

## UIL competition hot, heavy today

By MARY KUJAWA

Burns and District 18AAAA, Bob Ford.

District 26A includes Abbott, Aquilla, Bosqueville, Bremond, Calvert, Chilton, Crawford, Oglesby, Riesel and Valley Mills.

District 16AA includes Bruceville-Eddy, Franklin, Hubbard, Mart, Moody and Rosebud-Lott.

Connally, Gatesville, LaVega, Lorena, Marlin, McGregor, Robinson and Troy are in District 17AAA.

District 18AAAA will be represented by Belton, Georgetown, Leander, Midway, Taylor and University.

UIL Headquarters will be on the second floor of the Student Center. Hospitality rooms for coaches, judges, sponsors and MCC faculty will be in the ground floor staff lounge of the HPE Building, the second floor staff lounge of the Applied Science Building and room 301 of the Student Center.

Regular MCC classes will not

be held today. However, evening classes will meet and the MCC library will be open for regular hours.

The schools in each individual district are responsible for providing their own awards and trophies. MCC scholarships are offered in some areas to district winners.

"Not everyone can win first place. However, they should appreciate themselves for taking the risk. This is an opportunity to try. This is a great experience for each one, not only in academics, but in life in general," said Martin.

Winners at the district level will advance to regional meets in April. District 26A in Region 4 will meet at Blinn College on April 19. District 16AA in Region 4 will meet at Tarleton State on April 20. District 17AAA in Region 3 will meet at Blinn College on April 20. District 18AAAA will meet at Sam Houston on April 20.

### Welcome UIL participants:

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all the UIL participants to the MCC campus. As young scholars, you will be participating and competing in various challenging battles of the intellect. It is the job of Student Government to make you feel at home and at ease during these stressful times of competition and to also help you have fun while you are here visiting our campus.

So, to all UIL participants, we the Student Government at MCC welcome you. We hope your stay will be a valuable asset when it comes time to take the crucial step into college life.

Good Luck,  
Deborah Ritcherson  
MCC Student Government president

For one day each spring, the MCC campus is abandoned by the college students and becomes a field of academic battle for area high school students.

That event takes place today when approximately 850 high school students arrive on campus for district University Interscholastic League academic competition.

Students from District 26A, District 16AA, District 17AAA and District 18AAAA will be competing for academic honors in 23 areas. Areas include debate, ready writing, prose and poetry, shorthand, number sense, science, journalism, spelling, literary criticism and accounting. District 15AA will be holding its own competition in the Community Services Center. The district is not connected with the proceedings on the main MCC campus. District 15AA includes China Spring, Clifton, Dublin, Hamilton, Hico and Rio Vista. Approximately 300 students will be participating in various UIL contests.

Hazel Martin, counselor, serves as coordinator for the UIL events held on the MCC campus.

Martin must coordinate facilities, faculty assignments and contest directors and must get material together for the directors to use.

Martin said that all the faculty, administration and some of the staff are involved in the contest.

Faculty coordinators for the districts are District 26A, James Burroughs; District 16AA, Lynn Abernathy; District 17AAA, Ruby

## SG runs for VP

By SHAWN RISENER

"I'm so excited," says Student Government president Deborah Ritcherson.

Ritcherson is expressing her excitement because SG is running for the state office of Vice President at the Texas Junior College Student Government Association State Convention in Austin April 5-7.

Ritcherson said SG members will campaign at the convention distributing balloons, stickers, buttons, napkins and other items emblazoned with the letters "MCC."

Members will set up a campaign

table while representative Eugene Jackson parades around as a human poster board with the slogan "MCC for VP."

Donations are needed because campaign costs already have reached \$209, Ritcherson said.

She thanked Bennie Lambert, Admissions Advising director, and Jesse "Buz" Sawyer, MCC Foundation director, for the support they have given.

Voting will take place on the floor of the State Capitol where Ritcherson will head the meeting of Region VI junior colleges, MCC is the President school for the region until 1992.

She said the Vice President school is responsible for setting up

the program for next year's state convention.

Should MCC be elected to the office, SG would be responsible for finding guest speakers and sending out convention literature for next year's convention.

Student Government members attending the convention will be Ritcherson, Jackson, Jennifer Barrett, Stacy Lynch, Jennifer Simons, Kelly Larson, Christy Perry, Susan Thames, Paul Haberl, Tami Williams, Kelly O'Connor, Viola Anthony, Stephanie Valdez, Zana Gibson, Kirsty Gledhill, Keith Kimble, Bridget DeLeon and Jason Laviolette.

## Homecoming Queen 1991



Photo by Nathan Nowberry

JENNIFER BARRETT is crowned Homecoming Queen for 1991 by Debra Ritcherson, student government president, during halftime ceremonies of the MCC versus Weatherford basketball game Feb. 27.

## Barrett wins honor

By JENNIFER MCMASTER

Jennifer Barrett was crowned Homecoming Queen Feb. 27. at halftime of the basketball game. "I felt excited, like it was a dream come true," said Barrett.

Barrett was escorted by Chris Cornett. She received roses and a crown which were donated by the student government. She then was the guest of honor at the dance following the game.

"First of all, I want to say

thanks to everyone who voted for me and I want to give a special thanks to everyone who supported me and gave me the courage to run. I hope I can fulfill my duties, whatever they might be, as Homecoming Queen," she said.

## Womens' History Month

By BECKY NOLAN

National Women's History Month began March 6 and will continue with its activities until April 26.

The festivities began with a luncheon on March 6 featuring Dorothy Shellenberg, an author and actress, who performed a dramatic portrayal.

Mrs. Cecil Willis, Gov. Ann

Richards' mother, made her first public speech March 20 as part of the Women's History Month activities.

The events scheduled for today include a lecture by a TCU Lyndon Johnson Professor of American History and a book review by the author of "Presidential Wives." These activities are being held on the second floor of the Williams Tower at 5:30 p.m.

Pam Bailey will speak on Thursday at 12:10 p.m. at the Community Services Center. She will be discussing "Mothers and Daughters." On April 26 a concert will be held in the Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. The concert will feature the International Harmony Women's Chorus.

For information about National Women's History Month contact Marylen Henderson at ext. 591.

## Tuition, fees increase

By SAM ALLGOOD

A hike in tuition and fees this fall and a bid to relocate the Child Development Center into renovated quarters were approved by the MCC Board of Trustees during regular session Feb. 26.

Tuition will increase from \$14 to \$16 per semester hour for in-county students. Out-of-county rates will go from \$18 to \$21. The college should acquire approximately \$232,000 in additional income per semester from the tuition increase.

Out-of-state tuition cost will not change.

Student services fees will increase from a maximum of \$10 to \$15 for part-time and \$25 for full-time students. Over \$116,000

should be raised by this increase. The fees provide funds for the library, drama events, emergency first aid, student newspaper, the Chantier, security and other items.

Combined tuition and fees for in-county students taking 12 credit hours will go from \$210 to \$254.

Numerous lab fees will be increased bringing in about \$135,000 in additional income.

Late registration and transcript fees will go from \$2 to \$3 with the first transcript free.

Day care center

A contract for over \$318,000 was awarded to low bidder Schroeder Building Systems to make over a section of the Community Services Center to relocate the Child Development Center. Work is in progress and is

scheduled to be completed by July 15.

Planned items for the center include a playground, kitchen, classroom and office furnishings, sound equipment and telephones.

Data processing

A purchase of over \$61,000 in equipment for the data processing department was approved by trustees. It includes 22 microcomputers, two desktop publishing systems, 24 printers and software.

In personnel matters, Linda Ramirez was hired as a full-time counselor in the Small Business Development Center. Also, Karen Lynn Clark was approved as admissions advisor.

The board will meet again on March 21, at 7 p.m.

## State higher education top officials tour campus Monday



Photo by Sam Allgood

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION Coordinating Board members toured the Community Services Center and the main campus yesterday in an effort to learn more about community colleges in the state. Left to right are Kenneth Answorth, commissioner of higher education; Mary Beth Williamson, Coordinating Board member; Harry Housner, chairman of the Coordinating Board; and Dale Campbell, assistant commissioner for community colleges and technical institutes.

## Who are these unsung casualties of the Gulf War?

(Read of their shocking and heartbreaking plight!)

They're your friends and mine—those daring broadcast journalists.

With the war coming to an abrupt end as it did, they now roam the Saudi desert like a band of motherless sheep in search of a story. No more scuds to chase. No more Iraqi soldiers to surrender to them. No more sneaking across the border. No more getting captured. What will happen to them now? Sadly, many will probably go completely insane.



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## And that's the truth Time to solve problems on the home front

By MARY KUJAWA



For six weeks, our nation experienced war. It was a war entirely different from any other that we had ever been involved in.

For the people back home, it became a media war. Images were almost simultaneously sent back to our country from a nation at war. Saddam Hussein even began watching the news to catch the latest

happenings. Even though we watched on TV and knew what was happening, there was little we could do, besides pray, hold support rallies for our troops and send letters and cookies to our soldiers. Our prayers were answered when the war did come to a less than dramatic close.

We watched on TV as troops began to arrive home. People began to breathe a little easier as troops were welcomed home to the warmth of families and the safety of the United States.

Did I say the safety of the United States? For one soldier, that was not so true.

The young soldier arrived home, eager to move his family back into their own residence. But it was not to be.

While packing a moving van, he was gunned down by a passing motorist, a so-called drive-by killing. After spending time in a war zone, he came home to be gunned down in his own native land.

This means that it is now time to turn our attention to solving our problems at home. No it is not time to forget the war and the people who fought in it, but it is time to make our streets safe for all people.

We believed that our soldiers were fighting to protect our nation. Now it is time to protect our nation on our home front.

## EDITORIALS

### Be hip, don't skip

Now that the semester is drawing to a close a popular wave has hit the MCC campus, skipping class. Students do not realize, if you do not go to class, you will not be able to attend college or for that matter graduate from college.

Plain and simple, "Don't go to class, don't finish school, don't go on spring break."

Also, "No graduation, no presents!"

Go to class. Who knows, you may be missing your dream person sitting in the next desk. Just think of the conversations that could be struck up on a date.

Transfer students, no university will even look at a student with excessive absences.

Do you really want to work for minimum wage for the rest of your life? Do you want to be looked down upon because you did not graduate from college, being passed over for that job promotion.

Think of going to class as an investment in your future.

### Sign and send 'em

We want to know your opinion. We also want to know who you are. The Highland Herald welcomes letters to the editor. However, in order for a letter to be printed, it must be signed with a full name along with an address and phone number for verification.

Address and phone number will not be published. In special cases, the name may be withheld for publication upon written request should the staff feel that the writer would be penalized in any way.

The requirement of a name on letters is necessary for several reasons. First is the question of liability. Letters reflect your opinion, not necessarily the opinion of the newspaper staff.

Second, we feel that any person who takes the time to write a letter to the editor should also be responsible enough to sign their name.

So, be proud of your opinion. Share your thoughts and insights with the rest of the world. Just be sure to tell them who you are.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

### Quiet please!

To the editor,  
During peak hours in the Student Center (9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) loud music and conversation make it difficult to study.

I realize there are designated quiet areas on campus, but during long study periods I like to drink coffee and smoke. The Student Center is the only place where this is possible.

As an older student I have family responsibilities which take up all of my off-campus study time. The bottom line is that the Student Center is the only place I can fulfill my class obligation.

Due to paying my hard-earned money for tuition and fees, I have the right to learn all I can in the best possible environment.

The administration should address this need by providing a quiet study area with access to smoking and refreshments.

Sincerely,  
C. J. Williams  
mental health major

### Sidewalks needed

Dear editor,  
Please consider doing an article concerning the need for sidewalks leading to MCC from the nearby apartments. Students who walk from their apartments must either walk in the streets with heavy traffic or on the grass where it is very easy to trip and fall. Students who attend night classes face the real possibility of being struck by a car when walking in the street after dark.

Also, a blind student walks along the edge of Powell Dr. to and from classes. Please encourage students to speak up concerning the need for sidewalks connecting the MCC campus with nearby apartment communities.

Some students would leave their cars at home and walk to classes if sidewalks were provided. Others prefer to walk to class for exercise. Many students feel that sidewalks are desperately needed.

Sidewalks are needed along College Drive from 19th Street

to Lake Shore Dr. and up MCC's main entrance from College Dr. to the Administration Building. A sidewalk is also needed along Powell Dr. from 19th Street to the Administration Building. Other sidewalks are needed to connect the main campus and MCC's Community Service Center on N. 19th.

Sidewalks would greatly improve the quality of life for many students who walk to classes each day. Take a walk and see for yourself. Good luck!

Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,  
Barry Lands

### Invitations for all?

To the staff of the Highland Herald:

On two separate occasions while on the MCC campus, I have been approached by representatives of separate religious organizations. This raised a question: What happened to separation of church and state? This is not an issue about faith; it is one about the United States Constitution.

I wonder if a not so popular religious group, such as followers of Wicca or an atheist organization, would be welcomed with the same open arms. If MCC wishes its students to be religiously enriched, why not issue an open invitation for all religious organizations to attend the Multicultural Fair on April 22.  
Elise Cook

The war may be over, but service men and women are still stationed in Saudi Arabia.

So, address a letter now to:

Any Service Member,  
Operation Desert Shield,  
APO New York 09838-0006  
(for land-based units)  
or  
09866-0006 (for Naval units  
or Marines serving on ships).

Postage is the same as for a card in the States.

The troops can send letters for free, so be sure to include your name and address.

### The way it is

## Muddy sidewalks make unhappy students

By SHAWN RISENER



Webster defines sidewalk as "the paved path for foot traffic." However, on rainy days he would laugh at what we call sidewalks on campus. When the sky darkens and the rains come, MCC's sidewalks around the Student Center, Language Arts Building and Library look more suitable for mud wrestling than foot traffic. Students had rather walk through the grass or climb up on the brick walls and balance book bags than attempt to squish through the muddy puddles that collect on the sidewalks.

Visitors on a rainy day might mistake the messy marsh as a place to rent paddle boats, which just might be a good fund raiser for one of the organizations on campus.

Of course, students know the squishy mess is really an obstacle course strategically placed around the busiest buildings on campus to make it just that much harder to get to class on time.

If nothing is done to make our sidewalks live up to Webster's expectations, then rubber boots may become the "in" thing on rainy days.

### Pressing a point

## Happy birthday to me, happy birthday to me...

By JENNIFER WARREN



In the last issue of the Highland Herald, our poll question asked students what they planned to do during spring break. Several students said they had planned a cruise to Cancun, or were going to Disney World in Florida or were planning to stay home and work.

I had the unfortunate pleasure of falling into the latter category. I also celebrated my 26th birthday on the last day of school before spring break. Whoopee!!! I said. Free, free at last to party and celebrate.

What did I have to celebrate? I was not going to Cancun or Disney World.

However, I soon realized that I had plenty to celebrate. I can celebrate the fact that the country is no longer at war, and peace is settling in slowly. None of my friends or family died in combat in the Persian Gulf.

I am fortunate to have a warm home, food, transportation, a job and the opportunity to gain an education.

I will be leaving in the fall to attend the University of Texas at Arlington. I will carry many memories of time spent here and I will miss this small, majestic community college: a place I shall always call home.

Birthdays are always a good time to reflect on one's past and present. They also give everyone a reason to celebrate and throw a party.

I hope everyone who went on a vacation during spring break had a great time and as Garfield would say, "Happy birthday to me, happy birthday to me..."



Photo by Sam Allgood

Traffic floating in the MCC Marina can be avoided if everyone here does their part by putting trash in its proper place. Help keep the campus beautiful.

Take the law into your own hands.



Register with Selective Service when you turn 18.

If you're a man about to turn 18, the law says you've got to register with Selective Service. It's a simple matter to fill out the simple card at the post office.

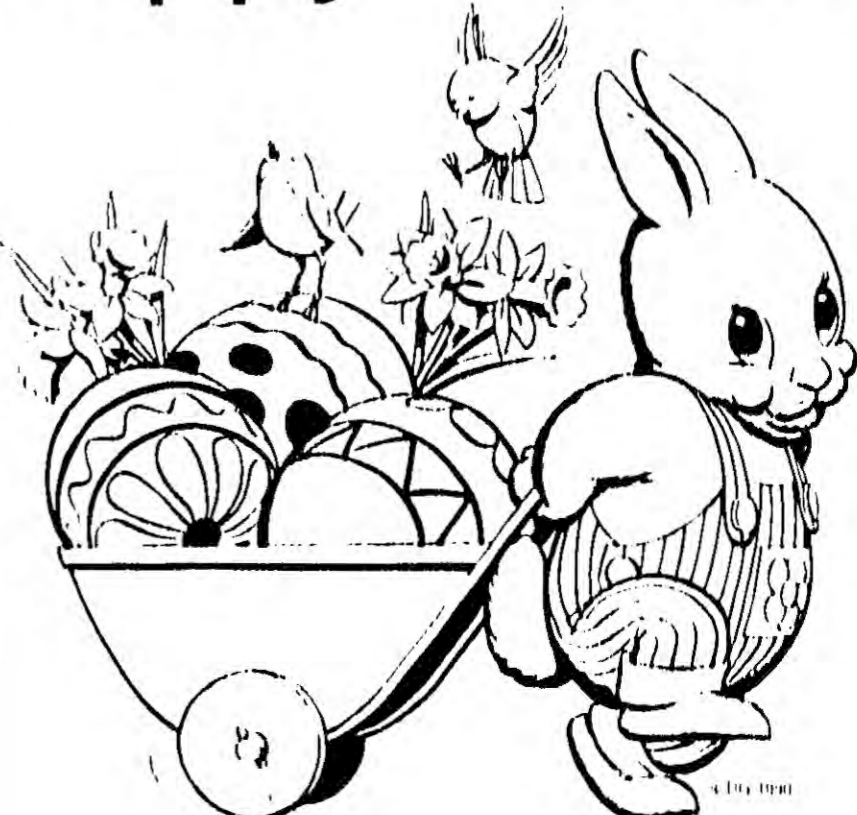


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## Happy Easter!



# PTK honors top scholars

Fifty students were inducted Friday into the Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Scholastic Fraternity in ceremonies in the Community Services Center.

Winfred Watkins, medical laboratory technology program director, was the keynote speaker at the induction.

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 were Viola Anthony,

Robert Atchley, Jean Batchelor, Angela Collier, Dawn Dunham, Daniel Downey, Jennifer Dutschmann, Aimee Farr, Mona Gipson, Michael Greenlee, Gretchel Grohoske, Bonnie Haldeman, Gail Harris and Rosamond Harris.

Also, Cynthia Lawson, Brent Lightsey, Charles Lingo, Paul McCollum, Amy Neuhaus, Stephanie Pfeiffer, Angela Robinson, Carole Waters, C.J. Williams, and Sylvia Schaly Linhares.

Also Shelly Barak, Candice Fuller-Adcock, Jeffrey Bertch and Amy Janek, Kristi Brown and Shawn Risener, and Laura Cinek, Pamela Kucera, Melissa Neill and Nathan Ondrej.

Also, Colleen Cooper, Melinda Henry and Judith Richardson, John Dvorak Jr., James Grantom II, Kimberly Grelle and Elaine Tyree, Kristi Hughes, David Karr and Cameron Watson, Cynthia McCaslin, and Linda Picha.



Photo by Sam Allgood

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNIZED**--Aimee Elizabeth Farr receives her certificate of initiation into the Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Scholastic Fraternity Mar. 22. Students who enter this prestigious society must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of classes.

## Faculty members hold leadership roles at TJCTA

By SHANE HAMMONTREE  
Several of the college's faculty and staff members had leadership roles recently at the 44th annual convention of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association in Dallas.

Librarian Margaret Harbaugh is currently serving as chairperson of the TJCTA's Personal Development Committee until 1993. As chairperson, Harbaugh presided over the professional development seminar at the convention.

Mental health instructor Joe Arrington served as chairperson of meetings for aging services and education and Donnie Hagan, director of Human Services, presented a program on "Aging Ser-

vices and Education: New Responses to New Demands."

Director of Computer Services Bill Bane served as chairperson for the meetings of computer center directors.

At the Texas Community College Child Development Educators Association meeting, Geraldine Carey presented "A Time to Share" and "Parenting Classes" with three representatives from other colleges. Also, a program entitled "School Age Child Care Classes" was presented by Child Development instructor Cyndie Davis along with others.

## New class added for forensic activities

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

MCC student David Vogle recently won the Toastmaster award for public speaking. It was Vogle's first speech, the "Icebreaker." Toastmasters International is an organization for both students and business professionals who are interested in public speaking. Toastmasters consists of 160,000 members nationwide.

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in public speaking, this is the organization for you," said Vogle. Toastmasters is currently conducting a rally to introduce the public to Toastmasters. Vogle is a team captain of this rally.

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**AMIXING OF CULTURES**--Students front row (L-R) Kamel Shaqur from Palestine, Co-chairperson Patsy White, Co-chairperson Eric Hooker and Rachid Elguereh from Morocco. Back row (L-R) Yuichiyo Katoda from Japan, Quiping Hu from China and Maki Suzuki from Japan. These students met recently to learn about each others culture in preparation for the multicultural fair slated for Apr. 22. The fair will celebrate cultures that have contributed to and reflect the diversity of Waco. Leading up to the fair will be an exhibit of Native American art in the Art Center during the month of April.

## Learning center offers help to needy students

By BECKY NOLAN

The Learning Development Center is part of the developmental education center which offers individual attention to students who need to strengthen reading, writing, math and study skills.

"The LDC provides computer assisted instruction for MCC students who feel that they need improvement in certain areas," Arlene Schwarz, daytime lab assistant, said.

Located in Room 200 of the HPE building, the LDC is open to all MCC college and adult educa-

tion students. Walk-ins are welcome to tour the center, as well as begin instruction.

"It's our responsibility as peer mentors to provide academic and emotional support to the students in the LDC," Deanne Robbins said.

The network manager for LDC is Gary Fultz. LDC lab assistants are Tracy Carter and Arlene Schwarz. Peer Mentors include Rebecca Barnett, Missy Bradbury, Paula Heller, Deanne Robbins, and Sally Young.

For more information about the LDC visit HPE Room 200 or call 750-3433.

## Workshops offer job finding help

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

Two job search workshops will be offered by Job Placement Services in April for both day and evening students seeking full-time employment.

"In today's job market, it is vital for a job seeker to know how to prepare a resume, answer tough interview questions and top the

hidden job market," said Sandra Jones, workshop coordinator.

The first workshop will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on April 2. The second will be held on April 11 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Both workshops will be held in room 301 of the Student Center.

For more information about workshops or other job placement services, contact Jones at 750-3594.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### TASP test workshop April 6

A TASP test workshop will be offered by Continuing Education on April 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at a cost of \$9.

The workshop is designed to give students an overview of the test and offer test-taking strategies. For more information call 750-3512.

### Private scholarships available

Applications for the Private Donor Scholarship Program are now being accepted by the Office of Financial Aid. Awards range from \$100 a year to full paid tuition, fees and books.

Applications are available in the office of Financial Aid. The deadline is April 15. For more information call 750-3598.

### Art exhibit begins today

The annual Student Art Exhibition begins today and will continue through May 3. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to the winning entry or entries. The show is being held in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

### Job search workshops next month

Two job search workshops are scheduled for April. The workshops are for anyone seeking full-time employment. The topics to be discussed are how to prepare a resume, answering interview questions and tapping into the hidden job market. The workshops will be held on April 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and on April 11 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Both workshops will be held in Room 301 of the Student Center.

### Ping pong tournament tomorrow

A ping pong tournament will be held tomorrow morning in the game room of the Student Center at 10 a.m.

### Scholarships available

Three of the many scholarships for MCC students are now available. These scholarships are the Orville Redenbacher Second Start Scholarship, the Professional Secretaries International scholarship and the Illinois Institute of Technology Community and Junior College Transfer Scholarship. For more information about these and other scholarships, go by the counseling offices on the ground floor of the Student Center.

### Writing across the curriculum

A program called "Writing Across the Curriculum" will be held this semester. For more information about the program contents and time, contact Cheryl Bohde at ext. 637.

### Phi Theta Kappa inducts

On March 22, 50 MCC students were inducted in the Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. The ceremony took place in the Community Services Center located at 4601 N. 19th Street.

### Health Fair on April 10

On April 10 the Wellness Program will hold its Spring Health Fair entitled "Good Health, It's Your Choice." The fair will take place in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free health screenings, demonstrations and exhibits from the local area will be available.

### Egg hunt planned Sunday

On Easter Sunday at 2 p.m. an egg hunt will take place at Warren Park in Hewitt. All children ages 9 and under are invited to come. A number of prize eggs will be distributed and Dr Pepper will provide free drinks. All children must bring their own baskets and be accompanied by an adult.

### Dance notes end of tax season

On April 20 a dance will be held at Knights of Columbus Hall in Hewitt. This will be a Tax Relief Dance to celebrate the end of income tax season. It will be from 8 p.m. to midnight and Del Rio, a country and western band, will be there. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

### Journalism students tour Stevens

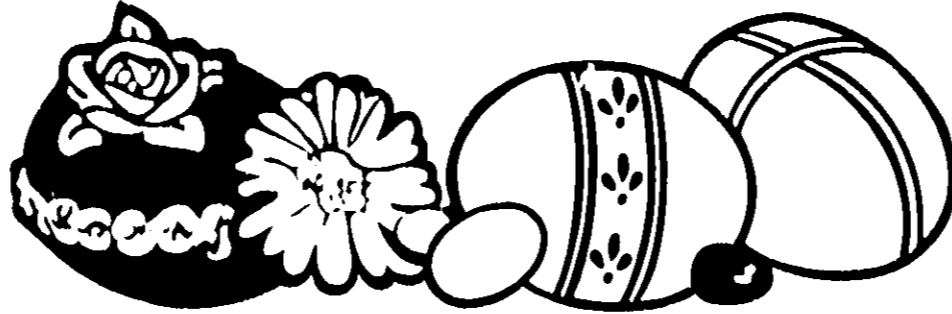
Recently Journalism 351 students visited Stevens Publishing Corp. at 225 N. New Road. A tour was led by Corporate Editorial Director Mark Hartley. The students learned about the use of computers in journalism and how a magazine is produced using these computers. Stevens Publishing Corp. hires summer interns and teaches them as they work, Hartley said.

### 'Waco Day' set in Capitol

On April 17 Waco Day will be held in Austin. People will be bussed to Austin that day and will visit the Capitol and get information on some of the important issues concerning Waco. At noon a barbecue will be held on the Capitol grounds for Wacoans and the legislators. For details contact Linda Bensley at the Waco Chamber of Commerce at 752-6551.

### Lost & Found Auction results

On March 20 a lost and found auction raised \$70 for general student funds. Some of the items sold included watches, sunglasses, books, clothes and umbrellas. If anything is found on campus turn it in to the Student Activities/Health Services located in the student center.



99¢ each

16-oz.



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## DAN'S

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# Clark ranked 12th in nation, golf team 8th

## Truesdale, named Player of the Year

### Soph places high in three tourneys

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

Gary Clark is ranked 12th in the nation after a tournament at the Galveston Country Club.

Clark, who has placed high in the last three tournaments, placed fifth in the Galveston tournament.

Defeating Clark, Midland's Andrew Coltart who is ranked second in the nation shot a 142. Second place was a tie between

Grant Thompson, also of Midland, and Lon Morris's Chad Norris shot a 143. Fourth was Collin Gates, Lon Morris, 144.

Out of the 13 teams which participated in the tournament, MCC finished fourth with a 598.

MCC was defeated by Midland Junior College who took first with a score of 583. Lon Morris finished second with a 593 and Grayson finished close with 595.

Other participants were Navarro and Odessa, who tied for fifth with a 603. Other rankings were Western Texas College, 7; San Jacinto, 8; Paris, 9; Weatherford, 10.

### Highlanders win major tournament in Huntsville

By REGGIE BLACK

The golf team, ranked eighth in the nation, is expecting to stay in the top 10 after their performances in recent tournaments.

Gary Clark, a sophomore from London, has continued a winning streak after placing first at the

Elkin Lake Spring Invitational in Huntsville with a 1 over par 73. Clark has won four tournaments and also has placed second. As a result, he is ranked 12th in the nation and recent performances may put him in the top 10 in the next poll.

Mikko Rantanen, a freshman, finished one shot behind Clark to place second at the invitational.

The golf team faced tough competition at the Huntsville meet. This tournament was composed of both two-year and four-year colleges. Stephen F.

Austin won the tournament with a score of 592. The Highlanders finished second with a total of 604 which was one shot better than the host Sam Houston. Other scores include Grayson 608, Texas Lutheran 618, Paris 620, U.T. Arlington 622, Eastern Central Univ. 632, and St. Mary 632.

The next tournament will be in Midland at the Texas Junior College Championship between April 7-9. Finally, the Region 5 Regional Golf Championship will be held at Lake Waco Country Club April 23-25.

Tabitha Truesdale has been named the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

The 5-foot-10 sophomore forward for the women's basketball team averaged 20.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game.

Kalen Parkinson and Sharonda Cyrus were named to the NTJCAC first team squad and Tracy Harding received an honorable mention.

# Highlanders off to strong start in league play

By JOHN PESCAIA

The baseball team currently has a 22-10 record for the year and a 6-0 conference record.

Coach Paul Miller and the rest of the team found out on March 19 that the latest NJCAA poll had the Highlanders listed sixth in the nation. The NJCAA is the National Junior College Athletic Association.

### Three over Cedar Valley

The Highlanders conference play on the right note as they crushed the Cedar Valley Suns by a score of 13-3 on March 8. Sean Lowe gave up three hits and struck out twelve batters. The Highlanders broke the game wide open in the fourth inning by scoring five runs. The big hit of the inning was a two run single

by Greg Merrell. MCC won the game on the 10 run rule in the bottom of the seventh inning when Jeff Andrewartha hit a two run homer, and Sean Wertz drove in James Nix with a single for the final run.

The Highlanders continued to play good ball on March 9 as they rolled to a doubleheader sweep over Cedar Valley. The Highlanders won the first game by the score of 4-3. MCC had to rally to win this game as they came back from a 3-0 deficit. The winning pitcher in the game was Dax Winslett. Leading the way in hitting for MCC was Greg Merrell who went 3 for 3 and Danny Leigh went 2 for 3.

MCC won the nightcap by a convincing 12-0 score. The Highlanders scored a run in the first and then exploded for nine runs in the second and two more

in the fourth inning. The winning pitcher for MCC was Cedric Allen who is 4-0 for the season. Leading hitters for the Highlanders were Mark Scott who went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI, and James Nix who went 2 for 2.

### Three over Brookhaven

The Highlanders continued their winning ways as they swept a three game series from Brookhaven on March 17 and 18. MCC won on March 17 by the scores of 3-1 and 13-0. In the first game, Cedric Allen was the winning pitcher for MCC by striking out 15 batters. Mark Scott hit his second home run of the season.

In the second game, the Highlanders scored four runs in the first inning, two in the fourth inning and exploded for seven

more runs in the fifth inning. The winning pitcher was James Nix who is 5-1 for the year, and Chris Teeters hit his second home run of the year.

### Tie and loss to Blinn

The Highlanders ran into a tough Blinn team on March 20 and the Buccaneers beat the Highlanders by a count of 6-0 in the first game and the game was called due to darkness with both teams knotted at six. In the first game, Jeff Thomas was the losing pitcher.

In the second game, MCC was led by Jeff Andrewartha who went 2 for 4, Sean Wertz who went 2 for 4, Dax Winslett 2-3, and Greg Merrell 2-3. The Highlanders played Eastfield last weekend.

# Men's tennis team to play Weatherford

By REGGIE BLACK

The men's tennis team will host Weatherford today at 2:30 and Pan America University on Thursday at 10.

The Highlanders lost it's first dual match in two years against San Antonio 5-4.

In other matches, the men swept Navarro 9-0, defeated San Jacinto 8-1, St. Edwards 7-2, and Collin County 5-4.

At the midpoint of the season their record is 9-1 overall and they are recovering from minor injuries to some key players as they prepare for regionals. The

men's region is considered the toughest in the country where three teams are in the top five in the nation.

The women's tennis team will be traveling on the road until April 9 when they will host Cooke County at 1:30.

In previous action the Highladies defeated Schriener 7-2, Navarro 6-1, and swept St. Edwards 7-0.

Currently, the ladies are 4-4 overall and are getting prepared for the last half of the season where the matches become more critical going into the regional championship.

### Schedule of coming events

#### March

29 Baseball MCC v Hill 1-9 Here 2 p.m.  
30 Baseball MCC v Hill 2-7 Here 1 p.m.

#### April

3 Baseball MCC v Blinn 1-9 There 6 p.m.  
8 Baseball MCC v Ranger 2-7 Here 1 p.m.  
9 Tennis MCC v Cooke County Here 1:30  
10 Tennis MCC v Howard Payne Here 2:30



The men's tennis team lost it's first dual match in two years against San Antonio. The 'Landers will play Weatherford today at 2:30 p.m. The tennis team has a full upcoming schedule for April.

# Highladies third for the season

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The Highladies basketball squad fell short in the first round of the region V Women's Junior College Basketball Tournament March 6. Despite a dramatic comeback late in the second half the 'Ladies lost 89-82 to the South Plains College Lady Texans.

MCC shot only 17 of 49 in the first half and trailed at intermission 46-34. Early in the second half, South Plains went on a 10-2 scoring drive which put the Lady Texans up 56-36.

The 'Ladies went on a 27-9 run with nine minutes left to close the gap 65-63. South Plains answered with a 10-0 point run to hand the Highladies their third straight opening round loss in the region tournament.

Truesdale led the team with a two year career high 40 points, 11 rebounds and six steals. Charmine Bonner had 11 points and Sharonda Cyrus posted 10 for MCC.

The Indies squad finished the season with a 13-12 record and a third place finish in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.



SHARONDA CYRUS, who was named to the NTJCAC first team squad, struggles for the rebound against the opponent Angolia College. The 'Landers ended the season with a 13-12 record and third in conference.

# 'Landers tournament play short

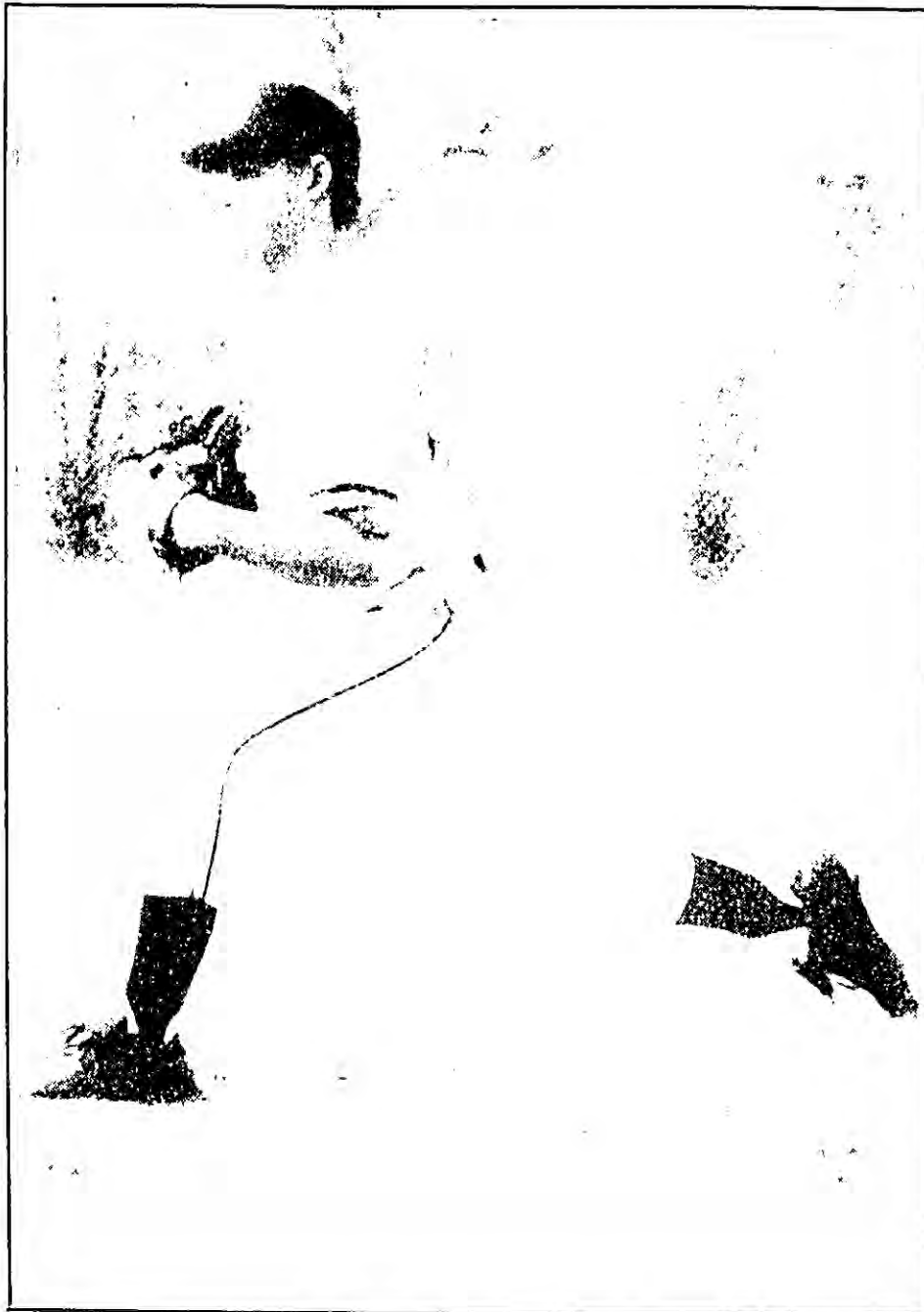
By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The men's basketball season came to an abrupt end Mar. 10 as they were defeated in the first round of the Texas-New Mexico Junior College Championships.

The Highlanders were out-matched and out-gunned as the Odessa Wranglers ran over MCC 90-73 for the third straight year in the tournament.

At the half the Odessa led 48-29 on its way to an easy victory. The 'Landers first and only lead of the game came with 18:40 left in the first half when they took a 4-2 lead. The Wranglers came back with an eight point drive and never looked back.

Perry Hill led the scoring for MCC with 34 points. Hulon Loude posted 14 and Alan Bradley had 9 for the night. MCC finished its season 22-9 and a second place finish in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.



Pitcher, DAX WINSLETT, stretches toward home plate while pitching in a game over the Spring Break holiday. The baseball team, with a record of 22-10, is ranked sixth in the nation, according to the NJCAA poll.



ALAN BRADLEY, a 6'3 freshman from Houston jumps to rebound the ball during the game against Odessa. The Highlanders lost 90-73 in the first round of the Texas-New Mexico Junior College Championship tournament. The 'Landers ended the season in second place of the conference play.

# Mental Health Club offers counseling

By SAM ALLGOOD

Depressed? Are tests getting you down?

Help is available on campus through student-to-student counseling offered by the newly reformed Mental Health Club.

The club recently elected its spring 1991 officers. Paul McCollum is president with Donald L. Gaines as vice president. Deanna Fitzgerald is the secretary and Sally Young the treasurer. Steve Coutret heads up activities while Paula Heller works as club historian. Kim Gilbert, Carrie Prewitt and Donna Pickett handle public relations.

Although the club has held its second meeting, "The agenda is not set in stone. What we're looking for is feedback from students so we can prioritize things," said McCollum.

### College stress

Fitzgerald said students just out of high school and older students entering college both undergo changes in their lives which causes stress. "You've got a whole spectrum of stress. There are stresses on college people that

are not readily apparent."

McCollum said, "We can't stress enough the importance of handling these problems immediately. If anything starts affecting your eating and sleeping habits, relationships or motivation, you need to deal with the situation before it deals with you."

Fitzgerald said, "The bottom line is everyone has to face reality occasionally. You must cope with the facts."

McCollum added, "Whatever crises they are going through, odds are, we've got someone in the group that's their age with similar experiences."

### Suicide

Fitzgerald interjected that people trivialize young people's problems but nationally suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers. She cited statistics from the Brazos Psychiatric Hospital saying that every 90 minutes a teenager commits suicide with 6,000 occurring last year. This is a 300 per cent increase in the last 30 years. She added that a teen attempts suicide every 65 seconds with 500,000 attempts last year.

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"Tests are stressful. Suicide rates go up before finals," she said.

Quoting Theodore Roosevelt, she said, "Death is always and under all circumstances a tragedy, for if it is not then it means that life itself has become one."

### Help is available

McCollum said, "We want to tell people where help is available on campus and community wide." He added that the community needs to become aware of problems and become involved.

Fitzgerald said, "To some of these kids the campus is their world. If help is not available here... it's not available."

"We want to encourage people going through stress. People don't need to become members. The club is there to provide the service." All of the members work for community services and have experience in many of the mental health fields, she said.

Gaines said, "The club needs to show people what mental health is all about. It's about helping people."



OFFICERS OF THE Mental Health Club are front row, l to r, Deanna Fitzgerald, secretary; Carrie Prewitt, public relations; Paul McCollum, president; Deanne

Robbins, activities committee and Sally Young, treasurer. Back row, Randy Dillon, member; Paula Heller, historian and Steve Coutret, activities director.

Furthermore, "I'd like to get a club going to show people coming into this field what it's really like. It really is an entirely different reality than the classroom."

Meetings are held on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays

at 12:30 p.m. in room 204 of the Academic Center.

Anyone wishing to share a problem and seek a solution with a fellow student should call Linda Talbert, mental health secretary, at 750-3401 and leave a mes-

age. Callers can ask for specific members.

Callers can be completely anonymous by using an assumed name or a number. "Confidentiality is strictly maintained," said McCollum.

## Governor's Mom



Photo by Nathan Newberry

MRS. CECIL WILLIS, mother of Governor Ann Richards, gave her first public speech in the Community Services Building on March 20. Her topic was "My Daughter, The Governor." The speech was presented in honor of National Women's History Month.

## Not Superman, It's EMS

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

Perhaps Superman can leap tall buildings in a single bound, but emergency medical services personnel must take a different approach.

EMS technicians and fire fighters are currently learning the skills of vertical rescue, which can also apply to structural, cave and trench rescue. Continuing education offers two classes in vertical rescue. The basic class involves learning the skills of rappelling (going down) off a tower at the Waco Fire Department Training Center. The advanced class teaches ascending on cliffs and advanced rescue.

"Our classes are basically targeted at EMS personnel," said Renee Michalski, instructor and coordinator of MCC's EMS programs. She also said there are two other reasons people take this class. Some consider rappelling and climbing a sport and take the class for fun. Others are people afraid of heights who take the class to confront their fears in a controlled setting, said Michalski.

Brent Marsh and Rod Dennison, paramedics with the Texas Department of Health in Temple, work with Leroy Vargas and Bob Orlando, Temple Fire Department paramedics, as course instructors.

Graduates of the basic course are eligible to enroll in the 32

hour advanced vertical rescue class which includes rescue operations at Lover's Leap in Cameron Park.

"This advanced course gives us a chance to help students improve their skills and confidence on the ropes because we have already worked with all the students in the two day basic course," said Marsh.

While the basic course teaches only rappelling, students in the advanced course learn the skills needed to ascend cliffs, as well as buildings and towers.

Training at Lover's Leap is much different than training at the tower, said Michalski. At the tower, there is no danger of rock fall and there is a window at every level for an instructor to get to the student. The cliff is much less controlled.

These rescue skills are important to EMS personnel in this area because of the high number of people who go off the cliffs, especially Lover's Leap, every year. There are about nine falls from the cliff each year. Only about three are fatal. Michalski added that alcohol is often involved in these accidents and only a small percentage are planned jumps.

Michalski added that while rappelling off Lover's Leap may seem exciting, it is illegal unless written permission from Cameron Park is attained.



Photo by Sam Allgood

RUSSIAN FASHION DESIGNER Grigory "Grisha" Vadimovich Grigoriev visited fashion merchandising classes on March 21-22. Kae Moore, fashion merchandising director, assisted Grigoriev on his visit.

## UIL & MCC

18 years of involvement

By MARY KUJAWA

The University Interscholastic League is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world. It began as a service to lend guidance to debate and athletics programs in the public schools of Texas.

Today, student participation in UIL's academic, literary, music and athletic contests is so extensive that one out of every two Texas high school seniors will have participated in a UIL event before graduation.

UIL member schools include 1,157 high schools and about 4,250 junior high and elementary schools.

Since 1959, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has helped provide more than \$3.3 million in college scholarships for more than 4,000 UIL competitors.

UIL operates as part of UT's Division of Continuing Education.

### UIL at MCC

MCC's involvement with UIL began 18 years ago when Marl High School asked MCC to host a competition. Only one district participated that year. Gradually the contest increased to four districts.

Only schools within the MCC area are selected to participate in academic competition among us.

MCC became involved with UIL as a part of community service and also to serve as an opportunity for students to see the campus, said Hazel Martin, counselor and coordinator for UIL events on the campus. "We get top students from all schools on campus. It is a way to introduce them to MCC and hope they make it their post-secondary school," said Martin.

"We are encouraging academic excellence in public schools," added Martin.

### Martin as Coordinator

Martin was serving as the Outreach Coordinator 18 years ago when she was first assigned to serve as the UIL Coordinator on the campus.

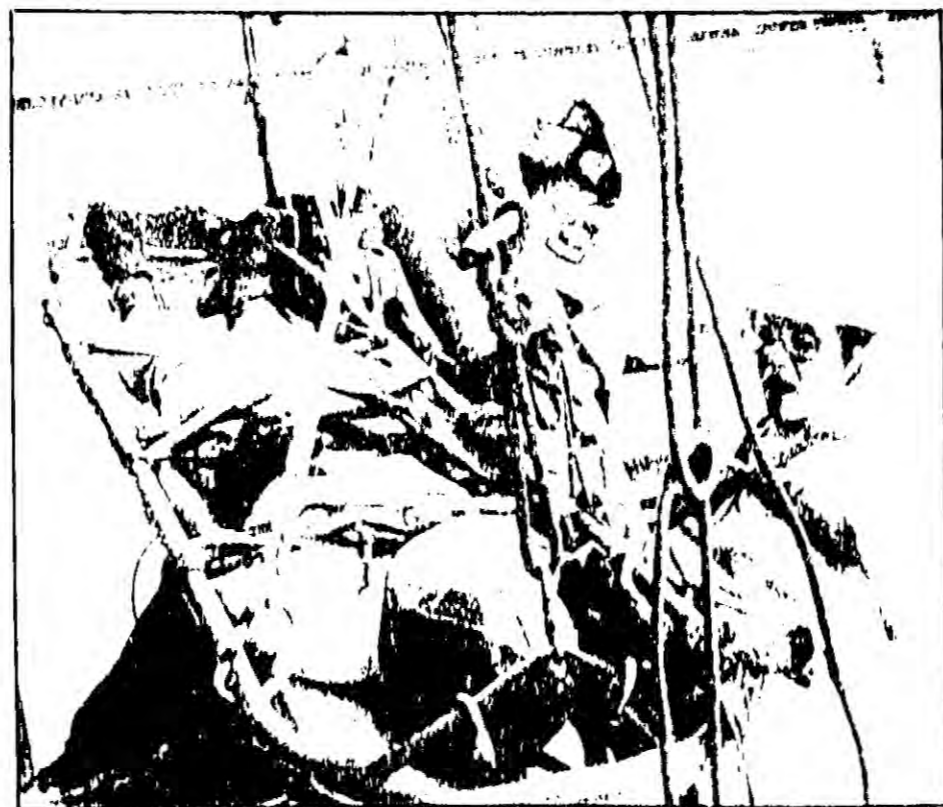
She has held the position for the last 18 years because the job involves so much detail that no one else wants to undertake the task, said Martin.

"They left me in charge because I did a good job. Nobody else wants to take it. It's a big job," said Martin.

This year Jack Schneider, dean of arts and sciences, will serve as assistant coordinator.

"I enjoy it. It's a challenge and reward to have it go off. There is so much appreciation from the schools," said Martin.

"I have gotten to know superintendents, teachers and principals. That has been a real plus for me. I have gained a lot of friends," said Martin.



RENEE MICHALSKI and Brent Marsh lower Sandra Lugo-Camacho during a basket rescue exercise at the Waco Fire Department Training Building.

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### Cast does great in 'West Side Story'

By JENNIFER McMASTER

Performances of "West Side Story" were sold out March 6-10. The musical about two gangs and the tragic love between Maria of the Sharks and Tony of the Jets drew huge audiences for each performance.

Lou Lindsey, head of the drama department, hoped to convey an image of timelessness. This was achieved with the set design and the costumes.

No longer was this a '50s musical set in New York City, but a musical set at any time in any place that the audience chose. The dancing was very creative using the props to their advantage.

The set was designed with im-

ages of a city skyline in the background with screens scattered around the stage at different times to represent the barriers between the "Sharks" and the "Jets."

Len Carrell played "Riff" the leader of the "Jets." Carrell did a superb job of portraying a strong character in the play.

Stacy Still played "Maria" and Mark Stonebarger played "Tony," the two lovers in the play. Both brought tears and smiles to the faces of the audience with their beautiful voices.

Throughout the entire show, the audience remained on the edges of their seats.

The musical number "America" performed by Deborah Gaulrapp as "Anita", Jo Carnahan as "Consuela," Jill Bowen as

"Rosalia", Monica Parrett as "Estrella" and Cissy Richter as "Perezita" brought smiles and applause from the audience. That number was a refreshing and cheerful part of the show.

During the rumble, a hush lingered over the crowd. The audience was able to become drawn into the action of the fighting and dancing.

At one point during the show, the entire audience literally jumped when a gun fired by "Chino," Keith Jenkins, killing "Tony."

The show turned out to be a success. The performers received a well deserved standing ovation.

The show proved that MCC could put on an outstanding production and draw huge crowds to campus.



"WEST SIDE STORY" cast members of the "Jets", from Umberger and Sylvia Linhares rehearse the dance number to the song "Cool." Photo by Sam Allgood



"JETS" GANG MEMBERS, from left to right, Larry Umberger, Lerone Bonner, Sylvia Linhares and Deborah Price celebrate during the dress rehearsal of the gym dance for "West Side Story." Photo by Sam Allgood

### Opera tells tale of two women scorned

By JENNIFER WARREN

Women for years have been misled by men and still are in the upcoming production of "Cosi fan tutte."

The opera, which premieres April 11, is the tale of Don Alfonso, a cynical old philosopher who tells two soldiers, Ferrando and Guglielmo, that no woman can be trusted.

Written by Wolfgang Mozart in 1789, "Cosi fan tutte" translates

to "All Women Behave Like That." Monica Parrett and Zana Gibson, who play Despina the housemaid, said, "We try to tell the two women that their fiancés are using them, but they choose not to listen."

Parrett said, "Despina is a woman of the world. She is about 18 years old and is 'experienced' in the way men treat women."

Lesley Whiteley, who plays Fiordiligi, said, "I'm the one who is the mother hen or authoritative of the two sisters. Unlike Dorabella, Fiordiligi is not easily misled. She is the last to give in to the two imposters, but she does eventually give in to them."

"She (Dorabella) is pretty easily led. Like Monica and Zana said, Despina tried to tell her that men can be jerks, but she doesn't listen," said Whiteley.

The premiere of "Cosi fan tutte" on April 11 will begin at 8 p.m.

### Wilson Phillips

*Is Grammy the end for trio?*

By JENNIFER WARREN

Girl groups have come and gone since the beginning of rock and roll. One of the latest to make the music charts is the band Wilson Phillips with their album bearing the group's name.

When this group recently received their first Grammy award presented by Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, many critics stated that they had received the "kiss of death" that greets many first-time groups.

The three members of the group, Carnie, Wendy and Chynna do not seem to fit this description.

"Wilson Phillips' first three songs on side one of the album have all been top 10 hits on the record charts. All three songs, "Hold On," "Release Me" and "Impulsive" tell about how love can end in hurt and pain, which is typical in many female groups' albums.

Another song on this album that has a unique sound to it, but may not appeal to anyone who remembers the sound of Richard and Karen Carpenter, is "A Reason To Believe." If anyone remembers how the Carpenters sang this wonderful ballad, they may not like the new release, but the remake is unique sounding in itself.

Overall for a first album, Wilson Phillips have made it big in the eyes of the music business, but they still are going to have to prove it by producing another album in the near future.

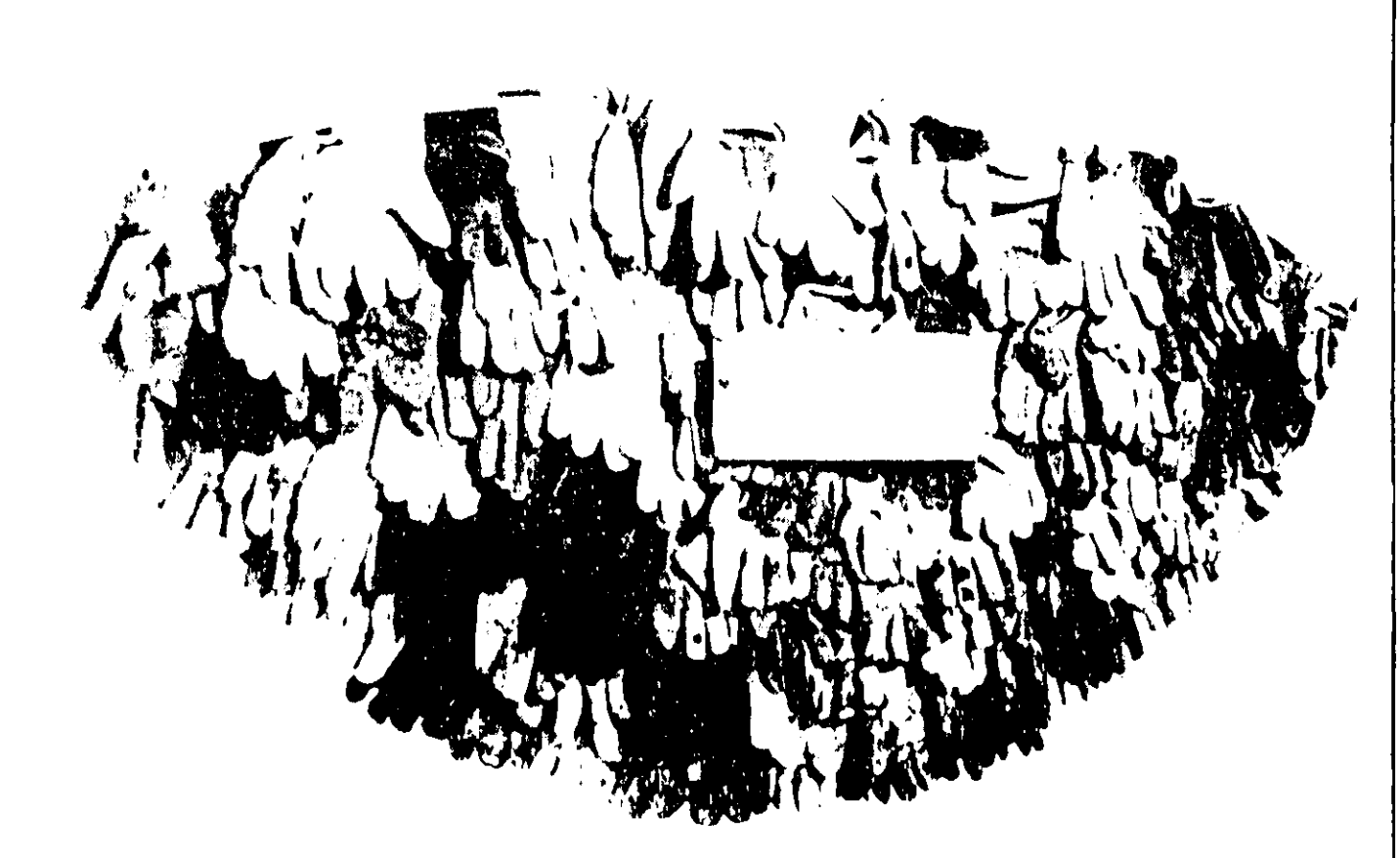
### Exhibit presents Texas art work

By CYNDY McCASLIN

"New American Talent: The Sixth Exhibit" is currently on display at The Art Center on the MCC campus. It is organized by the Texas Fine Arts Association and features a diverse collection of paintings, photographs and sculptures.

Approximately one-half of the works are from Texas artists, although art was submitted from across the country. Those that were the most engaging, thought provoking, troubling or compelling were selected for the exhibit.

The exhibit will be on display through April 14. The Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for admission.



"SELF-PORTRAIT," a collection of gloves in which an art works featured at the Art Center as a part of the exhibit open purse with money sticking out is one of the many "New American Talent: The Sixth Exhibit." Photo by Nathan Newberry

### Upcoming play features students stage design

By SHANE HAMMONTIRE

The cast has been chosen for the production of "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" that opens here May 1.

The main characters, Rubin, Cora, Renie and Sonny Plaid will be played by John Burgess, Christy Perry, Robbia Kozak and Chris Navarro, respectively. Other characters include Flirt Conroy, played by Renee Kruecker, and Lattie Lacey, played by Amy Barber.

Also, the role of Morris Lacey will be played by Jacob Lowe, and Mike Greenlee will play Sammy Goldenbaum. The role of Hanky Givens will be played by Mike Wilson.

"Dark at the Top of the Stairs" was written by William Ingle in the 1950s. Ingle's plays are famous for their colorful and accurate depiction of midwestern life. The play is set in the 1920s in a small town in Oklahoma, prior to the Depression.

"The play deals with people's unhappiness in life and fear of the future," said Director Dave Borron.

The characters of the play include a traveling harness salesman Rubin, his wife Cora, their shy daughter Renie and a son Sonny.

"The unique thing about this play is that we have three students doing design work," said Borron. The scenery will be designed by Michael Jones. Keith Adair will do lighting design and Lalay Jones costume design.

"It is a unique thing here that MCC is allowing students who are freshmen and sophomores to design," said Borron.

Borron added that MCC's students will have a great advantage from being able to do design work on a play. Most four-year schools don't even allow students to work on set design even in their senior years, he said.

Other plays written by Ingle include "Bus Stop," "Panic" and "Come Back Little Sheep."

The play runs May 1-4 with 8 p.m. performances. Matinee performances will be held at 2:30 on Saturday and Sunday.

BY J.D. DAVIDSON 6/27/91

AS YOU MAY RECALL FOUR LONG WEEKS AGO I REFORMED MYSELF BUT THEN AN UNANNOUNCED VISITOR ELVIS WAS SENT TO SALTARABIA.

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HUSSEIN'S PLAN GONE IN SEVERAL WEEKS!! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME? I AM WALT DISNEY!!



BARBARA MAILER AND DELAINE FEDSON, lute and harp duo, performed Friday at the Student Center during the 10 o'clock hour. Mailer, who is a flutist with Mid-Texas Symphony and the Austin Chamber Ensemble, and Fedson, who is a harpist with the Waco Symphony performance was sponsored by the Fine Arts Department.