

Phi Theta Kappa honors

Sixty-seven McLennan Community College students were inducted Monday into the Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Scholastic Fraternity for the spring semester.

Rita Spinn, an MCC associate degree nursing instructor, was the keynote speaker at the induction in the Community Services Center.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national junior college honorary scholastic fraternity. Its primary purposes are to promote scholarship, develop character and cultivate fellowship among students.

To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed at least 12 semester hours as a full-time student, have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average, be currently enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and have obtained three letters of recommendation from MCC faculty members.

Inductees from Waco are Kristy Berry, Sean Boate, Kevin Carter, Kristina Carter, Kenneth Crowley, Brian Denman, Maria Dokolas, Suzanne Greer-Duett, Jennifer Field, LeDeana Grange, James Hammett, Jennifer Hood, Deborah Keen, Karroll Key, Susan Kinder, Azita Kocian, Susan Lightsey and Pat McCullough.

Also, Robert Maroney, Dana Mason, Julie Nichols, Kristen Nobis, Laurie Noll, James Pearson, Gregory Randall, Rusty Rector, Suzanne Reed, Brian Reynolds, Jeannie Shriver, Sharla Smith, Linda Story, TaShawna Thomas, Regan Thompson, Jana Tyler, Christopher Valiant, Terri White and Marilyn Williams.

Other inductees and their hometowns are Gloria Atteberry, Bruceville; Andrea Brown and Rene Peevey, Ax-tell; Gloria Wroten-Burton, China Spring; and James Conrad, Beverly Donaldson, Wendy Jeffreys, Tracie Lynch, Jessica McMichael, Toni Martin, Joan Posey, Amy Richardson and Holly Tarver, Hewitt.

Also, Holly Devorsky, Bellmead; Molly Dvorak, West; Steven Eisenman, Russell Gauer and John Latham, Crawford; Barry Furman and Nicole Hinkle, McGregor; Kristen Koepf, Lauren Koepf and Joe Kreader, Elm Mott; Laura Lasater, Moody; Kandy Pryor, Lorena; Kimberley Raley and Catherine Smith, Gatesville; Mary Stinson and Shalonda Williams, Riesel; and Teresa Weber, Purdon.

MCC elected as the state vice-president school



STATE VICE-PRESIDENT -- Members of the Student Government Association attended the Texas State Junior College Student Government Association convention in Austin recently. From the left are Jenny Neff, Stacey Lynch, Lorrell Eisma, Jeana Rostocky, Gary Coleman, Jeremy Pedigo and Chris Longoria.

Art Center exhibit features Waco-born artist

By J. KEVIN CRAWFORD

The Art Center is presenting an exhibit of the internationally renowned artist, director and playwright, Robert Mims Wilson.

The exhibit is somewhat of a homecoming for the native Texan, born in Waco in 1941 and who performed his first non-verbal piece at a drama competition at Waco High School in 1958.

His career has taken him to many countries since leaving for New York in 1962 after majoring in business administration at the University of Texas-Austin.

His talents have been displayed in various forms from the artistic furniture pieces to the dramatic drawings and photographs of his productions.

These pieces, drawings and photographs make up the Robert Wilson exhibit now on display at the Art Center. The first item that catches the eye is the piece from his 1986 "Alceste." This piece, entitled "Betty Freeman Bamboo Throne Chair," is made of round Japanese tiger bamboo, ash, reeds and horsehair. His 1989 piece Esmeralda's Sofa from "Doktor Faustus" and his 1979 piece Rudolf Hess Bench Chairs from "Death, Destruction and Detroit" are also on display. The exhibit features nine untitled

Robert Wilson's work includes artistic furniture pieces, dramatic drawings and photographs of his productions

photographs from his 1992 "Don Juan" series, two drawings from "The White Raven" and six drawings from "Danton's Death."

Also featured in the exhibit are two videos. One consisting of 100, 30 second episodes of his productions and the other is the 90 minute BBC production, produced and directed by Howard Brooker, entitled "Robert Wilson and CIVIL warS". Along with Wilson's art, the Art Center is providing information detailing the exploits of Wilson's distinguished career.

The Wilson exhibit is presented Tuesday through Sunday, 10-5 p.m., and will run through April 11.

The Wilson exhibit is the third and final presentation that began three years ago with the work of Paul Baker. In 1992 the Art Center displayed the work of Edmund Kinzinger. Kinzinger's work was an influence in the

lives of both Baker and Wilson.

New exhibits are presented every six to eight weeks. Art Center Director Joe Kagel said, "We normally work three years ahead of time. The artist will contact me, or I will contact the artist, and I will go look at their work in their studio."

No admission is charged to the viewers of these exhibits, however the Art Center's annual budget for such presentations is \$250,000 and is used to put on six to eight exhibits a year.

"We fund our exhibits ourselves through donations, grants and memberships to the Art Center," Kagel said.

Although the Art Center is not a part of MCC, it will continue to reside on the campus of MCC well into the 21st century, as Kagel said, "We have a long term lease with the college that will run through the year 2019."

By ANN JONES

Members of the Student Government attended the Texas State Junior College Student Government Association convention in Austin on March 26-28 and were elected as the state vice-president school.

MCC defeated Wharton College by only two votes to win the contest. MCC also had to resign as regional president school to run for the office.

Being state vice-president school is an important position because that school will be responsible for most of the planning of the fall convention which will be held in Dallas.

Amarillo College was elected state president school.

At the convention, delegates went to regional meetings, workshops and heard guest speakers. The speaker at the dinner Friday night was Debbie Owen, an educational consultant whose topic was "Don't just do the thing right, do the right thing."

Weatherford, Richland and Cisco colleges have been added to the district in which MCC is a member. An emergency regional meeting is expected to be held in the next few weeks to discuss re-districting.

MCC also won 4th place out of 46 entries in a campaign song contest. The song was written by Elizabeth Caris, who wins \$50 for writing the winning entry in the contest held on campus.

Other Business

Back on campus in last week's SG meeting, President Chris Longoria congratulated members for making UIL day a big success. Members assisted in holding drawings and games in the Student Center all day during UIL day.

Student Government also

voted to approve the charter of a LULAC chapter of campus. Salsa will dissolve its organization in April and will become LULAC, retaining the same officers, President Raymond Martinez, Vice-President Sandra Ursua and Faculty Advisors Richard Coronado and Emmitt Flores.

Global Fest - Highland Games

Activities Director Greg Clark reminded members that Global Fest will be held on April 30 and May 1 with the Highland Games to be held on that Friday. Approximately 1,200 students from area elementary schools will be on campus that day to watch the games.

The games will start at 10 a.m. with a 5k fun run. At noon a representative from the Waco City Council will cut the ribbon, officially opening Global Fest. Events for the Highland Games, including pie eating and jalapeno pepper eating contests, three-legged race, egg toss, sack race, earth ball rally, volleyball and tug of war will follow.

At 11 a.m. there will be a performance of "The Alamo" at the amphitheater, then Highland games will resume at noon. No classes will be held after 12 noon. Any club or organization who would like to set up a booth at Global Fest can contact Janie Gamez in the Library.

Awards Assembly, elections

An awards assembly will be held on April 21 to honor clubs and individuals for their contributions to the school and community during the past year.

Elections for Student Government officers and representatives for the fall will be held on April 21 and 22.

Students learn problem-solving as part of internship program

By MINDY MURPHY

The business management program offers a two-year internship to provide employers with trained and well rounded employees.

Students enrolled in the program get a realistic and useful education that helps them in their profession. "This course ties together more explicitly what the students are learning in school to what's going on at the job," Nancy Ray-Mitchell, program director of accounting, general business, and management, said.

The internship program is required for a business management associate degree. The program consists of three internship classes in problem solving, marketing problems and small business management to be taken in conjunction with business classes. All students enrolled must be a business major and work at least 15 hours per week.

The internship involves a close relationship between school and the student's job. Each semester students work with their bosses to choose one specific project to accomplish during the semester. Students also chose an example problem to solve. This gives the opportunity to find the cause of the problem, come up with solutions and also hear other views about problem solving. This type of education prepares students for the workplace. "Students are able to

"The project helped me learn the big picture of my organization and better understand my job duties," -- Betty Nicks, intern

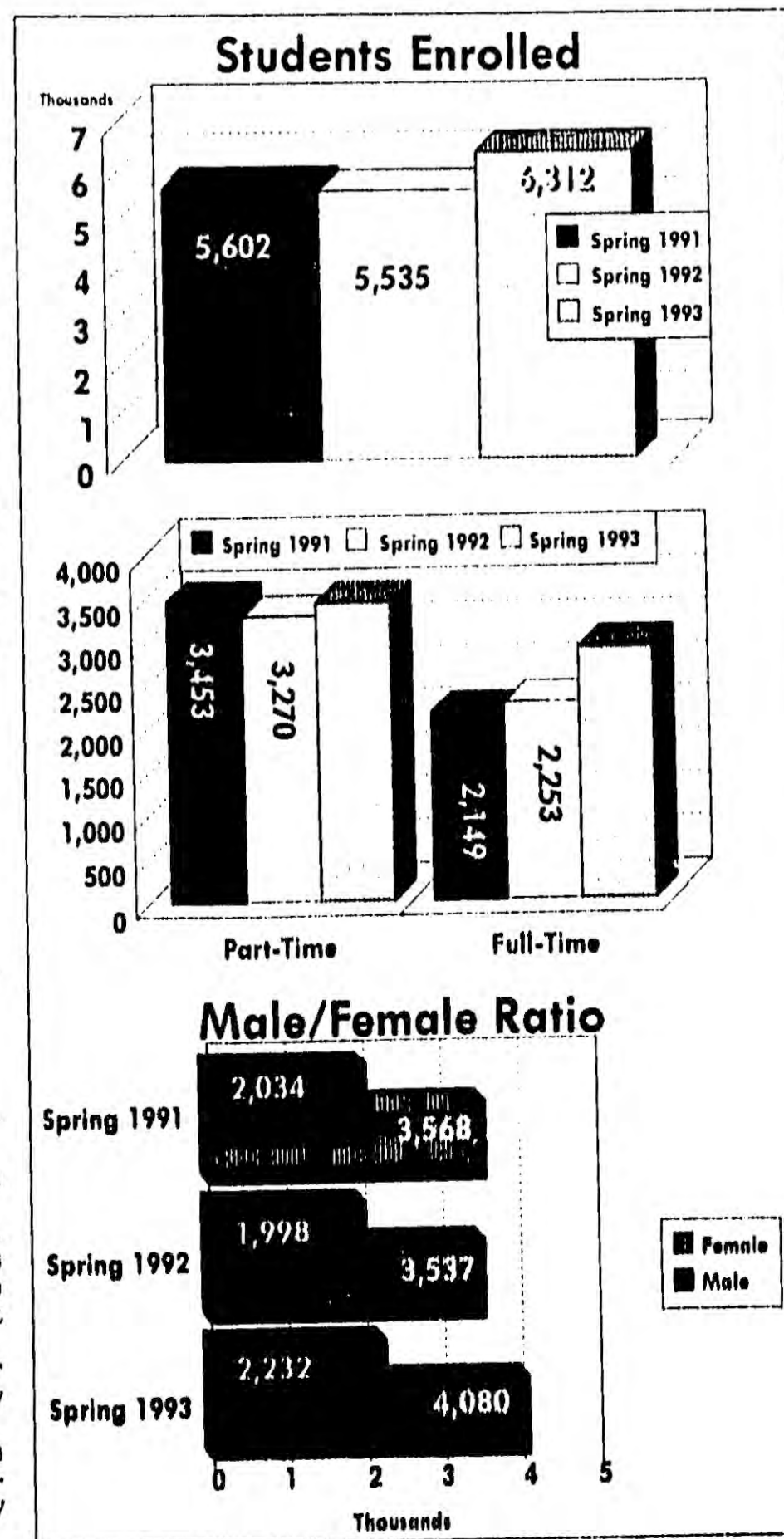
practice the creative thought process and critical thinking in a stressless environment," Ray-Mitchell said.

Students involved in the program have only positive comments. "The professors are excellent. This program has been a tremendous help to me and my organization. The program gives self assurance that what you are doing on the job is right," Dale Youngblood, plant manager at Kirach Manufacturing, said.

Betty Nicks, a current student of the program, is pleased with her progress. "The project helped me learn the big picture of my organization and better understand my job duties," she said.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the internship program can contact Nancy Ray-Mitchell at 750-3502. The other business management instructors are Miller Bristor, Dick Sydow and Jerry Jordan.

Spring enrollment





Editorial

A continuing job well done

A man comes into our journalism newsroom every day about 3 p.m. He doesn't say much, as a matter of fact, he says nothing unless spoken to -- then he always has a warm smile and greeting. He walks in with a cart that carries a trash can, a broom, a mop and cleaning solutions. His name is Boyce Johnson and he is one of the 19 hard-working custodians at MCC. They work 2-10:30, Monday through Thursday and Friday 11:30-8, cleaning up after us. The work they do almost always goes unnoticed. Did you know during Christmas break all of the floors were waxed? You probably didn't. We students should recognize and respect the hard work the custodians do by cleaning up after students and respecting the college's property. The custodians are Gene Williams, supervisor, Wanda Bustamante, Stevie Dickson, Catherine Dobbins, Mary Flores, Daniel Gabler, Lucy Garcia, Willie Goodman, Helen Hamilton, Leonard Harris, Len Lancaster, Boyce Johnson, Charles Nelson, Christina Ramon, Charles Redick, Carolyn Stevens, Clarence Walker, Sadie Walker, Penny Zapata and Ray Zapata. The next time you see these good people around campus, stop them and let them know they are appreciated.

Is media helping, hurting?

By ROBERT CERVANTES
I got a call from a constituent the other day who wanted to know if there was someone he or she could contact who could control the media's intense involvement in the cult situation in Waco. The constituent said that they (the media) were jeopardizing citizen's lives. I assume the constituent was referring to the talk radio host's invitation to cult leader David Koresh to call in and speak his 'peace'... live. The Feds seem to agree with this constituent that the media is interfering too much, too much for their own good. I could only sit there and say, "yes," and "you're absolutely right," to everything the constituent said about the media's involvement and their blatant lack of control because, quite frankly, there is nothing anyone could do to stop the media from doing what it wants, except maybe the Kremlin. But what role does the media play in our society? Do we really need to know everything that is going on to function as we do today? Since this is a governmental experience for me, I'll try to explain from that standpoint. First, the press plays a sophisticated role in our government. Take for instance, Watergate. I doubt if anything would have ever become of Gordon Liddy and his accomplices had the *Washington Post* not intervened. In the end, a United States' president would fall. Therefore, one can assume that the press was valid in its position to investigate a seemingly low-level crime, and the American people benefited from the experience. This report established the role of the media as the "government watchdog." What about the Vietnam War, excuse me, police action? Many say that the press did not help

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More tolerance of others needed

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter in response to the article that appeared in the March 23rd edition of the *Highland Herald* called, "Bible give-away by Gideons a good deed." The article was written by Learie Austin, the editor-in-chief of the *Herald*. First, I would like to say that I myself am a Christian and have no problem with the Gideons being on campus. I think they provide a good service. What I am concerned with is the article that Mr. Austin wrote. In his article he wrote some things that I do not agree with. Mr. Austin did not mention if he had knowledge of who made the complaint, or if he had any idea what the complainant actually said in the phone call to Greg Clark. For this reason, I believe that many of his comments were out of line. He was extremely one-sided and showed no objectivity whatsoever. Perhaps because he was defending religion, he felt he was justified in his remarks.

It never ceases to amaze me how quick people are to judge and condemn someone who makes a comment concerning religion, which does not go along with their own beliefs. Is that what religion is all about? I think not. I get the feeling that Mr. Austin is in favor of freedom of speech as long as it is the same as what he feels is the majority opinion.

I do not have a problem with someone complaining to Mr. Clark about the situation. It seems that you are automatically assuming that this was a hostile complaint, Mr. Austin. Maybe it was just a comment requesting the Gideons to slack off a little. Even Mr. Apperson said that they could have possibly sent a lesser number of people. Unless you know what was actually said and in what tone, I do not see how you can rightfully make the accusations that you did.

Let me start at the beginning. Mr. Austin you compared America to Russia, when you wrote that more than anything else they need Bibles in Russia. I am aware of this fact, but guess what, this is not Russia. If anyone in America wants a Bible there are countless places that they can get one for free. One can go to the library on campus and check the Bible out if they wish. You can hardly drive down the road without seeing a church every few miles. There are preachers on television preaching and offering free literature almost continuously. I do not think that anyone is being denied religion, or the right to have or give away Bibles.

In your first article you stated that the Gideons left the campus of their own free will, in order to avoid conflict. In the second article, you stated that MCC based on the complaint of a faculty member, declined the right for the Gideons to serve the students and staff. So which is it Mr. Austin? Again in the first article, John Hill states that he was told that the faculty member complained directly to a

Gideon, while the second article states that she made a phone call to Greg Clark. Which was it, or was it both?

I also thought you were really reaching when you commented on the teachers referring to the students as "their" students. What else are they going to call the students in their class? When I refer to the teachers I have, I say "my teacher." However, I do not think I own them. I think you are reading too much into the comment.

You mentioned that you did not like the fact that there were restrictions placed on the literature that could be distributed on campus. Well, then I guess you would have no problem then, if atheist or Satanists handed out literature on the campus. Correct me if I am wrong, but I think you would be one of the first ones on the phone to Mr. Clark. I think you need to realize, that just because you believe a certain way does not mean that everyone will feel the same. Some of the things you find morally and ethically right may offend someone else.

I think one of my favorite comments you made was about the positions for fulfillment of carnal appetite. You really put your foot in it on that one. It seems that you would expect, that the faculty member in question would be first in line for this type of information. To my knowledge, and I apologize if I am wrong, you do not know who this lady is, yet you are willing to judge her moral standards and values. That is not very Christian like, Mr. Austin. In fact, I would consider that libel and defamation of character.

Perhaps my favorite part was your quote. Let me refresh your memory. "Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity and consume your own smoke with an extra drought of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints." If you really believe and practice this Mr. Austin, there would be no freedom of speech, civil rights or equal opportunities for all people. This country is what it is today because people have the right to voice their opinions and get things changed. I would think that you, being a black American, would be the first to defend this right. Without it you and your people would not be where they are today. I'm sure I do not need to tell you that the Civil Rights movement prompted some complaints, but did the blacks stop. By the way, I hope you do not think that I am against civil or equal rights, because I am definitely not. That is the reason I am writing this letter, because I believe everyone should have equal rights. I do not think you are wanting to give the faculty member her right to voice her opinion. Allow me to remind you, that when you do not respect the rights of others to hold an opinion different from your own, you should expect that they will not respect your rights either.

Mr. Austin you wrote that you wanted to practice inclusion instead of exclusion. However, you seem more than willing to ex-

clude this faculty member's opinion. Sounds a little hypocritical to me. The Bible teaches unconditional love, this means excluding none.

Mr. Austin, I hope you realize that I am not trying to get you to refrain from expressing your views on the situation. You have every right to do that. However, you also need to understand that others have the same right and they should not have to be judged or degraded by others for exercising that right.

Sincerely,
Barbara Churchill
MCC student

Students should have a voice

Dear Editor,
I recently had the opportunity to make an observation on this controversial Wednesday when the men from Gideon International were on our campus, and I do mean "our campus," handing out New Testaments. In my 30 minutes of observation in the Liberal Arts Building, I saw maybe two people turn down the gentlemen's offer of a New Testament. I was actually surprised at the large number of students who accepted the testaments and paid their thanks.

I don't see how one faculty member's complaint can carry enough weight to speak for the whole institution. There are far more students on this campus than faculty members. It really bothers me that students have no say on issues like this. Who's the college campus for anyway? Without students there wouldn't be a need for college institutions. So why don't students have a little say on issues that affect us all.

MCC as well as other colleges need to quit taking it upon themselves to face these issues alone. It's time for the most important people in higher learning, "the student," to have some say on the issues that affect them. Sincerely,
Charles Goncer

Highlassies need more recognition

Dear Editor,
McLennan Community College fans have really disappointed the women's basketball team because they didn't recognize us until we spoke up for ourselves. The women's basketball team does not get all the credit they deserve. I think we should appreciate our ladies team more. They are trying just as hard as the guys. If you are going to support one team, you should support both.

In the Student Center, the fans had signs up for the guys. They had a happy birthday sign up for Terrance Bethel. They didn't put any signs up for the ladies. The Highlassies had four ladies with birthdays in the month of February. The fans never acknowledged our birthdays. They put signs up after we complained about it so much. Even the news channels in Waco do not notice the Highlassies.

The women's basketball team has tried extremely hard this year to prove to a lot of people they should be recognized. When

we made it into the tournament, we still didn't get much support. The guys game was packed. All the ladies asked for, was a little encouragement. I really think MCC needs to appreciate the Highlassies better than they have in the past. Cordially,
Rebecca Titus

Women's team likes support

Dear Editor,
As a member of the Highlassies basketball team, I think we should be treated the same way as the boys are being treated. I think that we should get a chance to prove that we can be No. 1 or No. 2 only if we have supporters to back us. I know the Highlassies are working extremely hard to achieve the highest goals as possible, but without fans and supporters, our goal has already failed.

One event that I remember was homecoming when there was only Highlander posters in the Student Center. One person thought about us and said, "Go Highlassies! Beat Hill." The team appreciated who made the poster. Another thing that was so bad was that the organizations of the school such as student services and Student Government did not support the Highlassies until after we spoke out and finally got some support.

I would appreciate if you take this letter into consideration because it will affect the way the Highlassies react to the supporters next year. Many of those girls that were there this year will be there next year, and will remember what happened this past year. Cordially,
Pamela Gonner

Banners boost team's morale

Dear Editor,
I strongly think that the women's basketball team should get more recognition and attention than they have gotten in the past. I also believe that the students and the faculty of McLennan Community College should show more support of the young ladies. We also would like to be a part of the excitement that brings so many fans to the Highland Gym. I think that the women's team should be treated with the same respect as the men's team.

As part of the women's basketball team here at McLennan, I feel that all the attention is based entirely upon the boys. The faculty members who work in and around the Student Center did not start recognizing our team until recently. I can recall one or possibly two banners to show "a little" support for the Homecoming game against Hill and the playoff game against Howard. I can recall almost 12 decorative banners hanging in the Student Center prior to the game.

To close, I would definitely appreciate it if our women's basketball team would be treated with the same respect and dignity that is given to the guy's

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Highland Herald Poll

Do you think off-campus groups should be allowed to distribute literature on campus?



Pollard Gallop (Drama): "Everybody has rights. I have rights and they have rights. They have the right to give it to me, and I have the right to accept it or not accept it."
David Ghore (Music Education): "I think it depends on who the group is and what they're main purpose is."
Nathan Johnson (Options): "I think they should be able to because of freedom of religion."
John Charlton (Commercial Music): "No they shouldn't because then you would have everybody and their dog out here handing literature out."
Michael Braxton (Options): "I think it's okay because everyone has the freedom of speech."
Josh Rambo (Options): "I think they should be able to come out and do whatever they want because students are smart enough to make up their own minds."

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News Briefs

Summer registration continues

Summer registration is in full swing. According to the registrars office 1,373 students have registered through telephone and express registration. Express registration will continue through April 30. Traditional registration is May 27 and late registration is May 27.

Art Center 'Easter Event' Saturday

The Art Center will hold an Easter Event Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with special events, booths and a Mad Hatter's Easter Parade. Events include musical guests Theresa and Kerry Ford (dulcimers and mountain harp), story-telling with Linda Bogusch as Mother Goose and artist James Poppel (wood turning eggs, tops, etc.). Booths will include face painting, Easter card making, jellybean count, mask making, bean bag toss, puppet making obstacle course, hat making and the Easter Bunny (tickets 25 cents). In the Mad Hatter's Easter Parade, artists and members of the community will be invited to create their "mad" hats on site. Bring hats or the materials to make a hat. Hat-making will be at 1:30 p.m. followed by judging and a parade at 2 p.m. For more information call the Art Center, 752-4371.

Korean ministry begins

First Baptist Church of Waco began an on-going Korean ministry last Sunday. It includes a Bible study for college students and adults at 9:30 a.m. and a worship service at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the church. Both will be spoken in Korean. The ministry is jointly sponsored by First Baptist Church of Waco, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Waco Baptist Association. The Rev. Byung Kim will serve as pastor for the ministry. He is an ordained minister with a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He is a graduate student at Baylor working on a doctorate in philosophy in the history of religion, according to Larry Maddox, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Waco.

Real estate career night April 13

McLennan Community College and the Association of Waco REALTORS will sponsor a Real Estate Careers Night Tuesday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the MCC Student Center. The event, which is free and open to the public, will provide information for prospective and current real estate students, and others interested in the real estate profession. Several exhibitors representing real estate brokerage, appraisal, property management, and mortgage and title companies will be present. Door prizes and refreshments will be offered. For more information, call Sandra Jones, MCC career services coordinator, at 750-3594.

Free literacy registration April 13

Out-of-school adults who want to improve their literacy skills or obtain a GED certificate may register Tuesday, April 13, for classes offered by the McLennan Community College Adult Education Department. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. at South Terrace Neighborhood Center, 2616 South 12th Street. Classes are offered free of charge. For more information, call 753-1044.

Insurance reps at Health Fair

Health insurance representative will be present for faculty and staff members at the Health Fair April 15. Representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield PCA, and Scott and White will have a booth. Additionally, a rep from ERS, (Employees Retirement System of Texas) will also be available. Review your health insurance benefits. If there are any questions, the fair would be the perfect time and place to bring them up. After the fair is over, these same reps will be at the Lecture Hall at 2 p.m. They will give a short presentation and open the floor up for questions and answers.

Opera, symphony on campus

The opera department will put on a production from April 29 through May 2. For more information, call 750-3420.
The MCC Wind Symphony will present a concert on May 3 at the Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 750-3483.

Back-to-college scholarships

The Orville Redenbacher 1993 - 1994 Second Start Scholarship Program is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to 30 adult students who are going back to college. Applicants must be age 30 or older and must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a degree program at an accredited college or university. Applications and information about the program are available in the Financial Aid Office. All applications must be postmarked by May 1.

Scholarship for the handicapped

The Herb Barsh Heart of Texas Lions Club Scholarship has been established for physically handicapped students by the H.O.T. Lions Club. First consideration will be given to students in a public or private high school in Waco graduating this year, but applications will also be accepted from students currently enrolled at MCC. Applications may be obtained from high school counselors or on campus at the Foundation office in the Community Services Center. The deadline is May 15.

Substance abuse groups set meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups meet Tuesday afternoons 2 - 3 p.m. in the conference room on the ground floor of the Student Center. Meetings are sponsored by the Mental Health Club and Special Services.

Writing group meets tomorrow

The writing group meets Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the faculty dining room in the Student Center. Carol Ponce, English instructor, heads the group for anyone interested in sharing and discussing their creative writing.

Other important dates

On April 15, MCC Annual Health Fair will be 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. in the Student Center lounge.
On April 16, MCC will host its employee awards banquet in the CSC at 7 p.m.
The Highland Games and Global Fest will begin April 30 and last through May 1 (see Student Government story for more details).

March of Dimes walkers organizing

MCC is forming a team to participate in the March of Dimes "Walk America" on May 1. If you would like to participate, call Both Granger at 684.

Beach Boys here April 16

The Beach Boys are coming to the Ferrell Special Events Center on April 16. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. All reserved seats are \$17.50. A beach party-plein will begin approximately 6 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served, and to add to the fun there will be beach volleyball and other special events.

Nurses prepare for May graduation

By CARRIE WHITE

Preparations are under way for the nursing department's traditional annual candlelighting graduation ceremony, which this year will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its pledge.

The ceremony will be held on May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Crestview Church of Christ. Crestview is the department's

only sponsor at this time and has agreed to furnish its building for the ceremony.

Two faculty members of the nursing department, Rita Spinn and Alan Hamilton, will speak at the ceremony.

According to Lee Windham in his book "Lady with a Lamp: The Story of Florence Nightingale," Nightingale started the

candlelighting ceremony in 1910 in England. Nightingale's lamp "still burns as bright as ever, and each year at graduation thousands of young nurses symbolically light their candles" to add to her flame, and recite a solemn pledge which links nurses worldwide. The pledge was drawn up in 1893, and is an adaptation of the hippocratic oath

taken by physicians, said Windham. Today more than 1,000 training schools exist for nurses in the United States.

Nursing Club President Diana Evans said she is excited to be graduating this year. "This year's graduation is a special one because of the pledge's anniversary and the attendance of both of the wonderful speakers."

Letters to the editor (Continued from page 2)

Team. There is really no reason why the students and faculty should not show a little more support to the women's team. That way, everyone will come out happier in the end!

Sincerely,
Kisha Asberry.

Smelly Situation

Dear Editor,
Something really stinks at MCC! It's the ladies' restrooms in the LA building! They need attention — stat! An offensive odor resides in both restrooms (and I think it is very comfortable because it hasn't left once since I've been here — September 1992.)

There is only one working soap dispenser upstairs — which remains empty. Paper towels and toilet paper are available on occasion — and it always seems that just when you need it most ... well, you know. The light bulb over the sink and mirror has been missing for some time now — which is a problem for those of us taking the time to "powder our noses."

I know money can't be allocated for everyone's wants and whims. But come on — I'm not asking for a personal valet or flush-sensor toilets. A light bulb and a can of Wizard will go a long way with me!

However, I am dreaming of the day I can walk into the 2nd floor LA ladies' restroom and not be nauseated by the stench. A day where we could possibly open a stall door and, well — there it would be — an industrial-sized roll of toilet paper (you know the type every other public restroom in America has)! After leaving that clean stall, (which has a door that actually locks) washing my hands with soap and drying them on the brand new hand dryer, especially designed to free restrooms of germs and clutter! Maybe, there would be an automatic air freshener installed that fills the room with a pleasant, though not overwhelming, aroma.

It's just a dream, I know. For now I'll settle for some soap, a light bulb, and a can of Wizard!

Sincerely,

Lisa Cole

Handout abuse

Dear Editor,

I believe the use of handouts are being abused and should be examined by McLennan Community College officials. Studies should be conducted to determine how MCC personnel can mini study program at MCC. I have been employed in the mail room and the central duplicating department since September 1991. During that time, I have delivered a countless amount of handouts concerning different departments, faculty and staff, student activities and functions.

In most cases, when a handout is printed, there is an excessive amount. In addition, the handout must be issued to every employee on campus. Furthermore, the information that is printed on the handout will usually appear in *The Highland Herald*, the *Highlights*, the *Chanter*, or the electronic mail system, which are other sources of inter-campus communication available at MCC.

The printing cost of a simple, single page, one-sided handout for every MCC employee is approximately \$10. Thus, based on a monthly figure, the cost might exceed \$250. In addition, the time to sort one handout in the mailroom and the distribution to the individual's mailbox re-

quires about 32 minutes, therefore, the total time for a month might easily exceed 13 manhours. With this in mind, imagine the cost of a more complex handout, and the time to sort and deliver the material.

In conclusion, I believe that MCC needs to use handouts more efficiently and increase the use of their means of communication that is available. By doing so, money can be better spent to eliminate other problems that exist on campus. In addition, MCC can help save our trees, help reduce waste, and can contribute in an effort to save our environment for future generations.

Sincerely,
Thomas Estelle

More Dr Pepper

Dear Editor,

I am upset about the fact that MCC has taken Dr Peppers out of the machines on campus. This is unfair to the students. Dr Pepper was founded in Waco. I feel that this is very important to Waco to sell Dr Pepper here.

Along with this fact, many students prefer Dr Pepper to the alternative Mr. Pibb. I witnessed this first hand. The first day they changed the machines, many of the students complained to the business office. Some just complained, they did not know where to go to complain. If they must sell Mr. Pibb then they should also sell Dr Pepper.

In the past, MCC has listened to the students' requests. I think that MCC will continue to listen to the students, the same way that they have always done. In order to continue to be one of the best two-year colleges around. This is why we continue to grow each year.

Sincerely,
Connie Hoggett

Library hours

Dear Miss Jones,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the MCC library hours. Library hours (7:45 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.) do not allow adequate study time for students. Fifteen minutes previous to an 8 class is hardly enough time to park and walk to a class much less get any studying or homework done. The evening hours also present a problem. If a student attends class in the day and goes to work at night, the library might possibly be closed by the time they arrive.

As a local community college, MCC is available to people of many ages, backgrounds, and schedules. Many students work, have families to care for, and have a full class load. Since the weekends are the only time some have available to study and concentrate on school work, I would also like to suggest that the library be open on Sunday and stay open later on Saturday.

By keeping the library open more hours you would not only make it more accessible to a wider range of students, but the school would have an opportunity to create more work-study jobs to keep the library staffed.

Sincerely,
Melannia Garza

Ticket Problems

Dear Editor,

I think we have a problem here on campus dealing with our traffic violations. I think the MCC patrol needs to enforce all laws concerning traffic violations and not just a certain few.

Last semester I acquired a ticket for not displaying my MCC

parking tag in my car. I have no problem with this. What I do have a problem with is all the other laws not being enforced. For example, double parking is a major violation.

Double parking takes place when a car deliberately takes up two parking spots. MCC doesn't have enough parking spots anyway, so why are they getting away with this. Nine times out of 10 it is usually the same cars, so apparently they are not getting tickets. When five cars double park that means we have five unaccounted parking spots. I know why they do this. They don't want to get dents in their cars. If my car is going to be at risk, I think theirs should be at risk also.

Another problem that I noticed is cars parked at the end of the aisle located at front of the campus. This is where handicap spots are not located. This takes up space from the double lane passages to the parking spots and causes congestion. It also creates an unsafe situation. When you get to the end of an aisle, if a car is parked there, it makes it difficult to see. This puts students walking and driving in danger.

I realize the MCC patrol has other duties, but I think this needs more attention. Not only will this improve our campus but maybe even make it safer at the same time.

Sincerely,
Chris Easter

Restroom Neglect

Dear Editor,

I have been attending MCC for two semesters now, and I have to admit that most of this campus is beautiful. All the time and money spent maintaining and improving it has been well spent. I'm sure that visitors are very impressed ... that is until they need to use the restroom facilities on campus.

I have noticed a continued neglect of the restroom and locker room facilities throughout the MCC campus. Last semester someone left a note in the women's bathroom upstairs in the LA building. It read, "Please fix the soap dispenser." As of spring break it had not been fixed. That same bathroom is dimly lit simply because a single 60 watt bulb burned out several months ago.

Some of these situations are minor problems, but with continued neglect they could get worse. For example, the women's

showers in the HPE building desperately need help. The plumbing and remaining fixtures do not work properly. The stalls themselves are completely unsanitary.

These problems may seem incidental to some people, but I have found them to be inconvenient and frustrating at times. So what can be done? Of course as students, we can use the facilities more responsibly, but this is obviously not enough.

We could complain to administration, but should we have to?

Is it too much to expect properly functioning, maintained, and sanitized restrooms? After all, aren't we paying for the use of these buildings?

Sincerely,
Ruby Scruggs

Equal Parking

Dear Editor:

I think teachers and students should be allowed to park in any parking space they wish to park in that's convenient to them except for the handicapped spaces. I don't understand why we have separate parking anyway. I mean we all come to school to learn. I think it should be first come first serve on the parking. I see teachers parked in the parking lot for students, but if we park in their parking lot we will get a ticket or the boot put on our tire. I don't see the justice in that. Why should a person have to park two miles from the class they are going to when there are spaces available but cannot be used because they are in the teachers parking lot.

I don't think that this would be a problem for the faculty and students. I don't think teachers would mind being able to park anywhere. I mean all you have to do is park your car and go to your class. I think if we were allowed to park anywhere students wouldn't be out looking for a parking space, they would be in school getting an education. It takes 10 minutes to find a parking space and when you find one you have to walk two miles to get to the building you are going to. If everyone could park where they wanted to I think students would be in class instead of looking for a place to park. I know you are probably saying that she is just a mad student who got a ticket or the boot put on her car, but I am not. I am just a concerned student.

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WAITING FOR HIS CHANCE to smach a forehand cross-court is sophomore Andrew Turner.

Tennis Highlanders beating top-ranked teams

By KIMBERLY SUTTON
Tennis coach Carmack Berryman should be as excited as a 5-year old on Christmas Eve.

Not only is his men's team ranked fourth nationally, but they've also earned wins over the Division II National Champions, Collin County, and the No. 1 junior college team in the nation, Tyler, defeating both teams twice in the same week.

They punished Incarnate Word College, the fourth-ranked NAIA team in the nation, by giving the San Antonio team its first loss of the year; and this weekend they won the ITA Western Regional Tournament in Odessa.

In the first round in Odessa, the men ousted the No. 1 team from California, Saddleback Community College 5-4. One of the key wins for the Highlanders came from sophomore Andrew Turner who fought off six match points to win and give the team a boost.

Facing the Division II National Champions from Collin County Community College, the Highlanders dropped only one match and moved into the finals against Tyler Junior College.

The Highlanders rallied through more than six hours of ever-changing weather to cap-

ture their second win over the No. 1 team in the nation 5-4.

RESULTS

MCC, 5 Saddlebrook College (CA), 4
SINGLES
Ash Ayers, MCC, d. Nils Schyllander 6-4, 2-0, Ret.; Max Alvarez, SB, d. Jose Gottschild, MCC, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; Danny Wood, SB, d. Henning Wold, MCC; Andrew Turner, MCC, d. Steven Lundblad, SB, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Mathias Sundberg, MCC, d. Erik Berg, SB, 6-4, 6-1; Jason Scanlon, SB, d. Matias Sansosin, MCC, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

DOUBLES
Gottschild/Ruiz, MCC, d. Schyllander/Alvarez 6-2, 6-4; Catchings/Turner, MCC, d. Wood/Lundblad 6-1, 6-4; Orescald/Berg, SB, d. Ayers/Wold, MCC, 6-3, 6-4.

SECOND ROUND
MCC, 5 Collin County 1
SINGLES
Jose Gottschild, MCC, d. Thomas Eek, CC, 6-4, 6-3; Andrew Turner, MCC, d. Jory Erickson, CC, 6-3, 6-1; Javier Ruiz, MCC, d. Nic Smith, CC, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES
Gottschild/Ruiz, MCC, d. Alexander/Phillips 6-1, 6-1; Erickson/Eek, CC, d. Catchings/Turner, MCC, 6-3, 6-4; Ayers/Wold, MCC, d. Kostic/Donaldson, CC, 6-2, 6-4.

FINALS
MCC, 5 Tyler, 4
SINGLES
Petrik Pasuna, TJC, d. Ash Ayers, MCC, 6-2, 6-4; Rogelio Guerrero, TJC, d. Jose Gottschild, MCC, 6-3, 7-6; Henning Wold, MCC, d. Guillaume Gaulhus, TJC, 6-2, 6-4; Gene Highfield, TJC, d. Andrew Turner, MCC, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Mathias Sundberg, MCC, d. Stefan Nelson, TJC, 7-6, 6-3; Matias Sansosin, MCC, d. Jonas Redin, TJC, 7-5, 6-2.

DOUBLES
Gottschild/Ruiz, MCC, d. Guerrero/Johnson, TJC, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; Catchings/Turner, MCC, d. Highfield/Nelson, TJC, 7-5, 6-3; Gaulhus/Asung,

an asset when he plays doubles, but he credits his success to his quick hands and positioning on the court. "I enjoy doubles more than singles. I know the doubles game very well, and I know where to be and where to place the ball."

Berryman said Gottschild has an unusual combination of power and touch that make him an outstanding doubles player. "He's tall and has the big serve, but he also has nice quick hands at the net."

Gottschild's interest in tennis was sparked by his older cousin Carlos Engel who plays on the professional tour. "I admired him, and I wanted to do everything he did. My mom's family had always played tennis, and she began to teach me," Gottschild said.

Gottschild's success with his tennis hasn't come without sacrifice. He said he misses his family and friends at home, and he battles a weak left ankle every year. "Almost every year, I lose 3-4 weeks due to a sprained ankle."

Gottschild wants to help the men's team win the national tournament this year and earn All-American honors in doubles. He wants to earn a business degree, and he is considering attending Baylor or Southern Illinois University next fall.

Golf Team wins again; now ranks 13th

By WAELAND THOMAS

After winning the Wildflower Invitational in Temple last week, the MCC golf team is preparing to play in the regionals at Weatherford April 26-27.

At the Wildflower, the Highlander golfers finished first over 17 teams by topping host Temple by 15 strokes, 617 to 632. Other top teams at Wildflower were Paris (638), Navarro (641), San Jacinto (642), Texas Southern University (650), St. Edward's University (710).

Steve Ward of MCC finished second overall with a 148, just one stroke behind Eric Gray of Paris at 147. The Highlanders Chris Holzshu and Nils Rorbak-Peterson tied for fifth place with 156, Stoney Womack shot 157 and Chad Dean shot 168.

The golf team is ranked 13th in the nation. Other Texas teams in the top 20 are Midland third, Odessa ninth, Lon Morris College 12th, Paris JC 16th, and Western Texas College 20th.

Coach Stan Mitchell said the win should move MCC up in the rankings.

On the season the Highlanders have played in eight tournaments, winning four while coming in second, third, fourth, and ninth place in the others. At one of those tournaments, the University of Texas Golf Classic, MCC fielded two teams and won first and second place with them.

Letters to the editor

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should be our choice of where we are allowed to park.

As I said earlier I feel that if there is a parking space available I feel that anyone who is attending MCC should be allowed to park on that space.

Sincerely,
Andrea Bias

Registration has got to change

Dear Editor:

The registration process at MCC has got to change! When I first came here in the summer of 1992 to register for the fall, I did not know what to do to get started or where to go to get help. I must say that the people in which I asked for help only confused me instead of helping me. For example, I would stand in line to do something, but when I got to the person behind the counter, he or she told me that I was in the wrong place. After finally discovering where this place was, the person told me that I was right the first time and to go back where I was before. It is also very frustrating to stand in a long line only to find a rude person behind the counter. It seemed to me that all they were concerned about was getting me out of there. It felt as if I were being rushed so much that I forgot some of the questions and then had to go back when I remembered them.

I really only have one suggestion for this situation and that is to have a place where a student only has to go to one building to receive all of their information, get everything done, and to get all the answers to all of their questions. This would make registration somewhat easier. It may not solve the entire problem, but it would be a start. It would also be a good idea for the school to ask us, the students, what we think would be a good solution and maybe we could get some ideas.

Sincerely Yours,
Deanna Youngblood



THE HIGHLANDERS slap hands to celebrate another victory.

Photo by Mike Melton

Baseball Highlanders 27-8, lead conference

By JEREMY PEDIGO
The Highlanders split a doubleheader (6-2, 2-4) Saturday over Brookhaven College (16-7) to maintain an overall record of 27-8 and 17-4 in conference play.

The Highlanders won the first game by collecting on two runs in the ninth inning. Robert Dodd improved his record to 5-1.

Brookhaven College came out swinging in game two by driving in three runs in the first inning off Highlander pitcher Chad Tidwell. The loss was Tidwell's (5-1) first of the season. One bright spot for the Highlanders was Steve Ortiz, who went 2-3 at the plate in the second game.

In recent action, the Highlanders swept Collin County College in a three game series.

In the first game, the Highlanders got plenty of offense from outfielder Ortiz (2-of-5 hits, including a home run) and second baseman Gregory Newkirk (4-5). The Highlanders won 9-3, despite giving up eight errors.

Highlander pitcher Ortiz put on a performance in game two by striking out 10 Collin County hitters while outfielder Clay Hill connected on a home run in the third inning to give the Highlanders a 5-1 victory.

The Highlanders finished off the three-game sweep by edging Collin County 6-5.

Also, the Highlanders swept Tyler Junior College 2-7, 1-3 in a two game series.

In game one, Thomas Uptegrove ignited the Highlanders offense by connecting on three hits and Alden Elliott gave up only one earned run in eight innings to give the Highlanders a 2-1 win.

In game two, Uptegrove came

up big again by connecting on a homerun in the 5th inning as the Highlanders breezed past Tyler Junior College 7-3.

In a three game series with Ranger Junior College, the Highlanders combined on 21 runs to give the Highlanders a sweep of the series.

The Highlanders blew out Ranger Junior College 12-2 in game one, with Uptegrove coming up big again by going 2-4,

including a home run. Chad Tidwell and Robert Dodd combined to give up only two runs.

In game two, Ortiz pitched a one-hitter and Gregory Newkirk went 2-2, including a homerun as the Highlanders won 6-2.

The Highlanders concluded the three game sweep by getting strong pitching from Justin Dorsey (six strikeouts). The Highlanders won 3-2.



PITCHING for the strike and putting forth lots of effort is Sophomore Highlander Steve Ortiz.

Photo by Mike Melton

Towering Brazilian an All American bet

By KIMBERLY SUTTON
He stands 6-5, and his quick hands and dead accurate volleys have made sophomore Jose Gottschild one of the top men's doubles players in the nation.

The left-hander from Curitiba, Brazil, first came to McLennan in the spring of 1991 earning All-American doubles honors at the national tournament. Last fall he teamed with Californian James Conda to win the regional Rolex tournament. The duo reached the final round at the national Rolex tournament in Corpus Christi before falling to Tyler, the No. 1 team in the nation.

Currently, Gottschild holds the No. 3 national doubles ranking with freshman Javier Ruiz. The two have wrapped up a 15-1 record defeating the No. 1 junior college team in the nation twice and losing only to the No. 1 NAIA team in the nation.

Tennis coach Carmack Berryman said Gottschild and Ruiz are an ideal team and work well together. "Javier has the best doubles sense of any player I've ever coached. He has excellent positioning on the court; he knows where to be. Jose has both power and touch. Together, they can hit the angles, and they can cover the angles hit by their opponents."

Gottschild said his height is

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April 17	Hill	1 p.m.

Tennis

April 6	San Jac	1 p.m.
April 15(W)	Cooke Co.	2 p.m.
April 18	Tyler	1p.m.

Successful diet helps student lose over 150 lbs.

Day-by-day diligence has results

By MELANIE GERIK

Through a huge support network, Jackie Pacha has dieted her way to 201 from 352 pounds, and to a new outlook on life.

Pacha, a sophomore in the interpreter training department, started the Opti-Fast diet, a doctor-administered plan 11 months ago. For the first six months, she drank a shake similar to Slim-Fast five times a day. After getting over the first week, Pacha said that this was the easiest part of the diet because she did not have to choose the food. She said her husband helped her by cooking the family's meals and by sacrificing eating out. Pacha lost 100 pounds during this time.

Through the next phase, Pacha learned how to select and prepare low-calorie, low-fat foods. By eating properly and exercising a lot, Pacha lost an additional 50 pounds. She said it was hard to make her own decisions about her meals. She wants to lose 60 more pounds on this part of the plan. Pacha said she has set a two-pound limit on her weekly weight change. "I know I might gain a little weight, but I can't keep gaining," she said. "I must do something about it before I gain a lot."

So far, this strategy is working well. Pacha has gone to 201 from 352 pounds. She used to wear a size 56, which she said she had to order through special catalogs. Now, she wears a size 16 or 18. Pacha said, "It's wonderful to go into Wal-Mart and look in the misses section, not big women's, for clothes."

Pacha credits most of her success to telling people about her



BEFORE AND AFTER -- Jackie Pacha, interpreter training student, shows the progress she has made toward good health.

diet. She has been with most of the same classmates in the interpreter training department for a year and a half. During breaks, when many students would buy snacks from vending machines, she said her classmates made sure she did not do that. Her husband and her children also have encouraged her throughout the diet.

Although Pacha thought that children did not notice much, she said her seven-year-old daughter told another family member, "Mommy can sit right at the pic-

nic table with us now." Pacha said she had to sit sideways because she couldn't fit between the bench and table. One of her nieces told Pacha, "When I hug you now, my arms can go all the way around you."

Pacha's family will be moving to Nacogdoches in May, and will be attending classes in deaf education at Stephen F. Austin State University starting June 1. She will no longer have the strong support network of instructors, classmates, group meetings and her church family at Calvary Baptist Church in Bellmead. In Nacogdoches, she plans to join Weight Watchers or TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Pacha said that TOPS is similar to Weight Watchers but costs much less to join. She plans to start a TOPS chapter on campus if there isn't one because she said she wants to share her experiences to help others lose weight.

Fighting illiteracy

Mobile classroom helps those with learning disorders

By ROBERT WHITE

John Coran went most of his life unable to read.

What makes this so special? Coran was somehow able to obtain a masters degree in education and teach for 18 years before finally revealing that he was illiterate.

Coran is a good example of how illiteracy can often times go unnoticed.

The literacy problem is also predominant in McLennan County and surrounding areas.

According to a survey conducted by the Central Texas Library Commission, 46.5 percent of the people in McLennan and five other neighboring counties have less than a high school education.

The MCC Adult Education Department and the Heart of Texas Council of Governments want to change that situation. Working with a \$70,000 grant provided by HOTCOG, these two groups have created a new learning service called the literacy van.

The literacy van is a mobile classroom that gives much needed reading instruction and other services to qualified persons in the counties of McLennan, Bosque, Falls, Limestone, Freestone and Hill.

In order to qualify for enrollment in the program a person must live in the specified areas, be 17 years or older and read below a ninth grade level.

The literacy van is staffed by driver and instructor Vernon Aldridge, bilingual teaching aide

Elizabeth Deleon and outreach worker Francine Logan.

Educational help is provided by one-on-one and group tutoring as well as classroom instruction.

According MCC adult education specialist Shirley Crockett, the van will center its attention in remote areas where help is not usually available. She said enrollment is up from 25 participants last year to 55 this year. The final enrollment goal for the program is 100 with 50 students from McLennan County and 10 students from each of the other five counties serviced by the van.

Bilingual instructor Elizabeth Deleon said, "I think the program has worked out well so far. In Hillsboro, where there are many Spanish-speaking people who need help in English, the students are very willing to learn and come to class prepared. Each time we return, one of the students already enrolled usually brings in someone new."

The literacy van also provides support services on a case-by-case basis for those students who need them. These support services include vocational help, health counseling, transportation and child care.

When asked what the end results of the program are, Crockett said, "The ultimate goal of the program is to either help the participants continue their education or gain sufficient skills to enter and maintain employment."

For information call 753-4118.



WILLA MAE REEDER, a successful and admired biology and anatomy teacher, was remembered recently by the MCC Foundation by naming a scholarship after her. She passed away last December.



Photo by Mike Melton

READY TO ROLL -- Campus Police Chief Larry Radke displays his new patrol bicycle. Radke was also instrumental in saving a stroke victim's life on the way to work recently.

Police chief helps victim

By JEAN MORROW

Campus police chief Larry Radke recently helped save the life of a stroke victim.

On the morning of Feb. 24, Radke was driving to work on Lake Brazos when he noticed something odd about a car parked on the side of the road. The driver's head was drooping and looked as if he was extremely ill. Radke pulled over to the parked car, which was running, and

found the driver semi-conscious holding the side of his neck.

The incident occurred near Cameron Park East, and Radke was able to stop Waco municipal truck and radio for an ambulance.

Meanwhile, Johnie Smith, 54, was still semi-conscious. "For a stroke victim, no certain procedures are necessary until the ambulance arrives, but I tried to keep him as calm and comfort-

able as possible," Radke said.

The ambulance arrived within 20 minutes and Smith was taken to the hospital. His recovery has been good, but without the help of Radke it could have been more serious, even fatal.

"It makes me feel good that I helped him," Radke said, "but I don't feel that it is something someone else would not have done if they had known the situation."

Foundation creates memorial scholarship in memory of Reeder

By SHERRY W. EVANS

Foundation recently announced the establishment of a memorial scholarship for nursing students in honor of deceased faculty member Willa Mae Reeder.

In her 15th year as a biology and human anatomy teacher, Mrs. Reeder was respected by colleagues and students. "I've been teaching for 35 years," Robert Allison, biology teacher, said. "She was without question the most dedicated of any [educator] that I have been associated with."

Allison said she had a particular interest in the anatomy area, and for one class the skeletal system. He recalled a little box stuffed with cotton that contained a precious, fragile bone in the skull. "She was very protective of this ethmoid. One semester it just disappeared. . . like a diamond had been lost, but finally we found it," he said.

Mrs. Reeder was dedicated to the success of her students. Mary Davis, LVN nursing student, said, "I was having trouble and she taught me how to trace blood through the heart. She was always good when you needed the extra push, one-on-one. She made sure you learned what you needed to learn. You never came out confused."

Biology instructor Janis Jackson described Mrs. Reeder as the "consummate professional: extremely patient with students, articulate, detailed and accurate in her presentations."

Jackson said she would like to have some of the pictures Mrs. Reeder drew on the chalkboard

to copy and give to her own students. "You cannot believe the beauty in her artwork to illustrate parts of the body," Jackson said.

Michelle Love, freshman nursing major, said, "She was real strict. She had a lot of rules and regulations, but if you went by them you didn't have any problems."

Mrs. Reeder put great emphasis on proper grammar and the accurate pronunciation of words. "We were learning the names of bones and we came across one, the xiphoid process, and I said it the way it looks, but it sounds like a 'z'. She just cringed and I really thought she was having a heart attack. She wanted you to know how to say it right," Love said.

Hoyt Burnette, biology teacher, worked closely with Mrs. Reeder on Biology 404, anatomy and physiology, and he said there was never a conflict. Burnette would write papers and she would proof them. "She never complained about anything and worked very hard. She was totally dependable. . . machine-like."

During the fall semester, she was forced to leave her duties and then passed away Dec. 20 at age 63. She was born Sept. 24, 1929, in Otley, Iowa. She received a bachelor's degree in zoology from Wheaton College in 1951 and a master's degree in zoology from Iowa State University in 1956. She married Charles Reeder on Sept. 1, 1958 and moved to Waco the next year. Before joining the MCC fac-

She was the "consummate professional: extremely patient with students, articulate, detailed and accurate in her presentations."

ulty, Mrs. Reeder taught at Baylor, Robinson High School and TSTC. She was a member of Seventh and James Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Ruth Hanson of Columbia, South America; two sons, John of Amarillo and James of Hampton, Va.; three sisters, Sara Joann Pennington of Osage, Iowa, Arla Jane VanDen Berg of Ankeny, Iowa, and Margaret Ellen Roth of Deuster, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

The green door to office 211 in the Science Building still bears her name, but is now occupied by Allison. "Sitting here I feel her presence. She really had that kind of influence in this department and on campus. It's a humbling experience to take part in a program she had outlined," Allison said.

Jackson said she finds it difficult to walk down the hall and is still taken aback when she sees the door open and it's not Mrs. Reeder in the chair. Jackson said, "In my mind she is not off the campus yet. She is going to leave a lasting legacy."

A place to have fun

By KATHY COLE

The MCC game room offers students a place where they can spend leisure time, meet with other students and enjoy games or entertainment.

The student game room and lounge is located on the second floor of the Student Center. The game room offers table games which may be checked out with a student identification card. Into returns are charged a fine of 50 cents. The game room offers table game tournaments during the school year for the students. The game room also offers billiards, with student identification. A nominal fee is charged for playing time. Electronic games also are available in the lounge area for the students' entertainment.

Bits and pieces

By
Entertainment Editor
MIKE MELTON



You get what you pay for



I am disappointed in the students of this school. Not only am I the entertainment editor, but I am also the photo editor for the Highland Herald. As a photojournalist, I take an active role in every story which has an accompanying photograph.

Recently, I went down to the baseball field to photograph the homecoming bonfire. When I arrived, there were approximately a dozen or so people including the firemen, disc jockey and staff organizers. That really got my goat. Here was a bonfire big enough to roast a sperm whale on with only a few people standing around, the disc jockey was talking over the microphone almost to himself and one person was dancing. I had to get a photograph and move on to my next assignment, but I understand more people showed up and all 100 hot dogs were eaten by around 75 people.

A lot of work, preparation and money went into this event and it seemed to be entertaining the people slowing down on the highway instead of the students of this campus. Shame on you students who didn't attend. You need to stop living so fast and learn how to have some old fashioned fun.

Student Activities Director Greg Clark and his assistant P.J. Dougan constantly work hard and make every effort to insure students are entertained and are provided with activities. They dedicate themselves beyond the call of duty and deserve your respect and participation. The next time you register, pay close attention to the fees you pay and realize you aren't getting what you payed for because you aren't going.

During the Christmas season the Air Force Band played in the BPAC theater. I had a busy agenda and planned to drop in and get a photograph and get on to my next assignment. When I walked in the door, I was stunned. I counted nine people in attendance and most of them looked like war veterans. The music the band played caused the aging war veterans to stare into space as if recounting a lonely Christmas overseas, far from family and home, during a time of war. I was the only young person in the room. There were few dry eyes. It was a terribly sad feeling. Perhaps their sadness was affected by the empty seats. Young students, full of life, occupying those empty seats might have made their thoughts a little happier. It was hard to get up and leave in the midst of such emotion, but a photojournalist can't expect the next photograph to wait for him.

I often experience discontent while anticipating the entertainment quality of a given event I am to participate in. When this occurs I usually reflect on the turn of the century western frontier child who was content to have a metal rim off of a wagon wheel and a stick to push it down the street. Different strokes for different folks, but sometimes the simpler things in life can give you a greater deal of pleasure when all else fails.

Tom Buckner, journalism instructor, frowns on cliches and advises us not to use them in developing our writing styles, but I've got to say it. Stop and smell the roses or whatever it is that you like to smell. I can write all the entertainment mumbo jumbo in the world and never lead a stubborn horse to water, especially if he doesn't want a drink.

You pay the fees at registration time. If you don't want your money's worth stay at home, be a couch monkey and consider that entertainment. Get up and go to the refrigerator, consider that an activity. You probably need a personality and aren't very much fun to be around anyway. If you enjoy being social and have a personality, pick up a student activities calendar and participate. You paid for it. Greg Clark and P.J. Dougan will make it happen.



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MEMBERS OF THE GROUP "A DIFFERENT TASTE," Dodie Wright, Brenda Shelton, Tonya Walker, Lana Garrett and Quionna Brooks, take a break during a recording session in their own studio. The group has

performed at MCC's 10 a.m. break and is currently focusing on recording and landing a contract with a major label. Manager/Producers Grover Chambliss and Robert Wells have achieved a polished sound.

'A Different Taste' Polished sound promises solid future

By MIKE MELTON

If you get tired of the same old music on the radio and you want to hear a new refreshing sound that comes straight from the heart and from the heart of Texas — Tonya Walker, Lana Garrett, Brenda Shelton, Dodie Wright, Quionna Brooks, Grover Chambliss and Robert Wells will provide you with "A Different Taste."

Chambliss and Wells were instrumental in forming ADT, serve as producer/manager for the band and are veteran musicians who possess years of experience and knowledge gained on the road in the music industry. Chambliss and Wells decided to form a band and placed an ad in a local newspaper for

vocalists. After many lengthy sessions of auditions they chose five of the finest voices in Central Texas to form the band.

ADT has performed at many locations in Central Texas including MCC during the 10 a.m. break and Indian Springs Park. The group was featured on the television show "Horizons" on KXXV channel 25 Feb. 22.

ADT's musical style is a fine mixture of urban crossover, pop, hip hop and rhythm and blues which provides a solid foundation for the artistic vocal stylings of five angelic voices. The group derives their inspiration from such artists as Whitney Houston, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin, Prince, Michael Jackson, Baby Face, Jimmy Jam,

Terry Lewis and Stevie Wonder. Personal inspiration for their original music comes from within their hearts, everyday life, experiences in relationships and a deep love for music.

"This is what God put me on this Earth to do," Wright said.

The group is currently concentrating on original music, and their hard work, dedication and sincerity is reflected in their music as well as their success. ADT is in the process of refining and sharpening their music in their own recording studio in preparation to land a recording contract with a major label. A demo containing four of their original songs will be produced and sent to major record labels. Several labels have already

shown major interest in the group.

ADT's music is a sincere reflection of their experiences and centers around the universal emotions all people experience in every day life. "Ain't No Sell Out" reveals the band members' unity in being true to one's self and pursuing the positive aspects of life instead of giving into the pressures and demands of modern world life.

The song "Good Life" reflects the group's sincerity, attitude, hope of spiritual unity and love for all of mankind. Grover Chambliss sums up the group's intent by saying, "Everybody can live together, be peacefully right and have fun. That's what our song 'Good Life' is all about."

Drama Review 'Fiddler On The Roof'

By ANN JONES

Look, there is a fiddler on the roof. Relax, it's just the latest sell-out performance by the MCC drama department.

"Fiddler on the Roof" is a musical set in Russia during the beginning of the Revolution in 1905. The story centers around a father, his wife and three daughters. The parents are searching for husbands for their daughters. By the end of the play all three girls are married, though not to the men the parents wanted for son-in-laws.

Edmund Fitzpatrick, in the lead as Tevye, the dairyman, stole the show with his song "If I Were a Rich Man." He also had the most authentic Russian accent in the cast. After all, he was the dialect coach.

The set, which was designed by Tim Poortner, who served as scenic and lighting director, had two revolving buildings which were rotated between scenes. Students in the drama department do so much set moving during performances, they should get credit for a P.E. class for every play they do. The background was a fence about

knee-high, and a sunset achieved by lighting.

The music was provided by a live orchestra in which faculty members Bill Haskett and Gail Geary played. The songs were written by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Boek for the original Broadway production. Music for MCC's production was directed and conducted by Karen Albrecht.

The dances, which were choreographed by Jerry MacLaughlin, ran the gamut of traditional Russian folkdance, which the cast carried off with professional ease. Monica Parrett, who was cast in the role of Fruma Sarah, a witch-like ghost in a dream sequence, had the most dangerous part in the play. She had to sit on another person's shoulders wearing a huge cape which was draped around both of them.

The costumes for the show, which were designed by Cynthia Turnbull-Langley, were simple peasant costumes which fit perfectly with the mood and era of the play.

The cast did an excellent job considering two of their drama



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EDMUND FITZPATRICK gave an outstanding vocal performance portraying the lead role of Tevye, the father, in "Fiddler On The Roof."

instructors have missed most of the semester because of illness. But Director Jim Rambo has picked up the slack, and the students have not missed a beat.

The original play was based on a book by Joseph Stein, who was inspired by a painting called

"The Green Violinist" by Marc Chagall. The original Broadway production was choreographed by Jerome Robbins and starred Zero Mostel. It opened in 1964 and ran for 3,242 performances over seven years, winning nine Tony awards.

Cast is working hard for opening night April 22

'Hamlet ESP' will be an intimate show in the Fine Arts Theatre

By MELANIE GERIK

Hard work and a lot of experimenting contribute to the preparation of "Hamlet ESP."

Much of "Hamlet ESP" is directly from the original Shakespeare play. "It's Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' but it's not arranged like Shakespeare wrote it," according to Jim Rambo, director of the play.

The role of Hamlet is divided equally into three parts. The parts will be played by Eric Hall, Stephen Laster and Aaron Sand-

ers. "Right now, we're working through the feelings and reactions that the actors have towards Hamlet. I'm not telling them how to feel," Rambo said.

Kristy Cartor, a player and on-stage technician for "Hamlet ESP," said that the cast spends four to five hours a day in actual rehearsal, but the crew may work as much as seven to eight hours a day.

Most of the rehearsal time right now is spent taking the scripts on-stage and "just experi-

menting," Cartor said. "We don't know how the play will turn out right now because there are so many variables. Mr. Rambo's goal is not for us to figure anything out, but just to see how it goes."

Ron Hubbard, a member of the Fightmasters Union, hold a workshop on March 27 to help the characters stage sword fights in the action scenes.

"Hamlet ESP" will be performed April 22-25 in the Fine Arts Building.



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FIGHTMASTER RON HUBBARD has been training drama students involved in the "Hamlet ESP" production the fine craft of fighting and swordsmanship on stage. Hubbard's instruction makes performances skilled and safe.

The McLennan Community College Country Music Ensemble, consisting of MCC commercial music students and faculty, will perform at several area events in the upcoming weeks. These include:

- Taste of Waco, today, 6 to 9 p.m., Waco Convention Center.
- Brazos River Festival, Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, afternoons, Fort Fisher.
- Global Fest, Friday, April 30, afternoon, MCC campus.
- March of Dimes "Walk America," Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. and noon, Indian Spring Park.
- Camp Fire Family Fair, Sunday, May 2, 2:00 p.m., Camp Val Verde.