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Mime performers visit high schools

Drama students in Central Texas high schools will soon see how to describe a situation or action without speaking.

"Mime, acting that depends entirely on body movements without speech, will be demonstrated by James Henderson, drama instructor, Trudy Jander and John Cleveland, drama students during workshops to be given this semester.

Henderson said that the demonstrations will be workshop style geared more toward a classroom than a large audience. The troupe will teach basic mime exercises and give performances showing how to put the exercises together. He added that they would have a second workshop of more advanced mime for interested classes.

Mime has been traced back to

800 BC to a Greek form called the phylake. Phylakes were performed by actors wearing grotesquely padded tights and large masks. The thievish slave, and the comic doctor were typical characters who represented various aspects of contemporary life.

Modern mime as an art form was introduced by E'tienne De Decroux who brought the theories and teachings of mime to the U.S. Marcel Marceau, famous for the white faced character, Bip, is largely responsible for mime's current popularity.

Henderson plans to give a mime demonstration during the 10 o'clock hour sometime this semester. "We have had more requests to do this than I had ever imagined," he said. "Three colleges and a Dallas high school have called."



Photo by Marvin Clync

MIME PERFORMERS

John Cleveland, Trudy Jander and James Henderson will teach basic mime exercises

Citizens to form group

Gays protest misinterpretation

by Frank Fitzpatrick

The Texas Gay Task force which surfaced Saturday for a press conference before Anita Bryant's performance hopes to sponsor a discussion group here in Waco. Notices will be placed on campus and in surrounding Waco areas.

Before the press conference, which was one of the task force's first public appearances in Waco, evangelist Max Grandfield from Grace Temple Church spoke out against the meeting. Grandfield said that he was "speaking for God who condemns the unnatural life style of gays."

At the start of the conference Kathy Deitsch, moderator for the Texas Gay Task Force, said "This news conference in no way is to be misinterpreted as a protest of Anita Bryant's visit at the Junior League's 19th Annual Charity Ball.

Deitsch said the task force was here to show the Waco community how Bryant continually misrepresents the lives and goals of the members of the gay community.

"Anita has united us because of her activities" said Deitsch. She commented that Waco has no gay community organization.

The task force, cited several injustices committed against gay communities and

organizations. Some of the types of legislation task force members fear has already been passed.

In Oklahoma the Legislature has introduced a bill which would allow school boards the right to fire teachers who 'advocate homosexuality' or 'engage in public homosexual activity'

Alaska has passed a similar bill.

One of the officers of the task force, Nick, had his last name withheld because he is working on his teaching degree.

Another case involved a gay organization at Texas A&M which had its on campus privileges taken away.

Abilene hosts contest

Highlanders vie for championship

The MCC Highlanders have been seeded-third and will meet six seeded Odessa College today at 4 p.m. in first round action of the Region V Basketball Tournament.

The Landers who finished with an 11-3 record and in a tie with Cooke for first place will be facing a small but super quick team. "Odessa hits the boards extremely well," said Highlander coach Johnny Carter.

"To win this thing it takes a lot of drive, hustle, elimination of mistakes and a lot of luck, if we get this combination we will

take it," said Carter. "Any team that makes it to the Regionals can win this darn thing. A lot of upsets occur in the Regional and I hope we are not one of them. I think we are

very close to being at our potential level."

In action today, Hill meets New Mexico Military Institute, Cooke meets either Grayson or

Howard; and Western Texas plays either Amarillo or Ranger. There will be two semifinal contests Friday and the championship game will be played Saturday at 8 p.m.



KATHY DEITSCH Photo by Dick Turner

Spokesperson for the Texas Gay Task Force.

Video week to offer four films

Video Awareness Week is next week and student activities is sponsoring four films. "The Kennedys," "Days of Thrills and Laughter," "Rockin' in the USA," and "Ali: Skill, Brains, and Guts" will highlight the week.

"The Kennedys" will trace the Kennedy family from Joe Kennedy's career, through Jack and Bobby, to Teddy today. Cliff Robertson is narrator.

"Day of Thrills and Laughter" is a comedy that includes chase scenes, exploding houses, and a railroad chase, filmed in the days before special effects.

"Rockin' in the USA" is a coast-to-coast collection of hits from Sly and Family Stone, Eddie Kendricks, Jimi Hendrix, Seals and Crofts, Billy Joel and The Steve Miller Band.

"Ali: Skill, Brains and Guts" is a portrait of Muhammad Ali. The film features interviews, publicity stunts, and footage that led to Ali's eventual success.

The films will be shown in the Student Center at the following times:

MONDAY

8:00 The Kennedys
9:00 Days of Thrills & Laughter
10:00 Rockin' in the USA
11:00 Ali: Skill, Brains, & Guts

TUESDAY

8:00 Days of Thrills & Laughter
9:00 Rockin' in the USA
10:00 Ali: Skill, Brains, & Guts
11:00 The Kennedys

WEDNESDAY

8:00 Ali: Skill, Brains, & Guts
9:00 The Kennedys
10:00 Days of Thrills & Laughter
11:00 Rockin' in the USA

THURSDAY

8:00 Rockin' in the USA
9:00 Ali: Skill, Brains, & Guts
10:00 The Kennedys
11:00 Days of Thrills & Laughter

FRIDAY

8:00 Days of Thrills & Laughter
9:00 Rockin' in the USA
10:00 Ali: Skill, Brains, & Guts
11:00 The Kennedys

Pipeline

Three seek trusteeship

Three people had filed, as of Wednesday morning, for the three positions available on the Board of Trustees. Wednesday was the deadline date for filing.

Norma Podet filed for Position 1. C. Ray Perry has filed for Position 2. Laura Smith has filed for re-election to Position 3. None of the positions in the trustee election are being contested.

N.O.W. to hold sessions

The Waco Chapter of the National Organization for Women invites all persons interested in becoming acquainted with the goals and activities of N.O.W. to attend one of two information sessions scheduled for March 8 & 9, 7 p.m., Central Presbyterian Church, 1228 Washington.

Modules due Friday

Orientation students must have modules turned in to the counselors on or before Friday to pass the course.

Workshop to help students

A workshop focusing on "Career Search" will be offered beginning March 6 at the 10 o'clock hour and continuing on March 6, 13 and 15. This workshop will focus on self-awareness, self-assessment, job market trends, interviewing skills and goal setting. If you are undecided on your major and would like help in making a decision, this workshop may be for you. There will be a maximum of 20 students enrolled in the Counseling Office.

Third seminar to be held

The third in a series of seminars dealing with health care, human services and business personnel will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10, on campus.

Dealing with Cultural and Ethnic Backgrounds in Employer and Employee Relations will be the topic of the presentation, coordinated by sociology instructor Carol Jolly. The seminar is approved by the Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators for six hours continuing education credit in management theory. The cost is \$15.

For more information contact the Continuing Education Office.

Scholarships available

Applications are now available for a number of \$4,000 scholarships to be awarded to Texas' top junior and community college students in the field of Social Science, according to Don Reeves. The scholarships are especially designed by Howard Payne University and the Hatton W. Summers Foundations of Dallas.

The announcement comes from the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom of Howard Payne University in Brownwood. The Academy is a social science honors program that prepares graduates for a number of careers, some of which include law, teaching, business, military, social work, government and the ministry.

Scholarships are awarded each spring to students who will enter the Academy program in the fall. Recipients of the scholarships are selected by the trustees of the Hatton W. Summers Foundation of Dallas. Other lesser scholarships are also available.

Further information and applications are available from Don Reeves in the Social Science Dept.

Physical education week features free bowling

HPE dept. sets activity week

The MCC Health and Physical Education Department has set aside March 3, 6, and 8 for events in conjunction with National Physical Education and Sports Week.

A variety of activities have been planned, ranging from bowling to racketball, to support the theme of "Keep Moving, America." All MCC Faculty, Staff and students are urged to get involved in the activities.

Bowling Lake Air Lanes (free) March 3 and 6 from 2-4 p.m.

Volleyball - Gym 1, March 3 and 6 from 8-10 a.m.

Tennis - MCC Tennis Courts, March 3 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Social Dance - HPE Room 218, March 3 and 6 from 11:10-12 p.m.

Swimming - MCC pool, March 3 and 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rabbit Run (mile run) - HPE Equipment Room, March 8 at 10 a.m. Men's Division, 18-29 yrs and 30-40. Women's Division, 18-29 yrs and 30-40.

Racketball Tournament (doubles) - MCC Courts, March 3 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Men's and Women's Divisions (names and times should be posted on the HPE bulletin board).

SG members to attend state meet

Scrapbook to be entered

Student Government appropriated funds Monday for 15 of its members to attend the state-wide Texas Junior College Student Government Association Convention in April.

The annual convention for student government members from all over the state will enable those in attendance to view other school's form of government and learn new methods of handling problems that may occur on a day to day basis.

Members will also present a scrapbook of the year's endeavors, including photographs, newspaper articles, and other copy about student government on campus.

The scrapbook and an essay concerning SG activities will be entered in competition upon

arrival of members in Amarillo on April 9. SG committees will try to wrap up work on these projects before the convention.

In other business, Cindy Burt reported that she had gone over the recommendation of equipment with Dr. Wong and progress was being made toward its approval.

Burt told members she had written the thank-you letter to Nurse Carolyn Rodabough for the juice machines in the HPE and Liberal Arts buildings.

Donna Garrett had a report concerning the student, faculty and staff recognition certificates. Garrett said that she had talked to Ann Harrell, sponsor for the speech team, adn Kathy Miller, Mary Lyons and Liz Mornino could all

possibly be recipients of the award. Members voted to postpone giving out the certificates until near the end of the semester, as the girls would be competing further on behalf of the school in several tournaments.

Don Bynum reported that Dr. Wong had received the recommendation for shelves in the student center restrooms. She said the recommendation would be forwarded to Director of Administrative Services David Burney, for further approval.

Chuck Hill of the mini-concert committee asked for approval concerning a possible concert by the band "Too Smooth". Members agreed to further discuss this at the next SG meeting when they would have more time to consider funding.

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Entertainment

Movie Review

'Julia' competes for 11 Oscars

by Donna Richter

"Julia" is a film that you don't want to be disappointed with because it has so much potential.

It offers sparkling performances by two great actresses; it signals the advent of a new attitude in Hollywood toward women ("Julia" portrays women as intelligent beings, not neurotics); its literary merit is unquestionable.

But "Julia" is disappointing to a small extent, for the film does not fully realize its potential or live up to its roots -- Lillian Hellman's 1973 memoir "Pentimento".

In "Pentimento", Hellman recounts her friendship with Julia, a member of a wealthy New York family who was killed fighting Fascism just before World War II.

The story is told against the background of Hellman's 1937 train trip to smuggle \$50,000 of Julia's money into Berlin to aid the fight against Nazism. Hellman weaves flashback into flashback of her childhood with

Julia to give an exact picture of their strong, poignant friendship.

But the film fails to fully develop the friendship theme. Alvin Sargent's screenplay only dabbles with superficial flashbacks, providing little depth or insight into the women's commitment to each other. Instead of building up the friendship, Sargent emphasizes Hellman's growth as a writer under the tutelage of Dashiell Hammett, a popular detective writer with whom Hellman lived for almost 30 years.

What results is an autobiographical account of young playwright Hellman's rise to fame. These scenes are not bad, but they also lead one to think that the film is mistitled and should have been called "Lillian."

"Julia's" failings are no fault of the actors. Four of the film's 11 Academy Award nominations are in acting categories. All of the major characterizations are sharp. Especially fine are Jane

Fonda's portrayal of Hellman and Vanessa Redgrave's Julia.

Judging from everything that Hellman says about herself in "Pentimento", Fonda's Hellman is a true-to-life portrayal. The character is stubborn, abrasive, sassy and, for some reason, likeable.

The film portrays Hellman as politically naive. This characterization seems weak considering she is most famous for her liberal views, her stand before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1952 and subsequent blacklisting by Hollywood.

But one must remember that Hellman's political growth began on the brink of World War II, shaped by her Socialist friend Julia and probably-Communist friend Hammett.

Redgrave's Julia is even more clearly defined than Fonda's Hellman. It must be, for we see little of Julia on screen. Most of what we know about her comes from the brief flashbacks in which the two women are portrayed as children by younger actresses.

Still Redgrave's characterization is a perfect extension of Lisa Pelikan's performance of Julia as a child.

The movie is at its best during the scenes between Fonda and Redgrave, but the film does not offer enough of that particular interplay. "Julia's" themes of friendship, commitment and growth crystallize only during a scene at the end of Hellman's journey to Berlin.

Julia and Lillian, who have not seen each other for years, meet in a smoky German restaurant filled with Nazis. It is to be the last time they will speak together, but in the tense pre-World War II atmosphere of Nazi Germany, they cannot fully vocalize their emotions.

The scene is a powerful statement of friendship, but Fonda and Redgrave play the scene with enforced casualness and hardly a trace of sentimentality. Fonda fights back tears, and Redgrave's eyes flash with a self-assured conviction of a revolutionary as the two talk about the latest events in their lives.

Fonda and Redgrave, in a single short scene, are able to save an entire movie from being maudlin. For sheer excellence of characterization, not for the type of characters played, Fonda and Redgrave are probably the most deserving candidates for acting awards from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

It is unfortunate the "Julia" does not make better use of them, or Lillian Hellman's story.

Despite its faults "Julia" may be the best film of the year. It definitely won't match "Star Wars" splash at the box office, but quality acting makes

"Julia" one of the most worthwhile films of the year. Fonda has been nominated for best actress; Redgrave for best supporting actress; and Jason Robards and Maximilian Schell for best supporting actor.

"Julia" is a nominee for best picture, and its director, Fred Zinneman, is a nominee for best director.

Streisand, Eagles dominate awards

by Bryan Davis

As expected, the 20th Annual Grammy Awards did not necessarily reflect the best music of 1977, but nonetheless managed to swing a few surprises, including a bite to Debby Boone's ego.

The recording industry honored its deserving alumni last Thursday with a televised presentation from Los Angeles. The Grammy's, according to composer Marvin Hamlisch, are the "highest honor the music industry can give its members." As some variety of music awards grace the TV screen almost every week, the Grammy remains the most sought after of music awards.

The biggest award of the evening, as well as the biggest upset, was the citation of the Eagle's "Hotel California" as the Best Record of the year. Debby Boone's "You Light Up My Life" was such a sure bet, presenter Andy Williams checked the envelope twice to see if he was mistaken.

The choice of "Hotel California" was one of the few right decisions of the evening. Although Boone's song has set new records that will be hard to equal, its popularity was more of a craze than a reflection on the merits of the tune itself. "Hotel California" will share the company of such past Grammy winners as: "I Left My Heart In San Francisco," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "Killing Me Softly."

The remaining awards of the evening were not so entertaining. The show ran over two hours, about an hour too long. Doing little justice to the tunes, host John Denver sang a medley of the nominees for Song of the Year, which included: Carly Simon's "Nobody Does It Better"; Crystal Gayle's "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue"; Barbara Streisand's "Evergreen"; the Eagle's "Hotel California"; Boone's "You Light Up My Life," and Glen Campbell's "Southern Nights".

The Song of the Year category, awarded to songwriters for lyrics, resulted in a tie between Joe Brook's "You Light Up My Life," and Paul Williams and Barbra Streisand's "Evergreen". Brooks said the award tasted particularly well because every major studio had turned his song down.

Several new categories were included this year. Soul-Gospel Traditional, Big Band and Classical are three categories deserving of mention. However, more than an hour of the show was devoted to these divisions, which have little public interest.

About 20 awards were held before the show and simply mentioned on air. Included were the Bee Gees, named Group of the Year.

One of the more coveted

awards of the night went to Boone, who was named Best New Artist of 1977 over the likes of Andy Gibb, Shaun Cassidy, Stephen Bishop and Foreigner.

The tightest race of the night was probably for Pop Female Vocalist. A majority of 1977's biggest hits were from this category. In addition to Streisand, Simon, and Boone, Linda Ronstadt and Dolly Parton were nominated. Streisand was the victor.

Despite Simon's neglected talent as a singer-songwriter, she will never manage a Grammy win due to her priorities, which in itself is a major fault of the awards. Simon (Mrs. James Taylor) not only mocks the awards, but never performs publicly, preferring her role as wife and mother to pop star.

On the other hand, Boone has been seen on TV chirping her song to everyone from God to Elizabeth Taylor, which makes one doubt her inspiration. Ironically, the female vocalist with the most hits of 1977 wasn't even nominated. The omission of Rita Coolidge in favor of Boone, Parton and even Simon was unforgivable.

James Taylor's return to the music scene with his LP "JT" and his single "Handyman" made him a popular and easy victor in the category of Best Male Vocalist (Pop).

The growing popularity of country-western music was well represented at the Grammy's with Crystal Gayle and Kenny Rogers being named best vocalists of the year. Gayle

edged out Parton, despite her amazing popularity the past year. Parton, by the way, was the only performer to cross the barrier, being nominated in the pop as well as CW category.

Fleetwood Mac's best-selling LP "Rumours" was named Best Album of the year over

competition that included Steely Dan's "Aja", the Eagle's "Hotel California" and Taylor's "JT".

The main fault of the Grammy's is simply that commercial success is necessary to gain a nomination. Until Jackson Browne, Ted Nugent, Billy Joel, Bob Seger, Bonnie Raitt, Cat Stevens, and Don Fogelberg begin producing songs for AM radio airplay on a regular basis, they will continue to be overlooked by the Grammy's.

Sammi Smith in town

Calendar of Events

March 2 - Sammi Smith at Cotton Eyed Joes; Lightning (rock & roll) at Jeremiah's; Roy Robbins and the Availables at Melody Ranch.

March 3 - Sagebrush at Melody Ranch; Lightning at Jeremiah's. March 4, 5 - Ceramic Show in Brazos Room at Convention Center; Lightning at Jeremiah's; Starlights at Melody Ranch.

March 6 - Lightning at Jeremiah's. March 7 - Bugs Henderson (jazz) at Jeremiah's; Roy Robbins and the Availables at Melody Ranch.

March 8 - Bugs Henderson at Jeremiah's; Starlights at Melody Ranch.

March 9 - Strut (rock & roll) at Jeremiah's; Roy Robbins and the Availables at Melody Ranch.

March 10 - "Winnie the Pooh" at Casa Manana in Fort Worth (tickets (817) 332-6221); Strut at Jeremiah's.

March 17, 18 - Foghat in Fort Worth; Jackson Browne in Dallas. March 24 - Michael Murphy and America in Fort Worth (Tickets for out of town concerts available at Sound Cellar, 216 Lake Air Dr.).

Sports

Highlanders lose 4 in tourney

The Highlanders' baseball team dropped 4 of 5 games this weekend in the Carl Reynolds Classic.

The 'Landers dropped the first game 7-3 in 12 innings. MCC trailed 3-1 going into the bottom of the 7th. With two out and runners in scoring position, Mike Gohard hit a two strike pitch to left for a single and both runners scored to tie the game and send it into extra innings. But Blinn scored four runs in the 12th and the Landers were unable to get anything going in the bottom of the inning.

MCC won the second game 4-0

over Wharton. Donald George was the winning pitcher, striking out seven and walking only one. Keith Houck collected two hits to pace the Highlander offense. The 'Landers left twelve men on base.

MCC came back the next morning and again played Wharton and this time things went sour as they dropped a 4-3 decision. MCC lost again to Blinn later that day 5-0.

The Highlanders played Alvin County Saturday afternoon and lost a 8-5 game. Tom Quigley had a good day at the plate,

hitting a three-run homer and clubbing a double. Rick Craft turned in six fine innings of relief against Alvin.

"Our pitching has not been that bad, but we have left too many people in scoring position," said Head Coach Rick Butler. "Donald George has looked good so far this season and Bill Eady has also looked good. He struck out 10 and walked one in the tournament. Craft has looked

real good in the four games he has played in. Brian Combs is off to a shaky start so far but he will come around.

"The key to our games so far has been the number of people we have left on base so far this year. We have left 65 men on and 45 in scoring position. Our hitting has yet to come around but it will. This is too good a team not to."

Friday MCC hosts always tough San Jacinto in a double

header which starts at 1 p.m. Probably starters will be Kevin Wiebels and Brian Combs. This will be MCC's first home game of the season. The Highlanders

return to the field Saturday when they host Angelo Junior College at 1 p.m. Perry Kigo will get the starting nod for the first game. MCC will also host Panola Junior College next Tuesday in a double header beginning at 1:00.

'Lassies upset

Clarendon Junior College, for the second straight year, upset an MCC team in the Region V Basketball tournament when they downed the Highlassies 80-76 and ended the 'Lassie season at 21-9.

"We played super offense," said 'Lassie coach Pam Davis. "We passed and shot well. It's the best all around offensive game we played all season."

Jackie Swaim led the 'Lassie offense with 23 points, followed by Ellen Lindemann's 20. Deb Davis' 13 points, Linda Linam's 12, Carolyn Johnson and Kathy Westerfield's 4 each rounded out the MCC scoring.

Davis led the 'Lassies in rebounding with 12. Swaim and Lindemann each grabbed 10. MCC collected a total of 42. The 'Lassies as a team also were credited with 16 assists and hit 32-76 from the field. They were 8-10 from the free throw line.

"There's one thing we forgot to do and that was play defense. Our defense looked bad; it was

the worst we played all season long. If you can't play defense, you cannot expect to win," Davis said.

The game was won on the free throw line where Clarendon hit 16 of 30 while MCC hit 8 of 10. Linam, Swaim, and Westerfield all left the game in the second half when they fouled out.

"Linam was the most aggressive player we had out there. She just played the best game she has played all season. Lindemann shot well from the outside. Davis got on the boards well and Jackie, what can I say that has not already been said."

"It was a good year and we had a lot of good things happen to us. When you look back and see that you have smiled more than you have cried, then you can say you have had a good season," added Davis.

All good things must come to an end and unfortunately they ended in the first round of Region V tournament at the hands of Clarendon.

Natives capture key wins

The Natives moved two steps closer to second place in the blue Division with important victories over the Bombers and the Twelve Nuts.

Johnny Reed pumped in 27 points as the Natives dismantled the Bombers 71-32 on Friday. Alvin Williams netted 18 while Donald Hooks added 10 for the Natives, who were never threatened as they raced to a 33-14 halftime lead. Mark Stephens led the Bombers, who finished the season with 0-4 divisional

record, with 10 points. The Natives increased their record to 2-1 Monday when they won by forfeit over the Twelve Nuts. The 'Nuts are now 1-2 on the year.

In Friday's red division action, the Rickey Rats ran their record to 3-0 with a 49-19 win over Alcohol. Stan Hough (11), James Dunlap (10) and Mike Hodges (9) led the 'Rats while Dub Thomas scored six for Alcohol.

The Wild Bunch put themselves in the playoff

picture with a 36-23 drubbing of Alcohol on Monday. Richard Castillo paced the 'Bunch with 12 points while David Jansing added 11. Darwin Case led Alcohol with 12 points. The win gives the Wild Bunch a 2-1 record while Alcohol ended their season at 1-3.

On Friday, the Cowboys will meet the Twelve Nuts while the Marekiss Express tangle with the Wild Bunch. The Natives play the Cowboys and the Jazz encounter the Rickey Rats on Monday.

Roundballers edge Coyotes

by Robert Gough

Both roundball teams found the going rough at home Thursday but each prevailed by the slimmest of margins.

The Highlanders held off a late Coyote rally and sank 24 of 32 free throws on their way to a 96-95 victory. Weatherford, on the other hand, could connect on just 15 of 29 charity tosses against the aggressive 'Landers defense.

Weatherford made their run with 9:16 to play in the game when they rattled off 11 unanswered points to cut a seemingly comfortable 81-68 Highlander lead down to a mere two points and eventually tie the game at 88-88 with 3:44 to go.

Abe Davis, who along with Goldie Suber led the Highlanders with 20 points, scored to give the Highlanders the lead. But a bucket by Kenneth Barrance knotted it up again at 90-90. Roy Watson, who played a tremendous game off the bench for the Highlanders, scored on a fastbreak layup as the 'Landers took the lead for good.

Watson then hit a free throw with only 49 seconds remaining and was fouled again after he got his own rebound of the second shot. He proceeded to hit the front end of a one-and-one but missed the bonus shot.

However, Charles Burley leaped high for the rebound, fed the ball to Suber, who let loose a beautiful behind-the-back to Davis for a lay-up with only 19 seconds left.

Barrance and Rod Hawthorne hit two meaningless field goals in the last seven seconds to cut the final margin to one, but it

was not enough as the Highlanders increased their record to 10-3 in conference play.

"Watson had an outstanding game," commented Coach Johnny Carter. "He is very aggressive, especially on defense. Loose balls in his area belong to him."

Watson finished the game with 16 points as did Sam Worthen. Bothered most of the second half with foul trouble, Worthen still was able to hand out eight assists and contribute four steals for another fine night.

Burley (14), Angelo Grimes (4), Jim Soukup (4), and Johnnie Dawson (2) rounded out the Highlanders scoring. Burley also paced Highlanders with nine rebounds while Grimes had six and Davis and Watson garnered five each.

Fouls played a big part in the contest, the Landers were whistled 27 times and Weatherford 25. Dawson, Grimes and Worthen each had three fouls at half time and Watson picked up three in the second half.

"A big key was keeping no one from fouling out," said Carter. "Both Johnnie Dawson and Keith Godfrey were sick and Mike Cuellar was out with a knee injury, so our bench strength was depleted."

James Fair led the Coyotes with 21 points while Barrance added 16 and Hawthorne 18.

The Highlanders led early by 8-2. The Coyotes took their biggest lead of 27-23 with 8:58 to play in the first half. However, free throws by Burley, Suber and Worthen gained a 36-36 tie

and the Highlanders went on to take a 53-46 half time lead.

If one could think it possible, the Highlassies played an even closer game before winning their first, outright title in MCC history 58-57.

Trailing by one with five minutes left, Patti Dunlap, leading the Coyotes with 21 points, hit a long set shot to give Weatherford the lead at 55-54. Free throws by Rennee Greenhoward increased the margin to three before the Highlassies made their timely come back.

After Weatherford's Laurie Weaver missed a chance to put the Coyotes up by five, Ellen Lindemann scored from the baseline to cut the deficit to 57-56. Kathy Westerfield then put the 'Lassies on top for good with 1:04 to go on a baseline jumper.

Weatherford missed three shots at the winning basket before Carolyn Johnson got the final rebound and the Highlassies were able to salt away the remaining 26 seconds.

Jackie Swaim again led the Highlassies in scoring with 25 points, 22 of which came in the first half. Debra Davis netted 15 and Lindemann added eight, which increased the Highlassies' seasonal record to 20-8 and 7-0 in conference.

Weatherford, now 22-9 and 5-2, was paced by Dunlap's 21 and Weaver's 14. The 'Lassies dominated the boards but were plagued by a poor first half shooting percentage of 39. However, the Highlassies led by 13 points on two different occasions in the first period on their way to a 33-23 half time lead.

Netters Place Third

The tennis team finished third, one point out of second, behind Midland College and Central Texas College in an Invitational Tournament held here last weekend. Midland and Central Texas placed first and second, respectively. Midland and Central Texas were first and second in the nation last year.

Fifteen schools participated in the tournament.

In singles, Richard Stephenson and Carol Martin went to quarterfinals, Darrell Darling and Jagan Suri made it to third round, and Art Hobbs and Patricia Miles went to second round.

In doubles, the team of Martin and Janice Babbit made it to the quarterfinals. The team of Stephenson and Darling also went to the quarterfinals. Suri and Hobbs got to the second round.

Coach Carmack Berryman said he was happy with the overall performance of the team, especially since they

have not had very much opportunity for practice because of illness and bad weather conditions.

MCC vs. VJC

The tennis team defeated Vernon 12-0 overall in their first conference match of the season.

In men's singles, Richard Stephenson beat Jimmy Irvine, 6-0, 6-1, Darrell Darling defeated Steve Dye, 6-2, 6-1, Jagan Suri won over Russell Henry, 6-1, 6-2, and Art Hobbs defeated Dan Coggins, 6-0, 6-4.

With the exception of Carol Martin who beat her opponent, Drucy Craighead, 6-1, 6-3, the women's team won by default.

The men's double team of Suri and Hobbs overpowered the team of Henry and Coggins, 6-2, 6-2. Stephenson and Darling stomped the team of Irvine and Dye, 6-0, 6-1.

The tennis team plays Temple here today at 1:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday they will compete in a tournament in Temple, which will start at 8 a.m.