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We want to express our sincere THANKS to Herb McKinley, whose chaparral painting became the source for the new artwork, as shown above, on the cover of our new issue!

THANKS TO COMMUNITY, ABELL-HANGER AND MC EMPLOYEE SUPPORT, MC ACHIEVES FUNDRAISING GOAL

The dream of donor Molly Parsley to honor her late parents, Leona and John Fox, is well on its way to becoming reality with construction of the Fox Science Building, scheduled to begin in January 2004. Molly gave the initial gift to begin the campaign, which continued with the Abell-Hanger Foundation's challenge grant of \$1 million if the college raised a total of \$4 million by June 30, 2003. The campaign ended successfully this June with \$5.34 million raised.

Of that amount, \$5 million will be used for construction and the remainder will be used for essential equipment in the facility. The fundraising project generated widespread support from the community as well as from members of the Midland College family of faculty, staff and administrators.

The new building will update classrooms and laboratories used by anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and general biology students. New equipment and facilities will help Midland College meet the high demand for employees training in health-related fields. The project also has received funding from The United States Department of Education Title V Hispanic Serving Institutions Cooperative Arrangement Grant.

*Construct
Update*

For information about the Dollye Neal Chapel and the new pedestrian bridge linking the campus and Midland Community Theatre, please see page 2.



“The people at MC are concerned about you. The teachers and administrators are concerned about you, and they are available.”

– Midland College
‘Success Story’
Chris Brian
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The Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series

presents

Dr. Michael Berenbaum

speaking at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23

The Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series

presents

The Moscow Boys Choir

performing at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22



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Both events will be held at Midland College's Al G. Langford Chaparral Center.

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Midlanders bring Indian traditions to local audience

THE MUSIC OF INDIA is one of the oldest unbroken musical traditions in the world. On Aug. 18,

Vithal and Kay Pai (pictured right) brought three artists from India to help celebrate that tradition. The musicians (from left) — **Gouri Sankar on the tabla; Indrajit Banerjee on the sitar; and Shankar P. Bhattacharyya on the sarode** — performed to an appreciative audience of almost 200 people. The concert was free and sponsored by the Pais and the Midland College Music Department.



Burlington employees continue tradition of giving to MC



VALENTIN GOMEZ (center), administrative services supervisor for Burlington Resources, hands a \$12,500 check for MC's planned Fox Science Building to Will Green, president of the Midland College Board of Trustees. MC President David Daniel looks on.

This check is the 10th of Burlington Resources' gifts to the college for building projects.

These gifts total \$148,000 and have helped Midland College remodel the Cogdell Learning Center and build the Dorothy & Todd Aaron Medical Science Building.

Construction has started on the **Dollye Neal Chapel** (shown lower right), with an anticipated completion date of December 2003. The Chapel and an operating endowment are made possible through a generous gift from **Dollye Neal Ballenger**.



A pedestrian bridge connecting the campus and Midland Community Theatre will be under construction shortly. **Marie Hall, a Midland College Foundation Board member,** has made the bridge a reality with a charitable gift.

Construction Update

'A whole new paradigm': Education opened doors for former student

“**W**hen Chris Brian walked into Dr. Will Morris' office at Midland College in 1998, he had a wife, two children, a thriving martial arts business, a black belt in karate, a plan to teach martial arts classes at Midland College — and a 10th grade education.

Today Chris Brian has a wife, two children, a thriving martial arts business, two thriving martial arts classes at MC, a 4th degree black belt in karate, an associate's degree with honors from MC and 16 hours left to finish a bachelor's degree.

And, he's so full of energy and enthusiasm to begin his future, that he paces as he outlines his plans: teaching special education children; taking his skills into the classroom; watching his business grow; and giving back to the community through volunteer work.

“I have a knack for teaching. I love it,” he said. A year from now, Brian said he hopes to have his bachelor's degree and begin teaching special education in the public schools.

Brian was an honor student at his California high school when he dropped out to follow his dream of being a rock

musician.

The door to education opened again when Brian approached Dr. William Morris, dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences at MC, about teaching martial arts classes through MC's physical education program. Morris said he liked the idea but told Brian he first had to get his G.E.D. and start work towards an associate's degree.

With encouragement from his wife and non-stop studying, **Brian passed his G.E.D. and TASP (the state-mandated test for entering college freshman) in six weeks, and enrolled in college classes.**

He graduated from MC in 2001 with a 3.95 grade point average. He made the President's List (a 4.0 GPA for the semester) three times and the Dean's List (a 3.5 GPA or better for the semester) one time.

And, he qualified for an Abell-Hanger



Brian and a young martial arts student

Scholarship to continue his education at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where he also is an honors student with a 3.94 GPA.

With college classes came success. **“I've learned a total new paradigm.** I've changed my teaching method (in his martial arts studio). I've changed my whole business,” he said.

Since 1998 Brian has put his philosophy of “good things happen to people who work hard” into overdrive. He has run his business, taught martial arts classes at MC, set aside time for his family and taken 12 to 13 hours of college classes each semester.

“I loved my classes at Midland College,” he said. He gives special thanks to Math Lab instructor Laura Van Husen, biology instructor Claudia Hinds and Morris. “The people at MC are concerned about you. **The teachers and administrators are concerned about you, and they are available.**” Now Brian says he has options and skills he can take anywhere. “The doors education opens are incredible.”



Fulbright award sends Jacobs to Thailand for cultural exchange



A Midland College administrator will spend six weeks in Thailand this fall as part of the United States government's premier international educational exchange program.

Dr. Stan Jacobs, associate vice president of instruction, has been selected for a Fulbright Administrator Exchange award. Jacobs will be at Bangkok's King Mongkut Institute of Technology from Oct. 27 to Dec. 5.

Jacobs will partner with Ms. Benjawan Ubonsri, associate dean for planning at the Technology Institute in an exchange visit. Ubonsri, also a Fulbright recipient, plans to visit Midland College Sept. 8 to Oct. 17.

A shared interest in architecture is the tie between the two educators. “Ms. Ubonsri and I plan to 'shadow’

each other while visiting each other's institutions,” Jacobs said. Immersing himself in different cultures is not a new experience for Jacobs.

Firmly rooted at Midland College since 1971 — he is proud that he has been at Midland College longer than any other employee — his wanderlust has taken him to extended trips in China, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Spain, the United Kingdom and Western Europe. Also, Jacobs has been an integral part of Midland's “sister city” relationship with Dongying, China.

The United States Congress created the Fulbright Program in 1946, after Senator J. William Fulbright, sponsored the legislation, seeing it as a step toward building international cooperation.

Since then the Fulbright Program has provided more than 255,000 participants — chosen for their leadership potential — with the opportunity to observe each other's political, economic and cultural institutions.



Holocaust studies define Berenbaum's career

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AS A CELEBRATED WRITER, lecturer, and teacher consulting in the conceptual development of museums and the historical development of films, Dr. Michael Berenbaum has spent his career documenting and writing and teaching about the Holocaust.

Berenbaum's *The World Must Know* has been described as "a majestic and profoundly moving history of the Holocaust."

Berenbaum is the author and editor of 12 books, scores of scholarly articles and hundreds of journalistic pieces.

Berenbaum also is an adjunct Professor of Theology at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles and became director of the newly established Sigi Ziering Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Ethics in September 2002.

He has served as the Ida E. King Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies at Richard Stockton College from 1999-2000 and the Strassler Family Distinguished Visiting Professor of Holocaust Studies at Clark University in 2000.

Among his other works are *A Mosaic of Victims: Non-Jews Persecuted and Murdered by*

the Nazis; The Vision of the Void: Theological Reflections on the Works of Elie Wiesel; and *Witness to the Holocaust: An Illustrated Documentary History of the Holocaust in the Words of the Victims, Perpetrators, and*

Bystanders. In film, his work as co-producer of *One Survivor Remembers: The Gerda Weissman Klein Story* was recognized with an Academy Award, an Emmy Award and the Cable Ace Award.

He was the historical consultant on The Shoah Foundation's Documentary, *The Last Days*, which won an Academy Award for the best feature length documentary of 1998.

In 2001, Berenbaum was a historical consultant or chief historical consultant for:

— HBO's *Conspiracy*, which

recently won two Emmys and a Golden Globe Award;

— NBC's *Uprising* (aired in November 2001);

— The History Channel's *The Holocaust: The Untold Story*, which won the CINE Golden Eagle Award and a Silver Medal at the U.S.

International Film and Video Festival.



MC's Taylor wins prestigious watercolor award



Taylor

Congratulations to Midland College Art Instructor Warren Taylor. One of his watercolors was selected "best of show" for the San Diego Watercolor Society, International 2003 Exhibition.

More than 900 works were entered in this year's exhibition, and juror Carla O'Connor selected 90 works.

Taylor has taught at Midland College for the past 24 years. He has an active presence in watercolor exhibitions for the past two decades. He recently judged the Hoosier Salon Exhibition in Indianapolis, the Arizona Watercolor Society Show and the Colorado Watercolor Show at the Historical Museum in Denver.

Established in 1964, the San Diego Watercolor Society has become one of the largest and most active of its kind in the United States. In addition to operating the Showcase Gallery, this organization offers workshops on a monthly basis.

The show will be October 1st-31st at the Showcase Gallery in San Diego.

Sandra Day O'Connor,
Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court,
Tuesday, March 16, 2004
at a time to be announced

Moscow Boys Choir celebrates holiday season

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THE MOSCOW BOYS CHOIR® is a careful blend of soprano voices with the rich resonance of bass, tenor and baritone sound that brings a distinct Russian flavor to the choral experience.

Founded in 1957 this choral ensemble is among Russia's most prestigious all-boy choirs. Under the direction of Mrs. Ninel Kamburg, who has guided the Choir since 1966, the boys attend a special school which provides both general education and musical training.

Members of the touring company of THE MOSCOW BOYS CHOIR are hand-picked from more than 400 students at their school in Moscow. Their hard work has gained them a reputation for excellence as they have toured across Russia, Europe and the U.S. They have performed for heads of state and royalty including command performanc-

es for the British Royal Family and performing with the Presidential Orchestra in Moscow. They are frequently seen on Russian television and were featured in festivities at the Gala Celebration of the 850th Anniversary of the founding of Moscow in 1997.

They have appeared both nationally and internationally on Rev. Robert Schuler's *Hour of Power*, a Ministry program seen by millions around the world.

THE MOSCOW BOYS CHOIR brought their initial *Christmas Around the World Tour* to a triumphant conclu-

sion in December of 1999 with a performance at the White House.

The group's Midland College appearance is part of their North American Tour. This 30-voice, all-male choir will perform music celebrating the holiday season.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band
Thursday, May 13, 2004,
7:00 p.m.
Al G. Langford
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Greathouse Center wins childcare accreditation

THE HELEN L. GREATHOUSE CHILDREN'S CENTER, named to honor the late Midland College benefactor **Helen L.**

Greathouse, is now nationally accredited by the **National Association for the Education of**

Young Children (NAEYC). This association awards the most prestigious accreditation provided for early childhood programs. The Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center is the first child care center in the Permian Basin to receive the accreditation.



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