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Still dancing after all these years

By AIMEE FARR

In their 70's, Anita and Mike McGaughy are still kicking up their heels after 50 years of marriage.

The couple enrolled in Country and Western Dance I, and can be seen promenading around the HPE building on Tuesday nights. Anita and Mike, 70 and 74 respectfully, still manage to keep in step with the younger crowd.

"They don't put any demands on you. If you get tired you can sit down," Mike said. "Sometimes it's hard to keep my balance, but I'm enjoying it. I thought maybe if I learned anything or not I could get some of this weight off," Anita added.

The McGaughy's both being Irish, were expected to last no more than a month, Anita said. When asked what their secret was, she answered, "When I get mad, he just doesn't pay any attention to me," Mike, trying to get a word in, said, "Trust."

"You have to give," Anita added, "and take" Mike finished the thought for her.

Anita met her future husband while "running around" with his sister. "I lived right across the street from him. I used to sit on the porch and watch him come in from work. I didn't like him when we first met, but he was so much nicer than all the other boys," she said.

"He gave me my engagement ring on Valentine's day 51 years ago," she said.

The couple is anticipating showing off their new moves. "Ourselves and another couple are thinking of maybe making a club or two while we are taking this class," Mike said.



Photo by Aimee Farr

A VERY SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY will be celebrated by Mike and Anita McGaughy. It marks the day they became engaged 51 years ago.

Library plans automation

By MARY KUJAWA

Dynix, a library automation system, will be making an appearance at the MCC Library in the early 1990's. According to Jane Gamez, Director of Library Services, no definite timetable can be set on the operation of the system until later in the process.

"Dynix is one of the leading companies in the country in providing a full turnkey system," said Gamez. A turnkey system is a software package; in other words, it will come as a kit. The library will not have to design the software. Meanwhile, the plans are to purchase the hardware from Datatel. Datatel is responsible for the campus-wide automation and is working with Dynix on the library automation.

For the students, this means that in the long run when the system is operational, public access terminals will be set up instead of card catalogs. The terminals will have the title and author and subject just like the card catalog. The students will access the information by the terminals. However, Gamez added that the students should not expect this to be occurring next week or even in the next few months. Several steps must be accomplished before any of this can take place.

First, a Retrospective Conversion, or RECON, must be done before any automation occurs. RECON is the transference of records and files such as the card catalog onto a machine-readable tape. These tapes will then be entered into the Dynix System.

Once RECON is finished and the tapes are downloaded into the cataloging module, it will provide an in-house record of all the books in the library. This will be behind the scenes. However, other modules

such as the public access catalog module mentioned above, a circulation module, and other additional modules will be added. For the students, the module that will change their library habits the most will be the public access catalog. This module has several search methods for locating a book such as title, author, subject, call number, and even key words in the subject or title. Once the correct book is located, information will appear on the screen. If the book is checked out, the student will have the option of placing the book on "hold" or "reserve." When the book does become available, it will be held while the student is notified.

Gamez said that the entire library staff is excited about the process. "MCC is one of the first community colleges of its size to be installing such a system," said Gamez. "In the long run, it will save time and money and make the library operate on a high efficiency level."

The Dynix System has been carefully researched by the library staff. Dynix is used mainly in community colleges and public libraries. Several MCC librarians visited Austin Community College which uses a Dynix System. Gamez said that they were pleased to see how the system operated.

Dynix is user-friendly. It has an easy screen to read. "I believe the students will enjoy it and be comfortable with it," said Gamez.

Gamez said that the library will definitely become automated. There is a commitment from the Board of Trustees, President Dennis Michaelis, and Dr. Richard Drum, Vice-president of Instruction. "They have been very supportive," said Gamez.

Enrollment drops despite new sites

With the 1990 spring semester underway and registration figures calculated, MCC has seen a decrease in enrollment from the previous spring semester.

According to a memorandum issued by Registrar Willie Hobbs, the official number of students enrolled during the spring 1989 semester was 5,762 and as of Feb. 6, 1990 the number for the new spring semester fell to 4,999, a decrease of 763 students.

The number of students attending early registration increased. However, the number of students who attended regular and flexible

entry registration decreased. Flexible entry registration takes place after late registration.

However, enrollment was said to be "quite pleasing" at MCC's off campus locations by Dr. Gary Stretcher, Dean of Continuing Education.

The off campus facilities located at Hwy. 84 and Hewitt Drive and the 711 Washington Ave. saw enrollment in credit and non-credit courses. Stretcher said that the Crossroads Center, located in the Crossroads West shopping center, had an estimated 105 students enrolled in non-credit courses and 80 students enrolled in credit courses.

The Crossroads center offers Standards in Real Estate Appraising, Principles of Bank Operations and Images of Success which may be taken as credit or non-credit courses. The center offers many non-credit recreational courses such as Creative Costume Jewelry and Cake Decorating as well as offering instructional courses such as Pediatric First Aid and CPR.

The downtown location offers courses such as computer classes, which are geared towards people working in the downtown business district, Stretcher said.

"With the facility downtown we

are trying to serve people who work downtown and who want to take a class during their lunch hour or after work. We conducted a survey and had informal conversations with people who work there and then developed our classes."

In reference to the Crossroads center, Stretcher said, "We hope to attract people in Hewitt and Woodway as well as people living farther south in Lorena and McGregor."

Registration for the new off campus locations began Jan. 24 and concluded Feb. 5.

Vacant posts filled in SG

By ROBERT M. BROWN

Seven new representatives and a vice-president were voted into MCC Student Government two weeks ago.

Vice-president Pat Buchta and representatives Craig Barton, Brad Cooper, Christy Davis, Nanne Gerik, Laura Giebel and Stephanie Valdez are now part of the MCC Student Government.

The seven representatives were chosen out of a slate of 10 students running for the positions. The position of vice-president was unopposed.

President Pro Tempore Michelle Price will serve until the end of the spring semester when a new president will be elected. Price became president pro tempore after former president Terrence Aimes transferred to Baylor University.



photo by Nathan Newberry

AFTER THE ELECTION new Student Government members Brad Cooper, Craig Barton, Pat Buchta, vice president; Laura Giebel, Jana Holleson, Dianne Gerrik and

Stephanie Valdez anticipate their duties for the spring semester. These members were elected by the student body in last week's election held in the Student Center.

MCC, DRAW partners

By SAM ALLGOOD

The tall well-known man with the military bearing and hair-cut stood out among the students at the Drug Resistance Association of Waco party on campus Jan. 26. However, he carried a symbol of his kinship with them in his hip pocket.

DRAW members receive a photo ID card when they test negative for drugs on a urine test. An ID card or drug test is required for entry to functions.

The tall man packing his drug-free card was the soft spoken organizer of DRAW, Waco Chief of Police Larry Scott.

As the man responsible for Waco's law enforcement, a viable alternative to the growing drug abuse problem in our area is appealing. "The DRAW program is something I'm excited about," said Scott. "This program has the most potential for turning around drug abuse than any I've heard of."

DRAW is "truly a program run by the members," Scott said. "Students set their own rules. The program is only going to be as successful as the effort they put out."

Good sponsorship is vital to the success of any campus club. "We try to help them accomplish the things they want to do," said Scott. If you lend them a little support Scott said "They'll really amaze you."

Members take their drug-free philosophy home where parents pick it up and pass it on to their peers. "What we're finding is that parents are wondering why their kid is not a member of DRAW," said Scott. "The biggest problem is getting word out to the community."

Attracting new support is the key to the continued success of the club. Scott said, "We want to get the community involved. It's got to be a community effort."

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Fourth in a series

Are we trashing the Earth?

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

One man's trash is everyone's problem.

Discarded paper, glass, aluminum cans and an assortment of empty fast food wrappers make up the trash found in the parking lots on campus, said Duane Feyerherm, supervisor of grounds maintenance.

"Cigarette butts are our biggest problem, because they are small and it just takes a few to make things look a mess. Cleaning them up is not a nice or a clean job. They have to be picked up one at a time. We got a blower to help with the problem," Feyerherm said.

Campus recycling

According to Tommy Moore, warehouse inventory clerk, old term papers and other unneeded files are shredded to make up part of the paper the campus recycles each month. Moore said he stores old departmental files until their destruction date. These dates are set arbitrarily by the different departments, said Moore.

The oldest file box, one of many from the business department, is not due for destruction until April, 1995. This file is for the year 1968-69.

"We try to recycle as much as we can," said Moore as he looked over the three pallets and 10 file boxes on the shelf which are ready to be recycled. These are all destined for shredding at Sunbright Paper.

Recycling centers

Waco has several recycling places. One, the Recycling Outpost, is a multi-item recycling program located next to the Owens-Brockway glass plant.

The outpost is run by Heart of Texas Industries, which is a division of the Heart of Texas Regional Mental Health and Mental Retardation Agency. It has been in operation since 1984 recycling more than \$750,000 in glass, aluminum and paper.

The center, the first of its kind in the state, has established itself as an excellent training program for the mentally handicapped

"We try to recycle as much as we can."

Tommy Moore

worker who would like a job that provides a regular income.

Student volunteers

Joe Carbajal, a freshman mental health major, does volunteer work at the Outpost by helping train workers in job skills. "It's a great concept," said Carbajal, "recycling things and people. The people are great. I've found they are capable of doing a good job. They are proud of their work."

Carbajal said, "It has been a valuable learning experience," helping with the total environment — human as well as materials.

Recycling helps reduce the total amount of solid waste that would have gone into our city landfill. In an average month the Outpost alone recycles 150 tons of glass, 40 tons of paper and six tons of aluminum, said Don Castello, recycling coordinator.

According to an article that re-

cently appeared in the Waco Tribune-Herald, McLennan County residents throw away 1.5 tons of trash per person each year. That is the equivalent of 822 pounds per person every day.

Layton Nehring, solid waste administrator for the city of Waco, said Waco has enough space in its landfill to bury trash for the next 40 years, but also that the cost in the future for waste disposal could be extremely high.

He said the most realistic solution to Central Texas communities' trash problem is to reduce the waste stream through development of new markets of recycling. "This is where people like Castello come into the picture."

Castello has been active in environmental issues since the late 1960s. At that time he worked in public relations at the glass plant. He said environmentalists in the 60's were lobbying for a ban on or tax of one-way bottles. He said glass producers had to do something, so recycling of used glass became an option.

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photo by Sandra Hewitt-Parsons

GETTING A GRIP ON THE TRASH PROBLEM, Joe Carbajal, MCC freshman mental health major, volunteers at the Outpost Recycling Center at 5121 Beverly Drive. The center is staffed and operated by Heart of Texas Industries, a Mental Health and Mental Retardation facility.

EDITORIAL

The race is on . . .

The air is filled with exhaust fumes. It's almost 8 a.m., the race is on. In an instant, flashes of color are zooming by at breakneck speed. Drivers maneuver for a better position. Daredevil feats are performed automatically, without thought.

Indianapolis? No. The Grand Prix? Wrong again. The Roller Derby? Nope. Valley Mills Drive? Close. These automotive acrobatics can be witnessed daily on campus. Free admission, with plenty of front row seats.

Recently, a blind student came within a hair of being hit by a car on a crosswalk.


The crosswalks and speed bumps are on campus for a reason. Students, not drivers, have the right of way. They should not feel like unwilling participants in some sick video game in which college students are methodically mowed down.

Come to school a little earlier to insure a good parking space. Drive a little slower. Watch out for the other guy. The parking lots are not for speeding, spinning or spattering students. Imagine how you would feel if you killed somebody because you were late to class.

Pedestrians, even though you have the right-of-way, cars are often bigger than you are. Remember the rule your mother drilled into your head? Look both ways before crossing the street. Simple, but it could keep someone from drilling you.

Point of View

By SARA WARTES
Editor-in-Chief



When Jenny comes marching home

After the invasion of Panama, some questions have been raised about the role of women in the military. Can women cope with combat? Is the country ready to have women coming home in body bags?

The evidence from Panama isn't conclusive. One woman was cited for her performance in combat, getting lots of media attention. On the other hand, some women were reported to have cried and refused to drive troop transports into combat areas. (Of course we don't know if there were any men who cried and refused to fight. Nobody seems to have asked that question.)

After seeing the television coverage of the troops, I thought of another question. Did any women refuse to paint their faces green and wear a bush on their hats? Come to think of it, I don't remember seeing a single woman wearing a bush on her hat.

The rather bizarre outfits the troops were wearing are called camouflage uniforms and are intended to make soldiers harder for the enemy to spot. Aside from the fashion implications, I have to question just how effective they are. Did it really help to run down the streets of Panama City looking like a bush? Wouldn't it have made more sense to have uniforms that looked like pavement? In fact, flowered shirts and straw hats would have been more appropriate in this particular situation. Even more puzzling to me was that those men still had green faces and bushes on their hats when they got back home three weeks later.


But let's face it, I just don't have a military mind. And maybe that's the point that really needs to be addressed on the subject of women in combat. You take an average woman, seriously threaten her home and family, and she is perfectly capable of beating you to death with a mop. If you loaded my grandchildren into a transport truck, I could drive it through hell, with machine guns blazing, to get them to safety.

On the other hand, I have a little trouble seeing myself dressing up like a bush, strapping on all the gear and getting on a plane for parts unknown to take part in the latest war. Intellectually, I can see the philosophy behind war, defending democracy and all that. But the mystique, the camaraderie, the glory of war that men seem to thrive on doesn't make any sense to me.

I have always wondered what would happen if it was decided that women had to fight the next war and the men had to stay home. It could be that nobody would show up to fight on either side. And wouldn't that be a shame?

Speaking for myself

By MON TINA WILLIAMS
Co-sports Editor



Say it with meaning

It's Valentine's Day again! Time for love, romance and the chance to let that special person know how you truly feel about them.

I wonder which personality I will be: Which will you be?

Will we expect a box of sweets, a dozen roses although carnations will do or maybe a sentimental card? or will you be like me and "plan" to send a card filled with deep emotion to that special one and never working up the courage to place a stamp on the envelope.

Each year, as Valentines Day approaches, I find myself becoming more and more shy and embarrassed.

Each year, I ask myself, should I be bold this year and let that person know that I'm interested and risk the chance of rejection? But hey! If chances weren't taken would I be here today?

Probably not.

So I ask you, are you among the millions of people who classify themselves "shy" and do you ponder at chances like me?

*Take any aspect of our lives. If we sit back and just let Valentines Day happen then chances are we may not get the most out of it.

It's hard not to hope for the moonlit skies and roses and all of the mushy stuff that accompany Feb. 14. After all, Feb. 14 is just another day right? Unless you use it to let that person know how you feel about them.

They tell me that "Love" is wonderful yeah! of course "Love" is wonderful! only when its meaning is truly and genuinely felt.

I wonder how these three simple words "I Love You" can carry such meaning and depth I guess I'll never know, it will always remain one of life's big mysteries.

Now, planning to send a Valentine, is a perfect way to spark a new romance or reviving an old one.

But the biggest trauma for me is how to sign the card.

The most remembered thing about that all important gift is what appears above your name.

The tired old phrase "your secret admirer" just will not do. and "All my love" is a bit mushy.

The fun spellings of "Love" like "Luv" or "Lotsa Luv" means you r not as serious as you could be (yet).

"True Love Always" ranks up there with Rhett Butler and Scarlet O'Hara. But you can always use "Love" since nothing can go wrong with tradition.

So what's wrong with "I love you"? Nothing! but theres one rule that applies to that on. Use this one only when you REALLY mean it.

So how far will you go? Will you buy an expensive present or just a heart felt card to get that person to notice you?


I suggest get the card. Its a sure shot. But, if you mess then, at least you've saved a few bucks.

However you choose to spend St. Valentines Day, have fun. It could last a lifetime.



Personally speaking

By ELIZABETH DELEON
Senior Associate Editor



Valentine's Day:
Not just flowers or candy

This Valentine's Day, I'm thankful for a certain type of gift.

It's not the traditional heart-shaped box of chocolates or the red roses, instead it's a gift that you may take for granted. The gift of true friendship.

I'll bet you're wondering what friendship has to do with Valentine's Day? When you come right down to it, it's just a simpler word for LOVE.

All too often, friendships come and go because people don't recognize a good thing until it's gone. Friendships are hindered when lack of trust, honesty and communication arise. Probably the most common reason for friendships to become just memories is because they are taken for granted.

People don't show appreciation towards others because they assume that the other person always acknowledges how the other feels. In actuality this is not the case. By taking a few moments each day to show or tell someone how much their friendship means to you, you give them a gift that no amount of money can ever buy.

They say that friendship and love are two different things, but when you have someone there to make you feel special, to help you overcome your problems, to laugh and cry with, to hang around with, to care for, you have love. No matter what may happen, they are there for you and you for them, and all obstacles will be overcome. This is what true friendship is all about, and from this, love builds and becomes everlasting.

Friendship is a blossomed form of love that should never be overlooked because it becomes more enhanced when you let those around you know they're special to you.

February 14 is thought of as a day for couples to engage in romantic interludes. Yet, few people realize that romance doesn't blossom until you have mastered the art of friendship.

Take time to "smell the roses" before a true friendship is broken up over a small misunderstanding. Learn how to be effective through communication.

Don't let a day go by without telling your closest best friends and even acquaintances, how much they mean to you.

By accomplishing these little things in life, such as a friendly hug, quick smile and positive outlook, the bonds of friendship will be closer, more meaningful and last longer.

It's true that if you've found one good friend in life, then you've found a treasure.

I must be sitting on a gold mine because my friendships are truly priceless.

With this in mind, I wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day, and hope that everyone realizes what true love really is. Friendship.

I think I'm in the mood to hug someone and tell them how much I appreciate them for just being themselves.

Book fee hike clarified

From the editor

A newsbrief which appeared in the last issue of the Highland Herald needs some clarification.

The Library has put into effect a new charge of \$40 for lost out of print books. On the surface, this would appear to be a drastic increase.

Out of print books are frequently not replaceable, but the search for a replacement can be an expensive process.

The higher fee will be assessed only on out of print books. If the student later finds the lost book, the \$40 fee will be refunded, according to Head Librarian Jane Gomez.

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Not that you ask...

By SANDRA HEWITT-PARSONS
Editorial Editor



Responsibility for freedom

The history of freedom is a history of resistance. A history of the limitation of governmental power.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."

The events of the past year seem to bear this out in places as far removed from each other as the Chinese student is from the Romanian factory worker.

We hear freedom roar like the voice of a hungry lion from the throats of a hundred million in Eastern Europe.

From the Baltic to the Black Sea, we witness the tumble of powerful tyrants like pieces of that horrid wall. The separation of East Germany from West Germany came tumbling down bit by bit as we watched the close of the decade.

Last week, the largest unofficial demonstration took place in Red Square as some 200,000 people gathered at the foot of the Kremlin, warning the Communist Party it must share its power.

Protesters waving flags of pre-revolutionary Russia hoisted banners proclaiming "Freedom Today or Never." For some, Gorbachev isn't moving fast enough in government reforms.

In Yugoslav, Slovenia's liberal Communists broke away from the national Communist Party, which has governed Yugoslavia since World War II.

It's enough to cause Nikolai Lenin to turn over in his grave. He said "while the State exists, there is no freedom. When there is freedom there will be no State."

The people of Eastern Europe have stood up and expressed a desire to live under a government based on the consent of the citizens, to be free of bondage and restraint.

Freedom means responsibility. Unfortunately in this country some still give lip-service to the right to vote.

When it comes to exercising that responsibility they find for them selves an infinite variety of chores to keep them from the polls. Important things like sorting out odd socks in their dresser drawer.

Today whenever we hear someone talk about rights, free speech and the free press we think to ourselves "that person's a foreigner."

You don't hear REAL Americans talk like that, unless it's to claim protection from prosecution on governmental tampering, drugs or pornography charges.

Freedom is unfinished work. We must work for society and not depend on society to take care of our needs or we become as the Athenians of old who wished for freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be.

NAMES in the news

Paul Concilio, a sophomore at MCC, works as a production technician at KXXV-TV.

MCC students Dale Briggs and Robert Brown, a music major and film major respectively, are currently working on a children's book based on a song written by Briggs. Both say the work is going slow because of the heavy class loads they both have but hope to have a finished prototype by the end of the semester.

Freshman engineering major Leon "Cowboy" Robison travels over 100,000 miles a year to compete in bull-riding events.

Sophomore business major Carle Martinez is president of MCCDAPP and on the leadership board of MCCDRAW.

CALENDAR			
Feb. 13	1 p.m. 5 p.m.	Baseball - MCC vs. Navarro, at MCC Board of Trustees Meeting, Downtown Center	
Feb. 14	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 9 to noon	Rock Mini concert in the SC Pool Tournament in game room MCDAPP Bake Sale, SC	
Feb. 15	noon	Gallery Talk at Art Center (refreshments) Deadline for Homecoming Queen Applications	
Feb. 16		No Classes - TJCTA Convention in San Antonio	
Feb. 17	8 a.m.-5 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Waco Music Teacher's Young Artist Contest, PAC Basketball - MCC Men vs. TSTI, Highlands Gym	
Feb. 17	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, PAC	
Feb. 19		Sign up for intramural volleyball	
Feb. 21	10 a.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m.	Magic Show - Taylor Koon, in SC Basketball - MCC Women vs. Grayson, Highlands Basketball - MCC Men vs. Grayson, Highlands	
Feb. 22		Homecoming Queen election, in SC	
Feb. 23	10 a.m. 11:130 7 p.m.	JAZZBOS play music by Black composers, in SC Soul Food Day in Cafeteria Homecoming Queen election, in SC Gospel Fest in PAC	
Feb. 23-24		MCC Invitational Tennis meet, Sul Ross Center	
Feb. 26		Last day to sign up for volleyball and basketball	
Feb. 27		Homecoming Bonfire - intramural hold	
Feb. 28	10 a.m. 6 p.m. 8 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Country Western mini concert Meet the basketball teams Basketball MCC women vs. Weatherford, Highlands Basketball MCC men vs. Weatherford, Highlands Homecoming Queen to be introduced at halftime Homecoming Dance	
March 1	1:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	Tennis - MCC vs. Collin at MCC Baseball - MCC vs. Angulina at MCC High School Art Display opens at PAC through March 7	
March 2	10 a.m.	Excerpts from "Pippin" in SC Volleyball starts	
March 6	1 p.m.	Tennis - MCC vs. St. Edward's at MCC Next issue of Highland Herald	
March 7	10 a.m. 2 p.m.	Health Careers Day in SC Tennis - MCC vs. Wesleyan at MCC	
March 7-9	8 p.m.	"Pippin" in PAC	
March 9	10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Gong Show in SC Baseball - MCC vs. Frank Phillips at MCC	
March 10	1 p.m.	Baseball - MCC vs. Frank Phillips at MCC	
Mar. 10-11	2:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	"Pippin" in PAC "Pippin" in PAC	
March 12-16		SPRING BREAK	

Colleges to consort

By VALLORY A. MALONE
In the fall, President Herbert Reynolds of Baylor University met with the presidents of the other three local colleges to discuss combining resources. This group formed the Waco Higher Education Consortium.

The consortium is comprised of the presidents of Baylor, MCC, TSTI and Paul Quinn, with two appointed representatives from each school. The group is working together to share ideas, faculty members and expert speakers in a combined effort to make it easier

for students to transfer from one school to another, according to Richard Drum, MCC vice president of instruction.

The Waco Higher Education Consortium hopes to share ideas so all the schools can benefit, as well as identify some important educational and professional development needs for students and faculty members. As a beginning, Baylor has established a scholarship for each school. When a student finishes a program at one school, he or she can go to Baylor on scholarship.

In January, the four presidents and the eight-member committee met to discuss some of the things they are already doing together and what they would like to do next.

Drum said the first step is to inventory the things that are presently happening between two or more of the schools. Then they will come up with a list of the things they want to work on for the near future. According to Drum, some of these projects include sharing visiting specialists and lecturers, strengthening the inter-library

loan system, and sharing of course offerings in a Bilingual Teacher Training Program.

Drum said the consortium has not discussed adding any student representatives to the group, or any discounts for pay activities. "Right now, we're just talking ideas," he said.

Drum said the most exciting thing will be if the consortium can really do some things that will make it easier for students to transfer from one school to another.

Plaid Vests reach meet semi-finals

By RACHEL SPOMER
MCC's speech team faced stiff competition the weekend of Feb. 3 at the invitational meet held at Southwestern Texas University.

This tournament was attended by both two and four-year colleges. In addition to Texas colleges, the national colleges in attendance were: New York University, Cornell, University of N. Minnesota, S.Utah, University of California at North Ridge and Louisiana State University. Including MCC, only four two-year colleges attended.

"This tournament was some of the stiffest competition I've ever seen," said Ann Harrel, one of MCC's two speech teachers. Freshman were competing against Seniors. Only one of MCC's students, Mike Lawhorn, made it as far as the semi-final round.

The competitive speech program is run by Ann Harrel and

Linda Dulin. About six to eight students actually compete, another six are researching information in preparation for next years competition. Twenty are learning tournament administration, which teaches them how to run a tournament.

Students for the competitive speech program are recruited from high schools and college speech classes. Anyone willing to work hard may approach the coaches. Ms. Harrel says the qualities she looks for in speakers are: an ability for hard work, the ease in which one feels when speaking in front of a group and talent or ability.

Last weekend, the competitive speakers attended a tournament at Temple Junior College. This meet was only for two-year colleges. This weekend they will attend a tournament at E. Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Wellness program to begin

By KERRI FUNDERBURK
The faculty and staff of MCC will soon have perfect opportunity to get in shape. A wellness program is underway to promote total wellness among employees of the college. The program will include activities such as aerobics, weight training, swimming, and possibly even smoking cessation.

Last spring, a survey was taken among college employees asking their interests in a health program. A committee was formed and based on the results of the survey, a program was set up.

The committee is now in the process of hiring a coordinator to organize the activities. According

to James Burroughs, HPE chairman, the finalization should come some time this week with the activities soon to follow.

The aims of the program are to promote general good health and wellness among the employees. Burroughs feels that this will cut down on work days missed, aid in stress reduction and eventually lower health insurance rates which have recently sky-rocketed.

The general feeling among employees is one of interest but some concern remains regarding scheduled times for the activities. After all, we are living in a fast paced world and time is hard to find.

Program incites loan payback

By DAVID FAULKNER
A loan counseling program has been set up to help clear some of the confusion surrounding student loans and grants.

The program is required of anyone who received a loan for the first time on or after Aug. 24, 1989. Students are required to attend one session per year. It is also open to anyone interested in learning more about the loan program.

Mwansa Mandela, assistant director of financial aids, said the program is designed to show students their legal obligations relating to the payback of student loans.

The presentation lasts 30-45 minutes. It includes a short film which gives an overview of the GSL, SLS and PLUS loans. Mandela then gives a brief explanation of ques

tions and concerns students often have. A short multiple choice, true-false quiz follows.

The quiz must be retaken if it is failed the first time. Mandela said the quiz is then put in the student's file to show they attended the counseling service.

Loan counseling is a requirement of the Department of Education. They started the program to try and cut down on the number of students who default on their loans.

The sessions are every Monday from 10:10 a.m.-11 a.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Tartan room on the third floor of the Student Center. For those students who are unable to attend Monday or Wednesday individual counseling sessions can be set up.



photo by Sandra Hewitt-Parsons

MANAGING A MOUNTAIN OF TRASH is Richard Webb, employee of the Outpost Recycling Center at 5121 Beverly Drive. The center recycles paper, glass and aluminum cans.



photo by Wade Carpenter

TREES between the Library and Applied Science Building are Manicured by grounds maintenance worker Bob Bark.

Voters register

By Melissa Highfill
Representatives from the Southwest Voter Registration organization were on campus Feb. 7 to register students for the March primary election.

Jovita Muenzler, a local volunteer, said the goal of the organization was to register 800 voters in Waco. Representatives have been to Paul Quinn, TSTI, Baylor and other locations.

The deadline to be eligible to vote in March was Feb. 11, but there is still time to register for the general election in November. Eligible voters can register in Room 125 at the McLennan County courthouse, at least 30 days before an election.

MCC consists of an estimated 5,000 students, the majority of these students are 18 and over. John Willingham, election administrator, said Waco has a population of around 189,000 eligible voters,

but only 100,000 of those are registered voters.

According to Willingham, the percentage of voters in McLennan County varies. In a presidential election 68 percent of voters turn out. Gubernatorial elections draw around 40-45 percent of voters, and only a 30-35 percentage of registered voters is projected to vote in the upcoming spring election. The smallest turnout for an election is 10-15 percent for city and school elections.

Absentee voting will begin Feb. 21 in Richland Mall; at the Court-house Annex Building at 5th and Washington; and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bellmead. Registered voters may vote early without offering a reason. Since the primary falls during MCC's spring break students who are registered might want to consider voting early.

Trash: Recycling an old problem

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A nation-wide problem

Castello began the first recycling project at the glass plant. "In the early days we didn't know what we were doing, but we began with an anti litter program, 'Keep America Beautiful,'" he said.

The Outpost has become a model for other MHMR centers throughout the state, providing a work environment for mentally handicapped individuals and helping to save the environment. "We will have to deal with what we are doing to our environment," said Castello.

A local company, Mosley Manufacturing, makes hydraulic press equipment used to compress trash into cubes of paper, aluminum and other solid waste for recycling and landfill.

"As our population grows and landfills become full, we will need to look more and more to recycling to solve our trash problems," said Castello.

The community of Seattle is a leader in the recycling of trash with what it calls, "curb side recycling." Seattle has earned recognition as having the best urban recy-

cling program by the National Recycling Coalition.

A system of curbside recycling has 75 percent of Seattle's eligible households signed up for the voluntary recycling program.

At present, 40 percent of the residential waste and 34 percent of municipal waste has been diverted from that city's landfills. This amounts to about 500 pounds per household recycled per year, according to "Recycling World."

The Outpost pays 2 cents a pound for glass, 4 cents a pound for newspapers and corrugated cardboard, and \$32 per pound for aluminum cans up to 50 pounds, with more being paid as poundage goes up.

Several local college and community organizations have used the Recycling Outpost as a means for fund-raising drives. Castello said. If any group would like to establish a money making campaign Castello can be reached at Heart of Texas Industries, 752-8301, ext.28, for more information.

BRIEFS

Census Bureau hiring

The U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census is preparing for the 1990 census. Workers will be needed for temporary full-time and part-time positions. Hours are flexible. Jobs include administrative positions, office staff such as clerks, data entry, etc., and enumerators (field workers).

To be considered one must take a short test and complete needed paper work. This will be done today, Feb. 13, from 2-4 p.m. in the Tartan Room, Third Floor, Student Center. Call the Office of Placement to make a reservation.

Transfer scholarship offers

The University of Texas at Dallas and Sam Houston State are giving out applications for students planning to transfer to their institutions for 1990-91.

For UT Dallas the deadline is March 1 and students must have completed at least 54 lower division hours. The student must be full-time and have a 3.5 grade point average as well as pursuing a graduate degree.

The value of the scholarship is \$2,000.

For Sam Houston State the deadline is May 1 and must have completed at least 45 transferable hours. The student must have a 3.0 gpa and a first time student at Sam Houston in the fall. Three letters of recommendation will be required.

Dance Co. selects three

MCC Dance Company has just selected three new members for Spring 1990. Melissa Cox, a three-year member of the University High Highlighters; Robin Davis, former cheerleader and drill team captain at Connally; and Natalie Walker, MCC freshman from Huntsville are the new members.

Self-study leaders named

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Self-Study is now in the beginning stages. Alice Myers and John Burton have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the Self-Study Steering Committee and work is underway on organizing that task.

Work-study training set

Training sessions will be held for all new college work study student employees at 1 p.m. Wednesday and at 1:30 Thursday in the Highlander Room. Any student who does not attend one of these sessions will not be eligible to continue working as a CWS employee.

High school art in PAC

MCC's annual high school art show attracted 224 entries, 90 of the entries were selected for display. The art is being displayed in Ball Performing Arts Center until March 7.

The award for "best of show" was received by Eric Root of Reicher High School for his oil painting "Holy Family." Kathryn Miller, Gatesville High, won first prize for pencil drawing, "Vase Value."

Teachers at TJCTA Friday

The Texas Junior College Teachers Association is having its annual meeting Feb. 15-17 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio. Director of Computer Services Dr. Bill Bane is the chairman for the Computer Center Directors. Speech instructor Marilyn S. Kelly will serve as a panel member for the Speech and Drama Section.

Trustees to meet downtown

MCC Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. tonight in the Downtown Center Library, 711 Washington St. The agenda of topics to be discussed include: consideration of expenditures for January, the monthly financial report, consideration of new a literacy coordinator, consideration of the order for the trustee election, and consideration of resolution on appropriations.

'Jump For Heart' teams sought

Student groups or organizations who are interested in setting up a "Jump Rope for Heart" team to raise money for the American Heart Association should contact Nancy Travis at 772-5611.

Minority leaders to train

MCC has been invited to participate in the second annual Minority Leaders Fellowship Program.

The Washington Center is sponsoring a 10-week program designed to help minority college students develop their leadership abilities through "hands on" internships and academic workshops.

MCC's president, Dennis Michaels, may nominate one minority student to this program. Fifty students will be selected as the 1990 class of fellows. Students receiving the fellowship will be announced March 1. The program will be held from June 1 until Aug. 10, in Washington D.C.

Registration off campus

Registration will be held this Saturday and Monday for classes at new off-campus centers, downtown Waco and Hewitt.

Registration is to be at both centers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday. The downtown Waco center is located at 711 Washington. The Hewitt center is located in the Crossroads West Shopping Center at Highway 84 and d Hewitt Drive. Both day and evening classes will be provided. Classes are to begin the next week. Information on admission and financial aid will be available at registration sites. Students may also register on the MCC campus. For additional information, call 750-3520.

Magician performs Feb. 21

Magician Taylor Keen will be performing in the Student Center at 10 a.m. on Feb. 21.

Business management courses begin

First in a series of 10 sessions on "Effective Small Business Management" will be held Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Service Center, room B-43. Tom Burr, management consultant, will lead the first session on the topic "Strategic Planning." Others in the series include cash flow, advertising, planning for profit, debt capital, equity capital, taxes, risk management and inventory control.

The 10-week program is funded by a \$4,000 grant from Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages. It provides scholarships administered by the Black Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the chambers of Waco, Marlin, Bellmead, and Hewitt, and also MCC Small Business Development Center and the Business Resource Center. Those interested in enrolling can call La Billings, 750-3600. Registration is \$40 plus textbook.

Highlanders take Hill; Cisco up next

By STEVE JEAN
The Highlanders face the Cisco Rangers tomorrow night after taking sole possession of first place in the conference with a 73-64 win over the Hill Running Rebels Saturday.

The win boosted their record to 6-2 in conference and 18-7 overall.

The game will be on the road with Cisco at 8 p.m. with the winner left in good position to possibly win the conference title.

"Cisco is a good team and I hope that we are ready to play," said DeWeese.

Being on the road has been tough for the Highlanders of late as they have lost their last two road games.

"I will have them prepared to play basketball-wise. I just hope we prepared mentally. We need to be mentally tough to contend," said DeWeese. "I hope it will be a lot of fun."

The Highlanders opened the game with an 11-0 run and looked almost invincible before the Rebels even had thoughts of scoring.

When the Rebels finally scored they exchanged baskets with the Highlanders to close the gap a little bit to 17-8 at the 14 minute mark.

With the Rebels being scrappy and using the 45 second shot clock they pulled to within six before Javier Ayala who had 24 points and 14 rebounds, six on offense, to extend the Highlanders lead to 28-19 with 6:50 left in the half.

"Javier played really well offensively and defensively and had one of his better outings of the year for us," said coach Ken DeWeese.

The Rebels closed the gap to six again before Maurice Gandy got two tip-ins for four of his 14 points to make it a 10 point game with just under four minutes to play. Gandy also pulled down nine rebounds.

In the last few minutes of the half Hill used their perimeter shooting during an 8-2 run to go to the lockerroom down only 34-30.

The second half opened with teams exchanging baskets as the Rebels pulled to within two several times before Ayala put up two or three shots by pulling down a

couple of tough offensive boards and scoring to make the score 47-40 with 13:43 to go in the game. Using the shot clock once again the Rebels scored the next seven points to tie it up 47-47 on a basket by Brian Toma midway through the second half.

After several exchanges of baskets and the score being tied 55-55 the Highlanders called a time-out with 4:54 to play.

The Highlanders then came out in the three-quarters press and scored seven straight points to take the lead on a three-point play by Hulon Loudde who contributed 15 points.

"I think the three-quarters press was the difference in the game down the stretch," said DeWeese.

Hill's Eddie Jones who had 26 points made the score 62-57 with 2:52 to play but Michael Ferguson pulled down two of his eight rebounds, one offensively and one defensively to help chip away at the clock.

With only 1:41 to go the Rebels sent the Highlanders to the charity stripe five times in the last moments of the game and Loudde slammed the game home with :09 before a three-pointer by Hill made the final score 73-64.

"We got tentative offensively, and they seemed to wear us down with the shot clock," said DeWeese.

The Highlanders played a physical and emotional game against a tough Ranger team and came out with another victory 103-102 on Jan. 31.

The start of the game was fast and upbeat as the Highlanders opened the game with a monstrous dunk by Gandy and an incredible reverse lay-up by Hutto to take a 4-2 lead moments into the game.

This was only the beginning of what was to be an exciting and action-packed game which included several outbursts of emotions. Many times the referees had to separate players from each team to keep a fight from breaking out.

Both teams exchanged basket after basket for several minutes with the score being tied on various occasions until the Rangers took a 22-16 lead with 9:02 remaining in the first half on a basket by Matt Motley who had 10 points.

The Highlanders used tough and physical play to fight back and tie the score 32-32 with 4:41 to play until intermission on a couple of free throws by Don Hutto who finished with 12 points.

With a little over three minutes

left in the half the Rangers went on a 7-2 run to take a five point lead on a three-pointer by Motley.

The Highlanders took their first lead since the opening moments of the game with seconds remaining on a three-pointer by Ayala who

led the team with 26 points.

A three-pointer by Ranger's Reginald Davis, who had 39 points, gave them a two-point lead going into the locker room.

The Highlanders opened the second half with a 10-2 run as Hutto's

three-pointer gave MCC a 56-50 lead.

Several baskets by each team kept the game close, but the Highlanders went on a 9-2 run to make the score 72-61 midway through the half. This run was the moment tempers flared.

Sydney Days, who 15 points for the Rangers, brought his team within four with just over five minutes remaining.

The Highlanders fought back to a 10-point lead with 4:03 remaining on a basket by Carlock who finished with 20 points.

The Rangers again fought back to cut the score to 85-82 with 2:42 to go on a basket by Chris Walker who scored 19 for the Rangers. A quick and physical slam by Reggie Johnson resulted in tempers flaring once again as Ranger's Michael Woolsley recieved a technical and was ejected from the game as the Highlanders went ahead 87-82.

A pair of free throws by Hutto gave the Highlanders a five point lead once again with just under two minutes remaining.

A quick 7-1 run by the Rangers put them ahead 91-90 with only half a minute to go in the game. Hutto hit the front end of a one and one to tie the score in the waning seconds to send it into overtime.

The Highlanders went to the charity stripe eight times in overtime as they came out victorious 103-102.

"It was a very emotional and difficult game for us. We were both tied for the conference lead and any time that happens the game is gonna be physical and emotional," said DeWeese.

"Ranger is a good team but we came up with the three-point shot, key rebounds and scored when we needed to," said DeWeese.

In other games of note the Highlanders took on Grayson and were upset 86-82, and Weatherford also upset the Highlanders 70-69.

'Landers thrash Rams

By BRIAN SHAW

The men's basketball team overcame a sluggish start to defeat the Southwest Christian College Rams, 111-72, last Wednesday night at the Highlands.

After leading 40-26 at halftime, the Highlanders pulled away in the second half. Every member of the team played, with only Kelly Henry failing to score. The first half was marked by lackluster play on both sides. The first score did not come until more than two minutes had passed, and with 10 minutes remaining MCC led 15-5. With 15:59 left, Coach DeWeese replaced the entire starting lineup.

It could have been closer at halftime, but Maurice Gandy went six-for-six from the free throw line to pad the lead.

DeWeese used a different starting lineup for the first time this season, going to a three-guard offense, with Hulon Loudde replacing Billy Carlock. He said that he did this for the purpose of enhancing team speed and utilizing the bench better, and that he was not punishing Carlock.

Carlock scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half, joining Gandy and Southwest Christian's Darrell Johnson as the game's leading scorers. Hulon Loudde, Reggie Johnson and Michael Ferguson added 14 points each for the Highlanders.

"I thought we played with some emotion and intensity in the second half," DeWeese said, adding that better rebounding helped the team as well.

Reserve forward Sean Goolsby went out with a foot injury late in the first half. He said later that it was only a sprain and that he expects to be back soon.

The victory marked the halfway point in conference play for the Highlanders, keeping them tied for first with Hill and Cisco at 5-2. They were 17-7 overall heading into Saturday night's game against Hill at the Highlands. They defeated Hill, 81-67, in the first conference game of the season, but DeWeese said it was "closer than the score indicated."

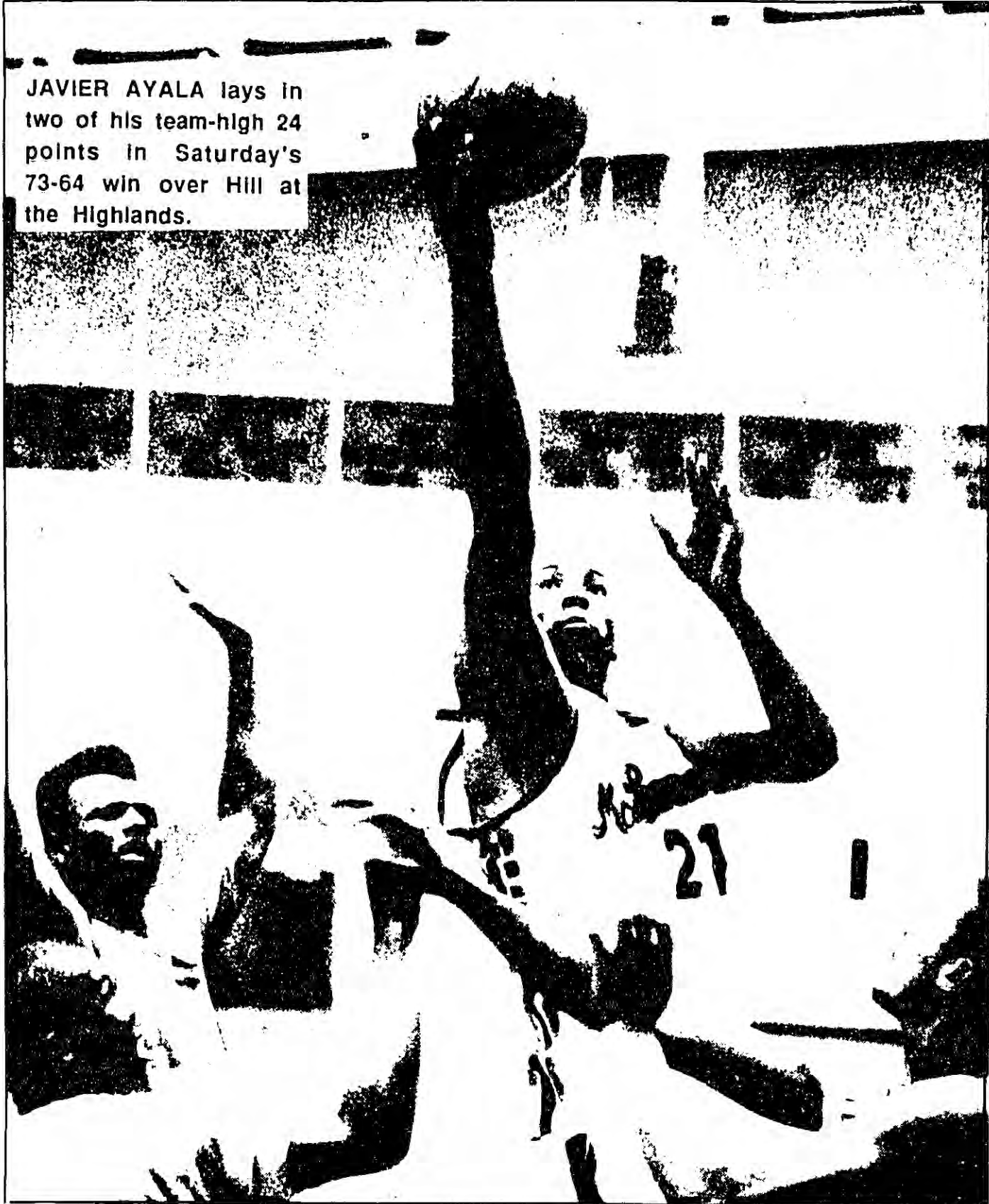


photo by Wade Carpenter

Highlassies take four of four

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The women's basketball team won its fourth game in a row and put itself in excellent position to reach the regional tournament with a 123-74 win over Southwest Christian Feb. 8.

The four-game run began as the Highlassies defeated Ranger 91-56 at the Highlands Jan. 31.

High scorers for the lassies were Tabitha Truesdale with 19 points, Kalen Parkinson 11 points, Stacie Alexander with 12 points, and Shawn Medlock with 10 points on the night.

Coach Wendell Hudson commended the team and said he feels they have a good chance at making the regional tournament in Snyder March 6-8.

With the win over Ranger, the Highlassies record improves to 2-2 conference and 10-10 in league play.

Sports spotlight

Athletes add depth to program

By MON TINA WILLIAMS

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles featuring athletes whose athletic talents and classroom performance are worthy of note.



Highlassie Angela Laws began playing basketball when she was in fifth grade. The Waco High graduate also participated in volleyball and was regional qualifier and Most Valuable Player in track.

Recruiting calls came from Wayland Baptist College, Tarleton State University and the University of Texas at Arlington, but Laws chose MCC. She looks forward to the sometimes short visits home to her mom and brothers and sister. "My future goal is to be successful in my sports and academic career," Laws said.

After an impressive win over Ranger at the Highlands Jan. 31, The Highlassies traveled to Weatherford Feb. 3 where they were victorious 70-69.

The lassies were led by Martine Anderson with 22 points and 9 rebounds, Jill Reed and Tabitha Truesdale both had 12 points, and Shanda Reese had 12 points and 9 rebounds on the night.

At halftime MCC led by a score of 45-30 and went on to win 70-69 in Weatherford. This win raises the lassies record to 11-10 league play and 3-2 in conference play.

After the win in Weatherford Feb. 3, the Highlassies came home Feb. 8 where they demolished Southwest Christian 123-74.

The top scorers on the night were Shawn Medlock 25 points, Tabitha Truesdale 21 points, Shanda Reese 17 points, Kelly Silver 16 points, Jill Reed 14 points, Kalen Parkinson 10 points, and Stacie Alexander had 8 points and 12 rebounds for the lassies.

Laws is pursuing a criminal justice degree. "With a busy schedule and (basketball) practice, maintaining a 2.0 GPA is a challenge within itself," she said.

As a member of the Highlassies, Laws said she will do her personal best to help the team to a national championship, and she hopes to unite the team on and off the court.

"I feel that my strengths in basketball are rebounding and defense, and my weakness is shooting," Laws said.

In her spare time Laws said she likes chatting with friends and smiling to make more friends.

Javier Ayala

Javier Ayala is one of several sophomores who provide the men's basketball team with depth and experience, one of the keys to their success.

Ayala, 22, is a sophomore from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he graduated from Juan Ponce De Leon High School. He is the youngest of one brother and two sisters.

As a physical education major, Ayala has a busy schedule with basketball practice, and a 14 hour course load. Ayala said that maintaining a 2.1 grade point average is very challenging for him.

Ayala became interested in basketball when he was 12 years old. As a senior he was named All American in basketball. He also ran track in high school.

Ayala was recruited by Univer

Highlanders sweep double header

By THOMAS BUTLER

Chris Sitka blasted a grand slam over the 330 sign to end the Highlanders first game of the season 12-0 and pitcher Jerome McGary picked up where he left off last year, with a win, as the Highlanders took the second game of the double header 11-1.

In game one, starter Rod Huffman gave a strong performance, pitching four complete innings before being relieved by Ted Buhner, who completed the shutout. The Highlanders also received a stellar performance by catcher Mark Rudis who belted a double and triple and made a highlight film tagout at home plate.

The Highlanders went into the fourth inning with a comfortable 4-0 lead but exploded for four runs as Mark Prather, Sitka, Jeff Andrewartha, and James Nix scored. Rudis then hit a triple with two outs and two strikes against him but was left on base when Mike Macko flied out.

Buhner retired the Eagles for the last time by striking out Steve Johnson with three straight pitches.

The offensive minded Highlanders ripped the hapless Eagles for six runs in the first inning in rout

to an 11-1 victory in game two.

Cedric Allen singled and then stole second after Mark Prather was called out on a bunt to start the game. The next batter, John Finke, took a base after being hit by the pitcher. Allen scored after Sitka and Rudis were walked. George Kilford singled and stole second and Greg Merrell was walked. Rudis stole home and Danny Leigh had a two RBI single to close the scoring in the first inning.

McGary made easy work of Eagles in the second inning striking out all three batters, but the Highlanders also failed to reach base.

The Eagles got their only score of the day in the third when Cedric Woodcock came home on an over-throw. McGary ended the inning with his sixth strike out of the game.

Sean Lowe came in to pitch the fourth for the Highlanders and promptly threw three strike outs. The Highlanders then posted four runs to boost the score to 10-1.

After the Eagles failed to reach base in the fifth Merrell belted a triple and then scored on Leigh's sacrifice fly. The game was called because of the 10 run rule.

Tennis team competes

By WAYNE NELSON

The MCC men's and women's tennis teams made their presence felt at the Volvo National Junior College Indoor Tennis Tournament Jan. 24-28 in Corpus Christi.

Only the top 32 singles and 16 doubles players in the nation were invited to compete.

In men's singles, freshman John Geditschka lost in the first round to Mike Martinez 6-3, 6-1. Scott Mounce, a transfer student from Omaha, also lost in the first round to Joe Salerno from Tyler, 6-3, 6-2. Rob Grant defeated James Haman from Midland, 6-3, 7-5 in the first round to advance to the next round, where he defeated Peter Davis. Grant battled back after losing the first set to take the next two sets and the match, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4. Grant advanced to the third round before finally losing to Mohamed Ridwan of Midland, 6-3, 6-4. Freshman Juan Gutierrez lost to Kurt Naumann of Temple Junior College, 6-2, 6-2, in the first round.

Mike Brown defeated Marco Pacheco from Tyler, 6-4, 7-6, to ad

vance to the second round where he lost to Amin Kadiri, of Midland, 6-4, 6-1. Olla Wallander, a freshman from Sweden, won his first round match against Fernando Herrera of Odessa, to go on to the next round where he was defeated by Mamolo Maure 6-0, 6-1. Andreas Matzinger defeated Brent Gade of Midland in three sets 6-1, 2-6, 6-1. Matzinger lost his second round match to Joaquin Loez from Tyler, 6-1, 6-1.

In men's doubles Mike Brown and Rob Grant were the only men's doubles team to compete from MCC. Brown/Grant defeated Garcia/Homan of Midland, 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the second round where they defeated Hinson/West of Odessa, 6-4, 6-4. Brown and Grant advanced to the third round before finally losing to Mohamed Ridwan of Midland, 6-3, 6-4. Freshman Juan Gutierrez lost to Kurt Naumann of Temple Junior College, 6-2, 6-2, in the first round.

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IN THE HIGHLANDS



Pippin play poppin' along

By DAVE ELLIS

Ninth century Europe under the reign of Charlemagne: the stuff musical comedies are made of, right? You bet! And none other than our own Drama department will bring the story to life with their spring musical, "Pippin."

The Drama department, quickly gaining the reputation as "The Power House that Lou Built," in reference to director Lou Lindsay, held auditions Jan. 17-18.

Heading the cast are several familiar MCC theatre performers. The title character, Pippin, is per-

formed by Richard Caldwell. The role of Charlemagne, Pippin's reluctant father, is played by Richard Martin. Chamberlain Newhouse, who also has shared a musical moment or two with MCC audiences, provides the narrative as Leading Player.

Other familiar faces in the principle cast are Jeff Tribbitt as Lewis and Jody Wodrich as The Head-Headless man. Newcomers who promise to add razzle to the present dazzle are Zana Gibson as Fastrada and Jill Bowen portraying Berthe. Merrienne Hughes and "Big John" Haskett will share the

multiple roles of the Baron, Beggar, Peasant, Noble and Field Marshall. Rounding out the principle cast will be Cheryl Anderson as Catherine.

The female chorus is sure to delight audiences with the presence of these lovelies: Tandi Tucker, Jo Carnahan, Stacy Hellums, Stephanie Bright, Shelly Lawsons, Gwyneddolyn Robb, Lori Retchloff, Jenni Byrd and Tonya Blain.

These fine gents will provide what promises to be an excellent male chorus: Len Carrell, Kris Andrews, Greg Scott, Keith Jenkins,

Mark Nash and Byron McCauley.

Musical direction duties go to Karen Albrecht, as the choreography will be under the guidance of faculty newcomer Karen Lamb. Lighting and set design will be provided by Technical director David Borron and costumes by John Rutuello.

Performances are March 7-10 at 8:15 P.M., with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 P.M. on March 11. MCC students, faculty and staff are admitted free with current I.D. Regular ticket prices are \$5.00. Box office opens March 1.

A recipe for world peace

By DAVID FAULKNER Entertainment Editor

The world has its problems, true. We all admit it. But we are short on workable solutions to the problems.

However, there is a solution that is both feasible and cheap. First, bring all the world's leaders together into one large room. Next seat them at a round table. King Arthur had the right idea. No leader would have a better seat than any other.

Next, bring in heaping plates full of just-out-of-the-oven homemade chocolate chip cookies.

And of course there would be cold milk to wash it all down. Not that skim-milk or two percent stuff, give them vitamin D homogenized, high in cholesterol milk. The drink of real men.

The plan is simple. After a half-dozen cookies the leaders would have chocolate on their hands and faces. And after having two or three glasses of milk and a milk moustache covering their upper lip what leader could take himself or the other leaders seriously?

So there are still skeptics out there that don't believe the plan would work? Think for a minute. What is the third word a child learns? After "da-da" and "ma-ma" it would of course be "cookie."

And what can be done to stop a child from crying? Give him a cookie. Want to calm some restless kindergartners? Give them a cookie. If it works for children, why not for our leaders? Hardly a difference exists between a child and a leader except size.

A child is demanding, so is a leader. A child is bossy, so is a leader. A child is selfish...you get the idea.

The best part of all is that after eating several cookies most children are ready for a nap. The world's leaders are, for the most part, older men who are used to taking naps after meals. And after a full load of cookies and milk settles into their stomachs, they too would be just that much more tempted to rest.

After the leaders woke up, they could get down to business. They would be rested and full and would be in much better moods. Of course the cookies and milk would be kept out just in case anyone started to get grumpy.

And what if a leader does get out of hand and starts to be a real nasty character? The solution is simple.

Take him to Mayberry and have Floyd the barber cut his hair. After listening to him for a few minutes, he would surely see that negotiating for peace would be far less torturous.

Members chosen

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

Three new members have been added to the McLennan Community College Dance Company. Melissa Cox, Robin Davis, and Natalie Walker were elected on January 13. Cox is a former three year member of the University High School Highlighters; Davis is a sophomore at MCC and a former cheerleader and drill team captain

at Connally High School; Walker, a freshman, is from Huntsville where she studied studio dance for several years.

This makes a total of ten members of the MCC Dance Company for the spring semester. Other members are: Capt. Carrie Ready, Lt. Diane Craig, Angie Elkin, Winky Foster, Edie Lienhart, Michelle Rainer, Tara Vaughn.



photo by James Sluder

A STORM DAMAGED TREE lies between the Library and Applied Science Building. The campus escaped with minor damages compared to some parts of the county when thunderstorm winds reached 80 miles per hour Feb. 1.

REVIEW

Stone films another winner

By PAUL CROSBY Entertainment Editor

Paralyzed. Strapped into bed. Upside down. Facing the floor. Staring into a puddle of vomit.

This does not sound like a scene from a movie Tom Cruise, sex symbol and star of such cinematic slush as "Cocktail," "Risky Business," and "Top Gun," would star in. But he did! And it works, beautifully. "Born on the Fourth of July," Oliver Stone's post-script to his 1986 oscar-of-the-year, "Platoon," is another bitter view of Vietnam through the eyes of a disabled Vietnam veteran, Ron Kovic, played by Tom Cruise. Again, as in "Platoon" Stone has captured the harsh reality of war, but this time he has wrapped it with the attitudes of the people back home.

The film is based on Ron Kovic's autobiography, and Stone and Kovic received a Golden Globe Award for the movie's script they co-authored.

"Born on the Fourth of July" covers twenty years of Ron Kovic's life, ranging from 1956, when he was a boy playing army with some neighborhood friends, to 1976, when he was praised for his dramatic autobiography. In between these two points, the film offers a gut level view of the trauma sweeping the country, Ron Kovic, and Kovic's family and girlfriend over the Vietnam War.

But this overview made the film vague in places.

Several problems presented were never answered, such as Kovic's relationship with his family. The film ended and the question still lingered — did his family accept him? And his relationship with his girlfriend was left open ended as the film hopped from year to year, leaving holes in Kovic's life spanning half a decade.

Generalizations pulled this film into the mire. But...

Tom Cruise's surprising role pulled this film's face out of the mud and pressed it into the hearts and minds of the audience.

Cruise held his part on a steady plane through the corny teenage bippety-boppety-boo stages of the film and cast off the chains of high school, family, and small town life when he portrays Kovic as a Marine obsessed with being the best.

Do not go see "Born on the Fourth of July" hoping for tastes of the Tom Cruise of "Cocktail." This is a real movie, and Cruise does not play an appeal to the feminine sex drive. He looks like a creature trying to fight his way back from the grave, so ladies in the audience cringe instead of pant at his performance.

"Born on the Fourth of July" also includes a few other actors who creep up occasionally in Oliver Stone's films. The most notable is Clem Daboe who played in "Platoon" but is best known for his role as Christ in the controversial Martin Scorsese film "The Last Temptation of Christ." Daboe does not appear much in the film, but when he does, he steals Cruise's limelight. Stone probably should have reversed their roles in this picture.

"Born on the Fourth of July" was also a disjointed film. The scenes did not fit together well in places, and some transitions reminded me more of a home movie than a professional film.

But these technicalities did not suck much out of the believability and punch this film contained.

War protests. Disbelief in God. Physical pain. Spit in his face. This is what Ron Kovic returned home to, not love, honor, and praise.

He was paralyzed for his country, and this film was not shy in telling the pain, confusion, and hate Kovic spewed forth because of the war. "Born on the Fourth of July" earned its R rating without argument. Violence, profanity, and nudity lurk all through the film. Unreservedly, his film embraced reality rather than morality.

This film will be up for a list of Academy Awards.

"Born on the Fourth of July" does not capture the power, feeling, or specific views that Stone captured in "Platoon," but even with its downfalls, it triumphs.

Simply stated: "Born on the Fourth of July" is no masterpiece, but to say it is merely above average is an understatement.

Red's blue jeans

By BECKY FIKES

Believe it or not, the nation that has for decades clamored after our Lees and Levi's, our Guess? and other stone-washed, upscale jeans is now hawking its own designer blue jeans.

They're called SOVIET and come complete with a red-star logo and sell for \$68.

Americans apparently are eager to buy them. "It's all apart of glasnost and the Soviet-worker 'mystique' created as a marketing strategy," retailers say. The jeans come with a tiny screwdriver on a belt loop, which is used for changing three different colored metal tags on the waistband. One style of jeans is packaged in a shiny tin can. In Minnesota, the jeans are sold only at Dayton's downtown Minneapolis and Southdale stores.

They've been selling like hot cakes in the menswear department amid tin cans, red lights, Soviet fur hats and screwdrivers since right before Christmas. Dayton's stores are among 41 stores in

the U.S. selling the line so far. Come Jan. 31, 10,000 dozen SOVIET shirts and 10,000 dozen pairs of SOVIET jeans will start arriving at 200 stores in the United States. This shipment will also include women's jeans.

Although Moscow designers provided the "design inspiration," the clothing is manufactured in Italy and Hong Kong. The Soviets do not have the production ability or the raw materials needed.

The jeans are stylish, comfortable and 100 percent cotton. Like their Soviet counterparts are used to doing, retailers hope Americans will be lining up to buy them.

Sales are hot nationally, according to Seattle Pacific Industries, the American arm of an international effort to clothe Americans "Soviet-style."

What's the buyer attraction? Astonishing political changes in Eastern Europe and history-making events such as the breaking up of the Berlin Wall have brought a new shine to Russia.

Unorthodox Attitude

Is television helping or corrupting the country?

Pro

By PAUL CROSBY Entertainment Editor

Ask most people who holds the greatest power in America and these answers will flood in — George Bush, Donald Trump, Jerry Falwell and the FBI.

But let us be realistic.

The most powerful people in the country are writers, producers, directors and actors on television. The majority of Americans soak up hours of television. It shapes our culture, our morality, our feelings and our outlook as a nation to a great extent.

Still, that does not mean television is all powerful, leading the nation around on a leash. With its absorption of the American way of life, it has formed a lot of great things.

1. Television has connected the world. News, sports, entertainment and education all gathered together in one compact box.

2. Television has brought us closer together as a nation. For example, someone can watch the same show in Montana as someone here. Thoughts are engaged in a common pursuit.

3. Television has shown people more of what they are composed of. It is a reflection of life and appeals to the whims of the American person. From great shows like "Cheers," "L.A. Law" and "The Wonder Years" we have discovered more about ourselves even though these shows are not entirely realistic. We can even see reflections of ourselves when we sit down and watch "The Super Bowl" or "Saturday Night Live." Television is America, and it is only mindless babble if the viewers let it be.

Just like anything, television can be abused, but weeding the good from the bad, television has strengthened us as a nation, brought us closer together, and made us laugh, cry and think. Television is not a waste of time. It is the American psyche on screen.

Con

By DAVID FAULKNER entertainment editor

I spoke with a friend the other day. He loves to watch television. I tried to convince him that TV is not worth watching. Here, as closely as I can recall it, is our conversation.

"Hey Mark, what are you watching?" I knew it was a dumb question but I had to get his attention.

"Oh dude, it's like a great show, lots of blood and guts and stuff. Too bad I don't know what it's called."

"Wait a sec, isn't that the news?"

"You know, I think you're right."

"Why don't you turn that off and go read a book?"

"A book? I think I read one once. Oh yeah, it was 'TV Guide.'"

"Try reading something else, something of a little better quality. You might like 'Animal Farm' or 'To Kill a Mockingbird.'"

"I done seen the movie a long time ago, before the book ever came out."

"You don't understand. Before there were movies or TV or even radio, there were books."

"Right, what kind of fool do you think I am? Anyway, I learn a lot of stuff off of TV."

"Stuff?"

"Like how to cook."

"Get a recipe book."

"It tells me what's going on in the world."

"A 30 second report doesn't tell you anything, read a newspaper."

"Well I get a good laugh."

"Sure, it reruns of 'Three's Company' can be considered quality programming. There are joke books or books by humorists such as George Burns or Lewis Grizzard that are even funnier."

"Okay dude, I get your point. What was it I needed to get?"

"A book."

"That's right, thanks."

ASIRO ZOMBIES



BY JOHN J. DUNSON



MCCDRAW partnership works against drug use

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Judging by the large and varied amount of donated refreshments present and the substantial cash prizes given away at the party, DRAW enjoys support. "It's a program the business community and

community leaders can't say 'no' to," said Scott. "We're trying to get things on a regular basis for kids to do."

DRAW has proven popular with students. The program has expanded from Waco schools to

those in many small towns. Scott said, "It really took off at the high school level."

High school DRAW member graduates can now enter college and not lose club membership. "It's an excellent way to introduce

students to the campus," said Scott.

MCC has brought a whole new level of expansion to the program

by being the first college to offer DRAW. On campus, MCCDRAW is easily the largest (over 100 mem-

bers) and the fastest growing (up to 30 new members at a time) organization. "You really do have a

lot of drug free students who want to do things in a drug free environ-

ment," Scott said. "That speaks very well for MCC."

Old photographs make collector out of 'Silver Screen' enthusiast

By ELIZABETH DELEON

Gable, Cooper, Bogart, Stewart, Davis, Hayworth, Flynn, Garland, Wayne, Dean, Presley, Grant and Temple.

These aren't past presidents of the United States, but instead a collector's memorabilia of some of the big screen legends of days gone by.

Jan Robertson, director of instructional office occupations, has what some might call an interesting hobby. She collects pictures of movie stars from 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

"My mom sparked the interest when I was just a little girl. She kept scrapbooks of movie stars who were just lads in her day. I would consider it a treat to look at these books because I thought it was neat to see that people who were already grown, were once little, like I was at the time," said Robertson.

She said that by the time she was a teenager, the big screen intrigued her because of the turbulent times the era's of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s brought on.

"Those times were a portrayal of depression, wars, and new inventions and ideas. I think that the movies of the times reflected an escape on reality because they made you feel good about yourself, as well as made the most of traumatic or bad situations," said Robertson. "Nowadays, you can go to a movie and not know what to expect

because the movies of today leave you in a hole, or leave you thinking too hard about reality. That's sad because everyone needs to have a happy ending every once in a while."

Robertson began collecting the photographs over a year ago when her mother handed down to her an original playbill advertising a Shirley Temple movie. From this, her hobby developed into an addiction she said.

"I think that my most prized possession is this Shirley Temple playbill because it has a lot of sentimental value. At least 60 years worth. My mom acquired it one day at the movies when she was a teenager. She's kept it all these years and is proud of it, so she gave it to me," said Robertson.

From this original playbill, Robertson said that she decided it would be interesting to collect other big screen memorabilia. So she started her collection by browsing through old magazines, movie books and antique shops.

Although Robertson admits that she didn't know what pictures she really wanted to collect, she said that she took her chances and became involved with her project because she wanted to do something that not everyone does.

"I figured that because I was so overwhelmed with the movies of the black and white era, that a collection of this sort would be more interesting to me because they remind me of my wonderful

childhood and the times of which I was growing up. Black and white movies have so much class, nostalgia and charm. I guess that's why I love collecting things from these eras because they remind people of the good old days," said Robertson.

She also emphasized that although it is hard to find different black and white pictures that she does not already have, she does not give up or get frustrated easily. "I got involved with my hobby because it is an escape from the everyday hustle and bustle of life. Also, by not finding certain pictures it keeps me interested in obtaining just whatever I can find."

Robertson said that although none of her pictures are originals, except for the Temple playbill, she is still challenged because of the rareness of opportunities of obtaining these photographs.

She said in those particular eras it was easy to obtain photographs of movie legends because studios would send anyone a picture upon request to promote the movie stars.

"I guess that's why these pictures are so special to me because I know that now, not everyone can obtain them. You have to work really hard to find them and people today just don't have the time to do that," said Robertson.

Robertson said that she refuses to collect photographs of today's movie stars because she just doesn't like what the big screen

has to offer now.

"Today's movies don't offer what they used to because there is not as great a variety in the sense of the directing, characterization and plot as there was with the movies of the golden eras," said Robertson.

She said that because of the changes in society, people demand different things. Because of this they may lose touch with the fond memories of the by-gone days.

"I think that despite the big difference in movies today and in the past is that those who really enjoyed the Silver Screen era will not let it die because those eras make people feel good about themselves, and they don't want to lose those fond memories. Whereas now, movie stars come and go like today's news," said Robertson.

Some of Robertson's favorite Silver Screen movies include: "Gone With the Wind," "Stagecoach," "The Thin Man," "It Happened One Night," "The Thing" and "Frankenstein."

Some of her favorite photographs from her collection include those of Lucille Ball, Claudette Colbert, Cary Grant, Errol Flynn and her playbill of Shirley Temple.

Robertson also collects old Coca-Cola memorabilia and records from the Big Band era.

"I just like to collect things that not everyone collects, she said. "It catches peoples' interest and shows a facet of your personality as a multi-dimensional person."



photo by Wade Carpenter

JAN ROBERTSON, director of instructional office occupations, holds a collage of silver screen era photos she collects as Cary Grant and Betty Davis look on.

Success Story Victory over stroke

By JAMES E. SLUDER

"Just look for the woman wearing the leg brace," Lou Rieken said.

Rieken is a warm and friendly person who greets acquaintances with a smile and a handshake, and they often do not notice the brace around her leg at first glance.

In April 1987 Rieken, a mental health student, suffered a cerebrovascular accident. More commonly referred to as a stroke, it left her paralyzed on the left side of her body.

After she was released from the hospital, Rieken was placed on a program of physical therapy and medication. But it was a long road to recovery.

Rieken went through a period of being angry and wondering why something like this happened to her.

"I was afraid I was going to die, so there was a lot of self pity after I had the stroke," she said.

But Rieken said stubbornness helped pull her through the ordeal. She finally decided that she was going to overcome her setback and she started pushing herself through therapy.

A self-proclaimed workaholic, Rieken worked her way toward recovery. Still in a wheelchair, she returned to MCC in 1988 to finish work on a business degree.

But physically and mentally Rieken was not ready to return

and she had to leave school.

She continued to push herself through therapy and to build her confidence. During the time she was away from school she realized she wanted to be in a position where she could help others so she decided she would enroll in the mental health program. In the summer of 1989 she returned to MCC to achieve her goal.

Rieken said she enjoys what she is doing now, looking forward to graduating in August and going to work. Her ambition is to become an alcohol and drug abuse counselor for single parents.

Being a single parent of a 10-year old daughter, Rieken said she can relate to these people and provide valuable counseling for them.

Rieken said being a student in the mental health program has helped her see herself in a new light. Rieken also said she has a better idea of what her daughter went through while she was recovering from the stroke.

Rieken said she attributes part of her recovery to mental health faculty members and Johnnie Talton, a counselor for handicapped and dislocated homemakers at MCC.

Now, almost three years after suffering from her stroke, the last visible sign remaining is the leg brace. Rieken has one piece of advice for persons who have suffered a setback. "Don't give up."



photo by James Sluder

MENTAL HEALTH STUDENT LOU RIEKEN, who suffered a stroke in 1987, sets an example for others with her philosophy of "don't give up."

Instructor finds answers in yoga

By KERRI FUNDERBURK

Through yoga, you can obtain a physical workout and a sense of deep relaxation at the same time.

Yoga gets its origin from Hindu religion where it focused on suppression of all activity of body, mind, and will in order for the self to realize distinction from them and be liberated.

John Orr, a former student, became interested in yoga and enrolled in a class offered at MCC. He found yoga so fulfilling that he now practices it regularly and is now teaching the yoga class himself.

Orr first tried yoga after a motorcycle accident which left him in considerable pain. Not only were simple activities such as climbing stairs hard for him but even sleep became a challenge. A friend of his suggested he try yoga and from then on Orr was an avid believer, he said.

Yoga concentrates on expanding the muscles and loosening

them, while most exercise regimens focus on tightening muscles. Orr explained the body can be taught to do anything.

For many, yoga positions seem impossible and even look painful, but with discipline and patience, the body is trained to meet the mind's desires, he said.

The yoga class started last Wednesday. It is the only yoga class at this time, but Orr would like to start an evening class if enough interest is aroused. "Once you get into it and you realize what it can do for you, you want everybody to get into it," he explained.

Orr is also an artist. He has done restoration work, some ink on glass, abstracts and even photography.

In this fast-paced world we live in, few find time to experience either physical or emotional well-being. For increasing numbers of people yoga is becoming the answer. It unites the mind and the body and creates an inner peace. "It's like the ultimate cool," Orr said.



Photo by Kerri Funderburk

THROUGH DISCIPLINE AND PATIENCE, John Orr demonstrates a yoga position.

Try these cheap dates for St. Valentine's Day

By JOHN DAVIDSON

St. Valentine's Day can certainly bring a momentary respite for the lonely -- a small breath of love for the loveless. But Valentine's Day is a two edged sword. It can also drag with it pain and abysmal emptiness that make the head spin.

By pain and emptiness I do not mean the kind brought on by your honey leaving you to cruise to Nebraska with some guy named Rufus. I'm talking about the great weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth when you empty your pockets at the cash register of an expensive restaurant after a modest meal on a date with your sweetheart.

But St. Valentine's Day dates can be creative -- and inexpensive enough to keep from having to sell your wire wheel covers to the nuttre d' before entering an establishment.

And why not break away from tradition? Traditionally Valentine's Day means a naked child with tiny wings buzzing around shooting tiny arrows into people so they'll "fall in love" with one another.

When you actually sit down and think about that concept for any length of time, it can, quite frankly, scare you silly.

Here is a list of "different" suggestions for Valentine's Day dates which do not require bank loans to pay for. And you don't have to be an "eccentric" or "weird o" to appreciate this sort of stuff.

WHITE-TRASH DATE

This can be a casual but nonetheless intimate outing. Mode of dress would include work boots for the guy and gaudy costume jewelry for his companion. Pick up truck and dog are optional, but if you have a tape deck, use Jerry Jeff Walker's "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mama" to set the mood. The date would begin with lunch at Ed's Beef Pit, located just off of Highway 84 on Woodway. After a plateful of barbecue, it's off to a truck and tractor pull, mud races or a crash-up derby you pick. You should be back home in time to watch wrestling and sneak a good night kiss between smacks of watermelon bubblegum.

Estimated cost: about \$20.

EXOTIC SNAKE SHOW DATE

If you're both into reptiles, this type of afternoon will probably be your bag. Start off with a picnic lunch in a warm, green area with tall grass. The meal would include,

of course, chicken, since everyone says snake meat tastes just like chicken. The idea is, no doubt, to pretend you're munching on a real snake. Bring along some potato salad and a pitcher of iced tea to wash it down. If you're in the mood to see some real live creepy crawlies after lunch, head to Oglesby (about 20 miles west of Waco off Highway 84) for the annual mid-February snake show. Featured at the show are tremendous demonstrations by snake handlers, a flea market, and usually a few bikers.

Estimated cost: around \$7.50.

NOSTALGIC DATE

Supposing that the two of you agree Ted Turner should be dipped in burning oil for "colorizing" classic black and white films, you might like to venture on a "nostalgic date." Begin the evening in a cozy, poorly lit room with a copy of "Casablanca" stuck in the VCR. It's even better if you have all of the lines memorized. For dinner you might try the Elite Cafe, or anywhere else with a juke box and plenty of neon. What to wear? Go dig around in your grandparents' closets. There should be more than enough "neat old stuff" in them for two people. After dinner find a quiet place to recite "Casablanca" lines to one another over coffee, or

come up with more ways to punish Ted Turner.

Estimated cost: roughly \$20.

JUNIOR HIGH DATE

Let us assume that you are just flat out broke. Perhaps you don't even own an automobile. In most situations this can be not only embarrassing, but also makes it near impossible to go anywhere. That, however, is not the case for a "junior high date." If you can get either your mom or dad, or your date's mom or dad to drop the two of you off at Richland Mall, you're in business. First, it is impossible to ever become bored in a shopping mall. One might suggest a quiet dinner at the Corn Dog 7, a quick stop in the Kay bee toy store, pet shop, or whatever suits your fancy before taking in a slightly dated flick at the Pitt 1 and 2. Save money for a friendly game of table hockey at the arcade and make sure you meet Mom or Dad on time so you don't get grounded.

Estimated cost: Under \$17.

Remember, when you're on that special date this Valentine's Day with your sweetie, always act like a gentleman or young lady, be sure you say you had a nice time, and chew with your mouth closed.