

Counseling office takes survey

# Grads do well in senior institutions

by Julie Richter

With few exceptions, MCC graduates are doing well at senior institutions, a recent survey indicates.

Of graduates surveyed by the school's Texas Student Information System committee, 95 percent made "C" or better at senior colleges.

Ninety-five percent of the graduates judged their MCC preparation good to excellent and said they would recommend the school to other students.

Committee member Dr. Bill Mygdal said, "There has been a concern in the community and among students that going to a junior college is not as good as going to a four-year school. Some people say you don't learn as much, but that is not true."

"We're doing just as well for transfer students as a four-year college is."

Mygdal said the survey from the Texas Coordinating Board of Colleges and Universities, helps

schools plan future programs and determine whether present programs are working.

More than 1200 surveys were sent to 1973, 1975 and 1977 graduates who returned 512 questionnaires. Graduates of 1977 returned 256 forms, 1975 graduates returned 153 and 1973 graduates 103.

The survey showed most graduates completed their plans made at MCC. Eighty percent who attended MCC for job

preparation took jobs, while 70 percent who attended MCC for transfer purposes continued their college studies.

The survey showed 68 percent of 1973 graduates transferred and 40 percent of 1973 technical majors now hold college degrees.

Of 1973 and 1975 graduates surveyed, 80 percent planned to eventually get a bachelor's degree.

Results of questions about salaries showed that entry level

salaries have gone up faster than yearly raises said Mygdal.

Those graduates from 1973 reported an average yearly salary of \$10,500, while after five years 1975 graduates made an average \$10,400.

Most of the surveyed graduates said having attended MCC was a definite asset in their present jobs.

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No one injured

## Fire destroys Oakcrest unit

by Chuck Ortlip

Twenty-one residents of the Oakcrest Apartments lost their homes in a fire early Wednesday morning which completely destroyed eight apartments of a 5,000 square foot building. No one was hurt in the building mostly occupied by MCC students.

Waco Fire Marshall Chris Winkler said the fire probably started in the attic between the first and second floors. He blamed the fire on faulty or overloaded wiring.

"Once that fire spread through the attic there was not a whole lot we could do to save the building, fires like this are hard to contain. No matter what we did we couldn't control it," he said.

"We have no damage estimate, but the building was a total loss."

The first unit to arrive on the scene pumped 400 gallons of water on the structure. As soon as the pumper ran out of water flames were seen once again leaping out of the building. Five other trucks, including a snorkel unit arrived shortly afterward to battle the blaze in the 18 degree temperatures.

Red Cross workers made arrangements to provide homeless residents with new clothes and anything else they might need. Apartment management is providing a temporary place for the tenants to live.

John Bell, resident of apartment 1321 C, was in the shower when he found out about the fire.

"I was taking a shower when I heard someone banging on the door. When I got out of the shower I didn't see any smoke but when I opened the bathroom door I saw that the whole place was filled with smoke. I tried to call the fire department but the phone was out. I put on my pants and then ran out on the balcony to catch my breath. I then ran back inside to put on my shirt and then went out on the balcony again. I put on all of my clothes this way and then ran out of the apartment."

Johnny Wills, another resident said he never saw fire in his apartment, but there was smoke.

Firemen were able to keep the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings but they said some may have suffered smoke damage.



Firefighters fight Oakcrest fire

## Homecoming marks 5th celebration

Homecoming -- that annual event for visiting alumni to return, see old friends and cheer on their team -- is upon us again.

The history of McLennan Community College's homecoming is rather brief. Not until 1971 did the school have anything resembling a homecoming. At that time it was not even called homecoming, it was called Sweetheart Night. The Sweetheart was elected by the basketball team. During a brief half-time ceremony players would present the Sweetheart to the fans and one of the team members would give her flowers.

By 1974 the team had lost interest in the Sweetheart Night ceremonies. Student Government picked up on the theme and decided to have a homecoming for the six graduating classes that had gone through school. Student

Government decided a homecoming ceremony would also take the place of the Heather King and Queen ceremonies held in the spring. Coeds would sign up to become sweetheart nominees and, by a majority vote of the student body, one girl would be elected.

"It was also in 1974 that large crowds began to turn out for the basketball games since MCC had a strong team. So homecoming was not advertised outside of the campus," said Don Hynum, director of student activities.

"We don't have a homecoming in the traditional sense, in that we have bonfires and parades," he said. "It is kind of difficult having a homecoming at a junior college since basketball is not the traditional homecoming game. We do the best we can. We do more than most junior colleges in the state."



Dr. Ron Smith

## Dean resigns

Dr. Ronald Smith, dean of instruction is resigning in April to accept the position of vice president for Academic Affairs at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene.

Smith, who has been dean for five years, was a faculty member when the college was founded in 1966. He says his area test achievements have been to shape the direction and character of the school by implanting new programs and hiring qualified instructors.

Smith says he is proud of the faculty and believes it is largely responsible for the school's success.

Expressing his feeling about leaving Smith said, "It's a great place, I've really enjoyed being here. Leaving is going to be tough."



# Pipeline

## All that jazz Feb. 17

The music department will jazz it up Feb. 17 with the fifth annual Central Texas Jazz Festival here. Fifteen to twenty junior high and high school bands from Clifton, Temple, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio will compete in the University Interscholastic League contest. The all day affair will begin at 8 a.m. in the student center and is open to the public.

Guest artist Albert Hamme, professor of jazz and saxophone at State University at Binghamton, N.Y., will conduct clinics during the contest in the fine arts building. He will perform with the MCC stage band and jazz ensembles in several concerts throughout the day.

The purpose of the festival music Instructor Dave Hibbard said is to, "make band students aware of MCC's jazz program and give us a chance to look at good players to recruit in the future."

Music will range from the swing era of the '40s to contemporary tunes.

## Rotary Foundation offers foreign study

The Rotary Foundation is offering the chance to study in a foreign country. Undergraduates, teachers, journalists, graduate students, and persons employed in technical fields may apply. The educational awards are for one academic year beginning in 1980 and may be used for almost any field of study. Age requirements vary for each scholarship. Proposals must include supervised study or research. Among expenses covered are round trip transportation, tuition, books, language training and living expenses. Deadline for applications is Feb. 17. Pick up forms at the local Rotary Club office, 4809 W. Waco Drive.

## W-2 forms available

W-2 forms for work study and non-work study students are available in the business office.

## Women's exercise group to meet MWF

A women's exercise group for students, faculty and staff will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:10 p.m. in the health and physical education building, room 218.

The class, free of charge, will perform aerobic dance and exercise routines. For more information, call health service, ext. 392.

## Tutors will assist students

Special Services Tutorial Center assists students who encounter academic difficulty. Tutoring sessions are free and at the student's convenience. The center is located in the student center, third floor, and room 102 in the liberal arts building.

## Honor fraternity awards two scholarships

Junior College Honorary scholastic fraternity Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Committee awarded tuition scholarship for this semester to Martha Lopez and Carolyn Self.

## Chess tourney entries taken through Friday

Because of difficulties involved in scheduling and playing matches, this year's chess tournament will be replayed. Entries will be accepted through Friday and all playing will be done at the student center at the 10 a.m. hour. The tourney is double-elimination and draws will not be counted. The best two-out-of-three games or one game matches will be played according to player preference and two 10 a.m. periods will be allotted per match.

## Circle K hosts all-school party Friday

Circle K will have a "Back to School" party Friday in the Oakcrest Apartments party room. Admission is free. Students are invited for a chance to get to know members and perspective pledges.

## Dance Company conducts clinics Friday

The Dance Company will conduct a clinic and contest for about 300 students from 12 high schools Friday and Saturday in The Highlands.

In the clinic, Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., students will be taught two routines. The contest, Saturday beginning 9 a.m., will be judged by two former Kilgore Rangerettes and a former Alache Belle.

## Free swim starts

The swimming pool in the HPE Gym I will be open from noon to 1 p.m. on MWF to students and faculty. A life guard is on duty.

## 'Death and Dying' seminar begins Monday

A series of four community forum seminars on "Death and Dying" will begin Monday. The seminars will be held in HPE 101 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Feb. 5, Tillman Rodabaugh, Ph.D., will speak on "The American Way of Death". On March 5, speaker Nicholas Bellego, M.D. will address the seminar on the topic of "Is there life after Death" March 26, Chaplain Curtis Holland will speak on the subject of "Grief and Bereavement". The final seminar on April 30 features Daniel McGee, Ph.D., speaking on the "Ethical Issue of Death and Dying".

## 8-ball deadline Feb. 8

The entry deadline for the singles eight-ball tournament for men and women is Feb. 8. The tournament, sponsored by the Student Government will begin Feb. 14. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place. Sign up at the game room window.

# Election begins today for sweethearts, SG

Elections for Homecoming Sweetheart and Student Government representatives will be held by Student Government today and Friday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the student center.

A new Student Government parliamentarian and a change in an amendment to the constitution will also be on the ballot. The change will make the vice president of Student Government the Interclub Council chairman. This move is designed to promote unity between Student Government and Interclub Council in promoting and conducting activities.

Students must have I.D. cards to vote.

The parliamentarian spot has one uncontested candidate, James Bergman.

Class representative candidates are as follows: Laurie Lynn Ingram, Robert Sardaneta,

Debra Ann Wheeler, Michelle Lee Flynn, Augustine Fernandez, Shelia Kaye King, Michael Gant, Hector Gomez, Gwen Huntley, Kathi Lyn Patton, Lori Ann Brooks, Jean Kay McKechnine, Clayton Jack Miller and Angela Beth Harlan.

Student Government members anticipate several projects this semester. Plans include adding a new sign in front of The Highlands. Activities include Homecoming, Feb. 3 and Club Spirit Night, Feb. 22.

## 'Heather' entices writers' imagination

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# Detour

## Morrison produces treat for fans

VAN MORRISON



Van Morrison has been around a good many years. He first came into the spot light with a group called "Them" in the mid-60s with two big hits "Gloria" and "Here Comes The Night."

In the late 60's and early 70's he came into his own as a major artist with albums "Moon Dance" and "Street Choir."

His music is not for everybody; it has rough edges, sometimes seems a bit jumpy and he may even grate on your ears if you're looking for a smooth even sound.

Morrison's latest album, "Wavelength," is good. Side one has the best cuts: "Kingdom Hall" and "Checking It Out."

Although the rest of the album is slow, as interpreted in the Morrison style, the title cut, "Wavelength," is the best song on the second side.

His music is not for every palate, but for his followers this album is a find.

In short, production as well as band are good, but it's a fans album all the way.

by Anthony De Marco



## 'Backless' may be best of Clapton

Eric Clapton's latest album "Backless" is probably the best disc this year, and it is undoubtedly Clapton's best performance to date.

Fans expecting a traditional early Clapton with hard driving guitar, will be disappointed. However, Clapton's subtle guitar mixed with superior piano playing combine for a thoroughly enjoyable 40 minutes.

On side one the clear choice for best cut is "Watch Out for Lucy", a quick stepping, fast-paced song with a country twist. Without a doubt, however, side two is Clapton at his best. Blues

tune "Early in the Morning", country charmer "Tulsa Time", and the obvious singles favorite "Promises," make side two the best flip side to a disc since Billy Joel.

If Backless does have a weakness, it is that Clapton can't decide which route to take with his music. Indications from this album is that he is leaning toward Nashville. Perhaps, this has been Eric Clapton's best field all along.

Whatever your listening pleasure, "Backless" will only wet your thirst for more Clapton. Bravo Eric. EXCELLENT.

by Mark Lockridge

## Cablevision manager plans futuristic innovations

by Robert Garvin

Yesterday's science fiction is becoming today's reality for Waco Cablevision subscribers.

Imagine the television set as a life saving device. Think about the satisfaction of talking back to the TV, voicing opinions on any program shown on one of 25 channels.

Satellite communications will make all this possible. Cablevision District Manager Johnny Mankin said his company receives satellite programming from Sat. Com. 1, which is owned and operated by RCA Corp.

Evidence of satellite communications can be found by local cable subscribers on channel 12 and dial position 6. The channel 12 programming includes live sports events from Madison Square Garden and a religious program, "People That Love."

A different approach to programming is offered by Atlanta's independent television station channel 17 shown on dial position 6 from midnight to six a.m. The station experiments with new programming ideas and can be viewed when most other stations have already signed off.

Mankin hopes to eventually increase air time of the Atlanta station. "We've applied to show channel 17 24-hours a day," Mankin said. "We hope to receive approval from the FCC within six months."

The most exciting aspects of satellite communications are in the near future. For example

within a few years Wacoans will be able to receive on cable up to 25 nationwide television stations.

"The programming offered by satellite has endless possibilities," Mankin said. "It seems as though a new service is placed on cable every month." Canadian football is one of the new satellite services and the list is constantly growing, he said.

Cablevision has also revealed plans to install two-way television communications. Modeled after a system experimented with in Ohio the two-way communication will enable subscribers, among other things, to vote on the quality of TV programming and voice opinions on local issues during televised city council meetings.

Future cable subscribers will also be able to hook a burglar alarm or fire alarm into the system. If an intruder enters the home or a fire breaks out, the cable alarm would notify the police or fire department.

This summer Cablevision hopes to introduce a new optional pay service in addition to Showcase, now available. The new service will be similar to Showcase, but will offer what Mankin calls 'more action movies'.

Plans to operate local programming from Waco's Cablevision studio are already in the works and could materialize within 18 months. "Right now we're thinking about televising local sports events from area schools.

X-rated movies, which have appeared on a New York cable system, will probably never be shown on Waco screens. "I will never allow X-rated movies to be shown here," Mankin said. "It just doesn't fit in with the needs of the Waco area."

## Sutherland steals scene in 'Body Snatchers'

"Invasion of the Body Snatchers," produced by Robert H. Solo, is an intriguing and engrossing film with one serious flaw: the ending.

The film stars Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams and

Leonard Nimoy. Sutherland, as a San Francisco health inspector, gives his usual superb performance. His casual dress and mannerisms negate the sterile atmosphere often associated with sci-fi films.

Nimoy, portraying a psychiatrist preaching the impossibility of an invasion, plays a solid supporting role. Adams' portrayal as a laboratory assistant, however, was a low key performance, obviously overshadowed by the more talented Sutherland.

As mentioned, the film's undoing is the ending. The plot wanders for the last 15 minutes obviously looking for a suitable way out. When it finally arrives, the end appears as both a cop-out and an anti-climax. This is unfortunate because "Body Snatchers" seemed on its way to being one of the best sci-fi movies of the year.

"Invasion of the Body Snatchers" is an entertaining story with several notable performances, mainly that of Sutherland. If the drive to the theatre isn't too far, and you have already seen "Superman" and "The Wiz," "Body Snatchers" is worth the time.

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## PACE aids parents

Program to Aid Families with Dependent Children (PACE) is a program for students who are single, separated or divorced with children to support.

To be eligible for PACE a student must be presently receiving AFDC checks from the Texas Department of Human Resources.

The state-funded program helps students on and off the college campus. Academically the program assists students with counseling and workshops through the counseling office. Socially the program aids the student with transportation, child care and financial assistance.

PACE counselor and AFDC specialist Christine Heath-Diggs said the objective of the program, "...is to not only train these people for good jobs but to educate them so that they can compete in their working market."

Regionally MCC is the center of PACE Program because of the large college's clientele. Last fall 74 students received PACE program assistance.

# NUTS!

It's three o'clock in the afternoon and Bill Strother, assistant dean of continuing education, is cracking pecans. But not for himself.

For about two years now, Strother has regularly fed squirrels that sit eagerly outside his office window on the first floor of the administration building.

"They're little gluttons," he said. "They'll see me through the window or put their paws on the door and wait for someone to come."

Strother, who has fed as many as seven squirrels at once, says the animals trust him.

"I don't ever lay a hand on them."

And he never would. As a child, he hunted and even ate squirrels. But he says, "I wouldn't touch one now."

Strother's office is even decorated with squirrel statuettes.

Accustomed to so much attention, the squirrels have become particular. They bury pecans that aren't cracked and they won't eat stale ones.

"They just turn up their noses," he said.

Photo courtesy by Don Bynum



## Placement director gets political job

by Julie Richter

For three and a half years Cathy Dominguez served students here as director of placement. Now she finds herself in a very different helping position.

Dominguez recently accepted a job with Congressman Marvin Leath's Waco office as supervisor of constituent services.

An MCC and Baylor graduate, Dominguez is responsible for supervising any problems that persons in Leath's district present to the Waco office.

Already Dominguez has advised a Baylor graduate student who traveled to Lebanon for a funeral and can't get back to the United States; a woman who can't find records of her birth certificate; and a high school student who is concerned about mercury poisoning in the environment.

"Now I have a lot broader spectrum of areas to help people in," she said.

She has direct contact with Leath's office in Washington D.C. and all federal agencies in the country.

Dominguez, who is working on a master's degree in public administration at Tarleton State University, had plenty of experience working with people's problems as director of placement. That experience is now serving her well.

"I can get along with just about anybody," she said.

"If you can just sit and listen to their problems, you're halfway there. People really do appreciate your doing everything you can for them."

The new job is the result of years of political work. Dominguez has been involved in

numerous school board, city council, county and statewide elections. Most recently she worked in John Hill's campaign for governor and Bob Krueger's bid for Senate.

Dominguez was a supporter of Lane Denton in his primary campaign for Congress and his run-off with Leath.

"The Mexican-American community has ties way back with Lane Denton," said Dominguez. "But I have always felt a commitment to the Democratic Party so I got involved in the Krueger and Leath campaigns."

In her new position, Dominguez hopes to educate her fellow Mexican-American

Democrats about politics. "A lot of times Mexican Americans don't know what's happening in politics and they are not alone."

Although Dominguez has not yet discussed policy with Congressman Leath, she will travel to Washington next month to meet with him.

"This is an opportunity that opens up a lot of contacts and avenues for meeting people," she said.

While Dominguez looks forward to meeting new people, she still can't forget old friends.

"I miss the students at MCC a lot. They were everything. You get to know students and that's how you stay young."

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# Sweetheart nominees await Homecoming

Michele Bourgault, 19, comes from China Spring. She enjoys dancing and swimming and hopes to go into a career in marketing. Bourgault is a sophomore, who hopes to transfer to the University of Texas in Austin. She was nominated by Circle K.

Candy Carter, 19, is a graduate of China Spring High School. She is a sophomore and likes to water ski, swim and read. Carter plans to transfer to Baylor where she hopes to major in secondary education to teach English. She is a nominee by petition.

Carolyn Cooper, 20, was graduated from Jefferson Moore High School. She is a sophomore and plans to major in nursing. Cooper was nominated by Afro Student Kindred.

Carol Edwards, 19, is a freshman from Midway. Her hobbies include coaching a 8-10-year-old girls basketball team and sewing. Edwards works in pediatrics at Hillcrest Hospital and hopes to become an R.N. She was

nominated by the Nursing Student Association.

Jacqueline Fennell, 21, comes from Hillsboro. She is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. Fennell was nominated by petition.

Merle Gooden, a 20-year-old sophomore, graduated from University High School. Singing, dancing, karate, swimming and working with children are a few of her hobbies. She would like to transfer to the University of Texas at Austin or East Texas State University and work toward attaining a degree in psychology, specializing in children. She was nominated by petition.

Elizabeth Ann Gross, 19, is a freshman from Midway High School. She enjoys playing the piano, sketch drawings and work. She hopes to become an executive secretary and is a nominee of Sigma Delta Phi.

Angie Harlan is 19 and a graduate of Connally High School. She is a freshman who enjoys swimming and diving.

Harlan plans to transfer to Southwest Texas State University and become a speech therapist. She was nominated by petition.

Beverly A. Hubbard, 19, is a sophomore from Killeen High School. Her hobbies include dancing, writing poetry and reading short stories. Hubbard hopes to transfer to The University of Texas at Austin and major in child care. Eventually, she would like to work with children and aid in stopping child abuse. The Baptist Student Union nominated her.

Monica R. Loffert, 18, is a freshman from Killeen High School. She enjoys backpacking and dancing. She would like to transfer to Texas A&M to major in wildlife management and later work at a wildlife reserve. She was nominated by the Dance Company.

Denise Oliverio is an 18-year-old freshman from Waco High School. Her hobbies include dancing and swimming. She is training to become an executive

secretary and was nominated by the Student Government.

Rose Ott is 19 and a graduate of Reicher High School. She is a sophomore who enjoys backgammon, horseback riding and bicycle riding. She hopes to transfer to Southwest Texas State University and major in data processing. The Data Processing Management Association nominated her.

Debby Slobojan, 19, is a freshman from Robinson High School. Sewing, bicycling and backgammon are a few of her hobbies. She is a science major and was nominated by Alpha Omega.

Patricia Sharrow is a 19-year-old sophomore from Whitney High School. She enjoys horseback riding, cooking and sewing and hopes one day to become a legal secretary. Office Education Association nominated her.



Carolyn Cooper



Denise Oliverio



Rose Ott



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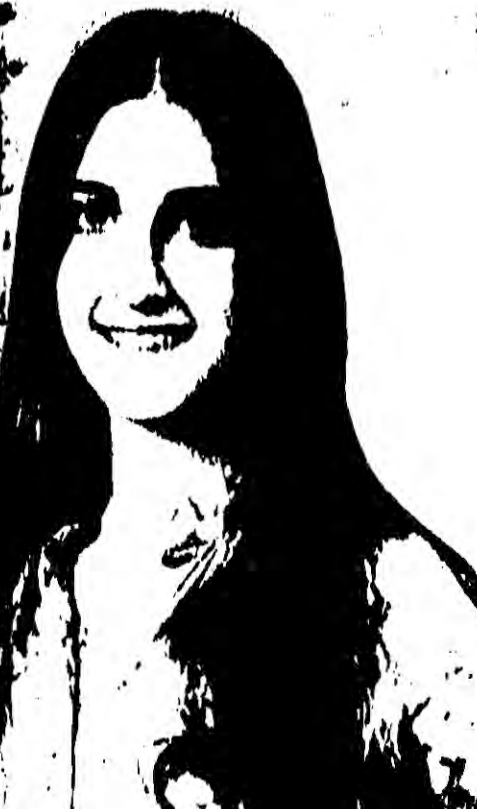
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# Sports

## 'Lassies blitz Lady Coyotes

### Lister, Davis spark conference win

by Robert Gough

No sweat.

Behind the dead-eye shooting of guard Loretta Lister and the dominant board play of post Deb Davis, the Highlassies breezed their way to a 91-66 win over the Weatherford Lady Coyotes in a NTJAC tilt at The Highlands Monday.

The win increased the 'Lassies' season record to a sparkling 15-3 and upped their conference mark to a perfect 3-0. The Lady Coyotes fell to 11-15 and 1-2.

Coach Pam Davis' team will put that unblemished record on the line tonight as it travels to Cisco in a conference match-up. Game time is 5:45.

#### 'Lassies rated fifth

In addition, Davis' bunch helped its standing in the national junior college rankings

with the victory. The 'Lassies are currently ranked fifth with only two other Texas teams in the Top 10. Tyler is rated second while Temple Junior College is ninth in the polls.

Every starter scored in double figures with Lister leading the way with 20 points, most of those coming on long range jumpers from around the circle. Post Jackie Valentine canned 15 while Davis added 14 points. Guards Gaye Pack and Kathy Westerfield contributed 12 and 10 respectively.

#### Lister gets hot

Lister was the key to the lopsided victory as her soaring

shots swished the nets to break open the game in the early going. In addition to her game-high 20 points (more than six points above her season scoring average), the Dallas South Oak Cliff freshman had five steals, grabbed six rebounds and dished out 11 assists. "It's good to see her play like she can," said Davis. "She has a good shot and a fantastic eye for the court."

Behind Deb Davis' 12 rebounds, the Highlassies won the battle of the boards for the sixteenth time this season, 46-27. Only Baylor and Texas A&M have topped the 'Lassies in rebounding, both times at the A&M tournament.

But Coach Davis was not especially impressed. "I always think it (rebounding) could be better. They should never out-rebound us."

#### Davis pleased

Davis was pleased with her team's overall performance. "We played our best game since we beat Baylor before the holidays. Our guards are doing a good job and the posts are getting on the boards."

Despite recording 23 steals and forcing numerous turnovers with a tough press and zone defense, the 'Lassie coach thought it could have been better. "Our defense is ragged.

We're not playing with the intensity on defense that we do on offense. Kathy Westerfield is the only one who is intense on both offense and defense."

The Highlassies broke open a close game when they hit three straight baskets to take a 10-2 lead. The Lady Coyotes cut the margin to five points at 14-9 with 15:20 to play in the first half but could get no closer. The 'Lassies led the entire game and by as much as 28 points on two separate occasions at 79-51 and 89-61. Davis cleared her bench with around 12 minutes remaining and everyone got in on the act. Terri Warren scored seven points while Lisa Lechler (4), De Anna Kroll (4), Becky Stecher (3), and Pam Green (2) provided strong bench strength. Shannon Pack played a fine floor game as did Stecher, while Green was especially impressive on the boards, garnering seven rebounds.

#### Tough schedule ahead

Despite the relative ease the 'Lassies have had in conference action, the road ahead will be difficult. In addition to Cisco ("they have a young ball club and can sneak up and beat you," said Davis), the Highlassies must face Ranger twice and Cooke on the road. Ranger currently boasts a 15-4 record with wins over South Plains and Western Texas.



Showing their dominance on the boards, DeAnna Kroll (53), Shannon Pack (43) and Lisa Lechler (36) converge on a loose ball with the Lady Coyote's Margaret Lundy (24).

Photos by Frank Fitzpatrick

## Six Pack takes two 'mural wins

Intramural basketball hit the courts running with seven games already completed and six more scheduled for the next few days. Six Pack got out of the blocks early by winning twice, while the Saints, the Venus Flytraps and the Texas Spurs are all undefeated after one game.

On Friday, the Saints meet the Flytraps in a battle of unbeaten while the Players take on the Studs in each team's first game. Orange Crush and a yet unnamed team will play the initial women's contest. The Rejectors

tackle the Wild Bunch and the Snow Birds meet the Budweiser Boys in men's consolation action. In women's play, the Unknowns tangle with Trouble.

Dwayne Joiner tallied 17 and 26 points respectively as Six Pack pounded Short but Sweet (41-8) and the Marakesh Express (62-32). Don Williamson gunned in 14 points in the latter game while Curtis Young had no less than six blocked shots.

Johnny Reed and Willie Brown combined for 38 points as the Texas Spurs melted the Snow

Birds. John Bryant and Jimmy Grizzell each had six for the Birds. The Marakesh Express got 14 points out of Mark Ashley and 10 from Greg Boyd in their 33-10 defeat of Sudden Death. Howard Anderson totaled six for the losers. The Snow Birds won their first game over the Rejectors 39-19. Danny Ramirez netted 12 points and Bryant eight for the winners.

In other games, the Saints topped the Wild Bunch 24-22 in overtime and the Venus Flytraps took a 50-35 win over the Budweiser Boys.



Freshman Gaye Pack (crouching) sizes up her counterpart Marla Cartor (22) in the Highlassies 61-66 victory over Weatherford.



## 'Super Gold' hits 27 free throws

# Quick Coyotes gun down 'Landers

by Mark Lockridge

Just when it looked like the Highlanders were going to emerge with a tremendous comeback victory over Weatherford Monday night at The Highlands, the tide turned against the determined squad. With 1:45 remaining on the clock, Anthony (Doc) Lee swished a short jumper to knot the game up at 97 apiece. From that point, MCC would score only one more point while the Weatherford Super Gold ran off 10 more to ice the game. Final, 107-98.

"The first half killed us," said MCC braintrust Johnny Carter.

"We made so many costly turnovers in that first half that led to their fast break," Carter said. Weatherford freshman Quincy Shelton was the main culprit. Shelton, a super-quick guard from Houston, "consistently got behind our defense for easy layups on full court passes," Carter said. Shelton posted 23 points by halftime. MCC, however, was not without its first half stars. Despite sloppy team play, Terry (Goldie) Suber and Lee hit for 13 and 10 points respectively.

The quickness of Weatherford's guards was head spinning.

Shelton with 27 and James Fair with 36 (30 in the second half) unraveled the Highlanders. With Shelton's first half explosion and Fair sinking 11 second half free

throws, it was all the Highlanders could do to catch up. But catch up they did. With a furious second half full court press, MCC forced Weatherford into critical turnovers. With 8:50

remaining, the Highlanders began their surge. With three baskets and a converted technical called on Weatherford's Mike Fowler, MCC closed within nine at 82-73. But four straight free throw by Fair put the Super Gold up by 13.

That's when "Big Time" hit the Highlanders. Rebounding and scoring with the ferocity that would make Wilt Chamberlain proud, Charles "Big Time" Jones led a comeback that would grab and squeeze the heart of every

anxious onlooker. Controlling the boards like they were his possession, Jones corraled 16 second half rebounds. Outscoring Weatherford 10-2 over the next two minutes, MCC

closed the gap to 88-85 on another crucial hoop by Jones. Moments later, God's gift to Weatherford, Fair, converted a 3-point play and swished a 20-foot jumper to give Weatherford some breathing room at 97-91 with 2:32 remaining. As a barnburner wouldn't be complete without one final surge by the home team, the highlanders quickly converted three turnovers into baskets culminated

by a sensational leaning jump shot by Lee. Eight seconds later, Fair converted yet another pair of free throws giving Weatherford a 99-97 advantage. At this point, the breaks started going against the Highlanders. Several costly turnovers converted into baskets by Fair cinched the game for the Super Gold.

"We outplayed them the second half but we couldn't get the right break at the right time," Carter said. "Big Time played his heart out. He is the inspiration of this team. Everybody looks up to Big Time. It is just a shame that we

couldn't win with this ballgame when our players gave so much effort."

For the game, Jones and Lee collected 18 and 11 rebounds respectively, giving the Highlanders the rebounding edge 47-40. Weatherford converted 40 shots from the floor, while the Highlanders made good on 39. Weatherford converted a phenomenal 27 of 29 free throws. Fair converted 16 of 17. On a night when the weather was cold, Weatherford certainly was not. Weatherford advanced its record to 15 and five and two and zero in conference play, while MCC's record falls to 12 and 9 and one and one in conference action. The Highlanders next game is 7:30 tonight at Cisco.



Every face tells a story, as Highlander coach Johnny Carter demonstrates in the Weatherford game. At top, Carter directs one of his players, is infuriated over an event on the court (middle) and finally turns away in disgust.

Photos by Frank Fitzpatrick



## Sportalk by Robert Gough

Despite a ton of new records set last year, the 1978 baseball season is one Coach Rick Butler and his Highlanders would just as soon forget. To remember why, just look back to early May.

With but four games to play in last year's regular season, the Highlanders and Ranger Junior College were in a dead heat for the conference crown. The teams were to meet in two doubleheaders that would decide the conference champion and the Region V representative in the playoffs. All four games were played at MCC, a place where Ranger had not won since league play began in 1976. The 'Landers all but locked up the title when they swept the first twin bill 4-1 and 10-5 to take a two game lead with only two to play.

But the season's not over until the last game. The Rangers won for the first time in Waco by sweeping the second doubleheader 13-2 and 6-1, forcing a one game playoff at TCU Field in Fort Worth. Ranger won that game (3-2 in the last of the seventh inning) and went on to win the NJCAA World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. For the Highlanders, it was a case of wait until next year.

Still, plenty of good things came about as a result of last season's near-miss. No less than 13 individual or team records were set or tied in 1978. The 'Landers set a team standard for wins in a season by posting a 32-22 mark, eclipsing the old record of 21-21, set in 1976. Outfielders Mark Simon and Terry Wiedenfeld, shortstop Keith Houck, and pitcher Donald George each set two new records while secondbaseman Tim Boyes catcher David Stanford and pitchers Bill Eady and Kevin Welhold had one.

Simon smashed the old mark of 18 stolen bases (set in '74) by swiping 27 in 1978. He also scored 34 runs to tie a 1977 record established by Burt Burrows, now at the University of Texas.

Wiedenfeld set a new mark for longevity and consistency by playing in 52 of the Highlander's 54 games. The old record of 47 was set in '77 by Rusty Erwin. Wiedenfeld also broke Maurice Robert's 1971 record of 33 RBI's by driving in 35 runs last year. That '71 mark was the oldest to fall in 1978.

Brett Blackwell's '77 record of 156 at-bats was felled by Houck as he tallied 163. Houck also tied Blackwell's record for triplex by slugging four three-baggers.

In the pitching department, George established a new precedent for wins by posting 10 victories last year. The old record of seven was set in 1972 and tied in '73 and '77, the last time by Brian Combs. George also set a mark for winning percentage by virtue of his 10-3 record and .769 winning percentage. Combs won seven and lost three (.700) for the Highlanders in 1977.

Boyes walked 28 times last season to establish a new high while Stanford had the dubious distinction of striking out 37 times to set a new mark. Bill Eady's 80 strikeouts broke the old record of 66 set by Combs in '77 while Welhold totaled 11 complete games to top Tommy Scott's 1975 mark of 10.

Butler's squad opens the season Feb. 19 with a doubleheader against Southwestern University's junior varsity at George town. First home games will be Feb. 20 against Angolina JC at 1 p.m. The 54-game schedule includes two tournaments, the Carl Reynolds Classic in Wharton Feb. 22-24 and the MCC Tournament March 8-10.