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Club Fair '07!

Over 15 MC clubs gathered for God, government, politics, sports, math, makeovers, animation and more, but mostly to share information about their clubs, and recruit new members to join in their efforts. Director of Student Services Jan Reed coordinated Club Fair this past Wednesday at MC's Beal Plaza, where the jazz played and the burgers sizzled.

Student organizations have been long-standing contributors to the joys of education at Midland College. The community spirit they inspire is evident on days like September 12 when students, faculty and staff united to open airways, break bread, form teams and give free hair-cuts.

Among the MC organizations represented were: Anime, Baptist Student Ministries, Cosmetology, International Student Club, Intramural Sports, Math & Science, Methodist Bible Study, Non-Partisan Political Group, Nurses, Oikos, Respiratory Care, Student Government Association, Students in Philanthropy and Veterinary Technology.

Among the numerous community groups also attending Club Fair were: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Casa de Amigos, Center for Children and Families, Keep Midland Beautiful and Rays of Hope.

Anyone interested in joining a student club may contact Jan Reed at (432) 685-4543.

Clockwise, from top, left: students in the International Student Club share their information; representatives from the Anime Club and the new Non-Partisan Political Group offer peace with Director of Student Activities Jan Reed, seated at left; students in the Respiratory Care program practice opening an airway; and MC's Cosmetology students display their services



International students awarded scholarships

There are two new pins in the map of the world on the wall of MC's International Studies Lab, one piercing Peshtera, Bulgaria, the other Jakarta, Indonesia, denoting the hometowns of Tsvetelina Churalska and Juliane Christina, respectively.

Both moved to the United States in 2006, but their excellent English belies such a recent arrival. One is fascinated with skyscrapers, the other with chemistry. They have big plans for their futures, plans that begin at Midland College.

Tsvetelina Churalska plans to attend Cornell University, where she wants to study Architecture and International Business. The catch? She has already been accepted to Cornell, but chose to attend MC first. "Texas is one of the best-known states in my country," she says. She chose MC not just for its affordability, but because she hoped to study in a politically charged community, as in, she might learn more in a locale where the President of the United States spent his youth. She also identifies with one of the West's most iconic exports: the cowgirl.

Tsvetelina is already paying homage to the western tradition of traversing wide expanses of land and writing about it. She will not encroach upon Cormac McCarthy and Larry McMurtry territory, for she is *sans* horse, but the book she is writing, *From El Paso to Beaumont*, might still grant her honorary cowgirl status, as she chronicles her trek across Texas via



Recipients of the International Student Club scholarships, Tsvetelina Churalska and Juliane Christina

I-10, hoping to be the first Bulgarian ever to do so.

Juliane Christina graduated first from her high school in Jakarta with plans to become a doctor. However, this exemplary student who loves math and science recently discovered that pharmacy might be the perfect amalgam of her interests.

Juliane has set her sights on the University of Texas at Austin, but for now she loves living with her aunt and uncle in Midland, and being able to balance her studies, job and extracurricular involvement at Midland College. She is able to take all of the necessary "pre-pharmacy" requirements at MC while employed at the Wal-Mart pharmacy, where she hopes to get the experience she needs when she becomes a pharmacist herself someday.

For someone who has only studied "theoretical English"—grammar, punctuation and semantics—in her native country, Juliane's command of conversational English is extraordinary. This is one of the many aptitudes which has allowed her to study at Midland College. She feels she will prove a much better job candidate when she returns to Indonesia having studied in the United States. "A degree from a U.S. school is more recognized internationally," she said, "it is seen as a premier destination for higher education."

Both Tsvetelina and Juliane recently received the International Student Club (ISC) scholarship, which will help them pay their tuition and fees at MC. "They were chosen because of the quality of their application, for their exemplary status in the classroom, and for their work with other MC organizations," said International Studies Coordinator Mike Makowsky.

Funding for the ISC scholarship comes from the club's fundraising activities and outside donations. This fall, the money awarded to these two students is greater than the normal amount. The generous donations made to honor the memory of MC student Paul Inya Ondieki—a native of Nairobi, Kenya, who died in an unfortunate accident in September, 2006—were added to the scholarship fund. This year, the International Student Club scholarships are dedicated in Mr. Ondieki's memory.

The ISC is dedicated to promoting the international spirit among students, the campus community and the local community at large, and to building a truly international community of students at MC. Membership is open to any MC student, staff, family member, or friend who has an interest in the student life issues of international students. Anyone interested in joining the ISC may contact Mike Makowsky at (432) 685-5593.

"Constitution Day" to be held on September 17

MC faculty and students will celebrate the signing of the Constitution, which took place on September 17, 1787. MC Professor of Government Dr. Jerry Franks will discuss the relationship between immigration issues and the Constitution. A panel of faculty members will then answer questions pertaining to current immigration issues. There will also be a quiz that students can take to determine if they are more liberal or conservative. Free nachos and drinks will be served. The celebration will take place in the Scharbauer Student Center on September 17, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please contact Professor of Government Dr. Terry Gilmour, (432) 685-4608, for more information.

Northside Lions Club gives to scholarship

The Midland Northside Lions Club has been a loyal supporter of MC for many years. The dedicated and determined group of individuals recently gave another generous donation to MC to continue funding of the **Midland Northside Lions Club Scholarship**. The scholarship is awarded to an MC student every semester who demonstrates financial need. This semester the scholarship was awarded to Angel Bonilla.

The Northside Lions Club is able to sustain the scholarship through their fundraising efforts, the biggest of which is their annual **Roar with Laughter** variety show. This "amateur hilarity revue" will be held at the Downtown Lions Club Building, 200 Plaza Street, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at Pack & Mail, Imperial Shopping Center, Trendy T's, Midland Park Mall, ValCom Computer Center and Claydesta Center.



From left: Midland Northside Lions Club First Vice President Don Eckerty, Secretary/Treasurer John Wojtkun, President Sherry Warren, MC President David Daniel and Northside Lions Club past President Dave Hoopman

BRIEFLY

Business Plan Preparation Course Begins September 25

This Workforce Continuing Education (WFCE) course offers step-by-step instruction in creating a business plan that can be submitted to a financial institution and/or used for implementation.

The course is suitable for business owners and managers or anyone interested in improving their business skills. The course costs \$99 and will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from September 25 - October 4. For more information, or to register please visit our website at www.midland.edu/workforce or call (432) 697-5863.

WFCE "Economizing with Office" Course Offered to Nonprofit Employees

Printing costs for business cards, stationery, and forms can add up quickly. This course explores many cost-effective functions available for printing business materials in Microsoft Office, including business forms, stationery, and business cards. The course costs \$44 and will meet from 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25. For more information, or to register please visit our website at www.midland.edu/workforce or call (432) 697-5863.

Publisher Class Scheduled for September 26

This one-day course can help you make the most of your marketing materials, newsletters, and other professional documents. Explore how to create a publication from scratch or from a template and how to work with text, styles, formatting, and images. The course costs \$127 and will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26. For more information, or to register please visit our website at www.midland.edu/workforce or call (432) 697-5863.

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