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From left, Gary Vandergriff of Vandergriff Group Architects, Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust Advisory Committee member Joan Baskin and MC President Dr. Steve Thomas



New Children's Center opens
An important milestone in MC's bond building program was celebrated on April 8 with an Open House for the recently completed Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center (HLGCC), named in honor of the late Helen Greathouse, inset picture, a generous supporter of the college. New furniture for the HLGCC was funded by the MC Foundation and the Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust. The new, 6,000 square-foot HLGCC can now accommodate 128 children, twice as many as the original HLGCC. Licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Child Care Licensing, the new HLGCC offers high-quality care and developmentally-appropriate curriculum for infants and children up to five years of age. It also serves MC's child development, nursing and psychology students as a training site. In addition, the HLGCC is a Texas Workforce Commission Rising Star Provider.

Chad Campbell designates \$30,000 to MC Golf program



Former MC student Chad Campbell designated a \$30,000 contribution to MC's Golf program. The first installment of \$15,000 was given to MC in early April, and the second half will be awarded within two months of accurate reporting to the PGA. This is the second gift to MC's Golf program which Mr. Campbell has designated through the PGA. The first was a \$25,000 gift in 2007 for the Golf: For Business and Life Program. This year, the funds are given through the 2008 Ryder Cup Outreach program. Campbell was born in Andrews and attended MC from 1992 to 1994 where he played under Coach Delnor Poss. He turned professional in 1996 and has since claimed three PGA Tour wins.

Judson family donates mineral and fossil collection to MC



At left, from back, MC President Dr. Steve Thomas and Fred Wetendorf; at front, Dr. Lori Manship, Dr. Karen Waggoner and Joan Gawloski; group at right, at back, Julie and Don Judson; at front, Marilyn Judson, Judy Judson and Evelyn Davis

Over 100 extraordinary minerals and fossils are being donated to MC by Don Judson, his wife, Julie, and his mother, Marilyn Judson. The donation is in honor of Don's late father, Edward, a geologist, who passed away last year.

Edward and Marilyn Judson have been longtime supporters of Midland College, making annual gifts since 2002 for the Fox Science Building, the ATC upgrade, the Chaparral Circle Endowment Fund, the Special Scholarship Fund, the Chaparral Center renovation and the Health Sciences Simulation Lab.

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Students in Philanthropy members with Abell-Hanger Grants Officer Suzanne Thomas, standing at far left of the back row, with MC President Dr. Steve Thomas to her right, and SIP Coordinator Laura McCabe, far left of middle row

SIP awards \$20,056 in grants

“I think it’s wonderful that philanthropy is being engraved on these kids’ hearts,” said Abell-Hanger Grants Officer Suzanne Thomas at the Students in Philanthropy (SIP) annual Grant Awards Ceremony on April 20. The Abell-Hanger Foundation’s generous matching grant of \$15,000 made it possible for the SIP students to award 18 grants to area nonprofit organizations this Spring. When combined with the \$5,056 that the students raised, SIP had \$20,056 available to give to

organizations such as the Alzheimer’s Association and Casa de Amigos. In addition, the students selected the Community Children’s Clinic and the Muscular Dystrophy Association to receive the Dr. David Daniel Award for Agency Excellence.

Since its inception, the SIP members have reviewed a total of 350 grant applications, resulting in 203 grants funded, for a total of \$227,860 in monies raised and awarded to area nonprofits!

Hilda Simmons Levitt poetry contest honors 20 participants

The annual Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Awards ceremony was held on April 23, in which \$1,000 in prize money went to the following winning poets: First Place, W. Ross Feeler, for his poems, “Absolution,” “Before I Fall Asleep,” “I Am Thinking,” “On a Sunday Afternoon,” and “The Surgeon;” Second Place was awarded to Robert Merkett for his poems “Sunday Morning” and “My Mother’s Bus;” Third Place went to Troy Farris for “Invisible;” and Angela Ellis won fourth place for “Unspoken.”

The featured speaker at the ceremony was Thom Satterlee, who read from his award-winning poetry collection, *Burning Wyclif*.

This poetry contest was established in honor of the late Hilda Simmons Levitt, who studied creative writing at MC. Her daughter, Washington D.C. resident Carol Schwartz, was at the ceremony to personally congratulate the winners in the contest, which she continues to underwrite.

CCEF funds new state-of-the-art equipment for geology students



Karen Waggoner’s geology students use their new petrographic microscopes

said Geology Professor Karen Waggoner. “These microscopes also serve the increased enrollment in our courses for the geology major. This is due to the Science Initiative partnership with Sul Ross State University that allows students to earn baccalaureate degrees while remaining here in Midland,” she continued.



The winners of the Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest with Carol Schwartz, at front, center and Thom Satterlee, to her left



From left, Petroleum Professional Development Center Director Hoxie Smith, Gretchen Bakke, Richard Spell of Energy Transfer Company, Lynne Frezza of ExxonMobil and Tony Savoie of Southern Union Gas Services

Bruno Hanson award honors oil and gas companies

On April 13, the Block 16 Operating Group was awarded the Bruno Hanson/Midland College Award for Environmental Excellence at the Midland Reporter-Telegram Hearst Newspapers annual Energy Awards ceremony. “The Block 16 Group has provided innovative solutions to reduce harmful impact to the planet,” said Gretchen Bakke, daughter of the late Bruno Hanson.

MC’s Petroleum Professional Development Center Director Hoxie Smith congratulated the three companies comprising the Block 16 initiative—Energy Transfer Company, ExxonMobil and Southern Union Gas Services—who have addressed environmental issues at gas processing plants in Ward County. Soil and groundwater contamination were found at the site and the three companies agreed on cost and information-sharing to clean up the site and monitor operations.

Beal family honored at Hearst Energy Awards

Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement at the Hearst Energy Awards on April 13.

The Beal’s have been longtime supporters of the college. Their giving goes back to 1974, in the early days of campus construction! Since then, the Beal Foundation, as well as individual members of the family, have contributed to every fundraising campaign at Midland College: the Chaparral Circle Endowment Fund (CCFE), the Advanced Technology Center, Craddick Hall, scholarships, Chaparral Center Renovation, PPDC, *Friends of*

The Beal family was honored with the

the Series, Aaron Medical Science Building, and athletics.

Spencer Beal has been a member of the MC Foundation Board since 1984. During his presidency, the highly successful CCEF was

launched. Spencer was also solely responsible for raising funds for the naming of Craddick Hall.

Beal Plaza, the beautiful, outdoor patio—considered the hub of the MC campus—was named for the late Keleen and Carlton Beal, Sr.



The Beal family

Photo courtesy of the Midland Reporter-Telegram

In Memory of ...

Myrtle Wilson



Myrtle Louise Wilson of Kaufman passed away on April 24, in Kaufman, Texas. She was born on April 25, 1924, in Cedarvale, Texas, to Jim and Texana (Dodd) Mayfield, and attended South Buie School in Cedarvale. Myrtle was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Kemp.

She is survived by one daughter, Charlotte Rodgers; one son, Oscar Kenneth (Ken) Riley; one brother, Lee Roy Mayfield of Kaufman, as well as 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Her son, Ken Riley, is the Director of MC’s Physical Plant. “My mom was a sweet country girl who also had a wonderful sense of humor!” said Ken.

<i>In Memory of Myrtle Wilson</i>	MC Information Technology & Facilities
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Rena Bender



Rena Bender passed away on April 24. She was born April 6, 1932 to Jim and Mildred Winkley in Mobeetie, Texas. Rena married Richard Bender on May 16, 1953, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. After graduation from college—with degrees from New Mexico Junior College, College of the Southwest and Eastern New Mexico University—she taught second grade for 21 years. Rena was a member of First Baptist Church for 39 years. She is survived by her husband, Richard Bender, and four sons, Gary, Rick, Tracy and Kelly, and a daughter, Vicky.

Rena’s son, Rick Bender, is the Vice President of Administrative Services for Midland College.

<i>In Memory of Rena Bender</i>	Cynthia & Art Morales
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Friends sustain star-quality, free community programs

The recent lectures and performances brought to the Al. G. Langford Chaparral Center, free of charge to the public, including illusionist Jason Bishop, and author Bill Bryson, would not have happened without the support of the *Friends of the Series*. For the past 11 years, the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series have presented star-quality entertainment and lectures to nearly 100,000 guests who have attended both series. The endowments, established by Bob and the late Phyllis Cowan and the Davidson Family Charitable

Foundation, have richly enhanced our city's cultural and intellectual life and represent gifts of the highest importance to our community.

To supplement those gifts and allow the College to continue providing these outstanding events, the *Friends of the Series* was established, the membership of which has provided generous support for both series.

Friends of the Series still needs your support and a gift of \$1,000 for 2009 will include you in this membership, which comes with terrific fringe benefits. As a *Friend*, you will enjoy preferred parking and seating at events, a listing in the programs and an invitation to event receptions. At each reception, you will have an opportunity to meet the artists and lecturers who have come from around the world to grace our Midland stage!

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For 2009, individuals who are age 70½ and older can transfer up to \$100,000 from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to the Midland College Foundation—without incurring federal income taxes today, or state and income taxes in the future. The IRA gift amount is treated the same as a cash distribution for purposes of satisfying required minimum distribution (RMD). Each spouse can transfer up to \$100,000. Consult your financial advisor for details.

In Memory of ...

Sue Loper, died Wednesday, March 18. She is survived by her husband Stan Loper; daughters Sherry Barry, of Bastrop, Vickie Pickett, of Midland, Cathy McCullough, of Midland; and brother Travis Springfield, of Crowley.

Sue was a longtime friend of the MC family, never missing Chloice Shofner's (a longtime MC Economics instructor who passed away in April of 2007) dutch oven cooking or a college barbeque. "She was shy, but once she got to know you, she'd do anything for you," said Vickie Pickett, MC

Sue Loper



Associate Professor in Information Technology. Sue loved to read and work in the yard. She was active in the PTA, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts with her children and grandchildren, Heather and Josef. Most of all, she loved taking care of her grandchildren. "She was the best grandmother there ever was!" said Vickie.

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Dr. Eileen & Jim Piwetz
Ema Rivera
Dale Westfall

DAVIDSON

distinguished lecture series



From left, Ken Huseman of Basic Energy Services, Jaye Huseman, Bill Bryson and Alan Krenek

Bryson's humor delights crowd

Bill Bryson, the gentle American with the British accent, kept the near-1,000 crowd in stitches on the evening of April 16. The best-selling author told tales of bears, terrifying plane trips and the challenges (many of them hilarious) of living life on two continents.

Basic Energy Services sponsored the reception in Bill Bryson's honor at the Racquet Club.

All events in the Lecture Series and the Performing Arts Series are FREE and open to the public. For more information, call (432) 685-4526, or see us online at www.midlandcollegefoundation.org

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Coming this fall ... E.O. Wilson

Pulitzer Prize-winning Scientist & Naturalist

"The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth"

Thursday, September 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Al G. Langford Chaparral Center



Edward O. Wilson is a legendary biologist and widely considered the father of the modern environmental movement. Named one of America's 25 Most Influential People by *Time* magazine, and a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, he has made a giant contribution to our understanding of the rich spectrum of Earth's biodiversity.

Wilson's works include *Ants* and *On Human Nature*, which both won the Pulitzer Prize; *The Future of Life*, which offers a plan for saving Earth's biological heritage; and *Consilience*, which draws together the sciences, humanities and the arts into a broad study of human knowledge.

PHYLLIS & BOB COWAN

performing arts series



Reception sponsors Karen and Spencer Beal with Jason Bishop, center

Jason Bishop "wows" packed house at Chap Center

"America's Hottest Illusionist" Jason Bishop performed for a packed house on March 30, astonishing young and old alike with his close-up magic and grand-scale illusions.

Jason was especially welcoming to the many children in attendance, engaging them with his fabulous sense of humor and inviting them all up to surround the stage for his breathtaking final act.

A reception sponsored by Karen and Spencer Beal, pictured at left, was held in Jason Bishop's honor at the Petroleum Club for distinguished donors.

Special Guest Lecture

Michael Economides
Chemical and Petroleum
Engineer, Professor and
Author

"Energy Geopolitics"

Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center



Coming this fall ... The StepCrew

New Celtic-inspired Dance Production

Thursday, October 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Al G. Langford Chaparral Center

The StepCrew is the new international dance production featuring the world's top talents in Irish Step, Ottawa Valley and Modern Tap Dancing, as well as fiddling. The StepCrew takes traditional dance forms and fiddling to new heights.

Featuring a cast of seven outstanding dancers, The StepCrew seamlessly transitions through traditional classics, modern interpretations of Celtic dances and electrifying new compositions created for their debut tour of this exciting show. The 12-member troupe also includes a female vocalist and a four-piece band featuring some of the leading musicians on the scene today.

Coming in Spring 2010!

Marvin Hamlisch

Pianist and Academy Award-Winning Composer
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, 2010
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center

In Memory of ...

Longtime Midland landman Robert "Bob" Hannifin passed away peacefully on April 4.

He was born on March 19, 1930 to Steven and Elizabeth Hannifin. Bob and his identical twin brother, Daniel Steven, "Dan," attended public school in Roswell and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute. The twins attended the University of New Mexico before being called together into the Army for Korea. Bob married Maxine Benson of Sacramento, California on June 7, 1952.

After working 14 years for Conoco in Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, Kansas and Louisiana, Bob opened his own business in Midland and operated successfully for 41 years, mostly in partnership with Lewis Burlison. Bob was known for his keen business acumen, his generosity and good humor, and his unflinching ability to see the good in people. His son, Mark Hannifin paid trib-

Robert "Bob" Hannifin



ute to his father's generosity in the poem, "If and When," which was read at Bob's funeral. The excerpt: "If you find a man who is generous in spirit and money, and in the words of my mother, 'always put his money where my mouth was' and who actually forgave debts and trespasses, you have met a truly unusual man."

Bob is survived by Maxine, his wife of 56 years; his brother, Patrick Hannifin; his sisters, Betty Adkins and Martie Wygocki; his sons, Mark, Matt and Dan; and his grandchildren, Kelly and Sean.

Memorials may be made to the Maxine B. and Robert H. Hannifin Scholarship Fund, which the Hannifins established in 2007 to benefit Health Science and Education students at Midland College.

Maxine & Robert Hannifin Scholarship

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In Memory of ...

Don Cannon passed away on April, 19 after a long battle with cancer. He was born on September 18, 1939 in Wichita Falls to Doyle and Minnie Cannon. His family moved to Big Spring in January, 1941. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1958.

Don is survived by his wife, Donna of Midland; one son, Donny and his wife Amelia of Grandfalls; one daughter, Debra and her husband Matt of San Antonio; two stepsons, Barry Keller of Hurst and Eric Keller and his wife Crystal of Fort Worth, and seven grandchildren.

While in the hospital, Don always considered the doctors and nurses who took care of him on 4E as his "Guardian Angels." He did say on many occasions, with a smile on his face, that all of those who took such good care

Don Cannon



of him could have met at a more fun place other than the cancer wing of the hospital. He visited with them on a regular basis after leaving the hospital just to let them know how important they had become to him and his family.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Midland College Nursing Scholarship, in honor of the nurses who cared for Don.

General Nursing Scholarship

In Memory of Don Cannon

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Bond Construction Update

Scharbauer Student Center Expansion and Remodel

Interior demolition and site preparation is complete. The slab has been poured; the structural steel has been erected; and the steel roof deck has been placed. Interior partition studs are being erected in the remodel area, and interior remodel is proceeding as scheduled. Student Services staff have been relocated to the Allison Fine Arts Building. The Testing Center has relocated to Science Faculty Building.

PE Building Expansion: Slab, piers and grade beams for the addition have been poured, and interior partition studs are being erected. The exterior wall block is being laid

and the interior remodel is in progress.

Chaparral Center Renovation: Door #2 restrooms are now open for use. Door #1 restrooms are being prepared. Prices for the dressing rooms, Phase 3, were presented to the Board of Trustees in April, and were approved.

Fox II Science Building: The interior is nearing completion. Connectors between the buildings are nearly complete. Landscaping is in process. Two new chemistry labs have completed the drawing and design phase, and been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Thank you, Midland!