



ROLLING HARD IN HIGHLAND GAMES -- Dusty Ellison, left, Keith Adair, right, and an unidentified force in the middle push hard to earn the Drama team a second place in the earth ball race.

SG and Physical Therapy Highland Games winners

By SHAWN RISENER

Student Government and the Physical Therapy Club tied at 33 points to share a co-championship of the Highland Games.

The games began with the Highland run. Overall, Ralph Getman came in first, Ryan Michaelis second and Stacy Lynch third. All three ran for SG.

In the 17-24 male division, Ryan Michaelis came in first, Stacy Lynch second and Brian Wallace third. Again, all three ran for SG. In the female division, Bonnie Montgomery came in first for the Dance Company, Roberta Langford second for PTC and Angela Selvaggio third for PTC.

Debbie Chapman came in first and Leslie Holecek second in the 25-29 female division. Both women ran for PTC.

In the 30-39 male division, Ralph Getman came in first for SG and Mark Smith second for PTC. In the female division, Barbara Gresham came in first, Roberta Stone second and Allec Poe third. All three ran for PTC.

Winfred Watkins and Greg Clark came in first and second respectively in the 40-49 male

division. Both ran for SG. In the 50 and above male division, John Nobis came in first for PTC, and in the female division, Lynn Abernathy also came in first for PTC.

Following the run was the jalapeno pepper eating contest. Sloane Cochran took first place for the Game Room/Press Club, Eugene Jackson second for the African American Student Kindred and SG teammates Kelly O'Connor and Cathy Hughes tied for third.

Then in the apple pie eating contest, Mark Smith came in first for PTC, Duane Stepp second for SG and Scott Holland third for GR/PC.

Hudson's Hammers won the volleyball finals as an independent team with GR/PC taking second place and It Don't Matter, another independent team, taking third.

In the caber toss, an event which originated in the Scottish Highlands, Lance Donaldson tossed the pole 31 feet, 3 inches to win for GR/PC. Marty Harris came in second with a toss of 29 feet for PTC and Duane Stepp took third place with a toss of 28 feet, 4 inches for SG. Raymond Batts threw 35 feet,

10 inches for Hudson's Hornets to win the stone throw in the male division. Lance Donaldson came in second for GR/PC and Jacob Lowe third for SG. In the female division, Jennifer Simmons won with a throw of 19 feet, 2 inches for SG. Cathy Hughes and Marie Fowler came in second and third respectively. Both threw for SG.

In the egg toss, Eshella Mitchell and Frank Cherry won for SG. Teresa McKethan and Lance Gaylor took second place for PTC and Barbara Gresham and Mark Smith took third for PTC.

GR/PC won the earth ball competition with Drama Club taking second and PTC third.

GR/PC also won both first and second place in the big splash competition with Nathan Newberry winning the event for the team.

The three-legged race was won by GR/PC, followed by SG in second and PTC in third.

Ending the Highland Games was the tug-of-war competition. PTC won, followed by SG in second and GR/PC in third. The Highlasses repeated last year's victory by defeating the Highlanders in the traditional tug-of-war between the two.

Accreditation self-study

Progress noted

By MARY KUJAWA

SACS is coming to the campus in 1992. For those faculty and staff members who diligently have been working on the self-study, that means the end is near.

SACS stands for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A visiting team composed of about 14 people from junior colleges outside of Texas will be visiting our campus on March 3-6, 1992, for the purpose of accrediting MCC. The visiting team will assess the educational strength of the institution for its own guidance and that of the Commission on Colleges in reaffirming accreditation.

However, the process of accreditation began over a year ago with the departmental self-studies. Each department and program was required to conduct a self-study of its functions and achievements. Many of the self-studies used interviews and questionnaires to analyze their departments.

The departmental self-studies were due last Thursday and Friday, according to Alice Myers, nursing instructor. Myers and John Burton, engineering and

math instructor, are co-chairpersons of the steering committee.

"It's painful to do it--trying to get 300 to 400 people working harmoniously at one task is challenging," said Myers.

The steering committee is responsible for supervising self-study and the compiling the results into a coherent report. Myers said the steering committee is balanced so all areas of the college are represented.

The departmental self-studies will be sent to the steering committee which then will review and look at suggestions and recommendations that each self-study has made.

According to the SACS "Criteria For Accreditation," suggestions which are considered "should" statements are advisory. Recommendations which are considered "must" statements are essential for the college to do.

The purpose of the steering committee is to look at the self-studies from a different perspective, according to Myers. Once the steering committee has looked at the suggestions and recommendations, the college can begin to act on them.

(See "Self-study" on page 2)



TAKING THE OATH as new officers of Student Government are Secretary Jennifer Simons, left, Historian Kirsty Gledhill and Parliamentarian Zana Gibson.

SG officers elected

By SHAWN RISENER

Four newly elected Student Government officers were sworn in at the last official SG meeting of the semester held April 29.

Elections were held on April 25-26 in the Student Center with 100 students voting.

Susan Thames ran unopposed and was elected to the office of treasurer, but she was not present at the swearing-in ceremony. Also running unopposed and winning were Deborah Ritcherson, presi-

dent, and Jennifer Simons, secretary.

The two contested positions were the offices of parliamentarian and historian. Zana Gibson defeated Jennifer Barrett for parliamentarian and Kirsty Gledhill defeated Viola Anthony for historian.

Thames takes Stephanie Valdez's place and Gledhill takes Merriam Maden's place, both of whom are leaving MCC.

Vice president and representatives will be elected at the start of the fall semester.

College loses over \$140,000 in funding

By SAM ALLGOOD

Personnel matters

The college lost over \$140,000 in state appropriations according to the revised 1990-91 budget adopted by the MCC Board of Trustees during regular session April 29.

President Dennis Michaelis recommended taking money from the college's \$1.1 million reserve fund to cover the funding cut.

According to a Waco Tribune-Herald article, the loss is linked to Senate Bill 111 which was adopted to trim expenses from all state agencies by cutting their budgets by one percent. State revenue shortfalls continued nonetheless leading to less available aid.

Projected expenditures of \$18,288,055 outweighed projected income of \$18,068,681 by \$219,374.

A new projected expenditure of over \$9,000 will begin in July. The college will be required to offer social security to all employees (except students) who are not covered under a public retirement system. Social security will be added to these employees or an alternate system will be provided.

Dann Walker, philosophy and religion instructor, was approved as the 1991-92 Faculty Development Leave recipient. He will have a reduced load over the next two semesters to develop new course material on campus, said Richard Drum, vice president of instruction.

Michaelis agreed with the selection committee's recommendation of granting leave to two people in the future but would not present it to the board until budget figures become more positive.

Administrators to leave

LaVerne Wong, vice president of student services, is going to retire effective August 31. "I don't know if I've ever seen a stronger advocate for students," said Michaelis.

Mary Hensley, director of institutional research and program development, will be leaving in July to move to Austin.

Lois Kerr, continuing education coordinator, will be retiring in August.

Congratulations to 1991 MCC graduates

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

Bugpipers will lead the ceremonies as MCC graduates 255 students at the Waco Convention Center's Chisholm Hall on May 17 at 8 p.m.

A procession of instructors led by bagpipe players will open the ceremonies. LaVerne Wong, vice president of Student Services, will serve as mistress of ceremonies, and Jesse "Buz" Sawyer, director of the MCC Foundation, will deliver the commencement address.

Honors

Special recognition will be given to honor students. Three of those have never made a grade lower than "A" at the college--Patricia Barton, Katherine Mulor and Bradley Leuschner. They will be recognized as graduates with "highest honors."

Graduating with "high honors" (3.8-3.99 GPA) will be Janie Allen also graduating with "honors" with another degree, Laura Bills, Steven Coutrot, Sherman Crow, Diane Cuevas, Shelia Cunningham, Karon Flouriot, Nancy Franks, Sharon Hall, Timothy

Heintzelman, Marie Hill, Penny Unger and Amy Wilson.

And graduating with "honors" (3.5-3.79 GPA) will be Jo Ann Banks, Jeffrey Bertsch, Karen Chapman, Gail Cochran, Barbara Dotson, Aimee Farr, Candice Fuller-Adock, Linda Gabangan, Lisa Garner, Vivian Hale, Roland Hennossy, Lori Hodges, Wade Jennings, Joe Kellum, Sylvia Linhares, Susan Lunnin, Robert Mansfield, Michelle Meister, David Munroe, Kelly Perkins, Susan Rupp, Jennifer Sharp, Rosemary Stoval, Melynda Sutherland, Katherine Walsh, Valerie Wilcox, Stephen Williams, Julie Wood and Ruby Zambrano.

More candidates

The candidates for graduation, according to the registrar's office, are Stephanie Anne Adams, Stacie C. Alexander, Sam Allgood, Judith Ann Arispe, Tommy Joe Atkins, Amy Torrentius Austin, Vicki D. Avants, Dolores Barlow, and Susan Barnes.

Also Joe Lynn Beano, Doris R. Beatty, Georgia A. Belville, Clara Botta, Rosa K. Birkos, Mary Jane Biscamp, Michelle L. Bishop,

Reggie S. Black, Rebecca Boriski, Wanda R. Bradley, Daniel T. Brock, Juliane Broehm, Jennifer J. Brooks, Michael A. Brown and Sberal Brumbalow.

Also Cynthia A. Cartor, Eleonora Carter, Carl Cassady, Diana L. Cassidy, Theresa A. Castilleja, Toby L. Chandler, Deo Ann Charanza, Lidia R. Chavez, Karen A. Chelmo, Sandra D. Clark, Zahna L. Colvin, Morris R. Colyer, Carol Conrad, James D. Cook and Lisa Curtis.

Also Patricia D. Daniels, Diana L. Dardon, Cynthia K. Davis, Sandra L. Davis, Dayna J. Dees, Diana L. DeFrees, Elizabeth A. DeLeon, Loe T. Diop, Lawrence Dixon III, Joannio D. Docherty, Austin W. Donaghe, Roosevelt Dorsey, Jeff Douglas, Sheila Douglas, Donita Dusek, David L. Duyek, Arlene Earl, Dennis Edwards, Elizabeth G. Ekert and Amy Eubank.

Also Patsy Farmer, Shelly Fedro, Michael A. Ferguson, Tonya J. Finch, Joyce M. Flesher, James G. Flippin, Armonda B. Frost, Kristil A. Fulford, Utahna Gates, Deborah Gibson, Carol B. Gootz, Karen Cookby and Evelyn

J. Graves.

Also Ginger P. Green, Jerry L. Grider, Gina G. Grych, Gayle B. Haecker, Molly N. Harris, Jana D. Helleston, Susan M. Helmeamp, Judy Hennessey, Kelly J. Henry, Barbara Hinojosa, Terry L. Hoffman, Eunice C. Hogan, Aimee R. Hoover and Stephanie M. Howell.

Also Starlene Hunoke, Joanna C. Hunt, Gail A. Hurst, Jennie Jackson, Gracie M. Jenkins, Sharilyn K. Jenkins, Pamela D. Joschko, Clara D. Jones, Cynthia Jones, Regina Jones, Shirley J. Jost, Ronald Kelley, Carmen C. Kelly, Daryl L. Kelly, Christeena Kennedy, Suzanne E. Kessler, D'Anna Kinder, Larry E. Kinder and Bonnie Kitchens.

Also Kimberly A. Kleypas, Patti S. Klinkovsky, Brenda F. Kuykondall, Donna M. Langin, Yvonne Lawrence, Terrie L. Ledbetter, Donna V. Lohoski, Steven G. LoMay, Lana R. Leos, Patricia E. Lindley, Susan W. Logsdon, Sherry L. Lydny, Vallory Malone, James T. Mansfield, and Tracy Marlin.

Also Debra A. Martin, Joley G. Mason, Dominic A. Mazzola,

Laurel L. McCormick, Michael G. McCray, Paulette McGilvray, Jo Ann McGowen, John R. McKay, Stacy R. Melcher, Gregory S. Merrell, James S. Merritt, Franklin Middleton, Nancy L. Mills, Jennifer A. Mitchell, Arthur R. Molina, Vonda K. Moon, D. Michele Moore, Patti P. Moore, Rosetta Moore and Pamela Mulkins.

Also Karen Needham, Melissa K. Nelson, Robert C. Nelson, Chamerlain Nowhouse, Deo Ann Newman, Melba L. Niswanger, Lori I. Nixon, Sherry Nors, Mary G. Nutt, Donna K. Orr, Ronald L. Orr, Morine Padgett, Amy S. Paskey, Cindy L. Perkins, Page E. Perryman, Ruth Pickens, Gaylon D. Popham, Jeffrey W. Powell and Mark C. Prather.

Also Darla S. Pritchett, Linda L. Proud, Deborah L. Pryor, Susan J. Pulloy, Mary A. Ruscio, Carrie A. Ready, Helen L. Reed, Monica C. Richardson, Patricia Rodriguez, Debra Roper, Steven M. Rosas, Barbara A. Roscher, Winfred W. Russell, Michelle L. Sanders, Mark Scott, Carole M. Seal, Mattie D. Sellers, Charles E. Shavers and Doreen Sherrill.

Also Lea A. Skarpa, Debbie L. Smart, Darrell Smith, Jeanne M. Smith, Michael C. Smith, Vickie M. Smith, Stacey J. Spry, Carla S. Stans, Quessie O. Stamer, Fred A. Stelter, James C. Stillwell, Belynda N. Stires, Lillie A. Stovall, Sandra A. Stucky, Cheryl Y. Sutton, Bonnie M. Symank, Danny W. Thomas, Stephen E. Thompson and Tamara S. Thornton.

Also Beverly Tieman, Nancy Tinsley, Deborah L. Tipton, Anita Todd, Kimberly W. Tolbert, Nanette M. Torres, Vicki A. Torres, Phuong Ngoc Tran, Alunda R. Travillion, Carla D. Ustank, Nelda S. Wachsmann, Kevin Wagner, Kathleen L. Walker, Brian J. Wallace, Kyle E. Wallace, Ola Wallander, Royce A. Walston, Trudy H. Walton and Steven R. Warneke.

Also David Watson, Mary E. Wosnitzer, Cathy J. Westorfield, Mary A. Wheeler, Lisa A. Wilkins, Diane D. Williams, Mon Tina Williams, Pamela F. Williams, Dobra L. Winchester, Jacqueline S. Winter, Donna J. Wishon, Lara M. Wren, Don Wright, Jennifer C. Zatarain and Wanda Zeno



Fishwrap...

Thanks are in order

By SAM ALLGOOD



Well folks... it's time to be moving on, but before the door hits me on the *&\$ on my way out, I'd like to express my appreciation.

Successfully completing projects through the hard work and creativity of exceptional people in a field that one loves is a uniquely satisfying experience. Thank you Highland Herald staff.

Tom Buckner, your integrity and desire to always do the right thing shall serve as a role model for me both professionally and personally. Thank you for believing in me.

Barney Fitzpatrick, thanks for teaching me to see with my heart as well as my eyes. Through photography you have put me in touch with the artist within me buried since childhood.

Dick Sydow, your amazing views of the world continue to set my mind awirl. Thanks for the insight.

Lois Kerr, your selfless passion to save those who cannot speak for themselves is inspiring. Thanks, I'll try to "do good."

Gloria Evans, your expert instruction and warm encouragement made all the difference in my transition from pencils to computers. Thanks.

Winfred Watkins, your strength in the face of adversity and faith in your country made me realize what it means to be an American. Thank you.

To all the people who have shared slices of their lives with me on the pages of the newspaper, thank you for your time, energy and ultimately, faith.

So long, amigos.

And that's the truth...

EDITORIALS

Start study for finals now

It's time again to start averaging up those grades to see just how hard you have to study. That's right, it's that time, finals.

Students tend to wait to the last minute to start studying for finals. This means that students end up cramming, which leads to stress for some and bad grades for most.

This semester try to develop a study schedule that will work for you. Set time aside each day to review lecture notes or any other type of study material.

Try to choose a study location which is suitable for you. For example, some students choose a calm, peaceful environment such as the library or a place outside in the fresh air. On the other hand, others prefer an environment that has loud music or a television blaring in the background.

All that matters is that you are comfortable and are relaxed in the type of environment that you choose.

These are just a few hints to make studying as pleasant as it possibly could be. Whichever way you choose to study, good luck.

Don't waste your summer

"His brain becomes soft as cheese! His powers of thinking rust and freeze! He cannot think—he only sees!"

For many students, the above line from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" often sums up their whole summer. After attending classes for nine months and surviving the exhaustive round of finals, many students are only too eager to forget that school and books exist. Brain decay begins to set in until they are rudely awakened by the alarm clock on the first day of the fall semester.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

Summer vacation is intended to give the students and instructors a break from books, papers and each other. You shouldn't abuse that privilege by burying your head in the sand for three months.

Read something to keep your brain working—pick up that thick novel that you've put off reading. Read the newspaper. Check out that "fun" class that you've been wanting to take.

Just don't come back to class in the fall with rusty cheese for brains.

ENGAGEMENTS

Culver-Stover

Sophomore Shelly Armstrong Stover and Gregory Mark Culver are engaged and plan to wed June 8 at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Waco.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstrong of Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Culver of Balch Springs and Gail Davis of Waco.

Armstrong is a graduate of River Road High School and is a director of communication at Fabwell Texas Inc.

Culver is a graduate of Ennis High School. He received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Texas in Austin. He is a pharmacy manager at Apple Tree Grocery.

Mitchell-Ryan

Freshman respiratory therapy majors Rebecca Lynn Ryan and Bobby Jay Mitchell are engaged and planning a May 18 wedding at Meadowbrook Baptist Church in Robinson. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Ryan of Waco.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bryant of China Spring.

The Ryan is a graduate of Robinson High School and is a respiratory therapy assistant at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

Mitchell is a graduate of China Spring High School and is also a respiratory therapy assistant at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

(Taken from the Waco Tribune-Herald.)

Thank you from the staff

This is the last issue of the Highland Herald for the 1990-91 academic year and several people deserve thanks from the Highland Herald staff.

First, the staff would like to thank Dr. Tom Buckner for guiding us through 14 successful issues which would not have been possible without his patience and support. He's spent many late hours in the newsroom on Monday nights helping us lay out the paper in time for printing and Tuesday's release. For this and so much more we say thank you to not just a teacher, but a friend.

Next, we send thanks to Mary Taylor who has taught us to pay attention to details like commas, dashes, how to abbreviate a word and how to spell a word—"Look it up!" Her guidance has made a difference in our paper.

Also, we thank the people who make the articles in the Highland Herald possible—the faculty, staff, students and administrators who take time out of their busy schedules to allow us to gather information needed for articles. You are the news makers and without your cooperation, the paper would be empty. Thank you for your willingness to take time to talk to us as we practiced our skills in interviewing and fact finding and thanks to most of you for understanding when we occasionally made mistakes.

Oh, let's not forget "the amazing" Dick Sydow who helped our advertising manager Daniel Bacon with the first semester of advertising.

Most of all, thanks to our readers for reading what we write and sending all those letters to the editor. Because you are the most important focus of our work, we appreciate hearing your views and suggestions. Your readership is appreciated.

Thanks for an exciting year from the Highland Herald staff. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

FAREWELLS



SAM ALLGOOD
Editor

I'm speechless!



MELISSA HIGHFILL
Sports editor

I would like to say goodbye to the staff and reporters of the Highland Herald. You have made the past two years fun and tolerable. Good luck in y'all's future. And a special thanks and farewell to Dr. Buckner, thank you for your time and patience.



NATHAN NEWBERRY
Photo editor

It has been a great pleasure writing about and photographing the students here at MCC. I wish the best for all of you and would like to say goodbye. Thanks for everything!



DANIEL BACON
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Texas tradition in danger

By MARY KUJAWA



Oil prices have been suffering for some time in Texas, but many people across the United States didn't realize just how hard times had become in Texas until the last episode of "Dallas" was aired Friday night.

That's right—J.R. Ewing is no more. The king of all swindlers and crooked businessmen in Texas has been knocked from his throne. No longer can the potato farmer in Idaho tune in to see what the rotten scoundrel is up to.

Which brings us to the question that is troubling many a proud Texan? Who will carry on that great Texas tradition that all men in Texas wear cowboy hats and go out each night to check on their "awl" wells?

It also doesn't help our image any to have former Miami coach and owner trying to run our Dallas Cowboys. (In case you don't follow football, he's not doing a very good job.)

On top of that everyone else in the country is trying to blame the collapse of the savings and loan industry on us.

No more J.R., a losing Cowboys team, a failing oil industry, a certain lady governor—what else can go wrong with Texas?

But seriously...

Go beyond field of study

By CYNDY McCASLIN



As a student in the LVN nursing program, I could easily become a hermit on campus. All of my courses are in the Health Careers Building and I park directly across the street. The program is time consuming, and there is little motivation to participate in the many extracurricular activities available on campus.

But I have a window in my ivory tower that looks out onto the world of MCC and beyond—it's the Journalism 101 class that I also took this semester.

Besides honing my writing skills, which is why I took the course, I have found other, greater rewards. I enjoy meeting new people and as a reporter I've become acquainted with several accomplished and interesting folks such as Sharon Stone, RN instructor, and Candice Fuller, a "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges" student whose paths wouldn't have otherwise crossed mine.

I've also interviewed MCC LVN graduates and learned what it's like in the "real world" after graduation.

I've discovered the wonderful Art Center that is right here on campus.

When I interviewed a teacher in the Fine Arts building, I walked into a different world. The classrooms are filled with costumes, sets and actors and musicians practicing their crafts.

Without taking this course, I wouldn't have made the time or had the opportunity for learning beyond the walls of my LVN classes. I got to have this much fun while doing homework.

I wish more teachers would give assignments that involve different departments on campus. The English student could be assigned to write a profile of the winner of the Student Art Exhibit. The psychology student might develop a psychological profile of a character in an MCC play. With some creative thinking other opportunities for interaction could be developed.

My experience as a student has been enriched by learning about what is here beyond my particular chosen field, and other students could gain from that experience, too.

SELF-STUDY . . . continued from page 1

Those serving on the steering committee are Myers; Burton; Brenda Dobbelhor, program director for Radiologic Technology; Donnie Hugan, director of Human Services; and Dave Hooten, music instructor.

Also on the committee are instructors Bobby Williams, accounting; Juan Merendo, psychology; Carol Lowe, English; and Lynn Abernathy, counselor. Nancy Mitchell, business instructor, is in charge of the statistical review committee.

Myers, Burton and Mary Hensley, self-study director, will be working on the departmental self-studies. The reports then will be sent to Lowe, chairperson of the editorial committee.

According to Myers, Lowe will write all the reports into "one voice" this summer. A final report will be approved and sent to SACS

in the fall. MCC then will begin work on the addendum.

An addendum and a report on the progress of the recommendations will be mailed to the visiting team from SACS before they arrive here or one will be available upon their arrival.

This report will demonstrate to SACS that MCC is working on the recommendations.

"It's important to let every level be aware of what's going on," she added. Myers recently returned from a SACS team that visited a junior college in Florida.

"It was a great experience," she said, adding that it will help her in instructing others on the campus in what to expect from the team.

Myers sees no problems with the final report. "I anticipate that the reports will be extremely good," she said.

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CORRECTION

Names left out of academic awards story

The names of several outstanding students honored by their academic departments were inadvertently left out of the story about the Awards Assembly in the last issue.

Those students and the academic area in which they excelled are: computer operations, Brenda Turner; computer data programming, Robert Steven Brown; cosmetology, Kathy Lausk; criminal justice, Richard Evans and Charles H. Lee Jr.; drama, Amy Barber; economics, Nathan L. Ondrej; English, Jeff Bortsch; fashion merchandising, Rebecca S. Brunson and Chady Davis; and geology, Brent C. Lightsey.

The Highland Herald regrets that these were omitted from the original story.

News Briefs

Guitar ensembles play Wednesday

Three guitar ensembles, two from the commercial music department and a classical guitar group, will be in concert in the Fine Arts Theater Wednesday at 8 p.m. The classical ensemble, directed by Clark Nauert, will play numbers ranging from Mendelssohn to Vivaldi. Among the numbers a Ken Frazier-directed jazz group will play are "Take the A Train," "Green Dolphin Street" and "Kermit's Waltz" while another jazz ensemble directed by Julian Jones will play "Mercy, Mercy," "God Bless the Child" and "Bernie's Tune." Admission is free.

Small Business Week open house

Congressman Chet Edwards will be the featured guest at the open house and luncheon recognizing Small Business Week and honoring two graduate companies of the Business Resource Center here Friday. RE/MAX-Greater Waco, a real estate company, and TRI-WIN, Div. Win-Chek Inc., a firm that specializes in expanding distribution in domestic and export markets and government contracts, are the graduates of the small business incubator program. The open house in MCC's Community Services Center will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The luncheon will cost \$6.25 and reservations should be made by calling 754-8898 by Wednesday.

Students to tour New York

Fashion merchandising students and instructor Kae K. Moore will tour New York City May 18-23 to gain more knowledge about the retailing and merchandising industry. Students planning to make the trip are Carolyn M. Anderson, Carolyn J. Barber, Beverly Ann Boggs, Rebecca S. Brunson, Joanna C. Hunt, Gladys McDonald, Amy K. Sherrard, Kimberly L. Woods and Jennifer S. Hawkins. They will view showrooms, workrooms and manufacturers and will see the newest designs at Macy's, Bloomingdale's, the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute and the Fashion Institute of Technology. "The tour is carefully designed to broaden students' understanding of past, current and future trends in the industry in which they plan to make careers," Moore said.

Classes hear about Desert Storm

Command Sergeant Major Guillermo Ortiz, father of student Rose Ortiz, told about his experiences in the front lines of the Persian Gulf War here Thursday before a business math class taught by Gloria Evans and a mass communication class taught by Tom Buckner. The journalism class has been studying the effects of war on communication, and vice versa, throughout the semester. Ortiz, with the 8th Cavalry Division of Fort Hood, told about his unit's reconnaissance mission and how important computer technology was to the success of the Allied effort.

Libel discussants here this week

Tommy Witherspoon, reporter for the Waco Tribune-Herald, told advanced reporting students here Monday about the coverage of the recently concluded Fezell-Belo libel trial. Witherspoon was the chief reporter on the six-week trial and wrote more than 30 articles about the proceedings. Another journalist with experience in libel, Mrs. Sue Pescaia, will speak to the Press Club Wednesday.

Scholarships for Hispanics

Twenty undergraduate Hispanic students who reside in Texas will benefit from \$500 scholarships sponsored by Southwestern Bell and Texas LULAC. The scholarships are available on a competitive basis. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in a college for the 1991-92 academic year, be a full-time undergraduate student, completed freshman and sophomore year college work, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, submit a college transcript, have participated in extracurricular activities, be a resident of Texas and be a U.S. citizen. Recipients will be selected on academic achievement, personal qualities and strengths, letter of recommendation, financial need and participation in school/community activities. Applications must be received by May 20 and should be mailed to Texas LULAC Education Committee, Attn: Robert Gamboa, P.O. Box 154776, Waco TX 76715.

Scholarships in special education

East Texas State University is offering three scholarships in special education for students interested in a teaching career in this field. Descriptions of the scholarships being offered in the 1991 fall semester, brochures and application forms are available in counselor services. For more information contact Lynn Abernathy at ext. 584.

Luncheon to honor Mary Cantrell

A retired faculty member who has continued to serve the community will be honored Monday for her contributions and achievements in psychiatric nursing. Mary Cantrell, a registered nurse and director of the Heart of Texas Mental Health Association, will have a luncheon given in her honor by the DePaul Center nursing staff on May 13. Cantrell, who initiated and directed the Mental Health Associated Program at MCC, has received the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service and the Lenore McNeer Award from the National Association of Human Educators.

Former editor visits classes

A former editor of the Highland Herald told about her experiences at a country weekly newspaper here Wednesday. Sara Wartes, associate editor of the Llano News, told the Press Club that the variety of skills she practiced on the student newspaper — including investigative reporting, photography, newspaper design and editing — had helped considerably in her new job. Later she told an advanced reporting class that experience in interviewing college administrators had given her confidence in dealing with public officials in Llano County. Wartes has received the Anson Jones Award for excellence in medical reporting from the Texas Medical Association for a story she wrote on an AIDS victim last May for the Highland Herald.

Battle of Bands this week

Five "contemporary/top 40" bands will play tonight for top honors in the Battle of the Bands contest, and five more will seek to the top honor in the "country band" category Wednesday at Cody's. Competing tonight will be Guilded Edges, Adrian Hazo, Hourglass, Rif Raf and Blues Saint Kiek. Tomorrow's contestants are Backlash, Midnight Rodeo, Nightfall, Dol Rio and The Bolo Brothers. The winning band in each category will perform for the public at 8 p.m. Thursday at Indian Spring Park.

Dr Pepper Museum opens Saturday

The Dr Pepper Museum at 300 S. Fifth St. opens its doors to the public at noon May 11 for an afternoon of free tours. The 10 a.m. dedication Saturday will mark the completion of a four-year restoration project of the historic site which is expected to be a significant addition to Waco's tourist industry. The soft drink, now distributed internationally, got its start in Waco.

Next year's Dance Co. names new members

By NATHAN NEWBERRY
Nineteen members have been selected for next year's Dance Company following recent tryouts, with 10 new members and nine returning from this year's national championship team.

New members are Danielle Campbell from Hutchinson, Kan., Lisa Canon and Kari Dunn from Robinson, Lynette Brookshire, Alayna Pool and Dietra Malone from Waco, Elisa Cole and Patricia Turnman from Joshua, Sammi Custard from Hubbard and Lisa

Chaney from Deer Park.

Returning members are Tracy Herrington of Marlin, Kourtni Kinlaw of Robinson, Bonnie Montgomery of Lorena, and Jennifer Braker, Jennifer Cathey, Crystal Cottle, Tara Vaughn, Kim Woods and Melanie Kirby, all of Waco.

Tryouts for officers and other line members will be held Saturday June 15. Anyone planning to attend MCC in the fall is eligible. For more information, contact Sandy Hinton at 750-3551.

Snakes alive!

Biology students study reptiles in the desert

By REGGIE BLACK

Students from MCC and other colleges participated in a Texas Herpetology Society field trip to the Texas border near Mexico 10 days ago.

Students and teachers camped out in the desert wherever they felt comfortable, most staying in tents, campers, and in the back of pickups.

The first day everyone set up camp and rested from the long road trip. On Saturday morning around 8:30 everyone met to go collecting exotic and endangered species of reptiles and amphibians. Then the group enjoyed a fajita lunch and rested a while from the early morning hunt.

About dusk the MCC students of James Schwarz piled in the back of his pickup to go hunting on the desert roads of the ranch by using a spotlight. The group collected some snakes, toads and frogs, and then went to the Inter-

national Border Patrol building to collect and observe geckos, a Mediterranean lizard, on the side of the building.

At 8:30 Sunday morning all groups participated in a show and tell to display their specimens. This was an excellent opportunity to see what the different groups collected and to take pictures of the wide range of specimens. Next, everyone released the specimens and returned home. The Texas Herpetology Society is a organization studying the life of reptiles and amphibians since 1939.

(Reporter's note: This trip was a wonderful learning experience and I enjoyed it. The only bad thing were two flat tires from the truck running over a small stump. Mr. Schwarz had to take me to the nearest tire shop to purchase two \$20 used tires. Next, I had to put the tires back on the truck. This was the first time that I repaired a flat and the amount of time it took showed it.)

Dobbins heads workshop

By MARY KUJAWA

Several MCC music instructors will take the role of students when award-winning artist Bill Dobbins comes to campus to conduct a faculty workshop and clinic.

Dobbins teaches arranging and composing for jazz piano at the Eastman School of Music. He will be at MCC from May 16 through 23 to work with the faculty jazz group, "The Jazzbos," and other faculty members.

Dobbins has won awards such as Outstanding Pianist and Outstanding Composer at the National Collegiate Jazz Festival. He has conducted other clinics across the United States and Canada as well as composing for symphony and studio orchestras and jazz ensembles. Concerning the workshop, Bill Haskett, chairman of the Fine Arts Department, said, "We hang out. We play together. We learn a lot."

The workshop and clinic also will consist of lectures on composing for jazz and rock groups along with private lessons and assignments in the evening. The faculty members also rehearse with Dobbins. The clinic culminates with a concert on May 22.

"He is a real genius. This gives us a chance to pick his brains. There is a free exchange of ideas," said Haskett. Haskett explained that rather than the music instructors going to different workshops somewhere else, they can bring in one man to do the job here. "We'll be bringing Mohammed to the mountain," said Haskett.

Music instructors who will be participating in the clinic include Ken Frazier on guitar, Dick Gimble on bass, Haskett on trombone, David Hibbard on trumpet and Bill Howard on keyboards.

Also taking part are Julian Jones and Pat McKee on guitars, Rob Page on saxophone, Ruth Pitts on piano and Roger Rush on drums.

All of the above are members of the MCC Faculty Jazz Ensemble or "The Jazzbos" with the exception of McKee and Pitts.

"The Jazzbos" recently played at the Brazos River Festival and usually perform at seven to 10 concerts per semester. This will be the seventh workshop and clinic for music faculty members. "This is for us, to recharge our batteries," said Haskett. The workshop and clinic concert will be held on May 22 in the Ball Performing Arts Center theater at 8 p.m. It will be open to the public with no admission charge.

College talent prominent in River Theatre shows

By SAM ALLGOOD

Four stand-out MCC performers will be appearing in an evening of one-act plays at the River Theatre May 8-11 at 8:15 p.m.

Drama department award winner Amy Barber, Len Carroll and Keith Adair of "West Side Story" fame, and Stacy Hellums will be performing in Leonard Moll's "Birdbath" and "Lunchtime." Each piece is 45 minutes long and will performed "in the round."

Richard Martin, a former MCC student, will be making his directing debut. Well-known MCC performer Dave Ellis will be producing the plays.

Cost of the show and a Fiesta Dinner Plate at Jalapeno's Restaurant next door to the theater is \$12. Admission alone is \$5. The theater is located in downtown Waco at 614 Franklin.

To make reservations, call the theater at 757-1830 between 1-5 p.m. or call Jalapeno's at 754-4848 from 8-11 a.m.

Bulk mail seminar today

A Bulk Mail Seminar will be conducted today in the Lecture Hall at 2 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. Bulk Mail Technician Mark Hopkins will discuss bulk mail rates and how to qualify for various discounts. Hopkins will answer questions following the presentation.



Photo by Sam Allgood

PERFORMING WITH FLARE, Rob Williams as Pyro thrills the crowd while standing on the shoulders of student Kyle Bailey. Williams is a member of the Flaming Idiots who performed April 26 in the Student Center.

'Idiots' in action

By SAM ALLGOOD

Flaming Idiots knocked a carrot out of a student's mouth with a blazing torch during lunchtime in the Student Center April 26.

The stunt was one of many performed by The Flaming Idiots, an avant-garde traveling trio of performance comedians, to the delight of an enthusiastic crowd. Trio members are Kevin Hunt as Walter, Jon O'Connor as Gyro and Rob Williams as Pyro.

The show featured numerous variations of juggling including Williams juggling blazing torches while standing on student Kyle Bailey's shoulders. A constant comedic patter accompanied the physical action.

The most startling stunt of all was performed by Hunt. He swallowed a narrow three foot balloon completely, all the while joking with the audience. He finished the performance without removing the balloon.

Based in Austin, the group has performed at Esther's Follies, The Velvet Room and won Best Novelty Act and Best Overall Act at the last Austin Comedy Festival. In Waco the trio can be seen at Water Works comedy nights.

They can be seen on weekends and Memorial Day through June 16 at Scarborough Faire located 1.6 miles west of Interstate 35 (exit 399) on FM 66 near Waxahachie. Tickets for the fair are \$10.95 plus tax for adults and

\$4.50 plus tax for children 5-12. They do five shows a day and are one of 10 acts at the fair.

They describe the fair as loosely Renaissance (the humanistic revival of art, literature and learning in Europe from the 14th through the 16th century) with a heavy dose of the 1960s and 1970s. It features around 200 craft exhibits and games such as archery, axe throwing and knights in armor on horseback in jousting contests.

One of the more bizarre attractions is called "vegetable vengeance." A guy is locked in wooden stocks and proceeds to aggressively insult passersby. Vengeance comes in the form of ripe tomatoes at three for a dollar to chunk at the no'er-do-well.

For some people the fair is an escape, for others it's a way of life with regular participants viewed as extended family members, said Williams. In fact, the group first met at a fair and have been together for seven years.

With the exception of attending juggling conventions, the trio's skills are self-taught. "We just started doing it—we didn't know anything," said Hunt. By paying attention to audience reactions to individual performance pieces, they assembled their current act over three to four years, he said.

On campus, Williams ended the performance by saying, "It's much harder to bring laughter into this world than sorrow. We're doing our part."

Grads get job hunting help

By MICHAEL COLLINS

As a service to students, the job placement office offers a plan for those about to graduate.

Students needing help in finding a job after graduation are encouraged to apply for job placement services at least two months before graduation, but there is no deadline, according to Sondi Jones, coordinator of job placement services. The file should contain an unofficial transcript,

resume and recommendations.

This service is designed to find out who is looking for work and what he or she is looking for. Applying for this service establishes a permanent record so that any time a graduate needs a job reference the college can help, provided the resume is updated.

"This service is another tool in the job search process and is able to help students," Jones said.

For more information contact Jones at ext. 594 or 693.

'Kids College' begins in June

By ERICA MULLER

Registration for this summer's "Kids College" is currently underway.

Warren Johnson, coordinator of avocational and business education, is directing the camp. The program is designed for children who have completed kindergarten up to high school age students.

The courses are designed to be entertaining non-credit activity courses such as swimming, kar-

ate, volleyball, art, magic and reading.

Kids College classes will be in three sessions and will last for three weeks each. Sessions begin June 3, June 24 and July 15. The daily classes last for one hour Monday through Thursday. Tuition varies from \$16 to \$30. For more information call continuing education at 750-3507 or stop by the office for a brochure.

Highlanders in preparation for regionals, state and nationals

By JOHN PESCAIA

The MCC baseball team is tuning up for the Region 5 tournament which will be held on May 10-12.

The Highlanders continued play as they swept Eastfield in a three game series on April 26 and 27.

In the first game the Highlanders crushed Eastfield by a 12-2 score. Eastfield jumped on the board early by taking a 2-0 score, but the Highlanders received their wakeup call as they scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. MCC added a run in the fifth, sixth, and eighth to put the game out of reach.

The winning pitcher for MCC was Sean Lowe who is 8-1 for the season and 5-0 in conference play.

Leading hitters for MCC were Jeff Andrewartha with two singles and a home run hit in the

eighth inning. James Nix also contributed with two singles.

In the second game, MCC continued their dominance over Eastfield as they won again, 11-1. Cedric Allen, who has an earned run average of under 1 run a game, came in the game and gave up only three hits. Allen is 8-0 for the year.

George Kilford went 4 for 4 and Mark Prather scored four of the Highlanders 11 runs. MCC won the second game as Bert Inman and Dax Winslett combined for a 5-0 shutout.

The Highlanders have improved their record to 40-13 for the year and 20-1 in conference action. The wins have extended the Highlanders winning streak to 16 games.

The State Tournament will be held May 16-20 and the National Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 25.

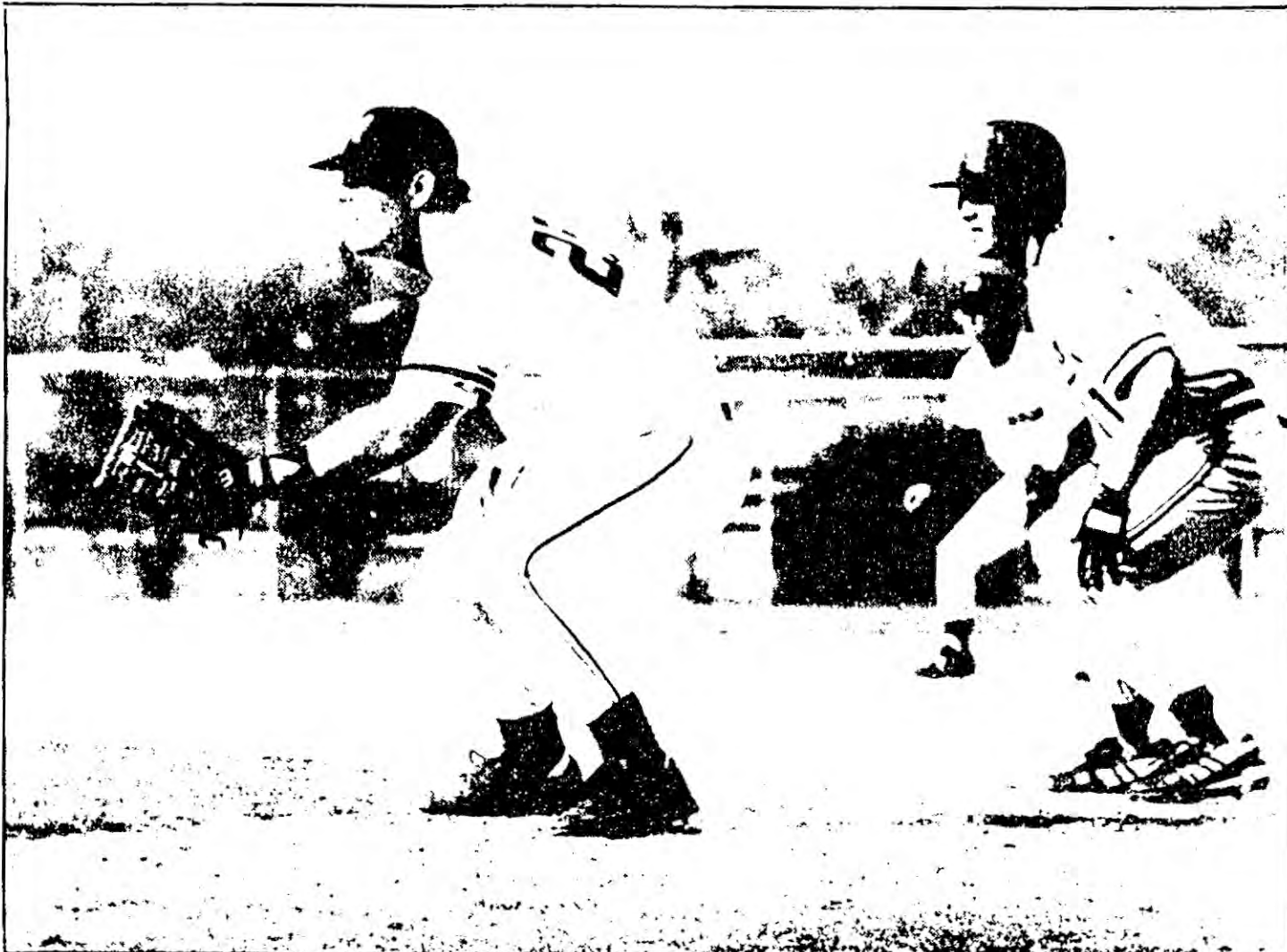


Photo By NATHAN NEWBERRY

JEFF ANDREWARTHA, first baseman, gets ready as a San Jacinto player leads off the base before attempting to steal. The Highlanders will be playing in the Regional Tournament on May 10-12. The 'Landers successfully captured the Region V title. The State Tournament will be held on May 16-20 and the National Tournament will be held on May 25.

'Landers favored at state play

By JOHN PESCAIA

The Highlanders will be one of the favored teams in the community college state baseball tournament May 16-20 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Coach Paul Miller and the Highlanders are tuning up for the five day tourney which will include the top four finishers from Region 5 and the top four finishers from Region 14.

The tournament is a double elimination format and the winner of the tournament will advance to the nationals in Grand Junction, Col., May 25-June 1.

MCC is the champion of Region 5 and the other participants from the region will be Brookhaven, Eastfield, and Hill Junior College.



Golf team holds on to garner regional; ready for nationals

By REGGIE BLACK

The Highlander golf team held on to win the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 5 championship on its home course at Lake Waco Golf and Country Club April 24-25.

Even with their best round of the 54-hole tournament a 1-under par team total of 287, the Highlanders just barely held off top ranked Midland to win the title by three strokes.

MCC and Midland received automatic births to the national tournament which will be held June 3-6 at Green Tree Country Club at Mission Dorado in Midland.

MCC sophomore Gary Clark won first place medalist with an 8-under par 208 total. Freshman teammate Mikko Rantanen tied for second medalist with Patrick Johansson of New Mexico Junior College at 5-under par 211 total.

Clark took the lead in the medalist race with a 5-under par 139 total after the second round and clinched the victory with a final round of 3-under par 69. Rounding out the scores for the Highlanders were Terry Nightingale 220; Jimmy Ray Sawyer 228; and Dino Muzzola 239.

Team scores and their order of finishing were:

1. MCC 290-290-287-867
2. Midland 295-291-284-870
3. Odessa 302-292-285-879
4. New Mexico Military 296-292-294-882
5. New Mexico Junior College 294-298-291-883
6. Western Texas 296-297-291-884
7. Grayson 299-301-293-893
8. Wrenthorpe 311-309-293-913
9. Temple 313-313-304-930

The all region team members and their scores were:

1. Gary Clark, MCC, 70-69-69-208
2. (tie) Mikko Rantanen, MCC, 71-69-71-211
3. (tie) Patrick Johansson NMJC 69-71-71-211
4. (tie) Grant Thompson Midland 71-74-68-213
5. (tie) Pedro Jaramillo NMMI 73-68-71-213.

Girl Talk...

Highlanders and Highlassies end the school year with a successful season

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

The year in sports is beginning to wrap up to an end and several teams and athletes have had tremendous accomplishments during the spring semester.

In February, Tabitha Truesdale, sophomore, was honored with the Women's Player of the Week award in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference play.

In March, the school was the host of the Texas State Junior College Basketball Tournament, which was held in the Highlands.

In April, the bowling team, Alley Cats, won the traveling trophy. The golf team was the host of the Regional Golf Tournament and the baseball team won the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference and has advanced to regional play. Also, the golf team is ranked ninth nationally, and Gary Clark is ranked fourth. The tennis teams have reached the Region V tournament, while the men are ranked fifth and the women are ranked 13 nationally.

These are just a few out of many accomplishments that have been reached throughout the year. All the teams have done exceptionally well this year and Highland Herald would like to congratulate them and the coaches for a successful season.

Tennis team runner-up in regional tournament

By REGGIE BLACK

The men's tennis team placed second in the Region 5 team tennis tournament and this propelled the Highlanders into the championship of the National Junior College Athletic Association team tennis tournament in Tyler on May 19-25.

In the region semifinals MCC defeated Odessa College 5-2 by great singles matches that gave

the Highlanders a 4-2 edge and a straight-sets victory by Jun Hernandez and Paco Santillan that clinched the victory.

In the finals top ranked Midland, led by their four left-handed players, swept the Highlanders 6-0. This is the first time that MCC has been swept by a junior college team.

Grueling matches in the semifinals left torn callouses on Juan Gutierrez feet which forced the

top MCC player to observe the finals from the sidelines.

The finals was a match loaded with international talent from both schools.

Top ranked Midland also defeated Cooke County 6-0 in the ladies final making it a regional championship sweep. Odessa College downed MCC, 5-2, in the third place women's match. The two victories for MCC came in singles from No. 1 Vicki Potter and No. 6 Kirsty Gledhill.

Highland Games action photos

Photos By NATHAN NEWBERRY



THE WINNER of the Highland Games was a tie between the Student Government and the Physical Therapy Club. Scott Holland swallows chunks of pie that was being shoved in his mouth by Jennifer McMaster (above). Holland, Game Room and Press Club representative, came in third place. Eric Hooker, Multi-Cultural Affairs Coordinator, braces himself as he attempts to catch an egg in the Egg Toss contest (middle). Lance Donaldson, the Caber Toss champion, concentrates as he prepares to toss the pole (far right). Donaldson tossed the pole 31 feet and 3 inches. Donaldson was also a representative of the Game Room and the Press Club.



UIL musical competition held on campus

By MARY KUJAWA

MCC once again has extended a welcome to the University Interscholastic League. This time MCC opened the halls of music.

On April 16 and 17, MCC played host to 24 high school bands who competed in concert playing and sight-reading contests. Roger Rush, music instructor, served as the event's chairman.

According to Rush, more than 1,400 students were on campus to participate in the contests. The students were in Region VIII.

On April 16, 12 Class A bands competed while on Wednesday 12 Class AA bands competed. In Class A, Axtell was the top-rated band while in Class AA, Clifton was the top-rated band.

The concert playing contests were held in the Ball Performing

Arts Center theater. Sight-reading contests were held in the rehearsal hall. Fifteen MCC music students served as assistants. Six judges from around the state evaluated the performances of the contestants.

Rush said this was the first time MCC held the UIL concert playing and sight-reading events. MCC is already host for the ensemble events held in February.

Champ

Scott wins state hay hauling title

By JENNIFER McMASTER

Some students think of hay hauling as a summer job, but for student Marc Scott it's a load full of fun.

Scott and teammates Edward and Mark Jackson became the state hay hauling champions in February.

Scott said that he grew up with his teammates and they used to haul hay for a little extra money until they found out about the competition. The competition involves 42 bales of hay. The competitors use a pick-up truck and drive up to the bales of hay. Then they load the hay and drive through an obstacle course.

The obstacle course consists of cattle guards and gates that they must get out and open. Ditches and sharp corners also challenge the driver.

When they are out of the truck, the doors must be shut and the engine must be turned off. These rules make the competition safe, said Scott.

Once through the obstacles the team must unload the hay in the same spot where they found it. When the team gets back in the truck and shuts the doors, the clock stops.

Scott and the Jacksons won with a time of three minutes and seven seconds. They won by

at least 37 seconds over the second place team, a new state record.

Scott said that they started competing about four years ago. To get to the state competition the teams must win at the county level. The county competition is held at the Red Barn at the Heart of Texas Fair Grounds. After winning at the county level, Scott and his teammates traveled to Houston where they won the state championship.

When asked what their secret to winning was, Scott said, "Each one of us knows what the others are thinking, so this keeps us from getting in their way. Everything just fell right for us."

Scott also said that there is a secret to loading the hay in the back of the truck. The weight of the hay must be on the center of the truck. The bales need to be tight and close together. This keeps the bales from falling off while going through the obstacle course.

Hay hauling competitions are not limited to the men. Women have their own teams. "I would hate to go against some of the women's teams. They are really tough," said Scott.

Scott and his teammates are currently trying to set up an exhibition for the Texas Farm Bureau. They are shooting for sometime next month.

Ex-prosecutor cross-examines life



Photo by Sam Allgood

ATTENDING CLASSES AT MCC after a life-threatening accident has helped Deanna Fitzgerald to get a grip on her life.

By SAM ALLGOOD

For five years she's dealt with the nightmarish realities of McLennan County—murderers, rapists, child-abusers—and put them in jail.

The strain of dealing with the gray areas of the criminal justice system and the stress of dealing with victimized children put her feelings on hold. Through the unlikely combination of a life-threatening auto accident and

attending classes here, Deanna Fitzgerald has found happiness.

In previous times she measured happiness in terms of material wealth—the second car, the big home—but now it means a new direction in life.

"There's a lot more to life than money. If you're burned out and miserable, don't let it take a car wreck to change your life's direction," she said.

Part-and-parcel of life threatening experiences is the exami-

nation of one's life that comes after. Upon reflection, Fitzgerald decided to put her time recuperating to good use.

The former college instructor, author and candidate for the Texas House of Representatives has chosen the path of becoming a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor through the mental health program here. "With all my degrees and experience, I have been overwhelmed by the competence of the teachers at MCC. Their concern for students has really been a good experience," she said.

Certification requires completing a one-year mental health program with 4,000 hours (two-years at 40 hours per week) of relevant work experience. She has recently begun working at the Freeman Center's Detox, Evaluation, Assessment and Referral Unit.

As a future alternative, "Working with ethics and malpractice suits in the mental health field can combine my interests. I think it should be mandatory for lawyers to take mental health courses in order to work with people," she said.

Jail versus rehab

Going from prosecutor to mental health worker has given Fitzgerald a different view of what she sees as the nation's number one problem—drugs. It's obvious from the ever-increasing drug problem that simply putting people in prison is not the solution, she said. "The problem is way too deep to solve through the criminal justice system."

However, she said stopping the flow of drugs and the people who sell them is a crucial law enforcement issue that needs to be handled.

As a society, she suggests we de-emphasize putting people with drug problems in jail and emphasize their going through detoxification, education and

counseling programs. "We have to face reality and set a system up for it."

Coping

She links the rise of drug abuse to the decline of sharing feelings among family members. "When young we're taught to numb our feelings. When older we numb ourselves with drugs or drink."

If the only way a person can cope with life or stress is through drugs (alcohol included), then they should sit back and try to figure out why, said Fitzgerald. "I don't think many people use drugs just to have a good time. Many use to break down inhibitions—most use to escape reality."

"The person has to deal with the issues in their personal life that make them use drugs. Until the issues are dealt with, the person will continue to use."

People who do drugs in social situations often end up isolating themselves from others, she said. "If you're going to have a drug of choice, make it people. The most fun thing in life is getting to know other people."

Support groups

For people who think they may have a substance abuse problem but don't want to confide in an authority figure, she suggests getting in touch with a support group or counselor who deals with issues of feeling.

However, involvement with some well-known support groups entails publicly attaching a label to yourself. "If you didn't use the label 'alcoholic,' more people would get help. It makes you an alcoholic first and a person second. Nine out of 10 people do not get help."

As a parting thought to those with substance abuse problems, she suggests as you drink that beer for breakfast or do that line before class to think, "Would I want someone I love, doing what I'm doing right now?"



Photo by Sam Allgood

JERRY M. OPPERMAN, the new chef-Food Service Director at MCC demonstrates the correct way to flip a hamburger.

Chef brings spice to MCC cafeteria

By BECKY NOLAN

He is hot, new and cooking up some great food. He is chef Jerry M. Opperman who recently became MCC's Food Service Director.

Opperman has been a chef for more than 10 years. Most of his experience was in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He earned a culinary arts degree from El Centro Junior College in Dallas.

After preparing meals for international flights at the DFW Airport, he became head chef at an Arlington restaurant, cooked at two country clubs and eventually joined the ARA Dining Services.

During his 17 years in the Metroplex, he prepared meals for First Lady Barbara Bush, comedian Eddie Murphy, the Dallas Mavericks, the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Chicken.

He has also cooked for the Olympic and Special Olympic teams.

Not only is Opperman the Chef-Food Service Director, but he is also the director and founder of the Heart of Texas Chapter of the Texas Chefs Association and is on the Board of Directors of the American Culinary Federation. Since his arrival at MCC a few weeks ago, he has been trying to focus his energy on making positive changes in the dining area of the Student Center.

"I want to focus on what the students like so that they won't have to leave campus to get a good, affordable meal," Opperman said.

Opperman said he wants to improve the image of the Student Center dining area as well as give the students a better variety of food. He welcomes any suggestions for improvement. He may be reached at 750-3576 in the Student Center.

Pruett receives award

By JENNIFER McMASTER

Many students know Butch Pruett as the easy going, fun loving man who runs the MCC game room, but now Waco will know him as the Handicapped Person of the Year.

A few weeks ago, the city of Waco announced that it had designated the distinguished title to Pruett. He said that by accepting the award, MCC becomes Waco's Handicap Employer of the year.

Pruett became an amputee two years ago in August as a result of a car accident. Now he is on the Mayor's Council for the Handicapped. On this council, physically handicapped and sighted and/or hearing impaired citizens along with others work on projects to improve the community for the handicapped.

The council is presently working with the Dr Pepper Museum on a project "see it, hear it, smell it." This project will make it easier for handicapped citizens to enjoy the museum. Viewers for the displays will be placed at eye level for the people standing and also at a lower level for both small children and those con-

finied to a wheelchair.

Pruett also said the council is also working with Cablevision on getting the American Disabled Channel for the hearing impaired. This channel will have closed captions.

Jennifer Barrett, freshman, is also on the council. She said that the council discusses the things that need to be done around the community and set out and get it done.

"Anyone can be on the council whether they walk, roll or look purple. It does not matter," said Barrett.

Pruett is also a member of the North Texas Amputee Support Group. "It is an outreach program for amputees. They are there for support of any amputee," said Pruett.

Pruett will receive a plaque at an awards ceremony sometime in October for Handicap of the Year.

When asked how he felt about receiving the honor Pruett said, "I felt as though it was great, but I don't think that I am anyone special. I do feel honored that someone did consider me for this award."

Rare trees on campus

By DANIEL BACON

To trace its origins, one would have to go back 200 million years in time. Scientists have found its fossils that far back, but to see it today all one would have to do is walk to the front of the Natural Science Building.

Situated on both sides of the main sidewalk are two of the only four known trees of its kind in Waco and the surrounding area. They are simply known as Ginkgo trees.

Their origins date back to prehistoric ages and are the sole living representative of its entire biological classification division. This means it has no brothers, sisters, or cousins like the oaks, pines or maples.

Although the trees are not classified as rare, they're not common or indigenous to this part of the world. In fact, they were at one time believed to be extinct until they were "discovered" in mainland China where they were cultivated by monks for their or-

amental qualities.

Through the foresight of L. Patricia Norton, former MCC biology instructor, two trees were planted on her recommendation. She said the trees would add not only ornamental value but uniqueness to the campus when they were planted nearly 23 years ago.

The trees are known for their slow growth yet hardy stamina.

"The leaf venation (pattern) is what makes the Ginkgo so unique. If you examine one closely, you can see the delicate shape that makes a beautiful sight when the tree is fully leafed," Norton said.

The tree is unisexual, which means that it produces either male or female reproductive structures. "If you can find a nursery that can get a Ginkgo for you, be sure to specify that the male tree is what you want," Norton said. Apparently the fruit that forms on a female tree exudes a stench akin to road-kill.

Some health organizations claim that the leaves have medicinal value as an aid in blood circulation.

McCue: convention scholarship winner

By SHAWN RISENER

"I feel like I'm carrying on two conversations at once," said Suzanne McCue—and she was.

McCue, coordinator of the Central Texas Council for the Deaf/Hearing Impaired, paused between sentences to type a response to the printed messages rolling out of the telecommunications device for the deaf or TDD. The TDD clattered like an adding machine.

McCue received a scholarship from the Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf to attend the society's state convention in Houston last month.

At the convention, she accompanied the first vice president of the society to see how the convention is run since it will be held at the Waco Convention Center next year.

She said the convention's location is decided by bids made several years in advance. The convention was in Waco in 1982. She has been in the interpreter training program at MCC for two years and was named coordinator of CTCDD/III in January. CTCDD/III is located in the Faculty Office Building. Jonnie Duncan, director of the interpreter training program, said the CTCDD/III is a "direct door to community needs." It helps TTP students like McCue gain experience.

The last time McCue had

been in school was when she completed the ninth grade. She had been out of school for 23 years and just had received her GED when she came to MCC two years ago.

McCue said the support she has received from instructors, staff and students helped her make the transition from being out of school for so long. "I couldn't have made it without this support." The TDD clattered again.

"Just to show you don't have to be young to go to school," she referred to the recent birth of her second grandchild. McCue is also secretary of the Waco Silent Club and the Heart O' Texas Interpreters for the Deaf. In spite of her busy schedule, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA which helped to qualify her for induction in the Phi Theta Kappa, a national junior college honorary scholastic fraternity.

In addition, McCue raises Blue Heelers, which are Australian cattle dogs. She said her mother, who is deaf, is going to help train the dogs to assist the deaf.

After MCC, McCue plans to attend the University of Arkansas for a bachelor's degree in counseling and rehabilitation for the deaf.

As the TDD fell silent, she paused to type in a final response and signed off.

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AN EMOTIONAL HIGH-- Christy Perry (left) and Robbie Koziol play their parts as Cora Flood and Reenie in the final performance of "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs."

Art Center features Williams, Hicks art

By BECKY NOLAN

The Danny Williams/Margaret Hicks exhibit opened on April 18 at The Art Center and will continue until May 26 in both the large and small galleries on the lower floor.

Danny Williams, a Waco native, first received wide-spread public attention after his first exhibition at The Art Center 12 years ago.

"Williams is now one of the leading artists from Texas," Joe Kagle, director of The Art Center, said.

The Williams exhibit features paintings, prints and sculptures. The works being featured were done between 1988 and 1991.

Margaret Hicks is both an artist and a photographer as well as the director of the Art Department at Navarro College.

The Hicks exhibit is the second of two parts. It features photographs of abstract shapes found in nature.

The Art Center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to The Art Center is free. For more information, contact Kagle or Sarah Logan at 752-4371.

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A Review:

'Dark at the Top of the Stairs'

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

"The Dark at the Top of the Stairs" that had its final performance here Sunday dealt with the fears of a 1926 Midwestern family who hasn't learned to communicate.

"I would call it a dark comedy," said Director Dave Borron about the production. "It has its light moments and its funny characters, but it has rather a serious theme."

"Dark at the Top of the Stairs" was written by William Inge in the 1950s. Inge's plays are famous for their colorful and accurate depiction of Midwestern life. His plays are also known for giving Midwesterners the privilege to be traumatized by life just as other Americans represented on Broadway.

Instead of having one central

climax, several conflicts were unfolded as the characters were revealed.

The main conflict was between Rubin and Cora Flood, played by John Burgess and Christy Perry. Rubin was a harness salesman in a small town near Oklahoma City in 1926 competing with the growing automobile industry. Cora struggled with Rubin's inability to accept the responsibilities of marriage. This struggle reached a climax when Rubin hit Cora and left, never to return, or so he said.

"Dark at the Top of the Stairs" was filled with emotionally intense and extremely well-cast characters. Robbie Koziol shown in her portrayal of the shy daughter Reenie. Chris Navarro did well in his parts as Rubin and Cora's son Sonny Flood. Several lighter characters served to add comical overtones to the

drama. Amy Barber did a color job as the character Lottie Lacey, the "modern" busy-body from the big city. The character Cora envied Lottie's dominance of her quiet husband Morris Lacey, played by Jacob Lowe.

Without revealing the conclusion, the play ended with the "dark" at the top of the stairs, a symbol of the family's fears of the future, no longer being frightening.

Other characters included Flint Conroy, played by Renee Kroeker, Sammy Goldenbaum and Punky Givens played by Mike Greenlee and Keith Adair. Off stage voices included Jo Carnahan, Mike Jones, and Kelly O'Connor, who also was assistant director. Scenic, costume, lighting and sound designs were done by Mike Jones, Libby Jones, Keith Adair and Stephanie Valdez.

Art Center offering summer classes

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The Art Center is offering classes and demonstrations throughout the summer for adults and children.

Lillian Lemke, portrait artist, will be giving a free-landscape oil demonstration on June 15 for anyone interested in learning the art of oil painting. Enrollment deadline is June 3.

Summer classes for children start June 3 with "Creative Mudplay" where young people

are introduced to various techniques used with clay.

Four classes run June 3-7, 15-19, 17-27 and 18-28.

A "Media Madness" class will be offered June 10-14 to explore and recreate art in wet and dry media.

"Beyond Crayons" will be offered June 24-28 to help students learn basic design and drawing skills.

From July 8-12, "Brush Magic" is offered to learn the mixing of colors and the use of different

paint brushes.

For adults, a workshop in clay to introduce clay sculpting is offered June 3-26 and June 1-24.

For additional information, call the Art Center at 752-4371.

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DAY SCHEDULE

CLASSES	EXAM DAY	EXAM TIME
Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes		
7:00 - 7:50 am	Mon., May 13 & Wed., May 15	*7:00 - 8:10 am
*(precludes uninterrupted 140 min. exam time)		
8:00 - 8:50 am	Mon., May 13	8:25 - 10:45 am
9:00 - 9:50 am	Wed., May 15	8:00 - 10:20 am
10:00 - 10:50 am	Mon., May 13	11:00 - 1:20 pm
11:10 - 12:00 pm	Wed., May 15	10:35 - 12:55 pm
12:15 - 1:05 pm	Mon., May 13	1:35 - 3:55 pm
1:10 - 2:50 pm	Wed., May 15	1:10 - 3:30 pm

Tues. - Thurs. classes

8:00 - 9:15 am	Thurs., May 9	8:00 - 10:20 am
9:25 - 10:40 am	Tues., May 14	8:00 - 10:20 am
10:50 - 12:05 pm	Thurs., May 9	10:35 - 12:55 pm
12:15 - 1:30 pm	Tues., May 14	10:35 - 12:55 pm
1:40 - 2:55 pm	Thurs., May 9	1:10 - 3:30 pm

OTHER DAY CLASSES

Tues., May 14	1:10 - 3:30 pm
Sat., May 11	9:00 - 11:20 am

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