

## News Briefs

### Campus closed due to weather

Inclement weather forced MCC officials to close the campus around 11 a.m. Thursday. Due to an inch of a mixture of snow and sleet that fell overnight, Thursday, the administration cancelled classes for Friday, as well. Classes resumed Monday, with some patches of ice still on some sidewalk. The grounds keeping crew has put down de-icer and red, caution cones where they could. Until all ice is cleared, students and faculty are advised to walk with caution.

### British study tour deadlines approaching

The deadline to enroll in the British Masterpieces study tour is coming up quickly. Six hours of English credits will be received for the trip. The dates of the tour are June 3 through June 20 and the cost is \$3,099. This price includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations, two meals a day, and all fees for scheduled stops. The student is responsible for acquiring a passport. To enroll, contact Carol Lowe at extension 427. The deposit is due at the end of February and the balance is due April 1. Only a few openings are left.

### Still time to register for flex entry classes

It's not too late to register for some classes with flexible entry dates. Flex entry classes incorporate a full semester of study into a shorter time. While most classes began Monday, some begin at later dates and will finish in early May. The flex entry option is available for classes in most subject areas of the college, including a range of courses in business, health careers, child development, English, Spanish, history, government, math and real estate. With some classes requiring as little as two months to complete, the flex entry option is especially attractive for people whose schedules don't allow them to plan very far in advance. To receive a class schedule or learn more about flex entry classes, call 750-3522.

### Nutrition seminars to be held

The Food Guide Pyramid is a series of nutrition seminars. The seminar on Feb. 8 is titled "What's Hot and What's Not in Nutrition," and will address which new products, fads, diets and supplements can help or hurt. Another seminar, "Diabetes and Nutrition," meets Feb. 22 and will teach healthier ways for diabetics and their families to manage their condition. Still another seminar, "Childhood Obesity Nutrition," meets March 28. This session will teach parents and their children ways to maintain a healthy body composition. The seminars cost \$19 each. The seminars will be held in the Community Services Center from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30. For more information, call the Continuing Education Division at 750-3412.

### Faculty can access library using e-mail

The Library staff reminds faculty members that they can access the library system through the e-mail system. Those who need help in using the system can call Maggie Harbaugh at ext. 571 or Jean Crews at ext. 461.

### Members of faculty awarded grants

The Professional Development Committee has awarded more than \$2,000 in grants to the following:

- Jim Hail to attend the "Midwest Institute for Teachers of Psychology" in Glen Ellyn, Ill., March 1-2.
- Julie Pickle to attend and participate in "Developmental Motor Learning and Control for the School-aged Child with Special Needs" in Dallas March 1.
- Jamelle Flowers to attend the "United States Institute for Theatre Technology Professional Conference" in Ft. Worth March 11-16.
- Tom McGee to attend a "Digital Video-Imaging and Composition" workshop in Florida, March 28-30.
- Mike White to attend the Texas State Historical Association annual meeting in Austin Feb. 29-March 2.
- James Popejoy to attend the Texas Music Educators Association conference and clinic in San Antonio Feb. 14-17.

### England accepts position in Maryland

A reception honoring David England, vice president for institutional effectiveness, was held Jan. 12 before his departure to assume the position of vice chancellor for planning and information systems with the Community Colleges of Baltimore County, Maryland. James Kubacak, who has headed the financial aids program, will assume many of the responsibilities of England.

### Retired Persons offer services

The American Association of Retired Persons is offering a program where they pay for their personnel to work in offices in the community. Faculty and staff members who might be able to use such help are invited to call the personnel office for further information.

### Program for paraprofessionals

Representatives of the college and the Waco Independent School District have met to discuss developing a program that would allow paraprofessionals from the school district to work half a day and attend classes half a day. About 40 of the paraprofessionals indicated they would be interested in attending MCC.

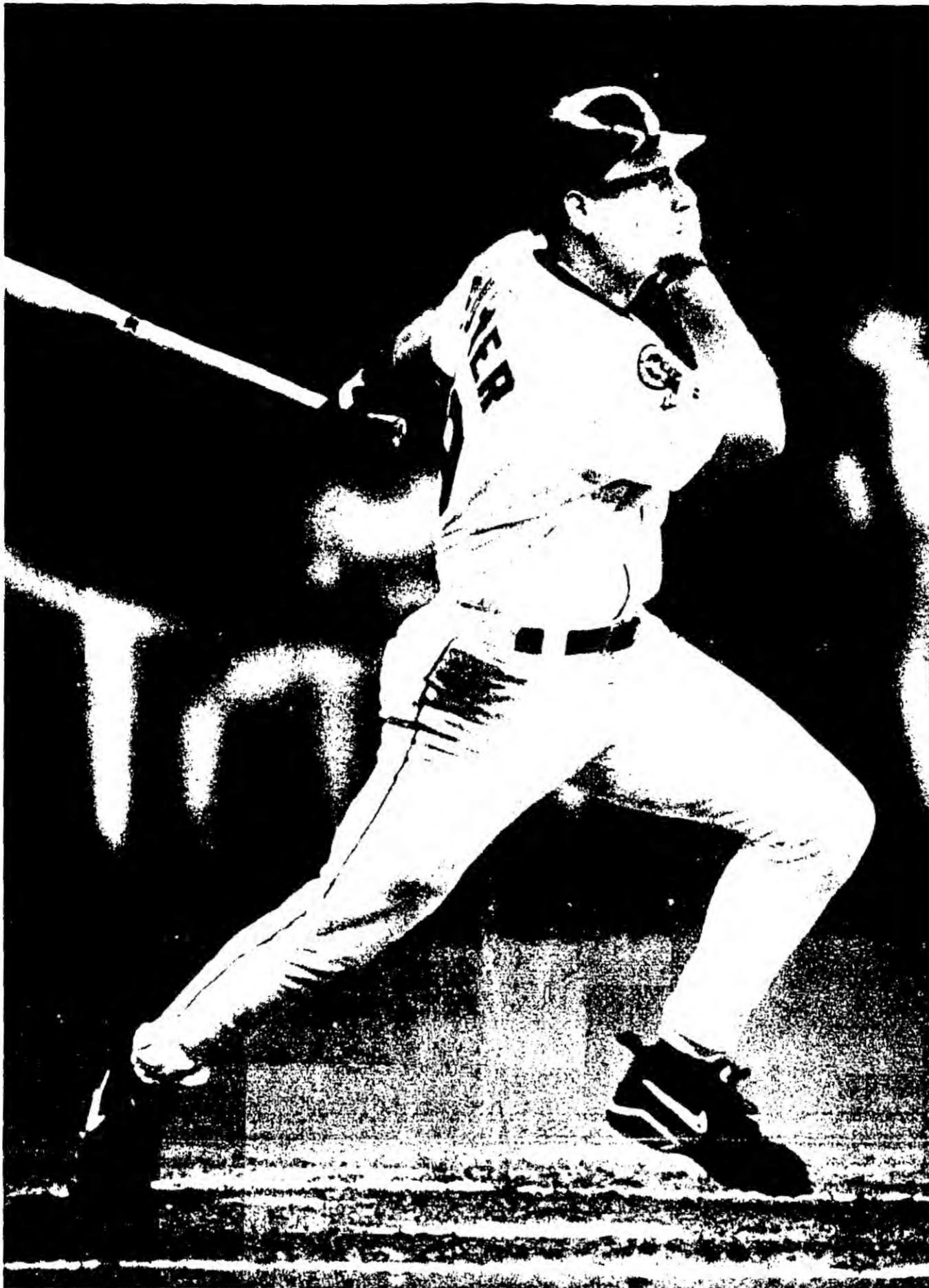
### Disk needed to work in micro lab

Students who plan to use the open micro lab are reminded to bring their own disk (3.5-inch) with them. The disk is needed, said lab director Jean Phillips, because the computer network looks for a disk in drive B. "They need this even though they may not want to save a file," she said. The disk is also needed as back-up because files are sometimes lost in sending them to the printer. The lab cannot loan disks to students.

### School to close Feb. 23 for convention

Classes will not be held on Feb. 23 to allow faculty and staff members the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association in Houston. Those teachers not attending the convention will be attending professional development programs. A "Great Teacher Connection," a meeting with selected faculty members of area school districts and the college, will be done on that day.

# Hometown hero jersey retired



GOING, GOING, GONE! Jay Buhner blasts a homerun last season. Along with Ken Griffey Jr., he is the only other Mariner to hit 40 or more homeruns in one season. See related stories on page 4

## Seattle Mariner and former Highlander Buhner will be here Feb. 9

The college will retire the No. 18 jersey worn by former Highlander baseball star Jay Buhner at a banquet Feb. 9 in the MCC Student Center.

Buhner now plays for the Seattle Mariners.

On Feb. 10, the college will unveil a sign recognizing Buhner's jersey retirement in a 10 a.m. ceremony at the MCC baseball field.

Buhner played on the 1983 MCC team that won the national

championship and was named All-American the next year.

Before joining the Mariners in 1988, he played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Yankees. His outstanding performance during 1995 season helped move the Mariners into the American League play-offs.

The public is invited to attend both events. Tickets for the banquet, which will begin at 7 p.m., are \$25 (\$10 for children 12 and under). All proceeds will benefit MCC athletics. To order tickets, contact the MCC athletic department at 750-3657. Those attending the Feb. 9 banquet may purchase a limited edition commemorative poster, suitable for framing, by making a donation to the MCC baseball team. If supplies last, posters will also be available at the Saturday ceremony.

# SG elections next week

By ASHLEY BECKHAM

The Student Government will be holding elections on Feb. 13 and 14 for the office of secretary/treasurer and for representatives.

To be a candidate, a student must be enrolled in twelve college hours and have a 2.0 grade point average. Anyone interested in running for office needs to pick up applications from Patty Weir, the administrative secretary for Student Activities. Her office is located on the third

floor of the Student Center. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 9.

Students may vote on Tuesday and Wednesday next week between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Student Center cafeteria. All they need to vote is a current student I.D.

The Student Government will be taking orders starting on Feb. 5 for its Valentine Carnation Sale that will be held on Valentine's Day. To make an order, contact a representative or Patty Weir.

# Enrollment declines compared to last year

By MELANIE SANCHEZ

The computer has been on overload computing the total numbers of students enrolled this spring.

As of Jan. 30, 5,438 students were enrolled in classes. The current flex enrollment is 1,289. These are classes that started after the 12th day of class in the fall of 1995. "It is important to understand that these are preliminary head count numbers," said Linda Ramirez, assistant registrar.

The college still has a distance to go to reach the count compiled in the spring last year when enrollment stood at 5,925.

It is vital that these figures be accurate because funding is based on the number of students enrolled, said Ramirez. The computation of the head count is a long process that begins at registration. The add and drops are updated daily to insure accuracy. Report programs are run to check

for any errors. The printouts are then checked manually to once again assure that no errors exist, she said.

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# Government shutdown slows students' payment of tuition

By OLGA DURON

As the holidays ended and students flocked on campus to begin the spring semester, some 50 to 60 unsuspecting students who anticipated their tuition to be paid through their federal Pell grants did not receive the funding as a result of the federal government shutdown that has continued since December of 1995.

The Pell grant recipients who were affected by the federal government shutdown were those who had applied for the grant in late November or early December and those who had corrections to make on their applications. Processing of applications and anything in relationship to the Pell is conducted by a Pell processor who is sub-contracted by the Department of Education. When the government shut down on Dec. 15, it ceased payment to outside contractors and sub-contractors.

"After we came back from the holi-

days, we were unaware that the problem even existed," said James Kubacak, director of financial aid. "Students came to our office (financial aid) very upset, not knowing that we had nothing to do with it."

Although the college had no control over the processing of the federal Pell grants, the students' tuition, fees and books were paid through funding from the Texas Public Education Grant, a program that requires the college to set aside some of its tuition each year. Kubacak said the grant money used to cover the students' tuition was taken from funding for the 1996-97 school year.

The government office from which the college "draws down" or receives Pell grant funds was left operational, yet the 50 to 60

students whose Pell grants were affected by the federal shutdown will not be among those students who will receive their Pell disbursement checks on Wednesday. How long the students will have to wait for their Pell grant checks is not known said Kubacak.

In addition, the Pell recipients are not the only ones that must wait as the government remains at a standstill. Students who receive veteran's benefits usually get a payment each month, but now are told they may not expect to get their stipends until April or May.

## Student Art Exhibition McLennan Community College Awards

- Kristine Steinkie - Best of Show
- "Light Interactioun" photograph \$80
- Joe Randall - Award of Merit
- "Bottom of the Sea" ceramic \$40
- Rebecca Cotowko - Award of Merit
- "Sleeping Beauty" mixed media \$40
- Micheal Smith - Award of Merit
- "Pacifica" painting \$40



TANYA WOOD WAS HIT BY a car while walking towards to Liberal Arts Building. She is seen

here being treated by paramedics who prepare to put her in an ambulance.

## Adopt-a-school

# G. L. Wiley spins the 'Wheel of Misfortune'

By JOE GINGERICH  
MCC Adopt-a-School program will be sponsoring a seminar playing the "Wheel of Misfortune" at G. L. Wiley Middle School Feb. 15, at 2:30 p.m.

Today, in related Adopt-a-School action, the Wiley students will give book reviews to the MCC Office Personnel Association at its meeting in the Student Center at 12:30 p.m.

In the seminar on Feb. 15, Susan Martindale of career services will lead the students in playing the "Wheel of Misfortune."

The game was designed by Martindale in late 1994 as a project for certification in Reality Therapy.

Through the game Martindale asks 3 basic questions: What do you want in life? What are you doing to get what you want? Is it working?

The players assume fictitious identities with various drinking habits. In order to guess the letters of the hidden phrase, the contestants spin the wheel.

Most of the stops on the wheel are labeled with a negative consequence of their habit, such as, "expelled for being drunk at school," or "left party with drunk friend and had a bad car wreck."

After "winning" two or three negative consequences, Susan stops the game and asks the players and the audience to guess what each contestant really wants in life.

As they talk, it becomes clear that their destructive habits are not helping them reach their true goals.

"If someone has a drinking problem," Martindale said, "the first step is to acknowledge that there is a problem. It is easy to dismiss little incidental conse-

quences, but when you come face to face with what is really happening in life it can begin the process of change."

The only way to escape is for the player to land on "attend an alternative program," or "check into rehabilitation program and go bankrupt."

This seminar for MCC's Adopt-a-School program is not the only place Martindale has volunteered her services.

She has played the Wheel of Misfortune in orientation classes at MCC's Alcohol Awareness in late 1994 and also with a group of about 35 at the Freeman Center, a rehabilitation center in Waco for recovering alcoholics.

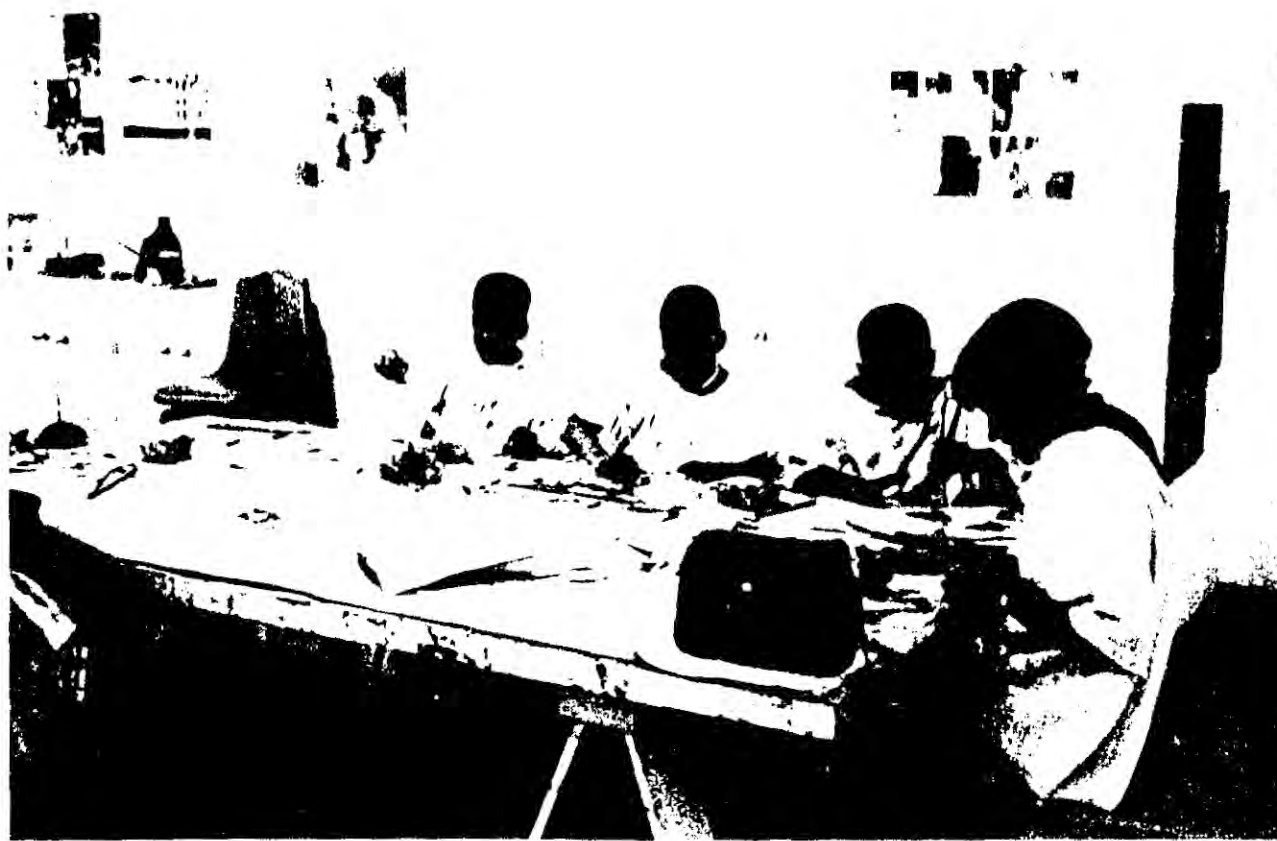
"It's kind of fun, something different, and gets a powerful message across in a fun way," she said.

In a day when people are increasingly concerned for the direction our youth are going, there are still examples of people who care.

"The more positive input you can give kids when they are young, the better chance they have of being successful when they are older," Martindale said.

The reward comes from "the knowledge that it might help someone out of their problem."

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Colorful creations  
G. L. Wiley students experiment with their artistic abilities while visiting art Building F, adjacent to the Community Services Center.

# Management workshops focus on improving supervisory skill

By MCC public information office

On the topic of management, noted business author Peter F. Drucker once observed:

"Sooner or later, all of the thinking and planning has to degenerate to work."

Operating under that premise, the Continuing Education Division of McLennan Community College this spring will offer twenty supervisory management workshops that will teach working managers practical, how-to methods for improving their skills and applying them in the work place.

"The times have changed and so have we," said Director of Business Programs Jane Newsom. "We no longer teach theory, history and abstract concepts to

working people in our workshops. We teach practical skills that people can take back to their work the next day."

For example, Series I of the Supervisory Skills workshops will include topics such as "Motivating Your Diverse Group of Employees," "Problem-Solving Skills to Produce Quality Work" and "Current Legal Do's and Don'ts." These and seven other workshops in Series I will be offered on Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m., beginning Feb. 7.

The Series II Supervisory Skills workshops will begin with three sessions that teach the techniques found in Stephen R. Covey's best-selling book, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People." Other seminars offered in the 10-week Series II include

"Improving Communications," "Conducting a Performance Appraisal," and "Managing Job Stress." All Series II seminars will be on Monday nights from 6-9 p.m., and began last night.

Seminars in both Series I and Series II can be taken individually for \$22 each or as a 10-week series for \$110. For registration information or a brochure, call MCC Continuing Education at 750-3412.

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# Tartan applications due in March

By KELLY CHARLTON

A select group of students are picked each semester to become a part of MCC's elite honors program, the Tartan Scholars.

In the Spring of 1994, the Tartan Scholars program was created. Students are picked through a process in which they

are required to submit an application, two recommendations from faculty or administrators, and an interview with the Tartan Committee. Students can also submit a portfolio which may include, essays, literary works, or a musical or theatrical performance tape. This fall, 15 out of

38 applicants were selected for the spring semester.

Tartan scholars, while enrolled in regular classes are required to take one honors level course each semester. They will also take mini-trips or tours that can include visiting museums, watching lectures, and going to

theatrical performances.

Students selected for this program are awarded with a scholarship up to \$2,500 during their time in the program to pay for tuition, fees, books, and mini-trips.

Applications for the fall semester are available now from

the Administration/Classroom Building room #410. They are due no later than March 20th. For more information about the Tartan Scholars program and how to apply, please contact the Office of Student Services at 750-3513.

# Students named to honors list for fall

By MCC public information office

Many local residents were named to the Distinguished Honors or Honors Lists at McLennan Community College for the fall semester.

Students who achieve a 3.8 to 4.0 grade point average for the semester are named to the Distinguished Honors List. The Honors List is for students who achieve a 3.5 to 3.79 grade point average for the semester.

Students must have completed at least 12 semester hours during the semester to be eligible for either list.

### DISTINGUISHED HONORS

Waco students named to the Distinguished Honors List are Mandy M. Albritton, Eric E. Appel, Tiffany A. Aviles, Paul A. Baylor, Beverly G. Blain, Cindy A. Boney, Mark A. Bradford, Amy E. Brown, Spencer Drow Brown, Stephanie R. Brown and Christy J. Butler.

Also, Sarah J. Capro, Charles A. Carter, Sharon E. Coats, Larry G. Cooper, Steven C. Crocker, Misty D. Crouch, Shannon T. Davis, Ryan J. Dobson, Jessica R. Dominguez, Bryan L. Douglas and Jeff A. Eckel.

Also, Lynette Elizabeth, Neil B. Embrey, Rick D. Green, Keri D. Griffin, Carl E. Gulley, Susan D. Guthrie, Richard P. Haden, Marketa Halova, Megan R. Hamaker, Marcus Dale Hensel and Sandra Lynn Hill.

Also, Heather D. Huggins, Brian M. Ingram, Jan Jasek, Kathleen M. Jenkins, Kel Y. N. Jenkins, Nora R. Justice, John Michael Knowles, Nzué Bernard Kouame, Jared A. Kupcak, Patrick K. Kyle and Dawn Michelle Lasseter.

Also, Cathy Wah-Ping Li, Henry Maggard III, Marilyn Z. Mallard, Chad T. Martin, Michael B. Mathis, Mary D. McGowan, Casey T. Meyers, William D. Middlebrook, James A. Millington, William D. Middlebrook and My Le Nguyen.

Also, Thanh Chi Nguyen, Anna H. Ochoa, Shannon M. Parsons, Bettye J. Pipkin, Shonda Marie Powers, Angela L. Proctor, Amy M. Retchloff, Christianna C. Rhoads, Lindsey L. Rosser, Carol L. Rucker and Michael R. Ryschon.

Also, Jennifer N. Shelton, Brenda G. Smith, Donna D. Stewart, Kay E. Stroy, Sam L. Thornal, Amber L. Tichavsky, Cristina B. Truman, Leah D. Tyson, Scott A. Wagner, Douglas W. Wells and Samantha T. Wharton.

Also, Vivian D. Whatley, Jean S. Williams, Robyn E. Williams, Brandon L. Wilson, Isabel Worley, Jennifer L. Wright and Jana F. Ziegler.

### DISTINGUISHED, AREA

Other area students named to the Distinguished Honors List and their hometowns are Kelly R. Robertson, Abbott; Max B.

Durrett and Gregory P. Huh, Axtell; Brandi L. Glatter, Mindy A. Parrish and Soraya R. Stallard, Bruceville; Deirdra Denise Halbert and Rebecca Sue Munday, Chilton; Lois L. Benken dorfer, Rise Hanna, Kristina E. Hayworth, Aimee D. Nichols, Houston Duane Oates, Catherino M. Prause, Tommy V. Sansom, Linda Jo Shaw, Jeffrey K. Talbot and Michael A. Uptmore, China Spring.

Also, Mark A. Cummings and Chris L. Luedeker, Crawford; Sarah K. Harris, Dawson; Tiffany D. Bates, Jessica R. Lowry and B. Audrey Wauson, Eddy; Kenneth J. Bishop, Elm Mott; Brona D. White, Flat; Tina M. Cox, Crystal M. Miller and Ruby M. Smith, Gatesville; Kelle R. Sutton, Groesbeck; Julie E. Covey, Deborah A. Gregory, Lou Anne Leonberger, Torosa Karen Mosor, Linh Thi Nguyen, Doanna J. Skillott, Laurie Ann Sulak and Gina J. York, Howitt.

Also, Bradley W. Christian, Hillsboro; Penny A. Garrett, Hubbard; Kriston D. Foster, Kopperl; Jill S. Davis, Colleen E. Doran and Jennifer E. Moore, Lorena; Mary Michole Elsonburg, Lott; Christopher Lee Williams and Shari L. Young, Marlin; Robin L. Burnald and Kathryn Louise Go, Mart; Douglas E. Branch, Rufus Brown, Phyllis G. Butz, Fredorick W. Demison, Erika A. Lammert, Adam C. Miller and Ginger A. Peterson, McGregor.

Also, Lori L. Peterson and Brian K. Zuchlke, Moody; Kayla A. Middleton, Mount Calm; Brian E. Greene, Riesel; Michael Heath Krumnow, Robinson; Denise M. Griffin, Temple; Oliver I. Halbert and Gary W. Harris, Valley Mills; Melissa R. Klanika and Angela M. Kucera, West.

### HONORS LIST, WACO

Waco students named to the Honors L Ariya, Michael V. Balloy, Kari Lynn Baker, Carrie H. Bales, Mihajlo M. Balic, Jason P. Bantaq, Lisa L. Baylor, Joannette M. Boll, Andrea D. Blas, Aimee M. Bonner and Wayne Brizandine.

Also, Krista L. Brott, Chris M. Brown, Kimberly J. Brown, Rachel R. Brown, Stephanie Danielle Brown, Candie C. Buresh, Julie M. Burleson, Anne E. Caley, Audra C. Call, Debbie L. Carter, Brenda G. Ca stillow and Kathleen E. Cavin.

Also, Ethan D. Chappell, Jennifer R. Clark, Jeremy E. Coker, Kitty L. Craig, Sandra E. Davila, Jake L. Davis, Lillian M. Dungan, Stacey L. Dupnik, Korwin C. Evans, Melissa K. Everidge, Roderick B. Floyd and Christina M. Foley.

Also, Elie R. Fouts, Richard I. Fullerton, Amy J. Fullock, Linda Ann Garcia, Edna D. Gibson, Debra F. Glatter, Tricia K. Griffin, Robert Graf, Michael Ray Grossman, Ruby A. Guardiola, James Vorn Gwin and Kristino

Dawn Haberman. Also, Julie E. Hale, Bobby G. Harris, Sandra A. Harris, Scott J. Hobert, Ireshokia W. Hilliard, Fu-Lan Hu, I-Lien Hu, Stephen L. Ingram, Amy S. Jackson, Amy L. Jasek, Nicole Tineal Johnson and Darron A. Jones.

Also, Corey W. Kelley, Audra Ann Knowles, Michael A. Lamendola, Chris D. Latham, Angela L. Leadbotter, Scott D. Leichtenberg, Bambi I. Little, Clayton A. Love, Jane M. Mainor, Daxton C. Martin, Torosa A. Martinez, John P. McFarland and Brian Lano Meos.

Also, Jason S. Merry, Kelln Both Mikulin, Stephen P. Miller, Kevin K. Moore, Cynthia R. Moroz, Matthew A. Naylor, Michael A. Neal, Doidro Betta Nevela, Mark A. Outlaw, Katherine V. Pavelka, LaTanya K. Payne and Angolia Rae Popo-Haldar.

Also, Geoffrey C. Queen, Dora A. Ramirez, Allison L. Ramon, Richard L. Ramsey, Christy D. Rangol, Jacob E. Rather, Sally G. Rogian, Lori A. Richardson, Tommy B. Robenolt, Timothy L. Roberts, Forlana D. Ross and Linda S. Rutherford.

Also, Kyle G. Scott, Jon D. Sonwright, Donita L. Sims, Lora Ann Sims, Linda M. Slaughter, April D. Smith, Brown E. Smith, Daniel J. Smyth, Derek Paul Smith, Karon Kay Sobota, Shannon R. Spitzer and Erian R. Stevenson.

Also, Amy J. Stotta, Sholly R.

# Who's Who selections name 11 students to be honored in 1995-96

By OLGA DURON

Eleven students nominated by members of the faculty, administration or by fellow students will be honored in the 1995-96 edition of the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

In recognition of their accomplishments, the college also will present a certificate to the students during an awards ceremony to be held in April.

Stephanie Brown, Annette Davidson, Olga Duron, Penny Garrett, Fay Gutierrez, Kristine Haberman, Samantha Roxann Harry, Mary Lashua, Karen Netherland, Soraya Stallard and Jeca Williams were selected by a committee made up of members of the Student Government in the fall of 95.

Requirements for nomination to Who's Who include 30 hours of completed course work with a minimum of 15

hours completed at MCC, enrollment as a part-time or full-time student (day or evening), minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average and outstanding ability in one or more areas of participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the college and community and potential for future achievement.

Nominees were requested to provide information about themselves from which "points" were awarded to each nominee in areas that included significant family responsibility, membership and leadership in a campus club or organization, employment (on or off campus), community service involvement, extracurricular activities, representing MCC off campus and significant responsibilities, qualifications or achievements.

Who's Who is a well-known and respected honors program created to recognize the talents of individual students from America's junior colleges.

A selection committee made up of members of Student Government made the final selections.

# Sign of the times: Policy on concealed weapons enforced

By MICHAEL SERGENT

In compliance with the Texas state law, MCC must remind students and visitors that concealed weapons are forbidden in certain areas such as schools.

MCC's general conduct policy states that, "possessing or using firearms, weapons, or explosives, unless authorized by the college, is strictly prohibited." This law is set to ensure safety on the college campus.

To enforce the law more effectively, Johnette McKown, Vice President of Business Services, said, "MCC will be placing signs, similar to the 'no smoking' signs, on the buildings." These signs will serve as reminders to visitors and students alike that gun possession is prohibited.

Even though MCC has had no major problems with gun control, these measures have to be taken to prevent any problems from occurring. Students or visitors found in clear violation of the rule will be dealt with by the campus police. Punishment for the violation may include expulsion from the college premises, suspension, or legal action as stated in the general conduct policy.

Swanner, Courtney M. Susil, Tonya M. Tanner, Melissa E. Townsend, Louis Ngoc Tran, Mary-Ann Wagner, Chad H. Wall, Brent W. Watson, RaShanda R. Williams, Lloyd A. Workman and Julia R. Weaver.

### HONORS LIST, AREA

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Also, Michael S. Bernhardt, Rhonda L. Davenport and Rosemary Devora, Clifton; Melissa D. Cordia and Mandy Kampmann, Crawford; Michelle Y. Smith, Dawson; Kari D. Pruner and Tina M. Steinbronner, Eddy; Marianne Donahow, Joan H. Galvan, Sholly D. Parma, Natalie A. Simcik, Valerie N. Simcik and Christopher D. Slovak, Elm Mott; Matthew R. Cloninger, Garland; Stacey D. Brown and Jane A. Terrell, Gatesville; and Donna G. Moye, Groesbeck.

Dawn Masterson, Alexis A. Matlick, Blake C. McGinty, Chris B. Power and Kristi L. Rowan, Lorena.

Also, Kimberly I. Smith and Amanda G. Wilde, Lott; Andrew T. Norton, Sandy K. Shook and Mary R. Thompson, Marlin; Nicole Atomanczyk, Heidi J. Burnside, Sherri L. Eskaw, Kimberly Dawn Kubitzka, Jamie A. McGhee and Kristino L. Steinke, Mart; Robert C. Erlanson, Diedri D. Hicks, Courtney L. Liebrum, Michael T. Mooney, Aleyda Suarez and Ian Forbes Walker, McGregor.

Also, Paul F. Campbell, Moody; Thelma F. Brunner, Mount Calm; James B. Dieterich, Melody A. King, Kelly J. Miller and Jody R. Welch, Riesel.

Brandy Gail Jordan and Cheryl Bedar McDonald, Teague; Deirdre J. Rodriguez, Temple; Sharon A. Kapavik, Kristie M. Kubala, Kelly Ann Lucas, Nicole D. Machac, Jennifer M. Necker, Chad G. Suter and Jessica R. Watson, West; and Penney K. Boatick, Whitney.

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Open hours for the campus community to use the weight room, the pool and the gym in the Health-Physical Education Building have been announced for the semester.

The weight room will be open Mondays and Wednesdays 2-4:30 and 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2:30 and 6:30-8 p.m., and Fridays 12:30-5:30 p.m.

The swimming pool will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The H-PE gym will be open Mondays and Fridays 2:15-3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Drama department casts 'A Chorus Line'

By JOANNA CHITTY

The theater department at MCC is hard at work on the production of "Chorus Line" which will be performed later this month.

The reason for all this hard work is because the musical focuses on the combination of singing and dancing along with the necessary acting talent.

The story that "Chorus Line" presents is a realistic adaptation of a Broadway audition set in the 1970s and what the performers go through to get the roles they seek. They allow the audience to get to know each personality and life of those auditioning which proves to be humorous.

Cast members include Tom Robenolt as Zach, Kelly Parker as Larry, Jennifer Tusa as Cassie, Erik Mack as Mike, and Catherine Brown as Sheila.

Also in the production are Michael Bailey as Richie, Jennifer Clark as Val, Chad Martin as Don, Megan Hamaker as Diana, Jake Davis as Paul, Nikki Johnson as Judy, Jamison Driskell as Mark, Leah Tyson as

Kristine, Patrick Kyle as Al, and John Moffat as Greg.

The cast also includes Kristin Lawrence as Maggie, Bryan Taylor as Bobby, Jane Ellen Borg as Bebe, Raychel Brown as Connie, Heather Huggins as Vicki, Angel Gonce as Tricia, Julia Weaver as Lois, Santry Rush as Frank, Will Brunson as Butch, Geo Haynes as Roy, and Eros Mendoza as Tom.

The stage manager is Jeremiah Leeson, assistant stage manager is Sherra Gardner, and assistant director is Lewis Giles.

The accompanist is Pat Watts.

The musical director is Karen Albrecht, while Jerry MacLauchlin is the director of the production.

Show times are Feb. 27 through March 2 at 7:30 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2:30. It will be held in the Ball Performing Arts Center.

Because this is a musical, students do not get free passes, so call the box office in advance at 750-3500. Ticket prices are \$3 for MCC students, \$4 for non-MCC students, and \$6 for adults.

Benefits of the Tutorial Center for all students

By HELENMARIE DELEON

All MCC students can benefit from The Tutorial Center, located on the third floor of the Student Center in room No. 302, open Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

In addition to helping with your studies, the Tutorial Center staff provides other services as well.

If you plan to go to a four-year college, they offer transfer counseling. They provide student trips to colleges in the Central Texas area three times a semester.

If you have a documented disability you can get help from readers and note-takers.

You can participate in a cultural enrichment trip once a year. In the past students have gone to Albuquerque, N.M., and Washington, D.C.

The center staff even provides personal counseling if needed.

To receive assistance, the procedure is simple. See the Tutorial Center secretary; no appointment is necessary. Fill out a simple five minute application. You will then meet with a coun-

selor who will discuss your needs with you. Your counselor will recommend names and phone numbers of potential tutors, then it is your responsibility to schedule a time to meet at the Tutorial Center. Any student enrolled at MCC can receive these services free of charge.

For the student who is interested in becoming a tutor, an instructor's referral plus a grade of A's or B's in the class to be tutored is necessary.

Instructors generally refer you to the center for help but this is not necessary. Assistance makes some of the more difficult subjects like calculus and chemistry more manageable for even the best students.

"Students who will get a tutor and get support are more likely to succeed. We're here to help any way we can," commented Janice Melan, counselor at the Tutorial Center.

Tutoring and support can make the difference in success and failure in your studies at MCC. If you have any questions about the center, you can contact Dr. Patsy White, Project Director for Student Support Services.

MCC is still quality education even with tuition increase and several departmental budget cuts

The Board of Trustees should be applauded because they have decided to hold the line against any further tuition hikes.

Compare the cost of our tuition to other junior colleges, universities and state schools. At MCC, it is \$20 for an in-county resident, \$25 for an out-of-county, and \$80 for an out-of-state. At Texas State Technical College, it is \$16 for a credit hour for all Texas residents, while it is \$80 for an out-of-state. At Baylor University, it is \$258 per semester hour and it will be increased \$11 with the next summer term. These amounts will remain effective throughout the fall of 1996 and the spring of 1997.

It is really not that outrageous considering that we have wonderful facilities, great departments with excellent teachers, a beautiful clean campus and much more.

Many different programs are available to assist students, two of which are the Tutorial Services and Career Development. If a student needs some help in a certain subject, they can go to the Tutorial Services, tell someone that they need a tutor, and one of the tutors will contact them. A Highland Herald staff member used to be a tutor and she was able to help a student. The staff member also needed help in two subjects and the tutors were extremely helpful.

The Career Development can also help students who are looking for employment. The same staff member found a secretarial job through them earlier last fall. They also offer a computer program called Discover which can answer questions about career decisions, colleges (not only in Texas but all over the United States), and much more. A student can also talk to any one of the counselors about any other questions you might have concerning college and career decisions.

The financial aid office will also go out of their way to help a student by offering them grants, loans, and scholarships. A lot of students have received some type of financial aid which allows them to attend a great community college, while receiving an excellent education.

The Library is open practically all day, six days a week with three floors of numerous magazines, newspapers, reference books, copy, microfiche, and microfilm machines. Some typewriters are at the students' disposal if they need to work on a paper or other homework. Plenty of areas are available if one needs to study without any interruptions; this has been taken advantage of by numerous students. Several computer labs are located around campus if you prefer computers.

We realize the need for additional revenue at our college to maintain its beautiful campus, to help keep up with technology, and to keep top notch faculty. Students are willing to tighten the financial belt to cut costs down. We also do not mind expenses being cut because this need is understood.

Help recruit students to our college to hold down costs. This is a wonderful school with a lot to offer. Students will receive an excellent education, make lots of friends, and be prepared for whatever lies ahead.



by Chris Latham

E-mail joins students with pen pals, journalists

By LORELL EISMA

Students and faculty have the roadway and now the access to go international and chat on-line with people from around the world.

The E-mail system on campus has helped many students and members of the faculty with studies and information gathering that might have been

difficult to obtain before. The information can come from anyone who is also on-line; that anyone can be as near as across town or as far as half way around the world. And many people take advantage of that opportunity to communicate, including some of our own students and faculty.

Students studying French have been encouraged by French

instructor Mademoiselle Linda Reichenbach to contact pen-pals from France over the internet. The students are able to contact persons through the University of Texas-Austin who will go through a questionnaire of traits for the type of person that the student would like to become pen pals with. After they have found a match; the student will

get their mailing address and be able to keep up a letter writing relationship with that French person.

Tom Buckner, journalism instructor, has a similar interest in the internet. From his recent missionary work in Romania he was able to contact some professional Romanian journalists.

From meeting with them he has set up E-mail meetings between the professional journalists and Buckner's student journalists.

Although these meetings have not taken place the students have said that they are eager to have the chance to talk to some professionals from half a world away.

MCC campus kept by dedicated, green-thumbed ground keepers

By ROBERT STONE

Over the sound of squeaky, swivelling chairs, Ruben Bravo and his fellow employees sit in their break room cutting up and relaxing before the day begins.

Off to the side, lead groundskeeper Bob Park assigns the different tasks that need to be done for the day.

After finding out what they need to do, everybody rushes to their dark-green, John Deere tractors, start them up, and head on out to make the cam-

pus look even better.

This day is no different than any other one for Bravo except that the season is spring and he handles flowerbed maintenance. Look out, he is a thumb-of-green planting machine on his way to plant.

By the time all the plants are in the ground, Physical Plant Director Dianne Feyerherm said that Bravo will put 120 hours of manpower into his task. In the meantime, his colleagues will be busy mowing grass, emptying trash,

picking up branches, trimming trees, and blowing leaves.

The cause of the beauty

This is just some of the hard work and dedication put into making this campus one of the most beautiful campuses in the state. In fact, groundskeeper Lester Byer said, "We are so dedicated to maintaining the grounds that we will cut weeds with a pair of scissors if we have to."

Byers attributes this dedication to the "challenge of keeping the campus clean."

How others see the us

The hard work and dedication that Byer mentions shows through not just to MCC regulars but also to campus visitors, according to Admissions Specialist Margaret Vaughn. She said that campus visitors can tell that "MCC prides itself on keeping the college (grounds) well kept."

Transfer Advisor Mario Thibodeaux, who directs tours of other college and university campuses, rates the beauty of our grounds as an "eight" compared to others.

Bravo's background

Bravo who just started his job eight months ago said that this same "pride" is what brought him here after private contractors took over Baylor University's groundskeeping.

He originally visited the campus about five years ago and noticed the beauty right off.

"I saw how beautiful the campus was and I wanted to make it prettier," Bravo said. He also noted that MCC has friendlier people and a friendlier staff than Baylor.

While working at Baylor, he gained 2 1/2 years of valuable experience in flowerbed maintenance. In his spare time, he also plants trees and shrubs at his residence.

He said that the most interesting thing about his job is getting to talk with the different types of people here. Jokingly, he said that the most difficult thing about his job is trying to stay away from the Poison Ivy.

The flowers to be planted

The list of annual flowers that Feyerherm wants to plant this spring are begonias, impatiens, caladiums, marigolds and Mexican heather. Perennials (flowers that come back every year) that are in the ground already are colosia, lantana and cannas. Feyerherm also wants to include more native plants this spring.

After the flowers have been planted, blooming should occur within 2-4 weeks. Watering varies with the weather, but Feyerherm said that the plants

are usually watered 2-3 times a week until they are established, and then about once a week afterwards.

More irrigation systems

Senior Groundskeeper did mention that groundskeeping needs more automatic irrigation systems. Park agreed and said that he believes these systems "will save money in the long run because less manpower is needed and water can be controlled." At present, most of the watering is done with garden hoses that are operated manually. In some cases this manually controlled watering has to be done on Saturdays and Sundays, in order for all the plants around the campus to be watered.

For more information concerning planting or other groundskeeping duties, call Dianne Feyerherm at Ext. 543.

"We are so dedicated to maintaining the ground that we will cut weeds with a pair of scissors if we have to."

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GREEN, GROWING AND LOVING IT — Photo above captures the growth of the plants that will be planted on the campus grounds in the spring.

# Buhner slides home

By RYAN LAW

Jay Buhner, Seattle Mariners standout and former All-American at MCC, will visit the school Friday as his No. 18 jersey is retired and a banquet is held in his honor.

Last year Buhner orchestrated the best of his 10 seasons in major league baseball, helping to guide the Mariners to the America League championship series.

He established a new Seattle runs-batted-in record with 121 RBIs and also set a major league record for RBIs to hits ratio knocking in 121 RBIs out of 123 hits for a .9837 ratio. This number broke the old mark set in 1961 by Jim Gentile.

Buhner's 40 homeruns in 1995 placed him in an elite category. Along with Ken Griffey Jr., he is the only other Mariner to hit 40 or more homeruns in one season. Buhner's mighty stick also helped him to finish tied for second in the American League in homeruns, third in RBIs, and he was the only player in the majors to be below a 4.3 at-bat to RBI ratio with a 3.9.

It was here as a member of the Highlander baseball team the future 1995 statistical explosion in the majors was evident.

As a freshman he was a starter on the Highlander's 1983 national championship team, had a .327 batting average, led the team with nine homeruns, and hit 66 RBIs.

The next year Buhner was named an All-American while leading the club in almost every

hitting category. His .428 batting average, 15 homeruns and 76 RBIs led the team along with his 75 runs, 21 doubles, and three triples. In 1984 he also won the Big Stick Award which is given to the player with the highest batting average in each of the ten districts in the country.

### Buhner turns pro

After a tough loss to San Jacinto in the district championship, Buhner signed a letter of intent with the University of Texas. Because he had good enough grades to be accepted to UT it gave him better bargaining power with major league teams. The Pittsburgh Pirates gave him an offer he could not refuse and in 1984 headed to the Pirate minor league club at Watertown.

In his first pro season in the minors, Buhner tied for the New York-Penn League lead with 58 RBIs and was named to the league's All-Star team.

The next season found the ex-Highlander playing for the New York Yankees' minor league team located in Ft. Lauderdale. Buhner remained at Ft. Lauderdale for another season after being named the Star of Stars in Florida State League All-Star Game.

In 1987 he spent most of his season with Columbus (another New York minor league club), where his 31 homers led the International League and his 85 RBIs ranked third. As in the two previous leagues he was again named to the All-Star team in the International League.

### He becomes a Mariner

On Sept. 10, 1987, Buhner was recalled to New York and made his major league debut the next day as the starting left fielder against Toronto. He started the 1988 season in Columbus and was recalled to New York twice before being traded to Seattle in June where he became the Mariner's regular right fielder. During that first year in Seattle Buhner attained some revenge on his old club by becoming only the fifth player to ever hit a homerun into Yankee Stadium centerfield seats on Aug. 19.

Despite his accomplishments as a major leaguer in 1988, Buhner began the 1989 season once more in the minors at Calgary, but that changed again on June 1 when he was recalled to Seattle. Almost as soon as he returned to the majors he injured his wrist when colliding with the outfield wall. Buhner spent a lot of the 1989 and 1990 seasons on the injured reserve list, but came on strong towards the end of the 1990 season.

1991 was a breakthrough year for Buhner as he led the Mariners in homeruns, belting 27 round-trippers. He also had a career-high six RBIs in a single game, had his first two homerun game of his career and blasted a 479-foot homerun against New York which was the longest in the 16-year history of the new Yankee Stadium.

Buhner continued his barrage of stats in 1992 by becoming just the second Mariner ever to notch

back-to-back 25-plus homerun seasons by cranking 25 homeruns in 1992, and he also collected his third career grand slam. His fielding skills placed him in the top of the American League in assists. In fielding, he did not commit an error in his final 134 games.

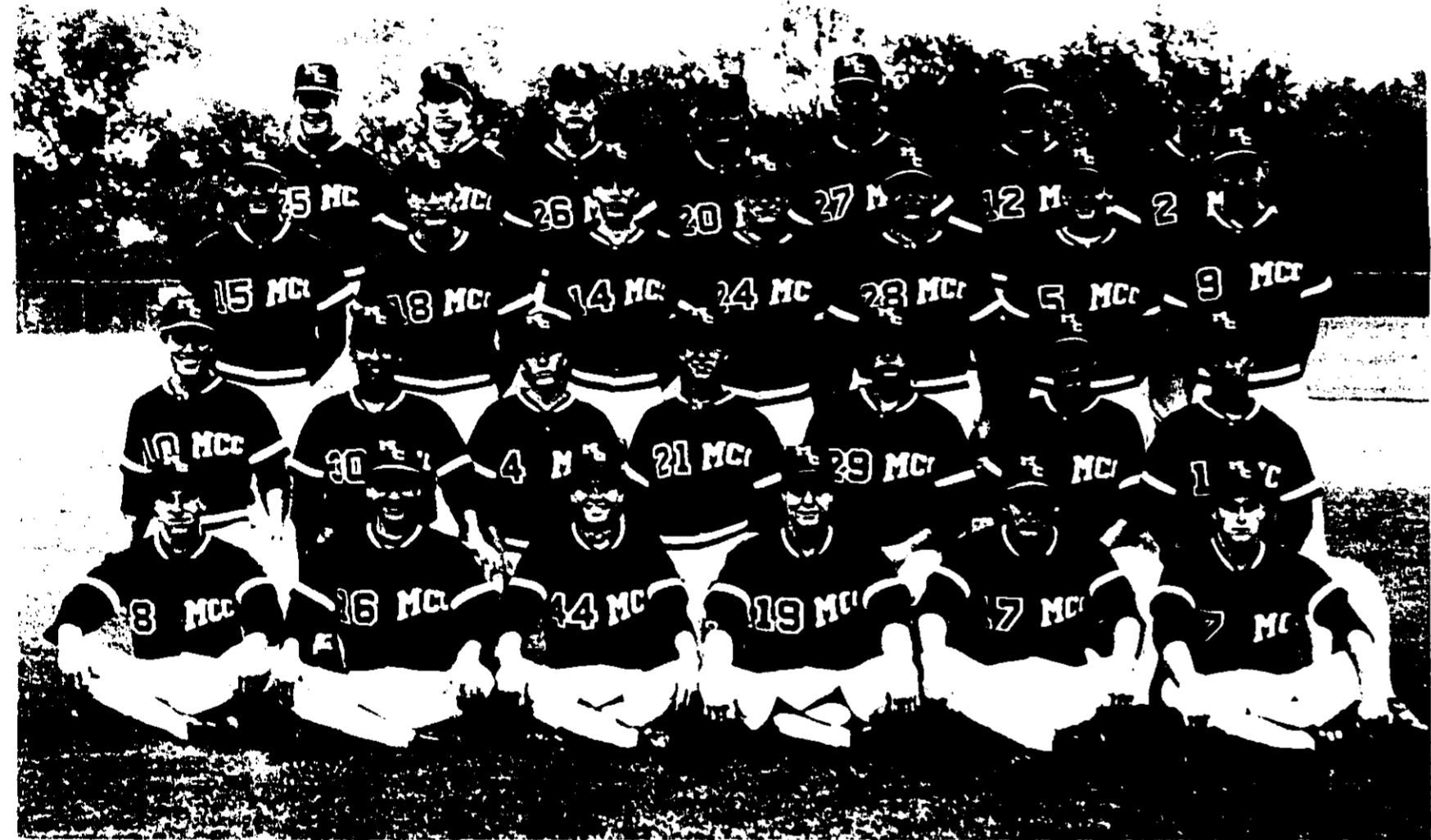
After establishing himself as a power threat, the hard hitting Mariner belted the 100th homerun of his career midway through the 1993 season and also became the first player in club history to hit for the cycle (hitting a single, double, triple, and homerun in the same game).

In 1994 his longball ability moved him into third place on the Mariners all-time homerun list with 126 and his fielding talent allowed him to be ranked tied for fourth among outfielders with 11 assists. These seasons were simply warm-up years for the 1995 dream season in which Buhner played a major role in the Mariners trip to the American League championship.

These are the types of numbers that have earned Buhner the respect of major league players and that of his alma mater. The public is invited to honor this ex-Highlander's accomplishments at the banquet Friday night at 7 p.m. The cost for the event is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be ordered by calling 750-3657. Commemorative posters are available for donations to the baseball team and Buhner will sign them as time permits before and after the banquet.



OH JAY - A small portion of a fan's collection represents the impact Buhner's success has had on local baseball lovers. The collage shows the progress from his major league debut in 1987 with the New York Yankees to his current superstar status with the Seattle Mariners. Row 1 (L to R): 1988 Donruss "The Rookies," 1988 Topps "Dream Team," 1989 Topps "All-Star Rookie". Row 2 (L to R): 1989 Donruss, 1991 Bowman, 1990 Score. Row 3 (L to R): 1991 Donruss "Grand Slammer," 1991 Leaf, 1992 Donruss.



The 1984 Highlanders - Although Buhner and the Highlanders did not repeat as national champions in 84, his individual statistics improved and earned him the Big Stick Award. Buhner is the second player from the left on the third row from the bottom in the 1984 Highlander team photo.

## Buhner's playing record

YEAR	CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
1984	Watertown	.323	65	229	43	74	16	3	9	58
1985	Ft. Lauderdale	.296	117	409	65	121	18	10	11	76
1986	Ft. Lauderdale	.302	36	139	24	42	9	1	7	31
1987	Columbus	.279	134	502	83	140	23	1	31	85
	NEW YORK (AL)	.227	7	22	0	5	2	0	0	1
1988	Columbus	.256	38	129	26	33	5	0	8	18
	NEW YORK (AL)	.188	25	69	8	13	0	0	3	13
	SEATTLE	.224	60	192	28	43	13	1	10	25
1989	Calgary	.311	56	196	43	61	12	1	11	45
	SEATTLE	.275	58	204	27	56	15	1	9	33
1990	Calgary	.206	13	34	6	7	1	0	2	5
	SEATTLE	.276	51	163	16	45	12	0	7	33
1991	SEATTLE	.244	137	406	64	99	14	4	27	77
1992	SEATTLE	.243	152	543	69	132	16	3	25	79
1993	SEATTLE	.272	158	563	91	153	28	3	27	98
1994	SEATTLE	.279	101	358	74	100	23	4	21	68
1995	SEATTLE	.262	126	470	86	123	23	0	40	121
	Mariners Totals	.259	843	2899	455	751	144	18	166	534
	M.L. Totals	.257	875	2990	463	769	146	16	169	548

# College breeds Seattle superstar

By RYAN LAW

With most of America watching, Seattle Mariner Jay Buhner had already crushed a one run homer in the second inning that proved to be the difference in game 3 of the 1995 American League Championship Series.

The Mariners led 2-1 going into the eighth inning and the stage was set for Buhner to become the hero in the biggest game of his life. The thrill of this thought was smashed as what seemed to be an easy one-out fly ball became a two base error when Buhner back-pedaled towards the outfield wall and somehow missed the ball.

This costly mistake led to the tying run for the Cleveland Indians and turned Buhner from hero to zero... lucky for him the night was not over.

The game remained tied and went into extra innings courtesy of Buhner's error and it was in the 11th inning that his chance of redemption came. The weight of the world was on his shoulders as he stepped to the plate and when the pitch came speeding towards him

Buhner once again became the hero — he belted a towering three-run bomb to win the game for his team.

Long before Buhner was a star athlete in the majors playing for the American League Championship, he was a young freshman at this college where he played a large role in guiding the 1983 Highlanders to the national championship.

Fresh out of Clear Creek High School in League City where he was All-State in baseball and played soccer, he came to MCC on the scholarship coach Rick Butler so readily awarded him. Butler, now a teacher at MCC, remembers Buhner as a talented young man who had a strong arm and an abundance of power in his swing.

"Jay could absolutely crush the ball," recalls Butler. "I've seen plenty of (Jay's) homers bounce off of Lakeshore Drive and into the field across the street."

Despite being gifted with extraordinary power in his swing, Buhner, like many players right out of high school, had problems with curve balls and off-speed pitches. "This was the aspect of

the game that took him many hours of practice at MCC to fine tune.

Butler and his coaching staff also put substantial amounts of time into convincing Buhner that he could hit the curves and off-speed pitches that the collegiate players were throwing him.

"The philosophy in the majors is that if you can't hit the curve you won't stay in the league for long," said Butler.

Eventually Buhner did master the curves and off-speed pitches thanks to his diligence in sticking with the hitting drills Butler put before him. The fact that those drills were being instructed by Butler who himself was chosen by the United States Baseball Federation to be the assistant coach for the United States All-Stars in their 1981 summer tour of Japan and Korea may have given Buhner some incentive to work as hard as he could.

Hitting and fielding were not the only skills the future superstar learned while at the college, in fact, he learned some important lessons in life. Buhner said that teamwork and putting oth-

ers first are among the most valuable lessons he learned as a Highlander.

"MCC taught me how to win on the field and in life," he said. "I learned a lot about myself and about getting along as part of a team. I had outstanding instructors and coaches who made me work hard."

All of the lessons Buhner learned were not learned easily, in fact, Butler remembers a day when he throw the hard hitting Highlander off the team — twice — "for mouthing off like young people do sometimes. I told him that we didn't have a place on the team for someone with that 'myself' attitude," Butler said. After the young player made another comment, the coach told him to call his parents to come take him home.

Buhner stormed off the field without saying anything. But the next day he came back to practice totally committed to the team.

"Jay never wavered after that," Butler said. "He opened his mind to accept a lot of things, including discipline and instruction, and placed his faith in us

that we knew what was best."

"He became the ignitor," Butler said, "and the team really clicked." Though the group had diverse personalities, backgrounds and skills, Butler recalls that they pulled together on and off the field. They became a strong unit and close, great friends. Several of those teammates will return to MCC to join Buhner at the retirement festivities.

With many of baseball's lessons and life's lessons under his belt Buhner, along with the 1983 Highlanders, took home the national championship when he was a freshman. In 1983 his batting average was .327, he belted nine homeruns and had 66 RBIs.

Although he didn't make it to the national championship his sophomore year, his statistics improved and he was the team leader in almost all of the hitting categories. His batting average improved to .428, he had 15 home runs and 76 RBIs. Buhner also had 75 runs, 21 doubles and three triples in 1984. His powerful hitting won him the Big Stick Award for district six which encompassed Texas, Louisiana and

New Mexico.

After his two impressive seasons at MCC Buhner signed a letter of intent with the University of Texas and this, along with the fact that he had good enough grades to be accepted, gave him an extra weapon to use when bargaining with major league teams.

Before college signing day the Pittsburgh Pirates took him to the Astrodome while playing a game against Houston in order to look at his skills. Pittsburgh was mainly concerned that Buhner could not pull the ball. Because of the skills he learned with Butler he hit several over the left field wall and he was off to the major league when the Pirates offered him a deal he could not refuse.

From the day Buhner left MCC for the majors he has made a significant impact everywhere he has been. The winning attitude he gained from his time at the school has helped to make his success possible. Buhner's career in the majors has improved every year and that is a sign of the hard work and discipline he learned at MCC.

## Buhner schedule

The press will meet with Jay Buhner at a press conference at 3 p.m., Feb. 9, at the Waco Hilton.

Buhner, who now plays for the Seattle Mariners, will be in Waco Feb. 9-10 for two events to retire his MCC Highlander jersey No. 18.

A banquet in his honor will begin at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, in the MCC Student Center.

The next day, Buhner will throw out the first ball of the Saturday game of the MCC Invitational baseball tournament. The game begins at 11 a.m. at the MCC baseball field on Lakeshore Drive.

"I've seen plenty of (Jay's) homers bounce off of Lakeshore Drive and into the field across the street."

# Baseball Season opens today with double-header

**By SCOTT MATTLAG.**  
The Highlander baseball season opens here today against Alvin College at 1 p.m.  
On the mound today is Dimitric Murph who was 5-2 with the Highlanders last season with an earned run average of 1.97.  
**The starting line-up**  
Other starters for the Highlanders in this opening game will be  
•Charley Carter at first base, a sophomore who batted .382 with nine homeruns last season.  
•Roger Robinson at second base, a freshman.  
•Jay LaFlair at shortstop, a sophomore who hit .265 last season.  
•Brock Rumfield at third

base, a sophomore who hit .337 last year.  
•Chris Connally in left field, a sophomore who hit 17 homeruns and maintained a .372 batting average last year.  
•Justin Lee in center field, a sophomore transfer from Vernon College where he batted .321.  
•Roosevelt Roddy in right field, a sophomore who hit .250 last season.  
•Danny Campbell at catcher, a sophomore with a .270 average from last year.  
**Tourney begins Friday**  
The MCC Invitational will be Feb. 9-11. Joining the Highlanders will be Angelina College, Howard College, Laredo Junior College, Odessa College, San Jacinto College and the junior

varsity of Texas Christian University.  
A highlight of the tournament is the expected appearance of Seattle Mariner star Jay Buhner, a former All American at MCC (see related stories).  
The tournament will begin Friday on the diamond with the TCU JV taking on Angelina at 11 a.m. and then playing San Jacinto at 1:30 p.m. The third game on that field Friday will find Angelina playing San Jacinto at 4 p.m.  
On Saturday at MCC, Odessa plays the Highlanders at 11 a.m., MCC plays Angelina at 1:30 p.m., and Howard faces San Jacinto at 4 p.m.  
The tournament also will be played at the LaVega High

School field Saturday and will find Howard College playing the TCU JV at 11 a.m. followed by San Jacinto-Odessa at 1:30 p.m., TCU JV-Laredo at 4 p.m., and Angelina-Laredo at 6:30 p.m.  
On Sunday at MCC, the Highlanders will play Odessa at 10 a.m. and then take on Howard at 1 p.m.  
Sunday on the LaVega field Laredo plays Howard at 10 a.m. and then Odessa at 1 p.m.  
Admission is free for the home games.  
**Future action**  
Next week, on Feb. 13, MCC plays Northeast Texas here at 1 p.m. and then will travel to East Texas Feb. 16-18 to play in the Tyler Tournament.  
Conference play will begin

Feb. 24 against Ranger College at Ranger.  
**Coach's expectations**  
Last season the Highlanders finished 43-13 and won the conference. They qualified for the state tournament but lost two straight rounds.  
Coach Paul Miller said fans can expect a Highlander team that will score a lot of runs and play good defense this season.  
The only question mark for this Highlander team may be the pitching, Miller said. They should improve as the season progresses.  
He refers to his team as "young" with many freshmen. However, only one of his freshmen was able to make the starting line-up.



Photo by Nancy Carlton

RICK BUTLER shows some of his students the fine points of bowling. The longtime teacher and coach was cited for his contribution to the sport recently by being named to the Waco Bowling Association's Hall of Fame.

## Highlanders contend for conference lead

**By ROBERT WILLIAMS**  
The men's basketball team will play Cisco here tomorrow night at 8 p.m.  
The Highlanders have fought their way into second place with nine games remaining.  
Last night they were scheduled to play Hill, and if the Highlanders won that game they would find themselves tied for first in the conference race with Hill. Results were not available at press time.  
A game with Grayson Saturday night was postponed because of the weather.  
The Highlanders are on the home stretch of their schedule, with the regional and state tournament looming in the near future, March 8-12.  
Only the top four teams in conference qualify. These four teams join twelve others of the state best to compete in the tournament.  
MCC defeated Southwest Christian at home on Jan. 27

with an impressive score of 107-71.  
MCC won 107-105 at Ranger on Jan. 24 in a game that went into four overtime periods. Forward Rasheed Malik started 0-7 in that game but finish with 26 points. Freshman center Vincent Bridgewater won the game on a tip in with four seconds left in the fourth overtime. Jarmaine Thomas also poured in 39 points for the Highlanders.  
Point guard Alex Davis is averaging 14 points and five assists a game, and the coaches are impressed with his ability to penetrate. Forward Jason Hamm is averaging nine points

and seven assist a game. Sophomore Thomas, 6-9, is averaging 16 points, three blocked shots, and nine rebounds a game. Rondell Turner is also contributing eight points and three rebounds. Michael Reed, Scott McAnally, and Isaac Heart have all done a great job this season, said assistant coach Richard Kilgore. Heart has started all but three games this season.  
Coach Ken DeWeese's overall record at MCC is 395 wins and 104 losses. With at least eight games remaining, he could get his 400th win in the coming weeks. The Highlanders are 15-5 overall and 5-2 in conference.

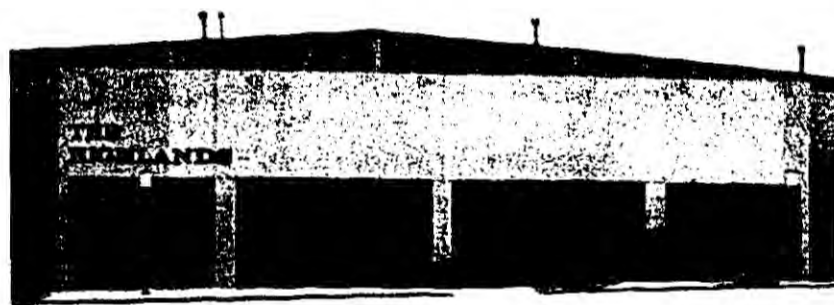


Photo by Nancy Carlton

THE HIGHLANDERS took on a new look Friday when a mixture of ice and snow fell to the ground. Due to the weather, games for Saturday night were rescheduled.

## 'Stuff' needed to recycle

As inventory time draws near, area businesses are invited to unclutter their storerooms while unleashing the creativity of children in our community.  
Through the college's Resource/Recycle Center, many company's unwanted by-products can be transformed into exciting, creative art projects for children in areas schools, day care centers, homes and churches.  
Some of the items currently donated by area businesses include film canisters, old computer tape, dominoes, mop handles and heads, cardboard tubes, and carpet and wallpaper sample books. Virtually any item that is clean, safe and in good condition is welcome.  
The Resource/Recycle Center invites parents and teachers to shop at no charge among the bins of high-quality recycled materials, or they can check out books, videos and other educational resources for two-week periods.  
All the while, these adults will be encouraging a spirit of conservation in their children.  
During October and November, more than 400 people visited the center for materials to be used by children in schools, day care centers, churches and Scout troops.  
The Resource/Recycle Center is located in the Community Services Center at 4601 N. 19th St. It is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 12-2 p.m. Donations are welcomed as long as they are clean, safe and in good condition.  
For more information about the center or to arrange a donation pickup, call Earlene Caudle at 766-8551, ext. 205.

## Women's basketball team tied for second

**By BROWN SMITH**  
The Highlassies are on a roll as they enter the second half of conference play tied for second with Weatherford. The team is 6-1 in conference with a 15-6 overall record.  
No games were played last week as the Highlassies enjoyed their bye day on Wednesday and Saturday's game on the road with Grayson was cancelled due to the icy weather conditions. The Grayson game has been rescheduled for Monday at 6 p.m.

The Highlassies last played on Jan. 27 when they defeated South West Christian, 88-61. The team had four players score in double figures. Melissa Walker led all scorers with 24 points, Letisha Washington and P.J. Jackson had 12 points and Diane Mynarcik added 11.  
"We have had people sick and injured," assistant coach Shawn Trochim said, "but now we have everybody back healthy and we are moving in the right direction."

## Baptist Student Ministry has new director, plans

**By MICHAEL O'DONNELL**  
The Baptist Student Ministry has a lot in store this year, the organization has a new director, with a new attitude and direction for the ministry.  
After years of heading up the BSM, formally known as the BSU, Jeff DeHay stepped down. Todd Pylant has stepped in this year with some new ideas.  
Pylant's background includes degrees from Baylor University and Southwest Theological Study. He has served as the youth minister at the First Baptist Church in Elm Mott. He was the minister at the Single Adult Central Baptist Church in Italy, Texas. He also was the pastor at Duff Baptist Church in Sarf

Angelo.  
In addition to his service at this college, Pylant is also directing the Baptist Student Ministry at Texas State Technical College.  
For students interested in the BSM, all are invited to participate. Baptist Student Ministry activities include a prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at the Student Center. Also on Wednesdays BSM has the Lunch Bunch free meal and Bible study at 11:30 a.m., also at the Student Center, the meal is provided by local area churches. On Fridays at 7 a.m., there is the Challenge Breakfast at the BSM Center at the corner of Powell and 19th.

## Men's schedule

Feb. 7	home, Cisco	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Collin County	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	home, Temple	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Weatherford	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	home, Ranger	6 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Southwest Christian	6 p.m.
Feb. 29	home, Grayson	6 p.m.
March 5-7	Regional tournament	TBA

## Women's schedule

Feb. 7	home, Cisco	8 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Collin County	8 p.m.
Feb. 14	home, Temple	8 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Weatherford	8 p.m.
Feb. 21	home, Ranger	8 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Southwest Christian	8 p.m.
Feb. 29	home, Grayson	8 p.m.
March 8-12	Waco: Texas/N.M. JuCo Tourn.	TBA

## Dance Co. to perform Wednesday at games

**By MELISSA CATES**  
The MCC Dance Company will be performing during both the men's and women's basketball games Wednesday night.  
Every weekday during the school year the team practices for two hours, not to mention some Saturdays, to perfect and learn routines.  
Mostly choreographed by Tara Vaughn, they dance at all home games throughout basketball season, along with preparing for a competition of their own.  
Ranked No. 13 in the nation,

the are going to Orlando, Fla., in April to participate in the NCA Dance/Drill Team competition, which may possibly be televised on ESPN.  
"The routine we will be taking is a funky jazz routine combined with high kicks to show a high level of energy the judges will be looking for," said member Nikishia Brinkley.  
Those wishing to tryout for the team will have to wait until mid-April to get their chance. A second tryout date is tentatively set for the first part of June.

## Intramurals jump into 3-on-3 action

**By CEDRIC IGLEHART**  
Intramural sports on campus this semester kicks off with a 3-on-3 basketball league.  
League play is scheduled to begin Feb. 14 and will culminate with a season-ending single elimination tournament. Coach Wendell Hudson, director of intramurals, said he is anticipating 15 to 20 teams to participate in the upcoming event.  
The teams must consist of four players and game times will be scheduled due to team availability. Tournament play is tentatively set for the second week of March but is subject to change according to the number of teams involved. Deadline for

sign-ups has been extended to Friday. All team rosters must be turned in at the Health and Physical Education Building, Room 113. Students who sign up individually will be grouped together to form teams.  
Other upcoming intramural events this semester include a volleyball league, softball tournament and possibly a swim competition.  
The volleyball league will be 4-on-4 and is set to run from mid-March through April.  
The softball double-elimination tournament will follow volleyball, and the swim competition will be held in conjunction with the annual Highland Games.

## Butler named to Hall of Fame

**By BROWN SMITH**  
A young bowler toes the line as he stares down the lane at the three remaining pins. As he ponders his approach to picking up the spare, his teacher leans over his shoulder to help with the decision.  
Coach Rick Butler has been in the position of mentor to many students in the past and present and that is only part of the reason why he was inducted into the Waco Bowling Association's Hall of Fame.  
"It's quite an honor because there has been a lot of time, volunteer work, meetings and actual bowling itself," Butler said.  
Butler has held all offices in the W.B.A., including president in 1980-82, and was honored by being named a life member in 1993. He has a 284 high game, bowled 12 consecutive strikes over a two-game series and has been a member of four city championship teams.  
"I have met many friends through bowling from all walks of life," Butler said. "All the friends that I have made has been the most personally satisfying thing for me."  
Butler has served as a mentor not only in bowling but on the baseball diamond where he won 624 games, including a national championship in 1983 as head coach of the Highlanders.  
"I get the same rewards from teaching my classes as I did coach-

ing," Butler said. "Students succeeding in what they want to accomplish is the same as winning in baseball."  
In addition to teaching his classes, Butler also serves as president of the Faculty Council. He teaches bowling, softball, racquetball and walking, which are all classes he says are, "activities you can go out and enjoy for the rest of your life."  
Butler's reaction to being inducted into the Hall of Fame was "especially sweet" because bowling is his hobby away from his professional endeavors. While teaching has allowed him to serve as a mentor to young minds, Butler in turn honors those for the accolades he has received through their successes.  
"If it was not for the students, the athletes, the bowlers and the successes they have had with whatever involvement I have had with them, I really would not even be considered for any type of award like the award I received from the W.B.A.," Butler said. "I provide the information and if they do not take it and grasp it then there are not those successes that follow. But because of their successes at whatever level they may be, I am recognized as a leader, a provider and a mentor in that success process. That is what is really gratifying to me and that is why I very humbly accepted this award."

## Golf team opens season at Lake Whitney meet

**By RICHARD CELLI**  
The 1996 golf season will start Thursday with the team's first tournament, the White Bluff Invitational, at Lake Whitney.  
The team is led by the golf coach Stan Mitchell. Coach Mitchell has been coach of the team since the fall of 1989. Recently, when we talked, Mitchell was excited about the young talent on the team, and the prospects of a winning season. Mitchell is also the athletic director, and a business instructor.  
The team practices at Lake Waco Country Club. According to Mitchell the team is led on the course by Mark Wilson, a sophomore. His teammates are Alexander Chavez, Allen Claburn, Joel Hagensick, Jeffrey

Hughes, Daxton Martin, Louis Mexia, Matthew Naylor, Ryan Slaughter, and Nicholas Wood.  
The schedule is as follows: After the White Bluff Invitational, the Briarwood Collegiate Invitational Feb. 25-27 in Tyler, the Gulf Coast Invitational March 10-12 in Galveston, the Temple College Invitational March 10-19 in Temple, the UMHB Wildflower Invitational March 24-26 in Belton, the Texas Junior College State Championships April 14-16 in Tyler, the Regional Championships April 25-27 in Roswell, N.M., at New Mexico Military Institute.  
Texas golf continues strong in the two-year college play with Midland holding down the nation's No. 1 ranking.

## Library keeps adding services for students

**By ERIC RODRIGUEZ**  
Study rooms are available at the MCC Library for student use. They are spacious, quiet, and in the heart of the college's reference center. A student can walk in any time during library hours, or reserve it ahead of time through the courteous library staff. Librarians encourage students to use the rooms for group study projects.  
The library staff welcomes and responds to the needs of the students. Many requests were made by the students to keep the library open over weekend when teachers attend the Texas Junior College Teachers Association

convention. This year the library will be open on that date, Friday, Feb. 23, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Typewriters are available as well as several different index and reference systems. The library is also the only building on campus where the students have access to a copying machine.  
Coming soon to the MCC Library will be a CD-ROM encyclopedia work station, capable of printing out requested information. This machine will also run an interactive radiology technician course, and a college catalog database.

# Romanian interpreter visits friend, classes

By JEFF TALBERT

The students anxiously waited for class to begin. Journalism instructor Tom Buckner was not sure how the students would handle the situation. It was critical. Supplies were running low.

But these were not normal students and it was not a normal classroom. The students consisted of children of all ages, and the classroom was the yard of a house in a village in Romania. It was there that Buckner was faced with a serious situation.

"We didn't bring crayons," Buckner said.

Not exactly a disaster — except that the children were supposed to color a copied page of a coloring book.

However, adjustments were made.

"We had felt markers — one color apiece," Buckner said.

The picture was clear in Buckner's mind. The children would be screaming and fighting for each other's color. The bigger ones would overpower the little ones for another precious color to use.

But Buckner witnessed a different scene.

"The big kids would help the little kids," Buckner said. "The sharing that went on was just

amazing."

That would be only one of the surprises Buckner was in for on his 11 day trip to Bucharest, Romania in June.

**A Romanian viewpoint**  
Catalin Mitroi wished he would have studied more to learn his English.

"I was a bad student," Mitroi said when speaking of his desire to learn English.

When his pastor asked him to translate from English to Romanian for a group of Americans coming to his home city Bucharest, Mitroi was less than enthusiastic.

Mitroi said, "I had never done this before."

Mitroi's English had improved since he had studied it in school. He would talk to Americans and try to learn by listening to it from various other sources.

Although Mitroi knew English, he felt inadequate to translate for the Americans coming over. He did not want to do it at first. But Mitroi overcame his doubts and interpreted for the first time for an American who was also endeavoring upon a new experience.

**Working together**

Buckner had been told that he might preach two or three sermons, though he had never

preached before.

"It was a real exciting and nervous time for me," Buckner said.

The scene was a wide alley with pigpens on either side. This is where Buckner and Mitroi would first work together.

Buckner would say a sentence and Mitroi would give it in Romanian. Buckner liked having the pauses between each sentence to think about what to say next. Mitroi was just hoping to be able to interpret clearly what Buckner was saying.

Mitroi and Buckner successfully completed their separate first-time experiences, despite an outbreak of pig squealing, and they went on to enjoy each other's company the rest of the week.

They went to villages together in the mornings and evenings, and the drives to these villages were usually an hour. They had a lot of time to get to know each other. During the afternoons, when Buckner and other team members rested for a couple of hours, Mitroi would come visit the house where Buckner was staying. It was his cousin's house.

When Buckner left Romania at the end of his trip, he told Mitroi what he thought would be a final good-bye.



COMPARING NEWSPAPERS, Catalin Mitroi (left) and Tom Buckner visited about the mass media in Mitroi's home of Bucharest, Romania. Mitroi visited two journalism classes and also the Press Club on Jan. 24.

But on January 23, the two were reunited. This time Mitroi had made the trip across the ocean. He came here in hopes of finding a college, and has been staying with relatives in Chicago since November. One of the things he had planned to do while being here was to visit Buckner.

Buckner found out Mitroi was in the United States about a month ago, and wanted him to come stay in his house for a couple of days. Mitroi came with Buckner to MCC on January 24 and attended his classes.

"I wanted to bring him here to see what a fairly typical American college was like," Buckner said. "He was impressed."

Mitroi left Buckner's house on January 26. He has no plans to leave the United States anytime soon.

And Buckner does not plan to go on any more mission trips to Romania.

"If I did not have family obligations, I would go on many of them, he said. "It's a tremendous experience."

Mitroi said the people of Romania were amazed at the distance the Americans had come just for them. The Romanians view America as a sort of paradise. They think all Americans have everything they want, a lot of food, and hardly any suffering. Mitroi is impressed with the number of cars and the number of churches. But America is not exactly what he had imagined it to be.

"I realize America is still a land like anywhere else," he said. "Man here still has his own troubles and problems."

# The CAMPUS A long time ago were the oysters and clams

By MICHAEL W. ELKINS

About 100 million years ago, during the Cretaceous Period, the area that is now our college campus was covered by a shallow sea.

Nearly half the state of Texas was under water as well. Today, the Bahamas are a close match to the conditions of that time.

It was during this same time that dinosaurs were stomping around North America. The shallow

sea that covered our campus was probably only about 30 feet deep. This provided the perfect environment for various forms of marine life to grow and prosper.

**Former inhabitants**  
One of the more curious of these was the Inoceramus, a clam that was up to about 3 feet in diameter, yet only a few inches thick. It is believed that this clam may have evolved this way

so that it could rest upon the soft, silty layer of sediment without sinking.

Many other marine life forms were found in great abundance at that time, including oysters, worms, and shrimp. Most of them had one important aspect about them — in some form or another, they either excreted or composed their bodies out of a mineral known as calcite.

Over a period of many mil-

lions of years, generation after generation of these sea creatures contributed to the sea floor. Enough sediment accumulated to make about 250' of rock in the area surrounding Waco, including the MCC campus. As time marched on, the seas receded and the sediment layer was transformed into a layer of limestone, now known as the Austin Chalk.

Yes, our campus is literally built on the backs of marine animals.

**Good place to look**

Here on campus, there is a place where you can walk right up and see the limestone and fossils of these marine creatures for yourself, up close and personal.

To see this spot, you simply have to look underneath the foot bridge that connects the Applied Science Building to the Arts Center parking lot where it crosses over Highlander Drive. There is a section that has been exposed by the road cut, and is about 15 feet tall, and maybe 100 feet long. If you look carefully, you can see the fossils, including that of Inoceramus, the large clam with the fear of sinking.

There are also fossils of marine grasses and algae, fish vertebrae, sharks teeth, and more for the astute observer.

In addition, one can clearly see different layers of limestone.

These layers formed millions of years apart, and show that this area was covered by the sea numerous times throughout prehistory.

**Take care at this site**

Probably the most well known exposure of this feature is Lovers Leap. At that location, a section nearly 100 feet tall can be seen. If you find yourself drawn to that area to see more, please exercise extreme caution. Many people have been hurt while exploring that feature. Naturally, the way to view the limestone and fossils would be from the base of the cliff, not from the top!

**Geology offered here**

J.C. Brothers, instructor of historical geology at MCC, was interviewed for this article and has provided a great deal of information — information that he would be happy to share with others who find geology fascinating.

The geology courses offered here include field trips, and most people find them fun and interesting.

Last semester, one physical geology class went on a trip that included Inks Lake and Pedernales Falls, as well as several other interesting stops. The other class visited Glen Rose. If you would be interested in taking a geology course, they offer both day and night classes.



LAYERS OF HISTORY can be seen under the foot bridge between the Art Center and the Applied Science Building. Those limestone layers consist of thousands of dead sea creatures.

# Now successful editors, publishers Former students to visit journalism classes

By KAY ALGER

Three former students who have merited public acclaim for their contribution to the news will speak to journalism classes here this month.

Darin Brock will speak on Feb. 7 to journalism classes at 9:10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the Community Services Center room C-16. He is general manager and editor of the Burnet Bulletin. This former president of the Press Club is winner of 13 Gulf Press Association Awards since 1993 and seven South Texas Press Association Awards. "Eat, drink, live, sleep and breathe newspaper," Brock said.

Sarah Wartes will speak on Feb. 17 to the 11:30 a.m. class. She is managing editor for the Picayune in Marble Falls. This former editor of the Highland Herald began a career at the Llano News in Llano as an Associate Editor. Awards include First Place in the Texas Press Association News Contest for a feature story on women in jail. She is also recognized for column writing and humor. While

a student, Wartes, an award winning editor, was recipient of the Anson Jones Award from the Texas Medical Association for the timely topic of AIDS.

Bruce D. Cummings, group manager of Dixie Newspapers, will speak on Feb. 28 to the 11:30 a.m. class. His rise from reporter to editor to publisher to

group manager of Dixie Newspapers is duly noted. From a former reporter for the Marlin Democrat, this North Texas University graduate manages a group of community newspapers in Marlin, Fort Stockton, Burnet and Cedar Park. Brock, a former member of the Press Club, said, "I really appreciated Mr.

Buckner. It was a valuable experience to be in his class."

All three guest speakers are featured on the Highland Herald "Wall of Fame" in the CSC newswroom. Any interested student or faculty member is welcome to attend these sessions. Contact Tom Buckner at 750-3444.



DARIN BROCK, publisher of the Burnet Bulletin.



SARA WARTES, managing editor of the Marble Falls Picayune.



BRUCE CUMMINGS, group manager for Dixie Newspapers.

# Drama ... a busy life

RACHEL KOCHMAN

In the background, sounds of the shuffling of feet practicing jazz, tap, character, and ballet can be heard on a hard wooden floor. Papers crackle like a log burning on a fire as everyone rehearses their lines for one final moment before their debut.

Altos, sopranos, basses, and tenors fluctuate like an out-of-control roller coaster ride. Directors nervously waving their hands, biting their fingernails, gritting their teeth, practically fall off the edge of their chairs yelling for cooperation. This scene paints a vivid picture of drama life.

This life-style may appear to be extremely stressful, competitive, and time consuming — and it is. But according to a few MCC drama students, it is worth it.

Megan Hamaker and Raychel Brown, who are both roommates, are two freshmen drama majors in the drama department. When walking into their apartment, the walls stand out so much. They are flooded with posters of Disney, musicals, academy award winning films, and amidst the posters, there are theatre masks.

Megan and Raychel are both Tartan Scholars. They are required to take four Tartan classes each semester, one of which includes statistics. The majority of their week, which is about 50 hours, is committed to drama. They said they cannot let their grades suffer since they are both Tartan Scholars.

"It's stressful but it's enjoyable. Theatre people are more self-disciplined," said Megan.

They both agreed that it is really great if you can please one of the directors.

Three days a week they attend two dance classes. They also learn about costume, make-up and lighting. They both agreed that things have to be done subtly and heightened. They also agreed that in the movies things are overdone.

They earn credit for doing plays and they do workshops for five hours for every play.

Megan and Raychel both graduated from Mineola High School in 1995. They performed in "Grease" and "Godspell." Megan has been in plays since she was 10. When she was a freshman, she began getting good roles.

Raychel said that her older brother was in drama when he was in fifth grade. She began performing in plays when she was in seventh grade.

Megan said that she wants to do both acting on stage and in the movies, while Raychel wants to do more stage.

Megan said that she loves what she does and talked about various other things. She said that whenever she is under stress, she will either rent or go to see a movie. She also said that what she does is a way of escape and it is a way to teach other people how to escape.

Megan said that handling the publicity is just a part of the cake. "When the media invades your personal life, it's wrong," she said. Neither she nor Raychel knew the average starting salary. "It all depends on the film," said Raychel.

Megan wrapped things up by saying, "The hardest thing to accomplish is to please myself. I don't want to leave people with the impression that I am in it for the fame and fortune."

# Christmas break, a perfect opportunity to start renovations

By TROY RODGERS

Repairs and renovations are taking place throughout the campus.

The crew of the MCC Physical Plant will be hard at work this semester. According to Diane Feyerherm, the director of the Physical Plant, the big jobs looming ahead for the new semester are the new roofs for the Student Center and Health Careers building. She says that the only real inconvenience will be a loss of some faculty parking near the Health Careers building.

While the students were away for Christmas break, the Physical Plant Staff took advantage of the time. The Tartan Room on

the third floor of the Student Center and the Health Careers building received new carpeting, while seats and carpet were removed from the Fine Arts Theater. The faculty lounge was renovated.

Rewiring and repainting took place in the Health and Physical Education and Liberal Arts buildings in order to create new computer labs. And the Grounds Department kept the trees trimmed.

Feyerherm says that while the new roofs are being replaced with the help of contractors, most of the work across campus has been completed by the MCC crew, thereby keeping down costs.



FIXING THE ROOF, A campus employee works to secure the roof over the Student Center and the Health Careers buildings will both get new roofs this year.

# Recycling fun

If you have children, know children or work with children, the college's Resource/Recycle Center may just bump the park from the top spot of places to go for fun.

At the center, film canisters, plastic jugs, dominoes, scraps of fabric and cardboard previously destined for the landfill find new life as inspiration for children's creative play and learning.

The Resource/Recycle Center invites parents and teachers to shop at no charge among the bins of high-quality recycled materials, or they can check out books, videos and other educational resources for two-week periods.

The Resource/Recycle Center is located in the Community Services Center. It is open Mondays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12-2 p.m.