

NEWS BRIEFS

College Night tonight at Baylor

MCC will be well represented at the Heart of Texas College Night that will be held this evening, Sept. 26, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Baylor's Ferrell Center. "We historically have had more traffic at our booth than any other college attending, so we are doubling our booth space to provide extra room for representatives from different program areas," said coordinator Karen Clark.

Success lab workshop tomorrow

The success lab will offer a workshop Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. to show people how to make papers look neat and professional. This skill can be useful when working with the WordPerfect 6.0, WordPerfect 5.1, and Daedalus programs available in the success lab. Also, anyone taking or planning to take a biology, chemistry or human anatomy and physiology course may attend a workshop Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 11:30 a.m. to find out more about the computer tutorial programs.

Counselors to focus on ethics

A three hour professional counselor workshop on "Ethics in Counseling" will be presented by attorney Linda Bolin, tomorrow afternoon in the MCC Lecture Hall. Faculty and staff members are welcome to participate. Licensed professional counselors may receive three hours of continuing education credit for attendance. Contact the faculty secretary's office at ext. 539 to register. The workshop will be open to students on a limited basis, i.e., only those pursuing a career in counseling may attend.

Colleges helping Boy Scouts

MCC, TSTC, and Baylor are co-sponsoring the Boy Scout Merit Badge College which was held on all three campuses Saturday and will be held again this coming Saturday. More than 500 Scouts are taking classes such as citizenship, computers, etc., to help qualify themselves for merit badges. Several of this college's faculty and staff are helping, with Continuing Education Dean Warren Johnson coordinating the effort on this campus.

Early morning prayer meetings

Christian students of any denomination or background are invited to a prayer meeting every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. The meetings take place beneath the Student Center in front of the Bookstore. The meetings are not a sponsored MCC event but an assembly of Christians who want to see students gain more than an education at MCC, said one of the student organizers, Jeff Talbert.

Paralegal Assn. meets Thursday

The first meeting of the newly chartered McLennan Community College Student Paralegal Association (MCCSPA) will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in AC Room 206. Any student enrolled in three hours of semester credit course work with GPA of at least 2.0 can be considered for membership. The group will discuss additional criteria for membership as well as elect officers at this first meeting. Positions to be filled are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. MCCSPA's purpose is to promote the concept of paralegalism through community service, public awareness and continuing education. Contact Linda Gassaway, legal assistant program director and MCCSPA faculty sponsor, at 750-3495 for further information.

Dyslexia topic of program

The Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County will host a program on Thursday at 7 p.m. The program is titled "Dealing with Dyslexia." The speaker, Elizabeth Cant-rill, will discuss dyslexia, a learning disability that affects reading, writing and spelling. Specific topics will include characteristics, challenges to dyslexics and effective instructional strategies. The program is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Library and Museum at 2801 West Waco Drive. For more information, call the Learning Disabilities Association at 755-0038. The Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County LD/ADD Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LDA Office, 3412 Hillcrest Drive. For more information call 662-0281.

College has booth at HOT Fair

Administrators, faculty and staff will be staffing the MCC booth at the annual Heart 'O Texas Fair & Rodeo Oct. 6-14. MCC will have an exhibit space located in the General Exhibits Building. The volunteers will be working two-hour shifts answering questions, handing out literature and telling people about the college and what it has to offer. "I think it says a lot to the community that we have always had so many employees who are willing to give of their time to share MCC with the public," said coordinator Karen Clark.

College Faculty Conference set

MCC faculty and administrators will have a prominent part in the second annual Community College Faculty Conference at Baylor Oct. 13. Randy Schormann, Nancy Mitchell, Rose Stewart-Fram will present a program entitled "A Laughing Classroom" and Janice and Paul Beran will present "Informally Learning About Learning Styles."

Great Britain tour deposits due

McLennan Community College's Great Britain tour is set for June 3-20. To attend the tour for credit and noncredit, a student must register for English 2322 and/or English 2323. The total price for the tour is \$3,099. The price includes round-trip air fare from DFW, hotel accommodations, an overnight stay at Lumley Castle, meals, transportation, a lake cruise in the Lake District, theater tickets in London and Stratford, admission fees and tips. A deposit of \$50 is needed soon to reserve a place. Another \$500 deposit is due by Nov. 1, with final payment due April 1. Students may register now through January. For enrollment forms, contact Carol Lowe at 750-3427 or Debbie Fultz at 750-3602.

'Greater Tuna' Thursday, Friday

The Waco Hippodrome Theatre is presenting "Greater Tuna" this Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. The cost of tickets ranges from \$12 to \$24 and are available by phone with Visa/Mastercard or at the Hippodrome Theatre Box Office, 724 Austin Avenue. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and 90 minutes before show time on performance dates. For tickets or information, call 1-800-701-ARTS outside of Waco, or locally at 752-9797.

Johnson to help celebrate 'Our Bridge to the Future'

Banquet to honor donors to the \$2.5 million campaign

By RYAN LAW

Former MCC basketball star Vinnie Johnson will be the guest speaker at the MCC Foundation's "Our Bridge to the Future" campaign on Saturday Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Services Center.

In 1991 the Foundation set a goal to raise \$2.5 million that would be used for scholarships, capital needs and student and staff developments. To honor all donors to the campaign, the Foundation will sponsor the banquet.

Johnson, the guest speaker, played for the Highlanders from 1975 to 1977 and was a member of the team that went to the national tournament in 1976. While at MCC, he was named to All-Conference, All-Region and All-America teams. Johnson went on to star for Baylor University and the Detroit Pistons

before retiring four years ago. He is now an entrepreneur and radio announcer for the Detroit Pistons. The banquet is one of two school-related fund raisers in which Johnson is scheduled to participate (see related story).

Johnson will be joined by his two college coaches at the banquet. Former MCC coach Johnny Carter will give the introduction, and Johnson's coach at Baylor, Jim Haller, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be ordered by calling the MCC Foundation office at 750-3406. All proceeds from the banquet will fund scholarships at MCC.

More on Johnson on page 4

Tuition climbs, taxes increase

By SUSIE JONES

The Board of Trustees approved an 8 percent tax increase, a raise in tuition by \$3 a semester hour, and a boost in the technology fee to \$3 from \$1, effective in January.

The Board at its August meeting took into consideration that the college is receiving less revenue from state appropriations and decided on the increases. President Dennis Michaelis said the college has limited sources of revenue. The main sources are state appropriation, taxes from home owners in McLennan County, and tuition and fees from students.

Enrollment and contact hours (the total hours of students enrolled at MCC) are less than last year; therefore, the state has decreased the money given to the college. Also, the college has new expenditures with renovations to a building to house visual arts classes. The college's electricity bill and other utility costs have also risen.

To help meet costs of improved instructional technology, the college has increased the technology fee to cover the cost of maintaining the computer systems and to keep it up to date on the changing progress in computer technology. Another cost is the computer lab in which every student has access. The college has extended the hours of the computer lab, therefore needing someone to work in the lab helping students with their questions.

Michaelis said the Board cut the budget as much as possible without eliminating programs or laying off employees. They also

cut traveling budgets from some programs and student organizations. The Board decided to not just increase taxes or just raise tuition, but to do both so that the increases would not be so drastic.

The increase in tuition is not the first in the history of this college. In 1990 the tuition was \$14 a semester hour, in 1992, \$16 a semester hour, and in 1995, \$17 a semester hour.

Compared to local colleges, MCC is still a fair price. For a full time student in district taking 12 hours, the cost of tuition, not including fees, would be as follows:

- MCC — \$240
- Baylor — \$3,096
- Texas State Technical College — \$192
- Temple Junior College — \$324
- Central Texas College — \$228

The tax rate is currently 6.997 cents per \$100 valuation. In January the cost will climb slightly to 7.2221 cents per \$100 valuation. So if a McLennan County resident's home is valued at \$38,000, the tax increase will only be \$1.63 or a total tax \$21.96 for the year. For a home valued at \$152,000, the tax bill would climb from \$81.32 to \$87.82, or an increase of \$6.50.

"Our tax rate is still relatively low" compared to other colleges, Michaelis said.

The college was able to give all employees a salary increase of 2.5 percent. "Another expenditure demand," said Michaelis. "All employees deserve a small increase."

Student Government swears in new officers

By LORELL EISMA

The ballots are in, the votes have been counted and the victors have been named.

The new Student Government members for the fall semester had their first meeting on Monday, Sept. 18. They swore in the officers and representatives as their first order of business. The results of the elections are as follows:

- President — Shirley Weeks
- Vice-President — Valerie

Horn

- Parliamentarian — Erin McNamara
- Historian — Marla Elkins
- Secretary/Treasurer — Roxanna Harry
- Public Relations — Aimee St. John
- Representatives are Cassandra Alexander, Michael Elkins, Carol Harper, Jose Luis Lopez, Jennifer Smith, Russell Taylor, Joe Underwood and Benjamin Wright.



Photo furnished by Public Information Office

VINNIE "MICROWAVE" JOHNSON of the Detroit Pistons drives for a basket in a game against the Phoenix Suns a few years ago. The former MCC star will be the keynote speaker at the Foundation's "Our Bridge to the Future" banquet on Oct. 7.

Administrators, faculty join college

The college has added five new full-time teachers, a new staff member and promoted another into an administrative post for the new school year. Three of them are former students at this college.

Peter Blaskiewicz, has now become the new math lab supervisor. He says his main goal as supervisor is to help students with their math. However, Blaskiewicz is not new to this campus. In fact, he came here in 1984 as a student in interpreter training. He has been a math tutor here since 1987 and began his teaching career here in 1992. In 1994, he was promoted to math lab instructor. His educational background includes an associate's degree in pre-engineering and math from MCC, a bachelor's degree in math, and a master's degree in math, both from Baylor.

Anne Borsellino is the new program director of management and accounting. She has taught here part time since 1977 and now teaches three sections of Survey of Business and conducts administrative duties for the department. Borsellino received her associate of applied science degree from MCC in 1973, B.B.A. in accounting and master's degree from Baylor in 1976, master's of taxation in 1980, and she became a certified public accountant in 1992. Borsellino is

married with three boys and enjoys camping, skiing, aerobics and weight training. She plans to work with the community to enhance its knowledge of what MCC has to offer, and said she hopes to make her department "the best department on campus."

Arvis Coleman is new to the English department this year. Coleman received her B.A. in English from the University of Houston, and her M.A. in English from Lamar University. Coleman has taught in Port Arthur, Kirbyville, Dallas and Plano. In her spare time she likes the outdoors and "country living." She says that she is pleased with the students and the faculty. This semester Coleman is going to concentrate on being "a really good teacher."

Gail Herring is this year's new reading instructor. She is presently teaching two courses, Reading 301 and Reading 302. Herring has a Bachelor of Art degree along with a Master of Science degree, both received from Baylor University. She has also received a reading specialist certification. Although she is currently teaching here, Herring also had taught at La Vega Elementary school for 22 years. Herring's main goal is to always be able to offer help to anyone here, personally or academically. (Continued on page 4)

NEWS BRIEFS

Exercise facilities set hours

Open hours for facilities in the Health and Physical Education building have been announced. The swimming pool will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. The gym will be open M-W-F from 12:15-3:30 p.m. and T-Th 12:30-2:30 p.m. The weight room will be open M-W-F 12:30-3:30 p.m., T-Th from 12:30-3 p.m., and on all weekdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Glass jars needed for biology

General biology and zoology needs your help. Glass jars with lids are needed to collect animals. The students in these classes are trying to replace the animals that had been available to use as teaching aids because the animals are in poor condition. Bring jars by Tom Justice's office, SB 210, or call him at 750-3470.

Article lauds community colleges

An article in the Sept. 25 issue of *US News & World Report* has an article evaluating community colleges. "A Cheaper Path to a College Degree" (p. 88) argues that transfer students receive a quality education that prepares them well for upper division courses.

Hippodrome children series opens

Waco Hippodrome Theatre's "Hillcrest New Horizons Series for Kids" will open the season today at 1 p.m. with the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble. The new season will serve up New Orleans jazz, contemporary dance and young concert artists in addition to its lineup of plays based on well-loved tales and ethnic fables. Along with favorites for the Pre-Kindergarten and elementary school grades will be several events geared toward middle and high school students who seldom get to see live performances. Tickets for all shows are \$3.50 for adults and children. For additional information, ticket reservations or to receive a complete brochure call 752-9797.

Keiko Abe performs Sunday at Baylor

The Baylor University School of Music presents its 1995-96 Distinguished Artist Series featuring Keiko Abe and The Michigan Chamber Players. The concert will be on Sunday at Mary Gibbs Jones Concert Hall at 2 p.m.

CAMPUS NEWS

Tartan Scholars

Application deadline Oct. 13 for new group

By BROWN SMITH

Applications and recommendations for Tartan Scholars must be turned in to Doris Thompson in Vice President Deborah Garrett's office by Oct. 13.

In order for students to have an active application, they must fill out a one-page application form and have at least two letters of recommendation. Students may also submit other items for his/her portfolio application.

The Tartan Scholar program is only three semesters old and is MCC's version of honors education. Students in this program have demonstrated potential for outstanding work in some areas

including academics, creative arts and technical fields. These students take one honors course (colloquium) each regular semester for up to four courses and all of these courses are transferable. The Tartan Scholar will receive a scholarship for tuition and fees, books and a one or two-day study trip.

A selection committee will interview their top candidates and select 15 for the class beginning next semester. Selections will be announced in mid to late November. Call Marilyn Kelly at ext. 636 or Doris Thompson at ext. 513 for answers to any questions regarding the Tartan Scholar.

To help students make decisions

Three trips set to universities

By OLGA DURON

Students planning to transfer to a four-year university will have an opportunity to visit three Texas universities through trips sponsored by Student Development and Support Services.

The scheduled tours for the fall semester are the University of North Texas on Oct. 20 at 2 p.m., Texas A&M on Nov. 17 at 11 a.m., and the University of Texas in Arlington on Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. Students who sign up for the tours will be informed of exact departure times.

Students interested in participating in one of the tours should contact transfer advisors, Marie Thibodeaux or Johnnie Talton, at least one week prior to the tour date in order for adequate transportation to be arranged. School vans and/or rented vans will be provided.

The tours are free of charge. However, students are encouraged to bring their own lunch as unscheduled stops are not planned.

Talton, who is the transfer

advisor and coordinator of the tours this fall, expects about 10 to 15 people on each trip, but she said there is no limit.

Once students arrive at the university, representatives will be present to give information and answer questions concerning entrance and GPA requirements, financial aid and scholarship possibilities. Professors from different majors will also be available and a tour of the campus will be given.

"It's (the tour service) been very positive and very helpful in enhancing the transition from MCC to the receiving institutions," said Talton, adding that, "MCC has been so ahead of its time in many things; I am not familiar with many junior colleges that provide this service."

Students signing up for the tours are also reminded that because the trips are not mandatory, arrangements with instructors concerning missed class time are the responsibility of the students.

Future Leaders Staff members selected to build on their talents

By MCC public
information office

Ten employees of McLennan Community College have been selected for the college's second class of Future Leaders: A Leadership Development Project. The Future Leaders program, which originated in 1994, helps MCC faculty and staff develop their strengths, grooming them for future leadership roles at the college.

This year's class includes: O.C. Beasley of Waco, inventory clerk; Paul Beran of China Spring, English instructor; Rose DeLeon of Robinson, administrative secretary in Student Admissions; Christine Holecok of West, adult education instructor; Brenda Johnson of Woodway, executive secretary in Institutional Effectiveness; Sandi Jones of Valley Mills, financial aid specialist; Phyllis Pruett of Waco, personnel technician; Beverly Roberts of Gholson, programmer/analyst in Computer Services; Margaret Vaughn of Waco, admissions specialist; and Kathryn Watson of Robinson, office supervisor in Student Records.

Richard Coronado, associate dean of continuing education and one of the coordinators of the Future Leaders program, said

candidates for the class must have worked for MCC for at least a year and have a minimum of 60 hours of college credit or an associate's degree. The eight-member Future Leaders Advisory Committee chooses the class members and strives for diversity in gender, age, race/ethnicity and representation from different areas of the college.

Once selected, Future Leaders class members meet monthly from September to May. In the course, they inventory their skills, work on problem solving and teamwork, and learn how to set and achieve career goals. The course also covers practical skills such as how to write a resume, make effective presentations and conduct a panel interview. Each class member must research and prepare an oral presentation on a current topic related to community colleges. MCC administrators provide feedback to students and teach the monthly programs.

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Photo by Susie Jones

Volunteers recognized

President Dennis Michaelis visits with retired MCC teacher Mary Cantrell and other senior citizens that volunteer their time for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the RSVP recognition program on Sept. 14 at the Community Services Center.

Classes in session for adult education

By MCC public
information office

McLennan Community College's Adult Education Department classes are back in session at the MCC Downtown Center, 711 Washington, and other area locations.

Classes, offered at no cost to out-of-school adults, include General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL). Students may also take general literacy classes or enrichment courses to prepare for college placement testing.

The Competency-Based High School Diploma (CBHSD), which has an \$85 fee, is also offered at some sites. Students this self-paced program complete 22 credits and pass an exit exam to receive a diploma from Waco Independent School District.

Enrollment for all classes is on a continuous basis, and daytime and evening classes are available. For more information, call MCC Adult Education Programs at 753-1044.

Class locations include:

BOSQUE COUNTY — Clifton High School, 1102 N. Ave. N; GED and ESL, Monday, 6-9 p.m.

HILL COUNTY — El Buen Iglesia Bautista, 409 W. Elm St., Hillsboro, Thursdays, 6-9

p.m. Hillsboro High School CCP Lab, 310 E. Walnut, Hillsboro; GED and ESL, Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Hubbard High School, GED, Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Whitney Public Library, GED, ESL and CBHSD, Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m.

MCLENNAN COUNTY — Bellmead Civic Center, 3900 Parish, Bellmead; GED and ESL, CBHSD and enrichment classes, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m. MCC Downtown Center, 711 Washington Ave.; GED, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday; ESL, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. McGregor Chamber of Commerce, 303 S. Main, McGregor; GED and ESL, Monday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m. Midway High School, 700 Hewitt Dr., Hewitt; GED and ESL, Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. St. Francis Catholic Church Youth Building, 301 Jefferson; GED, ESL, Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m.

CITY OF TEMPLE — Vandiver School, 418 N. 11th St.; GED, ESL, CBHSD, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

OLD COMICS WANTED

Top dollar paid for collectible comic books, all titles. Especially looking for nice condition comics from 30's to 70's. Contact Bill Howard, Crack-erjack Comics, 772-2448.

BRAND NEW 22 Quart Canner/Cooker \$75 OBO. Commodore Computer With Disk Drive, Color Printer, Keyboard And Software \$75 OBO. Call 752-6227 from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

BOAT & MOTOR for sale, 1987 Phantom, deep-V hull handles rough water well, walk-through windshield, Johnson 85 motor with few hours, clean and runs like a top. Fast. Great for skiing or fishing. Priced to sell. Call Temple (817) 773-3432.

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From the Instructional Council

New policy noted for withdrawals

A new policy for withdrawal from a course and withdrawal from college was approved by the Instructional Council during the spring semester and is in effect this semester. Herman Tucker, director of student enrollment and registrar, has announced.

The policy states:

Students who are considering withdrawing from a course are to contact one of the following, preferably in the order listed: instructor, advisor, division director or program director. If, after consultation, there is a decision to withdraw, it is the responsibility of the student to see that the Change in Schedule Form is filed with the office of Student Records. The effective date for withdrawing from a course is the date the Change in Schedule Form is received at the office of Student Records.

In case of emergency where the student must withdraw from the college, the student may request withdrawal by one of the following: 1) advisor, 2) office of Student Records.

Students who drop a required developmental course or program shall be administratively withdrawn from all college-level courses in which they are enrolled.

Withdrawal from college requires the return of all college owned property and payment of all outstanding debts. Official transcripts will be issued only after all obligations to the college have been met.

Students who receive financial assistance should contact the office of Student Financial Assistance before withdrawing from a class or withdrawing from the college to determine how their financial aid will be affected by the reduction of hours.

If the student has made a good faith effort to obtain the signature of the individuals listed above and has been unsuccessful, the Student Records staff will process the student's request and make a notation on the Change in Schedule Form that the student could not obtain the appropriate signature, Tucker said.

MCC and TSTC use grant to design course

By MCC public
information office

McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College will use a \$75,000 grant to develop a model college developmental writing and English composition curriculum during the 1995-96 school year. Funds for the cooperative project are provided by a Carl Perkins State Leadership Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"This is a perfect opportunity for MCC and TSTC to work together to benefit the entire state," said David England, vice president for institutional effectiveness at MCC and the project administrator for the grant.

"Between the two institutions, we offer technical training for a broad array of career clusters. We will use that expertise and academic standards to incorporate real-world situations into the two English courses to better

prepare technical students to succeed in the work place."

The primary purpose of the project is to design a writing course that will meet the academic requirements of higher education accrediting agencies while fulfilling the needs of students in all technical fields.

MCC English instructor Paul Beran will coordinate the grant activities and projects. An advisory committee including representatives from both schools and area businesses and industry will help guide curriculum development.

Serving on the committee from MCC are Brenda Dohelhower, program director for Radiologic Technology; Paul Gonzalez, program director for Mental Health; and business instructor Nancy Ray-Mitchell.

TSTC committee members include Associate Dean Charles Hyde and English Instructor Robert Gentry.

EDITORIAL

We understand the hike

We understand the reasoning behind the tax increase and tuition raise in January. The pros on this issue are that the employees received a well deserved 2.5 percent increase in salaries, no employees of the college were left jobless and no programs were demolished.

On the other hand, the cons are that home owners will pay more in taxes to the college and students will pay more to attend this college. But we have to keep in mind the reasons behind the increases.

Due to a lower amount of contact hours (the total number of hours the students are enrolled) compared to last year, the state appropriation has given the college less money. Another new expenditure is the higher electric bill caused by air conditioning a new arts building. Also the computer lab, which a number of students use the day before term papers are due, has extended hours for those last minute students — and this means paying a little more in energy to operate the computers and to keep students comfortable.

We often forget all the expenses this college has to pay. To name a few — utility bills, electric bills, salaries of employees, maintenance of buildings, paper for handouts and faxes and other facilities like plumbing, computer advancements, and gasoline for the buses.

MCC is still a beautiful campus with a number of wonderful programs. This college is involved with the community and represents a clean, academic image of Waco. We are proud of this college and the education we receive for a fair amount of money. (see related story on front page)

Deadline for poetry contest due Sept. 29

By RACHEL KOCHMAN

Winners of the poetry contest will have a shot for recognition, and possibly even stardom, by having their poetry published in the annual *Casa de Cafe* chapbook.

They will also have a chance to be in the spotlight by reading their work in public at the second annual *Casa de Cafe*, which is being directed by Jane Gomez, and will be held on Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the library. There will be music, art, and of course, poetry, and it is open to the public. Proceeds from this event benefit "A Storybook Christmas."

This is the first year a contest has been held for writers who might want to present their work. So far there have not been any entries, but staff members, faculty members, and students have been curious and asking questions about how they can enter.

Poetry Contest Rules

- Poems must be typed and be 30 lines or fewer in length.

- Each entry must be submitted on a separate page that does not include the writer's name.

- A cover page with the writer's name, address and phone number must be attached to each entry.

- No more than five entries are allowed per poem.

The poems need to be entered by Sept. 29. You will need to send your entries to Jennifer Black, Faculty Office Building #207 or drop them off in her mailbox, which is in the FOB workroom on the ground floor.

Anyone, especially the students, can learn from this because it is a low key way of just getting experience, they can gain the experience of submitting and winning, and they can learn to become accustomed to what all goes into publishing.

The judges are a staff and faculty member, an MCC administrator, and two students, whom of which will all set their own criteria.

Student I.D. — don't leave home without it

By LORELL EISMA

You can receive something free — or at least a discount — with the flash of one little card.

Student discounts are given in a number of places to anyone with a valid MCC identification card. The discounts are different for each benefit.

These are a few of the perks from our area and they could be subject to change:

On-Campus

- The Performing Arts Center will allow each student with proper ID in to see a theater show or musical recital.

- Baseball games are free to anyone with or without an ID.

- Basketball games at the Highlands are also free with student ID.

Off-Campus

- The Waco Hippodrome Theater offers a "Student Rush." This means that half an hour before show time seats are half off to any student with a proper ID. Good seats still exist up to show time, especially for those who sit in random single seats. The most expensive seats there are \$28 for

their Broadway shows, therefore the seats for "Student Rush" would only be \$14.

- The Lacy Lake View Six Theater offers \$3.50 admission with proper Student ID on Monday evenings.

- The Waco Civic Theatre offers student discounts on shows on certain days. These days have not yet been set for their next show.

- Kinkos takes 10 percent off purchases with proper student ID. After the first discount they give you an Academic Card that you can use in place of your ID. This card has no expiration.

- MC Art Supply will give a 10 percent discount for purchases up to \$20 and a 15 percent discount on purchases over \$20. You need to present your ID the first time and then you will receive a discount card that also has no expiration.

These are just a few of the many benefits of having a student ID card. This is an on-going article and in further issues many more discounts will be reported. The staff welcomes any suggestions, call or write us.

Art gallery planning exhibits this semester

By DALI DEBOSE

Whether you are in photography, ceramics, welding objects or just plain interested in art, the new art department facilities, located on the front left portion of the CSC, is for you.

"It's mainly for us who major in art, but you don't have to be an art major, or even pursue any kind of a degree," said art instructor Barney Fitzpatrick.

Trey South, another artist instructor, explained that there will not be as many events this semester as there will be next semester since the building hasn't had its grand opening. Some of these events include the faculty exhibition during the whole month of October, the display of local high schools' art projects held during the last two weeks in October, and the guest exhibition, held in November. All the exhibitions will be held in the Art Gallery, which is handicapped accessible.

Part of the peninsula was under the Turkish empire, another part under the Austro-Hungarian empire, while only a small number of groups had their own independence. Often life was

EDITOR'S CORNER

To conceal or not to conceal

By SUSIE JONES

Violence is an indestructible machine that destroys the emotions, the souls and the lives of anyone in its path. No one can stop it or even slow it down. So what does the government do? It, being the brilliant one, gave it more horsepower and a bigger engine by allowing concealed guns to be carried.

Let me create a scenario. Jed is walking in the mall minding his own business, when he accidentally bumps into Bill, who has had an awful day. Bill lost his job, his best friend is an alien and his dog died. Because of Jed bumping into him, Bill becomes irate. And if that's not all, Jed, being the impolite one, did not say "excuse me" and this makes Bill even angrier. Bill begins arguing with Jed and Jed becomes upset. He pulls a gun out from under his coat with the intention of scaring Bill. Bill thinks Jed is going to shoot him and so he pulls out his concealed handgun and shoots Jed.

I am afraid this scenario will become reality. Yes, it is true a training course is required before anyone can carry a concealed handgun and has trained applicants to resolve conflicts peacefully; but wouldn't it be even more peacefully resolved without

"Guns can end a life in a fatal moment and can cause grief to an innocent, unsuspecting mother."

concealed handguns? I can understand wanting to protect yourself, if you are a reasonable human being. But the fact is, psychos exist. For some people, frightening another person with a handgun can evolve into more than a scare. I think the temptation is too much. I feel more "accidental" shootings will occur. It almost appears we are going back to days of the Old West — shoot-outs at the O.K. Corral and a draw at high noon.

Guns should be restricted to hunters (who aren't always the safest human beings) and law enforcement officials. The training course also teaches future gun carriers how to shoot a gun properly. This is to teach us, boys and girls, to aim for the head. If we want to kill someone, the head is the target. Now, explain to me the thought of resolving a quarrel peacefully.

What about our children? I hear too often of two-year-olds being shot and killed in drive-bys or being hit by a stray bullet in a gun fight. What about where the parents place the guns at night. They sure don't wear them to bed. Children can always find a way to reach something they want. Children exposed to guns at early ages can have a tremendous effect on their emotional growth. A child's comprehension of values is so simplified compared to adults. If they see their parents carrying guns or worse, see their parents shoot another person, they may think it is all right. Children comprehend right and wrong by watching their parents.

I can't change the law, but I can express my opinion. This is

my law: Guns are dangerous and often misused. Guns can end a life in a fatal moment and can cause grief to an innocent, unsuspecting mother. The life someone ends by using guns, affects almost everyone. Whether it is on the news or someone you shared a seat with on the bus, it hurts emotionally

knowing that life has no guarantees. Not to mention what it does to the killer. Does death by electrocution ring a bell?

If I was able to drill one thought into each and every American, it would be this: Please think before you shoot. Is killing this person worth dying.



Student tells of conditions in Yugoslavian homeland

The following is an essay prepared for an English class taught by Paul Beran last spring which provides a first-hand look at the situation in the former Yugoslavia.

By MIHAJLO BALIC

On our planet different ethnic and religious groups live together and share the same land. While enjoying their differences, they usually make room for each other. Respect toward each other is the main secret in creating harmony. Many countries have gone beyond self-interest to find common interest and goals and peace they created is reward for all the trouble they went through to establish union.

But peace is like an expensive plant that needs a lot of care in order to grow and every careless move can kill the plant.

All my life I lived in Yugoslavia; my friends were members of different religious groups, but we were raised together like brothers. All we had was normal for us; we never thought about our forefathers dying for us and our freedom. We fully enjoyed peace and sometimes abused it by not respecting all the goods we had. It was too late when we realized that peace is fragile and can last only if we know how to appreciate what we have.

Forefathers Died for Us

My country is one example, but all of our forefathers died for us and our future and we need to make the future as splendid as they wanted it to be. My story is for all the people who take peace for granted.

Since the beginning of the fourth century, south Slavs lived on the Balkan peninsula, south east of Europe. They spoke the same language, but because of their individual pride they preferred to live separately. Weak and unorganized, those small groups were always targets for big empires.

Part of the peninsula was under the Turkish empire, another part under the Austro-Hungarian empire, while only a small number of groups had their own independence. Often life was

miserable and hard; people were forced to accept foreign customs and to neglect their own. Wars were frequent and very painful.

Slavs knew that something had to be done to improve life. A convention was held and they decided to start a new beginning.

Slavs Unite

At the end of the first World War, south Slavs united together in one country. They called the country Yugoslavia. Influenced by different empires, they brought a variety of cultures and religions in their new country. Soon after the country was established, differences became irrelevant and Slavs progressed like never before. Together they learned to accept different customs.

Because of its location, tourism developed and caused economic prosperity. Higher living standards allowed people to travel around the country and soon marriages among different religious groups became common. Children were born and raised together. People celebrated their holidays together and were ready to die for each other. It seemed like nothing could convince any of those religious groups to turn against each other.

Fight as One Nation

The second World War started. South Slavs were fighting together in order to protect their land. Crisis became very common and caused disappointments, but Slavs solved all their problems and continued to live like one nation.

The second World War ended and the country continued to progress. Since all the barriers between different ethnic and religious groups were even stronger, life became easier for all the inhabitants of the country.

Differences were still noticeable but, at the same time, they looked like one nation.

Incident Changes Things

A long period of peace passed so fast and was over before anyone could notice it. An incident

that happened at the beginning of 1991 changed convivial south Slavs into armed soldiers. A member of one religious group attacked and killed an innocent person of another group.

After hearing this news I was sitting speechlessly in my room thinking of all the things that happened during my life.

There was nothing around to cheer me. The Pub I used to go to was all of a sudden so different. My friends acted differently even though there was no one to be blamed for anything.

The silence of shocked people followed the incident but shortly after it Slavs turned against

each other. The war between south Slavic brothers still last and no one sees the end of it. Slavs are again divided in small groups and can become targets to big world powers. Peace and freedom is lost again.

"Peace... greatest thing"

Peace is the greatest thing that can happen to anyone. Many people have fought to earn their freedom and know how to keep it, but there still are a lot of lucky people who were born in free country, but unfortunately, do not understand the value of it.

Respect of any kind is the secret for all the harmonies and one needs to think about it.

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Johnson to play at golf tourney

By RYAN LAW

The college will hold its eighth annual Benefit Golf Tournament Friday Oct. 6 at Lake Waco Golf and Country Club.

Former basketball star Vinnie Johnson is scheduled to play in the fund raiser which begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m., and tee-time set for 12:45 p.m.

Included in the tournament will be many prizes which will be given away for different shots. Three prizes will be given to the players who come closest to the hole; with the closest receiving \$250, the second closest \$150 and the third closest \$100.

If a player shoots a hole-in-one that person will obtain a year's lease on a new car. If a second player hits a hole-in-one that person will also get a year's lease on a new car. One of the leases is for a car from Roundtree Cadillac and the other is for a car from Allen Samuels Chevrolet. The top four teams in the tournament will receive trophies, and raffle tickets will be sold during lunch. Two travel vouchers, one to Las Vegas, Nev., and the other to Branson, Mo., will be given away in the raffle that will be held at the conclusion of the tournament. The tournament will also feature a silent auction of sports memorabilia.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$85 per player and includes green fee, mulligans, cart, lunch, snacks, drinks and assorted prizes. Each team must have four members and the tournament participation is limited to the first 128 registered players.

Highlasses hopeful for 1995-96 season

By BROWN SMITH

Coach Wendell Hudson spent the off-season looking for the best local players in Central Texas to replace those who have departed from last year's team.

The biggest losses will be Lisa Brown, a 6'3" All-Conference and All-Region post player, and two-time All-Conference, All-Region point guard Yong Tran, who is now playing at Morning Side College in Iowa. Hudson recruited to fill those shoes and he feels this is one of the most talented and biggest teams, height wise, in years.

"I am really excited about getting in the gym with this group," Hudson said.

Point guard Angelena Morris, who led the team in assists per game, and Lateshia McClendon return from last year's team that advanced to the semi-finals of the Regional Tournament. Other sophomores include Danielle McKinney, Page Bishop and P.J. Jackson.

Mellisa Walker from Yoakum and Jacke Williams of Bynum lead the list of many new recruits with outstanding high school credentials. These credentials include such awards as District MVP, All-Region, All-State and Super Cen-Tex. Latisha Washington, Lisa Wachsmann, Candy Smith and Natasha Stevens are also among this distinguished list of award recipients.

Kristina Hayworth, a 6'3" post who graduated from China Spring in 1994, will be classified as a freshman and according to Hudson is considered to be a big asset. Other newcomers to keep an eye on are Sydnie Gardener, Heather Hand, Amanda Oliver, and Dian Mynarcik.

"I feel we are going to have a very good team this year and we are all excited about the upcoming season," Hayworth said.

In addition to new recruits,

Hudson has added a full-time assistant coach, Shawn Medlock Trochim.

Trochim was an All-Conference and All-Region selection when she played point guard here from 1988-90. She then went on to Texas A&M University where she was named to the All-Southwest Conference Newcomer team after her junior year and ranked third in the conference in assists as a senior. For the last two years she has been a volunteer assistant with the women's program. Now she is ready to take on the role as full-time assistant coach.

"It is a great privilege to come back to the area I grew up in and work for the coach who coached me," Trochim said. "I feel this is going to be a great year, and I'm excited about this year's group of young ladies' desire to win."

The girls have been conditioning and playing pick-up games to prepare themselves for their first official day of practice on Oct. 1. Hudson plans to start with the fundamentals and work his way into the offensive and defensive schemes through October so the girls will be ready for their season opener in the South Plains Tournament Nov. 2, 3 and 4. The girls will not play at home until Nov. 16, 17 and 18 in the Highlassie Classic.

The Highlassies hope to use their same "run and gun" style offense to challenge Grayson Community College, which has dominated the conference for years and knocked MCC out of the playoffs last year, later in the season.

The girls' main goal going into the season is to get as far as last year's team and hopefully go even further.

"We have a team full of winners," McKinney said. "Everyone comes from winning programs and none of them want that tradition to stop."

Dance Co. sets clinic Saturday

The MCC Dance Company is hosting its Junior Dance Clinic and Advanced Dance Clinic Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. for grades K-12.

The registration fee is \$30 and it will take place in the Highlands.

The Dance Company recently held summer tryouts. Twenty dancers were selected for the team including 13 new members.

Officers this year are Capt. Ashley Cox, former officer for the Robinson Rockettes; L.L. Lori Ledbetter, former captain of the Midway Goal Tenders; L.L. Tiffany House, former captain of the Trinity Valley dance team; and L.L. Christy King, former captain of the Robinson Rockettes.

The new members are Carla Adams from Giddings; Elizabeth Allgood from LaVega; Nikishia Brinkley and Bronda Hayes from Waco High; Farrah Fierro from Arlington Martin; Joan Galvan from Connally; Amy Hartstack and Julie Portillo from Robinson; Jessica Jimenez from Killeen; Terri Shepherd from McGregor; Jessica Thornton from Mabank; and Ida Torres from University.

Returning sophomores are Amanda Atlas from West; Sonia Lopez from Relcher; Kelly Miller from Waco High; and Jody Welch from Riesel.

Lopez and King attended the UDA Collegiate dance camp in San Marcos. Cox, Ledbetter, and King represented the Dance Company at the NCA collegiate Post/Dance Camp in Dallas.

'Microwave' cooked records here, at Baylor and Detroit

By RYAN LAW

Former MCC basketball standout Vinnie Johnson will be visiting the college Friday Oct. 6 and Saturday Oct. 7 for two different fund raising related events.

Johnson began his climb to stardom right here at the college playing the guard position on the Highlanders basketball team. While playing with the college from 1975 to 1977 he amassed a 29.9 scoring average and was named to All-Conference, All-Region and All-American teams.

Johnson went on to star for Baylor University as a guard. At Baylor he tied or broke many of the college's basketball records. His 24.1 career scoring average is the best of any Baylor player and his 1978-79 season scoring average of 25.2 points per game is the highest single season scoring average in BU history.

Johnson also broke the single game scoring record when he scored 50 points in a game against TCU. In that game he also attempted the most field goals by a Baylor player with 21 attempts.

In the 1978-79 season his mark of 262 field goals out of 502 attempted is the most single season makes and attempts at BU. Johnson is one of only three play-

ers in the school's history to score 1,000 or more points in two years with the college and is ranked sixth in all-time scoring with 1,231 points. During his distinctive career at Baylor he was selected to the 1978 All-American team and the 1978 and 1979 All-Southwest Conference teams.

After his career with the Bears, Johnson was taken in the first round of the 1979 NBA draft by the Seattle SuperSonics. He was with the SuperSonics for only two years before going to Detroit to play for the Pistons.

It was with the Pistons where he made his real claim to fame. Along with Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars, Johnson played a key role in what many believe to have been one of the greatest three-guard rotations in NBA history. Many of Johnson's stats during his 10 seasons with the Pistons have found their way into the organization's record book.

His pesky defense earned him 708 steals which ranks him third place all-time in the that category.

He also ranked third in the Pistons' all-time stats in games played with 798.

Johnson was an unselfish player, giving up 2,661 assists to put him fourth in all-time assists.

The 9,094 field goals he attempted over his career ranks fifth place in all-time attempts.

He also placed fifth at Detroit in all-time field goals made with 4,202.

He is ranked sixth in scoring with 10,146 points and 10th in free throws made hitting 1,669 from the charity stripe.

Although Johnson played guard, he was still able to block enough shots to rank 10th place all-time swatting away 213 of his opponents' shots.

His 19 points in a row against the Utah Jazz on March 1, 1989 set the Pistons' record for consecutive points scored.

After his career with the Pistons, Johnson spent one season with the San Antonio Spurs before retiring.

Johnson has accomplished more than entering the Pistons' record book while with the organization. He has also experienced many personal highlights as well.

When Johnson scored a career-high 35 points off the bench in a 132-124 loss to the Boston Celtics on Nov. 27, 1985, the Celtics' Danny Ainge bestowed upon him a nickname that would follow him throughout his career. On that night the "microwave" was born. In the Eastern Conference semi-finals that same year, and coinciden-

tally against the same team, Johnson scored 22 fourth quarter points and a career playoff high 34 points.

But what many believe to be his most memorable moment on the basketball court with the Pistons is "the shot" he made in the 1990 NBA Finals.

Johnson drained "the shot" with just :00.7 remaining in the game to lift his team to a 92-90 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers in the fifth, and what proved to be the final, game of the finals.

On Feb. 5, 1994, Johnson became the third player in Detroit Pistons' history to have his jersey number (15) retired. Only Dave Bing and Bob Lanier had their jersey numbers retired before him.

Johnson has also found success off the court. He owns the Vinnie Johnson Construction Company Group and is majority owner and president of a new company called Piston Packaging Inc. Piston Packaging Inc., located in Detroit's federally-funded Empowerment Zone, is a supplier of paper pallets, corrugated boxes, set-up boxes, long and short term warehousing, repacking and recycling. Both of these companies have fulfilled Johnson's goal of returning jobs to Detroit's inner-city.

'Landers building new team

By ROBERT STONE

The Highlanders are coping with the loss of eight key players as they begin practice for the 1995-96 basketball season.

According to Coach Ken DeWeese, most of them were recruited to NCAA Division I teams. The names of the players and the schools they went to are as follows:

- Kenneth Benton — undecided
- Marco Brown — Louisiana Tech University
- Rick Griffin — Indiana State University
- Don Long — University of Maine
- Damien McKinney — Midwestern State University
- Rodrick Monroe — University of Cincinnati
- Marcus Moss — University of Cincinnati

- Norman Williams — University of Alabama at Birmingham

To fill the void left by the eight stars, several promising high school players and college transfers have joined the team.

The high school recruits include 6'7" Vincent Bridgewater from University High School and 6'4" Micah Reed from Maypearl.

The list of transfer students that are new to the team features 6-ft. point guard Alex Davis from the University of Texas at El Paso, 6'6" Jason Hamm from Texas Tech University and 6'6" Rasheed Malik from the University of Tulsa.

In addition to the loss of the eight players 6'5" Rodrick Smith from New Orleans seriously injured his knee during practice. Although he has been released from the hospital he will be out for the entire season due to his

recovery from surgery.

The Highlanders begin their season against Midland Junior College in the Western Junior College Conference Tournament on Nov. 3 at South Plains College. They will also be playing New Mexico Military Institute in the same tournament on Nov. 4. Non-conference and conference teams are going to be tough this year, DeWeese said.

In order to be ready for the season, the Highlanders are running track four to five days a week, working out in the weight room five days a week, and are playing "pick up" games for an hour and a half each weekday. DeWeese also plans to use the same fast-break offense that scored an average of almost 100 points per game last season. His defense will also be the same as last year's, the man-to-man defense.

The only tournament hosted by the Highlanders this year will be the Subway Tip-off Tournament on Nov. 10-11. The colleges that plan to attend are Temple Junior College, Lee College in Houston, and Paris Junior College.

The only other tournament that the team plans to attend, besides the one at South Plains College, is the Rebel Roundup hosted by Lee College in November.

DeWeese expects the offensive unit to score with more ease than last season's squad, but the team may lack rebounding power. He also expects the defensive unit to be much like last year's.

Any home game is free to any student or faculty member with proper MCC identification.

ENTERTAINMENT

Simon's 'Biloxi Blues' runs Oct. 5-7, 'Agnes of God' scheduled Oct. 13-14

By MELANIE SANCHEZ

The theater department is working hard on the season's opening of "Biloxi Blues," Neil Simon's touching comedy about youth, love and life.

The show opens Oct. 5, and will run through Oct. 7. All shows open at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"Biloxi Blues" is the second play in the biographical trilogy about Eugene Morris Jerome, the alter ego of Neil Simon.

The story opens in 1943 when young Jerome is an Army recruit on his way to boot camp during WW II. Jerome's mind is set on living life and becoming a man. On the way to Biloxi, Jerome meets a group of men with different backgrounds who will change his life in the deepest ways.

Throughout the play Jerome faces the ups and downs of army life. For the first time he sees

prejudices and how horrible it can be. Being accepted is important to Jerome, yet his morals are so strong. He and the men struggle between being their "own person" and being what others perceive them.

Through it all Jerome makes it through his first encounter with lust and his first encounter with love.

Lead double-cast

The cast is working with a new strategy this year. The part of Eugene Jerome has been double cast. Will Brunson will perform as Jerome for two performances, and Jamison Driakill will perform two performances.

The cast includes Richard Ramsey as Epstein, Ethan Chappell as Toomey, Jake Davis as Wykowski, and James Bergauer as Solridge.

Also in the cast is Patrick Kyle as Carney, Beelle Bailey as

Hennesey, Nikki Johnson as Rowena, Julie Law as Daisy, and Michael Lamendola in a non-speaking support role.

The show is being directed by Jim Rambo. Assistant director is John Moffatt. Stage manager is Santry Rush. Scenic and lighting designer is Tim Poertner, and costume designer is Jamelle Flowers.

The theater box office opened Monday. Tickets are free to MCC students with I.D. To reserve advance tickets call 750-3500.

Another play Oct. 13-14

Also opening in Oct. 13 and 14 is "Agnes of God" which is being directed by MCC student Wanda Wiseman. The purpose for student direction is this show is so that the students will get the opportunity to view the theater from a different approach.

The play is about a nun who gives birth to a baby and then

Intramurals for everyone

By BROWN SMITH

Intramural volleyball is being played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the gym located in the Health and Physical Education building. Individuals and teams need only to show up at the gym during the intramural period in order to participate.

Couch Wendell Hudson will be trying to start an intramural basketball league beginning Oct. 9 which will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Contact Hudson for more details.