

Highland Herald

McLennan Community College

Vol. 12 Number 6

Oct. 19, 1977

Non-profit Organization
U.S. Postage PAID
Waco, Tx. Permit No. 118



photo by Donna Richter

"FALDERAL" STARS -- Drama students (left to right) Cliff Sharpless, Doug Burch, and Trudy Jander practice one act play for competition next week.

Hours of practice pay off for student

Speaking without prior knowledge of the topic, better known as extemporaneous speaking, sometimes takes more practice than any other form of speech competition. But sophomore Kathy Miller's long hours of practice have paid off.

Miller brought home a third place silver platter for her performance at the Larry Woods Memorial Tournament, held Saturday on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Miller's speech topic, chosen at random, was "the Panama Canal in relation to foreign policy." Miller was allowed 30 minutes to prepare her five to seven minute speech.

Although thrilled with the outcome, Miller also expressed "real pleasure with the way the whole group did."

Ten speech students competed in 38 events, with five of the students placing in the finals in seven events.

Those students placing in the finals and their respective events were: Soph. Joey Derting, 6th in impromptu; freshman Mary Lyons, 4th in prose reading; Liz Mormino,

6th in prose reading; and Charlotte Shumate, 5th in after dinner speaking.

In addition to her win in the extemporaneous category, Miller placed in the finals in two other events; 4th in impromptu, and 5th in rhetorical criticism.

Speech instructor Ann Harrell said that "so many freshmen getting into the finals demonstrates that they should be a difficult group to beat next season."

Mormino, who serves as publicity director of the Alad Vest Club said that the results were, "extremely successful for our first tournament. Harrell added, that the competition in this tournament was especially tough.

She said she is confident that some of her students will compete in the American Forensic Association's National Individual Events Tournament.

Students can participate in the tournament only by placing first, second, or third in three tournaments, or by placing in the top 10 per cent of the regional tournament.

The successful trip to Kansas was paid for by the campus Forensic Club.

Local ACT scores jump, national drop

by Jan Faubion

While national scores continued to decline, ACT scores were higher for freshmen entering MCC last fall than they had been the year before, a recent survey reveals.

Local scores, however, are still well below the national average and above the state average.

Both national and local American College Testing Program (ACT) scores peaked

in 1974-75. Local scores which averaged 17.0 dropped sharply to 15.1 the next year. (See chart)

The survey used freshmen randomly picked from the fall of 1976 who had taken the ACT. According to data compiled by counselor Hazel Martin, the average composite score of those surveyed in 1976-77 is 15.9.

The average state ACT composite score for 1976-77 is

14.4, while the national average score is 18.7.

ACT scores are one method used to restrict college and university enrollment. Although MCC has an open door admission policy, ACT scores are used to determine if a student needs development courses in English or math. A score of 12 or better is required to allow a student to take freshman English or college algebra without first taking a developmental course.

The survey shows local high school grade point averages (GPA) following the same trend. In 1972-73, the local high school GPA was 2.8, while in 1974-75 it was 2.9.

The 1976-77 high school GPA remained steady at 2.9. On the state level last year, the average high school GPA was 2.75. It was 2.9 on the national average.

The research also helps predict students' first year GPA in college. "The high school grade average is a better predictor of students' success in college than ACT scores alone," said Martin. However, "both high school grades and ACT scores are even better

predictors than using either one alone," she said.

Of the students used in the 1976-77 survey, 34 per cent were predicted to earn between a 2.5 and a 2.9 their first year in college. One fourth were predicted to have a GPA between 2.0 and 2.4 after one year of college. Only 7 per cent were predicted to make between 3.5 and 4.0 their first year. The remaining percentage were predicted to earn below a 1.9 in their freshman year.

These grade predictions are used by instructors "to check grade inflation," said Martin.

"We also use these predictions to know what caliber of students we are going to have," said Martin.

The section on the ACT student profile report (SPR) which asks about planned educational majors is used by various departments in contacting persons interested in their field of study.

Keeping with the trend, 23 per cent of the students used in the survey planned on majoring in business or commerce.

Health professions had 18 per cent planned majors. Twelve

per cent were interested in education as a major. Other fields showed 7 percent or less interest.

The survey showed that 43 per cent wish to attain a bachelor degree. Twenty-eight per cent want a two year college degree, while 11 per cent wish to complete one or two years of graduate study. Ten per cent want to reach a professional level. Only four per cent showed interest in a vocational or technical program lasting one year.

The tutorial center is using the section on the SPR to locate persons desiring some special educational aid. In 1976-77, the greatest need shown on the SPRs was improving math skills. A need for improving study skills was also shown. Almost half requested help with educational and/or vocational decisions.

Over half of those persons surveyed expected to apply for financial aid when they attended college. Fifty-eight per cent expected to work while attending college.

Of the 1418 people who had their SPRs sent here, 561 enrolled in the 1976 fall term.

Years	Local	National
1972-73	16.5	18.7
1973-74	16.4	19.9
1974-75	17.0	19.9
1975-76	15.1	19.8
1976-77	15.9	18.7

Scholarships available for cadets

by Bobbie Hall

The R.O.T.C. is looking for a few good persons—and to get them the government is offering two to four year scholarships.

Former MCC student, David Mercer, now a cadet lieutenant in the Baylor R.O.T.C. is one student who took the Air Force offer. It's a shame, he said, that more MCC students don't take advantage of the program.

Contrary to hearsay, Mercer said cadets are placed in positions of their choice after entering the forces. "They want you to be happy so you will do a good job."

Upon completion of the cadet's education, he enters the forces as a fully commissioned officer. Four years active duty are required for airmen. Five years for pilots. Two years of inactive duty are required of airmen.

R.O.T.C. classes are one hour

a week, plus drill practice. Attendance and participation decide grades. Defense policies and operational procedures are stressed in class. The classes may count for physical education credit, Mercer said.

Potential applicants who aren't impressed with military procedures will be encouraged to know uniform has to be worn only on Friday for one hour. Cadets salute only while in uniform.

For women the Air Force has a limited number of positions. However, not many women sign up, an R.O.T.C. official said so women have as good a chance for scholarships as men. Job positions have opened up in almost all areas in the Air Force for women, he said.

Full scholarships are available for physics, computer science, nursing, and chemistry majors. Students pursuing

other majors are eligible for \$100 a month scholarships.

Scholarship candidates must take an Air Force Qualifications Test (AFQT) and be sworn in. Test scores, along with personality information and A C T scores are considered in deciding who will receive a scholarship. Competition is nationwide.

All cadets must attend a summer camp which one Baylor R.O.T.C. official called "a mild form of training." Two-year cadets attend the camp for six weeks, while other cadets attend four weeks. All cadets receive second lieutenants pay, which is \$500-600 per month while in camp.

pipeline

Voter registrations available

The library now has voter registration forms available to students. Forms can be picked up at the circulation desk. In 1978, Texas will select a U.S. senator, a governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. Voters who register are eligible to vote in federal, state, school board and city elections.

Nursing exam given today

The Psychological Service Bureau Aptitude for Nursing Examination will be given today. The two testing times are at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. MCC Vocational Nursing students are required to take the test before class enrollment. The next class will begin in February.

Band to make appearance

The concert band will make its first public appearance of the year with a concert at 10 a.m. Oct. 21 in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Music for the concert will include "Court Festival" by William P. Latham, "Irish Tune From County Derry" by Percy Grainger, "Susiro De Espana" by A. Alvarez, "Allerseelen" by Richard Strauss, "Suite for Band" by Francois Joseph Gossec, and "First Suite in E-Flat for Military Band" by Gustav Holst.

The band is under the direction of music instructor Bill Haskett.

Dragonfly lecture to be in HPE

A lecture entitled the "Life Cycle of the Dragonfly," will be presented by Curtis Williams at 10 a.m. today in the HPE Lecture Hall. Williams, a Marlin resident, is a noted authority in this area. The lecture is sponsored by the Science Club.

Vet. information in Library

Placed on reserve at the library is the largest Agriculture business magazine, Feedstuffs. This article contains information on the current activities and trends in the veterinary medical profession. Students interested in this field may take advantage of this opportunity.

Also, the Food and Fiber Club (Agriculture) will host a guest speaker at their meeting on October 28, at 10 a.m. The speaker will be J.L. Tackett, Dean of Agriculture, Home Economics, Business and Industrial Education at Tarleton State University. All questions will be accepted and answered that are concerned with his field.

classifieds

Part time Help Wanted. Morning, afternoon and Week-end shifts. Apply in person at Mission Car Wash, 1925 N Valley Mills Drive across from the Diamond Point Shopping Center.

Must Sell '77 Camaro LT, air, auto, 350 V-8, custom interior, Rally wheels, radial tires, 10,000 miles, \$5,250, will trade, 815 James, 753-2227.

HELP WANTED at Lichelle's, 411 Elm. Waitresses, Bartender, Kitchen. Call 753-9561 for Mr. Jones.

HELP WANTED. Cooks, Waitresses, Waiters. Nights and Weekends. Can work around class schedule. Contact Jimmy at Poppa Rolla's, 772-9348, 526 Golden Triangle.

PROFESSIONAL TYPING SERVICE

Darlene Kientz, Owner
Term papers, reports, dissertations, resumes, letters, manuscripts.
Open 9-5 weekdays, weekends by appointment.
1512 Lake Air, No. 101
776-5348 nites 662-4739)

TYPING? Guaranteed work, experience. Reasonable rates starting at 70 cents per page. Phone 772-0241.

calendar of events

Wednesday, October 19
Circle K meeting, 10 a.m., Highlander Room
Baptist Student Union meeting, 10 a.m., Liberal Arts 204

Alpha Sigma Phi meeting, 10 a.m., Science Building 202
Afro Student Kindred meeting, 10 a.m., Liberal Arts 207

Plaid Vest meeting, 10 a.m., Liberal Arts 101
Racial Awareness Workshop meeting, 10 a.m., Project Room
A Better You group meeting, 12 noon, Health Services office

Thursday, October 20
Jogging groups

Friday, October 21
Scots-n-Water meeting, 10 a.m., Health Physical

Education Conference Room
Veterans Club meeting, 10 a.m., Faculty Dining Room
TNSA meeting, 10 a.m., HCB 108

Blood Drive, 9-3 p.m., Student Center
Racial Awareness Workshop meeting, 10 a.m., Highlander Room

Deadline for applications to Campus Talent Show, Student Activities office

Monday, October 24
Student Government meeting, 10 a.m., Tartan Room
Sigma Delta Phi meeting, 10 a.m., Liberal Arts 208

Office Education Association meeting, 10 a.m., AS 212
Astronomy Club meeting, 10 a.m., Health Physical
Education Lecture Hall

h.h. staff

Editor- Debbie Garrett
Managing Editor- Amy Dunlap
Editorial Assistants- Thomas Hughes, Marcia Mathews

Publications Advisor- Christine Wicker

Reporters-

Emeka Agu, Brenda Cockrell, Barbara Cooper, Bryan Davis, Rachel Elliot, Sarah Ellis, Jan Faubion, Lisa Ferris, Bobbie Hall, Jayna Harris, Shellie Lewis, Charles Orllip, Robert Pruitt, Donna Richter, Julie Richter, Terry Tacker, Douglas Woodward, and Leigh Yarbrough.

THE HIGHLAND HERALD is a publication of the journalism classes of MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, and is published weekly from September through May except during holidays. Opinions expressed are those of the writers themselves and do not necessarily reflect those of the college, faculty, or administration. Offices of THE HIGHLAND HERALD are located in the Student Center, 1400 College Drive, Waco, Tx. Telephone 756-4331, extension 643 or 644.

Wendy's

Old Fashioned Hamburgers

Applications are now being taken for quality minded people. Full & Part-Time Positions available on day and night shifts.

If you are energetic with a big smile and like working with people, apply with John Sanderson at 1015 N. Valley Mills Dr., Waco, Texas. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

Come Grow With Us

Equal Opportunity Employer

Editorial

Life sustaining acts to preview Friday

For a mere 10 minutes of your time you may be able to perform in one of the most highly personal and unselfish acts possible.

This act is an annual event at MCC usually involving persons from the ages from 17 to 65. Good health and a desire to help others are requirements.

If you fit this category and wish to participate, be present in the Student Center Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for a chance to "perform."

You won't be on stage facing a capacity audience that may applaud or boo, instead you will face only a small number of nurses whose duty is to make sure your performance is a success.

Your performance in the Student Center is to give blood. If you wish to donate, a brief review of such things as weight, temperature, pulse rate, and blood pressure can send you on your way.

Each year, according to the Red Cross, one out of 60 persons needs blood. The instant availability of blood is of vital importance to persons involved in auto accidents and those who suffer with a blood disease.

There is only one source for the fluid that sustains life—people.

The donation itself is quick and relatively painless. It takes only about seven minutes. A short rest period follows with light refreshments to get the donor on his way.

Through this act, hundreds each day are given a second chance to live simply because a small number cared enough to anonymously give of their time and their blood.

To coin a phrase, "When you give blood, you give a life."

When you perform your act this Friday, you may not receive a standing ovation, but there will be many thanks from those who are in need of that which you have given so generously.

Educators give explanations, theories for declining scores

Educators are blaming parents, schools, students and themselves for declining scores on college entrance exams. Educator Robert L. Ebel has come up with a variety of other reasons for the trend.

"One is that somehow the tests have become more difficult now," Ebel said in an "Education Digest" article. However, study conducted by Education Testing Service (ETS) shows that the SAT has become "somewhat easier over the years."

Some educators think a different kind of student is now taking the tests. These theorists cite the increase in minorities, women and low income groups as proof that the test population has changed.

Another explanation is that there is a decline in the number of applicants who take the test for practice as high school juniors and then repeat it as seniors. Therefore, the increase in scores gained the second time around is no longer being seen.

Ebel also says that declining scores may be accounted for by the changed economic conditions and college admission policies make it no longer as important to score well on a college admissions test, which lowers the incentive to work for high scores. However, sufficient data is not available to test this theory.

A highly controversial explanation is that students are less well educated than they were several years ago.

Psychology instructor plays rock in local night spots to relax

by Shellee Lewis

Some men choose golf as a hobby, others choose coin collecting. Psychology instructor Jerry Scarborough has chosen something a little more complex — music.

"Music," said Scarborough, "is not a consuming interest for me. I am just having a good time."

Scarborough has organized and played with several local bands; among them Jericho and Bliss. He recently left Bliss because "they were getting too far advanced for me and I was holding them back."

With no formal musical training "except for a few lessons as a child," Scarborough has trained himself to play the synthesizer and guitar by ear.

Playing by ear is a process Scarborough found difficult to describe, eventually saying, "It's a matter of hearing something and knowing how to recreate it."

In learning to recreate another sound, Scarborough has a considerable investment in both time and money. While with Bliss he practiced at least once a week and performed regularly on weekends.

While performing, Scarborough said he does not think of the image he is projecting to his audience. "I am usually trying to keep my mind on the song and what I'll

be doing next," he said. "It takes all of my consciousness to do that."

Although Scarborough, the organizer for Bliss, prepared a list of songs and the order in which to play them before a performance, he said he likes "to go with the crowd. If they're dancing we'll do something fast instead of slow."

Scarborough plays for mainly younger audiences and said it is a rare occurrence for a band not to be well received. "If it happens, we just try to be nice," he said.

Finding musicians for a band "is a constant search for talent," he said. Sometimes someone interested in performing with the group would approach him and other

times he would "actively search for them."

Scarborough doesn't think he is a part of the so-called music culture. "I don't take it seriously," he said, "it's something that I do because it is fulfilling and fun."

Scarborough prefers to handle his hobby on a part-time basis instead of as a full-time career. "A musician's life is not stable enough," he said. "It's hard to make it and I would never be good enough to make it."

Contrary to what one would expect for a psychology instructor, Scarborough has no theories about music. "I don't draw any philosophical link between music and psychology," he said, "I just enjoy it."

Abstract painting features 'contradictions, paradoxes'

by Leigh Yarbrough

"I'm interested in contradictions and paradoxes, comparisons and analogies; things that might be looked at and seen as a type of visual thinking," said art instructor John Chatmas.

His current interest in "comparisons and analogies, contradictions and paradoxes" was the model for a recent painting. Described by Chatmas as "dealing with unrecognizable images," the painting has been chosen for the 20th Annual Delta Art Exhibition in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 14 through November 13.

"Unrecognizable images," however, only barely describes Chatmas' painting. "The subject (of the painting) would be different thoughts and urges and how they can work together to produce a feeling or a thought of something that I haven't experienced before," Chatmas said.

He described this type of painting as an abstraction of both what he saw before him

and what he was thinking. However, he said, there was really not a step by step system.

"I'm trying to be responsive to my most intense ideas no matter how divergent or contradictory they may be and figure out how they might work together in some way," he said.

Chatmas, while discussing his current work, noted that MCC art students could now be more creative and inventive in their work as the result of several developments in the department. The sculpture area had badly needed several basic pieces of equipment which the department has now been able to acquire.

He also showed special pride in the art department's growing slide collection. The collection, which is a primary teaching aid in art history classes, is just now beginning to grow. He said that before there had been no time to build, but now the collection had almost tripled, making it easier for teachers to deal with their responsibilities.

Board to consider student loan increase

Texas College Coordinating Board will meet in Austin Friday to consider a proposal to raise the maximum annual Hinson-Hazelwood student loan by \$1,000.

The maximum loan per year for graduate and undergraduate students is \$1,500 and would be raised to \$2,500 if the proposal is approved. Loans to students in medical and dental schools would be raised from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

"They probably will (raise the maximum) since the cost of

going to school is up in some schools such as Baylor and Southern Methodist University," said Stephen Crump, Financial Aids director here.

A year at Trinity University in San Antonio cost \$2,595 10 years ago; it is now \$4,002, according to figures provided by U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. At the University of Texas at Austin, expenses have gone from \$1,750 to \$3,200 and at Rice University in Houston from \$2,655 to \$4,554, the Bentsen news release said.

New

PLASTER PLUS

3336 Franklin Shopping Center

offers you

10% discount on whiteware and supplies with MCC ID and coupon

Offers expires Oct. 31

sports

Pitchers sparkle as Orange splits pair

by Terry Tacker

Sophomores Bill Eady and Ricky Craft combined to pitch a shutout as the Highlander baseball team defeated the University of Dallas 2-0 in the second game of two fall scrimmages between the schools. Dallas won the opener 1-0.

Eady, a transfer from Temple Junior College and reliever Craft performed one of the most impressive outings by the MCC pitching staff thus far this fall. Kevin Wiebold and Danny Borin pitched the opening loss for Coach Rick Butler's Highlanders.

Obviously, Butler was very disturbed over the MCC hitting effort.

"Their pitching was not that impressive, they threw only one real good pitching. Our hitting was real anemic, not aggressive at all," said Butler.

In the second contest, Mark

Chauncy scored the initial MCC run. The Stephenville freshman reached base on an error and later scored on a single by Doug Borin.

"I have been real impressed with Chauncy. He is a rah-rah sort of guy and seems to always find a way to win. I wish some of him would rub off on the rest of the team, he is really standing out," said Butler.

After striking out, Borin was awarded first base when the Dallas catcher miss played the third strike. This error led to the second MCC tally. Borin later scored on an error by the Dallas third baseman.

The baseball team continues their busy fall scrimmage schedule Saturday in Georgetown when they take on the Southwestern University Pirates.

Coach Rick Butler will carry a squad of 21. He plans to pitch six or seven different players during the afternoon.



PHOTO BY TERRY TACKER

FUNDAMENTALS, such as base stealing, are worked on repeatedly by the Highlander baseball team. MCC plays Southwestern University Saturday in Georgetown.

Kilgo hired

HPE additions are made

by Chuck Ortlip

There have been several new additions in the HPE department in the past couple of weeks, not only in equipment, but in personnel as well.

Dub Kilgo, 24, is the new health and physical education instructor replacing Richard Suggs. Beginning his teaching duties Oct. 3rd, Kilgo will teach tennis, conditioning, fencing, and archery.

Kilgo is a 1971 graduate of Richfield High School. He attended San Jacinto Junior College and Baylor University

on baseball scholarships. He received his Masters Degree from Baylor in 1975 after working as a graduate assistant coach for the baseball team.

Another new addition to the HPE department is a \$485 Fairchild Projector purchased last week. This compact gadget is carried in a suitcase which when opened reveals a small projector with a screen. Sound films loops are inserted in the projector so a student can view films on soccer, badminton, tennis, golf, dance, and gymnastics.

Davis' Highlassies to scrimmage Baylor Bearettes, Tyler Apaches

Coach Pam Davis' Highlassies scrimmage two highly regarded womens basketball teams this week.

Friday at 2 p.m., MCC tackles the Baylor Bearettes in the new Highlander Gym. The Bearettes finished fifth in the nation last year and returns starters Babbett Metcalf and Karen Aulenbacher.

Monday the Highlassies travel to Tyler to play the Tyler Junior College Apaches.

Coed volleyball deadline extended

The deadline for intramural volleyball has been extended to Friday. Each team must have an even number of males and females. Rosters are outside Student Activities Office.

Sign-up now for singles and doubles competition in badminton. Rosters are outside Student Activities Office.

Linksters impressive in tourney

Firing a 36-hole total of 576, The Highlanders number one team captured first place in the MCC Invitational held on the Woodland West course Monday and Tuesday.

The Highlanders shot 283 on Tuesday, which is only three

over par for the whole team.

The MCC number two team placed second with its 595 score. Texas Christian University's freshman finished in third place, Temple Jr. College took fourth and the University of Texas freshman finished in the

fifth position.

MCC's Steve Bowman took first place individual honors with a 69-72-141 two day performance. Fellow Highlanders Mark Norman and Dave Davis each finished with 142's to tie for second place. Denny Huff and Rick Jones,

who made up the MCC number two team, finished in a tie for fourth place with 146 Totals.

Coach Jimmy Clayton's Highlanders travel to Brownsville Oct. 27-28-29 to participate in the prestigious Pan American University Invitational.

Meet The Highlanders



Sam Worthen—Height: 6'5"—Weight: 195—Age: 19—Position: Guard—Classification: Sophomore—Sam will be looked upon to attempt to fill the shoes of departed All-America Vinnie Johnson. The Brooklyn, New York native uses his superior advantage over most guards to drive up the middle of the lane for easy baskets. Sam is also an effective rebounder. At F.K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, Sam was the captain of the roundball team. He hopes to use MCC as a springboard to earning a scholarship to a major college. Sam hopes to either play on a professional team or coach basketball after college. His major hobby is watching television. He is the son of Mr. William Worthen....



Jim Soukup—Height: 6'5"—Weight: 210—Age: 20—Position: Post—Classification: Sophomore—Jim was a steady performer for the 1976 conference champion Highlanders. He uses his size to muscle into the opposing team's defense to score easy baskets. Jim is a very smart player that makes few mistakes on the court. At Houston North Shore, Jim was a district 20AAAA all-district selection three years and was also named to the Greater Houston all-star squad. Jim, a business major, likes the easy style of living and has the plants, aquariums and music to prove it. He believes the Highlanders have a good shot of gaining a position in the national tournament in Kansas. MCC's beautiful campus setting, attracted Jim into becoming a Highlander. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Soukup....



Terrance Suber—Height: 5'10"—Weight: 165—Age: 21—Position: Guard—Classification: Freshman—Terrance goes by the nickname "Goldie" and Highlander coach Johnny Carter hopes the New York product will be worth his weight in gold to the 1977 team. A graduate of John Jay High School in Brooklyn, Goldie was honored by being named to the New York All-Star team. After finishing college, Goldie hopes to gain a position on a professional team. He gives this reason for attending MCC, "As a stepping stone to attend a major university, preferably a basketball power." Goldie, a P.E. major, has many hobbies, among which are trumpet playing, singing, animals and women. He is the son of Fuzzie Suber....