

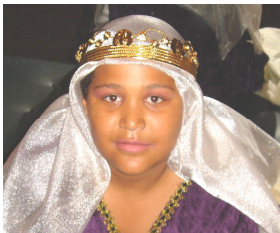
"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires." (Hannah Moor)



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His err' Her Majesty, Queen Gertrude (Avery Rich)

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 5 Semester begins
Oct. 9 Holiday
Oct.30-Nov.3 Fall Break
Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving
Dec. 21 - Jan. 17 Break
Jan.18-27 Rome Term

STUDENTS INSPIRED BY SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET



Samantha Herek, Director, assisting Rosencrantz, played by Annie Phillips.

Our production of [Shakespeare's Hamlet](#) this Spring at the Hardy Theatre was a fitting tribute to the dedication and talent of our students. A special thank you to [Samantha Herek](#), our outstanding Director, [Michael Johnson](#), and the [Box Theatre](#) of Fort Worth (www.theboxtheatre.com), for enabling our students to master this challenging work and to learn to love Shakespeare. Their exceptional work on behalf of our students was appreciated by every parent, member of the audience, and especially by Dr. & Mrs. Anderson. Next year: [Shakespeare's Macbeth!](#)

Students celebrated with a trip to the Renaissance Festival and a cast party following the play. Please lend your future support to the [Box Theatre](#). The Revelation of John the Waiter, by Michael Johnson, is playing in July. Call [817-994-7201](tel:817-994-7201) for tickets.

PERSPECTIVES of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

Once upon a time, a couple of friends and I invited our dear friend and teacher, Mrs. Margarete Pross, to join us for an evening of music with John Gary at Hardin-Simmons University. What a magical evening it was. And later, she cried at the thought that her students would care enough to include her in our plans. Those tears still flow though our hearts, down though time, and into the lives we live today.

She shared the tragedy of her life - of how her husband, holder of both a law degree and a Ph.D. and Chair of the Department of Speech at a nearby University, died suddenly. She felt that without his presence at the school, she was unfairly dismissed from her teaching position at this University. Now it was evident that she was fending for herself, in a very real struggle to merely survive.

Mrs. Pross was teaching speech, along with the joy of living, at a small junior college in, of all places, Ranger, Texas, when our group came to pick her up for the concert at her home. As she wiped away tears from eyes that were always filled with such compassion for her students, I looked around at the very humble surroundings she lived in.

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One never ever knows who is going to take control! Cameron Kline does.



Michael Johnson works with Kevin Grubbs in his title role as Hamlet



Life Skills Program Teaches the Practical

Our dear friend and savior (yes, we do desperately need help from time to time), Stan Novak, will now need much more coffee, as he patiently teaches and enables our students to do those things in life which become truly important. They now use saws, hammers, screw drivers, levels and other tools and will shortly use their new found knowledge and skills to build a castle fort in the Fall (you just never know when your going to be attacked).

Stan Novak shows Brian Gann how to, "Cut that out!"



"Move over brother and I'll show you how it's done!" Annie and Josh Phillips get into the swing of things.

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OUR WEEK AT THE WILDCATTER RESORT RANCH



Ken Haggard, Co-owner of the Wildcatter Ranch & Resort, provided students with an exciting historical tour and some really great stories. What a treat for us to be with this exceptional host and historian.



Skeet shooting proved to be one of our favorite activities. In competition, Kevin Grubbs & Samantha Herek were the best!



Now that is how it is done.



Students learn from Chad May, Equestrian Manager at the Ranch



Katie Heckman was Guildenstern



Polonius, (left) played by Josh Phillips & the Captain of Fortinbras' Army (right), played by Blake Thurman



CAMPUS VISITATIONS:
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A father is only as happy as his saddest child.
(Quincy Jones)

PERSPECTIVES, cont'd

I was mortified at the so-called apartment she merely existed in. And I thought privately, how can such circumstance toss a beautiful human being into this. The place made her three students want only to quickly leave.

It was at this time that we decided to assist her in finding decent living accommodations. We succeeded in finding a nice garage apartment for her, and we included her in our lives, as much as we could.

We finally departed that evening for Abilene to enjoy a night of music with John Gary in concert, a great steak dinner, and as many one liners and jokes as she could endure. What we created was a great friendship that lasted many years. And it began with that evening.

Such is the way with the quiet lives we live. So many teachers, so many tears, so many lonely evenings, when it looks as though no one cares. All of her students felt, in our hearts, that this lady cared deeply for us, and she made us care a great deal more than we thought we could. We learned from her that much of what we do, in small ways for others, really matters. It creates joy, keeps us alive, and makes our lives worth living.

And in sharing a little of your time and yourself, you discover that your life is richer. You find that life is more than just living - you discover that love is everywhere and in everyone and, to your surprise, in you. And that you have plenty to share - that your cup runneth over with love.

So, in this moment, before your life ceases to stir the endless sea of time, while tears of remembrance can still flow over you, tell the teacher that held you in her heart how much it mattered that someone cared, when it seemed that no one else would. Take her by the hand, waltz her out door, and share a moment of gratitude for all the love that still abides with you.

Life is like a string of pearls consisting of brief moments of joy. And few of them!



SAM LATHAM convinces WILL FOX to reflect upon ruling this kingdom!



Our **REAL-TIME SPANISH CLASS** with instructor TYLER CASEY celebrates with a **SPANISH** only lunch at:



Students watched as our new emergency / tornado shelter was delivered.

It is very special gift from Oldcastle Precast of Mansfield.

Our appreciation goes to Oldcastle Precast and Alan and Gloria Marshall, Fred and Tonya Couch and Richard and Karen Fox for their generous support.