

NEWS BRIEFS

'Guys and Dolls' box office open

The box office is now open for "Guys and Dolls" which will be staged in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center on Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 26-28 (see related story on page 6). Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for all students—please note that MCC students do not receive a free ticket to this production. Also note that Saturday, Feb. 28 is scholarship night and all tickets are \$6 for that performance. Box office hours are 1-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call 299-8200 for more information or to make reservations.

Twice as many females on campus

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Outdoor equipment classes begin today

Starting today, Feb. 17, outdoor equipment classes will begin meeting Monday through Friday and will continue through March 17. These classes include Multiple Cycle Engine & Troubleshooting Methods which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Also Briggs & Stratton Failure Analysis and Kohler Tecumseh will meet from 1-4 p.m. All classes will be held at the Outdoor Power Equipment Lab, 1209 N. 15th St. For more information contact Dave Wickstrom at 757-1234.

Proposal-writing workshop Wednesday

A Starlink satellite presentation will be held on Wednesday. The presentation is entitled "Proposal Writing Workshop for the Library/TIF Internet Grant." George Huffman and Gary Grogan will present a live videoconference on the application process for obtaining the non-competitive TIF Internet grant. The liberal arts staff and administrators are asked to participate as well as computer, financial and other appropriate staff. The program will be 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Community Services Center room 232.

Business start-up workshop this week

A Business Start-up Workshop begins this week with the "First Step" to be held Wednesday in the Small Business Development Center, located on 401 Franklin from 6-9 p.m. The "Second Step" will be held Thursday and the "Third Step" will be held Feb. 24. This workshop helps entrepreneurs take their business ideas and turn them into action. For more information call the Small Business Development Center at 714-0077.

'Cajolery' on teaching teams Thursday

A Cajolery luncheon will be held Thursday for the MCC faculty and staff in the Highlander Room of the Student Center. Nancy Ray Mitchell and Jerry Jordan will be presenting "Teaching Teams in Teams." A program designed to assist instructors in helping students stay actively involved and focused when they are jointly responsible for their learning. A free box lunch will be available from noon to 12:45. The program will begin at 12:45 and end by 1:30. For more information or to reserve a lunch contact Deborah Garrett at 299-8640.

Watercolors on display in PAC

The Ball Performing Arts Center is hosting the Central Texas Watercolor Society Exhibition until Feb. 28.

Youth Wind Ensemble to begin rehearsals

The Waco Area Youth Wind Ensemble would like to encourage all young musicians to join their group which begins rehearsals on Feb. 22. The group will meet in room 145 of the Ball Performing Arts Center located on the McLennan Community College campus from 1:30-4:30 P.M. on Sundays. Ed Powell, director of the ensemble said that the group which already includes 70 of the best high school instrumentalists in the area has one opening for each horn, contrabass clarinet and euphonium players and two openings for percussionists. To learn more about the group or to audition for the ensemble contact Powell at 299-8220.

Board of Trustees to meet Feb. 24

The Board of Trustees will meet Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration/Classroom Building. For more information contact Fay Gutierrez at the President's Office, 299-8601.

Health Careers Day March 4

On March 4 the Career Development Office will host the Annual Allied Health Careers Day. Several health care agencies from Waco and the surrounding area will be on campus to take applications and conduct onsite interviews. This recruiting event is sponsored each spring for MCC's health careers graduates or prospective graduates. The event will take place in the open area of the Community Services Building. The time is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "This is a great opportunity for our students to meet prospective employers and to get a jump on landing that great job," said Patsy Jones of the career development office.

Starburst tourney March 7-10

Sixteen of the state's top-rated men's basketball teams will come to Waco, March 7-10, to compete in the Starburst Championship at the Ferrell Center. Regarded as one of the country's most competitive tournaments, the Starburst Championship produces winners that traditionally rank among the nation's five top teams. Many of these two-year college players proceed to college or university basketball programs and many become professional players. This year's tournament includes players who have already signed to play for Division I programs including the Big 12. Current National Basketball Association stars who once played junior college basketball in Texas include Mookie Blaylock, Atlanta Hawks; Sam Cassell, Phoenix Suns; Larry Johnson, New York Knicks; Nick Van Exel, L.A. Lakers; and David Wesley, Boston Celtics. Appropriately, "Where Stars Are Born" will be the theme to this year's Starburst Championship. Tickets are \$20 for the entire tournament (14 games) or \$8 per day for adults and \$4 a day for children. The first three days (March 7-9) will feature four games while the two regional championship games will be played, Tuesday, March 10. Tickets are available at the Ferrell Center box office.

Hopes are high for Highlassie hoopsters

By JASON HOSKINS

The women's basketball team continues to fight for a spot in the upcoming region five tournament.

The have put together a record 15-8 and 8-5 in conference play. They need just one more win for a sure spot in the post-season.

The Highlassies traveled to Weatherford on Saturday to take on sixth-ranked Weatherford.

The team had a lead on Weatherford during the first half but the Lady Coyotes answered back to take the lead and never trail again. Weatherford defeated the Highlassies 95-78.

Crucial win over Temple

The Temple Lady Leopards came to the Highlands last Wednesday to take on a

Highlassie team that was looking for a spot in the post-season.

The Highlassies got off to a good start when they built a 22-18 lead with 10 minutes left in the half.

Two minutes later, Temple tied the game at 22.

The lead changed several times in the first half before Kim Williams of Temple hit a jumper to give the Lady Leopards a 47-46 halftime lead.

The two teams started the second half right where they left off.

Temple started off the second half with six quick points to stretch their lead to 53-46.

The Highlassies answered with six points of their own to close the gap.

With 16:23 left in the game Highlassie Amy Pearson hit a three pointer to tie the game at 55.

Two minutes later the Highlassies took their first lead of the second half (59-57) on two free throws from Theresa Tindle.

The game stayed close for the rest of the game until the Highlassies pulled away in the last minute.

With 1:16 left in the game Kendra Watson hit two free throws to tie the game at 90.

The team held Temple scoreless in the last minute to win the game 96-90.

The Highlassies traveled to Plano on Feb. 7 to take on the Collin Lady Express.

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Photo by Justin Braswell

GOING UP—Freshman forward Theresa Tindle claims the rebound in last Wednesday's Highlassie win over Temple.

Scholarships: Up to \$1500 tax credit to those who qualify

By SHELLEY DEATS

MCC's annual report shows that students are the number one priority and year after year MCC's main goal is to expand and enhance the colleges recruitment rate. Therefore the college offers several scholarships to ensure that finances do not cause a problem for students who wish to further their education.

MCC offers various scholarship opportunities which include something for everyone. For example several Departmental scholarships in athletics, speech, music and theatre are offered. These particular scholarships may require "tryouts" for the individual applicant. Those interested in these programs should contact an instructor that specializes in that particular department.

Presidential Scholarships are also offered for all students who have demonstrated past academic potential (B average or higher). All applicants for this scholarship must fill out a free application for Federal Student

Aid and the Foundation Scholarship application as well. Both of these applications can be found in the Student Financial Assistance office which is located in the Student Services building.

Another scholarship program offered to all students is the Tartan Scholarship. This scholarship pays all fees, tuition, study tour costs and provides a book allowance.

Requirements for this scholarship are that all students must attend a colloquium for honor students as well as a regular course load. Applications for this particular scholarship can be found in the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences located in the Administration/Classroom Building. For additional information call 299-8672.

The deadline for all applicants on the Tartan and Presidential scholarships is February 16.

Other scholarships include Foundation scholarships such as top ten percent awards for graduating seniors, Mac Grants and

Pell Grants. Those who apply for Pell Grants are only required to fill out the free application for Financial Student Aid and the distribution of these grants is determined by the financial needs of each individual applicant.

Those interested in applying for the Mac Grant must first apply for the Federal Pell Grant to determine eligibility.

Additional information on this particular grant can be obtained by contacting the Waco Foundation, 1801 Austin Ave., Waco, Tx. 76701, or call 752-9457.

A new scholarship called the Hope Scholarship which is actually a tax credit is now available for students. In order to be eligible for this scholarship students must be enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other program leading to an education credential such as an associate degree. This tax credit applies to expenses paid after December 31, 1997.

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Butler inducted to juco baseball 'Hall of Fame'

By BRIAN HALL

Former Highlander baseball coach Rick Butler was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Hall of Fame, as a coach, last week.

"It's a nice honor for me to get individually, but it's only because I have been surrounded by good players, support of a good administration and school, family, and staff," Butler said.

His induction ceremony will take place on May 22, at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction, Col.

Coach Butler, who won a national championship at MCC, was honored at halftime of the Highlander's win against Temple last Wednesday.

Butler coached the Highlanders from 1971-88, and had an overall record of 624 wins and 308 losses, placing him No. 13 on the all time win list for inactive coaches.

His teams won the Region V championships 10 times, including nine straight, and five straight District Six championships, which then included Texas and Louisiana.

He was also named District Six Coach of the Year five years in a row, Texas Junior College Baseball Coaches Association Coach of the Year three times to go along with his 1983 awards.

In 1983 the Highlanders were

ranked No. 1 the entire season, as they won the NJCAA national championship. Butler was also named American Baseball Coaches Association and NJCAA Coach of the Year that year.

Butler helped the school to produce 17 All-Americans, and four Big Stick Winners, an award given to the best hitter in each district.

Current major leaguers Jay Buhner and Pat Listach, of the Seattle Mariners, Charlie O'Brien, of the Chicago White Sox, and Tim Spehr, from the N.Y. Mets, all played under Butler while at the college.

He has instructed many clinics and camps to help develop the skills of the players that attend them. He also has put together many presentations that he has presented to various baseball organizations.

Butler started at MCC in 1970 as a physical education instructor. He has been on numerous faculty councils and committees, and is widely respected around the campus.

He is married to Sharon Butler and has one daughter, Alleia, and two step children, Day and Craig. He is also a member of the Waco Bowling Association and was named to its Hall of Fame in 1995.

Edited by Travis Eyora

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Two girls for every boy

Females on campus hold 2 to 1 majority

By DONIELL GONZALES

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HALL OF FAMER—Rick Butler is congratulated by Athletic Director Stan Mitchell, while tennis Coach Cernack Berryman looks on. Butler was honored

during halftime at the Highlander's basketball game last Wednesday. (For basketball details, see story page 5.)

CAMPUS NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

'Expressions' seeks creative writing

Creative writing (Engl 2307) invites MCC faculty, staff, and students to submit up to two works each for possible publication in a special section of the April 21 edition of the *Highland Herald*. Winners will not be notified, read the "Expressions" insert on the April 21 to see if your work was chosen for publication. Format — 250 words maximum — Topic: any — Submission deadline: March 31 — Information: Jennifer Black 299-8918/jab/FOB 218.

'Navigating Library' workshop set

This week's PASS Workshop is entitled "Navigating the Library." This workshop will teach students how to conduct research in the library, using TexShare, etc. Any student or faculty member is invited to attend. PASS workshops are held each Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m. in HPE 101.

Arthritis aquatics workshop Feb. 28

The Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring a day-long class on arthritis aquatics Instructor Training. The session will be held on Feb. 28 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the HPE swimming pool. The class will teach aquatic techniques geared toward arthritis patients. Several MCC faculty members are involved in this event. For more information call Mary Darden at 299-8106 or Jeri Sanderson at 800-442-6653.

College closed Feb. 27 for teachers convention

MCC will be closed Friday, Feb. 27, for the annual meeting of the Texas Community College Teachers Association. Classes will resume and offices reopen Monday, March 2. MCC is prominent in the association and has several faculty members on key committees including Rita Spinn, chairwoman, and Lisa Windham, vice chairwoman, of the Social Subcommittee; Cindy SoRelle, Legislative Committee; Rayburn Taylor, Resolutions Committee; Carol Lowe, Publications Committee; Margaret Harbaugh, Nominating Committee; and Michael White, a former president of the association, who is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Nomination and Election Reform. Anna Holmstrom, a former English teacher at MCC, is president of TCTCA. On the program will be Lorraine Stansel, co-chair of the Compensatory-Developmental Education section; and Bill Bane, chairman of the Computer Center Directors section.

Helpers needed for adopted school

As the school year kicks off and preparations are being made to start the Adopt A School Program with G.L. Wiley, Joe W. Fortson stresses that there is still a great need for tutors to work with the students. This year there are three primary focus areas of WISD and the AASP. They include the goal that at least 90 percent of all students and each student group pass the TAAS test. They also hope to gain a 99 percent retention rate that all students stay in school. Most importantly they hope to maintain a 97 percent or better attendance rate for all grades K-12. Fortson encourages everyone to assist in the project and also states that Wiley can accommodate just about any time frame for those who are willing to volunteer. For those interested contact Fortson at 299-8289.

Survey underway for computer availability

Ramona Madewell and Vickie Hampton-Mitzel have composed a survey inquiring about student access to computers. This survey includes information that will help students become more aware of the facilities available to them and when they can be used. Once they obtain information such as name and location of facilities, hours and phone number for contact, hardware and software available and usage restrictions for each computer they will compose a brochure. This brochure will be available all over campus and will describe these facilities. The available labs that will be included in the brochure are journalism, math, science, microcomputer, OFAC, accounting, TEC, nursing, English and possibly music. If anyone would like to make suggestions for other data or know of any labs not included contact Ramona Madewell at 299-8463 or Vickie Hampton-Mitzel at 299-8428.

Former counseling director dies

Dr. Ramon Aleman, former director of counseling services at MCC, died on Feb. 2 from a heart attack. A memorial service was held in Sherman and his body was laid to rest in San Benito. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to St. Mary's Church in Sherman or to the Grayson Community College Foundation.

Cooking classes begin in April

MCC will offer cooking classes this spring that will fit the bill for everyone. Aspiring cooks and food lovers will be offered a variety of five tasty choices in this spring's continuing education classes:

- Great Grilling, 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 16-30, cost: \$39.
 - Quick and Easy Low-Fat Cooking, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, April 14-May 5, cost: \$49.
 - Indian Cooking, 6-8 p.m., Mondays, April 6-27, cost: \$49.
 - Cake Decorating, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, March 23-April 13, cost: \$39.
 - Wine Tasting at The Art Center, 5:30-7 p.m., Thursdays, April 2-May 7, cost: \$59.
- For further information, call 299-8547. To enroll, call 299-8507.

Materials sought for volunteer sewing

The Dorcas Sewing Club is one of the many groups that volunteer countless hours to RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). Along with their time and talent they volunteer the materials to make much needed bibs, lap blankets, and wheel chair pockets. With the demand for these items increasing it is becoming difficult for the club to supply such materials. They are asking for donations of: thread, cans of compressed air, and sturdy sewing materials (terry cloth, cottons, etc.). Donations should be left at the RSVP office in the MCC Community Services Center.

Addiction videoconference next week

KCTF will hold a videoconference entitled "Moyers on Addiction: Close to Home, a National Conversation" for community leaders and to also participate in a follow-up discussion on Feb. 26. It will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blume Conference Center in the Hankamer School of Business on Baylor University Campus. This event is one of a series of events to create an awareness of addiction, one of American's public health problems and also in part of Bill Moyers' Take a Step Campaign. The videoconference will offer ways to address and take actions against the issue of addiction. Anyone interested in attending should call (254)710-7881 no later than Monday Feb. 23.

On-campus jobs available

By ELIZABETH E. SWIFT

Students interested in obtaining part-time employment while attending MCC may be interested in the work-study programs available on campus.

The two types of work-study programs are the college-work-study and the non-work-study. The college work-study program is a Federal and State funded program with \$144,909 allotted to MCC for students who are eligible for financial aid. Though your not required to be receiving any type of financial aid a free-federal-loan application must be submitted in order to determine a financial need.

The non-work-study program is funded by the college, and \$25,525 is in this year's budget. No financial stipulations must be met in order to participate in

this program. Placement is for this program is based on departmental need.

The process to become a part of the program is simple. Go to the financial aid office in the student services building and fill out the appropriate applications. Job placement will be determined by the work experience of a student and by departmental need.

The many positions across campus offer students a large variety of choices and opportunities. Positions range from child care, grounds keeping, clerical work to tutoring, just to name a few. "Work-study students are very important to the MCC campus," says Jo Harrington, a financial aid specialist-student financial assistant, "MCC usually employs 200 students in a semester."

Harrington also stresses the many benefits the work-study program offers students, "They can make money while building resume' material, references for future employment, and the opportunity to form good work ethics."

The other benefits are the hours, which prevent students from working late evening hours. It also allows the student the flexibility to work before, between, or after classes.

Positions are posted the first week of each semester in the glass enclosed bulletin board in the student services building. Periodically check the board, positions come open throughout the semester.

For more information on the work-study program contact the MCC Financial Aid Department at 299-8698.

Finding the right job to suit you

By JAMIE JONES

For students interested in finding full/part-time or temporary employment, a job placement log book is located in the office of the Career Development Center.

Students must sign-in at the secretary desk and then they will be free to browse the log.

The job opportunities businesses send to MCC are posted in the log and include local and out-of-town employers.

The log contains an average of 40 entries. These employers may offer more than one position.

The jobs listed vary from employment at Plantation foods to local law and newspaper offices.

The job information includes

the name of the organization and contact person. Students must take initiative in contacting both. The placement log is updated weekly.

"The program offers paid experience," said Patsy Jones, counseling specialist.

"We've found that sometimes students with undecided majors want information about jobs to earn extra money."

The career development center also offers aptitude inventories.

For instance, a student who is unsure of what kind of job he is interested in might take the Strong Interest Inventory by computer.

The Strong Interest Inventory measures student interest.

In taking the inventory, students will rate eight different sections of interest.

For instance, the student will first rate employment, then personal and onto creative interest.

When the student completes his inventory he will receive a list of the top 10 occupations that fit him best.

Student answers to the inventory are compared to people's answers already working in a wide range of occupations.

"Students who have an idea of the job field they would like to enter use the inventory as validation," Jones said.

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and Discover programs are also available for use in the career development center.

Damaged trees cut down on campus

By JUSTIN BRASWELL

A large number of trees have been cut down and removed by the MCC grounds crew.

Most of the trees removed were cedar and were damaged in the January 1997 ice storm, which delayed the start of last year's spring semester. Several of these trees posed a safety hazard, becoming unstable after the storm.

Other trees were taken down for security reasons. These trees

blocked too much light from nightlights on various walkways and different areas on campus.

A few cedar trees had to be removed because they were blocking sunlight from many large oak trees.

However, only two trees were removed because they were dead.

Bob Park, the head grounds keeper for 15 years, said the process of removing the trees was routine for this time of year.

Park described the wooded campus as "beautiful" but went on to say that it required a lot of maintenance.

The grounds crew have been removing the trees since before the semester began and upon completing the task, they will begin removing the unsightly stumps with a machine called a stump grinder later this semester.

Edited by Jennifer Wokaty

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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The Hope Scholarship allows taxpayers to claim a maximum credit of \$1500 per year for tuition and fees.

More information on this tax-credit can be found on the Web site of the American Association of Community Colleges, <http://www.aacc.nche.edu>.

Basically there are scholarships out there for everyone if the deadlines are met. Since processing takes six to eight weeks all students are urged to get in applications as soon as possible. Recommended dates for each semester are as listed in the MCC catalog are June 1, for all students

applying for the fall semester, Oct. 1, for spring semester and April 1, for summer terms.

For more information on these and other scholarships pick up an MCC catalog or go by the Student Services building and pick up the Financial Assistance Information Brochure. These sources list various forms of information such as what kind of scholarships are available, specific requirements for eligibility and how to apply. For those students wishing to speak with someone about financial assistance in general contact the Office of Financial Assistance at 299-8698.

Library's elevator ready by March

By LORIANN LODEN

The elevator in the Library, which has been out-of-service since last semester, is due to be repaired sometime next month.

Plans had been made to repair the elevator before it broke down. Now the parts are on order, and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of March "if everything goes according to schedule," said Ramona Madewell, assistant director of library services.

Madewell also indicated the loss of elevator service has not posed a problem for anyone, including handicapped students.

A prominent sign posted next to the elevator reads, "Elevator out of order. Please notify staff

at the Circulation Desk if you need assistance retrieving materials from basement or 2nd floor."

Madewell said that few handicapped students had requested help in the Library since the elevator has been broken. Due to the helpful databases found on the library's main floor, it enables students to pull up full text articles and excerpts to find what they need without traveling floor to floor.

Madewell checked with other librarians and said no complaints have been made, but the library staff does miss the hoist when transporting bundles of books back to their Dewey decimal addresses.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professors understand when times are tough

Voice mail response to the Editorial of Feb. 3rd.

When students are having a problem with their classes, they should go and see their professor.

Many times students will suddenly not come to class because of some problem.

They will miss an assignment and won't show up, then they think they are behind, give up and go away.

But I think most of the professors here at MCC are very un-

derstanding of the kind of things students face, after all we've been students.

We understand how things can happen.

If students would talk to their professors about problems that their having many times something can be worked out to salvage a semester.

Jim McKeown
Adjunct English Instructor

OUR VIEW

Plenty of parking on campus

The Issue:
Too little Parking

We suggest:
Park and ride the shuttle.

Call in:
If you wish to comment on this issue please call The Highland Herald at 299-8524.

People on campus always seem to be complaining that there's not enough parking spaces.

There's plenty of parking at MCC. We just have to use our ingenuity to find it.

We have to resolve ourselves to the fact that walking to class is good and that we do not have to park our car right in front of the classroom door.

The Community Services Center area has plenty of parking. Approximately two to three hundred spaces to be exact, complete with the shuttle picking us up and taking us right to the building

where our classes are held.

We no longer have to park on the curb, under a tree, or in handicapped parking space. If we use our common sense and patience we can find a place to put our vehicle.

Maybe if we all pulled together and stop fighting over the spaces and just look around other areas of the campus we might just find a GREAT place to park.

Maybe the school should put up signs around the main parking areas, that additional parking is available, and where the alternatives are located.

There is plenty of parking.

Keep in mind

Parking bugs me

By MICHAEL GARRETSON

I have been a student at MCC for a little over a semester and all this talk about the lack of parking bugs me.

I know for a fact three places full of parking spaces: the community services center parking lot (both of them), the art center parking lot, and the grass. Two of these places won't even warrant a parking ticket.

Sure their may be a small amount of walking involved, but it technically is parking.

Anyone complaining about this college's parking has obviously not been to UT, Texas A&M, or on a less grand scale, Baylor.

Baylor students have to pay 95 dollars just for a parking sticker, and that doesn't necessarily guarantee a spot. Those kids still have to walk.

Keep in mind the campus also has a shuttle bus that

will drop students off as close to their classes as possible without breaking any laws. I haven't seen too many shuttles around Baylor.

So the next time anyone starts to think about complaining about MCC's parking situation, remember the Aggies, Longhorns, and Bears that have a valid parking problem. Then go find the shuttle bus.

I'm not scared of 'em...

Teachers pull you in

By JENNIFER WOKATY

The day is cold and wet. I'm sitting at a fast food joint, stuffing dry, disappoint fries down my sick, scratchy throat, killing time before my next class.

Staring out the window, I watch the cars whiz by down the road and the thick layer of gray clouds glooming over me. At the moment, I'd rather be home. But, something got me out of bed this morning, as sick as I was, as tired as I was, to go to school.

It could be my grades, who wants to fail. It could have been boredom. That happens a lot. Or, just maybe, I truly love school... Nah, that couldn't have been it.

If anything, it's the people here, namely the teachers. So, I didn't spring out of bed this morning just delighted that I had to sit through two hours of lecture or that I had to take an exam.

But some teachers make you want to go to class. Not because you're scared of their exams, or all of the war scars that you'll receive when you get them back. Sure, these things will keep students, who want to do well in a course, from being absent but will they want to be there willingly? I think not.

The teachers that make you eat, sleep, and breathe what you learn, are the ones that keep you coming back. They are the ones that wake you in the middle of the night, like a bad dream worrying if you've cited all your

sources on your research paper.

I'm not talking about being scared of them. No. It's just that some teachers, if I may use the expression, pull you in and open you up to different things. Things, you might have thought you would never need, or that you thought were boring or trivial.

And, it is to those teachers, you know who you are, that make me drag my lazy, sleepy self from the comfort of my bed and into the cold world.

Edited By Brian Hall

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In a funny way...

She's the boss; or Fond'a Barbarella

By GARY LASSETER

Editor's Note:
This bizarre story was sent to us e-mail, from an unknown destination.

Help! I have been kidnapped! Again! Three men in expensive suits accosted me outside the journalism lab. They identified themselves as "federal agents" and before I knew what was happening they handcuffed me and hustled me into a waiting limousine. They paid no attention to my protests and answered no questions as the powerful car roared at top speed to the airport. A private jet took me east, and my unerring journalistic instincts told me, as the plane

touched down, that we were somewhere in Georgia. I was blindfolded and marched down a seemingly endless corridor.

"Where are you taking me?" I asked.

"To see the boss."

Something about the way that rasping voice said "the boss" told me that I was about to meet one of the most powerful men in the world, some kind of underworld kingpin. Or... an idea crept into my mind as my captors finally brought me to a halt. It might be the multi-billionaire head of a mega-corporation... based in Georgia...

As they removed the blindfold, I was half prepared to see Ted Turner-but it wasn't. It was Jane Fonda, wearing her Barbarella costume and crack-

ing a ten foot braided bullwhip! "SO!" She screamed. "Did you think we were going to let you keep writing that garbage forever? From now on I say what you publish in your crummy little community college paper!" (crack) "ME and no one else!" (crack)

"But what about Ted?" I whimpered.

"TED? Hahahahahaha." (crack) "That wimp? He's nothing but cosmetics. The Turner corporation was really owned by Bob Hope, and he owed my dad some BIG favors, so..."

What a story! My eye fell on the open cellular power book on her desk. I turned on the charm as I backed up to it. Fortunately, one of the first things our cagey advisor Dr. Buckner taught me

was how to type with my hands cuffed behind my back. I just kept telling her how good she looked in "On Golden Pond," while I got this much of the story keyed in. I may have to send it incomplete if I run out of superlatives and she begins to suspect

The message ends here.

Our Editor-in-Chief, who may or may not have become slightly deranged, may or may not have written this story. He may or may not be missing. Any resemblance of characters in this questionable story's resemblance to actual Fondas, living or dead, is out of the question, according to our lawyers.

Edited by Jason Hoskins

Correction: Due to computer error in the paper Feb. 3, we are reprinting this article in its entirety.

Board names Hudson chief

By TAGIFANO SO'ONALOLE
The eve of Jan. 20 brought about a change and added a familiar face to the administration of the athletics department.

During the board meeting, head coach of the Highlanders basketball team Wendell Hudson was appointed as the new Athletics Director.

He replaces former director and golf coach Stan Mitchell.

In order for him to fulfill both his director and coach duties, his schedule for next semester

change. The change will only begin next fall when he takes up his new post.

Even though he holds two important positions, he is equally concerned about both.

"My position as coach will become temporary due to other sports commitments that I will encounter," Hudson said.

Being director has also brought about excitement to Hudson's career.

"I'm excited about the job because there will be a lot

challenges," Hudson said.

Although his term has not begun, he already has his priorities set for the job. As athletics director, he will be seen at other sports competitions, attending several sports functions and dealing with recruiting new athletes.

Despite changes in his schedule, changes in the athletics system is unlikely to occur.

Although he replaces Mitchell, he acknowledges the

hard work that Mitchell has done.

"There won't be many changes in the system because Stan Mitchell has done a great job, and I thank him for that," Hudson said.

As for the standard of MCC athletics, Hudson was quick to comment on it. "Sports is in good shape and I'm happy about it, and I'll try to keep things going the way they are."

Edited by Travis Eyers

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FEATURES

Classroom of the future

MCC teaches interactive telecourse

By TRAVIS EYERS
When MCC teacher Lisa Lindloff walks into her first class, she logs onto her computer. As she clips on her microphone, her computer dials up two other computers. As she looks into the camera and says hello, her students file into their classrooms in Axtell and Bruceville Eddy.

This is how every school day begins for nine high school students enrolled in the two-way-interactive college algebra course, a new pilot course this semester. The program is sponsored by MCC, two local high schools and the Rio Brazos Co-Op.

Lindloff teaches from a room in the Waco Center for Youth, while her students attend her class in Axtell and Bruceville-Eddy.

"I tell my students that if they don't talk to me, I feel like I am

in a classroom by myself," Lindloff said.

Unlike a tele-course, "It's interactive," Lindloff said.

The classrooms are equipped with cameras, monitors, microphones, fax machines, telephones and other technical equipment.

"I have to be completely confident and planned, with what I am teaching that day, because the technology takes a lot of my attention," Lindloff said.

If students wish to ask a question or make a comment they simply press a button on their desk and the class camera zooms

to them and the their microphone turns on, but some students experience "camera shyness."

"I made it a rule, you have to talk to me at least once during every class."

"I try to make it like, as if they were sitting in a MCC classroom. That's my goal," Lindloff said.

The program has aroused interest from local schools, calling and asking MCC to broadcast additional classes.

Edited by Rhiannon Bailey

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LISA LINDLOFF TEACHES college algebra to students from Bruceville-Eddy High School through a series of technological links; including

digital cameras, television monitors, fax machines, telephones and computers.

Construction begins on Highland Post Office

By Betty Zuspahn
Construction of the Highland Post Office at the corner of 19th and College is scheduled to be completed in June.

The post office is a first for the Central Texas area. A "postal store of the future" will be included in the new complex.

Shoppers will be able to buy gifts and mailing supplies in the store such as t-shirts, ballcaps, posters, stamps, stationary, gift cards, and books on stamp collecting.

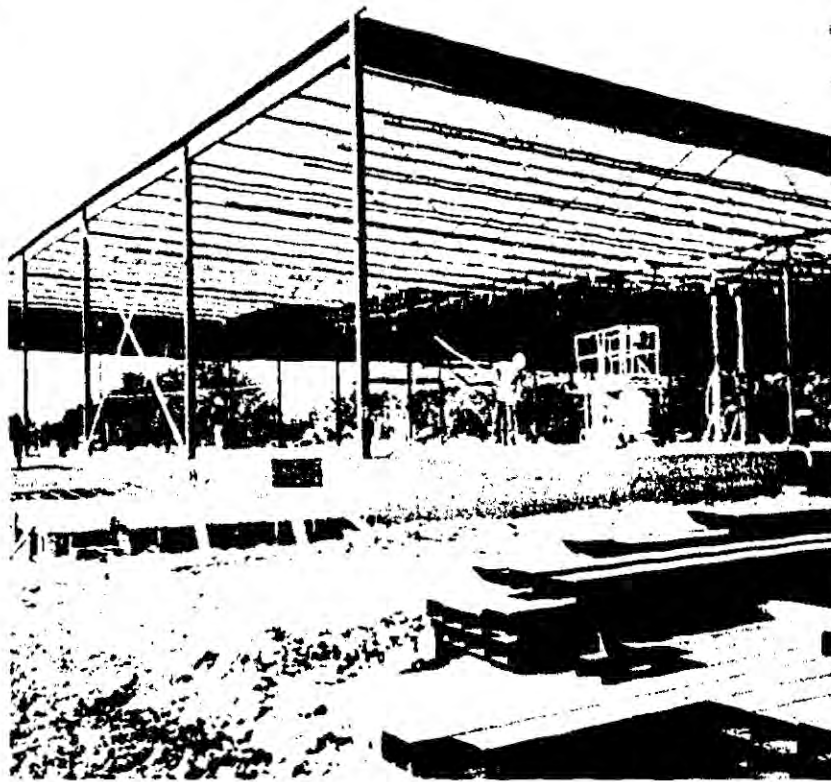
Instead of waiting in line at the postal counter, you go to the checkouts.

The Highland Post Office will have the usual counter service as well as box rentals. The state of the art postal center will also

accept credit and debit cards. When the post office opens in June the Mitchell and Colonial station employees will move to the new Highland location.

"The post office has not depended on tax dollars in over twenty years for its survival," said Steve Kincer, "it is strictly by sales-revenue of postal products."

Edited By Brian Hall



WORKERS BEGIN CONSTRUCTION of new post office located at the corner of 19th and College Dr.



WIKI ERICKSON STANDS with Gov. George Bush Jr. at a reception for new state board appointees held at the Governor's mansion in Austin.

MCC Spanish professor appointed to state board

By JUSTIN BRASWELL
Few people understand the concept of time-management like MCC professor Wiki Erickson.

The 5' 10" native of Puerto Rico is an extremely busy woman. Along with her duties teaching at MCC and TSTC, Erickson also attends graduate school at Baylor University, works full-time at being a mother and wife, and is the president-elect at the Waco Family Y.

If grading papers, doing homework, preparing home-cooked meals, attending soccer games, raising a teenager and following a strenuous one and half to two hour workout daily were not enough, Erickson recently received something else to add to her day planner.

Erickson was appointed by Governor George Bush to the State Board of Pharmacy for a six year term. Erickson is one of 65 nominees from thousands across the state that were appointed by Gov. Bush to serve on various boards.

The State Board of Pharmacy consist of six pharmacist and

three non-related consumer members. This board will regulate the prescription medication and pharmaceutical industry in Texas.

"It's a big honor," said Erickson. She also said that her appointment was based on her sense of responsibility and dedication to fitness and health.

When asked where she finds the time, Erickson replied "That's the most asked question I get from people."

She added that one of her biggest fears was, "failing the needs of family."

Achievement is nothing new to the Erickson family. Erickson's husband, Paul, is a law professor at Baylor and their son, Christian, is the first American in four years to receive a full

scholarship to Duke medical school. The Erickson's also have a daughter, Lynnea, who is a senior at Waco High School.

Erickson received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Puerto Rico and met her husband while attending graduate school at Arizona State.

"I got my mister before I got my masters," Erickson recalls affectionately. She is currently working on her masters in Spanish.

When asked if politics were a possibility in the future Erickson replied, "You never know what it can lead to, but right now my number one priority is to my students and then to serve my state and country the best I can."

Edited by Gary Lasseter

"...right now my number one priority is to my students and then to serve my state and country the best I can," said Erickson.

Library surfs the net

Public Information Office Release

A new Internet connection that allows learners everywhere to tap into eight local libraries will be unveiled at 11 am Tuesday at the Hillcrest Professional Development School library.

Students at the school will demonstrate how they can use the website to access resources and services in throughout the community. The world wide web address is wacolibraries.org.

Participating libraries include Baylor, McLennan

Community College and Texas State Technical College; Hillcrest, Providence, the Veterans Administration Medical Center; Waco Independent School District and the Waco-McLennan County Library.

The site was created by the Association of Waco Library Administrators and designed by MCC and TSTC, which will maintain the site. Funds were provided by a \$13,000 grant from the Waco Foundation.

A reception will follow the demonstration. For more information, call Jane Vargas at 299-8663.

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ENTERTAINMENT

School Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 18 — MCC Basketball vs. Ranger College. Women play at 6 p.m., Men's game follows at 8 p.m., Highlands Gym. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

Thursday, Feb. 19 — College and Career Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Student Center. This night showcases opportunities at MCC. Workshops on financial aid, scholarships, training for new careers and other activities are planned. Call Karen Clark at 299-8657.

— MCC Theatre Department presents "Guys and Dolls." 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, with a second weekend planned Feb. 26-28.

Saturday, Feb. 21 — Carpentry Students Refurbish Baseball Dugouts. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., MCC Baseball Field. Carpentry students will remove old roofs and install new flooring on the dugouts at MCC's Baseball Field during this practical project, which should last two Saturdays. The project is part of MCC's Building Construction Technology Program, which trains skilled carpenters for the commercial construction industry. For more information, call Eddie

Robertson at 753-6212.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 — Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m., Board Room, Administration/Classroom Building. Call the President's Office at 299-8601 for more information.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 — First Step: Business Start-up Workshop. 6-9 p.m., Small Business Development Center, 401 Franklin. This workshop helps entrepreneurs take their business from idea to action. For more information, call the Small Business Development Center at 714-0077.

Thursday, Feb. 26 — MCC Basketball vs. Grayson College. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game follows at 8 p.m., Highlands Gym. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

— MCC Theatre Department presents "Guys and Dolls." 7:30 p.m., continuing through Feb. 28, Ball Performing Arts Center.

Friday, Feb. 27 — MCC closed for In-Service/Professional Development. Annual meeting of the Texas Community College Teachers Association. Classes resume and offices reopen on Monday, March 1.

Saturday, Feb. 28 — Arthritis Aquatics Instructor Training. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., HPE Swimming Pool.

College and Career Night

Public Information Office Release

Students of all ages and their families can learn more about opportunities at MCC, as well as careers that may open to them through college education, at the annual College and Career Night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center.

Directors and teachers from dozens of programs will be avail-

able to discuss career and study options at the college.

Participants may also attend workshops on financial assistance, early admissions and dual credit, preparation for the TASP test, transferring to a four-year college and adults returning to school.

For more information, call 254-299-8622.

MCC Dance Co. holds clinic-contest

By RHIANNON BAILEY

The MCC Dance Company held the 22nd annual Clinic-Contest. One hundred and ten dancers, representing nine different schools competed.

The MCC Dance Company taught a hip hop/jazz style dance to all participants then the contest began.

Division I winners in Home Routine were: Bruceville-Eddy, Gatesville, McGregor, Reicher, Troy and University. Division I winners in the MCC Routine were: Bruceville-Eddy, China Spring, Gatesville and McGregor.

The McGregor "Golden Flames" won the overall best score and got the Sweepstakes

Trophy.

The Reicher team won a Division I rating for their Officer Routine. The Officers were: Captain Brooke Diebolt, Co-Captain Maria Pena, and 1st Lt. Katie Rue.

In solo competition, first place went to Captain Brooke Diebolt of the Reicher "Royal Jazz Cats." Second place went to Veronica Searcy of the Bruceville-Eddy "Golden Girls."

Of the 110 dancers, five special dancers were chosen as "Best Dancers." These were: Brooke Diebolt of Reicher, Kelli McAdams of China Spring, Laine Arp of McGregor, Amy Henderson of University and Winter Hollis of McGregor.

Edited by Betty Zuspahn

Continuing education classes offered

Public Information Office Release

Area residents still have time to improve their computer skills and learn more about their hobbies through the continuing education classes offered this spring, including these computer courses:

Computer Literacy, 6-8:40 p.m. Thursdays, March 26-April 23, cost: \$49.

Introduction to Microcomputers (three sections), 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 17-April 16, cost: \$79. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 21-April 25, cost: \$79. 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 21-April 4, cost: \$39.

Internet (short course) 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, May 2-23, cost: \$49.

Access ^Q97, 6-8:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, April 20-May 13, cost: \$64.

Exploring Windows ^Q95 (two sections), 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 24-March 5, cost: \$49.

Introduction to Word ^R97 (two sections), 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 21-April 18, cost: \$59; or 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays

and Thursdays, April 21-May 14, cost: \$64.

Excel ^Q97 (two sections), 6-8:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, March 16-April 15, cost: \$79; or 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, April 18-May 9, cost: \$49.

And for the hobbyist, courses beginning soon include: **Black and White Photography**, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, March 21-May 30, cost: \$119 (plus supplies).

Gardening With Perennials, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, April 2-23, cost: \$29.

Home Theme Decorating, 6-8 p.m., Mondays, March 16-April 20, cost: \$79 (includes some supplies).

Silk & Fresh Flower Arranging, 6-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, April 16-May 14, cost: \$69 (includes some supplies).

Interior Decorating, 6-8 p.m., Wednesdays, April 1-May 6, cost: \$29.

Intermediate Silversmithing, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 17-April 7, cost: \$49 (includes some silver).

'Guys and Dolls' to open

Broadway classic brought to the college for six performances

By MICHAEL GARRETSON

"Guys and Dolls" has finally arrived.

The college's first showing of the Broadway classic will be at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday at the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center. Additional performances will also be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and on Feb. 27.

"Guys and Dolls" is the tale of Sky Masterson, played by Ben Cole, and his courting of Miss Sarah Brown, played by Tammy Gibson.

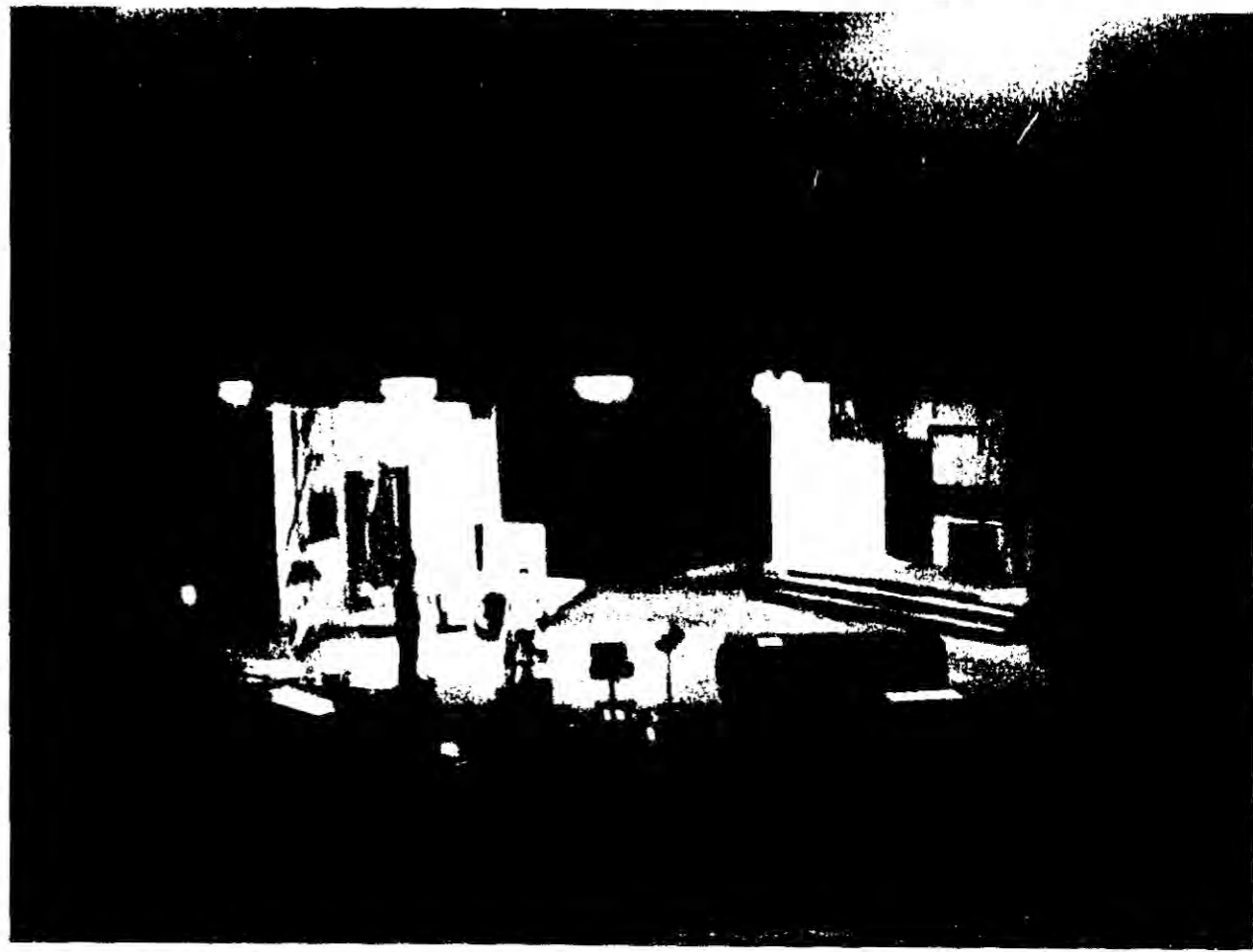
Production on the heralded musical began in early January. The cast, which has 37 members, were also responsible for making all the props and costumes.

Cast members for the musical are Hotbox Dancer Molly Adams, Company member Elizabeth Ballard, Mission Bandmember Jeff Barnett, Dance/Company member Ellen Jane Borg, Understudy of Lt.

Brannigan, Dana Boesen, Ceren Justin who plays Joey Biltmore, Ben Cole playing Sky Masterson, and Mandy Connor (position unavailable).

Also in the cast are Hotbox Dancer Brandi Dacus, Mission Bandmember Laura Fry, Company member Trista Furman, Mission Bandmember Misty Garretson, Dance/Company member Leslie Garner, Tammy Gibson, who plays Sarah Brown, Tiffani Ginn, who plays Miss Adelaide, Company member Andy Gosnell, Randy Hatfield, who plays Nathan Detroit Rob Holland, who plays Big Jule, Hotbox Dancer Renee Hoffman, Company member Chris Kent, Dance/Company member Stephanie Lavghter, Hotbox Dancer Heather Lesson, and Company member David McConnell.

Also in the cast are Matt Miser, who plays Benny S. Street, Hotbox Dancer Ester



THE SEATS OF the Ball Performing Arts Center are empty now, but should be filled to capacity for the Feb. 19 premiere of "Guys and Dolls." The cast has worked on the Broadway classic since January.

Montemayor, Zach Moore, who plays Harry the Horse, Company member Neal Noah, Michael Pricer who plays Rusty Charlie, Company member Jamey Rabold, Ben Razo, who plays Lt. Brannigan, Company

member Rebecca Renalds, Tim Johnston, who plays Angie the Ox, Justin Seyb, who plays a drunk, Geffory Voss who plays Nicely, Hotbox Dancer Kelly Wade, West Warren who plays Arvide, and Hotbox Dancer Bess

Worley. The play is directed by Jerry MacLaughlin. Karen Albrecht is the conductor and music director. Scott Tucker is the pianist, and Jason Caballero is the stage manager.

Students show off talent and win money at MCC art exhibition

By RHIANNON BAILEY
The Annual Student Art Exhibition started last Wednesday and will continue through Mar. 4 in the Visual Arts Gallery.

Out of 55 entries from 24 students, Juror John Hancock picked 23 for exhibition.

John Hancock awarded \$200 to four participants. Michael Smith was awarded \$100 for Triptych. Tina M. Turner was awarded \$50 for Bones. Merit Awards of \$25 each were given to Melissa Johnson for Untitled and Isral Robertson for My Girl.

All MCC students were eligible.

They were allowed three en-

tries from any media except any artwork previously exhibited in MCC competition.

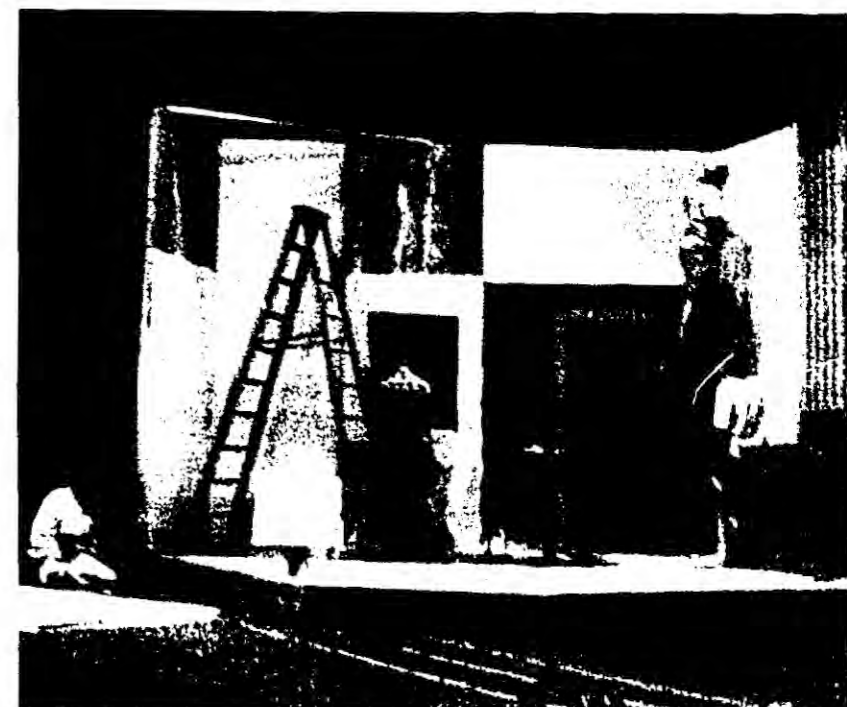
"This is a good opportunity for students to have their works displayed outside of class in an exhibit," said John Chatmas. This could also help to transfer to another college.

One past judge included all entries as to not discourage young artist.

John Chatmas quoted John Hancock as saying "What is of value today will be different tomorrow."

Edited by Justin Braswell

"This is a good opportunity for students to have their works displayed outside of class in an exhibit."



CAST MEMBERS OF "GUYS AND DOLLS" prepare a set for the upcoming premiere of the show. Duties for cast members include building the sets shown above and making costumes, as well as their acting responsibilities.

'Reluctant Dragon'

By RHIANNON BAILEY
MCC Opera Workshop's next production will be the "Reluctant Dragon."

It will be performed privately April 1-3 for area schools. It will be open to the public at 7:30 on April 1 in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

The show costs \$5 for the general public, \$2 for students and is free to MCC students.

The story is about a poetry-writing dragon who everyone is

afraid of, so a knight is hired to kill him, but the dragon and knight soon bond; this makes for a comical production.

It is a funny show with "a great big guy in a dragon suit," Lise Uhl said.

Edited by Travis Evers

"a great big guy in a dragon suit"

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