter Moore, a transfer from Iowa State, who along with Sims, was invited to play in the JUCO Top 40 camp in Mississippi. 6'5" Dax Kuykendall and 6'2" Jason Curry also bring their basketball skills to MCC.

The Highlanders did their share did their share of recruiting, picking up 6'8" Jason Russell from Garland, Steven Holm, from Waco, and Marko Krstulovic from Croatia.

Lassies look deep

By **JASON HOSKINS**
Sports Editor

The Highlassie basketball team needed an exceptional signing day in order to replace the outstanding talent that left the college last semester.

The coaches were looking to replace three talented sophomores in Neva Lonix, TeNay Garrett and Amy Pearson and many other contributors to the team.

The team got off to good start when they signed Moriah Johnson, 6-1 freshman from Mesquite Poteet and Melissa Van Hoose, from West Columbia. Van Hoose, also 6-1, was a two time all district selection averaging 19 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 blocks a game.

The coaches followed up with the signing of Winter Simmons who averaged 15.9 points and 5.1 steals per game for Valley Mills High school.

Winter will join up with her sister Barbara on the court this fall. Barbara was red shirted last semester.

"We are glad to have her back," assistant coach Shawn Trochim said, "The Simmons play well together."

The Highlassies gained some depth when they signed Meagan Moriarity from Killeen and Lora Tomlinson from Iredell.

Tomlinson averaged 17.3 points, 12.9 rebound, 6.2 assists, 2.8 steals and 1.4 blocks per game for Iredell last year.

"We are really young," said Trochim, "But that shouldn't be a problem because we've got a lot of size and depth."

The first official day of practice is Oct. 1 and the Highlassies have a scrimmage in McKinney on Oct. 10

"We really hope they'll be able to come in and contribute right away," Trochim said.

Drive the green to help an athlete

By **BRIAN SHELTON**
Staff Reporter

MCC's 11th annual golf tournament will be held on Oct. 2 at the Lake Waco Country Club.

The tournament, which is open for anyone, is the school's primary fund-raising event for the athletic department. over \$11,000 last year.

The more than \$11,000 raised last year was used to improve the baseball dugouts, stands, and field house.

"This event is important be-

cause it helps the athletic department purchase additional things not in the budget," Mr. Uptmore said. "This year we hope to buy an extra van for the athletes to travel in."

Along with the financial support the department will gain recognition by displaying school trophies next to each hole of the course.

"Our athletic teams have been consistently successful," Mr. Uptmore said. "By displaying the school's trophies, the community has the opportunity to see the development of our sports program."

Due to the popularity of the tournament, a pre-tournament party and a morning tee time will be added this year.

The pre-tournament party will take place the day before the tournament and include a silent auction. Here people will have the chance to indulge in food and drinks and bid on an assortment of sports memorabilia.

Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

"Some of our athletes will host the tournament, helping players by unloading golf bags from cars and collecting hit balls," Mr. Uptmore said. "This will give everyone a chance to meet our athletes."

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Ruthie Foster goes 'Full Circle'

By ELIZABETH MEYER
Entertainment Editor

For MCC students with big dreams and grand ideas former MCC student Ruthie Foster will be an inspiration.

A product of MCC's commercial music program and her unwavering drive to succeed in music, Foster's music career is growing along with her fan club packing Cadillac Jacks, one of downtown Waco's newest dining establishments, and leaving standing room only at the Barnes and Noble.

People of all races and ages come to enjoy her music. The songs she sings apply to everyone regardless of their musical preference.

Crowds sing and dance
Crowds that are seemingly tame and reserved at the beginning of her show have been known to be dancing and singing along near the end.

People that would have otherwise remained estranged as people so often are these days unite in the joy and pleasure of Foster's music.

Her music, a combination of R&B, soul, blues, some folk and a bit of country, appeal to all music lovers.

Her musical heroes are Aretha Franklin and Bonnie Raitt. During her performances you will hear her own songs and various other artists such as Aretha Franklin, Bob Marley, and Alan Parsons.

Her musical roots
Her musical roots were first planted in the town of Gause, a small town near Hearne, where she sang in the church choir, played the organ and piano.

"The church congregation is made of my kin folk, you walk in to the church and there is my family," Foster said.

It was the small town of Gause which was the inspiration behind the song "Small Town Blues" found on her debut album.

She said it was growing up in this small town that made her want to get out and see the world and all it had to offer.

Bands, bands, bands
Her days at MCC were in the early '80s when the commercial music program was newly developed. It remains the only commercial music program of its kind in the central Texas area.

While attending MCC Foster was a member of the Joe Silva Blues Band, based now in Nashville, and was known then as little Ruthie Foster.

"I remember thinking this is so cool, I get to be in a band and go to school too," said Foster.

Near the end of her student career at MCC she was faced with what she calls "musical burnout" so she enlisted in the Navy.

"I'd always wanted to be in the military and found myself needing to get away from music," said Foster.

The Navy offered her opportunities to see the world traveling to places such as Iceland and Puerto Rico as she worked on helicopters.

Slowly she gravitated back to music and became a Navy band vocalist.

Since her four year term in the Navy she has worked for Atlantic Records as a songwriter presenting her with the opportunity to work with who she described as "the best of the best".

She also worked in advertising and as a camera person at a TV station.

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow
When asked what led her to where she is today she said it was her drive to be in music that it is where she wants to be over all else.

"I've always been able to support myself with it (music) if you concentrate on the positive and know some days are going to be better than others it makes it easier," said Foster. "I believe this is what I was put on earth to do."



Photo by Justin Braswell

MAKING A NAME FOR HERSELF, Ruthie Foster, former MCC student, wails the blues at Barnes and Noble Friday night. Her debut CD, "Full Circle," was released

last year by her self owned production company. Foster's CD is available at Hastings in Waco and Bryan/College Station.

Dave Hibbard, director of the commercial music program at MCC and former instructor of Foster remembers her as "extraordinarily talented and a lot of fun in class."

"Ruthie had a clear view of what she wanted and wanted to do, the only thing that could have stopped her was herself," said Hibbard.

Not only is Foster a talented musician playing a variety of instruments from the guitar, bass, piano, drums, banjo and even the accordion, she is a songwriter too.

A few of the many original songs on her album include: "Praying for Rain" and "Small Town Blues."

Full Circle
Her debut album "Full Circle" is a collection of original songs that she says are about her life and all she has seen and done from her experiences growing up in a small town to the beauty of and desire for a simple rain shower.

"Full Circle" was released last year by her self owned production company Full Circle Productions and includes another of her original songs "Full Circle".

"We have had a hard time classifying the CD, it is in a class of its

own, I call it "Texas Music" a mix of everything" said Foster.

Foster performs two types of shows: acoustic shows which feature her on the guitar and friend Cyd on back-up and also with the Ruthie Foster Band.

Both shows offer the opportunity to experience and enjoy the talent Foster so clearly possesses.

"Ruthie's songs have universal appeal the melodies are memorable and her voice is remarkably inviting," said Hibbard.

"Though it is not her music alone that draws you to her." "Her warm, friendly, attractive appearance and personality makes everyone want to know her, hear her, and be her friend," says Hibbard.

Sings praises of MCC
Foster speaks highly of MCC and the commercial music program.

"The commercial music program has helped me in many ways, I am still using the knowledge from those classes every day."

"You can walk out of the program and use everything theory and all, it's a phenomenal program."

Her advice to aspiring musicians and students alike is to believe in

yourself and not give up.

The debut CD "Full Circle" is available in local Hastings stores or at Foster's shows. The next local performance by the Ruthie Foster Band will be on Sept. 18 at Cadillac Jacks in downtown Waco at 9:30 p.m.

"I believe this is what I was put on earth to do."

Semesters first drama production

By MICHAEL GARRETSON
Staff Writer

Preparations are in full swing for the drama department's first production of the semester.

Both the cast and crew have been selected for Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband," which originally ran near the turn of the century.

The social comedy revolves around the blackmailing of Lord Chiltern (Ben Cole) by Mrs. Cheveley (Traci Jones), dealing satirically with hypocrisy.

The production is set to open on Oct. 2 and run on Oct. 3, 9, and 10. The cast will also perform the play on Oct. 14 in the American College Theatre Festival.

Cast members are: Ben Cole, Kelly Wade, David McConnell, Traci Jones, Renee Hoffmann, Lee Ginn, Julie Linnard, Michael Simpson, Geoffrey Voss, Brent Hale, Shauna McLean, Amanda Allen, Matthew McBride, Brandon McWilliams, and Juan Camargo.

Jason Caballero is stage manager. Dana Boesen is the Assis-

tant Stage Manager. The Assistant Director is Jay Breaux, and Tammy Gibson is the Research Assistant.

The scenery crew is: Jason Caballero, Ben Cole, Jason Dalrymple, Jessica Foster, Margaret Hawkins, Chris Hood, Aaron Hood, David McConnell, Michael Simpson, Drew Vera, Temple Worrell, and Gerardo Zavala.

The lighting crew is: Jay Breaux, Juan Camargo, Amber Dieterich, R. J. Griffin, Curtis Howard, Mika Shalti, and Geoffrey Voss.

The costume crew is: Molly Adams, Dana Boesen, Sara Collins, Chandra Collins, Leslie Garner, Andy Gosnell, Renee Hoffmann, Traci Jones, Julie Linnard, Brandon McWilliams, and Misty Pierce.

The props crew is: Brittani Lee Ginn, Shauna McLean, Noah Neal, Lee Trull, and Kelly Wade.

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The sound crew is Tammy Gibson and Matthew McBride.

Dance Co. wins in Dallas

By BECCA SHIVERS
Staff Reporter

On August 4-8 the officers of the MCC Dance Company attended NCA Collegiate Dance Camp in Dallas on the SMU campus.

They came home with some "fun" choreography, all blue ribbons, a spirit stick, and a first place trophy in the fight song competition where they competed against ten teams in their division.

The major goal that was accomplished was to win a bid to the NCA Collegiate National Dance Championships.

This competition will be held in Daytona Beach, Florida, in April during the Easter holidays and will be televised on CBS. The officers who attended the camp are Captain Nikki Hayes, Lieutenant Kim

Bassinger, and Roxie Curtis.

There will be fourteen members of the Dance Company this fall. The company includes: Jacque Calvert, Sirika Clayton, Kelly Summers, Lindsey Davis, Rebecca Caviness, Jeanette Lofino, Kathryn Marez, Shae Newton, Sarah Salinas, Stephanie Starkey, Kristi Lakey, Nikki Hayes, Kim Bassinger, and Roxie Curtis.

The dancers began all day practice sessions on Aug. 26.

They have brought in a professional choreographer, Tara Vaughn from Ohio. She is a former captain of the MCC Dance Company and has recently been selected as a Cincinnati Bengals Dancer. Tara was also the choreographer for the Nationals' routine the MCC Dance Company used to win 4th in the nation in the 1998 NCA Collegiate Championships.

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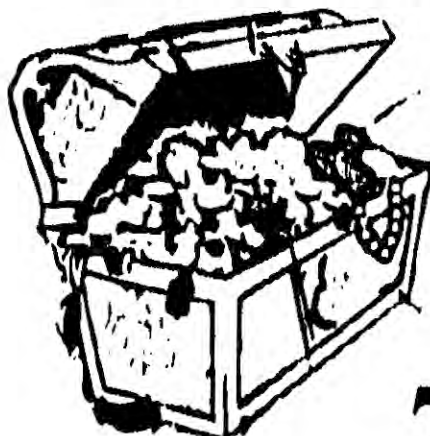
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