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## Board shreds paper trails

Lindsey Hayworth  
Sports Editor

The Board of Trustees approved a contract for an Optical Imaging System which will rid the college of unwanted paper trails.

This system will update all admission files currently on paper into a computerized filing system.

Bluebird System is handling the imaging software contract to be incorporated into the MCC computer system for \$86,892.

This will keep student transcripts on file for many years and decreases the risk of their important papers getting lost in the shuffle.

The board also heard a report on Internet courses offered by the college from Lynn Waller, internet instructor.

The college now offers 19 internet courses. Next spring Waller will begin a drama class via the internet.

One important aspect of the internet courses is that each student is given their own individual assignments. This helps me to personalizemy courses and get to know the students better, said Waller.SGA announced that officer position are still open and need to be filled; Historian, Parliamentary, Treasurer, and PR officers.

The Board also approved all Consent Agenda Items which are posted in the minutes available upon request.The new softball field and outer fencing was discussed and trustees agreed to update the baseball field's outer fencing. All items discussed in this meeting are explained in the minutes.



Let's  
talk  
trash!

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Digital Image by Marcos Garcia

Anneka Harrelson, two years old, chases bubbles blown by her brother at the '99 Open Door Arts Fest.

## Arts Fest plans gel

Leah C. Turner  
Staff writer

How do you top a 5,000 gallon jiggly gelatin mold? With a ton of whip cream?

No, with a miniature replica of Waco.

The '98 Open Door Arts Fest amazed spectators with a jello block fit for King Kong. This year the festival focused on the minuscule, erecting a miniature version of an entire Waco block including a tiny Taco Bell, Nation's Bank, and even the Allico Building.

"The main idea was to allow adults and children the opportunity to improve their neigh-

borhood...to create their ideal neighborhood," said Joe Kaegel

The Arts Fest painted a scene of fun and festivities Oct. 16-19 as children of all ages coated cardboard boxes with their choices of vibrant hues.

Each box was premarked with the name of a local company or store. Construction began early Saturday morning, drawing a crowd of over 5000 despite the somewhat cloudy conditions.

"The Arts Fest allowed the public to join artists in celebrating creativity in all forms," Kaegel said.

"All forms" included, the Arts Fest made for a smorgas-

bord of art.

Gigantic bubbles floated on the breeze at the Bubble Science booth. Jill Barrow invited interested onlookers to try their hand at bubble art, capturing busted bubbles on paper via colored bubble broth.

Toddlers' crisscrossing tri-cycle tire paint tracks became abstract art on a gigantic crepe paper canvas.

Cruise lines constructed of plastic foam and sailboats with foil sails dared the treacherous rapids of the fountain.

Globs of homemade glue and newspaper were transformed

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## Meningitis no threat at MCC

Marcos Garcia  
Staff writer

MCC students have no need to panic over a national call for vaccination against meningitis, according to local health officials.

Several recent news reports have suggested that college students are at a higher risk of contracting the potentially deadly disease than the rest of the population.

Symptoms of the disease include: fever in excess of 101 degrees, chills, severe sudden headache, stiff neck and back, mental changes, rashes, vomiting, seizures, and joint aching.

Preventing and controlling the disease remains a public health challenge because there are several different kinds of meningitis and the available

vaccines' effectiveness is limited.

So does MCC have anything to worry about?

"An outbreak at MCC due to a confined environment is not of really great concern since there are no dormitories. I understand that student housing is at an apartment complex, thus not as confined as a dormitory would be. It always could possibly happen since there are no 100% guaranties in the medical field," said Sharon Hammond, Associate Degree Nursing Instructor.

MCC health officials are not worried with the current meningitis status, but if an epidemic were to break out, Hammond said, students should always be aware that the best place for

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## Pumpkin cut ups vie for pizza prize

Eleven entrants carved out a place for themselves during the The Great Pumpkin Carveout at the student center Oct. 29.

Winners were: First, "Aye Laddy", by the Pumpkin Carvers; second-Phi Theta Kappa; third, Student Government Association. Honorable mentions went to International Student Club, Liberal Arts "A" Team, Physical Therapy Association, G.L.Wiley Students, Respiratory Therapy Club, Computer Services/Network Group, Career Development Workstudy Team #1 and Options.

The winners earned a pizza party for MEISA/NAMBI.



AD Wendell Hudson talks about playing, coaching, living!

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# Health Info Tech seeks improved student interest

By Doniell Gonzales  
Staff Writer

MCC's Health Information Technology program officials want to increase enrollment for its the three-year-old program.

"We are just trying to educate the public and industry on what we are trying to do as health education managers," said Dalia George, spokeswoman for the Health Information Technology department. "A lot of people don't even have a clue who we are, or what we do."

The department is hoping that will all change during the week of Nov. 7- 13, the 1999 National Health Information and Technology week.

"This is a very special week to honor our excellence in Health Information Management (HIM), to educate colleagues about our significant contribution to delivering quality health care," said George. "And to recognize the efforts and expertise of all HIM professionals."

The Health Information Technology program will participate in the celebration by

setting up a booth in the MCC cafeteria, representing this year's theme, "Excellence. Expertise. Experience."

A computer will be set up with a Microsoft Power Point presentation depicting more in-depth aspects of the program. In addition the department is sending brochures to nearby high schools.

"We are trying to promote and recruit new students for our program," said George. "We are planning to have departmental tours and interaction with current students."

For more information call Judyth Key, program director, at 299-8408. The American Health Information Management Association's website can be found at WWW.AHIMA.ORG.

# Scholars see show

Mandolin Shannon  
Staff writer

The Presidential Scholars enjoyed an evening of fine music during a recent outing.

Dr. Michaelis took twelve scholars and 3 college administrators to a Saturday concert at the Bass Hall in Ft. Worth. Melissa Manchester was accompanied by the Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra during the performance.

Those in attendance were Administrative Assistant Fay Gutierrez, Vice President of Business Services Dr. Johnette McKown, Dean of Student Services Lynn Abernathy. Presidential Scholars who went to the concert were: Keimesha

Alexander, Deriek Browder, Sherri Claridy, Kristin Cunningham, Jason Penoli, Shelly Polansky, Blanca Ramirez, Erik Royal, Vanessa Saldana, Candice Sustala, Amy Waits and Janis Zacharias.

Dr. Michaelis said he wanted to take the scholars to an event which they normally would not get the opportunity to go to. Each semester scholars are treated to a different venue.

Fay Gutierrez said that the outings give students a chance to get to know each other. She said it is a fun way for the scholars to bond as a group.

Erik Royal said he enjoyed the outing and the concert. He said Manchester was great.

# TYC graduates first class

Andrea Tabor  
Staff writer

All 40 students passed the college's first Texas Youth Commission (TYC) contract class completed on October 15.

TYC is a state agency directed toward the care and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders, offering pre-service academy training for juvenile correction officers and other TYC workers.

The college is contracted with TYC and offers monthly

classes to their new-hires.

Classes are scheduled during first two weeks of each month, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm. Students are certified after successfully completing the program and passing the state-mandated test.

The curriculum includes 80 hours of various training disciplines, such as communication/verbal crisis intervention, prevention of sexual harassment, youth rights, safety, ethics and

confidentiality, stress management, suicide prevention, intercultural awareness, juvenile health, CPR and first aid, etc. The main focus of the program is aimed toward rehabilitation.

"All 40 of the students who enrolled passed, and expressed their satisfaction with the academy. We are proud to have helped in the addition of 40 people to the Central Texas Workplace," said Joyce Sims, Community Health Coordinator.

# Meningitis Continued from page 1

treatment is one of the local hospitals. Students should also know that once the infection starts, it can spread very rapidly through the body.

A very important factor to help deter the disease, says Hammond, would be to maintain a lifestyle which helps the immune system stay as strong as possible. This includes maintaining a balanced diet, exercise, adequate rest and sleep, and avoiding stress.

Students are always able to visit and/or call the Health Department for further information on the disease. They can have check-ups at the Health Department, Family Practice Clinic, Community Clinic or with their private physicians.

Attack rates are highest among children 3-12 months of age and then steadily decline among older age groups. But meningococcal disease knows no discrimination. Between September 1998 and June 1999, 88 cases of the disease were found in college students, six died. The meningitis spread through the students rapidly due to their dormitory living.

Approximately 5-10% of the general population carry the meningococcal bacteria, approaching 95% during epidemics of the disease. However, only less than 1% actually develop the disease.

Meningococcal bacteria cannot live outside the body for more than a few minutes. Therefore, those who do not share housing with someone who has the disease are not at risk of contracting it.

However, any person who has had direct exposure to someone, like a roommate, with meningococcal disease within seven days are at risk for contracting the disease.

Exposure includes anything from kissing to sharing eating utensils to something as simple

as being touched.

According to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), vaccine that protects against serogroups A, C, Y, and W-135, is recommended. But routine vaccination is not recommended for control of sporadic cases.

As a matter of fact, according to Charles Burgoon, City of Waco Public Health Epidemiologist, "vaccines for meningococcal disease are not highly effective in younger children".

Burgoon also said that from June 1999 to the present there have only been 3 cases of meningococcal disease reported in McLennan county.

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## Editorial

### Life is short ...don't play

One of the smartest things anyone ever said is, "Life is too short."

There is a fine line between life and death, and we're all standing on it. No one on this earth can guarantee that he'll be alive five minutes from now. With that in mind, why not spend the short time you do have left doing things that will have a positive effect on you?

For instance, the most common display of human stupidity is the huge consumption of alcohol. Too many people of this generation spend all their free time partying and drinking. How on earth does this benefit them - or anyone for that matter? If you died tomorrow, do you really want to say the last thing you did on this earth was get drunk?

With all due respect to smokers, it is an annoyance to hear smokers (and not just cigarette smokers) say, "You have to die of something." To them you should ask, do you really want to die that way? If you have to die right this minute, shouldn't natural causes be your preference? At least you could breathe out your last words instead of hacking them out. And how about all of the people who do nothing but sit at home and watch TV all day while they could actually live the same adventures as the people on television? Get up off the couch and do something constructive. "Slothfulness" is not going to be something you can list as your biggest accomplishments in life.

If you're the kind of person who takes life one day at a time, use the one day you have wisely. Live for the day. Heck, live for the next five minutes, but don't sit and watch the clock with a beer can in one hand, and a television remote in the other. You've only been given one life, so take care of it. Remember, what happens to you is only a percent of your life, what you make happen is the other 99.

## Letters Policy

The Highland Herald welcomes letters from the students, faculty and staff of McLennan Community College. Please keep them brief. All letters become property of the Highland Herald, and its staff reserves the right to edit them for content, taste, grammar, and spelling.

*Warped beyond measure...*

## Amazing Grace... at what cost?

Julian L. Ramon  
Managing editor

No matter who you are, or what your background is, everyone at one time or another has thought about spirituality.

More often than not, when a person is down and out, he or she will seek some kind of transcendental answer to these problems.

Many people have sought spiritual guidance by going to church or praying at the foot of their bed, including those not interested in serving God, who only call on him in when they need something. What they don't realize, is that there is a force out there that may be more evil and vicious than the devil himself.

This force is the vile and vicious group of human beings who claim to be the proprietors of miracles. They prey on people seeking refuge from the evil of the world, and the vulnerability of these poor and often unsincere souls makes it all too easy.

I am not speaking of bill collectors, lawyers, or even politicians. I'm talking about media evangelists. There are some true followers of God out there who share their wisdom with those in need, as well as people who really do want to serve God. But many have fallen into the corporate realm of spirituality. People by the thousands attend churches, sometimes three or four times a week, to be in a place where they feel they have to be to get in good with God. A lot of these individuals just want someone to give them an easy way to get



into heaven, and all the while, their pastors are reeling them in, making them feel obligated to the pseudo-spiritualist.

"Give to this ministry and you will be blessed ten fold!"

The loud, energetic voice lets you know you don't have to contribute, but at the same time, it makes you feel that failing to "give" will detract from your blessing privileges. Being the spiritually disinterested congregation that it is, a mere cash exchange for good fortunes is a smart transaction. When you're watching on TV, thousands, maybe even millions of people call to give donations to these evangelists' churches for the purpose of "saving" others.

Many of the callers themselves need saving, and so; the pocketbooks begin opening nationwide. As the evangelist looks down at his eager congregation, he encourages them to keep giving. "The Lord wants you to bless others so that you may be blessed!" Walking back and forth across an expensive rug imported from Italy, the evangelist seems to play the role of a superior man. I would feel superior too, if I were located in an exorbitant-looking church decorated inside and out with items that were definitely not purchased in local gift shops.

The masses of naive people fail to realize that as they pile their families into their station

wagons, and head for their middle-class homes, their preacher friend is kicking back in his Mercedes, on his way to his two-story mansion. It's people like him who create the non-believers.

Letters pour into mailboxes, asking for thousand-dollar pledges. These contributions are requested so that a \$5 million worship center can be constructed, yet the same person who is to pastor this so-called church is also asking for money to take overseas and help the unfortunate individuals in their time of need.

If you do send large sums of your hard-earned money, only a prayer is offered in return, and the question of exactly how much of your money went to helping others, and how much of it went to building a miniature empire remains. Since when does God charge for his services? And why are there so many out there who subject themselves to this monetary form of spiritualism? Many feel they can wallow in sin all week, and pay off God on Sunday. It's a case of two evils fighting for a good name, while neither has a good argument.

Nowhere in the Bible does it say you must attend church every minute it's in service, or you'll go to hell, nor does it say if you don't give your last penny, you'll continue to live in misery. All those dollars and all that glamour won't help you in the end. The God I worship doesn't seek payment, or perfect attendance in order to enter His kingdom, only a sincere heart.

*Right on...*

## Students are wasting our future with waste

Jamie N. Jones  
Editor

The college currently has a problem with students littering on campus.

We are blessed with one of the most beautiful college campuses in the state and we choose to mess it up by throwing trash all over the place.

Students need to become more involved in the environment and the upkeep on campus. We all pass trash cans on campus, and it is easy to drop our trash into them rather than dropping it on the ground.

Every day, members of the grounds crew clean up abundant amounts of trash and still do not manage to get it all.

"Three people spend an hour

and a half a day cleaning campus parking lots; however, the amounts of trash in these lots has dropped considerably since the beginning of school," said Bob Park, grounds crew lead man.

One person on this crew spends 15 hours a week cleaning up cigarette butts that have been aimlessly thrown on the ground. Ashtrays are placed all over campus. If one wishes to smoke, disposing of the waste properly doesn't take much effort. Besides, throwing cigarette butts on the ground can start fires.

The Internet provides massive amounts of information on garbage and its disposal.

The PRISM web-site is

loaded with facts on recycling, landfills and the different types of waste that exist.

One fact that I pulled from this web-site is that the average American disposes of about four pounds of solid waste per day. This adds up to be big trouble for the environment.

Americans are generating waste products faster than nature can break them down. We also use up resources faster than they can be replaced.

For instance, the college spends around \$1,246 per month on the disposal of garbage. That doesn't count the expense of grounds crews. That's just what we pay to have it hauled away. That is a lot of garbage and a lot of our own

money being thrown away. Is this really a good way to spend our hard-earned money?

Ways exist for us to meet current social and economic needs without compromising future generations to do the same.

Getting rid of garbage by placing it in landfills just makes it harder for upcoming generations to rid their garbage.

If we take up thousands of acres of land to fill with trash, we are merely jeopardizing the environment and this will be a problem our children will have to solve.

Recycling will help bring an end to this problem.

Some of the faculty, staff and students would like to see ad-

ministrators take a conscious step by initiating a campus-wide recycling program that students could get involved in.

The college has bins in each building for campus recycling, as well as in individual offices. Although, these bins are for faculty and staff use. The college mainly recycles paper and cardboard but with some planning, the school just might put aluminum recycle bins in the buildings for empty cans.

The Opportunity Program to Initiate Optimum Needs Satisfaction (OPTIONS) has made use of recycling.

"We started a new course for elective credit on environmental science. We included recycling as a project to meet course

requirements," said Chris Hanks, OPTIONS director.

The students choose to take part in this class and involve themselves.

As part of the class, students must maintain a recycling bin for four weeks.

The bins are for recycling aluminum cans and are located in the Community Services Center (CSC). Waco has several places to take recyclable items. One place is Lipsitz.

Recycling is a conscious action and by doing so, we are making the lives of our children and our children's children that much easier.

So, let's make an effort to keep our planet beautiful for generations to come.

*Green scene ...*

## Breast cancer research raises conflict issue

Mandolin Shannon  
Staff writer

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This year breast cancer will afflict 175,000 women nationwide, more than 43,000 will die from this devastating disease.

October 15th was National Mammography Day.

Thousands of women took advantage of special screening programs offered at clinics

and doctor's offices across the country.

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) web page states that early detection is best way to fight this often fatal disease. The risk of getting breast cancer is currently at its highest rate in the history of America.

Today, according to the NBCAM, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. This

rate has increased from one in 20 in 1950.

These figures are frightening. Why has the risk of getting breast cancer more than doubled in the past 50 years? Something is causing this dramatic rise in statistics.

One reason could be increased exposure to cancer causing compounds. A recent article published in *Sierra Magazine* (September/October) revealed why prevention is of-

ten a hushed topic among Breast Cancer Awareness promoters.

This article stated that at least one sponsor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also the manufacturer of cancer treatment drugs and many pesticides, including the herbicide Acetochlor which is classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a "probable human carcinogen."

Zeneca is listed on the web page of the National Breast Can-

cer Awareness Month as an official sponsor.

An internet search for Zeneca disclosed that Zeneca is in fact a major producer of "agrochemicals", including Acetochlor, and several breast cancer treatment drugs.

Simply put, an industry which profits from selling breast cancer treatment drugs also profits from producing cancer causing chemicals. This fact is alarming.

Obviously, there is a conflict of interest within Zeneca, Inc. This arrangement should have citizens and lawmakers up in arms.

Laws should be enacted to protect the rights and health of American citizens.

If you would like more information about this topic visit <http://www.nbcam.org>, <http://www.zenecaug.com> or [doris.cellarius@sierraclub.org](mailto:doris.cellarius@sierraclub.org) then go to Sierra Magazine.

# A road less traveled serves as a fulfilling life

**Lindsay Hayworth**  
Sports Editor

"I went days without seeing another black student on campus," Wendell Hudson, athletics director said.

During an afternoon interview, Hudson talked frankly about growing up in Alabama and the situations that led him here.

Hudson grew up in Birmingham in the 1960's. He had one sister and four cousins, to make up a tightly knit family.

"All six of us were the first to graduate from college in our families, three of us have our doctorates," he said.

Hudson began his basketball career his sophomore year at Parker High School in Alabama.

He said there was a separate school for blacks and some of the schools had not been integrated yet.

In his junior year he went to an "all black" state tournament.

Finally in 1968, his senior year, the State Athletic Association integrated the state tournaments, there was then only one state tournament.

He led the team to a record of 33-1, winning state. Hudson made All-State and All-Tournament that year.

His team was the first high school basketball team in Alabama to win the new state tournament.

"My Senior year was very interesting, we had a very good team. In our final game over 15,465 people showed up, the fire marshals had to start kicking people out. In the four-day period in which the tournament was held, we set the all-time attendance record. Nobody was able to sit down at the game, because of the lack of seating," he said.

Hudson was recruited by many small colleges and universities, but the ones that in-

terested him most were the University of Alabama and Auburn University.

He accepted a full scholarship to the University of Alabama.

Hudson became the first black athlete to be recruited and to receive a full basketball scholarship at this university. He was the only black athlete at this time.

"I realized I had done something important, still I was only 18 years old," he said.

In 1968 all colleges had a separate freshman team. He led his freshman team in scoring and rebounding. The team's record was 19-8. The varsity team's record was 4-22.

"It was a tremendous learning experience, I was never taught to have a problem with people because of the color of their skin. Some people told me exactly what they thought of me, but it wasn't very nice. Sometimes I felt almost invisible. This gave me a new outlook on people and life," he said.

Coach "Bear" Paul Bryant was the athletics director at this time and nobody would ever defy him. The students did not want the wrath of "Bear" said Hudson.

His sophomore year, he was on the varsity team. Hudson played small forward and was averaging 14 points a game.

In a game against Tennessee he blocked a shot and hurt his wrist. He willingly stayed in the game and managed to score 10 points before having realized he broke his wrist.

He was then unable to play, but he helped recruit more black players. Wilbur Jackson was the first black football player to sign with the help of Hudson.

During this time Hudson was on the bench.

"I'm glad this happened. It gave me a new perspective and I realized that I wouldn't al-



Digital image by Marcos Garcia

Wendell Hudson, athletics director, works at his desk. He made the transition from player to coach, he said, to be "a decision maker."

way's be able to play," he said.

In this year the varsity team went 8-18.

In Hudson's junior year he was all healed and ready to play again. The team then had another black starter and it's record dramatically changed; 18-8.

Hudson led the South Eastern Conference (SEC) in rebounding and he was second in scoring.

He made the All SEC team and was All American Honorable Mention.

In his senior year his team now had four out of five starters who were black.

That year, Hudson reversed his stats, leading the SEC in scoring and was second in rebounding. The team went 22-8, it was ranked number six in the country.

Hudson became an All American that year.

In 1973 the Chicago Bulls drafted Hudson in the second round.

He stayed with this organization for one year.

Then, he moved on to play for an ABA team, the Memphis Tams. This team had some financial difficulties.

"It seemed like the right time for me to stop pursuing basketball. I had many other opportunities to play at this level, but I

at the University of North Alabama, a Division II school.

He helped coach them to the NCAA playoffs every year he was there. In one year, the team went all the way to the final four but lost.

In 1980, Hudson went to Rice University and became the assistant coach.

"This was a great experience for me, I began to see how important academics were to an athletic program. People here really tried to help the athletes succeed anyway they could," he said.

Hudson then went on to the University of Mississippi as an assistant coach.

"I never thought that I would ever come back to this campus since I was taunted so much in my younger days.

Hunt really wanted me as an assistant, I felt like I needed to work for him," he said.

From an educational standpoint, this school really provided an "excellent support sys-

tem" for the students. It provided tutors and many academic advisors.

In 1985, Hudson made his move to Waco. He became the assistant basketball coach at Baylor University.

Baylor was going through a coaching change and a rebuilding process.

After one year in Waco, the head coaching position for women's basketball at the college opened up.

"I wanted to be the decision-maker," he said.

Hudson had been coaching here for 14 years and during this time he was assisting the AD, Stan Mitchell, now golf coach. Mitchell decided to step down for personal reasons and he recommended Hudson for the job.

"It was my goal to become the AD. I had the perspective of a coach and I had worked at every college coaching level. It seemed like the next logical step," Hudson said.

## The men's golf team is on the rise

The men's golf team swung into the top five October 18-19 in their last tournament in Odessa.

Gary Antunes made the All Inter-Collegiate golf team.

In the last match-up he shot a 79 on the first day and hit

two under par on the second.

The team's overall score was 618, placing them fifth.

"The team is getting better, we are really shaping up," said Stan Mitchell, golf coach.

Doug Thompson shot a 79-78, Kasper Jorgensen; 79-78,

Chris Ohrn; 79-79 and Curtis Ohrn; 86-76.

"The conditions were very bad, we had to play in sleet and rain. The boys fared very well in the weather," Mitchell said.

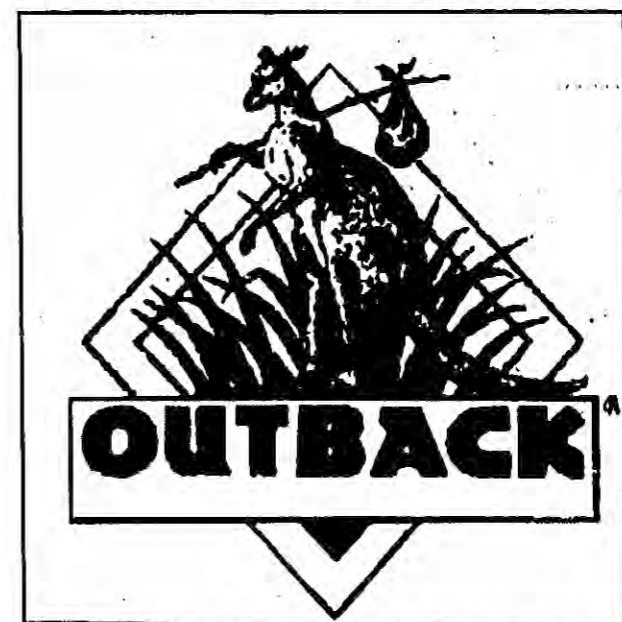
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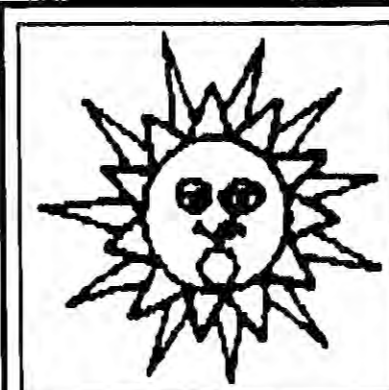
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# The BCS controls national college football championship

**Lindsey Hayworth**  
Sports Editor

Imagine a perfect sports world: everything is done in retrospect and every team has an equal opportunity to achieve the ultimate goal.

National Champions!!!

Right now only the teams with a next-to-perfect record are in contention for the prestigious title.

The Bowl Championship Series will once again determine the National Championship.

The BCS consists of the Rose Bowl presented by AT&T, Nokia Sugar Bowl, Fed Ex Orange Bowl and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

The conferences with automatic berths include the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10, and Southeastern Conferences.

ABC Sports will televise the four Bowl Championship Series games, which will guarantee a match up between college football's top two teams in a true national championship game.

Any Division I independent team or championship of the WAC which is ranked 6th or higher in the BCS standings will be eligible for the BCS.

New rules governing the selection as stated by ESPN Network is as follows:

**I'm not saying to get rid of College Bowl Games, but come on, there has to be a better way.**

Beginning with the 1999 regular season, each BCS conference is subject to review and possible loss of automatic selection by the BCS should the conference champion not have an average ranking of 12 or higher over a four-year period.

Does this sound ridiculous to anyone besides me? Okay let's take a look at how the NFL works.

The top teams automatically go to the playoffs. They do not have two teams from the get-go already in competition for the Super Bowl.

Any team that makes it into the playoffs has an equal opportunity to make it to the Super Bowl.

In all other major sports the same guidelines are used.

Why does college football have to be so different? This is a question that has been argued for many years now.

The only solutions have been the amend-

ments spoken of earlier.

The Coaches Association needs to integrate a playoff system in which all teams have equal opportunity to vie for the championship.

If the same system used for the NCAA Basketball Final Four is used then all teams would be able to compete not just the teams with the best record.

Last year we had a tie. Ridiculous? YES!!

Tennessee and Michigan should have played to decide who the real champion was.

This could all be solved if a better system is integrated.

I'm not saying to get rid of College Bowl Games, but come on, there has to be a better way.

Right now the polls (AP and coaches poll), computer rankings (NY Times, USA Today, and Seattle Times), schedule strengths, and losses determine which bowl teams attend.

All of these components will be added together for a total rating. The teams with the lowest point total shall rank first in the Bowl Championship Series.

These two teams will play for the National Championship.

Although this sounds logical on paper, in all actuality it's totally bogus.

## Basketball has new assistant

Joshua Newman, assistant basketball coach, is the newest addition to the athletics department here.

He was born on August 23, 1974, in Phoenix, Arizona, and is the eldest of five.



Newman

Coach Newman began his basketball career in his first year of high school at Chino Valley, Arizona.

He continued playing up until his freshman year in college at Lewis and Clark State in Lewiston, Idaho.

Newman then went to Glendale Community College where he received his Associate Degree in Arts.

Newman received his Bachelor Degree in history from Arizona State University where he was the student assistant for the men's basketball program from 1996-98.

Early on in life, Newman decided to go into coaching. His mentor is his first high school coach, Rod Torgerson. Newman attributes his desire and passion for the game to Torgerson.

After graduating, Newman became the assistant coach at West Ark College in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He helped lead this team to a 17-12 record.

After a year in Arkansas, the assistant coaching job opened up here.

"I wanted to be a part of a program that is rich in tradition, academic excellence and winning; MCC possesses all of these characteristics," Newman said.

Newman was hired to fill the duties under Head Coach, Steve Shields.

"I can bring enthusiasm, work ethic and an abundance of energy. This group of young men work extremely hard on and off the court. They possess the desire and willfulness to be coached," Newman said.

### Women's Basketball Schedule 1999-2000

Date(s)	Day(s)	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov.	1- Monday	Tyler	Waco	7:00 p.m.
	4- Thursday, Friday & Saturday	South Plains Classic	South Plains	TBA
	11- Thursday, Friday & Saturday	JuCo Round-Up	TBA	TBA
	16- Tuesday	Angelina	Angelina	6:00 p.m.
	19- Friday & Saturday	Temple Classic	Temple	TBA
	23- Tuesday	Tyler	Tyler	7:00 p.m.
Dec.	4- Saturday	Blinn College	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	9- Tuesday	Temple	Temple	6:00 p.m.
	11- Saturday	Collin	Waco	6:00 p.m.
Jan.	3- Monday	State Tournament	Waco	TBA
	8- Saturday	Grayson	Grayson	4:00 p.m.
	10- Monday	Open		
	13- Thursday	Ranger	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	17- Monday	SWCC	Terrell	6:00 p.m.
	20- Thursday	Weatherford	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	24- Monday	Hill	Hill	6:00 p.m.
	27- Thursday	Cisco	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	29- Saturday	Temple	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	30- Monday	Collin	Plano	6:00 p.m.
Feb.	3- Thursday	Grayson	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	7- Monday	Open		
	10- Thursday	Ranger	Ranger	6:00 p.m.
	14- Monday	SWCC	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	17- Thursday	Weatherford	Weatherford	6:00 p.m.
	21- Monday	Hill	Waco	6:00 p.m.
	24- Thursday	Cisco	Cisco	6:00 p.m.

### Men's Basketball Schedule 1999-2000

Date(s)	Day	Opponent	Place	Time
Nov.	1- Monday	Lee	Waco	7:00 p.m.
	3- Wednesday	Navarro	Waco	7:30 P.m.
	6- Saturday	Blinn	Waco	7:00 p.m.
	9- Tuesday	San Jacinto	Waco	7:00 p.m.
	12- Friday	Kilgore Classic - Panola	Kilgore	6:00 p.m.
	13- Saturday	Kilgore Classic - Kilgore	Kilgore	8:00 p.m.
	16- Tuesday	Blinn	Brenham	7:30 P.m.
	19- Friday	Odessa	Waco	7:00 p.m.
	23- Tuesday	Eastfield	Waco	7:30 p.m.
	26- Friday	Collin Classic-North Lake	Plano	4:00 p.m.
	27- Saturday	Collin Classic-Bossier Parish	Plano	6:00 p.m.
Dec.	4- Saturday	Cedar Valley	Lancaster	7:00 p.m.
	9- Thursday	Temple	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	11- Saturday	Collin	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	14- Tuesday	Eastfield	Mesquite	7:00 p.m.
Jan.	4- Tuesday	Navarro	Corsicana	7:30 p.m.
	8- Saturday	Grayson	Sherman	6:00 p.m.
	13- Thursday	Ranger	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	17- Monday	SWCC	Terrell	8:00 p.m.
	20- Thursday	Weatherford	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	24- Monday	Hill	Hillsboro	8:00 p.m.
	27- Thursday	Cisco	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	29- Saturday	Temple	Temple	8:00 p.m.
	31- Monday	Collin	Plano	8:00 p.m.
Feb.	3- Thursday	Grayson	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	10- Thursday	Ranger	Ranger	8:00 p.m.
	14- Monday	SWCC	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	17- Thursday	Weatherford	Weatherford	8:00 p.m.
	21- Monday	Hill	Waco	8:00 p.m.
	24- Thursday	Cisco	Cisco	8:00 p.m.

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A trombonist slides into the spirit of the combined MCC Wind Symphony and the Waco Community Band at Ball Performing Arts Center.

## Bands join forces to produce "Epics"

The Waco Community Band and the MCC Wind Symphony combined their talents October 21 to bring the fall "Epics" concert to the stage of the Ball Performing Arts Center.

Edwin C. Powell conducted first the Waco group, then the MCC Symphony, in two powerful sets full of classic works.

The Waco Community band opened with Tchaikovsky's energetic, invigorating 'Dance of the Jesters,' which proved to be a highlight of their set. The band also preformed works by Darius Milhaud and Don Gills.

The MCC Wind Symphony included pieces by Gates, Respighi, King, and Ticheli. King's dizzying march, The Melody Shop, was a definite standout.

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into masks from the beautiful to the horrific at the paper mache booth.

The Millennium Wall enticed visitors to "make their mark" by shaping a mold for a concrete tile.

Eugenie Mygdal patiently attended youngsters busy molding stylized horses and other creations to bake in the sun.

"That's the fun in (sculpting)," Mygdal said, "If you don't like it, you can ball it up and start again."

Tugged along in the frenzy were the parents. The CSC gathered experts in the field of child development to show and tell parents how to choose or make the best environment for the infant/toddler/child.

Vases of intricate design and jewelry from pearls to turquoise adorned display tables for the more mature audiences to view and purchase.

Four potters spun their wheels, each demonstrating how to create his own unique style of vase. A beautiful young woman lying on her side drew attention to MCC's own visual arts display, showcasing prints,



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Matthew Smith, two years old, designs a house for the miniature Waco display at the Open Door Arts Fest.

paintings, and photos.

Harriet Hayward quilted her life-sized canvases in layer after layer of paint, all the while wondering what her own creation would turn out to be.

"This one started out as a

stone stadium with seats, but by the time I finished, it was a waterfall," Hayward said.

The festival also featured live acts including African music and dance and Haiku poetry.

"The Arts Fest is a culmina-

tion of art education outreach to the community, not just a single-standing event," Kaegel said. "It is a true celebration of the arts where all the community can enjoy, participate, and learn."

## Casa de Cafe to feature art, poetry to fund literacy project

Casa de Cafe, will be a showcase of music, art and poetry by students and faculty Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event on the second floor of the school's library will benefit Storybook Christmas, a county-wide literacy project.

Entertainment scheduled includes music from commercial music instructors Bill Howard, Beth Ullman and members of

the commercial music voice ensemble.

Poetry will be read by MCC student Amanda Hubick, English instructor Lori Watts, former MCC reference librarian Alan Berecka and MCC police academy coordinator Dave Keel.

Works by many MCC art students will also be on display.

Admission to Casa de Cafe is \$2 and all proceeds will go to

Storybook Christmas. Coffee, cocoa and pastries will be available.

For more information call library services director Ramona Madewell at 299-8463 or English instructor Jennifer Black at 299-8918. The Highland Herald will include a special section featuring the Casa de Cafe artists in the Nov. 16 issue.

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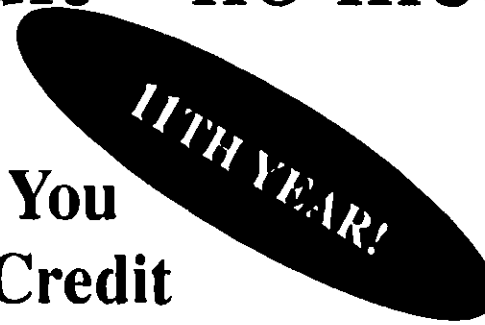
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