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Photo Gary Lasseter

LEADER OF THE PACK. Registration for the Harley Run will begin at 11 a.m. Dec. 14, and riders will leave the shop at noon. The run will benefit Toys for Tots. Get your motor running!

Toys for Tots and Christmas Basket Project bring cheer to hundreds of needy families Harley run for Toys

By **SHELLEY DEATS**
With the holidays approaching so rapidly the members of the RSVP cannot stress the need for toys and funds enough. Susan Copeland requests that all toys purchased be \$15 or less and she said nothing is too small because they make great stocking stuffers.

There are two main events left to benefit Toys For Tots. One is Christmas on the Brazos which will be held Dec. 6 and Dec. 7. There will be a discount on admission if a toy is donated. Another big event is the Harley Run which will take place Dec. 14. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the riders will leave the Harley Davidson shop on I-35 at noon.

For those interested in donating, toy barrels and money jars will be distributed Nov. 24 at the following restaurants: Outback Steakhouse, Soup & Salad, Red Lobster, Golden Corral, Taco Bell, and Poppa Rollo's Pizza. Volunteers are needed to go to those locations on Dec. 18 to retrieve toys from the barrels. Others can help by distributing toys on Dec. 19 and 20 or by carrying toys to various associations.

In addition to Toys For Tots, the CCMS, which is a daycare center for children whose parents are returning to school, sponsors the Christmas Basket

Project. This project adopts 100 needy families from daycares and matches them up with families who can provide them with such items as food and toys to help them have a wonderful Christmas. A large percentage of the people who are helped are students who attend MCC or TSTC and have suffered a great deal due to illnesses, deaths and various other hardships. Many of the people are chosen because they have never asked for any kind of help even though they are in great need. This makes the results of the project even more rewarding because they have no idea they have been chosen and it is a wonderful surprise.

For those interested contact Belinda, CCMS, at 753-0331. She will help to match up families, for example if someone wants to help a family of four she will find a family of four for them to adopt. The adoptions do not have to be done individually

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The main point is that the holidays are almost here and there are many families who are less fortunate that need help. Although the Christmas Basket Project along with Toys For Tots can only put a small dent in helping others they can make all the difference in the world to those families who would not have a Christmas at all. Susan Copeland urges everyone to lend a helping hand. She said she is really excited to be able to bring

more people out and show what kind of things the campus has to offer for everyone. This is a great opportunity to help others and feel good about doing it. Susan hopes the word will get out and that the support received will result in a wonderful holiday for everyone. For more information contact Susan at 229-8577.

CORRECTION
The last issue of the Highland Herald carried a photo of Marine Corps Captain Bailey and Ollie Maye West, Doll Show Chairman for the Central Texas Doll Association.

The 13th annual Doll Show raised money for Toys for Tots through the efforts of the 52 members of the association, who work year round for the show that provides toys for hundreds of children in the area.

Persons interested in the association should call 857-4120 for information.

A class in doll collecting is offered at MCC. Call Mary Darden at 299-8106.

"Cadillac Rock Floats" hangs in annual Governor's Exhibit

By **JENNIFER WOKATY**

Imagine a large boulder hovering above the ground, before a row of retired Cadillacs' fins.

This photograph, "Cadillac Rock Floats" by Barney Fitzpatrick, is a part of the Sixth Annual Governor's Exhibit, which opened at the Institute of Texan Culture in San Antonio on Oct. 31.

Fitzpatrick, an instructor of design/sculpture and photography on the campus, entered his photograph in the Texas Photographic Society's annual exhibit, which during the past two years has attracted 2,473 submissions. This year "Cadillac Rock Floats" is one of 60 pieces chosen to be displayed in the exhibit, which circulates throughout Texas.

Photography "gave me an excuse to go out and hike," said Fitzpatrick, who began as a landscape architect major in college but found greater interests in photography and sculpture.

"Cadillac Rock Floats" as well as "Lone Star Sunflower," which he entered in the Fifth Annual Governor's Exhibit, are both platinum prints conceived by computer imaging. Scanning images on the computer that were probably taken in different places at separate times, Fitzpatrick combines the components to create a believable, yet surreal image.

"The computer provides the creative element to manipulate into my own image what nature offers me," Fitzpatrick said.

Besides entering the Governor's Exhibit, his work is also displayed at the Platinum Gallery in New York, which specializes in platinum prints. Fitzpatrick has been focusing on platinum prints and computer imaging for three years.

The Governor's Exhibit will open next in December at the Center for Contemporary Art in Abilene.

Casa de Cafe benefits Story Book Christmas

By **BRAD WILLIAMS**

For the past four years the second floor of the library has hosted the literary Casa de Cafe and this year the event drew one of its largest audiences and some needy donations for charity.

The event allows for the gathering of students, faculty and staff members to publicly display artistic abilities.

Donations made at the door benefit Story Book Christmas, a charitable organization that procures books for underprivileged

children in the area.

"It gives us the opportunity to highlight the talents of the students and faculty while benefiting a charitable cause at the same time," Jane Vargas, organizer of Casa de Cafe, said.

This year's event collected more than \$400 and 20 new books for Story Book Christmas.

Guests in attendance were treated to coffee and an assortment of cookies while listening to musical performances by students and faculty. Guests also

enjoyed poetry from students and faculty.

Poetry readers were the winners of a contest conducted on the campus at the beginning of the semester. The works of the winners were published in a special supplement of the Highland Herald in the previous issue.

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Speakers Bureau offers more than a speech

By **RODDY GERMAN**

The Speaker's Bureau is an organization within the college that consists of a special group of people whose members go beyond their obligations to see that education becomes a force in the community. Each member of the bureau specializes in a field.

Numerous topics and speakers are available to choose from at the bureau. To show the versatility, Mickey Reyes, desktop publishing technician, points to topics and speakers such as Patay White, coordinator-counselor, special services. One of the articles she speaks on is "Living In a Changing World." Then there is Dr. Linda Cook, whose lecture is "A Visit to Africa-Its Culture and Its People."

Tom Buckner's specialty is journalism. One of his subjects is, "How to Improve your Publication (with interesting content, credibility and appearance)." Dr. Buckner is the Chief of McLennan Community College's voice, the Highland Herald. Randy Schormann's talk is "Don't Make Me Laugh... Aw, Go Ahead, Make Me Laugh." Schormann is the director, Extended Campus Education.

"If you are a member of an organization and would like a member of the Speaker's Bureau to address your group, contact the Public Information Office. When you or a member of your organization calls to make

arrangements for a speaker, you are asked to provide the following information, said Reyes, who works in the Public Information Office

- Name of your organization.
- Time, place and date of meeting.
- Approximate size and type of audience.
- Time allotted for speaker's presentation.
- Topic of program.
- Name and phone number of person making the request.

When you make a request for a speaker, and a speaker is assigned to speak at your gathering, a confirmation letter will be sent to you and the member of the Speaker's Bureau. Along with the confirmation letter, biographical information will be sent for introduction of the speaker and advertising the event.

If your organization is not looking for a speaker but prefers music, the Speaker's Bureau can offer you vocalists, soloists, instrumentalists or ensembles.

In the event unusual expenses are incurred, reimbursement should be made to the speaker.

"If you know of someone looking for an outstanding speaker," Reyes said, "tell them to look no further because what they need is at home."

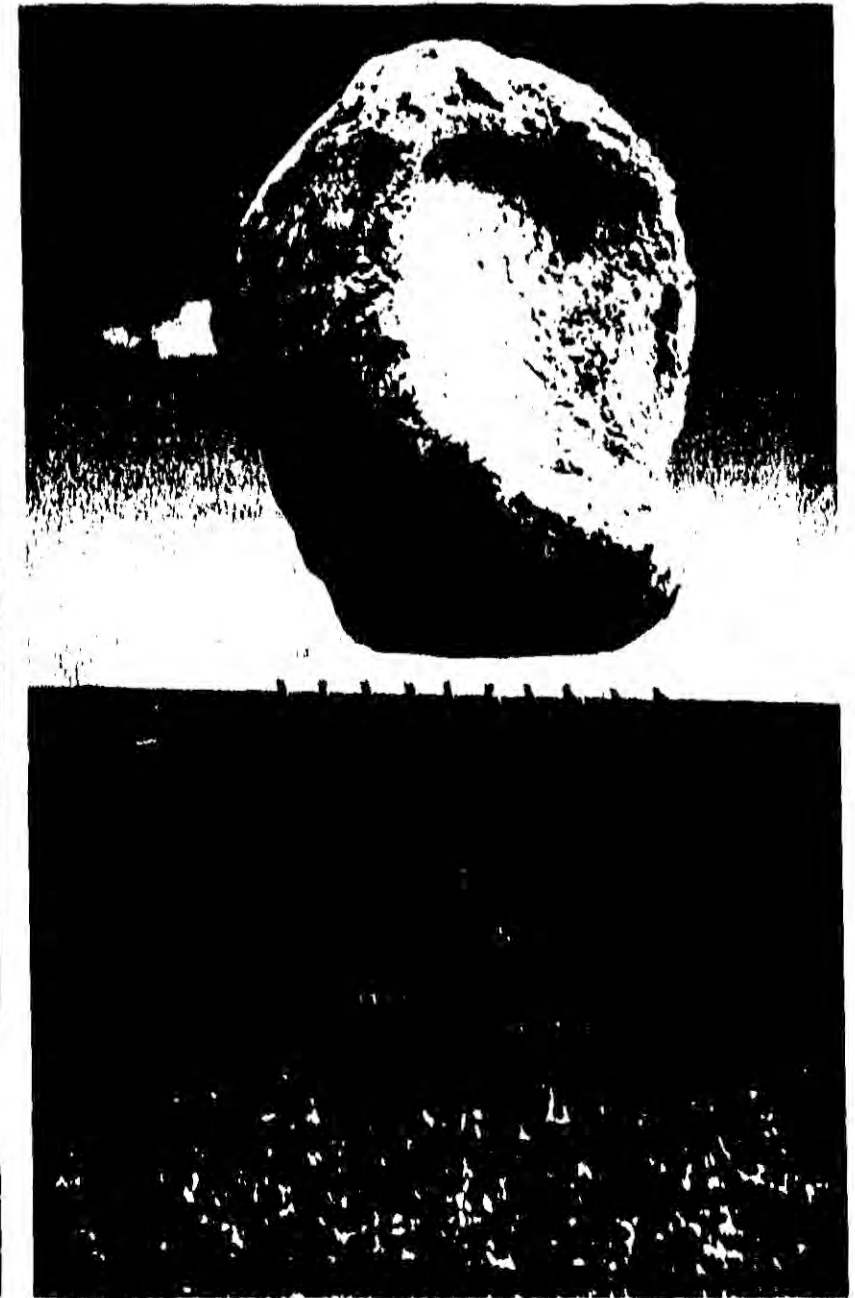
Contact the college at (254) 299-8719 or fax at (254) 299-8747.



Photo Jennifer Wokaty

BARNEY FITZPATRICK is an instructor of design/sculpture and photography

"CADILLAC ROCK FLOATS" (right) and "LONE STAR SUNFLOWER" (below) are platinum prints by Barney Fitzpatrick



CAMPUS NEWS

Entertaining the college and community

News Briefs

Dance company 'outreach'

Students join Psi Beta honor society
McLennan Community College recently inducted 13 outstanding students interested in psychology into Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges. Those students recognized include: Kay K. Abbe, Cheryl Carter, Hazel L. Crews, Theresa Regina Daly, Hollie Gilbert, Randy D. Graham, Merideth L. Hardwick, Maribeth Herahberger, Sheri Lee Jablonowski, LeeAnn Marie Kennan, Pamela D. Phillips, Laura LaVerne Rivard and Cathy J. Jones. Psi Beta chapters sponsor programs, activities and participation in community service projects along with opportunities to present research papers at regional meetings, attend national meetings and compete for national awards. Psi Beta is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. Jim Hail, Ph.D., is the faculty advisor for the honor society chapter.

Low-cost pet services available
The Animal Aid Humane Society will offer a pet vaccination clinic from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Animal Birth Control Clinic, 1531 Wooded Acres Drive. Rabies shots will be \$5 and other vaccinations will be available at reduced rates. The clinic also offers low-cost spay/neuter surgery for pets. Prices range from \$20 to \$55 depending on the weight of the animal.

Pets may have their photographs taken with Santa Claus from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 at the clinic. The cost is \$5 for one photo and \$8 for two photos. For more information call 776-7303.

Hillcrest offers social work seminar
Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center will sponsor a social worker continuing education seminar entitled, "Legal Issues in Working with Minor Teens" from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 3 on the fifth floor of the Julian H. Pace Administration and Education Building. Guest speaker is Louis C. Moore, Hillcrest's director of corporate insurance. Social workers who attend may receive .1 CEUs recognized by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners. CNEs also may be obtained for nurses. For more information or to register for the seminar call 202-8681.

Hospice hosts grief support group
Hillcrest Community Hospice will host "Good Grief!", a brown bag lunch and support group at noon Dec. 8 in the hospice conference room at 3215 Pine Ave. Bereavement coordinator Debbie Simcox, LSW, will discuss ways to help cope with the holiday season. Anyone experiencing grief through the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. For more information call 202-5150.

Annual Christmas tree lighting planned
Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center will host its annual Christmas tree and campus lighting service at 5:45 p.m. Dec. 1 in front of the facility's 30th St. main entrance. During the event, Hillcrest associates and community members will read the Christmas story and sing Christmas carols. The Provident Heights Elementary School choir will perform. Hillcrest associates' children and grandchildren will participate as the characters in a live nativity scene.

Volunteers needed to serve Thanksgiving meals
Central Texas Senior Ministry, through the support of the Scottish Rites Bodies, will serve lunch to Waco homebound seniors on Thanksgiving and on Dec. 14 through the HEB Feast of Sharing. If you or your family would like to help deliver meals on either day, please call the Senior Ministry office at 752-0316.

MDA needs volunteers
The Heart of Texas District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association needs volunteers for clerical help; newsletter production and mailing; committee assignments for special events; telephone work and supply delivery and pick up. For more information call 752-9632.

Central Texas Parliamentary Unit organized
The National Association of Parliamentarians and the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians recently organized the Central Texas Parliamentary Unit to train members in the proper procedure for conducting committee and business meetings. Regular meetings for the group are held at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Waco/McLennan County Library. For information call Pearl Christian at 752-4952 or Linda Ferguson Mulberry at 776-1655.

Donations needed for Community Hospice
The Hillcrest Community Hospice's annual "Light Up a Life" ceremonial tree lighting will be 11 a.m. Dec. 6 in the Lake Air Mall. For each \$10 donation, a white dove will be placed on the tree in memory or in honor of an individual. Donations go toward hospice patient care. Anyone interested in donating may mail checks to Hillcrest Community Hospice, P.O. Box 5100, Waco, Texas 76708. Contact LaNelle Gallant at 202-5150 for more information.

Watch television and earn college credit
MCC will offer six telecourses during the spring semester. Telecourses allow students to complete college credit in the comfort of your own home. Students enrolled in these courses will attend one orientation session and take exams on campus. All lectures can be viewed on CableVision Channel 18. Video tapes are also available for viewing in the MCC library.

The courses that will be offered will be the following: Survey of Business (BUSI 1301), Freshman Composition I (ENGL 1301), Texas Government (GOVT 2306), History of U.S. to 1887 (HIST 1301), History of U.S. from 1877 (HIST 1302) and General Psychology (PSYC 2301). These courses will begin on Feb. 9.

The cost of each telecourse is approximately \$60 for McLennan County residents, plus an additional \$25 fee. For more information about telecourses, contact Anne Borsellino at 299-8687.

Spend Christmas break earning college credit
Students have the opportunity to earn three hours of college credit during the Christmas holiday break through fall minimester courses. Minimesters are a full semester of instruction compacted into 11 half-day sessions. This year's minimester courses offered are: Texas Government (GOVT 2306) and History of Christianity (RELI 1311). Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning on Dec. 19. For more information or to receive a schedule of classes, call 299-8MCC.

By ANITRA COTTON
MCC Dance Company is a group of young women who don't just rev up basketball fans, they perform all throughout the community and serve as an "outreach" mechanism.

Spectators never see all the work it takes to synchronize the 16 girls who make up the Dance Company. The dancers spend close to eight hours a week perfecting their dances which consist of hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, prop and high-kick routines. But the

hours of practice are evident at their performances at campus events. The dancers perform at halftime of the men's and women's basketball games and also cheer and chant on the sidelines during the game. They also perform at other events and college activities such as golf tournaments and events held in the Student Center. However many may not be aware of the various times and places that they have performed off-campus and in the surrounding Central

Texas area.

"Most people don't know we do lots of other things," dance team director, Sandy Hinton said.

Since the beginning of the semester the Dance Company has been invited to perform at such events as the M&M Mars family health fair in Waco. The Dance Team served as an example of how dancing is a form of exercise and can be beneficial to one's health.

Earlier in the year, the team

danced at the H.O.T Fair which is an event they have performed at for several years now. They also traveled to Dallas to perform at the State Fair.

Furthermore, the dance team has performed at pep rallies at several middle schools and high schools like China Spring High School, Groesbeck High School and G.L. Wiley Middle School. The Wiley pep rally was held to encourage academic success. At the pep rally two Dance Company members were recognized

for their work at the school as tutors.

On Halloween the Dance Company performed for patients and staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Texas Medical Center (V.A. Hospital). They also held a Kid's Clinic that invited area children from kindergarten through 12th grade to learn dance routines and techniques. Furthermore, many team members helped out at the Toys for Tots Run/walk.

Before the Christmas holiday break the dance team plan on selling programs at the Optimist Classic, a high school basketball tournament that takes place on campus and surrounding high school campuses. Some of the proceeds taken from the sale will go to a charity. Last year the proceeds went to the Waco Center for Youth.

The Dance Company not only serves as entertainers but as public relation devices for the campus to the community. They act as a recruiting tool, to show a positive image of the college to the surrounding areas.

Tryouts for the team for the upcoming spring semester will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Highlands gym. Anyone interested should contact Sandy Hinton at HPE 107 or call 299-8851.



THE MCC DANCE Company delighted crowds recently at the M&M Mars family health fair. The dancers represent to college at numerous special appearances in the community each year. Soon they will travel to Florida to appear at Disney World.

Outstanding students honored

By CAROLINE BLAHOVA
A meeting for honoring the outstanding MCC students was held Nov. 12 at the Lecture Hall.

Honored students were the members of the Psychological Honor Society, McLennan Scholars for the fall semester and outstanding Tartan Scholars Students for the fall semester.

The meeting was presented by Lynn Abernathy, the dean of

student services.

Tartan Scholars Program presented four different groups from various fields of study. From each of these groups, one outstanding student was selected to receive a prize.

For Critical Thinking Course it was Dennis Ignatenko, Research Design and Statistics Course honored Lee Brenner, for Psycho-Social Issues in the

Workplace it was April Davidson and honored student for Introduction to Humanities was Frederick Denison.

Students received desk clocks with a Tartan Scholars logo on them.

Also rewarded were the students who recently became Tartan Scholars for the first time. These received Tartan Scholars ball point pens.

First come, first served in spring

By BETTY ZUSPANN
Telephone and express registration for the spring semester ends Dec. 5.

The traditional registration will begin at 3 p.m. Jan. 14 in the Student Center and the first class day is Jan. 20.

If this is your first time to register you need to bring a course advising form and copies of transcripts from all other colleges you have attended, and if

you have decided on a degree plan you need to bring that as well.

Returning students need to pick up a course advising form at the student admissions office, and go to Career Development Services to be advised and to register.

All students need to bring their MCC placement test scores, TASP scores, or be TASP-exempt.

Remember spring semester there will be courses provided by Internet and telecourses, the New York City Business and Finance Study Tour.

You can study Spanish in Cuernavaca.

Students also can take a Great Britain study tour.

Spring semester also features a history class, "Mexican-American in the Southwest."

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Editorials

A book by it's cover

Ever walk into the Student Center or any other location on campus and notice that something is very awkward about the scenery? If you have, then you are not alone. It is very clear that this campus is very segregated. And I am not just talking about race relations either. Whether it's planned or not, certain groups on campus tend to seclude themselves from the rest of the campus population. It is almost shameful to know that someone has not spoken up and tried to correct this problem.

Many types of people attend this college, they are from all backgrounds and cultural aspects. However, as mentioned before, if you walk inside the Student Center you might not be able to tell by comparing the two halves of the room. Groups of people in one half of the room are very much the same and the groups of the other half are the same. Yet when you compare the two groups together they are very different. Separation even exists within the two halves of the room. Many times you will see athletes grouped together, people from the same high school grouped together or people of the same race grouped together. It just doesn't happen here, it occurs all over the nation.

The problem is that people aren't mingling with people who are different, or appear to be different from themselves. Individuals are limiting themselves to those whom they are most familiar with and who they identify with the most. Some may say 'birds of feather flock together.' Well that is very true and it is good but it doesn't always have to be that way.

We, as a society, need to take greater measures to broaden ourselves and to become more open-minded. One thing we can do is to detach ourself from our cliques for a little while and get to know more people. Meet people who are different from yourself. It may surprise you of all the interesting things you can learn from someone from a different country or culture. You will probably find that they have some different ways of life yet are still very similar.

Learn all you can about different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. One can do this by joining various clubs, going to a museum or simply picking up an ethnic magazine.

Another thing we should plan to do is to put all of our prejudices and preconceived ideas about others behind us. Like the old cliché goes 'you cannot judge a book by its cover.'

We live in America, a nation that symbolizes a melting pot of diverse, cultural flavors. It is impossible to get to know and develop a good relationship with everyone you meet. However, if you don't try then you may just be missing out on a great relationship or learning experience. These solutions are not guaranteed answers to the problems but we have to start somewhere. Let us think about the generations to come if not for ourselves. We must unite.

Judge by character- not skin color

Many people forget about those who fought hard for our country. They forget what those soldiers have gone through and what some are still going through from the effects of the war. Vets don't get enough recognition (at least not in this country). Vets should not only be recognized on Veteran's Day, but throughout the year as well. The story about Amos on the Veteran's Day page in our last issue is a prime example of how society will recognize your skin color before they recognize what you're doing for our nation, which includes them. It shows just how prejudiced society can be. No matter how many lives you have saved or what good you've done for our country, society will still judge you by your color. We may never be a color blind world, but we can at least judge others by their character and not their skin color.

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In a funny way. . .

LET'S STALK TURKEY

By GARY LASSETER

So, I slung my trusty rifle over my shoulder and set out to shoot a wild turkey for Thanksgiving. There was a plethora of turkeys on the ranch, and I shot up a whole box of cartridges before I realized that I couldn't hit one.

The wily beasts were standing perfectly still when I fired, thus spoiling my aim. I tried a shotgun, but the turkeys would stay just at the edge of the gun's range. They began bending over and allowing the shot to bounce harmlessly off their tailfeathers. I was laying out poison bait for them when the animal protection people caught up with me.

I'm going to have a vegetarian Thanksgiving.



Get into creative writing

Creative Writing is being offered the spring semester. The course lets students who are interested in writing improve their skills in fiction, essays, poetry and other styles of writing. Prerequisites of the course are the introductory freshmen composition classes but can be easily overridden with teacher approval. For more information, contact Jennifer Black at 299-8918.

The adviser's corner

So I got to talk to LBJ and JFK

(The adviser has been in the newspaper business for more than 40 years. He wants to take up a corner of this page in the next few issues to reminisce about those years.)

By TOM BUCKNER

Being a journalist provides opportunities to meet some interesting people. One of my first such opportunities came when the Texas Press Association called to ask if our paper had someone who could go on a trip with Lyndon Johnson. The trip included a meeting with John F. Kennedy.

The two were running for president and vice president, and this particular trip was early in the campaign. Johnson's airplane wasn't filled to capacity with the big city press, so about a dozen of us country editors had a chance to go.

After the initial excitement, I realized I needed something to wear — a suit. So I trotted over to Wood Brothers. Mr. Wood and others in the store were quite interested in the trip. They sold me a solid brown suit off the rack that fit pretty good, and with a new tie I was ready for the big adventure.

The trip was even greater than I imagined. We flew first to Kansas City where we got to see Harry Truman, then on to Hyannis Port and the big white frame Joseph Kennedy home, yacht tied to the dock beside the house, and the chance to see JFK and family.

After a brief press conference in the living room, we were free to mill about. I wandered out on the porch where Johnson and Kennedy were talking. Mr. Jackson, editor of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, and I had our photo made with the two men (and it didn't even cost \$250,000). I remember saying something profound to Kennedy, like, "It sure is nice of you to have us in your home like this."

Kennedy was a warm, gracious host. But most of us "boys on the bus" felt that Jackie, Bobby and the others we met were rather cool toward us

Texas. Then on to Montecello, Iowa, where Johnson, speaking at a county fair, told the crowd, "Friends, I'd like to spend all afternoon visiting with you. But I've got to get back to my farm in Texas and take care of my hogs."

A big cheer from the denizens of the Cornbelt. Hogs? And then to Nashville where Johnson brought another big cheer when he said, "Texas would not be a part of this great country today if it had not been for the brave volunteers from Tennessee who fought at the Alamo."

Perhaps the best part of the trip was seeing Johnson and his staff at work on the plane. Lady Bird and Liz Carpenter sat next to each other, front left seats, always with a bagor two of mail beside them. Bill Moyer was hard at work on Johnson's speeches.

And Johnson was hard at work on the members of the press, especially those like Mr. Duckworth of the Dallas Morning News who didn't see eye-to-eye with the party's platforms. Johnson had an overpowering persuasiveness, but as I recall Mr. Duckworth didn't bend an inch.

I also got to sit next to some interesting people. The first introduced himself as Paul Thompson, who quickly asked who my favorite columnist was. "Paul Crume," I said, referring to the Dallas Morning News front page columnist. Thompson seemed disappointed. "Who do you work for?" I asked.

"I write a column for the San Antonio Express," he said. Back home, I happened to be on the town square a few days later and saw Mr. Woods in front of his store.

"Did you get to talk to Kennedy?" he asked.

"I sure did."

"What did he say?"

I reached over and held Mr. Woods' coat cuff, rubbing the material between my fingers.

"He said, 'Where did you get that suit?'" Mr. Wood got a big kick out of that.

Letters to the Editor



Editor's long, strange, esoteric trip

I recently read about the full-time hiring of a couple of instructors and a full-time campus police officer.

This really amazes me. I recently wrote to some heads of departments requesting that some of our part-time instructors go full-time.

I was told we were not hiring full-time instructors, Who makes the real decisions around the campus?

Where is student government? And when are they going to stand up for the students?

It's disappointing when the students are suppose to come first, but then the "chosen few" instructors have all the excellent equipment and the students have to work with the hand-me-downs.

Could you start writing about important issues?

Thank you, Robert Vasquez

By GARY LASSETER

By the time the next issue of the Highland Herald comes out, it will be A.D. 1998.

"What a long, strange trip it's been..."

Newspapers will be newspapers, or sometimes not, as the case may be — so if our text is garbled and our photo outlines are incomprehensible, don't let that stop you from enjoying your paper.

Think of it as a kind of game. You know, kind of like the one where they say 'there are 697 errors on this page, how many can you spot?' All in all, it has been a tough year. Mark Twain was right. Being editor of a newspaper is overrated. Still, I learned a lot.

I learned about Pacific hurricanes and dirty ventilators, karate and karaoke, gangster thespians, squirrels and dik-diks. (A dik-dik is a small animal, something like a jackalope.)

I also learned the meaning of the word esoteric. (I looked it up.)

And I learned that practice makes perfect in bowling, and no practice makes a mess.

Most importantly, I learned that people working together can still accomplish difficult tasks.

1998? Only two years left in THIS century.

What will the NEXT century bring? (Grateful Dead music swells in background. Fade to black.)

Experience sets groundwork

Personal opinion

By BRAD WILLIAMS

The first semester for a freshman is the vital experience that sets the groundwork for semesters to come.

For some students the experience brought an indication of promise in college; for others, it was a tragic affair — that textbooks and professors would line themselves up to delay ambitions.

So as another semester concludes, some freshmen here on campus share their first samplings of what college has to offer.

"I like MCC. It has a nice campus and the people are nice,"

David Essler, an undecided major from Crawford, said about his impressions of the school.

Shelly Deats, an undecided major from McGregor, also enjoys the aesthetic layout of the school but also considers the layout of the community college system a great advantage.

"It offers a good opportunity to help out financially and get basic courses out of the way to get further along."

Michelle Withers, an undecided major from Grand Prairie, cited indifference on her attitudes toward MCC by saying, "It's school. About the same as

high school."

Ofcourse, college differs considerably from high school, especially in academics.

Most freshmen enjoy the new independence gained in a college atmosphere and the responsibility of making decisions that mark career paths.

"There are more classes to choose from and definitely a larger amount of independence," Fonda Gober, an undecided major from Waco, said about the transition from high school.

Essler said that scheduling was difficult to grow accustomed to, and that the classes were tougher than they were in high school. He offered satisfaction with his first semester by adding that he was doing "pretty well" in his classes.

Deats also related difficulties of making a class schedule with her own.

"You have to work your study habits in with your own schedule. It gets very pressing at times," she said.

Withers said she believes that MCC does not differ much from high school.

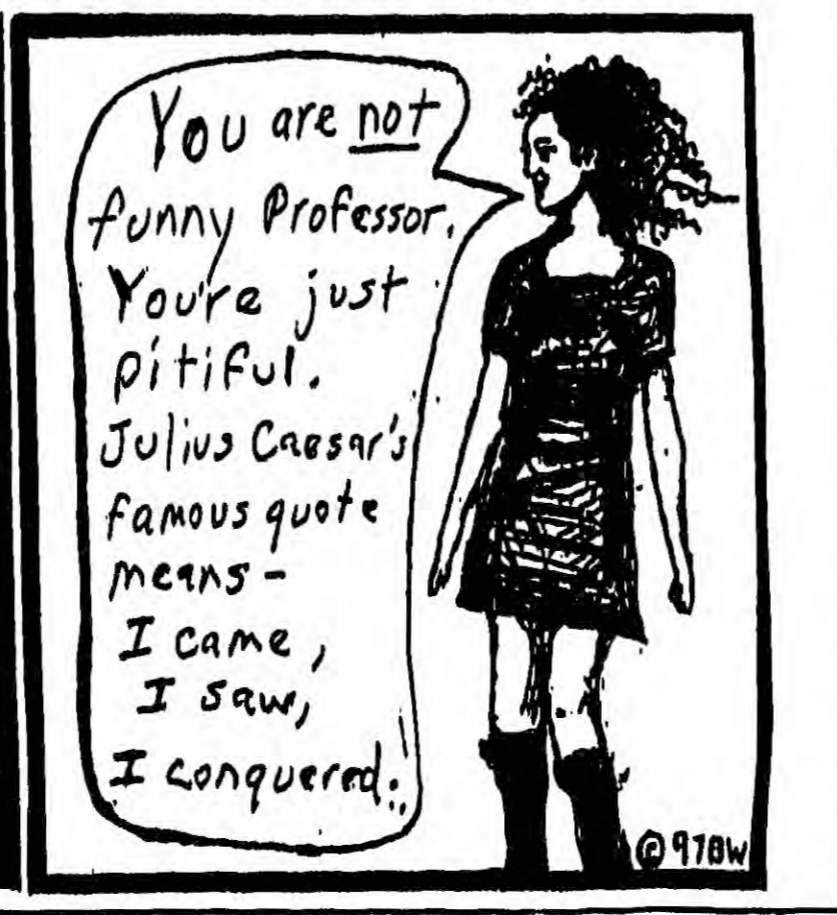
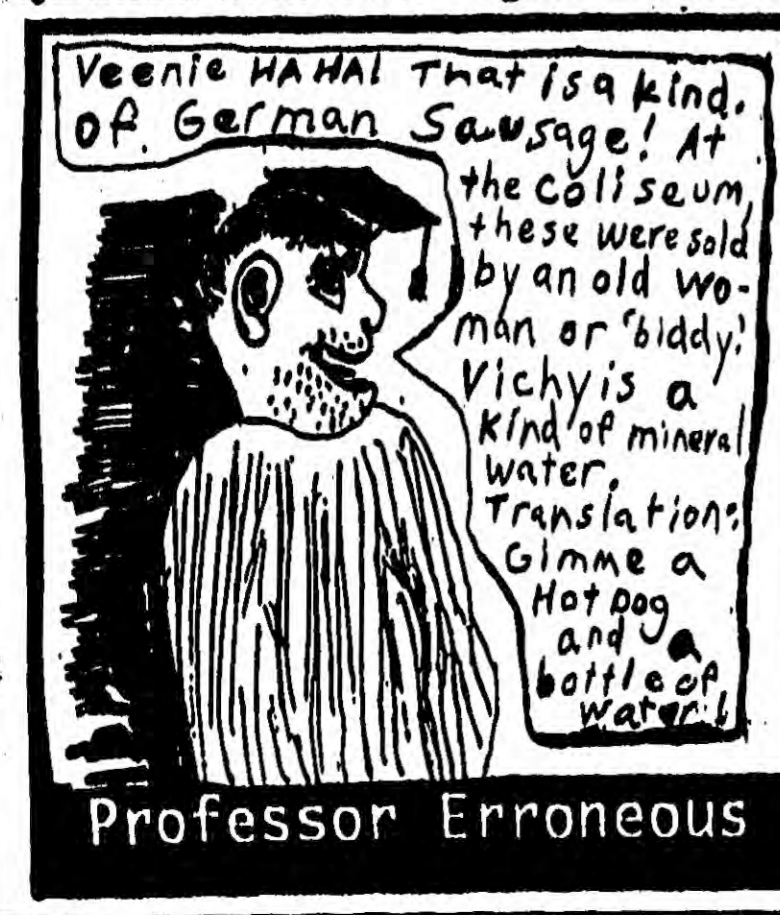
"This place is like one big high school, everyone you went to high school with ends up here," she said.

Among the incoming freshmen who enter MCC, many struggle with the new pressures placed on them.

The freshmen interviewed have kept a positive outlook on their new experience.

Gober summed up the attitude of freshmen new to college by saying, "In college you either doing for yourself or you just don't do it at all."

Question: What is the English translation of the Latin phrase- vine, vidi, vici?



A winning essay in psychology

Effects of early onset of puberty in adolescent girls

This paper was chosen as the best of research papers written by students in Dr. Jim Hall's human growth and development classes.

By BECKY WALKER

Many studies have suggested various negative effects of the early onset of puberty in girls. Such effects include an increased risk for eating-disorder symptoms such as for anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, a heightened tendency to experience anxiety and depression, and an increased likelihood to engage in norm-violating behaviors. In general, most psychologists consider "early" those girls having their first menstrual cycle by the beginning of their sixth grade year, or before the age of 12. Some researchers divide their subjects into several categories, based on age of menarche and are not rigid in defining "early" versus "non-early" maturity. For example, David Magnusson and his colleagues divided subjects into four groups: those having reached menarche by

age 11, by age 12, by age 13, and not by age 13, respectively. In other studies, age of menarche is not used as the determining factor of whether a girl has reached puberty, but rather a system known as "Tanner staging" is employed. Tanner staging is a system which distinguishes five levels of pubertal development based on breast development and the presence of pubic hair. In a study done by Chris Hayward and others, a young girl was classified as "early" or "non-early" if she had reached Tanner stage 3 by the age of 11.2 years. In this stage of development, "girls have begun to develop breasts and pubic hair and have started the growth spurt, but have usually not reached menarche..." Although psychologists have slightly different criteria for defining both "early puberty" and "puberty," the boundaries used for determining these categories lie in close approximation to each other. The goal of this paper is to explore some of the possible connections and to look at other factors that could act in unison

with the effects of early puberty in producing these tendencies.

Linda Smolak and Elissa Koff suggest that a young girl's reaching puberty early may be a possible risk factor for developing eating disorders. Smolak and Koff point to the work of other researchers whose studies associate puberty with certain psychological effects, namely a negative body image caused by increased body fat and changes in body shape as well as with social and emotional transitions that occur during this time such as entering middle school or junior high and, perhaps, dating. Many other stressful factors occur simultaneously with entrance into puberty, and these factors may contribute to the eating behaviors thought to preclude these disorders.

With regard to the above, a girl entering or approaching the period of adolescence is likely to be increasingly social-conscious, concentrating her attention on winning her peers' approval and support rather than being content to remain a unique

individual. She will experiment with make-up, different hairstyles, and different fashion trends. She will become aware of the high degree of emphasis society places on being "thin." In addition, if she begins dating during this time, her attempts to enhance her attractiveness will become even more furtive. Linda Smolak, Michael Levine, and Sarah Gralen studied the relationship between synchronous onset of menstruation and dating for its combined effect on body perception and eating disordered attitudes as well as for the effect of early puberty alone on these outcomes. The research failed to demonstrate any connection between early puberty and negative body image or predispositions to eating disorders. On the other hand, a positive correlation was found for these variables among girls for whom puberty was early and concurrent with dating. This group showed the highest levels of body dissatisfaction and scored the highest on the children's version of the Eating Attitudes Test (ChEAT).

Other studies do, however, support a direct link between early maturation and eating-disorder symptoms. Hayward grouped together the symptoms of depression, eating disorders, and panic attacks into a broader category called "internalizing symptoms". The outcome of the experiment showed that subjects who possessed internalizing symptoms during the study period reached the midpoint of puberty an average of 5 months earlier than those without these symptoms. Furthermore, results concluded that girls who reached puberty early were at an increased risk for developing depression, phobic disorders, or subclinical bulimia during high school. Koff and Rierdan, in 1993, cited research done by Hayward that further confirmed the postulation that early-maturing girls were at an increased risk for eating disorder symptoms.

As stated previously, an association has been found between early puberty and signs of depression. In addition to supporting research by Hayward and his colleagues, a more fo-

cused study by Rierdan and Koff was performed in which pre- and postmenarcheal sixth and seventh graders were evaluated for depression based on their responses to the Beck Depression Inventory (short form). While no significant differences were found in depression levels between pre- and postmenarcheal seventh graders, findings illustrated marked differences in levels of depression between pre- and postmenarcheal sixth graders. From this information, it was concluded that the hypothesis that "very early menarcheal timing is associated with higher levels of depressive symptoms" seems valid.

Finally, research by Magnusson, Stattin, and Allen suggested that girls who mature early are more likely to engage in prohibited activities such as getting drunk, smoking hashish, skipping school, pilfering, or disregarding parental authority. The study, done in 1985, was longitudinal in nature and followed the subjects from age 10 to age 26. The study investigated the factor of peer

relations in connection with these norm-breaking behaviors and the long-term consequences of early maturation based on alcohol consumption and highest level of education reached. At 14.5 years of age, the early maturing girls had violated a considerably higher number of multiple norms than their late maturing peers. Differences were mainly attributed to the generalized trend of early developing girls having older, more mature friends. No long-term effects of early maturity on deviant behavior were found, rather the higher occurrence of norm-breaking behavior in the 14-year-olds was explained by the girls being granted an adult status at an earlier age.

Obviously, psychologists are at variance in their postulations on these issues, and as there are so many biological, psychological, and social factors associated with the impact of puberty on each individual, it is doubtful whether conclusive evidence supporting or disproving these associations will ever be obtained.

From humble beginnings: A baseball dynasty built from ground zero; a look back at the early architect

By ROBERT VASQUEZ

and MICHAEL DURMON

Pictures and faded newspaper clippings of baseball players and games of a bygone era hang neatly placed under glass on the walls.

Plaques, autographed baseballs, trophies and other memorabilia line the shelves.

In the middle of the room, surrounded by the testaments of some of the successes of a coaching career, sits coach Rick Butler's neatly kept desk.

Butler, the last and only McLennan Community College baseball coach to win the NJCAA World Series, retired from coaching baseball in 1988.

He finished with a record of 624 wins and 308 losses, placing him 13 on the all-time record for inactive coaches.

Butler began his coaching career as an assistant baseball coach at Baylor University in 1968. He was in his senior year in school and a pitcher for the Bears.

Dutch Schroeder, then Baylor's head baseball coach, saw some coaching qualities in Butler and asked him to be an assistant rather than be a player.

McLennan Community College hired Butler in the 1970-71 season, with no field, and no full scholarships.

From the humble beginnings Butler built one of the most revered junior college baseball dynasties.

In 17 years, his teams won 11 North Texas Junior College Athletic conference titles, ten regional titles, earned four trips to the National Junior College World Series, and won one national title.

Forty of his players signed contracts to play professional baseball.

However, Butler's success can be defined by more than contracts, trophies and wins and losses.

Butler was a disciplinarian. He threw former player Jay Buhner, now with the Seattle

Mariners, off the team twice in one day.

Buhner arrived on campus and became part of Butler's team in 1983, the year the Highlanders won the national championship.

Some Highlander baseball followers who knew Buhner then, describe him as being "wild" and undisciplined.

Buhner credits Butler for turning his life around on the field, and for his success as a pro.

"I had to stress to him (Buhner), that no one player is as important as the team," Butler said.

Today, Coach Butler and Buhner remain friends, and stay in contact with each other.

One of the most important things he stresses to young coaches is to not separate themselves from the team.

"I never separated myself from the team," Butler said. "As a coach you are a part of a unit. Build relationships and treat your players with respect. Always

avoid the words I, them and they."

"Use the words we and us," Butler said, as he continued.

But building relationships and discipline were not the only components that molded Butler's baseball dynasty.

Organization was also a key element that held the empire upright.

It was a trait that Butler inherited from Schroeder during his time as an assistant at Baylor.

At Baylor, Schroeder posted the workout schedule and expected each player to know his place.

Butler, at MCC, mirrored those organizational procedures of his former coach by also posting the workout schedule.

No idle time existed in his practices. Conditioning, specialty drills, situational hitting and game-like conditions took up the players practice times.

"Our philosophy," Butler said, "was not to have anybody just standing around." "There was always something for the players to do," he said, rattling off a long list the players' duties.

"We wanted to keep their attention level as game-like as possible."

Butler, now a physical educa-

tion instructor at the college, reflects back on the years of his baseball regime with a great degree of humbleness.

"You know," he said, "the wins and championships couldn't have come without the players, the support staff and my assistant coach, Dub Kilgo."

"Kilgo and I worked and recruited well together, but what it boils down to, it was the players and their hard work that

won the championships," Butler said.

"I was lucky to be a part of it." A large trophy cut in the shape of the United States sitting in the Highland's trophy case lays claim to what no other coach will ever own.

Its engraving reads, "1983 National Junior College Baseball Champions."

Butler has turned down coaching offers elsewhere.

Rituals of Thanksgiving

Feasting, football cheering and snoozing

By JUSTIN BRASWELL

The holidays are a special time for most people. At Thanksgiving we come together with our family and friends to enjoy good food, fond memories, football.

"Go, go, go" and "catch the ball" are screamed through the living room as if to reach the ears of an athlete 1,500 miles away in some snow-covered stadium.

Then the announcement is made. "Time to eat." In the living room an eerie silence has fallen over the men and boys as they glance around nervously.

All of them are thinking the same thing, but no one dares say a word.

A tiny voice, barely audible over John Madden's, says "But it's not even halftime yet."

The men realize that there is no hope. The child, who voiced his complaint, must endure the

same lecture about hungry children in India and Africa that has served to keep his brothers, cousins, father, uncles and grandfathers from making the same mistake twice. It is a time honored Thanksgiving coming of age ceremony for the child.

As the men finish their feast in record times, they make their way back to the television set heavily-laden with overstuffed bellies as well as pumpkin and pecan pie piled high with non-dairy whipped topping. Halftime is not yet over so the armchair quarterbacks with soft minifootballs send the child for long passes down the hallway.

As the second half of the football game starts, then again do the foundation shuddering shouts of "get him" and proclamations of incompetent coaches

and players. The women begin the long and ungrateful task of washing dishes and putting away leftovers.

As the sun drops over the horizon, turning the cool Thanksgiving Day into a cold autumn night, an amazing thing has happened. The football game is down to a few minutes left in the fourth quarter, but there are no longer any loud shouts.

Once again the ritual of Thanksgiving is coming to a close. The men and boys in the time-honored tradition have been put soundly to sleep.

Tranquilized by the turkey and by each others rhythmic snores, the only sound other than slumbering humanity are whispers as the women of the family plan to do it all again in about a month.

The ritual will continue.

Protect your fuel: Tips to leave siphoning gasoline thieves dry

By JASON HOSKINS

Early one evening Bill went to fill up his vehicle because he was leaving early the next morning to go on a trip.

He topped off the tank and drove home.

Bill climbed into his car the next morning and started off. A mile down the road he glanced at his gas gauge and to his horror it showed only half a tank.

Gasoline theft, though not usually reported to the police, is a common problem that can be avoided.

The gas thieves normally strike when people park their cars for long periods of time. People who go shopping at the mall or park their cars at home for the night are the most com-

mon victims of this crime.

Even though no car is safe from gas theft, older cars usually fall victim to the siphoning hose.

"They usually take just enough to fill a can," Sgt. Steve Beatty of the Waco police force said.

Newer cars are made with devices that make gas theft almost impossible. In most new cars, access to the gas tank can only be obtained from the inside of the vehicles.

New vehicles also have a spring loaded splash cap that allows a nozzle to enter a tank but not devices used for siphoning.

Even though older cars are not equipped with these anti-

theft devices, owners can prevent gas from leaving their cars illegally.

The most common way to avoid gas theft is to buy a locking gas cap.

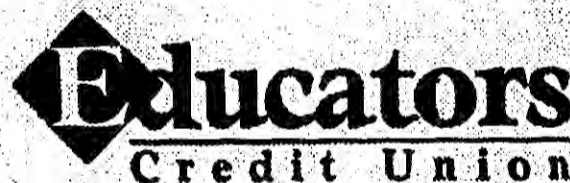
The caps are found at any auto parts store, ranging from \$12 to \$15, depending on the model of the vehicle.

Owners may also place a spring in the throat of the tank. This spring works like the splash valve in the new vehicles. The spring is extremely hard to find because that newer cars can not use them. Most major auto parts store in town no longer stocks the spring.

"It's a crime that can take place anywhere," Sgt. Beatty said.

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Sports Briefs

Tryouts scheduled

Tryouts for the MCC Dance Company will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday Dec. 6, at the Highlands.

Persons can contact dance instructor, Sandy Hinton, for applications and more information about the tryouts at room 107 in the HPE Building or call 299-8851.

New physical education courses added

Four new physical education courses have been added to the spring schedule.

The courses added include, PHED 1100 Aerobic Dance Instructor Certification; PHED 1111 Aerobic Weight Training; PHED 1116 Aerobic Step Training; and PHED 1117 Cross Training.

A student must complete PHED 1109 Aerobic Dance and Exercise I, or have instructor approval prior to enrolling in PHED 1100 Aerobic Dance Instructor Certification.

The course PHED 1111 Aerobic Weight Training, is a high intensity mode of exercise, using weights to increase fat burning. PHED 1116 Aerobic Step Training is a high intensity, low impact mode of exercise, using steps that can be adjusted in height. PHED 1117 Cross Training uses a variety of exercises to increase fitness.

The physical and health education department offers a variety of activity courses designed to satisfy the requirements of most senior colleges and degree plans.

Final results from Collegiate Bowling Tournament held at Temple Action World Bowling Center, Nov. 16

Most senior colleges and degree plans require a student to complete four semesters of physical education.

College/Team	Score
1. Temple College	
TTY Los Chicos	3241
2. MCC	
Pta Reapers	3213
3. Central Texas College	
Guys and Dolls	3184
4. Central Texas College	
Whooler Dealers	3139
5. Temple College	
Pta Inferno	3137
6. Temple College	
Back Naked Bowlers	3126
7. Temple College	
Squirrels	3117
8. MCC	
Lucky Strikers	3105
9. Temple College	
8 Balls	3099
10. Central Texas College	
Ernie's Girls	3099
11. MCC	
Pin Pushers	3072
12. Temple College	
First Wives Club	3068
13. Temple College	
Big Shots	3061
14. Temple College	
Number 2	3042
15. Temple College	
Loopy Lizards	3009
16. Central Texas College	
High Rollers	3008
17. MCC	
Turkeys	2987
18. Temple College	
Number 4	2961
19. MCC	
Pin Jockys	2954
20. Temple College	
Gutter Strikers	2953
21. MCC	
Power of the Press	2776

Team splits two at home

Highlanders level opponents in Levelland

By BRIAN HALL
Teamwork is the key for the Highlander basketball team in a strongly balanced attack that has brought them a 7-2 record so far this season.

The team concept was seen Saturday in the Highlander's victory against Lamar (Colo.) Community College. In their second game of the South Plains Tournament, the Highlanders were on the winning end of a 68-58 decision. The attack was led by Reggie Patterson with 15 points and Seneca Wall with 12. Brandon Manning had seven assists while Patterson led the team with eight rebounds. Willie Watkins was the only Lamar player to score in double figures with 12.

In the first game of the tournament, held in Levelland, MCC faced off against tournament host South Plains. The Highlanders once again played well as a unit and won 75-70. Point guard Manning had a big night with 12 points and six assists, while "Meechy" Sims had

a game high 19 points. Also in double figures were Rosmel Blanco and Ernesto Mijares. Jayson Mitchell who scored eight points led the team with 12 rebounds. South Plains had two players scoring in double figures led by LaMarque Ward with 17.

Adidas Classic

On Nov. 14 and 15, the Highlanders hosted the four team Adidas Classic. After a disappointing opening game loss to Navarro, 66-63, the Highlanders rebounded with a 70-59 win over Odessa.

Against Odessa the Highlanders had only two players in double figures yet they once again played well as a team as each individual who played was able to score. "Meechy" Sims led the way with 17 points, hitting on four of five three-point attempts. Blanco paced the team with eight boards and Manning had 13 assists.

The Highlander loss to Navarro came down to the last

seconds as Navarro scored with less than 30 seconds remaining to hold on and defeat MCC 66-63. Shay Pittman led Navarro with 23 points. Mijares and Wall each scored 14 apiece for the Highlanders.

At Tyler

On Nov. 11, the Highlanders traveled to Tyler to take on the Tyler Apaches. The game marked the team's third straight road win as it defeated Tyler 77-62. Mijares led the team in scoring with 17, while Mitchell, Sims, and Blanco all managed to hit double figures. Rodney Fields, who has a verbal commitment to Nebraska, scored 16 for the Apaches.

During the holidays you may catch your Highlanders in action at the Highlands against Eastfield on Nov. 20, Hill College on Dec. 3 and Collin on Jan. 10. The team travels to Navarro on Nov. 25 to take of the Bulldogs and then will trek to Temple to participate in the Temple Classic, Dec. 5 and 6.



JAYSON MITCHELL soars over an Odessa Highlander. The team used a balanced scoring attack to defeat Odessa 70-59 in the Adidas Classic.

HIGHLANDER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE
Nov. 25-Tue.	Navarro	7 p.m.	Corsicana
Nov. 26-Wed.	Eastfield	7 p.m.	The Highlands
Dec. 3-Wed.	*Hill	8 p.m.	The Highlands
	Temple Classic		
Dec. 5-Fri.		TBA	Temple
6-Sat.			
Jan. 5-Mon.	Richland	3 p.m.	Dallas
Jan. 10-Sat.	*Collin	8 p.m.	The Highlands
Jan. 14-Wed.	*Temple	7:30 p.m.	Temple
Jan. 17-Sat.	*Weatherford	8 p.m.	The Highlands
Jan. 21-Wed.	*Ranger	7:30 p.m.	Ranger
Jan. 24-Sat.	*SWCC	8 p.m.	The Highlands
Jan. 26-Mon.	*Cisco	8 p.m.	Cisco
Jan. 31-Sat.	*Grayson	6 p.m.	Sherman
Feb. 2-Mon.	*Hill	7:30 p.m.	Hillsboro
Feb. 4-Wed.	*Cisco (Coca-Cola Night)	8 p.m.	The Highlands
Feb. 7-Sat.	*Collin	8 p.m.	Plano
Feb. 11-Wed.	*Temple	8 p.m.	The Highlands
Feb. 14-Sat.	*Weatherford	8 p.m.	Weatherford
Feb. 18-Wed.	*Ranger	8 p.m.	The Highlands
Feb. 21-Sat.	*SWCC	8 p.m.	Terrell
Feb. 26-Thu.	*Grayson	8 p.m.	The Highlands

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HIGHLASSIE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
December			
3	Hill	6 pm	The Highlands
6	San Jacinto	1 pm	Pasadena
January			
5-7	State Tournament	TBA	The Highlands
10	Collin	6 pm	The Highlands
14	Temple	5:30 pm	Temple
17	Weatherford	6 pm	The Highlands
21	Ranger	6 pm	Ranger
24	Southwest Christian	6 pm	The Highlands
26	Cisco	6 pm	Cisco
31	Grayson	4 pm	Sherman
February			
2	Hill	5:30 pm	Hillsboro
4	Cisco	6 pm	The Highlands
7	Collin	6 pm	Plano
11	Temple	6 pm	The Highlands
14	Weatherford	6 pm	Weatherford
18	Ranger	6 pm	The Highlands
21	Southwest Christian	6 pm	Terrell
26	Grayson	6 pm	The Highlands
March			
3-5	Region V Tournament	TBA	Midland

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Highlassies ambushed at the 'Plains'

By MICHAEL DURMON
Playing without All-Conference center Tenay Garrett, the Highlassie basketball team dropped a pair of games at the South Plains Classic, Friday and Saturday in Levelland.

Garrett, averaging 19 points a game was held out of the tournament with a strained shoulder.

The Highlassies record falls to 4-3 on the season. Sophomore guard Amy Pearson, led the Highlassies with 17 points in Friday night's 93-74 loss to tournament host South Plains College.

She was followed closely by two freshmen players. Fowards Tamica Talley, and Tara Alexander both finished with 14 points.

Coach Wendell Hudson talked before the tournament about the importance of Garrett to the team.

"Tenay is a big part of our game," Hudson said. "We sometimes depend on her too much." Following Friday's loss the Highlassies were held to a season low in scoring the next day by New Mexico Jr. College.

New Mexico won, 72-62. Sophomore center Clarneva Lonix, led MCC with 15 points, followed by Theresa Tindle with

11 and Kendra Watson with 10.

Temple College Classic
The Highlassies got off to a slow start in the tournament opener against Howard College and suffered their first loss of the basketball season, 92-72, at the Temple College Classic played Nov. 14-15.

Following the loss, the Highlassie team rebounded by pounding its next tournament opponent Panola Junior College, 90-71.

Coach Hudson said the team's loss can partly be attributed to a slow start in the game against Howard College.

"This was our first slow start this season," Hudson said. "Howard is a good team and shot the ball extremely well. You don't want to get off to a slow start against a good team that shoots well. You could be in a hole before you get off the bus."

One of the reasons for the Highlassies' slow start was a defensive strategy by Howard College.

Tenay Garrett averaged 22 points a game coming into the contest against Howard but was held to a respectable 14.

"Howard was the first team to double team Tenay," Hudson said.

"We had other players step up in the game against Panola." Garrett was also double teamed in the Panola game, and was limited to ten points.

However, excellent play by Highlassie guards Pearson, Talley and Alexander offset Panola's double teaming of Garrett.

Pearson finished with a game high 19 points, followed by Talley with 18 and Alexander with 15.

Nov. 13 vs Midland
The Highlassies rallied with just over two minutes to beat the Midland Lady Chaparrals 92-90.

The win is the third consecutive meeting the Highlassies have beaten the Lady Chaparrals.

Freshman, Theresa Tindle finished off a 14-2 run, with a steal and layup with 3.2 seconds to go to seal the victory.

Garrett led all scorers with 23 points, followed by Talley with 14, Tindle 11 and Pearson with 10.

The Highlassies will open conference play their next game, Dec. 6, against Hill College at the Highlands.

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CHRIS FEIST sings with Waco based group "The Archives."

'Indians' danced the night away

By BRAD WILLIAMS

The theater department concluded its run of the Fall semester with the splendid production of Indians.

Indians follows the stage life of legendary frontier showman William Cody, a.k.a Buffalo Bill. The play exposes the lies and myths that surrounded this emotionally conflicted historical figure.

The play featured haunting Native American dances that were constructed by graceful and stunning choreography that was directed by Jerry MacLauchlin.

The dances told the story of a people clutching to a sacred identity that was being torn from their ancestry by the persisting and uncompromising white public of the day.

Director Jim Rambo did a remarkable job in keeping the audiences aware to the suppression that Native Americans had to suffer through.

Zachery Moore played the mythical man of the wild West, Buffalo Bill. He took on a tremendously difficult role that he played through at first with evident apprehension. As the play progressed, Moore controlled his character with more confidence to bring into focus Buffalo Bill's own personal struggles.

Matt Miser played a tragic and sometimes hilarious Sitting Bull. He gave the audience chilling monologues that told of the genocide of an entire nation of great people.

Set design and lighting also were instrumental in bringing out the intense theme.

The stage was covered by a larger than life rustic treaty, representing many of the frivo-

lous pacts that the U.S. government made with the Native Americans during the time of expansion. Occasionally a huge tattered American flag hung above the treaty to incorporate a gruesome effect that represented the empty promises of the U.S. government.

Props were lowered onto stage throughout scenes. One impressive scene has a frame descending in front of Buffalo Bill as if to capture him in history and in our minds as the myth he desired to be.

Notable performances were made by Brent Hale, who played a hysterical and brutally honest Wild Bill Hickcock.

Jamey Rabold made an emotional impression as the assimilated but loyal Indian, John Grass.

Ben Cole offered a comic Ned Buntline, the journalist who acted as Buffalo Bill's memoir collector.

The dancers of the performance gave a beautiful representation of Native American culture with their dances. Each dancer glided across with partners to give the show an ancient aura of a forgotten people.

The first Spring production is Guys and Dolls, scheduled to run Feb. 19-21 and 26-28.

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Ullman's vocal students recite

By Gary Lasseter

Chris Feist 'shot the sheriff' at the Commercial Voice Ensemble recital in the Fine Arts Theatre last Wednesday. The Bob Marley tune was the finale of the performance. Feist was backed by the entire ensemble. (Chris Feist, James Gulley, Miles Hagar, Tracy Harris, Bill Howard, Carlotta Jones, Shannan Lee, Erin Minter, Esther Montemayor, Beth Ullman, Jeremy Venable, and Lorna Wilhelm.)

The recital was directed by Beth Ullman and Bill Howard.

Jeremy Venable kicked off the show with a finger-snapping version of Roger Miller's "King of the Road."

Esther Montemayor harmonized with Erin Minter and James Gulley on "Kid Fears" by the Indigo Girls.

Robert Chambers sang "With Or Without You" by U2, and Gail Patton sang Cindi Lauper's "Time After Time."

Heath Crumnow was the comic master of ceremonies, and also performed "Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground" with his band "The Archives."

Lorna Wilhelm gave her rendition of Ike and Tina Turner's classic rhythm and blues "Fool in Love" with Jones and Montemayor on backup vocals.

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Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time
Mon.-Wed.-Fri. Classes		
6:55-7:50 am	Wed., Dec. 10	*6:55-7:50 am
	Fri., Dec. 12	

*precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 minutes

8:00-8:55 am	Mon., Dec 15	8:00-10:00 am
9:10-10:05 am	Fri., Dec. 12	9:10-11:10 am
10:20-11:15 am	Wed., Dec. 10	10:20-12:20 pm
11:30-12:25 pm	Mon., Dec. 15	11:30-1:30 pm
12:40-2:00 pm	Fri., Dec. 12	12:40-2:40 pm
2:15-3:35 pm	Mon., Dec. 15	2:15-4:15 pm
3:50-5:10 pm	Wed., Dec. 10	3:50-5:50 pm

Tues.-Thur. Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time
8:00-9:20 am	Tues., Dec. 16	8:00-10:00 am
9:35-10:55 am	Thurs., Dec. 11	9:35-11:35 am
11:10-12:30 pm	Tues., Dec. 16	11:10-1:10 pm
12:45-2:05 pm	Thurs., Dec. 11	12:45-2:45 pm
2:20-3:40 pm	Tues., Dec. 16	2:20-4:20 pm
3:55-5:15 pm	Thurs., Dec. 11	3:55-5:55 pm

Evening Schedule

6:00-7:20 pm	MW	Mon., Dec. 15	6:00-8:00 pm
7:35-8:55 pm	MW	Wed., Dec. 10	7:35-9:35 pm
6:00-7:20 pm	TTH	Tues., Dec. 16	6:00-8:00 pm
7:35-8:55 pm	TTH	Thurs., Dec. 11	7:35-9:35 pm
6:00-9:00 pm	M	Mon., Dec. 15	6:00-8:00 pm
6:00-9:00 pm	T	Tues., Dec. 16	6:00-8:00 pm
6:00-9:00 pm	W	Wed., Dec. 10	6:00-8:00 pm
6:00-9:00 pm	TH	Thurs., Dec. 11	6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday Classes. Exams for Saturday classes will be given at regular class time on Dec. 13, 1997.

Off-campus classes (Day or Evening) The exam schedule will be arranged by your instructor. However, exams will not be given before Dec. 10.

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