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## College receives rave reviews

**Mandolin Shannon**  
Staff writer

The campus received a commendable review from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Every five years the college is evaluated during a site visit by the THECB. The site visit evaluates critical success factors on campus.

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These factors include how the college handles administration policies, how planners are working to achieve its mission through current programs and future plans.

Other factors considered are the academic and technical programs and student services.

The Director of Institutional

Effectiveness and Planning, Paul Illich, said the THECB looks for areas where programs could be improved. They make recommendations on how the college can make our programs meet expected standards.

Our Student Services department received an exemplary status rating.

Dean of Student Services, Lynn Abernathy, said the THECB evaluated the student services department on their ability to collaborate with other agencies, their human and financial resource programs and personnel qualifications.

Abernathy said receiving such a high rating was an honor for the department and for the

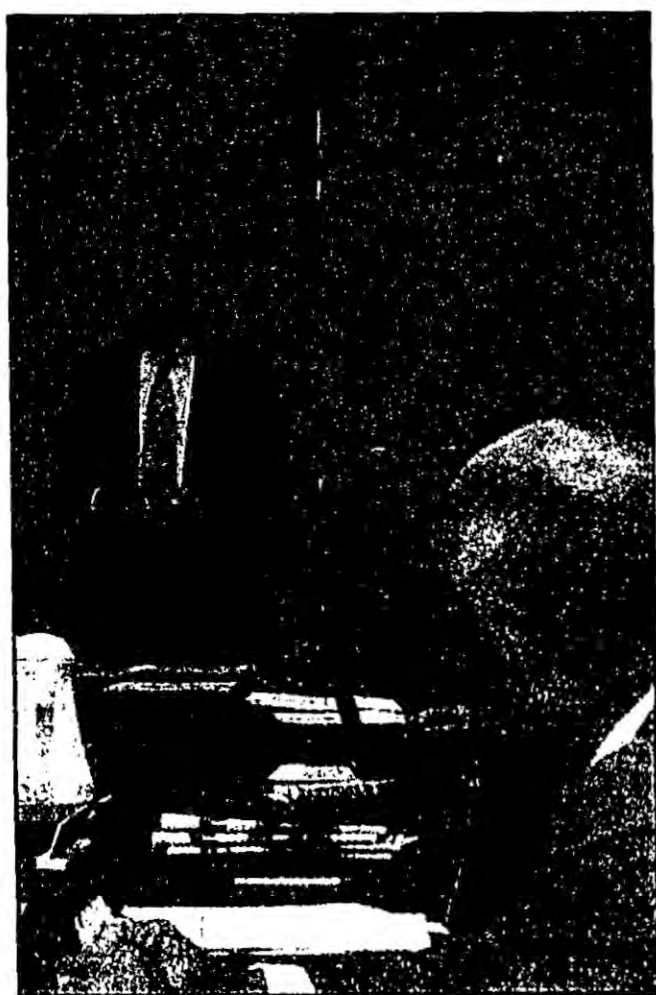
campus.

She said, "we are always trying to improve our student services. We enjoy hearing from the students" about things they feel should be improved and new services they feel we should offer.

Abernathy said student input is very valuable. "Every spring, a large sample of the student

body are given a survey" to evaluate the campus. "We use this information to improve student services."

The campus site visit gave MCC commendable and favorable recommendations in many areas on campus. Illich said overall the campus received a "very positive review from the THECB."



**Philip McCleery discusses changes made by the legislature during the last board meeting.**

## Trustees consider library move

**Jamie Jones**  
Editor

The board learned on Sept. 28 that students and staff will be inconvenienced by the relocation of the library.

The library will be moving to the Community Services Center (CSC), and most of the electronic and technological aspects will be moving to the Academic Success Center (ASC).

"There is no good, wonderful answer in relocating the library," said President Dennis Michaelis.

The open area in the CSC is being renovated in order to house the library. This area

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## Performing arts plays a hunch

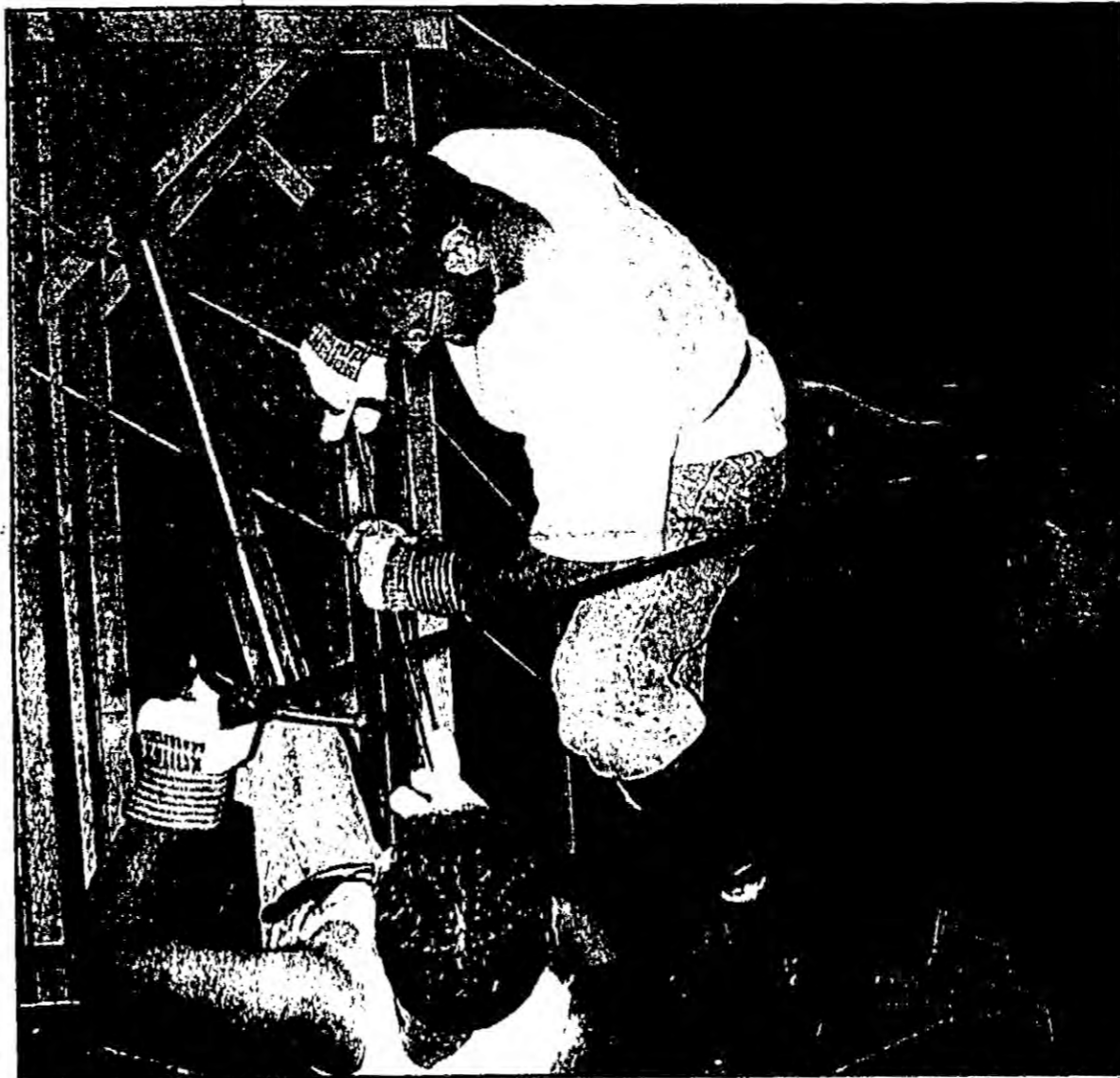
*Shakespeare's handicapped accessible drama opens this week*

**Dylan Newhouse**  
Staff writer

The MCC Performing Arts department is preparing to breathe new life into one of the Bard's centuries-old plays.

William Shakespeare's 'Richard III,' a classic tale full of unsavory-yet-entertaining plot elements such as betrayal, murder, and armed battle, will hit the stage in October. MCC's first production of the season, this epic features a very intricate story line and a menagerie of thirty-four characters.

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Digital Image by Marcos Garcia

**ABOVE- Chris Bordelon stabs Ian Hunt during a sword fight at Richard III rehearsals.**



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**LEFT- Michael Simpson, Richard III, looks on while Ian Hunt readles his sword for an upcoming battle**

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## Have an artsy day

*College will kick-off Arts Fest on Oct. 16*

**Marcos Garcia**  
Staff writer

Imagine walking through the campus and to your left, you find a plumber reciting poetry; to your right, you see a fountain full of sailboats; and dead ahead, you discover a 5,000 gallon block of jello.

No this isn't some strange dream. This was the scene two years ago as MCC held it's first annual Arts fest.

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## More enroll early

**Alvaro Watson**  
Staff writer

Enrollment increased 12 percent for the 1999 fall semester, according to unofficial figures, as 13.6 percent more MCC students registered early.

Early registration is part of a new strategy increase enrollment and solve scheduling

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**Look to the sports page, page 4, for faculty golf results and updates on men's and women's golf.**



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**The MCC trolley makes its appointed rounds**

## Parking problems...

# Trolley rides are free

**Jamie N. Jones**  
Editor

The college has contracted the trolley, from the city, to ease the burden of parking.

The trolley has been scheduled to run for the first eight weeks of this semester and the first eight weeks of the spring semester, a total of 16

weeks, and costs the school around \$14,000.

"We hope to do away with some of the stress of getting to classes," said Larry Radke, police chief.

The trolley runs every 15 minutes, rides are free, and the trolley has designated stops at the parking lot in front of Health Careers (HC), in front

of the Community Services Center (CSC) and in front of parking lot A.

The city takes a head count daily and between 60-100 people have been riding the trolley daily.

The trolley runs from 7:30 am and 12:30 p.m.; because a higher capacity of students

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## News Summaries

### College Tours

College Tours (Transfer Tours), are designed to take students to tour schools that they may be interested in attending.

The times and dates will be shown on the TV monitors in the class buildings. Sign up early for these tours, they are first come first serve. For any questions, call Katie Garrett at 299-8451.

### Ready to Learn

KCTF-34 and the Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center announce the opening of the "Ready to Learn Room." This resource room, located in the Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center, 815 Columbus, Waco, will be distribution site for educational material provided by KCTF-34, PBS, and specific PBS children's programs. There will be free literature, educational activity pamphlets and sheets, information about programming, and books available to parents, teachers, schools, and other educational entities.

### Sibling Classes

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center will be offering classes on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. for children awaiting a younger sibling. The class will not only teach children how to properly care for their new brother/sister, but will also show them how to bond with the new baby. Cost is \$10 per child and reservations are necessary. For further information call 202-4262.

### First-Time Parents

Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center will host "Baby's First Days", a workshop directed towards first time parents. Topics of the program include: how to properly bathe a newborn, keeping the baby safe at home, preparing for breastfeeding, and the advantages of breastfeeding. The class is offered at no charge and for further information call 202-4262.

## Registration

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problems, officials said.

Process names were changed to encourage more students to register early. Express Registration was changed to Registration and Traditional Registration was changed to Last Chance Registration.

Better course selection is available with early registration, officials said.

Statistics show that students who register late tend to have less success in their classes.

In comparison to last fall's

2 numbers, this year has been a success.

Last year students attending the registration process entered at 63 percent; this year it was 71 percent.

Telephone registration increased from 7 percent to 10 percent this year.

Last Chance Registration dropped from 30 percent to 19 percent, just what MCC staff said they were aiming for.

The school will make an official enrollment report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on November 1.

## Library

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will be enclosed.

Primary changes being made are new petitions, entrances for future doorways, a raceway around the walls and a sophisticated

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In addition, the CSC was going to be renovated anyway.

These renovations should be finished before the end of the year and the library will be moved before the spring semester.

The board has been evaluating proposals and bids for this project. The use of a construction company was decided.

The college will be using CSA in Temple but local companies should benefit from the project as well.

"We try to use local businesses whenever we can," Michaelis said.

Also, three new faculty members were introduced. They are Don Fisher, communications; Cynthia McAdams, nursing; and Rush Hathi, computer information systems.

As well, the college attorney, Philip McCleery, discussed changes in the legislature.

One major change is that of the Open Meetings Act. Boards are no longer allowed to go into executive session.

"The effect of this change on MCC is minimal since that provision of the Open Meetings Act was not used extensively at MCC board meetings," Michaelis said.

Another change is that land being sold to departments of higher education can be sold at less than market value.

The next board meeting will be Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in Academic and Classroom building.

## ΦΘΚ election, induction set

Holly Clow  
Staff writer

Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for two-year colleges, will induct new members Oct. 13.

It is similar to the National Honor Society in high school.

It is the sister organization to Phi Beta Kappa, which is the Honor Society at senior colleges.

Students must earn a 3.5 GPA, and be enrolled six hours each long semester.

Students must be also pursuing an A.A., A.A.A., or university transfer degree, no certificate programs.

Students who meet criteria, will be sent a letter of invitation to join and a new member orientation session.

Phi Theta Kappa had a potluck supper on Sept. 9.

New officers from the Oct. 6 election will be inducted during an Oct. 13 ceremony.

Questions should be directed to Amberdawn M. Moore, Student Activities Specialist at 299-8465, or English instructor Jennifer Black, co-advisor of Phi Theta Kappa.

Students can also log on to [www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org), or [www.txp.org](http://www.txp.org) to get more information.



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Mickey Reyes keyboards in a message.

## Message board TV system seeks to inform students

Marcos Garcia  
Staff writer

In Spring of 1999, the Message Board program started a new way of informing students.

Margaret Sanders, director of public information, asked students if there was any way to improve MCC. One student suggested that they have a system to convey information to evening students.

Multi-Media Production Designer Tommy McGee agreed and relayed this to the Board of Directors. Soon enough, the new Message Board program

took form.

The program transmits information on televisions which are set throughout the campus.

Information is rounded up and Mickey Reyes, Desktop Publishing Technician, who creates the Powerpoint presentations. But MCC is still looking for ways to improve. Call Danny Uptmore, Executive Director, at 299-8606 with any suggestions.

## Trolley

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dents are attending school during these hours.

Also, if a student receives a parking fine, he can get a ticket to ride the trolley. The trolley driver will stamp the ticket. This must be done for five consecutive days.

The student then takes his ticket to the business office to have it validated and the fine will be abolished. For more information, contact the campus police at 299-8844.

## Campus Calendar

Oct. 6-9

Richard III

Oct. 6

10:20-11:15, PASS Workshop, HPE 200

Quick TASP

Oct. 7

PASS Workshop, HPE 200, 4-4:55

Workstudy payday

Oct. 8-16

HOT Fair and Rodeo

Oct. 9

SAT administered in Lecture Hall

Oct. 13

Phi Theta Kappa Inductions, 6-7:30

10:20-11:15, PASS Workshop, HPE 200

Oct. 14

PASS Workshop, HPE 200, 4-4:55

Oct. 18

HOT College Night, Ferrell Center

Oct. 19

Faculty Council, 2:15, Highlander

Mid-Tex College Night at Bell County Expo Center

Oct. 20

10:20-11:15, PASS Workshop, HPE 200

Quick TASP

Oct. 21

PASS Workshop, HPE 200, 4-4:55

Oct. 23

ACT Test

Oct. 27

Board of Trustees meeting, 7:00

## French club elects officers for '99-2000

Crissy Priest  
Staff writer

The French Club had elections Sept. 17 to determine officers.

Melissa Jones won Presidency and Andrea Lang will be filling the positions of Vice President and Secretary.

The club has been established for five years and is open to any person who is interested in the French culture and improved relations between the United States and France.

The French Club will be very active throughout the

year, according to club sponsor Linda Reichenbach.

One upcoming event is the French Games, Oct. 8, which includes Pétanque (lawn bowling) and a bread and cheese picnic.

The cafeteria will celebrate Halloween Oct. 29. The French Club will sell crepes (french pancakes).

And in the Spring, Reichenbach will be taking the club to the Dallas opera.

"I am really excited about the club being so active and look forward to the many upcoming events," she said.

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## Editorial

### Are we really safe?

By now, everyone has heard about the recent tragedy that occurred in Fort Worth. Things like this happen a lot, but a person is never really bothered by it until they are the victim, or someone they know is a victim.

It seems that no matter where you are or who you are, something terrible can happen to you. Word is running rampant across America that the millennium is upon us. Some emphasize the excitement we should feel about it, others say we should be prepared. The reality behind the hype is, that everyone should be concerned, not about food supplies or computer crashes, but about our fellow man.

Even though America has come a long way, people have managed to mar it's advancements with their evil doings. As time passes, people have gotten worse, therefore causing the actions of man to be feared more than that of any natural disaster or disease.

When a newsflash across the TV screen reports a robbery or a murder, it doesn't seem to surprise anyone. It's pretty sad to see that the world has come to this point. Instead of being aware that just about anyone out there could go postal at any minute, people are worrying about what's in style for next year.

Yes, the year 2000 is upon us, but do we really have anything to look forward to?

From the President ...

## Should MCC Offer Student Housing?

We are almost a month into the fall semester and I trust that every MCC student is settling into his or her new routine of studying hard and that a lot of "serious learning" is happening. If you've been near the CSC lately, you probably know that things are far from routine on campus as we prepare to move the Library into that facility during the construction of the Learning Technology Center.

McLennan Community College is poised to undergo the most significant change to our campus since the early '70s. With all the improvements slated for our campus, one of the questions I hear most often is, "Why doesn't MCC offer student housing?"

It's a valid question and one that is certainly open to discussion. On one hand, MCC is privileged to own 200 acres of some of the most scenic land in McLennan County, so there is ample room for housing.

The average age of our students is dropping: from 28 in the fall semester '93 to 26 in the fall semester '98. This means there are more young students who are unlikely to own a home and might need to take advantage of college housing if it were available. Additionally, MCC has built a reputation for excellence in instruction, facilities, and hands-on technical training. Some of our academic and athletic programs are ranked among the best in the country. So, it's only natural that students from places outside McLennan County might want to attend our college. If MCC is to attract these students, they will need places to live.

A strong case can be made for the addition of campus housing. While our mission at MCC has been and always will be to serve the people of McLennan County, we recognize the value of bringing in students from outside our immediate area and encourage statewide and national recruitment.

Campus housing also would benefit the college in that it would create a demand for more student activities and organizations.

Just as there are good reasons to build campus housing, there are good reasons not to do so. Cost, for one. Student housing is expensive to build and would require the issuance of revenue bonds that would be guaranteed by income from the rentals of the apartments. That approach to funding is a possibility but carries with it a certain amount of risk. The other primary option would be to allow a private investor to build apartments with a long-term lease agreement with the college.

That, too, is a possibility.

Resident students on our campus would dramatically change the face of what was designed to be a commuter college. They would create heavier demand on resources such as campus police, food service, and utilities. We also must consider the future of education: with the technology available to us, the community college student of tomorrow may not even need to physically come to campus. That statement is not a conclusion, but it is a point to consider.

All the arguments, both for campus housing and against, are compelling. The administration has been investigating this option for some time, and we welcome comments from students, faculty, and staff. Please direct your feedback to Kim Harrison, Director of Community relations, at 299-8640 or e-mail at kah@mcc.cc.tx.us. Thank you for your ideas.

# For love or money?

## Are our materialistic values getting in the way?

Jamie N. Jones  
Editor

Two Christmas' ago, my sister got kicked out of a store for fighting with another customer. The fight was over a toy she wanted to purchase for her daughter. The toy was the last one like it in the store and it could be found nowhere else. My sister lost the fight and went home depressed because she could not give her daughter what she wanted.

One week before Christmas, my sister heard about an auction where this toy would be up for grabs. She went and bided up to \$1000 for the toy. She lost there too.

Needless to say, my niece did not get everything she wanted for Christmas; although, she was

not upset.

On the contrary, my sister was really the only one who cared.

She let the complexity of the holiday season take over.

I told her she needed to get over it and live her life more simply.

People should not let things like getting a child the most awesome toy on Christmas run their lives, and it is ridiculous to let society tell us how to and how not to live our lives.

For a bit of relief, many Americans are participating in a new movement that is entitled voluntary simplicity.

This movement stands for living as simply as possible. It has nothing to do with frugality (being cheap).

On the contrary, this movement is based on the joy of relationships and not the burden of materialism.

Yes, people are actually cashing in and moving to the country (so to speak).

The whole idea of having to work 40+ hours a week, hosting dinner parties for potential clients or whatever career burdens take up time in our lives is ridiculous.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to work at our own paces and spend the better part of our days doing the things we really enjoy?

I can not think of one reason that holds any of us back from living our lives this way.

We are all just stuck on the idea that we have to be rich and

prosperous to be successful.

Honestly, we can be successful without striving to be workaholics or killing ourselves to give the children in our lives everything they want.

The love of our family and friends, believing in ourselves, reaching our own level of spirituality and simply being happy in our own terms is what makes us successful.

We could live our lives as simply as we wanted and still have all these things.

I am not saying sell everything, cut all losses and become a hobo; on the contrary, I am saying do what can be done to make life as easy as possible for the one person that counts. YOU!

# Survival of the smartest

Julian L. Ramon  
Managing editor

As far back as we can remember, people have put so much time and money into rescuing and protecting animals.

If you've ever flipped through TV channels and seen a guy fighting to get a huge alligator in a man-made, fancy-looking habitat, you shouldn't be too impressed.

What you've just witnessed is a perfect example of human idiocy. Why a man would literally risk his life to help an animal that would ravage him in a heartbeat is beyond me. If people aren't fussing about animals being hunted, they're worrying about animals having a place to live. And when they're not doing that, they're whining about the extinction of animals. At the same time, these people are scarfing down hot dogs and hamburgers.

I've never seen an animal rights activist pushing for a "save the cow" charity benefit. What makes one animal better than another? Not to say that all animals are useless, but let's face it, the world has bigger problems.



If a hunter chooses to kill deer, whether it be for the sport or for his supper, let him. If an animal goes extinct, then so be it.

And why worry if an animal's home catches fire, or is destroyed by a natural disaster? Animals aren't stupid. They can find other places to live on their own. The most irritating thing is hearing someone say "How would you like it if someone hunted you?" or, "What if your home burned down?"

You can't possibly compare human life with animals. Let's

face it, animals didn't make this world we live in, humans did. No one has ever been really clear on how a giant panda can benefit man. I know I don't need a blue whale or a koala bear to get me through the day. The only animal you really need is that big dog in your yard that protects your home from intruders, and even then, dogs are a dime-a-dozen.

If someone has the time to sit and worry about animals that serve no purpose, then that's their business. But when people start trying to protest, and force their ideas upon

people that aren't trying to play Ghandi, it becomes wrong.

I love animals just as much as the next person, but I'm not going to try to stop animal testing or fight to put an end to hunting. There's just too many other issues that are much more important. When we're going through pain and suffering, no animal is going to help us out.

So let's spend more time making sure that our useful animals are the ones that don't run out. God bless all the cows, chickens, and pigs of the world, because they're the ones that fill our bellies when we're hungry. Let them reproduce like crazy, so we'll never starve. Who knows what the world would be like with a bunch of vegetarians running around. God bless all our housepets, because they protect and add character to our homes.

It seems that people have forgotten the importance of human life, and care more about those of animals. Animals are not our equals, but merely a compliment to our lives. Yes, animals deserve to live, but we must ask ourselves, "What has this animal done for me lately?"

## Green scene

# Take the lead in local eco-issues

Mandolin Shannon  
Staff writer

My recent involvement with local city government has shown me how effective one voice can be in a sea of many. I was actively involved in the controversial public debate concerning the construction of a Mini Indy Grand Prix amusement park along the banks of the Brazos River, near the MCC campus.

Two opposing groups gathered at last month's Waco City council meeting. The Mini Indy had applied for a special permit, which they needed to build at the proposed site.

A diverse group of local citizens formed the Brazos River Conservation Coalition (BRCC) to oppose this special permit. I sided with the newly formed BRCC. I attended the city council meeting on September 21st to voice my concerns regarding the proposal.

Rhetoric had been going on since early spring between the opposing sides. It wasn't that those opposing the Mini Indy were against all development or held a personal grudge for those on the "other side".

We could all agree that the Waco area is in need of more entertainment options. However, those opposing unanimously felt this

type of development should be located in a heavy use, commercial area of town.

This issue was the first taste many people had in dealing with local politics. City Council members expressed gratitude to everyone who became involved with either side of this hot topic. City Councilman, Laurence Johnson said he felt that his decision to vote to oppose the special permit was largely influenced by his constituents. Johnson said that as he was "listening" to the people who were voicing their concerns about this issue he began to "hear" what they were saying.

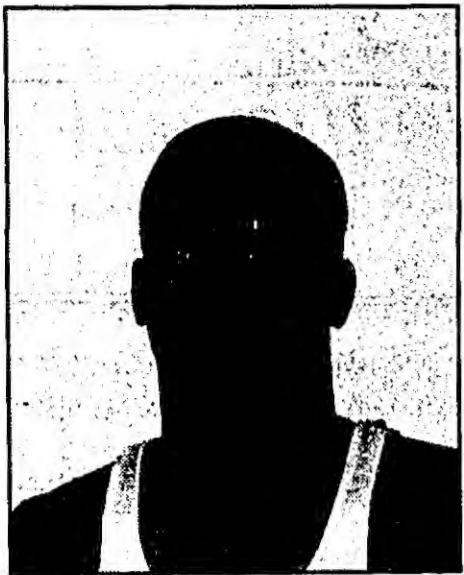
The special permit was not granted. It was rejected by a 6-0 vote. The next step for the BRCC will be to continue working with city planners to insure that the historical value of the Brazos River Corridor is considered during its development. This experience has been a wonderful lesson in the age old saying that, "if the people will lead the leaders will follow."

Students should get involved in issues they feel strongly about. Your personal involvement could be the deciding factor in an issue that will shape your environment today and into the future.

Don't wait for "someone to do something" about the issue. You should be that someone.

Stand up and let your voice be counted.

## The 1999-2000 Basketball Highlanders and Highlassies



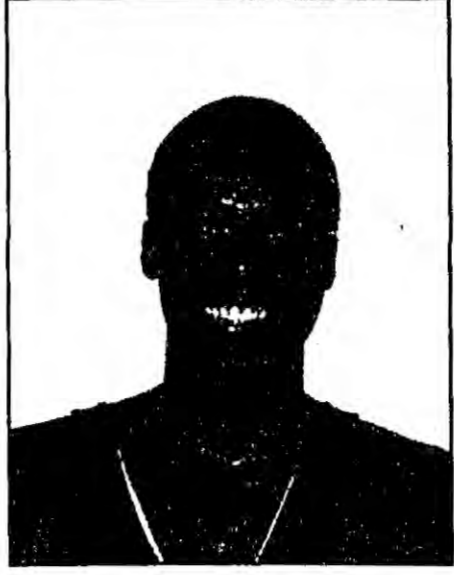
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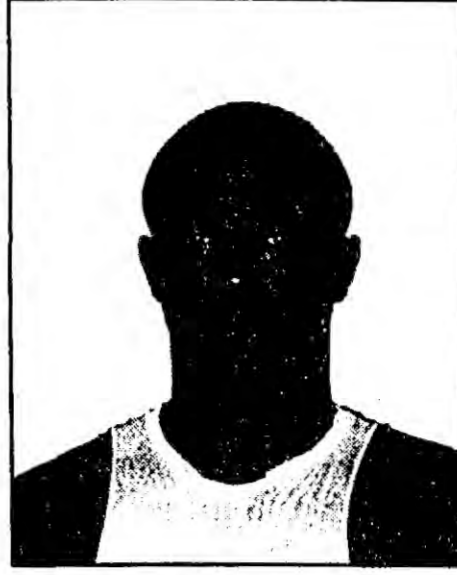
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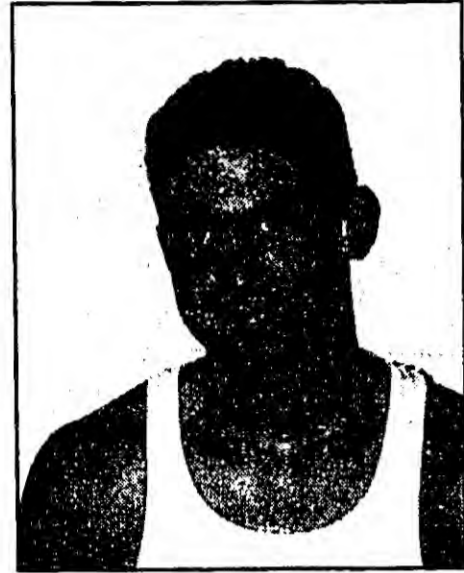
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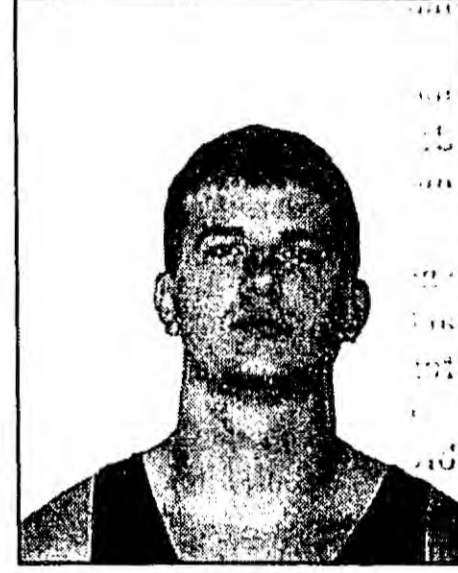
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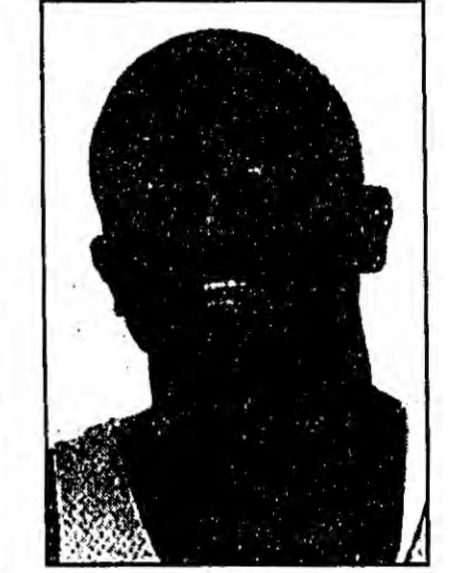
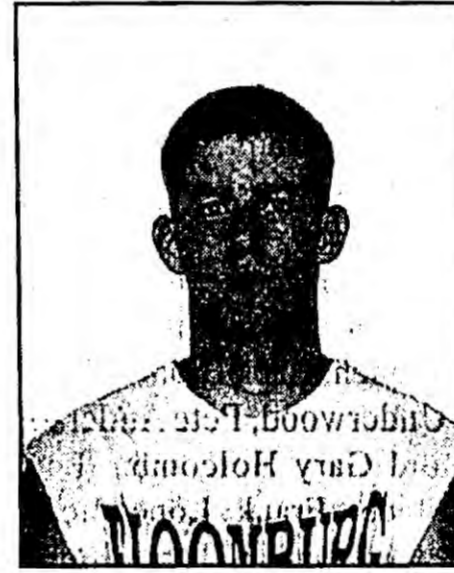
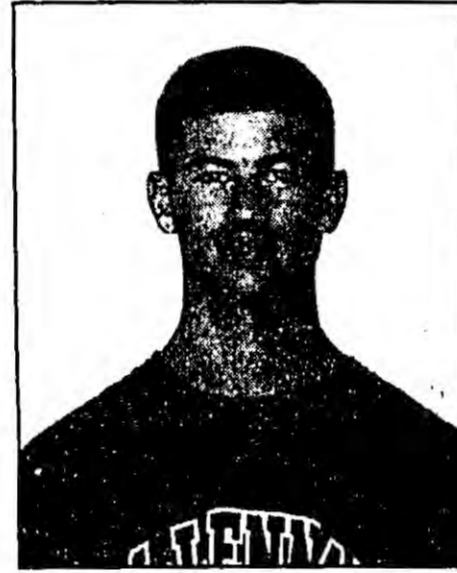


Jason Russell



Justin Boeker

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Manager Troy Solley  
Marcus Simmons  
Kevin Mitchell



Head Coach Ricky Rhodes



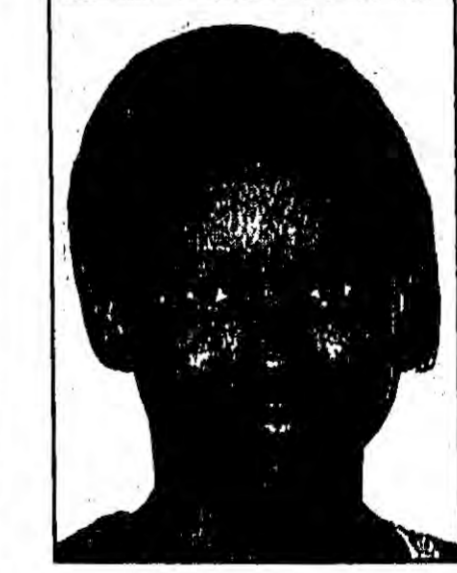
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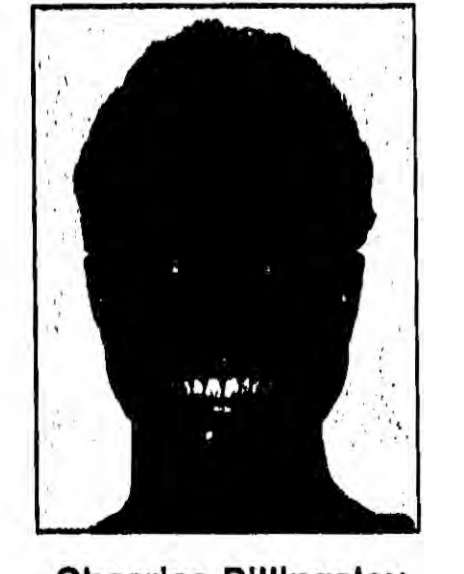
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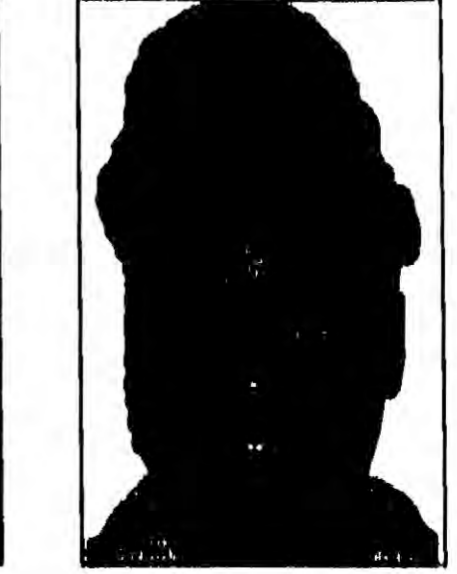
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Asst. Coach Shawn Trochim

## Annual golf tournament benefits athletic program

Lindsey Hayworth  
Sports Editor

The 12th annual MCC golf tournament swung into action this past weekend at Lake Waco Country Club.

The MCC Foundation Managers and the athletic department started this tournament twelve years ago.

Wendell Hudson coordinates and oversees the students and faculty management of the tournament.

58 teams showed up to show off their golf skills and at the same time raise money for the athletic program here.

Last year the tournament brought in over \$14,000.

Our school used this money to fix the baseball complex and to renovated the Highlands' foyer and dressing rooms.

The biggest sponsor, or platinum sponsor, is the Educators Credit Union.

This year the estimated amount of money to be raised is \$15,000.

This will also go towards our school's athletic department.

The athletes will be helping out at the tournament. They will spot balls, and provide any help that the golfers may need.

MCC has several faculty members and staff actually



Digital Image by Lindsey Hayworth

**Summer Jones, Cloddy Williams, Teresa Lopez and Belinda Hudson work tournament prizes Oct. 1 at the 12th Annual MCC Benefit Golf Tournament.**

playing in the tournament. These players include: Dennis Michaelis, Mike Seawright, Paul Illich, Anida Peden, Rayburn Taylor, Bob Ammon, Henry Apperson, David Hurtado, Vincent Clark, Herman Tucker, Dale Hughes, Buddy Powell, Bob Ford, Winford Watkins, Jerry Jordan, Jimmy King, and Bobby Williams.

Trophies were given to the top four finishing teams.

First place went to the

Heather Run team consisting of Terry Stephenson, John Lanham, Bob Graham and Chris Kolouvatos. Second place: Anco team; Chad Lewis, Jason Felps, and Brad Dixon. Third place: Hack Branch; Hack Branch, David Underwood, Pete Anderson, and Gary Holcomb. Fourth place: Frank Lopez team; Frank Lopez, Terry Bohde, Joe Mendoza, and Danny Martinez.

Other prizes given away

were in contest format.

Dick Mueller won a car for the weekend from Roundtree Olds-Cadillac-Mitsubishi, for getting his ball closest to the pin on the 8th hole.

On the 9th hole Brad Gilbert won a prize for the longest putt, and Jeff Hughes had the longest drive on hole 18 to also win a prize.

A raffle took place and door prizes were given out to the names drawn. Prizes ranged from certificates to different items such as hats and mugs.

A silent auction was also held wherein players could bid on valuable sports memorabilia such as sports paraphernalia signed by famous athletes.

Dr. Michaelis, Wendell Hudson, and Danny Uptmore would like to give a special thanks to the following for helping out at the tournament, Rick Butler, Kim Harrison, Teresa Lopez, Rose DeLeon, John Redrick, Cloddy Williams, Summer Jones, Denise Linch, and Belinda Hudson. For information concerning next year's tournament contact Wendell Hudson. Those interested in playing in the tournament next year should sign up in early September.

Bring it on . . .

## Sosa vs. McGwire

Lindsey Hayworth  
Sports Editor

First I would like to put Sammy Sosa fans at ease.

He has now become the first player in history to hit 60+ homeruns in back-to-back seasons. Rumor had it that Sosa was a "one hit wonder". Okay all you McGwire fans, in your face. The preconceived notion that Sosa was, and is not a power hitter should be erased from memory.

Last season he not only went head to head with McGwire, but he has now surpassed all expectations. I'm not saying that McGwire was just a fluke, but Sosa gets my vote every time.

Last season the Cardinals were not in contention for the playoffs. Meaning McGwire had more time to devote to himself. Sosa on the other hand, helped lead the Cubs into a long-awaited winning season.

This year the roles have now reversed, but unlike McGwire, Sosa still takes one for the team whenever needed.

Fans often see McGwire as the All-American Boy, and put Sosa in the shadows. Why you ask? Some may say that he is not a true American. What's more American than a major league baseball player. We all have heard the infamous quote from Sosa, "Baseball has been good to me." Nothing is more American in my eyes.

You might have seen out takes of McGwire holding his son in celebration, after a homerun. Okay I will give him credit for being such a good father. What child wouldn't appreciate a hug from Mark McGwire?

Does this make him more of an American than Sosa? Sosa has always had a kindred spirit, in and out of the spotlight. You can't say the same for McGwire.

I have witnessed on several occasions the "real" McGwire, before his celebrity status set in.

He no more cared about the fans or other team players than Clinton's love for Monica Lewinsky

Throughout the season, his influence is appreciated by many fans whether they realize it or not. If not for Sosa and his pure enjoyment and love of the game, the so-called "Race to 62" last season would not have been seen as a friendly competition between players.

Sosa, in my eyes doesn't get enough credit. Maybe now that he finally set a record "people" will start to acknowledge his efforts and playing skills.

## Golf swings into action at MCC

Lindsey Hayworth  
Sports Editor

The men's golf team's first showing resulted in an eleventh place tie.

The first day of the tournament served as a practice day, the men warmed-up to get a feel for the course.

Despite Saturday's rain, the team finished in seventh place with Clint Sherman leading the pack.

"We're going to be good,"

said Stan Mitchell, golf coach. Sherman posted a 34 on the front nine and a 37 on the back nine. With a total score of 71, He finished one under par.

The rest of the team fared well seeing how some of them hadn't set foot on the fairways before

The team's overall score on Saturday was 299.

The team posted a 307 on Sunday, giving them a 606 overall.

Midland took home a first

place win with a total score of 572.

The tournament was held in Paris, TX., over the weekend of Sept. 10-12.

The 2nd showing resulted in an 8th place tie.

Chris Ohrn came out head of the pack with 72-73; 145

The overall team score 288-297; 585

Midland took home first with a 548.

The first showing for the women's golf team resulted in a 3rd place finish.

The tournament was played in Abilene, TX and hosted by Hardin-Simmons University, on Sept. 13-14.

Casey Williams was the showcase player, placing 5th overall with a 77 on the first day and a 79 on the latter. Her overall score was a 156.

The girls team is ranked nationally in the top 20.

In Oregon last weekend the

girls placed 7th overall, again Casey Williams was the standout player with a 78- 81, and 159 overall.

The other girls had a good showing: Susanna Helmersen; 87-78; 165, Rebekah Martin; 87-81; 168, Kandace Burnett; 79-90; 169, and Katherine Cavanaugh; 79-90; 169.

University of California took home the win.

"Not only are our girls sports oriented they are also academically inclined" said coach Mitchell.

The girls team is ranked very high in the nation academically as well.

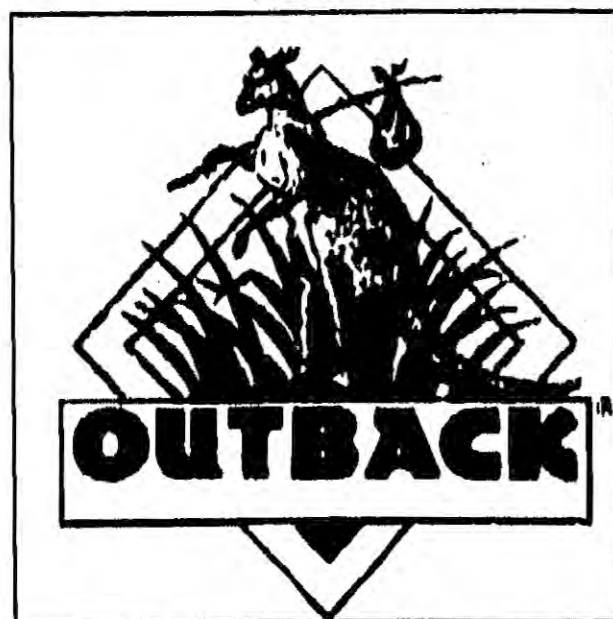
**RIGHT - Garry Amtunes takes a practice putt at Lake Waco Country Club.**



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In the October  
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## OPTIONS offers a quality education in a non-traditional setting

**Andrea Tabor**  
Staff writer

Chris Burch, a high school student, was failing his classes and did not feel like he fit in or was getting the attention he needed from teachers. He was given the choice of home school or go to OPTIONS.

He decided to give OPTIONS a try.

"OPTIONS has provided me an opportunity to excel in my course work and focus my attention on things pertinent to my future," said Chris Burch.

Opportunity Program To Initiate Optimum Needs Satisfaction (OPTIONS) is a self-paced program in which teachers and college tutors assist students on a one to one basis.

"OPTIONS is here to give students an opportunity to grow in an environment that is suitable to meet their needs," said Jeff Talbert, Lead Aide.

Students receive the same quality education that they would receive at a regular high school. They learn straight out



Digital image by Lindsey Hatworth

of the same texts covering the same information. When the course work is completed, they receive a high school diploma and have the option of participating in the graduation ceremony with the rest of their class.

OPTIONS is located on campus in the Community Service Center (CSC), creating a smooth transition for the students to come to MCC after graduation. The students are

considered MCC students with MCC IDs and have access to the same facilities as college students.

Several misconceptions about OPTIONS are that it is a punishment or disciplinary program for "bad kids". Walk into the classroom, one can see self-disciplined, motivated students hard at work.

OPTIONS raises the standards. No talking or sleeping allowed and students must have

**LEFT- Robert Wilson works at a computer in OPTIONS**

**Right- Jennifer Walker tutors student, Jennifer Hoff, during a class session**



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learning in a standard high school classroom the chance to get an education.

The success rate of OPTIONS is very high. Most students leave with a high school diploma or G.E.D. If the students are not self-motivated and cannot meet the requirements, they are sent back to their regular high school.

The program is sponsored by La Vega I.S.D. and is supported by MCC, Waco, Robinson and

Midway. School districts participating in this program are La Vega, Robinson, Bosqueville, China Spring, Connally, Crawford, Lorena, McGregor, Midway, Waco, Valley Mills, West, and Riesel.

If a student does not meet the 20 hours a week attendance requirement, he must complete 40 hours of community service in order to return to OPTIONS. If this is not done, he will be sent to his regular high school.

### Student discounts are given

**Jacqueline Harvey**  
Staff writer

College is expensive. Tuition, books, supplies; they can all put a strain on your wallet.

The college realizing these financial burdens, is rewarding discounts to students.

Besides federal financial aid and scholarships, MCC has developed many ways to help students manage ease the strain on their finances.

Career Services offer free personal counseling, support groups, budget planning, and stress management programs, and even funds to assist with childcare and/or transportation.

The Office of Student Activities offer free admission to

films, and PASS workshops that teach students tips such as "Listening and Note Taking Skills," and other useful information.

The Academic Success Center, provides students with free e-mail addresses and internet that they can access from home. And, the bookstore offers coupons for free Taco Bell and discounts on magazine subscriptions.

Student Support Services, locate don the third floor of the Student Center offer students One on One & Group Tutorial Services. They offer personal and academic advising, study skills information, disability services, college tours and many other services.

### SGA held fall elections, officers were appointed

**Jacqueline Harvey**  
Staff writer

The Student Government Association fall election was held Sept. 29 and 30 in the Student Center.

The following remain open: treasurer, historian, freshman representative, and sophomore representative. These vacancies may be filled by presidential appointment with the

**"Although the field of candidates is small, I am still very excited about this group of student leaders. I have had the pleasure of working with most of them in the past and know that they will represent their peers well."**

Students, who were required to show MCC ID's to vote, chose the following candidates. (All ran unopposed.)

Jennifer Diggs will assume the office of president. Diggs has served in the Student Government previously as a freshman representative.

Dhwipa Patel will take the office of vice-president. Patel is also the vice-president of the International Club, and has served for two semesters in the SGA.

Parita Patel, who has also served two terms, was elected secretary.

Incumbent Linn Kuo will retain her position as public relations officer.

Amy Waits and Jane Zacharias were both elected as freshman representatives.

consent of the assembly.

SGA advisor Amberdown Moore is excited about the new members.

"Although the field of candidates is small, I am still very excited about this group of student leaders. I have had the pleasure of working with most of them in the past and know that they will represent their peers well."

The members will be sworn in at the first official meeting held at 2:00 pm, tomorrow in AC Room 205. All subsequent SGA meetings will be held every Thursday in AC 205.

Coming soon:  
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**ChorusMaster Donald C. Balmos puts friends of 'Carmen' through their vocal paces during Waco Lyric Opera rehearsals.**

### Students, staff key to WLO opener

Waco's professional opera company, The Waco Lyric Opera, opened its second season with two performances of George Bizet's "Carmen" on September 16 and 18.

The MCC Fine Arts

Department played an important role in this production with the following faculty and students participating:

**Fine Art Director, Donald C. Balmos, ChorusMaster.**

**Theatre Instructor, Tim Poertned, Stage Manager.**

**Music Instructor, Lise Uhl, Diction Coach and Chorus Member.**

**Music Instructor, Karen Albrecht, Chorus Member.**

**Music Instructor, Goerge McTyre, Chus Member.**  
**Music Instructor, Ed-Powell, Trumpet in the Pit Orchestra**  
**Music Instructor, Gail-Wade, Chorus Pianist.**  
**Music Instructor, Andrew-Hudson, Production Pianist.**  
**Liberal Arts Director, Cindy Sorelle, Board Member.**  
**Commercial Music Program Direct, David, Hibbard, Board Member and President-Elect.**

Current MCC students who participated in the Chorus include:

**Sarah Collins**  
**Samuel Che**  
**Amanda Totty**

Former MCC students and/or Waco civic Chorus members in the Chorus include:

**Susan Anderson**  
**Helenmarie DeLeon**  
**Nathan Erwin**  
**Lucy Glekzin**  
**Sue Jennings**  
**Rollin Khoury**  
**Darrell Slette**

### New health information technology instructor has practical experience

**Janet Stehling**

The first in a series of new faculty members is highlighted in this issue of the Highland Herald.

Janet Stehling, 37, is the new Health Information Technology Instructor.

She and her husband, Nathan, have two daughters, Kristen age 14, and Morgan age 9, who attend Lorena Schools.

Stehling received her Bachelor of Science degree from the Medical Record Administration in 1983 at the Incarnate Word College (Incarnate Word

University) San Antonio, TX.

She has 15 years experience in the Health Information Management field, most of which has been spent in the Waco area at Providence Hospital, West Community Hospital, and Hillcrest Baptist medical Center, from which she came to MCC.

Two awards she received are the Hillcrest Hero Award and

the Outstanding Student Award at the Incarnate Word University.

"This is my first year teaching, and it has been a fun experience," said Stehling.

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## College bands to play at HOT Fair & Rodeo

**Jennifer Holomek**  
Staff writer

With the Heart Of Texas Fair and Rodeo approaching, MCC students and faculty are preparing for the festivities.

The college will provide an information booth in the General Exhibits Building every night of the fair. Times will be Monday through Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

The booth will provide information on everything ranging from registration to financial assistance. David Hurtado said, "We are basically picking up the information desk at MCC and moving it to the General Exhibits Building."

Members of faculty, recruitment staff, and students at MCC will man the booth.

The MCC Dance Co. will be dancing their way across the Pepsi Stage at the HOT Fair and Rodeo this year with a variety show which will consist of eight dance routines. "These

routines," Sandy Hinton said, "are very upbeat, and we are excited about performing them."

They will be on stage Saturday, October 9th and Monday, October 11th at 8:30 p.m. They will also be in the HOT parade the morning of the 9th, which begins at 10 a.m. on Bosque Blvd.

"We are very excited about the HOT Fair and Rodeo performance," said Lindsey Davis, Captain of the MCC Dance Co. Sarah Salinas, Lieutenant, also went on to say that, "it will be a busy week for us, but we are excited." The MCC Dance Co. has a performance at the State Fair on October 14th.

Several of the bands at MCC will also be performing at the fair.

Performances will begin Monday, October 11th and run through Thursday, October 14th. All performances will start at 6 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. on the Allen Samuels

### Look for MCC bands at the HOT Fair

Family Stage.

On Monday Country will lead off followed by the Electric Guitar Ensemble and close with Country. Tuesday it will be the Rock band all night and on Wednesday starting with the Jazz band and going on to the Vocal Jazz and closing with the Tejano band. On the last night of performances, Thursday, Contemporary Christian Music and closing with Country.

tor, Commercial Music Programs, and Mrs. Hinton, Dance Co. Director, both said, "This will be our 24th year to perform at the HOT Fair and Rodeo." They both seemed pleased to be able to say that.

This year the fair will be held October 8 through October 16. Admission for the fair and

rodeo (includes balcony seats for rodeo) is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages three to 12 and free for children up to two years old.

Box seat rodeo tickets are \$10, regardless of age. Parking is \$2.

Discount admission tickets (\$2 off adult and child ticket) and FUNPASS (\$34.50 each and allows visitors free admission and midway rides all nine days) are available (while supplies last) until Saturday, October 8th at the greater Waco Tetco/Mobil stores.

There will be plenty of attractions at the fair for persons of all age groups to enjoy.

This year's feature band will be Mark Chesnutt and Robert Earl Keen. They will be performing in the HOT Coliseum on Friday, October 8th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 (advance) reserve ticket (includes fair and rodeo admission).

Other bands that will be performing are as follows.

Stage	Band	Time
Pepsi Stage	10th Leper Band	11:00 p.m.
<b>October 9</b>		
Budweiser Stage	Cherokee Rose	7:30 p.m.
Budweiser Stage	Pat Green	9:30 p.m.
Pepsi Stage	Carpenter Band	1:30 p.m.
<b>October 11</b>		
Pepsi Stage	Wayward Sons	11:00 p.m.
<b>October 12</b>		
Budweiser Stage	Corby LaCroix	9:30 p.m.
Pepsi Stage	Hurricanes Band	11:00 p.m.
<b>October 13</b>		
Budweiser Stage	Jerry Jeff Walker	9:30 p.m.
Pepsi Stage	Scattered Souls	11:00 p.m.
<b>October 14</b>		
Budweiser Stage	Lee Ann Womack	9:30 p.m.
Pepsi Stage	Way Still Band	11:00 p.m.

## Art Continued from page 1

In 1997, the new festival, founded by MCC and the Art Center of Waco, laid host to approximately 10,000 people--the most people ever recorded on campus.

"And this year, Joseph Kagle, Director for the Art Center of Waco, expects double that amount.

"Our first year, we were amazed to see that many people, but this year it'll be astonishing to see the outcome," Kagle said.

The Arts Fest will be held Oct. 16-17 and is not a mimic of the Brazos Riverfest. Nor is it an event just for those majoring in arts or just another place for artists to sell their works.

In fact, in the past two years the festival has had an array of visitors, ranging from children to the elderly.

"The Arts Fest is not just a

place to buy or sell. It's a place for anyone who is interested in the arts to come out and enjoy the atmosphere," Kagle said.

In its first year, attractions included sculptures made of bread, a parking lot collage painted with tricycles, and a 16x16 ft. block of jello.

Why jello? And more important, why the size?

"When they said it was impossible, we couldn't just sit there and not attempt it," Kagle said.

The tedious work paid off and the gigantic sculpture was made. However, the clean up was another problem. Once the piece started melting, people were allowed to take off their shoes and dive in. After the festival, Kagle had no idea of

how to rid of the jello.

### Arts Fair events in the demonstration tents numbered on the above map are :

1. BEGINNINGS, Road to Quality, early childhood development;
2. THINGS THAT FLOAT & CLOUD PAINTING, art with recyclable materials;
3. CLAY SCULPTURE AND FIBRE ART, clay and fabrics;
4. KIDSVILLE PROJECT, creating greeting cards to benefit Kidsville;
5. ARTSMART, art education projects;
6. BUBBLE SCIENCE, making bubbles into a

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7. SHAKIN' AND BAKIN', ceramics and wheel throwing;
8. TOULOUSE LATRIKE, painting with tricycles for under fives;
9. NEIGHBORHOOD DREAM BLOCK, an architectural project for a city block;
10. SPACE AND SHAPE, easel art using space and shape;
11. THE MILLENNIUM WALL, building with concrete tiles;
12. MIDWAY I.S.D. FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT, mural painting;
13. REICHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Native American art; BOB-O-GAMI, mask-making and painting; WACO HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT, ARTSTUFF.

## Guest writer Laura Hubbard discusses high-tech Richard III

by Laura Hubbard

When watching a stage production, oftentimes it is easy to forget that the events onstage had to undergo months of careful planning and rehearsing. McLennan Theatre's Richard III is no different. Many months of preparation have been spent in making the best possible performance happen on those magic days of the run. What kind of ideas are behind a production like this? How

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does a concept affect the production? The Theatre Department was kind enough to answer those questions and more. The ideas behind the production were actually inspired by the events of today, events that include the shooting at Columbine High School among other headline news events.

The play's director Jim Rambo tells of his idea of using such a violent and enigmatic character as a way to explore the darker side of modern society, and perhaps even ourselves, through the events onstage. This is no half-formed, outcast Richard. This

Richard III (played by Michael Simpson) is a handsome, cunning, and almost tragic figure, his "monstrous visage" more in the way he views himself. As a consequence, the audience is almost moved to pity—until the realization that his self-hatred, which fuels paranoia and mistrust of those around him, gives way to raw ambition. Surrounded by people who are put off by this cycle of violence and in fearing for their own lives eventually leave him, Richard later faces off against his former allies in the final battle of Bosworth.

The set, designed by Tim Poertner, serves as a metaphor for the inner turmoil of Richard III. Consisting of a large rotating spiral reaching 10 feet in the air and as large as the stage will allow, Poertner describes it as the "most bizarre, functioning set" that has been used in an MCC production during his tenure here. The metaphysical finds its form in the bare supports and twisting lines of the set, and the audience is taken into the disoriented, jagged reality of Richard's mind.

Kathleen Cochran, costume designer for Richard III, has used contrast and color to continue the idea of a dream-like inner world; the battles are kept from tumbling into mayhem by the colors worn by each

individual army, almost a team uniform of sorts. The dresses, although more inspired by Gothic than Elizabethan lines, add texture and color to the deconstructive atmosphere, also helping to tie in all the women to their various factions.

Weeks of rehearsing, set building, and costume making are a part of what goes on to make a production happen, but knowing a little about each of these should help in an audience member's understanding of the show. MCC's Richard III looks to be an interesting take on a historic Shakespearean play, and the entire cast looks forward to seeing you there.

Students can visit the "Virtual Richard" production site by logging on to the MCC web site. Look for "Current Production Dramaturgical Notes" on the Theatre Department homepage.

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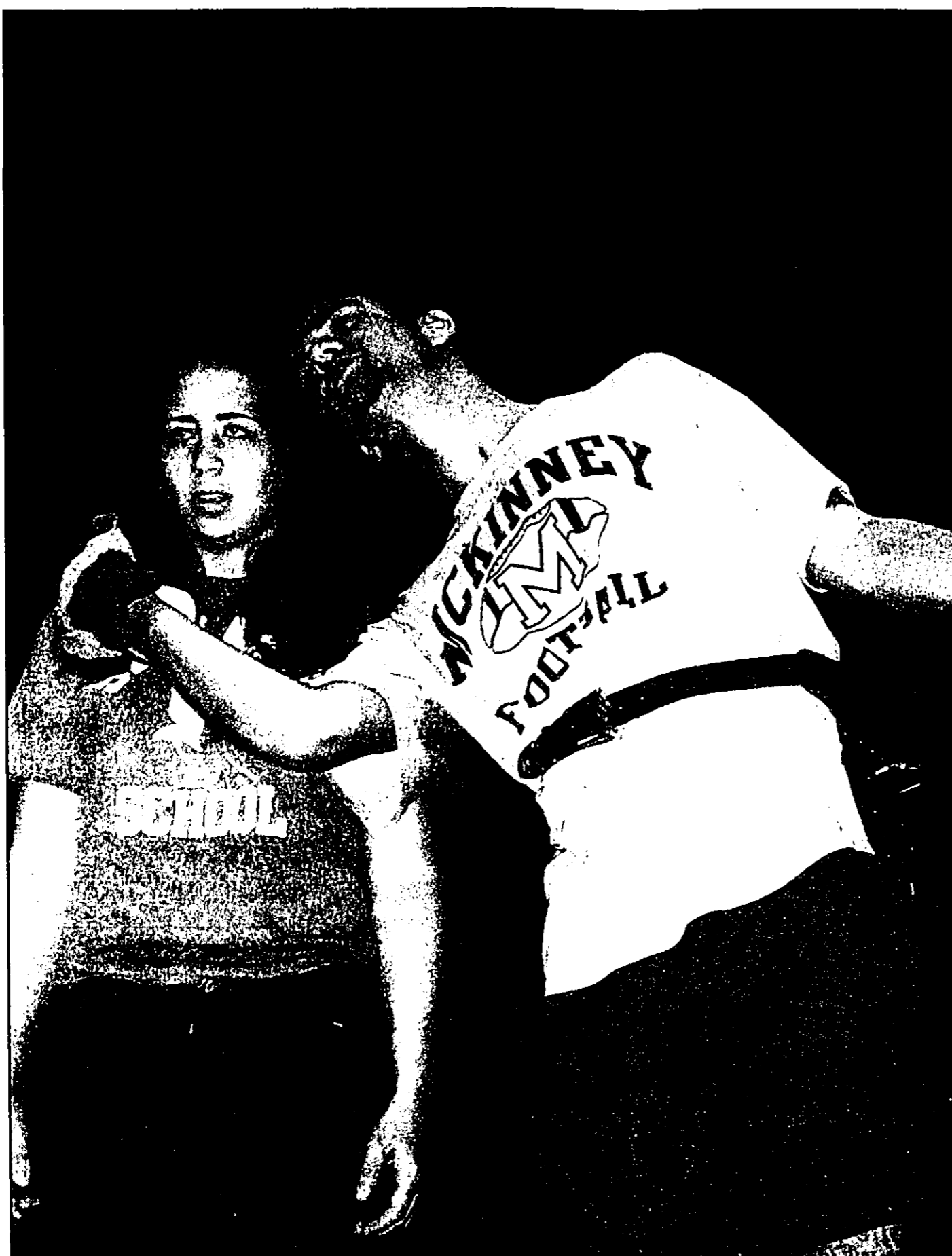
"The play is a difficult play, as far as plot," concedes director Jim Rambo, "but we are trying to make it as accessible to audiences as possible."

The aversion some in the young audience might have to Shakespeare's Elizabethan English dialogue did not dissuade Rambo, he said.

"Obviously, [the dialogue] is a hurdle for anybody. What we have attempted to do with the actors, is that they are working on strong actor choices. By looking at the actors' responses, the audience may not understand every word, but they should be able to understand the action."

The MCC theatre department's web page, accessible from MCC's main site (<http://www.mcc.cc.tx.us>), will also help to bridge the centuries. There you can link to useful information such as story synopsis, character information, and even genealogies of Richard and his ilk.

Richard III runs October 7-9 at 7:00 PM nightly. Tickets will be available beginning Wednesday, September 29 at the theater box office or by phone at (254) 299-8200. Box office hours are 1-5 PM, Monday- Friday.



Michael Simpson, Richard III, demonstrates his unrequited affection for Melissa Hurta, young Princess Elizabeth

## Amphitheater plan promises bright future

Leah C. Turner  
Staff writer

Tired of being locked up in the classroom?

The Amphitheater Project promises to let students out of the classroom and into the bright sunshine.

Literally.

While students have always been able to view performances indoors, the proposed amphitheater will allow students to widen their freckles in the process.

"The facility will be used for concerts of visiting artists, commercial music students and limited theater production," said Danny Uptmore, Executive Director of MCC Foundation.

Native stone benches on the bank of the Bosque currently provide limited seating capacity and a small presentation area.

The Amphitheater Project plans will expand the seating capacity from 250 to 500 and extend the stage area for larger presentations.

"The amphitheater expansion will accommodate performances of existing programs

and offer creative venues for new programs," Uptmore said.

Other improvements, including adding a concession and restrooms and providing lighting and sound systems will help to widen the Central Texas audience.

"Our goal is to have several different performances presenting diverse types of music representative of our cultures in McLennan County," Uptmore said.

"By providing a new concert/performance stage, commercial music students and faculty will be able to gain performance experience in an outdoor facility," Uptmore said.

However, both music and non-music majors will be offered an expanded concert series with guest artists.

The Foundation hopes students will flock to the upgraded amphitheater to see concerts, plays, and their names carved in stone. Uptmore said.

To help fund the \$130,000 the program still lacks, individuals can purchase a personalized paving brick for \$100 or a seat for \$500.

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