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Just 'Kuwaiting'

Nervous reservists on campus

By AIMEE FARR

President Bush's historic decision to call up the reserves will have at least 37 student reservists "Kuwaiting" anxiously by the phone for the coming month.

"There are at least 37 reservists getting benefits, there may be more reservists, but that's all I have a record of," said Jane Borren, veterans adviser.

Reservists called to active duty in Operation Desert Shield, face personal and possibly financial hardships as well as the dangers of the battlefield.

By Oct. 1, the current recall authorizes placing as many as 24,734 reservists on active duty in the Army, 6,243 in the Navy, 3,000 in the Marine Corps, 14,250 in the Air Force, and 1,250 in the Coast Guard, according to the Sept. 3 issue of the Navy Times.

Not all reservists packing their bags will head towards Saudi Arabia, many will fill positions left vacant in the United States.

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Watkins awaits word

By AIMEE FARR

"The bottom line is - should we be needed - we gotta go," said Winfred Watkins, medical lab technician program director.

Watkins, 47, joined the Navy Reserve as a freshman in college during the Bay of Pigs in 1962.

In 1964, he went on active duty, graduating from the San Diego Naval Hospital School. His first assignment was the naval hospital in Portsmouth, Vir.

He was discharged a month early in 1966 to finish college. For the next 12 years, he finished graduate school and started a family, he said.

Then in 1980, he "had the longings for the reserves" and joined his Waco unit again. Watkins is a chief petty officer in the Navy Hospital Corps.

He is part of a large hospital unit.

"It is my understanding, if we are called we will go at one time - to maintain the integrity of the unit," Watkins said.

"We're certainly on the list, it depends how things develop," he said. Not everybody who is called will see the sands of Saudi Arabia, he said, but many will fill positions left vacant in this country.

His unit has already been briefed, but the reservists have received no definite information as to whether they're going or not, he said.

Watkins' brother, an Air Force reservist, has already been called to active duty in California. "Everybody has been checking in with me," Watkins said.

Medical personnel are among the first to go among reservists.

Watkins joined the Navy partly due to a Navy tradition in his family and due to "a local guy" named Doris Miller, he said. See 'Watkins' on page 5

Trustees approve new holiday, tax hike, budget and post

By SAM ALLGOOD

A slight tax hike and a new paid holiday dominated the August 16 agenda of the MCC Board of Trustees.

A 1990-91 school year district tax rate of 6.40 cents per \$100 property valuation was approved. The 1.5 percent increase amounts to seven hundredths of a cent.

The 1990-91 budget was set at \$17,673,223 reflecting an increase of almost \$350,000 over last year's budget. Increases in local and state funding of over \$426,000 were offset by decreases in auxiliary income and federal funding of over \$75,000.

Salaries and benefits account for approximately 72 percent of the total budget.

New holiday adopted

The latest "Highlander Guide" stirred up a little debate over its holiday on Jan. 15, honoring Martin Luther King Jr., had been added. Some trustees cited concern over the economics of another paid holiday, while others said it was a priority in the black community and would raise student self-esteem.

"It's an issue that has been recommended to me by various groups of employees and a mi-

nority advisory board I convened," said President Dennis Michaelis. "The holiday would have no economic impact on the budget."

Rising insurance costs

In other business, rising costs have put a new bite into faculty dental insurance premiums. Last year's carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, has upped its annual bid 39 percent.

Out of five carriers meeting bid specifications duplicating current coverage, Guardian Life Insurance represented by Gordon Riley Insurance received approval. Although the lowest

bidder, its bid is 23 percent higher than the previous year's accepted bid.

Other business

In personnel matters, the trustees hired full-time nursing instructor Lynn Keegan Ph. D. In today's extremely competitive nursing field, "it's like finding the pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow," said Michaelis.

In accordance with a new state law, a records management officer was appointed. With a mammoth potential for problems, the law requires a plan of major magnitude, said

Michaelis. Willy Hobbs was recommended for the position and approved.

A program designed to assist current credit instructors who lack proficiency in speaking English was accepted. If indicated through testing, the instructor will be required to complete an individualized plan of instruction.

Johnson honored

Waco City Councilman Lawrence Johnson, former board chairman, was presented a plaque and read a resolution commending his efforts in service of the college.

Elected to the City council in May, Johnson resigned from the board July 24 citing time requirements and scheduling conflicts between the positions.

Since 1978, he has been running for the council and said his choice reflected part of his continued development and growth.

New officers

Don Hay was selected as new chairman of the board with Carl McIntosh chosen as vice chairman.

One of seven District 1 applicants is expected to be appointed by the board during its regular meeting tonight.

Cafeteria change in looks, services

By MARC MORMINO

Changes must occur, and this year it was in the Student Center cafeteria.

Dividing walls between the dining area and the serving area have been moved, giving easier access to the food and more area to move around without bumping into other people in the serving lines.

Designs of the wall have traded the boxes, in which students were able to put their books, for a glass wall which enables them to peer into the serving lines.

Colors of the serving area have changed which originally caused objection but has now been accepted as going along with the school colors.

Remodeling of the cafeteria was just the beginning of the construction in the Student Center. The next step is to remodel the faculty dining room.

All of the construction of the student dining area and the faculty dining room will be at a total cost of \$105,000.

Food service has changed since this last spring with a takeover by ARA and Jeff Fillmore, food service director.

Fillmore said business has doubled since the takeover due to a positive appearance and peoples' responses. "I feel there's a 100 percent improvement compared to spring," he said.

He credits the rise to faster lines.

"Speed is the key so customers can get out quicker," said Fillmore.

Fillmore is also in charge of maintaining the dining room's

cleanliness. With more business there is more cleaning. Students should also do their part by picking up after themselves, he said. "Cooperation from the students would be appreciated."

Other changes have been in the menu, with mini-pizzas and soft serve frozen yogurt. Also, new drinks have been added which include Gatorade, Perrier, and more non-carbonated drinks. The menu changes are just beginning for the cafeteria. A calendar of special food for special events.

The prices seem to be high according to Freshman Deborah Ritcherson, "Prices are steep for college kids." "Most take care of themselves and are on a budget," she said.

Freshman Eugene Jackson III enjoys the food but believes the prices were high at first but now thinks it's worth it for the variety of food.

Fillmore does have a "student bill of rights," when it comes to the food served. The notice of rights will be posted on the student billboard. "If the food has something wrong with it, a student just needs to bring it up to the cashier and they will be given a coupon for the amount of the food," he said.

Most of the students interviewed said the cleanliness of the cafeteria needs to be worked on, but by the students.

Ritcherson said, "Students should help keep it clean. This is your school and your mother isn't here."

Jackson agreed by saying, "Other than irresponsible students the cafeteria is kept clean."



SERVING YOU--Student Government President Scott Beckworth sliced and served during the

traditional Melon Cut, a part of this year's new "Meet Market."

Meet Market

By BETH CAPLINGER

All three days of the Meet Market were packed with students who seemed excited and a little anxious about their first week of school.

Students could be found around the Student Center during the 10 o'clock hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday playing volleyball, listening to one of the various bands perform or just getting to know each other.

On Monday, there was a volleyball tournament which ran all three days and was coordinated by Coach Hudson, he also started a sign-up sheet for co-ed flag football. The band Ducees Wild performed in the cafeteria as well.

Many students attended the outdoor concert performed by the Joe Silva band, and the snow cone stand set up by the Baptist Student Union was overcrowded with people. On the second floor of the Student Union there were sponsors from various clubs and organizations who were giving information about their activities and recruiting new members.

Friday, the last day of the Meet Market, had the largest turnout. Students not only had the opportunity to hear Flashback perform their outdoor concert, but were provided additional entertainment by the Dance Co.

The Meet Market was a tension breaker set up through the Office of Student Activities and Health Services to allow students and faculty to get to know one another.

EDITORIALS

Good to keep shuttle

A vital student service, the shuttle bus, was almost the casualty of a tight budget.

The administration came close to making a grave mistake.

Over 100 cars were parked in the shuttle bus parking lot near the Community Service Center on any given day last week. In fact, the shuttle buses could barely accommodate the number of students.

Many already late students suffering from "parking anxiety" walked to class from the parking lot. The shuttles just couldn't come out enough.

The administration was wise to wait and see what the response would be this year before cutting the shuttle.

Students should applaud a college that is protective of student services. Such services should be the last to go under the budgetary axe.

Incubator hatches \$

To Lu Billings, director of the Business Resource Center, it's neither the egg nor the chicken that comes first — it's the incubator. While most of us were on vacation, Billings was scrambling to insure the success of her brood.

Four fledgling companies gained their wings in August and left the BRC, Texas' first one-stop small business center. Three of these fledglings have created 46 area jobs with combined payrolls of over \$100,000. Their combined sales last year have served up a \$4 million economic omelet impacting Waco and Central Texas.

Utilizing the incubator allows a business to almost count it's chickens before they hatch. It has the proven ability to turn an 80 percent small business failure rate (in first five years) into an 80 percent success rate.

Billings' recipe for success combines shared office services with low rent. Fold in a wide range of professional, technical and financial assistance and season with advice from the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Add a measure of time and presto—an unsure business future is turned sunny-side-up.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, in a visit to the center last month where he assisted in "graduating" the four businesses, called Billings a leader in Texas economic education and the BRC a prototype of what needs to be done statewide.

We agree "egg-zactly."

They're out to get you

They've bugged you, taken up your time, tied up your phone and undoubtedly asked lots of stupid questions.

They're the reporters for your college newspaper.

What they do is important. They let people in on the facts, give important information and congratulate good work.

And if you're somewhat suspicious of journalists, thinking the profession is nothing but a bunch of fault-finding busybodies who are out to get you, - you're absolutely right.

They are out to get you.

They want other people to know how neat a person you are. They want a little professional insight to give their story credibility. They want to congratulate something or somebody. They want to know what happened or is going to happen.

They want to let people know your side of the story.

So next time, a reporter contacts you, don't have your receptionist give them the run-around. Ask when their deadline is, and set up an appointment.

Remember, a story is not assigned after the reporter has contacted you. He or she must have that story in before deadline or they receive no credit.

To Our Readers:

Because you, the readers, are the most important focus of our work, the Highland Herald staff would like to hear your opinions.

We strongly urge you to express your views and suggestions on any aspect of this newspaper.

Please submit your opinions in the Highland Herald mailbox in the Student Center near the front door, or contact the Journalism Department at 750-3444.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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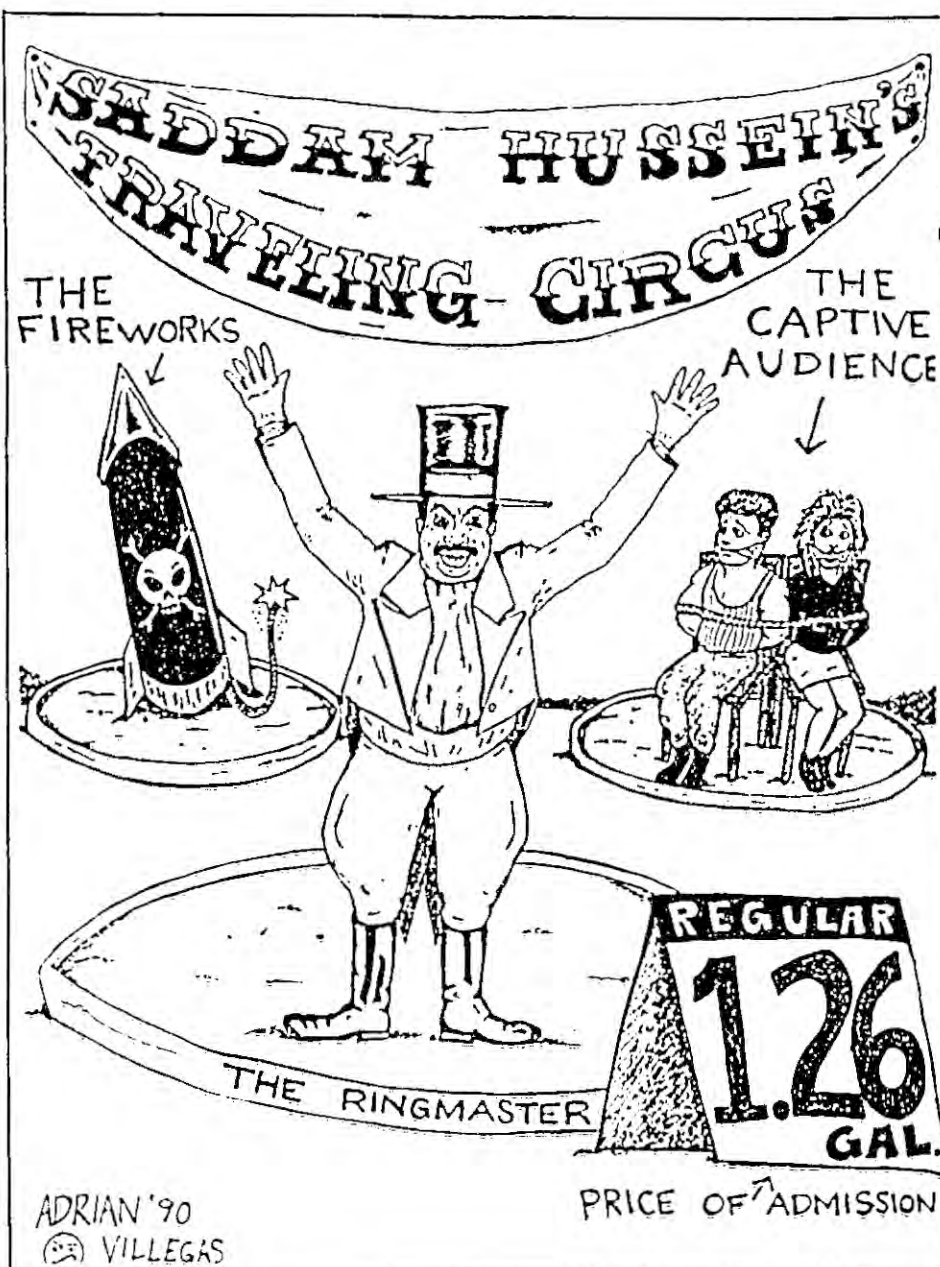
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THE FARR SIDE

By AIMEE FARR

Senior Associate Editor



Due to economic sanctions, Saddam Hussein recently made a public plea, asking his countrymen to conserve or imported goods and food.

This is understandable. However, he asked the women of his country to go without new clothes for a year.

Call the troops home for some good ole' American apple pie and air conditioning. The war's over.

Ask any red-blooded American female, shopping withdrawal can be painful if not fatal. Underneath all those veils, you know the women of Iraq keep up with the latest trends. If you look closely, you can see a pair of Reebok Pumps peeking out from under their long black garments. Imagine if President Bush made such a request. American women would make sure it would be the shortest war in history.

Much thought has recently been given to women in combat. It could prove to be very amusing. We could trade hostages for helpful makeup tips.

Combat fatigues would become a little more trendy, and come with matching accessories. The battlefield would resemble a Tupperware party, only we would be "ooohing and aahing" over small arms and hand held anti-aircraft missiles.

"Oh Sally, that Stinger is just adorable! Please, you must let me borrow it sometime, I just know I could knock them dead in Iraq!"

Of course, the United States has yet to deploy the most elite of special forces, a platoon of Marines with PMS.

Highland Herald Poll

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

Should the draft — be reinstated?



GERRY BYRN, freshman, undecided.

"It shouldn't because I'll probably fail school and have to go."



TRICIA STAR-NES, freshman, pro-mod.

"The draft should be reinstated because we need people to fight for our country."



BOB MANGUM, sophomore, marketing.

"It shouldn't, because I ain't going."



DUANE STEPP, sophomore, marketing.

"It should. If we go to war no one would join the armed forces anyway."



KRISTY GOOD-NIGHT, freshman, bilingual education.

"It shouldn't. The draft is needed to get people to serve in the Army, but not everyone is called to fight or leave their jobs or family."



PATRICK JOHNSON, sophomore, computer science.

"It shouldn't. If you don't want to go to the Army you shouldn't have to."



SHERRI WILLIAMS, freshman, legal secretary.

"It shouldn't, because the young ones are leaving their loved ones and their families unexpectedly."



WINKY FOSTER, sophomore, elementary education.

"It shouldn't because it would take a lot of people who have families away from their homes and make them suffer."

FISHWRAP

By SAM ALLGOOD

Editor



Yea tho I walk the path of a late returning student, it's "slip" of a presence at the end of each semester fills me with fear. I'm haunted by HPE 128. More precisely, by a first semester F in Sailing 1.

Everyone told me then and tells me now that you can't fail as long as you attend class and take the final. Why a F? If I may be so bold as to borrow from former President Reagan, "I can't remember."

However, one watery incident still looms large in my memory. My partner was piloting our craft through the course buoys when a pair of minimally clad coeds lost control of their Sunfish. As if it had a mind of it's own, the boat countered every evasive action we made and continued to bear down on us with a vengeance. Nothing short of disc brakes could have saved us.

In the slow motion feeling part-and-parcel of life-threatening situations I watched the rogue Sunfish splinter then smash our nicely varnished oaken rudder.

Even though they deep-sixed our guidance system, we took pity upon the sincerely sorry (and nicely tanned) fellow students and vowed to cover for them.

Upon gaining land, the crippled craft was quickly noticed by the instructor (perhaps because we hand-paddled to shore for 30 minutes). When questioned we shrugged it off saying "Uhh... we must'a hit some rocks."

Did this cellophane lie come back to haunt me at grade time? Ehh... it's a possibility.

It's too late for me but not for new students. A good first semester will set up all that follow just as a bad one will drag down those following. Beware of ghosts — make that first semester count.

Letters to the Editor

College needs to support programs

To the editor,

As an active leader in D.R.A.W. and MCC's drug abuse prevention program it has come to my attention that the administration here has reduced funding for such programs.

Hundreds of community professionals, students and parents will be denied the opportunity to attend future drug conferences which brought in FBI Director Bill Sessions and area professionals to speak. These conferences also offered L.P.C., social work and C.A.D.A.C. credits along with great public relations for MCC.

It is also my understanding that the creator and sponsor of anti-drug programs at MCC has been moved to a different position which will not allow him to spend as much time as he once did on such helpful programs for the students.

It seems to me that with the explosive rise of drug abuse today and MCC's new federal mandate, the administration would find more room in it's pockets for programs for students who care about being drug-free. After all, our own "Student Fact Sheet" (handed out during registration) encourages involvement in those very clubs for which funding has been cut.

However, MCC is always very cooperative in providing space and utilities for drug-free activities. The community has also voiced support for the drug abuse prevention programs here.

The real key to the survival of these clubs is student involvement and support. There is strength in numbers! They are more than mere groups, they are movements — movements toward a drug-free society. So show support for drug resistance programs and join MCCDAPP or MCCDRAW. Students can sign up in AC-314 (John Porter's office.)

Sincerely,
Carrie Dodd-Martinez
sophomore, adm. education major

Urges students to vote this week

Dear sir,

I'd like to encourage all students to take the time to vote in this week's election on Thursday and Friday.

I'd also like to encourage all students to participate in Student Government. Meetings start on Monday the 17th, next to the cafeteria line in the Student Center, at 10 a.m. I'm running for the office of vice president and hope to make numerous valuable contributions to "Student Power."

Texas veterans have free tuition

and fees for life at public institutions of higher education, but who has told you the truth concerning the Hazlewood Act. I will. Who will teach you the power of the Open Records Act as well as the tuition exemption for Texas veterans under state law... I will.

I'd also like to see a permanently recognized Student Government Office with regular office hours kept by members (I will) that will be available to act as a source of information, referrals to information sources and be an intermediary between students and others when necessary. I envision having an IBM compatible PC with a 2400 baud modem, 40 MGB hard disk, laser printer and some software packages and accessories that I'd like to recommend. Keeping contacts and follow-ups, along with various bits of information would be a true source of "Student Power" and a valuable means of being productive and passing the records on to succeeding student governments.

Well, these are just a few of the many invaluable ideas that I hope to implement when elected vice president.

R. James Corsbie

Calls AIDS edition 'act of courage'

Dear Editor,

You and your staff should be complimented for the recent special supplement "Aids Goes to College."

The clinical nature of the information required to educate people is sometimes offensive to the narrow-minded. Your determination to publish it anyway is an act of courage.

Thank you for manifesting this kind of concern for MCC students and staff.

Travis Looper

Likes last year's final AIDS edition

Dear Highland Herald staff,

Thank you for the hard work on the final edition of the Herald. Sara, the AIDS supplement was exceptional. Sara, you, Sam and Aimee should get an award, at least. "Joe" has copies of the article and is very pleased.

Mon' Tinn, thanks for your support throughout the year. John, I'm crazy about your cartoons and I would still like to get into your head sometime. Keep laughing Elizabeth and keep dancing.

And all of you - good work! Thank you very much for the coverage throughout the year. I feel that we made an impact.

John Porter

Exit exam slated for English

By SHAWN RISENER

Students enrolled in English 311 must pass a newly initiated exit exam in order to receive credit for the course.

However, passing the exam does not ensure a student will pass the course itself.

All students enrolled in Eng. 311 must make arrangements to take the test on one of the following test dates:

Nov. 1, 10:50-12:50 p.m., Highlander Room; 2-4 p.m., Highlander Room; and at 6:45-8:45 p.m., Lecture Hall.

Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-noon, Lecture Hall.

The Eng. 311 Composition Exit Exam (CEE), devised by the Language Arts Department, will be monitored by faculty members and is overseen by W.T.

Pfefferle the chairperson of the CEE Committee.

The department began working on plans for the exam a year ago and finalized plans this past spring, Pfefferle said.

The CEE officially became an Eng. 311 requirement this semester, but has already received success at "lots of other colleges," said Pfefferle.

He cited Trinity Valley and Collin County colleges as examples.

Exit exams already exist in Eng. 300 and 301 classes and since Eng. 311 is a prerequisite for the higher English courses the Language Arts Department decided Eng. 311 also needed an exit exam to ensure that the student is ready to move on, Pfefferle said.

Students would receive their

test results at the first class meeting of the week following the administration of the exam, he said. Students who receive a failing grade may retake the CEE exam during one of the following times:

Nov. 28, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Lecture Hall.

Nov. 30, 12:15-2:15 p.m., Lecture Hall.

However, students may retake the exam only once.

Instructors will not use the CEE as part of the grading criteria in the course, but the exam must be passed to receive a grade. Also, each student's exam will be

graded by an instructor other than his or her own.

Students must fill out and submit a copy of the verification sheet located in the Student Guide to English 311 Composi-

tion Exit Examination, a week before the CEE is administered. It can be purchased in the bookstore. Students should also bring a picture I.D. in order to be admitted to the exam room.

Both the students and teachers are understandably nervous about the exam because it is something new, English instructor Debbie Hull said.

Grants to support literacy, quality

By GABRIEL LOPEZ

Several Texas agencies have provided a total of \$125,000 in two grants to MCC, one to further literacy and one to promote a quality work force.

The first, a \$75,000 grant, was awarded by the Texas Department of Commerce through the Texas Literacy Council Partnerships Grants Program.

The purpose of the grant is to help current out-of-school youth and adults who qualify for Job Training Partnership Act funds and who function at or below a sixth grade level.

This is the second time the college has received this award. Mary Hensley, director of institutional research and program development, orchestrated this proposal for the college.

The Texas Literacy Council Partnership is between MCC, Baylor University, the Heart of Texas Council of Governments, the Central Texas Literacy Coalition, the Head Start Program, the Mental Health Association, TSTI, and the Waco Independent School District. The funding period began Aug. 1 and continues through June 30, 1991.

These funds, under the direction of Barbara Sloane, coordinator of Project Learning Is For Everyone, have been used to develop the Project LIFE program in Central Texas.

Through Project LIFE, literacy courses are offered free to eligible students at the MCC cam-

pus, the MCC Downtown Center at 711 Washington, and the Salvation Army at 500 S. Fourth St. For additional information about the classes, please contact Sloane at 754-6335.

The second grant, "Regional Planning for a Quality Work Force," was for the amount of \$50,000. The funding came from the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Department of Commerce and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Al Pollard, MCC dean of technical education, will be the project coordinator for the grant.

The funds will be used to improve the relationship between

occupational training programs and the marketplace needs in Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan counties.

According to Hensley, the Texas State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee has provided an additional \$15,000 to the original \$50,000 funding.

On the local level, support includes an outright gift of \$7,500 from the Waco Foundation which also issued a challenge to business and industry of an additional matching grant up to \$5,000.

A total of \$10,500 has been contributed in response to the Waco Foundation challenge. The funding period for this grant is for July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

Incoming freshmen get 'Bridge' help

By JENNIFER SIMONS

This summer seven freshmen attended an eight-week course aimed at bridging the gap between high school and college.

Sponsored by the Passport to Success Foundation, Inc., the program, called "The Bridge," was established to provide college-bound students direction and motivation.

Each student taking the course was given a notebook that included four audio cassettes and eight lessons. Through the eight lessons students were taught how to set and achieve goals, how to manage time, and how to become motivated.

In addition to the lessons, two

narrators provided tips for success. Debra Harris, former news anchor with KXXV-Channel 25, and Paul Lara, news director at KCEN-TV, were narrators.

Students who attended the course were Abigail Chapa, physical therapy major; Denise Gaines, business major; Melissa Green, secondary education major; Mark Ruiz, business major; Londrin Tomlinson, computer major; Jack Whitaker Jr., business major; and Shane Williams, computer science major.

After the course was completed, the group celebrated at the Waco Suspension Bridge along with students taking the course from other colleges. Paul J. Meyer, founder of Passport to

'Avoid Rape' program Wednesday

A program on "How to Avoid Rape" will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in the Student Center.

Dance on Suspension Bridge Thursday

The Back-To-School dance will be from 9 p.m.-midnight Thursday at the Suspension Bridge on Lake Brazos Drive. Student identification is required.

Local shuttle in full swing

Shuttle bus service is available from 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. each day classes are scheduled. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the shuttle bus service and park safely.

Support groups begin meetings

The Alcoholics Anonymous Organization will meet at 10 a.m. on Mondays in Applied Science 224.

The Narcotics Anonymous Organization will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays in Applied Science 224.

The organization "Improv" began at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Health and Physical Education 101.

For additional information contact John Porter in the Administration/Classroom Building or call 750-3514.

Clarinet virtuoso to perform

Charles Neidich, one of America's top classical clarinetists, will perform tonight at 8 p.m. at Roxy Grove Hall at Baylor. Pianist Brian Connelly will accompany Neidich. Admission is \$5 for students and senior adults and \$8 for adults.

Supervisory training series set

Supervisory Training, a popular non-credit business series, will begin a new slate of 10 one-night seminars from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 18-Nov. 20. The classroom is to be assigned later. The seminars are designed to sharpen, upgrade and develop supervisory management skills. Registration is \$15 for each seminar; all 10 may be taken as a course for \$70, a savings of more than 50 percent. For more information or to register, call Continuing Education at 750-3507.

Consortium promotes 2-year schools

MCC, Navarro College, Hill County Community College, Temple Junior College and Central Texas College have joined together to produce a television commercial telling the benefits of their colleges. Each college gave \$2,000 to purchase air time. Central Texans interested in information about these colleges may call (800)460-INFO.

Black Fellowship Choir organizes

The BSU Black Fellowship Choir meets at 10 a.m. every Monday at the Lecture Hall in the Health and Physical Education Building. The BSU has choir practice at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the same place.

Next TASP test Sept. 22

The next TASP test will be given at 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 in the Student Center. Late registration deadline is Wednesday. The late fee is \$20. The last test date for this semester is Nov. 17. Registration deadline for this test is Oct. 19.

Free AIDS testing available

Free AIDS testing is available at the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District's clinic at 225 W. Waco Drive on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 1-8 p.m.

Employees meet with president

President Dennis Michaelis has invited any interested college employee to an informal meeting Thursday beginning at 1:30 p.m. in room 202 of the Applied Science Building. Topics will vary according to the interest of those attending.

First art seminar Friday

A new series of four art seminars will be offered beginning Friday. They will be taught by Lillian Lemke, local artist and exhibitor. "Sketching" will be the first seminar. It will cover techniques for quick sketches, still life landscapes and figures. Other seminars include "Human Head and Figure Studies" on Sept. 28, "Oil Painting in Three Colors" on Oct. 12, and "I Don't Know Art but I Know What I Like" on Oct. 26. Each course is \$19. For more information call 750-3507.

Camp Fire garage sale Sept. 22

Tejas Council of Camp Fire, Inc. will hold a garage sale from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sept. 22 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 305 N. 30th St. All proceeds will benefit the Camp Fire Activity Center. Persons wishing to donate items for sale can call the Camp Fire office at 752-5515, or the Camp Fire Activity Center at 752-9460. All donations are tax deductible.

Success; Gladys Hudson, president of Passport to Success; and Keith Bratton, program coordinator, also attended the celebration.

Any boy or girl who is a

member of the Waco Boys' Club is eligible for membership into Passport to Success when he or she begins the sixth grade and is also eligible for scholarships at his or her completion of high school.

New faculty, staff welcomed to MCC

By CAROL WILSON

Eighteen new faculty and staff members have joined the college for the 1990-91 school year.

Diane Pariss, the math lab instructor, received her bachelor's degree in math from the University of Texas at Austin and her M.A. in education curriculum instruction in 1987. She worked part-time at the Sylvan Learning Center for eight years and eight years at Baylor (seven in the library and one as program coordinator under Dr. Calvin Kent in the Center for Private Enterprise). She has also worked as a private math tutor for the last 26 years.

Nona Gordon, an instructor in

Associate Degree Nursing, received her B.A. in psychology from Southwestern University at Georgetown in 1964, her M.A. from Ohio State University in 1965, and her B.S.N. from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1985. Gordon worked as the assistant dean of students at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio (1965-70), a staff nurse and psychiatric nurse in Waco (1978-84), and spent July and August as a health coordinator at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria (1980-80). She has also worked as patient care director and interim nursing education director at Providence Health Center since 1987.

Lynn Keegan, an instructor in Associate Degree Nursing, re-

ceived her B.S. from Cornell University, her M.S. from Loma Linda University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Keegan has worked in various nursing programs throughout the United States since 1969. She worked as a podiatric nurse clinician for summer camp at Camp Arendia in Maine and has been co-owner and director of Body Mind Systems in Temple since 1987.

Cynthia A. Langley, a drama teacher and costume designer, received her masters of fine arts degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and has taught free-lance design for the past two years in Austin. Langley's workload will consist of teaching opera workshop and

designing costumes for two drama productions.

Lisa Lindloff received her B.A. and M.A. in mathematics from the University of Texas at Arlington. She taught high school in Arlington for 13 years, five years at La Vega High School and has worked part-time here for the last three years.

Marylen Mosley, the cosmetology instructor for day classes, received an operators license from Tyler Junior College in 1956, instructors training from the University of Texas at Tyler in 1981 and taught high school in Tyler for the last eight years.

Laura Sorey, the evening cosmetology instructor, completed the operators program here in 1986-87, then returned



Photo by John Kelly

U.S. SENATOR PHIL GRAMM talked national policy while helping honor recent graduates and administrators of the small business incubator program headquartered in MCC's Community Service Center in late August.

Student Government election this week

By GABRIEL LOPEZ

An election to choose 20 Student Government representatives and a vice president will be held Thursday and Friday in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You must present your student I.D. card to vote.

The deadline for the candi-

dates to file was Sept. 7. Names of the candidates had not been verified by presstime, according to the Student Activities office.

The winners of these elections will work with the already selected President Scott Beckworth, Secretary Freddy Willey Jr., Treasurer Stephanie Valdez, Parliamentarian Zana Gibson, and Historian Merrie-Ann Hughes.



By SARA POWELL

Wednesday the Baptist Student Union invites students, faculty and staff members to attend "Prayer at the Pole."

This will take place at 10 a.m. at the flagpoles in front of the administration building.

According to Chuck Flowers, head of youth evangelism for the Baptist General Convention, the simultaneous event at college campuses will be the largest prayer session in the state to

ever take place. It will be a chance to gather for brief prayer "to claim our campuses for Christ."

On Sept. 21-23 a members of the local BSU plan to attend the leadership conference will be held at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas. BSUs from around Texas will attend. According to Jeff DelHay, campus BSU director, "it will be a great opportunity to grow in the Word of God and His ministry and learn how to spread his love around campus."

Fresh faces show promise for Highlanders, 'Lassies

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

MCC athletics are underway with the addition of some new athletes recruited for the 1990-'91 season.

Women's basketball

In women's basketball, the Highlassies have received five new players. Adrienne Dubose and Kim Mays from Waco High, Tracy Harding and Tracy Jarosz from Midway High, and Stephanie Jones from Marion High School.

These players will join the seven returning sophomores and two returning freshmen on

the already strong Highlassie squad.

"I'm excited about this year. Last years players know what to expect for the upcoming season and as for the new recruits they are excellent athletes," said women's coach Wendell Hudson.

Golf's dozen

This year there will be 12 members of the golf team—six returnees, three who have received scholarships and three walk-ons.

The returning players are Gary Clark, Matt Dill, Dino Mozzolo, Terry Nightingale,

Jimmy Ray Sawyer and Rob Wright.

The scholarship recipients are Bryan Lightfoot from Hamilton, who was the 2A state golf champ in 1989, Jason Jordan from Lufkin, who was a member of the All-Conference team of 1990, and Bob Shoemaker, from Lake Highlands, who was on the Texas State Golf Championship Team in 1988.

The other new members of the team are Jesper Rasmussen of Denmark, Kevin Kenworthy of Gatesville, and Britton Bass of Waco.



Photo by Wade Carpenter

'NOW LISTEN UP'—Coach Wendell Hudson gives some handy tips for the women's basketball team in early workouts. The team

includes several promising freshmen to join some seasoned sophomores. First game for the Highlassies is Nov. 5.

New assistant coach named for men's basketball team

By JOHN PESCAIA

It is almost time for basketball to begin again for another year.

According to head Coach Ken DeWeese, many of the players this year are recruits and walk-ons with only three returning players from last year. DeWeese also said that this will be a new experience for him since his players are young and inexperienced.

MCC's conference will consist of Weatherford, Grayson College, Hill Junior College, and a new addition with Temple Jun-

College. DeWeese said that all of these teams will be strong competition for the young Highlander squad.

MCC has a new addition to its coaching staff with men's assistant basketball coach Steve Shields. A graduate of MCC, he has coached for the last three years at Reicher High School. Towards the end of last year, Shields was hired as the head coach at Whitney High School, but during the summer Shields was offered the assistant coach's job at MCC. He has been on the job since the beginning of August



Photo by Nathan Newberry

STEVE SHIELDS joins staff.



Photo by John Kelly

MUCH MORE DIFFICULT than walking and chewing gum at the same time is this drill that the Highlanders are learning—dribbling two oversized basketballs at the same time while running down the court. The Highlanders and

the MCC campus will be in the limelight this year as the school serves as host to the state community college basketball tournament, the first such tournament ever held. Previously, separate regional tourneys were held.

Intramural action

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

Intramural sports are underway. Volleyball matches started the first week of school and flag football is starting this week. To sign up for intramurals contact Coach Wendell Hudson, HPE Room 112, ext. 546.

Former players make pro marks

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

To most college baseball players moving up to the big leagues is only a dream; but for some former MCC sluggers, the dream is becoming a reality.

Former MCC pitcher Rod Huffman was chosen in the 28th round of the baseball draft by the San Francisco Giants.

Outfielder Jay Buhner, who played for MCC in the early 1980s, is the starting rightfielder for the Seattle Mariners.

Craig McMurtry, MCC pitcher, moved up to Arlington where he is a starting pitcher for the Texas Rangers. Pat Listach, who played for MCC during the 1986-87 season, now plays for the Class A Stockton Ports of the California League. Listach is among the Class A batting leaders with 111 runs, 100 walks and 72 stolen bases and a lifetime career average of .271. In 1988, while playing for Arizona State University, ASU reached the finals of the NCAA World Series.

Phil Maldonado, former catcher for MCC, has gone to the Atlanta Braves' organization in the Class AA Greenville, North Carolina league.

These former Highlanders are a few of the many who are accomplishing their dreams of moving to the major leagues and have had MCC as a stepping stone for their success.

Golf Team Fall 1990 Schedule

Sept. 20-21 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 8th Annual Fall Invitational, Leon Valley Golf Course, Belton.

Oct. 1-2 Temple Junior College Fall Invitational, Temple Sammons Park.

Oct. 5 The Third Annual McLennan Community College Athletic Department Benefit Golf Tournament, Lake Waco Golf and Country Club, Waco.

Oct. 12-14 2nd Annual Mission National Interscholastic Invitational, Mission Country Club, Odessa.

Oct. 25-26 Texarkana College Fall Golf Tournament, Texarkana Country Club, Texarkana.

Nov. 5 MCC Fall Invitational, Lake Waco Golf and Country Club, Waco.

Women's basketball schedule

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Sept. 11	Blinn College	6:00	PO
Nov. 10-11	Odessa Tournament	TBA	Odessa
Nov. 16-17	San Jacinto Tournament	TBA	Houston
Nov. 26	Foot Hood	6:00	PO
Dec. 4	Foot Hood	6:00	Fullerton
Jan. 1-5	Blinn Tournament	TBA	Brenham
Jan. 10	Temple Junior College	6:00	PO
Jan. 12	Weatherford College	6:00	Weatherford
Jan. 14	Angelina College	6:00	Lufkin
Jan. 16	Clarks College	6:00	PO
Jan. 19	Hill College	6:00	Hill Country
Jan. 26	Grayson County College	6:00	PO
Jan. 30	San Jacinto College	6:00	San Jacinto
Feb. 2	Southwestern Christian College	6:00	PO
Feb. 7	Temple Junior College	6:00	Temple
Feb. 9	Weatherford College	6:00	PO
Feb. 11	Cisco College	6:00	Cisco
Feb. 16	Hill College	6:00	PO
Feb. 20	Angelina College	6:00	PO
Feb. 21	Grayson County College	6:00	Brenham
Feb. 22	San Jacinto College	6:00	PO
March 2	Southwestern Christian College	6:00	PO

Baseballers have success here, there

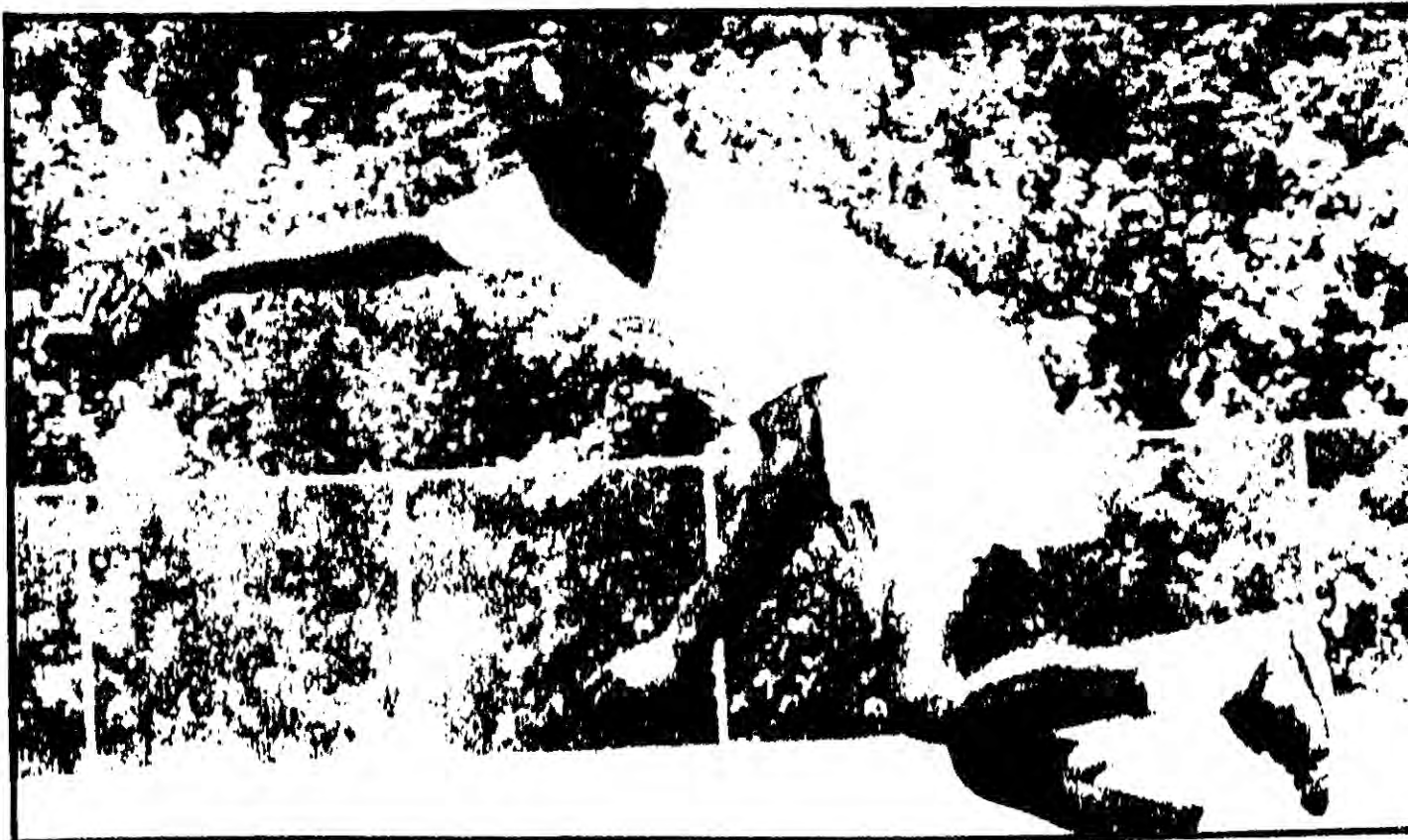


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STRETCHING FOR A CATCH, Codric Allen, a returning player for the Highlanders, works out in preparation for the coming season. The

baseball team has a rigorous training schedule that is gauged to put them on the field in good condition and with sharp reflexes.

Coaches report strong recruiting

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

After a long hot summer of recruiting, baseball coach Paul Miller has compiled what he feels to be one of the strongest baseball teams the Highlanders have had in recent years. Miller has brought to MCC some of the state's best baseball players.

The players recruited for the 1990 season are Kyle Heller, (5-9, 165 pounds), catcher from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene; Colby Martinku, (5-10, 170 pounds), pitcher/outfielder from Pflugerville; Chris Treeters, (5-9, 165 pounds), shortstop from Houston; and Todd Wernli, (5-10, 170 pounds), second baseman from Round Rock.

Also recruited for the season are Sean Wertz, (5-11, 190 pounds), catcher/first baseman from Austin; and Dax

Winstell, (6-2, 190 pounds), pitcher from Plano; and Bert Inman, a 6-2, 190 pound pitcher.

Inman transferred from the University of Oklahoma this year after a 0 record last season as a true freshman. Inman was chosen as a seventh round draft pick of the Cincinnati Reds in 1989.

With the addition of these new players to the already powerful MCC baseball team, Miller said he thinks the Highlander baseball team is headed in the right direction.

Wellness head overcomes leukemia with faith, fitness

By MARY KUJAWA

Jennifer Putty, coordinator of the wellness program for MCC employees, is living proof that good health means more than simply being in shape. Putty is currently in remission after a bout with leukemia.

Putty was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in December, 1988. This is a type of childhood leukemia and is the only type of leukemia that is considered curable. However, it is one of the most serious types of cancer if not caught in time.

At Putty's diagnosis, the leukemia had advanced to over 97 percent of her bone marrow. Her doctors gave her two weeks to live. But this grim diagnosis was not going to stop Putty. For Putty, good health meant an attitude of wellness and a love of life. Wellness must exist in the mind, body, and spirit, explained Putty.

These beliefs were to play an important role in Putty's battle to beat leukemia.

Student athlete

Putty had grown up in California. She came to Texas to play volleyball for Baylor from 1984-1987. Upon graduating with a degree in marketing and management, Putty enrolled in

graduate school in September, 1988. It was in October that Putty began to feel the first symptoms of leukemia.

Putty went home to California on Dec. 17. Four days later, she was diagnosed with leukemia. Until her diagnosis, Putty had taken her health for granted. She had always been athletic. "I had never been sick before," said Putty.

After spending the next month in the hospital, Putty went into remission after the first cycle of chemotherapy.

Fitness helps recovery

Doctors credit her fast recovery to her fitness level before the disease, the condition of her body, and her age. Putty gives credit to the support of family and friends through personal visits, letters, and phone calls.

"The man upstairs" also receives credit in Putty's book. "It is my personal belief that God healed me. A lot of prayers were said. That's the reason I'm here today," said Putty.

While in the hospital, Putty made a lot of friends and lost a lot of friends. Older patients often wanted to know if she was bitter.

"I never once thought I would die," said Putty. "I wasn't afraid to die. I just didn't want to die. I



Photo by Nathan Newberry

JENNIFER PUTTY instructs a class in racquetball. The former Baylor athlete also heads the wellness program for faculty and staff at MCC.

was too young," explained Putty.

From the beginning, the doctors had told Putty this was her fight and that it would be the biggest battle she would ever

fight.

Putty's answer was to call upon her reservoir of strength. "Once you give up in your mind, your body reacts to it," said Putty.

"I had to say, body you're going to fight this."

Putty stayed in California for the next eight months. After staying in bed for three months, she began to slowly condition her body again. Having ran six miles daily before her illness, Putty started with a walk around the track. Each day she made progress. Putty worked up to jogging, swimming, and slow aerobics.

Return to Texas

Although it was difficult to leave her home in California, Putty and the doctors felt that it was time for her to get away from the sickness. It was time to resume her own life again.

Putty came back to graduate school at Baylor in July, 1989. She received her masters in education in May, 1990. During the spring of 1990, Putty began working with the wellness program at MCC. This semester she is teaching racquetball, weight training, and volleyball as well as coordinating the wellness program. She plans to teach two classes in the spring.

Putty has been in remission for close to two years. She is still in maintenance chemotherapy. If she stays in remission for five years, she will be considered cured.

Although the leukemia is still a part of her life, Putty is not one to dwell on her disease. "I do have cancer, but I don't live cancer. I do not want to be a cancer warrior victim," said Putty.

Putty doesn't deny that she had cancer, and it doesn't bother her to talk about it. "I have never been angry or afraid. I did ask why," said Putty.

"I believe that it happened for a reason. That reason being to reach out and help others," said Putty. She believes that people must be educated about cancer research and about the needs of cancer patients.

Considered the "miracle girl" by the doctors, Putty now passes her message along to others. "Each hour in life is precious. Do not take it for granted. Life is willing to fight for," said Putty.

"People should learn to appreciate life and don't sweat the small stuff. Become educated," said Putty.

Above all, Putty doesn't want people to feel sorry for her. She wants to be treated as normally as she was before her illness.

"I'm going to go on with my life and take one day at a time. I have a lot to take from life and a lot to give to life," said Putty. "If it comes back, I'll fight it again."

A successful alumna

Westbrook heads promotion firm

By SARA POWELL

Have you ever heard the saying, "She could sell ice to the Eskimos?"

Sherry Westbrook can not only do this, but anything else she sets her mind to. The former MCC student handles everything from advertising and promoting to marketing and public relations.

Her own business, Key Plus, Inc., recently handled all the publicity for the Miss Waco Pageant.

She is also publishing her own business guide for the Waco area called "BIG," Business Information Guide. Westbrook's goal is for every secretary to have "BIG" next to the phone. It will provide information such as who to get in touch with and for what.

Westbrook received her education from MCC after being out of high school for 11 years. "I don't believe that at age 18 anybody knows what they want to do for the rest of their lives. You have to experience life before you know what part you want to play," said Westbrook.

Being a single mother and

holding down a full time job, Westbrook only had time to take night classes. She also took an experimental course at home over her television set. Business and advertising were where her main interests laid, but she also found time for a fashion merchandising class. This class enabled her to take a trip to New York City.

Westbrook stated that her time at MCC was invaluable. She learned a lot from her classes and even claims to still use her textbooks. Before graduating, Westbrook was offered a lucrative job and accepted immediately.

Since then Westbrook has set and reached many goals. She no longer works for a company but is now her own boss. She has her own office and staff.

Westbrook may be the woman who has it all. Besides her mega-successful career, she lives with her husband and two daughters in the log cabin of her childhood dreams.

Westbrook gave this advice to others who are struggling: "Have self-confidence. Believe in yourself and your abilities. Know you can do it."



Photo by John Kelly

SHE LEARNED WELL at MCC--Sherry Westbrook is owner and manager of her own business, Key Plus Inc., that is located in the Business Incubator in the Community Service Center.

Dean retires for life on open sea

By JENNIFER WARREN

Trading the view from her office window for a view of the open sea, Gail Burrier, the original dean of arts and sciences, is retiring after 13 years.

Interim dean of arts and sciences will be Jess Collins, chairman of the mathematics department. Burrier came to MCC after teaching biology at Texas Tech University for 10 years and 11 years at South Plains College in Levelland.

"The reason we came to Waco in 1977 was because my husband's job was being transferred. He had the choice of moving to Amarillo or Waco. At the same time, the opening for the dean of arts and sciences came about, so we came to Waco," she said.

"I will especially miss watching students go through the motions of changing classes through my office window," she said.

Burrier and her husband plan to immediately tour the Texas coast up until the Christmas holidays. They'll take their time and tour the Gulf Coast up through New Orleans and sail around visiting the North Carolina coastlines, she said.

"We've been planning this project for the last five years. We'll have everything on the house boat that you have in a home, except with a lot less space," she said.

They don't plan to stop until they grow tired of it, or their health fails them, she said.

While serving as dean of arts and sciences, she has also served as past president for the Texas Junior College Teachers Association in 1975-76 and the Texas Association of Junior Community College Instructional Administrators in 1984-85.

"MCC is a wonderful place to work. I had heard good things long before I came here. What I believe is that MCC has quality faculty and staff and it is one of the best colleges in the state," said Burrier.

"It's been a real pleasure and wonderful opportunity to be a part of MCC. I will really miss everyone," she said.

When asked about changes she foresees for MCC, she said that immediate plans for the campus



Photo by Nathan Newberry

GAIL BURRIER enjoys a reception held in honor of six retiring employees recently at the Ball Performing Arts Center.

include increases in developmental staffing and renovations of facilities.

"The HPE building will probably undergo renovations this next year, but there will be other renovations in the future on campus," Burrier said.

Just days before her retirement on Aug. 31, she looked toward the college's present and future goals. "Our main interest in the future is in the recruitment and retention of minority students. We not only want to retain minority students, but also all of our students. Another goal of MCC's is to look at new programs and maintain state-of-the-art equipment for our programs," she said.

"I'm really excited about the innovative ideas that Dr. Michaelis has for the future of our campus. I feel the college will do well under his leadership. I leave MCC with a feeling of ambiguity. I'm happy to be able to spend time with my husband, but I have mixed emotions about leaving MCC," she said.

A retirement party was held on Aug. 29 to honor all retiring employees. Other retirees include Jean Coon, payroll staff; Foreman Nix, custodian; Margaret Page, cafeteria; Jack Ramsey, custodian; and Alta Washington, cosmetology.

White, Mercado to Russia

By JENNIFER WARREN

Psychology instructor Dr. Juan Mercado and history professor Dr. Michael White will be visiting the Soviet Union on Sept. 26-Oct. 6. They will be traveling with other professors and administrators who are also members of the American Association of Community Junior Colleges.

In conjunction with this trip, Mercado has asked his students to think about and prepare three questions that they would like Mercado and White to ask the Soviets.

"There are no limits on the questions we will ask them. Our primary purpose of the trip is to meet both students and instructors to find out how much freedom they now have due to glasnost," said Mercado. "We also

want to learn what kind of programs the Soviets are using in their classrooms that would be beneficial toward our classroom instructions."

When the two instructors return from their trip, they have agreed to be a part of the Speakers' Bureau.

"We're planning on absorbing as much information concerning the past and present of the Soviet Union," said White. "We

would like to see what's now occurring within the country and would like to be exposed to ideas concerning their government, teaching, politics, and changes being made within the Soviet Union," White said.

While visiting Moscow University and other colleges in the Soviet Union, Mercado and White will be discussing a student/faculty exchange program with the Soviet instructors and administrators.

Mercado and White's travel plans will include visiting Moscow University, Red Square, Helsinki, Leningrad, and Kiev.

"We will be traveling by train from Leningrad to Moscow and from Moscow to Kiev. Much of the country side that we will be seeing is where many of the battles between Russian and Nazi forces occurred during World War II," said White. "It will be interesting to find out their version of what occurred during World War II."

White will be researching into the history of World War II and historical events that occurred in the Soviet Union during the 1930s and 1940s, while Mercado will be talking to Soviet students and administrators to find out their policies and viewpoints concerning psychology.

White said, "One of the many things that we will have the opportunity to view will be how the Soviets handle religion. Until recently, religion has been outlawed in the Soviet Union."

In the past Mercado and White have taken trips together to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Spain.



Photo by John Kelly

READY FOR RUSSIA--Juan Mercado, seated, and Mike White prepare for their trip to the Soviet Union where they will study the educational system of that country. They will visit schools and meet with students, instructors and administrators.

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Reservists

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Barren has received over a dozen calls from concerned reservists, she said. Many reservists receive financial aid for college in return for their commitment.

"Medical and Air Force reservists are getting nervous," she said. Reservists who are called should withdraw from class, unless it is close enough to the end of the semester to get an incomplete, Barren said.

Providing they get back from Saudi Arabia to finish the course, she said.

Watkins

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Miller, the son of a black sharecropper, was among the first heroes to arise out of WW II. He dragged his mortally wounded captain to safety and manned a machine gun, firing at the Japanese planes from the sinking West Virginia at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The present situation is a "routine matter" for reservists, he said.

"I'm as prepared as I will ever be," he said. "People sometimes take the reservists for granted. It never dawns on them what a commitment we made," he said.

Cast named for duo of plays

By JENNIFER McMASTER

Rehearsals began yesterday for the drama department's season openers, two plays entitled "Roots in Parched Ground" and "Courtship."

The plays are by an Oscar-winning Texas playwright, Horton Foote. They are from a cycle of nine plays, "Orphan's Home Cycle."

"These plays are simple and beautiful. They evoke images of real people at a very real time," said Lou Lindsey, head of the drama department.

Following auditions last week, the tentative cast for "Roots in a Parched Ground" includes Heather Jones as Julia, Scott Frank as Jim Howard, Merrienne Maden as Grandma Robedaux, Matt Gonzalez as Mr. Davis, Jason Kirkpatrick as Horace, Sr., Chris Navarro as Horace, Jr., Gwyn Robb as Calie, Len Carrell as Mr. Ritter.

Also John Burgess as Terence, Stephanie Cardenas as Beth Ruth, Kelly O'Conner as Mrs. Pendleton, Erin Roberson as Miss Lucy, Eric Harris as Mr.

Verna, Jacob Lowe as Mr. Speed, Lerone Bonner as Mr. Charles, David Ingram as Dr. Terry, and Byron McCauley, Robbie Kozoil, Frank Hernandez, Karen McMillan, Jerry Tucker and Larry Umberger as "the people."

The tentative cast for "Courtship" includes Dusty Ellison as Elizabeth, Jo Carnehan as Laura, Dave Stanford as Mr.

Vaghn, Amy Barber as Mrs. Vaughn, Renee Kroeker as Aunt Lucy. Also Christy Perry as Aunt Sarah, Mike Greenlee as Horace, Keith Adair as Stanley and Keith

Jenkins (Dance Captain), Johnny Dimas, Sylvia Linhares and Kelly Scott as dancers.

Jill Bowen and Stephanie Valdez will alternate as assistant director/stage manager and assistant stage manager.

The two plays will be performed in classic repertory style. "Roots in Parched Ground" will be performed the first night followed by "Courtship" the second night. The plays open Oct. 17 with six performances running through Oct. 21. The next run starts Oct. 24 and lasts through Oct. 28.



THE DANCE COMPANY lead by Capt. Stacy Reeves, provided plenty of action and entertainment for the "Meet Market" crowd.



"FLASHBACK" bass player Johnny Shane entertains the crowd during the "Meet Market" festivities recently.

PEN TWEAKS

By JENNIFER WARREN
Entertainment Editor



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The 1990-91 school year promises to be colorful and entertaining. What with the Kentucky Headhunters, Jerry Seinfeld, the Heart of Texas Fair, MCC theater productions, and the many, many MCC bands playing throughout Central Texas, one should be able to find something entertaining to do besides cruising the "Valley" on the weekend.

But seriously, I realize that there are times when it seems like there is nothing exciting to go and do besides studying. This year promises to be an exciting one for everyone involved.

My job is to make sure that you, the readers find out what kind of entertaining events are happening and where. The Highland Herald hopes to give each department the full and complete coverage that it deserves.

Students within the art department stay busy with a variety of activities such as getting preparing for upcoming art exhibitions, photography exhibitions, and such. The Art Center provides the community with a variety of exhibitions that range from contemporary to Renaissance art.

The drama department always provides MCC with lots of wonderful productions. Lou Lindsey and his group of students are always willing to provide laughs or tears, depending upon the production.

Another source of entertainment on campus is the music department with their variety of country and rock bands. Throughout the 1990-91 semester year, a variety of bands will not only be performing on campus during the 10 o'clock hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, but also around town. The Highland Herald will provide a schedule of all performances as far in advance as possible.

The entertainment section hopes to provide a variety of stories concerning anything that is or will be happening in the Central Texas area. If you, the readers, know of something entertaining that we may not be providing, let us know.

If you like what you see in the entertainment section, let me know or if you don't like what's being featured in this section, let me know. I'll be glad to make changes when and where possible. As I said, the year promises to be extremely entertaining and I think it will be an interesting one.

—A review—

Ellis's River Theatre had 'Oh Dammit' hit

By JENNIFER WARREN

In what appears to be a hole in the wall, a new theatre company, the River Theatre, has been inaugurated with its first performance run of "Oh Dammit," a one-man show featuring David Ellis concerning the life of William Cowper Brann, the editor of the "Iconoclast."

William Cowper Brann, the son of a Presbyterian minister, began the "Iconoclast" to 'tell the truth as I understand it—as long as men can be found who have the stomach for it.' Due to the harassment Brann gave Baptists, Baylor University, and other Wacoans, Brann was shot to death on 4th Street by lawyer Tom Davis on April 1, 1896.

Ellis portrays Brann as a stubborn, unswerving man who was not willing to compromise his views, despite threats against his life. "Oh Dammit," written by Jerry Flemmons, features Brann while being interviewed by reporters concerning his favorite topics: weak-willed newspaper editors, Baptist preachers, Baylor University, & the injustices done by religious leaders and so forth.

The circulation of the "Iconoclast" at its peak reached 100,000 readers with its daily attacks upon Baptists & Baylor University. Brann's life was unique in that he constantly reminded Wacoans that "Waco still has a tendency to take itself too seriously, and there's an unrealistic sense of nobility."

Ellis, the theatre director of the River Theatre, is best known among MCC students & faculty for his portrayal as the General in "Bury the Dead" and Nat Miller in "Oh Wilderness."

"I first got involved in the theatre to improve my speech because I stammered when I spoke," Ellis said. "The River Theatre was created to give Waco a new experimental approach to theatre. Whereas the Waco Civic Theatre, MCC, and the Hippodrome Theatre are limited to catering their plays to a certain audience, we hope to provide a new alternative and a more varied offbeat selection of plays."

Despite the fact that the theatre now appears to be a 'hole in the wall', with a little support from the community, the River Theatre could provide Central Texas with some wonderful & new acting.



"HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD" the Art Center's annual benefit auction will be held on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard of the center. Decorations chairman Crissy Browder stands in front of one of the eight-foot Oscars that will be a part of the backdrop for the auction. For more information call Janna Beatty at 776-5369.

ELVIS GOES TO COLLEGE

BY JOHN DAVIDSON



One of these sets of initials belongs after your name

At McLennan Community College, you can make your name stand out in a health-related field of your choosing. Six programs geared to prepare you and put you in the workforce are available.

If you're looking for a career with opportunities, good pay, and rewarding and meaningful work, look into MCC's health career programs!

Physical Therapist Assistant

2-Year A.A.S. Program

Help patients improve or restore functional abilities caused by disease or injury.

Registered Nursing (ADN)

2-Year A.A.S. Program

Direct or coordinate patient care in hospitals and other health care settings.

Radiologic Technology (X-Ray)

2-Year A.A.S. Program

Learn the use of X-ray equipment in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Vocational Nursing (LVN)

1-Year Certificate Program

Provide direct patient care under the supervision of other medical professionals. Two classes start each year.

Medical Laboratory Technician

2-Year A.A.S. Program

Perform a wide variety of physical and chemical tests on body tissue and fluids.

Respiratory Care Technician

1-Year Certificate Program

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