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Pinning Ceremonies Friday Summer Applicants Being Accepted



Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Vocational Nursing students Mrs. Janet Patterson and John Moore receive last minute tips from instructor Mrs. Hope Nienhuser as they prepare for graduation ceremonies Friday.

A candlelight and pinning ceremony for students who have completed the vocational nursing program will be Friday in the Student Center.

Dr. Ronald A. Smith, dean of instruction, will speak at the ceremony. Mrs. Billie Ingle, coordinator of the vocational nursing program, will introduce the platform guests.

Alvin Pollard, dean of technical instruction, will present the certificates to the students, and Mrs. Lelia Clark, vocational nursing instructor, will present the pins.

Mrs. Carolyn Miller will conduct the candlelighting ceremony and Mrs. Hope Nienhuser will give the Nurses' Pledge. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Nienhuser are both vocational nursing instructors.

The students from Waco who will receive the awards are Mrs. Joyce Armstrong, Mrs. Bettye Badley, Mrs. Clara Cobb, Mrs. Dora Estelle, Mrs. Heidi Gradel, Mrs. Mamie Lavender, Maurice Ramon, Mrs. Josefina Rodriguez, Mrs. Ester Smith, Miss Helen Smith, Mrs. Judy Smith, and Mrs. Marilyn Kay Wood.

Also receiving awards are Mrs. Carolyn Ross of Mart, Miss Mary Jane Rigby of McGregor, and Miss Pamela Devaney of China Spring.

These students are now eligible to take the test given by the Texas State Board of Nurses' Examiners to become a licensed vocational nurse.

Registration for the 1974 vocational nursing class is Friday, with classes beginning March 4.

Applications for the class are still being

accepted. Enrollment is limited to 30 students.

The one-year program includes classes on campus and clinical experience at local hospitals and nursing homes.

Applications for acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program to become a registered nurse will be accepted on campus until March 15.

Applicants must furnish high school and college transcripts, health certificates and ACT assessment scores in order to be considered, said Director Mrs. Joann Schoen.

Students are selected on the basis of academic ability, health, character and interest in nursing.

Any person who applied prior to September, 1973, for admission into the program must reapply to be considered for the next class session which will begin with the summer semester on June 4.

Upon completion of the 24-month program, students receive the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree from MCC and are eligible to take the National Test Pool examination for registered nursing for a license as a registered nurse in all states.

MCC's associate degree nursing program is approved by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners and the National League of Nursing.

Application forms for both the vocational and registered nursing classes are available at MCC's Registrar's Office in the Administration Building.

For further information contact Mrs. Schoen in the HPE building, Room 206, or call extension 445.

House Votes Money for Vets

A bill passed by the House Feb. 19 increases veterans education allowances by 13.6 per cent. The bill would also liberalize requirements for veterans who request school and job training aids.

The measure now goes to the Senate.

If the Senate passes the bill, it will be sent to the President for signing.

Although the President could veto the bill, Ron H. Smith, director of veterans affairs, said he feels confident the bill will be passed. Smith said the country is entering a period of recession and if veterans leave college due to a lack of funds, they will flood the labor market.

"With six to seven million veterans in college, if they hit the job market because of the impending recession it would be utter chaos. So even if it were inflationary, it might be worth it to keep veterans off the job market," Smith said.

"Due to inflation, it's mandatory to give them a pay raise," he said as an additional reason for passage of the bill.

What this bill means to a veteran attending MCC is an increase in educational allowances, an extension of time for completing his schooling and a reduction of the disability requirement.

ABLE OR NOT—

Signs asking students to follow the Scottish tradition of hardiness go unnoticed as students still choose to use the elevator instead of the stairs. The signs were put up as a part of the campus energy conservation campaign.

"BE SCOTCH"
CONSERVE NRG

IF YOU ARE ABLE
PLEASE USE
STAIRS

Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Editorial

Artist's Painting Insults Public

By Cathy Sulak

"In 1776, when the country was born, the population was 25 million. Now it exceeds 210 million.

"If you are one those millions of American citizens, you have just been insulted."

For the occasion, a new mural was sketched on the building's walls by an artist, H. M. Booker II.

Among the persons portrayed were Karl Marx, the Father of Communism; Fedie Friedrich Engels, Marx's associate;

This is how U.S. News & World Report editor Howard Flieger began his editorial in the Jan. 28 issue of his magazine. He was referring to the Bicentennial Center for the District of Columbia.

The Center was dedicated on Jan. 14 by the mayor of Washington before a crowd that included a White House representative and other dignitaries.

The Bicentennial Center in the nation's capital is the headquarters for Washington's 1976 celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States.

Joseph Stalin of the Soviet Union; and Mao Tse-tung of the Chinese Communists.

For extra measure, the artist included a caricature of President Nixon wearing a mustache and clad as a movie gangster. He sketched the President's daughter, Tricia Nixon Cox, with an Afro hairdo.

To the artist, this was "Americana."

What happened to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln? Where were such symbols of American culture and uniqueness as Mark Twain, Francis Scott Key, Buffalo Bill and Thomas A. Edison?

A member of the magazine staff asked an official of the District of Columbia Commission about the inclusion of the Communist figures.

The explanation was that those people are a valid part of the American scene because "all were involved in some way with the United States over the past 200 years."

When asked what Marx, Engels, Stalin and Mao had to do with the U. S., the

reporter got the reply.

Booker told the Washington Star-News that the Commission told him to "make faces" on the walls, so he sketched those he considered interesting.

He called it "a lot of fun" and regarded the whole thing as a cleverly executed joke.

With the exception of the Washington Star-News, the episode got scant notice in the newspapers. But editor Flieger devoted his page to the subject and called the display an insult to every American.

The day the magazine appeared on the newstand, readers began calling from all over the country to praise the editorial and denounce the Bicentennial officials and their artist.

Flieger was flooded with torrents of mail asking for extra copies of his editorial. To date, more than 1500 copies have been sent off, and 4000 requests are being answered.

Answering these requests has become the full-time job of three typists.

People wrote angry protests to their

senators and representatives.

The editorial, entitled "Worst Joke in 200 Years," has been read in the "Congressional Record" three times.

Newspapers and radio stations have reproduced it and commented on it—and more are requesting permission to do so.

People sent furious letters to the mayor of Washington.

The District Bicentennial Commission finally got the message.

On Jan. 30 the Communist pictures and caricatures were removed. In their place now are black-and-white portraits of 57 famous Americans, and others will follow.

James B. Alexander, director of the Office of Bicentennial Programs, decided to pay for the original sketches out of his own pocket.

With varying degrees of originality, communities across the nation are getting ready to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the United States of America in 1976.

With the individual awareness and pride of people like Howard Flieger, 1976 should be one heck of a year.

Scotticism

By Cathy Sulak

Nearly all of us, at one time or another, have been burdened with the unavoidable task of babysitting for members of the droopy-drawers set, although you generally feel more like a zoo keeper than a babysitter.

Quite often this job continues non-stop for what seems to be days on end. During these periods of torture, wise parents simply disappear, leaving you piled with loads of housekeeping on top of watching the little brats.

The day usually begins with a cheery greeting from a baggy-eyed Captain Kangaroo as you prepare breakfast for the crowd.

This takes almost an hour, during which you feel like a one-armed cook at a logging

camp.

Here you are faced with such agonizing decisions as: should you butter the toast before it gets cold or should you give Junior his bottle? But if you do that, the oatmeal will run over, and why is Jane still in the nude in her high chair? And what does Johnny mean when he demands two eggs—one fried and one poached?

Cleaning up takes another hour. Have you ever tried to scrape baby food from a toaster? You hope to find time to freshen up a bit, but there's a diaper to change, the beds to make, a washing to do, a diaper to change, the furniture to dust, the phone to answer, the garbage to empty, a diaper to change, noses to wipe, two fights to settle, a diaper to change—and to the day you die,

you'll never be able to figure out how those training pants got stuck in that tree.

You make it though, just in time to have to pull everything out again and prepare lunch.

Years of practice have taught you how to open cans without slicing an artery, so the soup-and-sandwich routine goes fairly smooth, except for an interruption by some survey nut who wants to know if you have dishpan hands.

The afternoon also has its share of disastrous interludes. To save garbage space, you stomp on a supposedly empty egg carton, only to find the egg you thought was in the cake you've just baked.

Next, Johnny locks himself in the bathroom and unrolls a roll of bathroom

tissue (which lasts about as long as a roll of film at Carlsbad Caverns).

There are also broken toys, skinned knees and rainbow-rimmed diapers, but these are minor problems.

By now it is time to set the table for dinner, and you are physically pooped.

If you were a wife and your husband barged in at this point with, "Hi, honey, I'm home," you could only stare out the window and mutter, "Big deal!"

Finally it is 10:30 p.m., and with everyone tucked in, you sit down for the first time today, prop your feet on the coffee table and pick up a magazine.

There it is, on page 12, in big, black letters: "Is Today's Babysitter Getting Too Soft?"

Students Express Opinions on Nixon, Republicans

How do students feel about the President? The following information is the result of a poll taken by the Highland Herald during the last 2 weeks concerning our President and his current situation.

Seventy-two per cent of the students surveyed disapprove of Nixon's over-all performance in office, although some of this percentage concede that he has made some positive contributions to our country.

Forty-six per cent believe that Nixon knew all about Watergate, while 44 per cent say he was only aware of the cover-up.

Students' votes were almost equally divided on the question of impeachment, with a two percent majority in favor of impeachment. However, 62 per cent were in favor of the President's resignation.

Fifty-six per cent voted for Nixon in the last election, but only 12 per cent would vote for him again.

In spite of the disfavor Nixon has gained for our present government, it has not seemed to prejudice the people against Republicans in general. Thirty-four per cent definitely would not vote for a

Republican candidate in the next presidential election.

Of the other 66 per cent, 28 per cent said "yes" to the possibility of voting Republican, while 38 per cent said it depends on the person chosen to run for the office of President, not on his party affiliation.

On the national level, according to the Gallup polls, opinion has shifted slightly in favor of the President on the issue of resignation, with 40 per cent of the

American population against his resigning compared to 42 per cent in favor.

On the question of removing the President from office through the process of impeachment, the current vote is 38 per cent in favor to 51 per cent opposed.

No one surveyed believed that he planned the Watergate bugging from the beginning, but 28 per cent believed that he had knowledge of the incident.

Thirty-four per cent believe that he had knowledge of the cover-up, while seven-teen per cent believed that he didn't.

Library has Music Tapes

The library is offering music on cassette tapes for student use in the library.

Students have about 20 selections to choose from. The list includes such hits as "Simon and Garfunkel's Greatest Hits," "Old Hits of the 50's" by The Platters, "In My Life" by Judy Collins, "The Singing Ranger" by Hank Snow, "The Double Six of Paris" by Ray Charles and "What is Jazz" by Leonard Bernstein.

Joffross also said that students can have

copies of these tapes made for their own use by furnishing blank tapes.

The idea of making these tapes available to students was given by Dr. Michael White, assistant director of Instructional Media.

Victor Joffross, director of library services, said that if there is enough demand, other tapes may be obtained. Students should make their requests to the library assistant, Mrs. Rebecca Donohue.

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Teacher's Pets

Instructor Owns Boa Constrictors

By Gail Windham

The snake, a symbol of evil since the beginning of time, is commonly regarded with horror and disgust.

John M. Donohue, English and French instructor, would like to change this concept of the snake.

He chose Francois and Etienne, his baby boa constrictors, as house pets because he wanted to have a pet different from anyone else.

"I wanted to fulfill a boyhood dream," Donohue said.

The snakes, originally from South America, were a Christmas present for Donohue. He brought them from St. Louis. During their trip home, they had to spend the night in a church with the snakes because of hazardous weather conditions.

"My wife wasn't too sold on the idea," Donohue said.

"Snakes are not the slimy, dangerous creatures people think they are," said Donohue. "Even my four-year-old son plays with them."

Donohue explained that the snakes, if tamed when they are young, will not try to crush people.

Boa constrictors do not bite. Donohue said that once the snakes were fighting over a mouse and he had to separate them. Neither snake tried to bite him.

"I have tried to get them to bite me," said Donohue. "They never have."

Boa constrictors kill their victims by squeezing them until the supply of oxygen is cut off. This is accomplished within a few seconds. They do not break any bones. The victim is swallowed whole and

completely digested.

Francois and Etienne are each fed one mouse per week. They can digest a whole mouse in two days; however, one mouse per week is sufficient to keep the snakes properly nourished.

Donohue is trying to raise his own mice to feed the snakes, since the price of one mouse is \$1. The only problem is getting too attached to the mice. One mouse is already a pet and will not be used for food.

Although Donohue keeps his snakes in a cage, they have their own room with the temperature set between 72-80 degrees to simulate their native South American climate. Donohue said that many exotic animals die because they don't have the right living conditions.

Both snakes are about two and one-fourth feet long and six inches in diameter. Although they will not grow as large in captivity as they would if left in the wild, they should reach a length of at least six feet, according to Donohue. In several years Francois and Etienne will reach maturity.

Donohue is raising his snakes strictly for observation purposes.

"I wanted to see if I could simulate tropical conditions well enough to keep the snakes alive for a long period of time," said Donohue.

Although Donohue is content with Francois and Etienne, he doesn't anticipate going into the snake business.

"I won't be raising any more snakes," said Donohue. "It's too difficult and expensive."

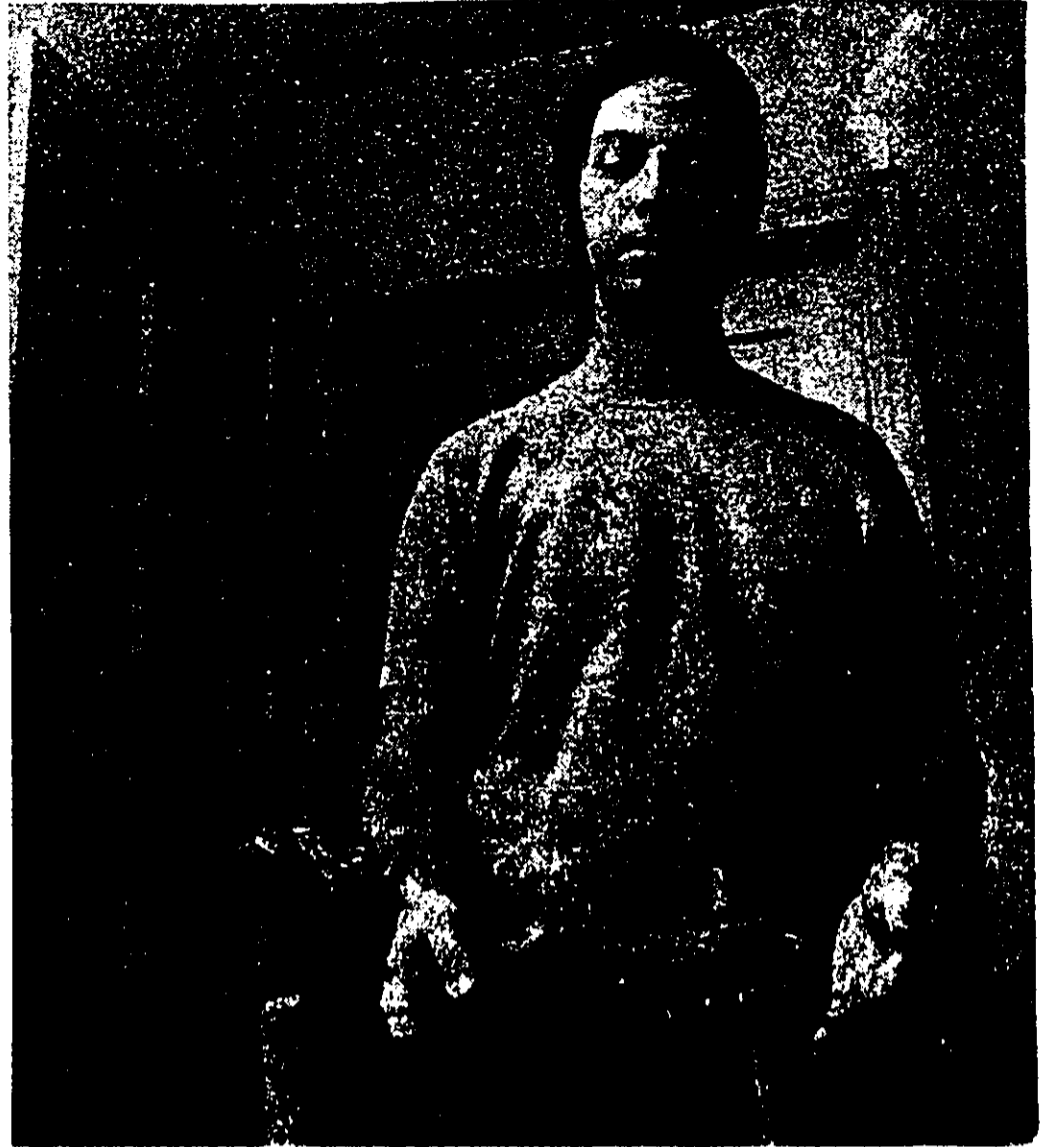


Photo by Rennie Marroquin

So harmless that a four-year-old can play with them, Francois and Etienne, South American boa constrictors, enliven the household of John Donohue, French and English instructor.

Pipeline

Former Student Shows Art

An exhibition of painting by former MCC student George Prater is on display in the Fine Arts Building through Thursday, March 7.

An artist-teacher at the Waco Creative Art Center, Prater's paintings have been shown in the Waco Regional and Waco Artists Shows during 1973 and the Oklahoma Art Center in Oklahoma City in 1972.

The Fine Arts building is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibition is open to the public.

Hall to Speak to Parents

Jimmy Hall, psychology instructor, will speak at a Parents Without Partners meeting at 8 p.m. tonight in the TP&L Building.

His topic will be "Parent-Child Relationships."

After his presentation he will answer questions concerning the healthy development of children in a one parent environment, communication with children, remarriage, spilling children and how a parent's dating affects children.

The session is open to the public.

Board Approves Field House

Plans for the construction of a field house near the new baseball field were approved by the Board of Trustees Feb. 12.

Also approved was the purchase of a \$2000 baseball batting cage.

The terms of Board members Thomas Mooney and Richard Garcia expire this year, and both members have filed for reelection to full six-year terms on the seven member board.

A trustee election is scheduled for April 6 to fill the two slots on the Board. The county-wide election will be conducted jointly by the Waco Independent School District and county schools.

Financial Vice-president Paul E. Gartner is supervisor of the election.

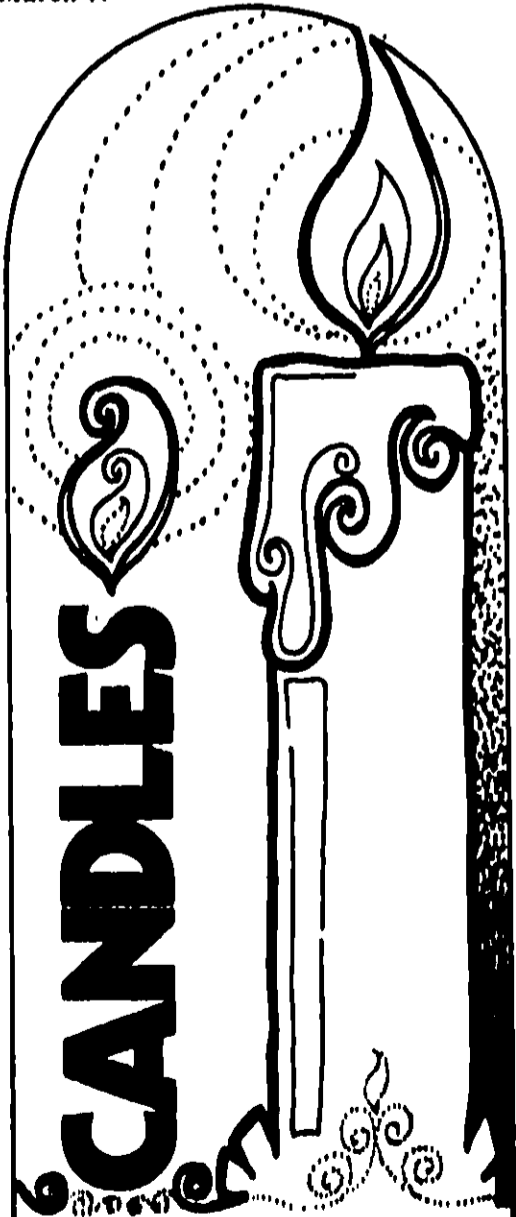
Colleges to Visit Campus

A representative from The American Technological University, an upper division private University at Killeen, will be on campus to talk to students in the data processing and business telecommunications areas at 10 a.m. Friday in the Applied Science Building, Room 101.

Representatives from Texas Lutheran University will be on campus at 10 a.m. Friday in the Student Center to talk to students interested in attending it.

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Highlanders Invited to Region V Tourney

The basketball team has accepted an invitation to play in its third consecutive Region V Basketball Tournament March 7-9 at Brownwood.

Other teams chosen were Howard County, Western Texas, Hill, Weatherford, Clarendon, Odessa and Amarillo.

MCC will play Clarendon in the first round at 9 p.m. March 7.

In other first round action March 7, Amarillo plays Odessa at 2 p.m., Western Texas meets Hill at 4 p.m. and Howard County vies against Weatherford at 7 p.m.

The Highlanders are the defending region and state champion.

Last year the team defeated Wharton in a best-of-three series for the Texas championship and then won the Region V Tournament.

This season, Texas will send two representatives to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, one of which will be the winner of the Region V Tournament in Brownwood.

The decision was announced Feb. 24 at a meeting of the region Committee in Abilene.

The Highlanders closed regular season play Feb. 21 trouncing the Grayson Junior College Vikings 80-69 in Sherman.

MCC finished Northern Texas Junior College conference competition in second place. Hill Junior College copped first place with a 116-82 victory over Weatherford. The Highlanders ended season play with a 22-9 record.

Booker led the Clan in scoring, hitting a career-high 30 points. Gay contributed 20, including 6 in a row during the last two minutes of the contest.

Don Tyson, who also gathered 13 points, led the squad in rebounding with 20. Booker had 15 carooms and joined Tyson, in dominating the boards.

The game began slowly with both teams committing numerous mistakes. Then the familiar team of Ralph Booker and Don Gay took command and the game was no contest.

The Vikings outscored MCC from the field 32-31, but the Highlanders won the battle at the charity stripe hitting 18-27 to Grayson's 5-12.



Don Gay and Ralph Booker

Photo by Ronnie Marroquin



The MCC golf team won the junior college division of the Southwestern Golf Tournament Saturday in Fort Worth with a team total of 607. Medalist honors went to Barron Sutton with a 148 total. Bob Ammon finished in fourth place with a 152 total. MCC made tournament history by tying the victors of the senior college division for the over-all low score.

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