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Poll reveals attitudes toward SG

by Laura Guimont

In a recent survey concerning the effectiveness of Student Government almost half of the 80 polled said student government was doing a good job.

Twenty-four students said it was not doing a good job, 7 remained undecided and 11 said they knew nothing about student government.

Students were polled unscientifically in the Student Center and the classroom.

Students commended Student Government for cleaning up the cafeteria, getting shelves for the bathrooms, running sports week, compiling the scrapbook, and providing entertainment during activity hour.

Students who said Student Government was not effective were adamant about what they expected. They wanted Student Government to deal with student apathy and boost school spirit, provide more

communication between students and administration and to build more communication between students and faculty.

Student Government President Mike Kelley, in response to comments that Student Government is not doing enough, said, "Although we have a free hand with activities, we shouldn't be called a government. We don't govern anything. We have no power, we can only make recommendations."

Kelley went on to say the administration can turn down any recommendation or simply say it needs more information about the recommendation, which often has the same effect as turning it down. According to the Student Government constitution, Kelley said, the only requirement concerning the administration is they must reply within a certain time period.

Student Representative Wendy Wilkerson added weight

to what Kelley said. She said, "To get anything passed, you have to go through a lot of red tape, and recommendations are always coming back."

One student suggested that Student Government should provide voter registration on campus.

Kelley said voter registration drives are being planned.

Student Laurie Callentine said she would like to see a "talent show like Battle of the Bands", while another student, Louie Myrarcik, asked for a country-western band."

Kelley said he would be glad to bring in more bands, but it is difficult to find a band that will play for one hour for \$100. Student Government can not charge admission to raise money to pay more expensive bands. Student Government receives funds from the

administration.

Students were also asked if they had voted in student government elections. Out of the 53 who responded, 35 had voted, while the remaining 18 had not.

Astronomy club President Don Urbanovsky suggested that students running for representatives give speeches and do more campaigning.

Kelley agreed wholeheartedly with this idea. He said elections were run too much like a popularity contest, with people voting for their friends or the best looking candidate.

Many students responding to the survey expressed concern for the student apathy situation. Kelley said he recognized there was a problem, and he felt some of it stemmed from the fact that MCC is a commuter school where many students do not care about what is going on,

because they don't spend very much time on campus.

"If students have suggestions," said Kelley, "I would invite them to express them." Student Government meetings are held Monday during the 10 o'clock hour in the Tartan Room. Anyone may attend the meetings.

During the survey, 63 students were asked if they knew someone they could contact if they wanted to make a recommendation. Almost half said that they did not know any members of student government. Seventeen responded by saying they knew Mike Kelley, 16 said they knew a representative other than Mike Kelley.

One student responded by saying he had attended MCC off and on for the last five years and has never known a member of Student Government.

Residents protest speedsters 'thrill ride'

Mockingbird Lane. For some a 40-mile per hour drive down its steep hills is the best thrill ride this side of Six Flags Over Texas' Big Bend.

But Mockingbird Lane residents see the "thrill ride" as a threat to safety and have sought help from the City of Waco to help slow speeders on that street.

Mockingbird Lane connects Powell Drive and Meridian Street, and last week some Mockingbird Lane residents told Waco City Councilmen its 20-mile per hour speed limit is often broken.

The city's transportation department will present its recommendations for speed control on Mockingbird Lane at Tuesday's Waco City Council meeting.

City Transportation Director Hugo Malagna said Monday his department's recommendations may include installing speed breakers on Mockingbird Lane.

"There's really nothing else we can do," Malagna said. "We've had about 13 serious accidents (on Mockingbird Lane) in the last several years."

The speed breakers would be installed three or four weeks after the recommendation is approved by the city council. About six small speed breakers

would be built at "highly visible" places on the street, said Malagna.

"They will be marked with appropriate signs and painted yellow for visibility," he said.

Mockingbird Lane will be the only public street in Waco with speed breakers if the council approves their installation.

Malagna acknowledged that speed breakers on the steep hills "do create a danger in themselves, but hopefully will solve the speeding problem."

Speeding on streets with steep hills is a problem that MCC shares with Mockingbird Lane residents, although MCC campus security officers do not issue tickets on Mockingbird Lane or anywhere else off campus.

"We have a real bad problem with speeding on that hill (behind the Applied Science Building)," said Campus Security officer Ray Kaluza. "We're going to start writing more tickets if it doesn't get better."

Kaluza said he can legally issue speeding citations on Mockingbird Lane but will not "take my authority off campus."

Campus Security could also alert the Waco police department to speeding on Mockingbird Lane, but Kaluza says he hasn't done that either.



SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

By Marvin Clynch

Wayne Fields makes a bid for one of the items sold by Afro Student Kindred member Carolyn Cooper and Lajuan Franklin during the bake sale held Friday at Lake Air Mall.

Letters

Jazz group recommended

Dear Editor:

There is in Waco an alternative to the disco, live rock or country-western routine. A really enjoyable jazz set was presented Sunday night at the Allegro Club. Excellent musicianship, spontaneity and talent combined with an intimate atmosphere, made the evening the most enjoyable musical outing I've had in months. Of special interest to MCC is that the Tom McLarin Quintet includes instructor Dave Hibbard. They'll be back on March 19th. I'll be there. Tell your readers; Let's support jazz in Waco.

K.L.Lee

Student Government plans Corrigan Week

Student Government members moved the tentative dates for Corrigan Week from March 12 until April 23 through April 29 in Monday's meeting. The dates originally set were rescheduled on the availability of Magic Music for a dance to kick off the week's activities.

Cindy Burt read the recommendation she had written Dean of Student Services Dr. LaVerne Wong pertaining to overnight use of school equipment.

Members unanimously approved the recommendation, as well as a letter to Director of Health Services Carolyn Rodabough thanking her for juice machines installed on campus.

Members of the fight song committee read a song submitted for approval. After hearing the song, sponsor Paul Holder suggested that members advertise a contest of some sort for students to write a fight song for the school.

LETTERS to the editor are welcomed as well as guest comments by students, faculty or staff members. Letters must be signed and are subject to condensation.

Campus thefts decline

Two 17 foot canoes were recently stolen from the MCC marina. According to campus officer Ray Williams, the thief or thieves gained access to the canoes by breaking the locks with bolt cutters.

Williams said the Waco Police Department does have a possible suspect under investigation.

Although the canoes have serial numbers riveted on them, Williams said there was "very little hope that the canoes would be returned."

Last year a canoe was stolen along with a small outboard motor but both were recovered.

According to Williams, a canoe was stolen a couple of years ago by breaking the locks. The canoe was not recovered.

Thefts have been low this semester.

Recently, one citizens band radio was stolen from the parking lot.

Williams stressed marking citizens band radios and car stereos, not only for insurance purposes, but because the serial numbers are turned in to the Waco Police Department.

Campus police work along with the Waco police. Stolen items that are marked will be run through the "hot line", a state wide computer system, to see if the stolen item turns up outside the city.

"Students are too lax," said Williams, "they leave their equipment in plain sight."

Williams suggested unmounting CB's and car stereos and either sliding them under the seat or even locking them in the trunk.

Locking antennas, CB's, and stereos in the trunk or sliding them under the seat may take a little time on the students part, but if a thief can't see anything valuable in a car, he won't break in, said Williams.

Allegation directed at club

Something more unexpected than snowflakes hit campus Friday in the form of a letter appearing in the "Waco Citizen" newspaper. In the March 3 issue a front page column alleged that the sponsor approved misconduct during Circle K initiation in the Fall.

The letter appeared in W.S. Foster's column, "Observations". The original letter, obtained from Foster by a faculty member, was typed with an illegible signature.

Dr. LaVerne Wong, director of Student Services, conducted an investigation into the allegations made by the unknown author of the letter.

Circle K members were called into Wong's office individually and asked to write a statement telling what they actually did during initiation. Each student then dated and signed the statement.

President Wilbur Ball is now reviewing Wong's report.

Foster said he would not print a retraction unless a college official brings him one.

Pipeline

Blood test will be offered

Joyce Griffith, personnel director with American Income screening test March 15 in the Student Center. The American Heart Association will have a film presentation on blood pressure. Three members of ASK who are LVNs and Carolyn Rodabough, director of Health Services, will do the testing free of charge.

Volleyball deadline Friday

Friday is the deadline for the power volleyball tournament. Team captains should contact Intramural Director Ray Murray as soon as possible so the tourney can start in time to be concluded by the end of the semester.

Reading course to open

A special section of Reading 101, Improving Student Skills, will begin March 27. This course will meet MWF from 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. through May 1. It is designed to assist the student in improving test-taking, note-taking and one of the following: reading, comprehension, vocabulary or reading rate. Individual prescription and practice are used.

Registration will be March 17 or March 27. The cost will be \$1 or \$2 for students enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Enrollment is limited.

One half of students new orientation program

By Suanne Wiese

One half of the students who took orientation last semester failed, and at least that many are expected to do the same this semester, said counselor John Nobis.

This is in comparison with 20 per cent who failed under the classroom teaching methods used in past years.

So, why the change?

There were a lot of complaints - students did not want to spend time in the classroom," Nobis said. "Not all the students related to what was taught on specific days.

"If they were not interested in what was being discussed, they just wouldn't show up," he said.

"Last, we now have more and more students, but not more and more counselors. Counselors began spending half the day going to orientation classes."

Nobis says orientation is designed to be a sort of survival course for the college student. "Study skills are obviously related to survival," said Nobis.

"So is the career module which helps students decide what they are going to do."

Although he admits he does not like the packet method as much as the classroom method, he believes it is better because students "learn to do things individually and at their own pace."

He would rather sit down with 10 or 12 students and have the time to get to know them and share real concerns, he said.

Nobis does not believe the course should be revised, despite the large number of failures.

However, students' unwillingness to discipline themselves isn't a sufficient reason to change rules, he said.

"When you drive along the interstate, do you go 55 mph?" he asked. "If you do, you find you don't pass anybody; in fact, they pass you. Well, just because the 55 mph speed limit isn't working should we abolish it?"

He compared the course with spinach. "You've got to eat your spinach, and you've got to take orientation," he said. "Make it taste good because even though the benefits are not readily apparent they are there."

Two robbers attack history instructor

American history instructor Scott Adams was reportedly attacked in his apartment during the early morning hours of March 1 by two men believed to be in their late teens or early twenties.

The men entered his apartment and struck Adams on the head with a heavy bottle at about 12:30 a.m. Adams had opened his door for some air. He received more blows on the head after he fell to the floor. According to Adams the intruders took a quantity of money, a gold wristwatch, a couple of tiger eye rings and a Texas A&M class ring.

"They got away very quickly and disappeared," said Adams.

"I called the police and they were there within five minutes."

Police sealed off both entrances to the apartment complex but found no suspects. Adams said he did not hear the thieves escaping or the sound of a car leaving.

With a police escort, Adams drove himself to the hospital where he was treated for a concussion.

"I have some memory lapses but they will disappear," Adams said.

He is offering a \$100 reward for the stolen Texas A&M class ring. The ring is dated 1947 and has the name of a cousin, Carlos E. Benavides, inscribed inside.

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Entertainment

Mel Brooks' latest

Master of Comedy strikes out

by Bryan Davis

Mel Brooks, the master of comedy, has made a film dedicated to Alfred Hitchcock, the master of suspense. Although Hitchcock's title remains undisputed, there are doubts of Brooks' as a result of his latest screen effort, "High Anxiety."

As a writer on television for Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows," and later "Get Smart," Brooks caused more than his share of laughter. Brooks made the successful transition to screen with "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein," each of which grossed over \$100

million at the box office.

What a shame he should fail with "High Anxiety," a film with such potential.

Almost everyone loves Hitchcock, and the idea of laughing at his films, rather than cringing in fear, is more than one can resist. Brooks, however, simply fails to make good use of this built in attraction.

"High Anxiety" features Brooks' usual gathering of excellent actors. In addition to Brooks, cast as Richard H. Thorndyke, head of the Psycho-Neurotic Institute for the Very,

Very Nervous, on hand are his usual bevy of regulars.

Madeline Kahn, perhaps the best comic actress today, returns in her fourth Brooks film. Kahn is portrayed as a helpless blonde (would Hitchcock have it any other way) who accompanies Brooks through his typical Hitchcock thrills as well as providing Brooks' romantic interest.

Kahn has her moments, but doesn't appear until midway through the film. Cloris Leachman is more fortunate. Sinister in Brooks' "Young Frankenstein," Leachman is even more so here, and receives more laughs than the remaining cast members combined. Leachman is perfectly hideous as the wicked Nurse Diesel. Complete with snowcone bosom and a pencil-thin mustache, Leachman is unrecognizable to TV fans who visualize her as the glamorous "Phyllis."

Another regular on hand is Harvey Korman, formerly of the "Carol Burnett Show." Korman is cast as Charles Montague, Leachman's sadist sidekick. Together they plot to keep rich people locked inside the institute.

Brooks' failure to utilize the talents of Korman, Leachman and Kahn is the primary fault of the film.

"High Anxiety" is successful and funny only when Brooks recreates terrifying Hitchcock

scenes with his comic touch. When Brooks strays from this formula, the viewers attention fades with it.

Brooks is particularly effective with his version of the famous "shower scene" from Hitchcock's 1960 classic, "Psycho." Rather than Janet Leigh, we now have Brooks the victim in the tub. And instead of a Tony Perkins stabbing, Brooks falls victim to a newspaper flogging from a paperboy. In place of the blood swirling down the drain, we see newspaper print with Brooks murmuring, "That boy will not get a tip."

Another scene that found the audience racked with laughter, was a take-off on Hitchcock's "The Birds." As Brooks sits on a park bench smoking a cigarette, birds begin to light on the "monkey bars" in the background. At this point, the audience has no doubt what is to come. As he flees in terror, the birds seem to have little interest in doing Brooks bodily harm. Instead, they transform his solid suit into a clashing polka-dot.

These scenes are effective. They are, however, scarce moments in an otherwise sloppily made film. The props are cheap, and the characterizations predictable. "High Anxiety" looks as if it were made for TV rather than

the faithful Brooks fans who pay box office prices.

"High Anxiety" doesn't seem to click even for Hitchcock fans. And for those not familiar with Hitchcock, don't even bother.

"High Anxiety" isn't a total waste of time. It has its moments, and the sprinkling of these highlights makes the film worthwhile. But avid Brooks fans are not easily fooled, and will recognize the master of comedy as not being up to par.



CLORIS LEACHMAN



PHHHHHH!

Actor, producer, director and writer Mel Brooks appears to be suffering from emotional problems upon completion of his latest film, "High Anxiety."

Loggins and Messina

'Finale' ends successful duo

by Matt Mitchell

Kenny Loggins and Jim Messina's latest, and unfortunately last album, "Finale," is a live culmination of that energy which brought them success on their previous eight albums. All of which, including this one, have been certified gold.

Messina has done a superb job of putting together what proves to be one of the best live recordings I've heard. Each note is perfectly audible, the instruments are balanced to perfection and the vocals are clear and crisp.

Messina has also expanded the scope of the groups on-stage persona by using a 10-piece band instead of the six-man format used for Loggins and Messina's first live remote, "On Stage," recorded in 1974.

The addition of Jack Lintz on keyboards does wonders to the depth and sound of songs "Peacemaker" and "Pretty Princess." The latter, highlighted by Jim and Kenny's synthesized acoustic guitars is probably the best song on the album.

The opening set of this double effort is an acoustic showcase of some old favorites, most prominently "Danny's Song" and "House at Pooh Corner." Later in the set the full band comes out, namely bassist Larry Sims, who steps forward to sing lead vocals on "Keep Me In Mind."

There are a couple of other medleys present. One showcases a medley of country songs. The first tune, "Motel Cowboy" is a new song which wasn't recorded on previous albums. Other notable songs included in this medley are "Lonesome Me," "I'm Movin' On" and "Listen to a Country Song."

Another new song is a rocker titled "Oklahoma Home of Mine." Loggins' vocals stand out on this tune. Side three closes with Messina's tender "Pretty Princess."

The boogie woogie set which follows is evidence of the band's versatility. "My Music" begins this medley followed by the band's rousing rendition of

"Spish Splash". The set is closed with "Boogie Man," a cut from the "Native Son" LP.

Messina's lead guitar has never been better, and it's nice to hear Loggins joining Messina one more time (Loggins' first solo effort "Celebrate Me Home" was released last fall.). Merle Bergante and Steve Foreman lay down a solid backbeat with some fine percussions. Sims' bass playing is steady and his backing vocals are sublime. Lintz's piano is featured on several solos and his synthesizer lines make the difference between this LP and "On Stage." Richard Green shows that Al Garth's departure hasn't diminished the presence of a violin in the band's repertoire.

It's sad to see such a creative team part, but Kenny Loggins and Jim Messina have ended their musical relationship on a high note. This is definitely one of the group's best albums, surpassed only by "Motherlode" and possibly "Sitting In". There are no gimmicks here, only good music, and for Loggins and Messina, "Finale" is the final soundtrack of their success.

'Sironia, Texas' premiers

Calendar of Events

March 9 - Roy Robbins and the Availables at Melody Ranch; James Buck (rock & roll) at Jeremiah's; Baylor Theater presents "Mother Courage".

March 11 - "Streetwalkers' Hamlet" at Civic Theater; "Mother Courage" at Baylor; James Buck at Jeremiah's.

March 12 - James Buck at Jeremiah's.

March 13 - Too Smooth at Jeremiah's; "Mother Courage" at Baylor.

March 10 - "Winnie the Pooh" at Casa Manana in Fort Worth (tickets 817-332-6221); "Mother Courage" at Baylor; Civic Theater presents "The Streetwalkers' Hamlet" - Madison Cooper and Sironia, Texas"; James Buck at Jeremiah's.

March 17, 18 - Foghat in Fort Worth.

March 17, 18 - Jackson Browne in Dallas.

March 24 - Michael Murphy and America in Fort Worth.

April 4, 5 - Sieve Marlin and John Sebastian in Dallas (tickets for out-of-town concerts available at Sound Cellar, 216 Lake Air Dr.)

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By Trip Stidhan

The Highlanders in the second round of the Tournament Friday in an elimination.

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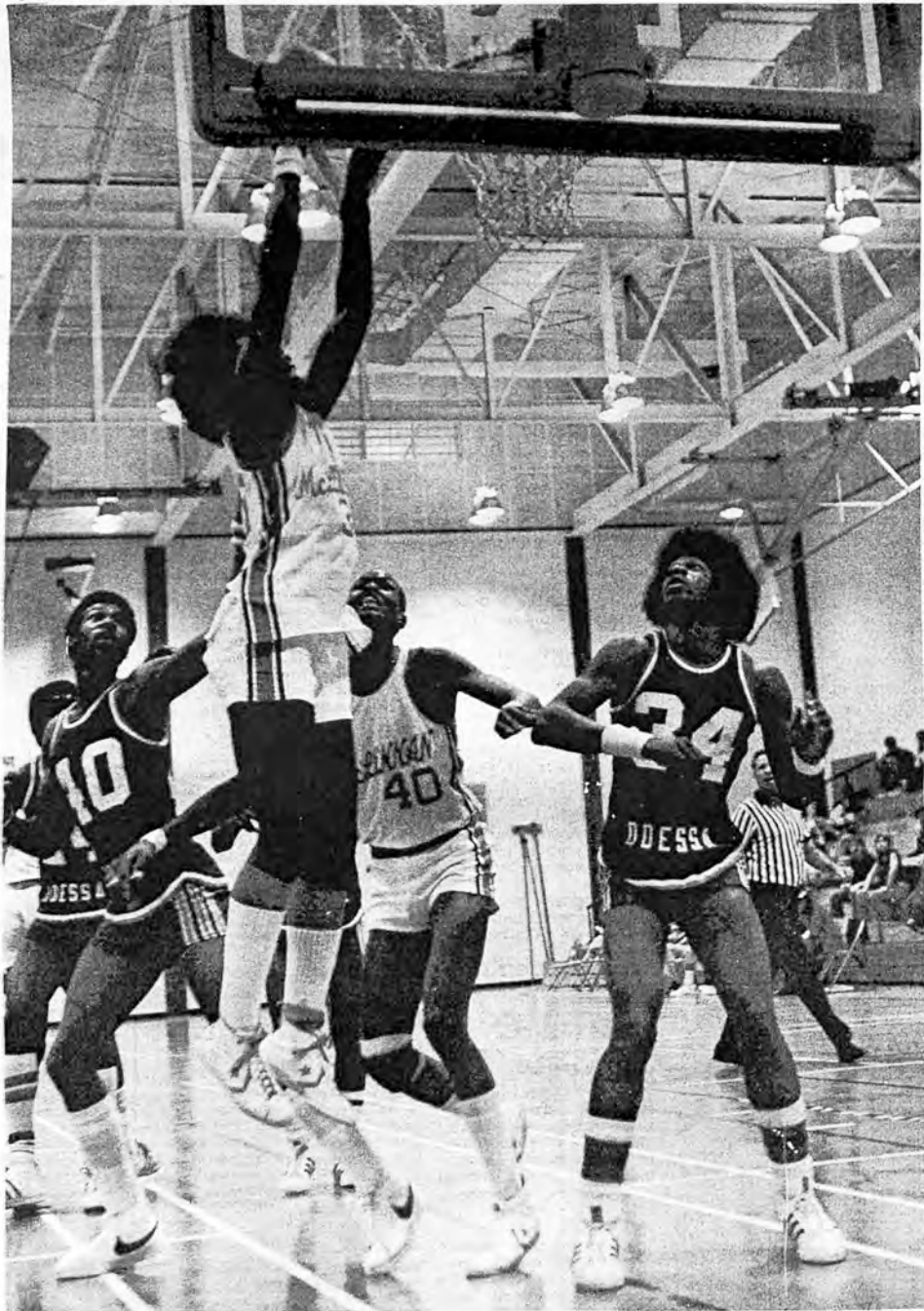
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Charles 'Bean' Burley lays in two of his six points as Angelo Grimes anxiously watches.

Photos by Donna Richter



Roy Watson (15) and J no room to run.

Highlanders fall to fouls, Odessa in tourney

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The Highlanders finally got into the one-and-one situation with 2:21 left before halftime, but the Texans had built a 47-36 lead which increased to 54-42 at the buzzer.

If not for a brilliant performance by MCC point guard Sam Worthen, the Highlanders might have been blown out in the second half. But Worthen, who hit 41 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and added 10 assists during a spectacular overall performance, scored 27 points in the final 20 minutes to keep MCC in contention.

"Sam played an incredible tournament," Carter said of his Brooklyn, N.Y., sophomore who totalled 22 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in MCC's 96-84 win over Odessa College in Thursday's first round. "What else can a guy do for a team?"

With Western Texas holding a sizeable lead with eight minutes remaining, Worthen started a string of eight consecutive baskets as the Highlanders narrowed the Texan lead to seven points on two occasions.

But with 2:45 left, Western Texas still led by nine points as the Highlanders desperate rally started to fade.

"We had a chance to cut the lead to five in the late going," Carter said, "but we missed the shot and they scored right back. We missed some high percentage shots and they kept scoring right there at the end of the game."

Highlander wing Charles (Bean) Burley added 18 points and 12 rebounds to complement Worthen's superb showing. Terry (Goldie) Suber added 13 points, Abe Davis 10 and Soukup 8 as the Highlanders hit 50 per cent of their shots.

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The Odessa defense vainly tries to stop Sam Worthen's attack.



Odessa Cager

Keith Godfrey displays his one-handed style of shooting.



Sam Worthen makes one of his brilliant passes to Jim Soukup, leaving the defender aghast.

'Landers fall in semi-finals

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However, Western Texas, led by Julio Gallardo's 31 points, hit 52.9 per cent from the field. The Texans also held an edge in rebounds (36-35) and assists (18-15).

In MCC's victory over Odessa, the Highlanders, working their game plan to perfection, jumped to a quick 10-0 lead and held the upper hand for the remainder of the game although the Wranglers rallied several times.

"We felt the key to the game was getting ahead at the start," Carter said. "They had been struggling in past weeks, so we felt like if we could get the lead it would hurt them mentally. They were never really in the game although they closed the margin once."

While Worthen scored 22 points, Suber netted 16, Davis 14, Roy Watson 11 and Soukup 10 to pace MCC's balanced offense. The Highlanders hit 53.6 per cent of their field goals, but managed only a 16 of 33 performance at the free throw line.

Burley paced the rebounding department with 10 while Davis and Watson each had five.

"Everything seemed to work out for us," Carter said. "Team play was a big factor. I thought (Keith) Godfrey, Watson and (Angelo) Grimes came off the bench and played outstanding games."

Western Texas (104): Gallardo 10-11-31; Williams 1-1-3; Jamison 1-5-7; Beadle 5-2-12; Worthington 7-2-16; Brown 3-1-7; Reid 4-3-11; Mendoza 5-2-12; Patridge 1-3-5. Totals 37-30-104.

MCC (94): Suber 6-1-13; Worthen 16-9-41; Davis 5-0-10; Burley 7-4-18; Soukup 4-0-8; Watson 2-0-4. Totals 40-14-94.

Halftime Score Western Texas 54, MCC 42. Total fouls: MCC 26, Western Texas 14, Technical fouls: Worthen (MCC) 2, Moorehead and Reid (Western Texas) 1.

Odessa (84): Williams 3-3-9; Ennis 5-3-13; McDowell 8-0-16; Herring 7-0-14; Edwards 8-2-18; Johnson 3-0-6; Hunter 2-0-4; Jackson 1-2-4. Totals 37-10-84.

MCC (96): Suber 5-6-16; Worthen 9-4-22; Davis 7-0-14; Burley 4-0-8; Soukup 5-0-10; Grimes 4-1-9; Watson 4-3-11; Godfrey 2-2-6. Totals 40-16-96.

Halftime Score: MCC 44, Odessa 36. Total Fouls: Odessa 25, MCC 19.

Blind student gets GED, fulfills longtime ambition

by Donna Johnson

Ben Calderon was in first grade when his teachers noticed he had difficulty seeing the blackboard. His vision was corrected with glasses and the problem seemed to disappear until he was 18, when he lost his sight completely due to weak retinas.

Adjusting to blindness was a slow process according to Calderon. "You have to learn to do simple, everyday things over again," he said.

Calderon was a junior at Waco High School when he lost his sight. Although determined to continue his education, he soon had to quit school because there were no special programs for handicapped students at that time.

After quitting school, Calderon tried to get his diploma through a brail correspondence course, but Waco High would not accept the course credits.

When he failed to enter Baylor with a certificate from the course, he gave up. "I got disgusted with everything and quit trying," he said. "It seemed every way I turned I ran into a brick wall."

However, the distinguished-looking, 45-year-old Calderon did not give up for good. Last summer he passed the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test and is now in his first semester of pre-law. He began his childhood ambition of becoming an attorney.

"I've wanted to go back to school for years and years," he said. "Taking the first step is always hard." Calderon feels the instructors here have made the first step easier for him.

"Before I started school, I expected some of the instructors to resent me because it would mean more work for them," he said. "Actually they have been just the opposite. I've found them very helpful."

Calderon goes about learning in a different way than the average student. He almost always tapes lectures, and his texts are on cassette tapes. His instructors give him oral exams, and the only writing he does is signing his name.

Besides being a student, Calderon is also a husband, father and a musician. He plays guitar in a local country and

western band.

"I had a lot of spare time when I went blind," he said. "Since I had always wanted to learn to play guitar, I just decided to do it."

Calderon used to feel his blindness held him back in many ways, but he no longer thinks about it, he says. "When I touch something, I'm looking at it, and there's an image in my mind of what it looks like," he explained.

Many people ask Calderon if he visualizes a person in his mind when he meets them. He says he does, but that the image he sees in his mind isn't necessarily right.

"It's really just a guess," he explains. Calderon feels that as a result of being blind, he gets to know people for what they are, not what they look like.

"Some people are more or less prejudiced by the way a person looks," he said. "I don't have that problem. 'Anytime I meet someone they're my friend, until they prove otherwise.'"

Calderon has made many friends here. He says the students are very thoughtful.

Although some feel sorry for him, he does not resent it.

"When I sense someone feeling sorry for me, I try to show them by my actions there is no need for it," he concluded.

Ex-students elect officers

The MCC Ex-Students Association held its first meeting last month and elected officers. "But we have yet to complete the charter," said Don Bynum, director of Student Activities.

Danny Uptmore was elected president. First vice-president is Ray Atkinson, a congressional candidate from District 35B.

Blanche Willis was elected second vice-president. Cathy Dominguez, director of placement, was chosen secretary-treasurer, with Robert Hawkins as historian.

"The purpose of the organization is to provide avenues for continued relations between students who have attended MCC," said Bynum, "and to promote the purposes, goals, and interests of MCC."

Membership is open to ex-students who have completed at least 30 semester hours of credit courses at MCC. Members can not be presently enrolled as full time students at the college.

There has been an interest in starting such an organization since 1968 when Robert Hawkins initiated the idea. Hawkins has been named president emeritus of the organization.

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Sports

Former Carribean champion

Tennis star eyes pro's

by Frank Fitzpatrick

A lot of people go through college undecided about what they want to major in. One MCC student knows what he wants to do. Richard Stephenson wants to play tennis.

Stephenson, "Coach Berryman is real nice."

Stephenson says that he will stay here for the summer sessions and then would like to transfer to U.S.C.

After college he will turn professional and remain in the U.S.

Stephenson's parents live in Jamaica. A cousin, Beverly Stephenson, is the Jamaica tennis champion.

Aside from tennis, he enjoys soccer but Stephenson added that "tennis gives me more self satisfaction."

Stephenson won his first Texas tournament by taking first in singles and first in doubles in the Dallas Winter Open.

"I like to win," says Stephenson, "but I can't play at my best unless I am competing."

Although he has an impressive individual record, Stephenson strongly believes in "team effort" and takes time out to help others on the team.

Originally from Kingston, Jamaica, Stephenson started playing tennis at the age of nine. He was coached by Harry Hopman who coached Rod Laver, John Nucomb, and Ken Rosewall.

Stephenson was ranked 15th in the world in the 16 and under class. Two years ago, he won the Carribean championship which consists of 30 islands in the 21 and under class.

Stephenson has traveled to England, France and the U.S. MCC acquired the Jamaican tennis player via Coach Carmack Barryman. Stephenson says that he met Berryman in San Diego, Calif. while playing in the Fiesta Bowl tournament. The result of this meeting was a full scholarship to MCC.

"I really like it here," says

Calendar of Events					
Thursday	March 9	Grayson	Tennis	Here	2:00
		Southwestern Tourney	Golf	There	
		MCC Tournament	Baseball	Here	
		MCC Verse Bee		MCC	1:15
Friday	March 10	MCC verse Ranger		MCC	3:30
		Navarro Tournament	Tennis	There	
		Southwestern Tourney	Golf	There	
		MCC Tournament	Baseball	Here	
Saturday	March 11	MCC verse Seminole		MCC	11:00
		MCC verse Blinn		Veterans	1:15
		Navarro Tournament	Tennis	There	
		MCC Tournament	Baseball	Here	
Tuesday	March 14	MCC verse Paris		MCC	1:15
		Navarro	Tennis	Here	1:30
		Sam Houston Tourney	Golf	There	
		MCC verse San Jacinto	Baseball	There	
Wednesday	March 15	Hill	Tennis	Here	1:30
		Sam Houston Tourney	Golf	There	
		MCC verse MHB	Baseball	Here	1:00

Netters take conference win

The tennis team defeated Weatherford 10-2 in their second conference match of the season.

In women's singles, Carol Martin smashed Buffy Ericson, (6-3) (6-1), Janice Babbit defeated Chris Cribari, (6-2) (6-0). Lilit Eberle lost to her opponent, Diane Luscombe, (2-6) (2-6). Patricia Miles won over Denise Barrance, (5-7) (6-0) (7-6).

The men's team was successful in winning all their

singles' matches. Richard Stephenson beat last year's conference runner-up Bob Davis, (6-4) (6-1). Darrell Darling outplayed George Butler, (6-1) (6-0). Jagan Suri won his match against Dave Rogers, (6-2) (7-5). Art Hobbs trounced Wendell Lancaster, (6-1) (6-2).

The men's double team of Stephenson and Darling suffered defeat against Davis and Butler, (0-6) (6-3). The

team of Suri and Hobbs downed the team of Lancaster and Rogers, (6-2) (6-3).

The women's double's teams were successful in both their matches. Martin and Babbit were victorious over the team of Ericson and Cribari, (0-6) (6-3) (6-4). The team of Miles and Eberle put away the team of Luscombe and Barrance, (5-7) (6-0) (7-6).

The tennis team will play Grayson here today at 2:00.



TENNIS MAJOR

Jamaican tennis player Richard Stephenson was once a world ranked tennis star. Today he competes at MCC with a full scholarship.

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MCC tourney opens today

The Fifth Annual MCC Baseball Tournament is set with six games to be played today.

Blinn will meet Paris at 11 a.m. at the MCC Field. The Highlanders host Bee County at 1:15 p.m. and Ranger at 3:30 p.m. Also, Bee encounters Ranger, Seminole takes on Blinn and Paris at Veterans Field.

In today's opener for the Highlanders, Coach Rick Butler plans to start his two ace Donald George (2-0) and Bill Eady (1-0). George and Eady, All-Conference picks last year for MCC and Temple respectively, pitched wins in Angeline on March 1.

Paris is the defending champion, but Butler thinks that any of three other teams have a good shot at winning the three day round-robin tournament.

"Blinn might be considered the favorite because they won five straight at Wharton," said Butler.

"Also, Ranger has a real good hitting club. Ranger is

supposed to be weak in pitching, but that hasn't been the case so far." The Highlanders also have some excellent pitching and improved hitting.

"Rudolfo (3rd baseman Rudolfo Vera) has been consistent and Maddux (outfielder Bert Maddux) has improved greatly, as has Keith Houck," commented Butler. Maddux is currently batting at a .360 clip and Houck is hitting in the .300 range.

"Our main problem is that, in our first seven games, we have left 65 men on base, 45 of those in scoring position. Mental defensive mistakes, such as throwing to the wrong base, have hurt also," said Butler.

In addition to George and Eady, Perry Kilgo and Kevin Wiebold have been impressive in early outings on the mound. Kilgo got the win in a surprise start against Panola.

Wiebold has had a lot of hard luck and wildness has caused a problem," said Butler. "He walked three against Panola and two against Wharton and all of them scored."

In the doubleheader sweep of Angeline, Butler cited several players for fine performances. Houck had a key bases loaded double, driving in two runs to go along with another double and a single. Maddux was four for five at the plate for the day and the fleet-footed Highlanders stole 11 bases out of 13 attempts.

Eady was especially impressive in the second game, throwing only 71 pitches in his seven inning stint. Eady walked one and struck out one, but had the Angeline batters popping up and hitting the ball on the ground.

In Friday's games, the Highlanders meet Seminole at 11 a.m.

Ranger plays Paris and Seminole later that day at the MCC Field. At 1:15 p.m. the 'Landers face Blinn and Paris.

The tourney wraps up on Saturday when Seminole meets Bee and the Highlanders tangle with Paris in a 1:15 p.m. game at MCC. Also, Ranger and Blinn square off at Veterans in an 11 a.m. contest.

Meet the Netters



Richard Stephenson, from Kingston, Jamaica, is currently the Caribbean 21 and Under Champion. Coach Berryman said he has tremendous ground strokes, and really puts the pressure on with his service returns, and "needs only to develop his net game to be world class." Stephenson is aggressive on the court. He is age 20, 150 lbs. and 5'11". His major is P.E.

Lilith Eberle, the captain of the women's team, is the only returning letterman. Last year she won a majority of her conference matches. Coach Carmack Berryman said her forehand is the best part of her tennis game, and she is very serious on the court. Eberle "tries to improve all the time and shows good leadership to other players," said Berryman.

Eberle is a graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School, where she was the Dallas City High School Doubles Champion. She currently holds a 3.5 grade point average. She is 20, weighs 125 lbs. and is 5'5" tall.



Janice Babbitt, freshman from San Diego, California, is ranked No. 2 on this year's team. Coach Berryman said she is the most powerful all around player on the team, and is the hardest hitting of all the women. He noted that if she learns to control her power, she has a chance of becoming one of the best women players to attend here.

Babbitt is an English and physical education major with a 3.3 grade point average. She is 19, weighs 135 lbs, and stands 5'7".



Patricia Miles, from North Mesquite, Dallas, is 5'2" and weighs 105 lbs. Though small, she is called "Mighty Mit" by her fellow tennis players. Coach Berryman said, "She is the most aggressive player on the whole tennis team."

Berryman also noted that she is the quickest of the women players. Miles, 19, has a 3.2 grade point average and is as yet undecided as to her major.



Natives romp Rats in showdown

by Robert Gough

Running like thoroughbreds and using a zone press along with pressure defense, the Natives captured second place in the 1978 Intramural Basketball Tournament with a 57-28 stomping of the Rickey Rats.

The Natives led from wire to wire and were never seriously threatened as they opened up a 29 point lead on two different occasions late in the game.

The Rats kept it close until Johnny Reed started a streak that saw the Natives stretch a five point lead into an 18 point margin. Reed scored eight during that surge and Willie Brown added six. The Rickey Rats put on a final desperation rally when Mitch Bragg, Jimmy Nelson and Mike Hodges each hit baskets to cut the margin to 12 points, but it was not enough as the winners pulled away.

Reed led the scoring with 17 points while Brown and Donald Hooks added 15 each. Hodges (9), Bragg (8) and Tom McVey

(6) paced the Rats' scoring.

The Natives finished the regular season with a 4-1 record while the Rickey Rats ended with a 4-1 season mark.

The Natives advanced to the final game by annihilating the Cowboys 66-18 on Monday. Reed again led the way with 20 points while Alvin Williams (17), Hooks (14) and Brown (11) contributed. Mark Horak paced the Cowboys, who finished the season at 2-2, with 10 points.

Also on Monday, the Rickey Rats won the red division by virtue of a 62-37 victory over the Jazz. Leading by only seven at the half, the Rats blitzed the Jazz 36-18 in the second period. Hodges led the Rats with 21 while Bragg tallied 14 and McVey 12. Steve Moore scored 13 and Joe Goff canned 10 for the Jazz, who ended the year with a 2-2 record.

On Friday, the Cowboys edged the Twelve Nuts 50-49. Leading 49-48 with just seconds remaining, the Nuts were slapped with a technical foul at

the buzzer. With no time remaining, Joe Bob Potter converted the free throw that supposedly tied the game.

However, a recheck of the scorebook showed the score to be 50-49 and that Potter's shot had won the game for the Cowboys.

Potter pumped in 21 points while Terry Westerfield added 12 for the winners. Rod Hill and Miller each scored 14 for the Twelve Nuts (1-3).

The Wild Bunch encountered plenty of opposition Friday as they slipped past the Marekesh Express 39-31. The Express, playing with only four players gave the Bunch all they could handle throughout the game and managed an 11-11 tie at the half. But behind the scoring surges of David Jansing (16 points) and Richard Castillo (13), the Bunch outscored the Express 28-20 in the second period. The Wild Bunch ended their season at 3-1 while the Marekesh Express finished with a 0-4 mark.

Linksters win fourth tourney

Coach Jimmy Clayton's MCC golf team won its fourth straight tournament as it captured the Bevo Classic by two shots over Wharton Junior College. MCC's Dave Davis took individual honors with a 149.

Earlier this year MCC took wins in the Southwest Texas state tourney as they downed a 15 team field by 18 shots. MCC's Steve Bowman took individual honors as he shot an excellent 143. Dave Davis finished second

with a 150. The Highlanders then captured the Eastfield tourney by 1 shot over Temple Junior College. Rick Jones shot a 74 to lead all players. They then won the Stephen F. Austin Classic by 10 shots as Davis shot a 149 to lead.

"The interesting thing about the four tournaments we have won is that we won them with 13 different players," said Coach Jimmy Clayton. "It shows that our team has great depth and

some excellent individual players," considering we have had the top medalist in every tournament."

"Buckey Smith has played well in the three tournaments he has been in. Rick Jones has also played well. Davis and Bowman needless to say are the best sophomore players in the state of Texas. They have proven they can play with any freshman and junior college team in the state."



Carol Martin is District 7-AAAA Doubles Champion from Richland HS, Ft. Worth. Martin ranked No. 1 this fall, became ill at the end of the semester. Coach Berryman said he hopes that by midseason Martin will regain her form. Martin has the strongest serve on the women's team, said Berryman. He said she has good knowledge and background in doubles which is probably the strongest part of her game and where she will help the team most. Martin is 19, 140 lbs. and 5'9".