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Technical programs get high marks

Public Information Office
McLennan Community College's first institutional effectiveness review by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, completed Oct. 14, resulted in five technical programs and a variety of administrative and student services functions receiving high marks.

Identified as "exemplary" technical programs were Associate Degree Nursing, Office Administration and Information Processing.

Two other programs, Computer Data Processing and Microcomputer Applications, were rated "excellent, not far from exemplary," said Bob Lahti, assistant commissioner for community and technical colleges at the Coordinating Board.

Exemplary programs score high on a list of specific criteria that includes faculty, curriculum, facilities, equipment and advisory committees.

Other instructional programs that

received commendations were Child Development, Commercial Music, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Fashion Merchandising, Legal Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology and Vocational Nursing.

Lahti, speaking for the team of eight evaluators who visited MCC, also said the college's institutional research department "could be an exemplary model for other institutions in the state."

Other MCC strengths noted by the team include state-of-the-art technology, student services, institutional planning, minority recruitment, the faculty selection process and the high percentage of classes taught by full-time faculty.

This year the Coordinating Board began conducting quality reviews of all community and technical colleges in the state. The evaluators spent three days meeting with faculty/staff and re-

viewing thousands of pages of documents prepared for the visit. Included in the evaluation were more than 40 instructional programs, student services, research, financial management, administration and institutional planning.

"MCC is a strong institution," said Lahti. "There are a few things that need fine tuning, but we commend the faculty, staff and board on the fine job they're doing in McLennan County."

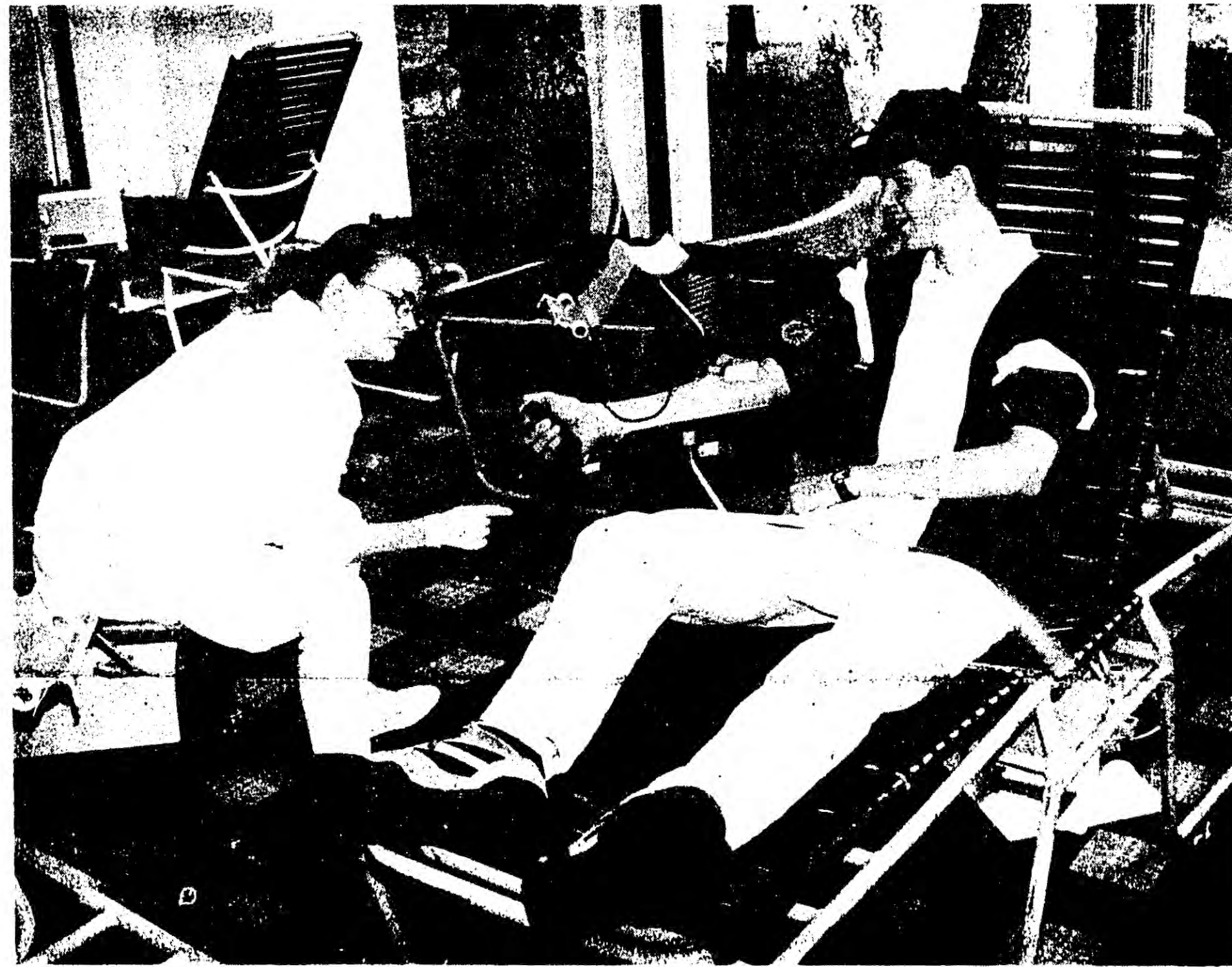


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THE GIFT OF LIFE—Shelly McDonald takes a pint of blood from Ian Walker during the blood drive held Oct. 14 in the Student Center. Walker was one of 40 people who participated in the drive, which netted 29 pints of usable blood. There will be another drive early next semester.

40 participate in blood drive

By KRISTIE KUBALA
So maybe it does hurt a little, but that is a small price to pay to save the life of another person.

This thought may have motivated the 40 people who came out and gave blood in the American Red Cross blood drive which was held Oct. 14 in the Student Center. The donors came in between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. In all, 29 productive units of blood were collected.

Those who missed this drive

and are interested in being a donor "can still look forward to the next blood drive coming up at the beginning of next semester," said Student Government Vice President Carol Molter. "We're trying for February."

To give blood, a person must be a healthy individual who is at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds. The American Red Cross also encourages donors to bring a friend so they both can give the gift of life.

Cable TV now features MCC

By BROOKS WHITTINGTON

Subscribers to Cablevision will get a new 24 hour channel this fall called "The College Channel" which will inform the public about the three colleges in the Waco area — MCC, TSTC, and Baylor.

Channel 18, which began airing on Sept. 29, will reach an estimated potential audience of 44,000 households (about 64 percent) in McLennan County and will feature such things as cable messages, original video stories about MCC, and video programming such as a GED series. In the spring the channel will have telecourses for psychology, sociology, history and government classes.

The message board, which informs viewers of upcoming events and opportunities, comes on screen if there is no video programming running at the time.

The purpose of the channel, according to Nancy LeMay, director of public information, is "to provide the public with information about education in Waco and McLennan County."

The channel is run off of a fully automated system with Terry Longbottom, a former PBS employee, at the controls. He spends half of his time working on the College Channel, and the

other half working on the WISD channel. (He is a WISD employee.)

The first year expenditures, according to LeMay, will average about \$14,000 because of the costs of the initial equipment; but will drop to \$3,333 for every year thereafter.

LeMay said that early reviews of the channel are optimistic. "It hasn't made a real big splash, but the people who have turned it on have liked it."

Once the school gets more programming, a program may be published to help people find out what is being broadcast. For now, certain time slots are reserved for each of the three colleges. MCC's slots are from 5-7 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 7-8 p.m., and again from 11 p.m.-1 a.m. Times set aside for a shared message board are 7-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m., and 10-11 p.m.

One of the special programs that will be airing on the college channel is a 30 minute weekly show on MCC basketball that will be produced by Jim Chase, a former television news anchorman. According to LeMay, the show will combine highlights and what is going on with MCC athletics, featuring interviews with the coaches and players. Chase will be getting commercial sponsors for the program.

Speech team off and running

By LISETTE MEDINA

Just eight weeks into the fall semester and the forensics team has already competed in four tournaments.

Team members, mostly freshmen, are Tiffany Bates, David Damuth, Shawna Gannaway, Kristine Haberman, team President Gavin Massingill, and Merie Witt. These six students and their coach, Linda Dulin, have been busy preparing for and competing in these tournaments.

Last weekend, MCC served as co-host to a tournament with Rice University, called the "Mc Rice Swing." Dulin said it is the first time that Rice University has served as co-host of a tournament with a two-year college.

The season started with the "Hill Country Swing" on Sept. 23-25. The team won top two-year college honors with sophomore Massingill capturing the top speaker award. Southwest Texas State University hosted the first half of this com-

petition where Massingill also won first place in persuasive speaking while Gannaway took fourth place in the after-dinner speaking category.

The second half of the tournament was hosted by the University of Texas. Massingill placed first in persuasive and informative speaking as well as placing second in after-dinner speaking. Gannaway placed also, taking fourth in after-dinner speaking.

Shortly after the Hill Country Swing came the Sam Houston State University Breakout on Sept. 30 in Huntsville. In individual events, Massingill won first place for informative speaking, placed third in after-dinner speaking and second in persuasive speaking.

His win in persuasive speaking earned him the right to compete in the spring AFA (American Forensics Association) nationals. Joining Massingill with an after-dinner

speaking award was Gannaway who placed fourth. Haberman won second in informative speaking.

In "The Texas Two-Step Swing," MCC was a co-host with the University of Houston on Oct. 7-9. Tiffany Bates won third place in CEDA (Cross-Examination Debate Association) debate, sixth in poetry interpretation, fourth in persuasive speaking and fourth in impromptu dramatic duet acting.

David Damuth won second overall CEDA speaker and third in CEDA debate. Shawna Gannaway took first and second in after-dinner speaking and fourth in program of oral interpretation.

Also, Kristine Haberman won fourth in Lincoln-Douglas debate and fifth in informative speaking. Gavin Massingill received four awards, first and fifth in after-dinner speaking, fifth in informative speaking and first in dramatic interpretation.

Merie Witt won third in Lincoln-Douglas debate, third in overall speaker at Lincoln-Douglas debate and fifth in persuasive speaking. Overall, the team took third place honors in the debate sweepstakes.

In the debate category, Haberman and Witt won fourth place in the junior varsity CEDA while Bates and Damuth placed third in novice CEDA debate. Damuth also won second place for overall speaker points and Bates placed fourth in that category.

Overall, MCC won the two-year college sweepstakes award. According to Dulin, the team has won a sweepstakes at every tournament they have attended so far.

Dulin said she is proud of how the team is learning, how it is working hard for those competitions and how well the members are faring at tournaments, with a lot of this praise going to the members who are new to the college tournament arena.

Fall enrollment down slightly

By JANNA AUSTIN

Preliminary figures show that MCC enrollment for the fall semester is down slightly from last year's fall semester.

According to Herman Tucker, director of Student Enrollment Services, the preliminary enrollment total for this semester is 5,550, compared to 5,703 in the fall semester of 1993. This figure, in turn, was lower than the

preceding fall figure, which peaked MCC's enrollment at around 6,000.

Karen Clark, assistant registrar, stated that this decline in enrollment could possibly be attributed to the decrease in unemployment in McLennan county. A rise in employment could result in fewer people attending college.

MCC is not the only area col-

lege to experience a decrease in enrollment. Dwayne Gragg of Navarro College in Corsicana, reported a current enrollment of 3,216, which is slightly down from last year's count of 3,254. Gragg also attributed the decline to a lower unemployment rate, as well as the fact that area high schools reportedly graduated fewer students.

A Temple Junior College off-

cial reported a drop from 2,551 in 1993 to this semester's enrollment of 2,472. He said that this decrease could be credited to the fact that area high schools graduated fewer students last spring.

In contrast, three area institutions reported an increase in enrollment.

According to Dinno Harvey, Hill College registrar, that school (Continued P. 6)

CSC fountain to be dedicated Friday

Public Info. Office

The new fountain at McLennan Community College's recently renovated Community Services Center, 4601 N. 19th St., will be dedicated at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. To mark the occasion, new MCC scholarships will be announced at the event.

Scheduled speakers include MCC President Dennis Michaels, Paul Marable Jr., chairman of the MCC Foundation, and Clint Lewis of Beaumont, a Foundation trustee and former MCC student body president.

The new fountain was built with donations from MCC supporters who purchased bricks for \$500 each and cornerstones for \$5,000. It is located near the tennis courts at the Community Services Center, which was formerly Waco High

News briefs

Student Government to meet trustees

The Board of Trustees has invited members of the Student Government to attend its board meeting tonight, Oct. 25. The 7 p.m. meeting will be preceded with a dinner at 6 p.m. SG members will be introduced to the board and all will discuss matters of the school. SG Vice President Carol Molter said she "hopes everyone (from SG) attends this meeting because it will show a better respect for the Student Government."

Buy texts before next Monday

The campus Bookstore will soon begin to prepare its shelves for book sales for the spring semester. Students who still need to purchase a text for this semester should do so before Oct. 31.

Computer services moving

Computer Services is in the process of moving to its new location in the Community Services Center. These people will be in the following CSC rooms — Bill Bane (director) 244, Les Besseliu 237, Rita Davis 249, Don Hurst 243, Terry Mozee 249, Beverly Roberts 242 and Mike Searight 241. The Computer Room will be in CSC 249 at ext. 646.

Business courses this week

Two one-night business classes will be held here this week. "So, You Want To Be in Business" is a noncredit course designed to answer questions about getting started in business, such as financing, legal requirements and local assistance available. The class will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, Oct. 26. The cost is \$25. "The ABC's of Government Contracting" is an informative introduction to obtaining contracts with local, state and federal government agencies. The class, which is aimed at small, disadvantaged and woman-owned businesses, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27. Cost is \$10, and enrollment is limited. For information, contact MCC at 750-3600.

Internet class begins Wednesday

A new, noncredit course entitled "Introduction to the Internet," which covers the unique worldwide computer network will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 26 for four weeks. Students will learn what hardware, software and permission they need to get on Internet, and they will receive hands-on experience in using MCC's access to the Internet system. The cost of the class is \$35. Call 750-3412.

'Woman's Work' conference Friday

Entrepreneurial women will want to attend a special conference sponsored by the college's Small Business Development Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. The "Woman's Work" conference features two concurrent seminar tracks geared for women who are business owners and managers. It gives participants an opportunity to build their knowledge about business while they network. The cost of the conference is \$45, including lunch and refreshments. Call 750-3412.

Check-cashing amount increased

A new check cashing policy is now in effect at the MCC Bookstore. Students, staff and faculty can cash personal checks up to \$20 or \$20 over purchase. This replaces the previous limit of \$10. Students will be charged a 15 cent fee and must show a current MCC ID and valid Texas driver's license. If a check is returned unpaid by the bank, a \$15 fee will be assessed by the Business Office.

Cosmetology offers nail course

Professional nail technicians are in demand throughout Central Texas, and in response, the college is offering a 13-week nail technician course to prepare students to pass the required state exam. Registration for the course will be held Nov. 3 and 4. Students will learn how to perform professional manicures and pedicures, create sculptured and acrylic nails, work with wraps and much more. Classes will meet from 8 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday Nov. 7 through March 7. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, complete applications for admission to MCC and to the college's cosmetology program, and meet with the program director prior to enrolling. A tuition payment plan is available. Call Ron Robinson, director of the cosmetology program, at 750-3602.

Literacy, GED at Midway

The college's Adult Education Program is now offering a Literacy/GED/English as a Second Language class from 6 to 9 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday at Midway High School, 700 Hewitt Dr., in Room 312. The class is provided free of charge. For enrollment information, call MCC at 753-1044.

'Expanding Horizons' for girls

A career exploration conference for 7th and 8th grade girls will be held Nov. 5, by the American Association of University Women. Registration for the "Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science" will be held from 8:30 to 9 a.m. at Texas State Technical College, followed by career seminars and tours of the campus. After lunch, students will travel to MCC where they will attend seminars conducted by local women who work in math and science-related fields. Past seminars have featured an aeronautical engineer, a plastic surgeon, a veterinarian and a computer technologist. The conference will conclude at 4 p.m. Registration is \$6 per student and covers lunch, snacks, materials and door prizes. A limited number of registration fee scholarships are available. The conference is limited to 200 girls on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms were distributed to 7th and 8th grade girls attending area schools early this month. For more information contact Lisette Carpenter at 750-3536.

Helicopter, military here Nov. 17

The military will visit the campus Nov. 17 when the Options program observes its own "Armed Forces Day." A Cobra helicopter will fly in and land in the area adjacent to the Community Services Center tennis courts about 10 a.m., weather permitting. All branches of the armed services will have representatives in the Options classroom in the CSC from 10 a.m. - noon to answer questions about military service and careers. The campus community is invited to this event.

Confidential antibody testing

The Waco-McLennan County Health District offers free anonymous or confidential HIV antibody testing at its 225 West Waco Drive facility. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, the hours are extended to 8 p.m. HIV Testing Coordinator Carolyn Hays said appointments are preferred but not necessary. For more information call (817)750-5499 or 1-800-480-2437.

POLITICS

Campus has little organized activity with general election two weeks off

By P.J. SCHOENFELD

With only two weeks until the general election the campus has had a conspicuous lack of organized political activity and no student political groups active on campus.

The Young Democrats were the last active political group on campus. They were active as recently as the spring semester, but the organization's president, vice president, and secretary have all transferred to the University of Texas. Juan Mercado, the advisor for the Young Democrats, said he is interested in re-starting the group. He can be contacted in room 206 of the Faculty Office Building, and he telephone number is 750-4426.

Other groups are eligible to organize on campus if anyone is interested in starting one. All that has to be done is meet the criteria set up in the *Highlander's Guide*. The stipulations for creating a new organization or club are:

1. Members must be currently enrolled at MCC. Special memberships allowed under certain conditions.

2. One or more faculty members must agree to serve as an advisor(s).

3. Meetings must be held on campus during regular college days and times.

4. A plan is used in the selection of its members without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex, physical handicap, age or other basis prohibited by law.

5. Goals are educational and compatible with the interests of the college.

6. An approved constitution is on file with the office of student activities.

Upon meeting the criteria set

up in the handbook, the club or organization will be given official authorization by the student activities office.

With only 14 days until the election, students still have time to become active in the political process. Political parties and candidates are looking for volunteers.

The local headquarters for both the Democratic and Republican parties in Waco can help volunteers get involved. The local phone numbers are 755-6200 for the McLennan County Democratic Party headquarters and 772-6955 for the Republican Party headquarters.

Medical Alliance gives college \$25,000 to endow scholarships

MCC Public Information Office release

The McLennan County Medical Alliance presented \$25,000 to the college during a noon luncheon in the MCC Student Center on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The money will be used to en-

dow scholarships MCC students in health careers such as nursing, radiologic technology and physical therapist assistant.

The medical alliance, which is made up of spouses of area physicians, has given health career scholarships to MCC students

each year for nearly 30 years, but this is the first time the organization has endowed a scholarship fund which will benefit future students.

"We feel honored to be the recipient of this generous gift," said Dr. Jesse Sawyer, executive di-

rector of the MCC Foundation.

"The McLennan County Medical Alliance has been a good friend to MCC for many years."

Alliance members raised money to endow the scholarship fund through the sale of cookbooks and other activities.

New medical records program on trustees agenda tonight

MCC Public Information Office release

The McLennan Community College Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. tonight to consider approval of a new instructional program in Health Information Management Technology (medical records).

Trustees will consider bids for renovation of Community Services Center Module F for the art

department and discuss granting permission for The Art Center to create a sculpture walk.

Bids for furniture for the Community Services Center Module E (former gym) and for classroom microcomputers will be considered, along with a copier lease purchase agreement and renewal of worker's compensation insurance.

The agenda includes hiring

three professional staff and revising policies on noncompensated leaves of absence, employee/retiree enrollment tuition, continuing education tuition/fees and college credit tuition/fees. The board will also consider participating in the state bid contract system administered by the General Services Commission.

The annual review for 1993-94 will be presented and a report

made on the recent site visit by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Student Government Association, in keeping with the annual tradition, will dine with trustees prior to the meeting and present a report on their activities during the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Highlander Room of the MCC Student Center.

Placement services now in new office

Placement Services is now a component of Career Development Services.

Career Development Services provides information on part-time and full-time employment opportunities appropriate for students. Individual assistance is available for completing applications, resume writing, and the interview. Career Development Services is located on the first floor of the Student Center.

The office is open in the fall and spring from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. To inquire about Career Development Services, come by or call 750-3614. Career Development Services was formerly Counseling Services.

Its staff includes Lynn Abernathy, coordinator; counseling specialists Paul Hoffman, Patay Jones, Susan Martindale and John Nobis; and three support staff — office supervisor Darlene Kilgore and administrative secretaries Pam Nichols and Butch Pruett.

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Classes filled?

If you need a humanities transfer class, why not consider "Introduction to Mass Communications," COMM 1307, on T-Th from 9:35-10:55 a.m.

Call Tom Buckner at 750-3517 for details.

Help for students

By KRISTIE KUBALA

Unless you're a born genius, there are some things in this world that you may not understand as well as others and college opens up a whole new door to these "things." Be it science, math, computer, or any other subject, the Tutorial Center can put you back onto this pathway to understanding.

The center offers free federally-funded tutoring to students who are registered for at least three hours.

The tutors are students who have completed the course you're interested in with a grade of an A or B (or in some cases, who are recommended by the teacher). The Tutorial Center employs around 60 tutors to help the 400-500 students who come in to be helped each year. Students are helped individually on a one-on-one basis so that they can get more benefit out of the tutoring sessions.

For more information about the service, feel free to call at 750-3570 or stop by the Tutorial Center located on the Third floor of the Students Center.

Transfer Fair review

By ANIKA STERLING

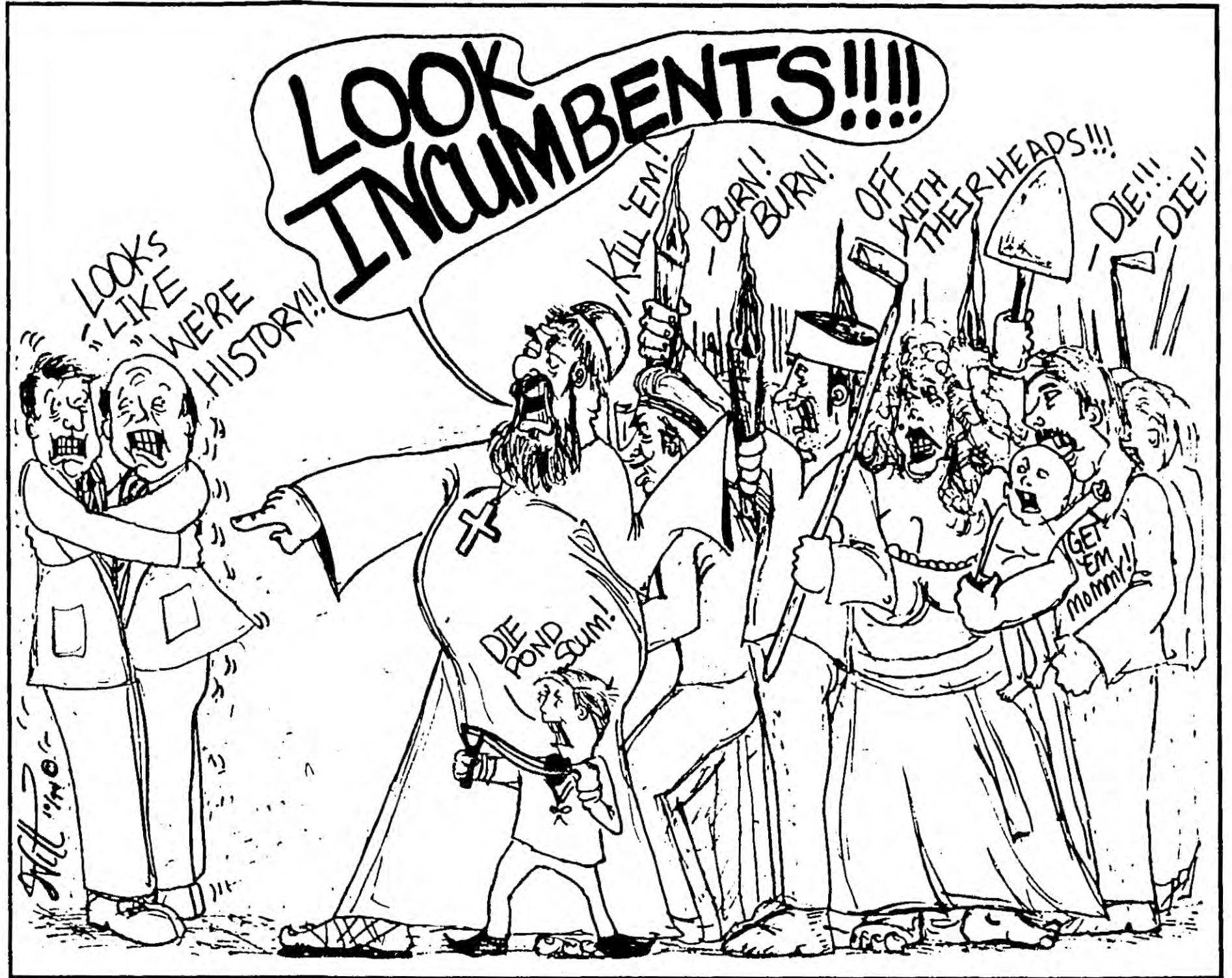
When I walked into the Student Center on Oct. 17, I wondered how many people would attend the Transfer Fair. At 9:30, when the fair started, I saw that many seemed to be interested in transferring. The group was large but had difficulty moving around because of the breakfast crowd still in the Student Center.

The largest number of students were talking to the recruiter from University of Texas at Austin who had five to six people at his table most of the time. Students also talked to representatives from Tarleton, Paul Quinn, Baylor, University of Texas at Arlington, Texas A&M, East Texas State, Steven F. Austin, Sam Houston State, Central Texas University and Texas Wesleyan University.

I talked to all the recruiters who gave students information on subjects such as housing, scholarships and financial aid.

The best conversation I had was with the representative at East Texas, who said that it was important to get a degree plan, a list of classes that will transfer to another school.

After meeting the representatives and having more information on these colleges than I could hold, I could see that the Transfer Fair was a success, and hopefully there will be another one next year.



FACE OFF

Is the media being fair to Clinton?

By AARON TUDOR

With President Clinton's approval ratings at less than 40 percent, even some die-hard Clinton supporters are having second thoughts about his presidency. Is he really doing such a bad job? If you watch the network news regularly, you'll probably say yes.

That's because the quality of television news has hit an all-time low during the Clinton presidency. As a matter of fact, I get queasy even calling it news. If you want real news, read a newspaper. If not all you are going to get is entertainment and commentary.

...news has become a joke. A bad joke.

In their never ending drive for ratings and a larger place in popular culture, network TV news has become a joke. A bad joke. It seems their current motto is "all news is bad news." Maybe that's why they've paid virtually no attention to progress Clinton has made so far.

Have you heard of the National and Community Service Trust Act? It awards grants to young people who perform community service. Sounds like a great idea to me, but I guess the networks didn't think so. They gave it almost no coverage.

Same thing with the Family and Medical Leave Act. It guarantees time off for mothers to have their babies and also allows time off for both parents

should the child become very ill. Bad idea, huh? Must be, because the networks didn't think it was important enough to cover.

Even when they do report on a bill, the fight to pass it becomes more important than the bill itself. Take the crime bill. Even though the bill contained billions

for additional prisons, police officers and prevention programs, all I ever heard about was the sacrifices Clinton made to get the bill passed and the crushing defeats he suffered along the way.

That's the major problem with network news these days. Everything is bad. Every defeat Clinton suffers is crushing. That's not reporting, that's commentary. But I dare you to find one story about the president without "commentary."

The purpose of news is to report the facts to you and let you make your own judgments. It's not to give you their own personal take on the facts.

You want to know how Clinton's really doing? Turn off the TV and pick up a newspaper. You may still think he's a bad president, but at least it will be your opinion and not Dan Rather's.

By MERIE WITT

Okay, pop quiz...who talks too much, whines a lot, lives in a bubble, and exaggerates the truth. Have you thought about it? Well, if you said Cliff Claven, I would say nice try, but no cigar! If you said Bill Clinton, then let's do lunch. However, if you said the national news media then I would give you a gold star because you have just guessed my topic of discussion for this week.

"The News Media," three innocent little words when one uses them separately, but said together they cast an evil spell. Just by saying that simple phrase an entire conversation can go sour, people begin to have dry heaves, and in the worst-case scenarios, some have been known to spin their heads around like Linda Blair in "The Exorcist."

Media reporting is like a tasteless practical joke. When you are the one who puts on frozen underwear (not that this has ever happened to me!) it doesn't seem too funny. On the other hand, when you stick it to someone you don't like, it is the funniest thing since Ross Perot ran for president. It's not only funny, but also innocent and totally justified.

We seem to have an irrational view of our media, Democrats and Republicans alike. If Dan Rather and Connie Chung are tearing up the Clinton administration on the "CBS Nightly News" the liberals throw a temper tantrum. Then the next week, when the GOP is attacked for hoxing some bill, the liberals run around doing football dances.

News comes and goes. Opinions, public support, and trends, are like insignificant small talk. They disappear as soon as the sound bytes cease to tickle our ear drums. The media has a love/hate relationship with ev-

ery personality and story that they come into contact with. One week you are a hero, the next you are a villain.

Anyone who chooses to live life in the spotlight must know that they should have eyes in the back of their head because no one is immune to back-stabbing when it comes to the media. That's why I get so "fired up" when liberals pull out the old Stradivarius to whine out a sad song about how the media is treating Clinton badly.

Hate the media! That's fine with me, but please don't say that the media is unfair to Bill Clinton! For me, discussing the media's fairness to Clinton with a wide-eyed liberal ranks right up there with riding a bicycle without a seat on it, or bungie

sexually harassed Paula Jones, or that he had extramarital affairs. Of course not, character doesn't matter! We should stay out of people's private lives. Unless they are a conservative Republican nominee for the Supreme Court. Now that's news!

One of Clinton's campaign promises during the '92 election was that he would give homosexuals the right to be openly gay in the military. With this promise he captured the highly active homosexual vote. Yet upon pressure after the election he waffled.

"We will have universal health care coverage unless everybody wants something else."

"Well okay, maybe we will have to rethink this while I have another waffle."

"Cubans can no longer come into this country, or maybe we should let them camp out for a while with the GIs on Guantanamo Bay."

"I totally stand behind my nomination of Loni Gwener."

"Loni who?"

Waffle, waffle! Somebody please, let go my Eggo! Clinton has changed his mind so many times and compromised every one of his proposals to death. What good things Clinton has done are merely piecemen.

Admittedly he has helped along some good things, but most (like GAITT or the economic upswing in our country) are hold-overs from the Reagan-Bush era. He's nicked and dimed us to death with little insignificant programs that increase government powers.

As much as I despise the media, they should be applauded

for pointing out Clinton's errors and mistakes. We need to be informed. The sad thing is that in the case of Bill Clinton most of what is being said is all true and not supposition.

The media would have us believe that we have never had a good president, a successful product, or a good economy. Every symptom of the flu is an epidemic. Nothing is as it seems because it's all bigger than life.

I guess what Bill Clinton and his entourage of liberals don't like is that they get lumped together with everyone else. The special treatment only lasts for so long. As viewers, listeners, and consumers I think we need to spend a lot less time complaining about the media, and a lot more time using it to our advantage.

If we are manipulated by the media that's because we are too lazy to inform ourselves. We have to be interactive people. It's time to stop plugging in to the tube and turning off our minds.

There is a virtual plethora of news sources out there just waiting to be used. We don't always have to accept what our favorite news anchor says as the "gospel truth!" I believe we are all a bit smarter than that.

So all the liberals out there can stop getting red in the face over the media's unfairness to Clinton. If he is losing popularity it's not the media's fault. In the paraphrased words of Shakespeare, "the fault lies not in the stars, but in ourselves!" Clinton can easily find the answers to why he is losing popularity by simply taking a gander at his proposals or taking a long look into the mirror.

The media rhetoric doesn't bother me because I am an empowered listener. For example, even though the media constantly bashed Ronald Reagan, all I had to do was pull out the U.S. Bureau of Census report between 1982 and 1989 which reveals that under Reaganomics the poorest fifth of Americans real income gained almost 12 percent, 65 percent of people jumped at least two income brackets, and despite popular beliefs, the rich got taxed a whole lot more than the poor did in the '80s.

The truth is there, but the question is, "are liberals prepared for what they will find?"

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Correction on Calculators

The article "New calculators tested in college algebra classes" in the Sept. 23 issue of the Highland Herald should not have implied that students in chemistry or physics classes would be required to have a graphing calculator. The article included the phrase "...in order to get back some of the money that the school spent." The word "lost" should have been "spent." This was not the intended meaning of the

phrase. The sentence should have read "...in order to get back some of the money that the school spent." Buddy Powell, director of math and sciences, explained that the money "... was surely spent, but only with the expectation of a return from the experiment. That return will be in form of knowledge which can provide the basis for future instructional decisions in the math department."

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LETTER TO
THE EDITOR

Basketball tips off next week

Men open season here on Nov. 4

By DAVE EMLEY
The men's basketball team is getting ready for the 1994-95 season which tips off Nov. 4. The Highlanders will be hosting the Subway Tip-off Classic at The Highlands. Other schools taking part in the two-day tourney are South Plains, Jacksonville College and Temple Junior College.

Coach Ken DeWeese has been working the team hard in preparation for the coming season. Weight training mixed in with on-the-court practice takes up a good part of the athletes' free time.

DeWeese says the intensity level of this year's squad is very high. He says that makes for more competition among team members.

With five returning lettermen the seven freshmen on the team are pushing for more playing time. DeWeese said he expects several of his incoming players to help the men's program.

The strength of this year's Highlanders squad, according to DeWeese, will be rebounding and the ability to put points on the score board. As for weaknesses, DeWeese sees team defense and the lack of team quickness as drawbacks. As for a starting lineup, Coach DeWeese has declared all positions open and up for grabs.

The two nightly tournament games are at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday night Temple and Jacksonville will play the early game, while the 'Landers will take on South Plains in the nightcap. The teams will then switch opponents for Saturday's contests. Temple faces South Plains and following that game the Highlanders conclude the tourney by playing Jacksonville.

Intramural basketball begins in November

By JENNIFER LONDON
Intramurals is a program where both men and women can show off their talents.

"Intramurals is a growing program and the interest is coming back," Coach Wendell Hudson said.

Right now in the intramurals program volleyball and pickle ball are being played in the HPE gym on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:15 until 11:15 a.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Pickle ball is a sport that is played on a badminton court and is a combination of tennis, ping ball and badminton. The court's net is lowered to the ground and pickle ball is played with a wooden paddle and a whiffle ball, which is a plastic ball with holes.

In the middle of November intramural basketball will start. Five person basketball will be played and also three-on-three tournaments.

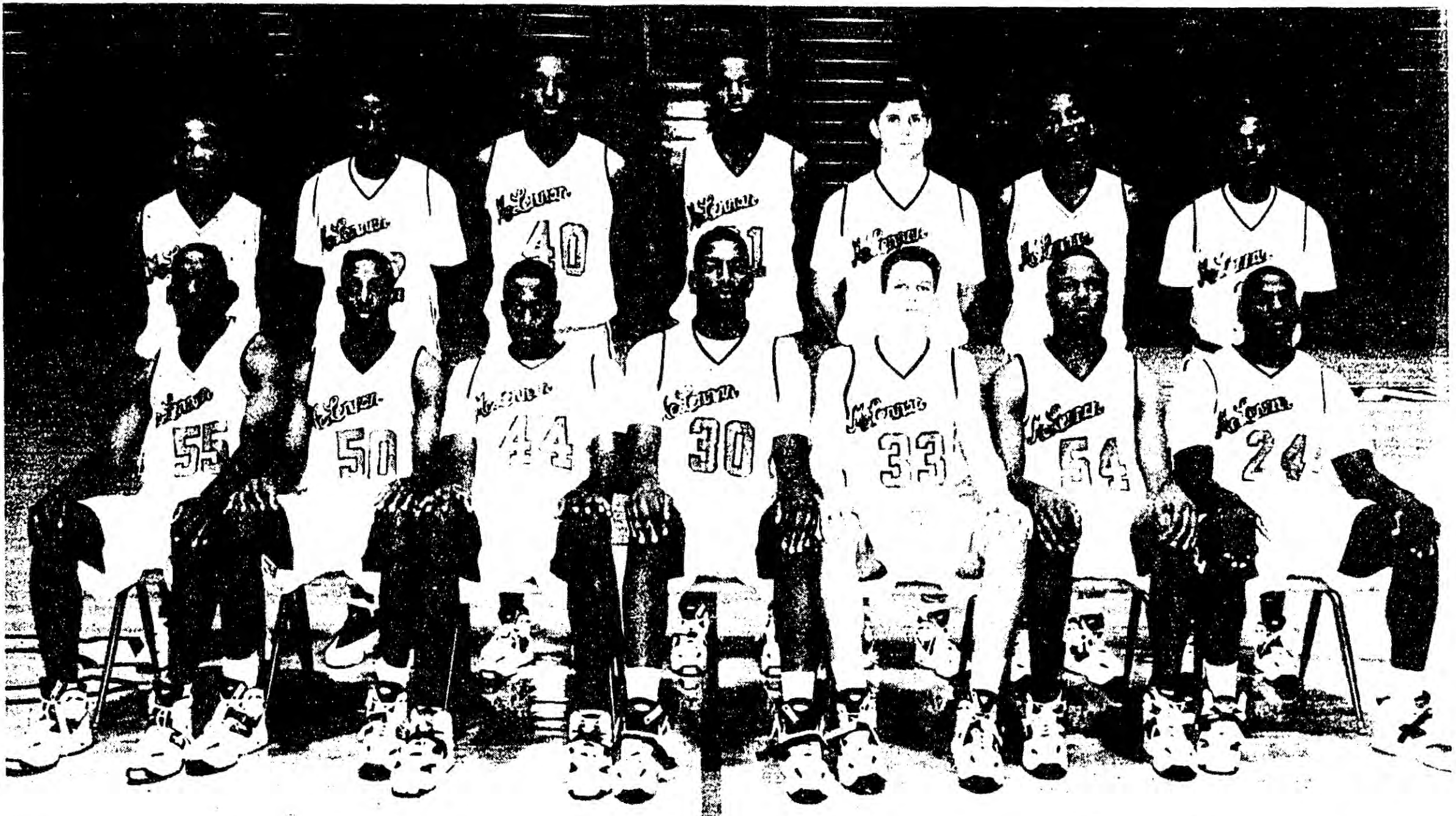
In the spring intramural play will center around soccer, softball and racquetball. "Right now volleyball seems to be the popular sport played by the students," said Hudson.

All students are invited to play in the intramurals program. One doesn't have to be on a team to play in the program, but students can organize their own teams and bring them to play. "A lot of students would take part if they were informed about it during registration so that they can schedule their classes around the intramurals," Hudson said.

He also commented that "more students seem to participate in the intramural program during the second semester." For more information about the intramural program call ext. 646 or go by Hudson's office in the HPE building room 112.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

LEFT — James Rogers reaches for a point in a pickleball match.



THE HIGHLANDERS- Back row (left to right) Kenneth Benton, Joe Ervin, Marco Brown, Thomas Shearin, John Walker, Damion McKinney, Marcus Moss. Front row (left to right) Rick Griffin, Don Long, Norman Williams, Jermaine Thomas, Scott McAnally, Rondell Turner and Rodrick Monroe.

Photo by Brooks Whittington



THE HIGHLASSIES- Backrow (left to right) Angelena Morris, P. J. Jackson, Lisa McKinney, Yong Tran, Fredia Water, Benja Weaver, Eleanor Alfred, Misty Cobb and LaTeshia McClendon. The 'Lassies will begin their season Nov. 3 in the South Plains Tournament.

Photo by Brooks Whittington

Tradition

Former players take skills to the 'big' time

By JEFF TALBERT
Just as no snowflake is the same and no blade of grass is the same, neither is any MCC basketball team.

Every year a new batch of freshmen must immediately grow accustomed to college basketball to replace the sophomores of the year before. This year, the freshmen must help the team in replacing five players, four of whom have moved on to universities and one who signed a professional contract.

Chris McKinney of La Vega was a post and is now playing basketball for University of Mary-Hardin Baylor.

Guard Jermaine Frasier of Waco is playing basketball for Prairieview A&M University. Girard Darnon has signed a professional contract with a team in Spain.

Center Hakim Ball of Austin and Brian Green, originally from

San Antonio, are playing at the University of Nevada-Reno.

The five former MCC players were all offered scholarships, which is not surprising, according to Coach Ken DeWeese.

"We've never had a sophomore since I've been here . . . to finish the year with us who hasn't been offered a scholarship," DeWeese said.

The players left a team that was 28-3, and DeWeese said it is hard to go on to the next level from a school with that type of performance.

"Our program has been extremely successful year after year," DeWeese said, "and then when they go into various programs they won't all go into places that have the same continuous success. Therefore sometimes they come back and they are not as complimentary about the program they are in."

Although some of the players may not be as content with the

team they are playing for as they would like to be, DeWeese said one of the most difficult parts of college basketball is over for those players.

He said it's difficult to make a second move, the first move being from a high school to a junior college. Junior college is more difficult to play in, DeWeese said, because a player has to play as a freshman, whereas in a four-year college the player has time to "warm up" to college basketball. Also, junior college basketball players are under immediate pressure to play. They have to show their talents to get recruited, and the only way to do that is to play. Also, the players have no acclimation period.

"Junior college basketball is a pressure-cooker," DeWeese said.

But for McKinney, Frasier, Darnon, Ball, and Green, the pressure was taken in stride. Now there's new pressure and adjusting to different lives.

Tartan Scholars First year program a success

By HEATHER ELLIS

Last spring, MCC piloted an honor's program called the Tartan Scholars which targets a select group of students with outstanding abilities. Now completing its first full year, the Tartan Scholar program offers the most prestigious academic scholarship on campus.

"It is the best academic scholarship on campus," said Marylin Kelly, speech instructor. "We pay for tuition, books and fees."

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The honors program is named after the McLennan tartan, which is made from a wool fabric with an intricate plaid pattern.

"We thought the different colors in the plaid represented the diverse students involved in the Tartan Scholar program," Kelly said.

The program includes full and part-time students. Also, students planning to transfer to four-year colleges or pursuing technical careers are members of the honors program.

The scholars attend regular classes as well as a colloquium (course) designed to challenge students in critical and creative thinking, humanities, business, economics and science. Each colloquium counts three credit hours and is taught by different instructors on campus. The colloquia are also transferable to state colleges or universities. Kelly said each colloquium is aimed at teaching students to think creatively and analyze problems. "Our colloquia educate toward giftedness," said Kelly.

In addition to the colloquia, Tartan scholars take part in mini-study tours, which are also funded in the scholarship. Recent study tours have given students an opportunity to visit the Meyerson Symphony Center, to see a Texas Rangers game, to take a canoe trip down the Brazos, and to visit the Kimball Museum which featured impressionistic paintings by Van Gogh, Renoir, and Picasso. The study tours are designed to coincide with each colloquium.

"The first colloquium is the critical thinking colloquia. We're

interested in giving (the scholars) diverse experiences in the arts and sports," Kelly said.

The second colloquia is the introduction to humanities through theater, music and visual arts. The next study tour will soon be seeing the musical "Evita" at the Hippodrome.

Tartan scholars are involved in a community project in which they have adopted a section of highway to keep litter-free. They also are opening an office across from counseling called "The Tartan Scholar Suite." It will be used as a visiting area and computers will be available.

The Tartan Scholar Program has also received national praise from other educators outside the state, Kelly said. Joseph Renzulli, professor of education at the University of Connecticut, recognized the Tartan Scholar Program as one of the top gifted educational programs in the nation.

To apply for the Tartan Scholar program, students must submit an application, two recommendations, unofficial transcripts and a portfolio. A portfolio can consist of essays from an English class, photographs, artistic work, or video tapes from a speech. Kelly said all kinds of items can be turned in as a portfolio.

Kelly stressed that the group selected for this spring's program will be those students more identified on campus as opposed to those from high schools. She also said test scores are considered in the selection process, but that scholars are chosen largely on the basis of what is provided in their portfolio. "We look for what includes you, not excludes you," Kelly said.

After reviewing all the applications, the Tartan Scholar Committee selects a much smaller group to interview and then chooses 15 new members.

The last day to submit applications and portfolios to Dr. Deborah Garrett's office is Nov. 1. For more information about the Tartan Scholars program, contact Dr. Garrett's office in the Administration building.

"We look for what includes you, not excludes you."



TARTAN SCHOLARS (front row from the left) are Michelle Smith, Marie Dokoja, Felicia Clark and Deana Hanks. On the second row are Ryan Dobson, Susan Smith, Aaron Tudor, Monique Moseley and Lynette

Sparks. On the back row are Jared Kupcak, James DeSopa, Andrea Ortiz and Ireshelia Hart.

Former student joins seminary after completing Baylor studies



BETTY WEAVER standing in front of seminary to which she was accepted.

GEORGE W. TRUETT
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

By EUGENIE STEPHEN

In the fall of 1989, when Betty J. Weaver started night school at MCC, she thought she knew what her future would be. She was wrong.

Little did Weaver know that she, a 48-year-old divorcee and mother of two sons, would be one of eight women to be accepted at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University.

"I did not know what to expect, how I would fit in at night school," Weaver said. However, she pointed out that everything went well, especially since more mature students were around. She blended with that crowd.

While at MCC, she worked at three jobs during the day, but managed to complete 48 credit hours. In September 1991, Weaver transferred to Baylor with the idea that she would graduate with a Bachelor's degree in education with a minor in religion.

Weaver, a member of the First Baptist Church of Mart, is also

an avid writer. Her publications include articles for the *Biblical Illustrator* and the *Encounter*. Weaver has also written devotionals for the Baptist Sunday School Board as well as a Bible book series for teens.


During the summer Weaver was also part of a team of 25 Baptists from Mart who traveled to North Little Rock, Ark., to do outreach work. The group worked with more than 100 children at vacation bible school.

Weaver who has been a CPA for some 20 years, works at Wolf Manufacturing.

The seminary community has

provided Weaver with a chance to mix and mingle with both local and foreign students. Students include Phuoc Dang from Korea, Phoebe Nyiraneza from Rowanda and Rev. Walter McDonald of St. Luke A.M.E. Church, East Waco.

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French farce 'Hotel Paradiso' rehearsals begin, opens Nov. 16

BY BROOKS WHITTINGTON

The cast has been named and rehearsals are underway for the next dramatic production at MCC on Nov. 16-19.

"Hotel Paradiso" written in 1886 by the French dramatist Georges Feydeau, is a play about a mild-mannered builder named Boniface who has an overbearing wife named Angelique.

Boniface's arrogant architect friend Cot has a sexually frus-

trated wife named Marcelle. When Boniface is told of Marcelle's frustrations, he offers her a night of sexual bliss at a hotel called the "Hotel Paradiso." She agrees, but before they can go, Boniface gets a visit from Martin and his four daughters, all of whom had hoped to stay at his house.

Since this is out of the question, Boniface tells Martin to find a hotel. He also gives his maid Victoire permission to go with Maxim, who happens to be Cot's

nephew, on his return journey to school.

Quite by accident, Martin and his daughters room at Hotel Paradiso on the same night as it is visited by Boniface and Marcelle. In addition, Cot is sent to the hotel on the same night to investigate ghostly noises that the management of the hotel thinks are ghosts. Maxim and Victoire also show up for a fling of their own, making the play even more confusing.

That same night, the local

police stage a raid on the hotel, and Boniface and Marcelle are arrested. Boniface, unaware that Marcelle had told the police that she was Mme. Boniface, tells them that he is M. Cot.

The next day, Angelique and Cot are summoned to a police board to explain their presence at the hotel during the raid. When an inspector arrives, Boniface and Marcelle pretend that they are mad at their mates. Their attempted adultery is almost discovered, however, when Martin

arrives and is about to comment on having seen them at the hotel the night before when a sudden rainstorm provokes a speech impediment and silences him. The matter is finally settled by Maxim and Victoire, who allow themselves to be named as the guilty couple.

The play is directed by Jerry MacLaughlin.

Boniface will be portrayed by Bryan Taylor, Angelique by Regan Thompson, Marcelle by Tara Pannell, Cot by Joe

Ginnane, Maxim by Kelly Parker, Victoire by Lillian Robuck, Martin by Dave Ellis, the first porter by Geordrick Haynes, the second porter by Brent Sykora, Violette by Julie Law, Marguerite by Kim Batterton, Paquerette by Jill Hargrove, Anniello by Ethan Chappell, Georges by Clinton Hopper, a "lady" by Nikki Johnson, a duke by Derrick Phillips, Tabu by Jim McBride and a police inspector by Mike Bell.

Journalism convention attracts record number

Newspaper staff wins awards in photography features, opinion, sports

By AARON TUDOR

If you host it they will come. When MCC hosted the Texas Community College Journalism Association Oct. 13-15, they came in droves.

A record 228 people from 23 community colleges and nine universities attended the three day convention, which featured workshops, an awards ceremony and guest speakers.

An additional 170 high school students and their journalism teachers attended a pre-convention workshop on campus Oct. 13. Several of the colleges also attended the workshop led by the University Interscholastic League's Bobby Hawthorne.

Among the speakers were former Baylor head football coach Grant Teaff, Texas Football Magazine founder Dave Campbell and Waco Tribune-Herald publisher Randy Freddy.

The first day of the convention featured workshops on news writing, editorials and headlines, then a reception and open house at the Baylor University Journalism Department.

Seminars were held the next day with tips on everything from preparing to write best-selling novels to managing a newsroom during Mt. Carmel.

The convention wrapped up with an awards ceremony in which three Highland Herald staffers were honored. For the awards, schools are divided into two divisions, with the schools with the largest student populations in Division I. MCC competes in Division II.

Aaron Tudor received honorable mention awards for Division II Feature Writing and Division II Sports writing. Annette Banks received honorable mention in Division II Editorial Writing, and Brooks Whittington received first place in Division II Sports Photography and third place in Division II Feature Photo.

Neighbors' enrollment up, down

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experienced a narrow increase in the current enrollment of 2,261 over last year's 2,243.

Killeen's Central Texas College reported an increase from 8,500 in 1993 to this year's 8,966. That growth has generally been attributed to the expansion of Fort Hood.

Blinn College in Brenham has seen an increase in enrollment as well. James Colarco, director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, revealed a 3.5 percent increase from last fall's enrollment, which was, in turn, was an 8 percent increase from the previous year. Colarco attributes this continued increase primarily to the growth of Blinn's Bryan-College Station campus.



TRANSFER FAIR-Jeremy Tice and Carol Erwin look on as an representative from the University of Texas explains something to them during the Transfer Fair. The fair was

held on Oct. 17 in the Student Center and featured representatives from such colleges as Texas A&M and the University of Texas-Austin. (See related story, page 3).

Voice students compete at Rice

MCC students have been chosen to participate in the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition at Rice University in Houston Thursday and Friday. Reggie Foster, Shannon Goodwin, Zakiyah Griffin-Jackson, Deana Hanks, Heather Jackson, Jeremy Lamb, Tara Pannell and Linda Shaw, all of Waco; Jill Hargrove, Temple; Chad Martin, Belton; and Chris Crawley, Houston, will compete with more than 1,000 other students from colleges and universities in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

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