

# 'Leathernecks' reveal soft side for children

By Billy Reaves

Not all of Santa's helpers are dressed in red and live at the North Pole.

In fact, some of his favorite helpers wear Marine Corps uniforms and live in Waco.

Headquarters, 4th Maintenance Battalion U.S.M.C. (Reserve), is decorated with typical military flair. Pictures of the president, past and present commanders, and Marine Corps heroes adorn the long corridor's walls.

As one walks further, however, he sees a room which contrasts with the others. A yellow toy scooter and a rather large doll house stand symbolically on a desk in the corner, only the beginning of the designated goal of the 33rd annual "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Captain Doyle Tampleton of Holdenville, Oklahoma, does not hide his feelings about the campaign. "If not for us a lot of kids wouldn't have Christmas."

Tampleton, a veteran of 21 years with the Corps is the typical "leatherneck," looking as if he just stepped out of a Marine Corps Recruiting poster. His eyes clouded as he related a story of a boy who received his first Christmas present at the age of seven.

"That year in Joliet, Illinois, we collected over 40,000 toys," he said.

"I've personally delivered toys to some poverty stricken families, where instead, I'd rather have delivered wood for fuel. I've gone into houses where not a word of English could be spoken, handed out toys and realized the gratitude in their faces without understanding a word said.

"People can really get into helping others," he continued. "I got a call from a guy once who wanted to donate a broken bicycle. When I went to pick up the bike, I found a brand new 10

speed with a flat tire. The bike was worth \$280. We patched the flat, gave it to a kid for Christmas and the Marines had a friend for life."

The Marines can no longer accept used toys, due to federal laws changing almost daily. The Corps can't risk a lawsuit from the parents of a child who gets a mended toy and finds out the glue used in repair has been banned from the market.

"We used to enjoy playing with some of the toys ourselves after we fixed them," he explained as he picked up a replica of a three masted schooner.

First (Sgt.) Frank Segretto is no stranger to the campaign either. He has spent 18 years in the Corps. "We've never had a year go by that we couldn't meet the kids needs," he says. "I hope we never will."

"Last year was kind of close, but at the last moment we received \$600 in donations."

We went on a shopping spree that every kid dreams of. It was fun at first, but we had to shop wisely and get the best for our money. We wound up taking three hours. We wanted to make sure that every kid got at least two or three toys."

Segretto laughed as he said, "Kids are really something. We've had them walk past \$100 toys to pick up a book. We see hard luck cases that are enough to break your heart. It makes us feel privileged to help them."

Sgt. Glenn Mayberry, from Toronto, Canada, is the only member of the unit who has never been involved with the toys for tots campaign. "I'm really looking forward to it," he said. "I think it's a good idea and I'm ready to do my part."

Yes, instead of the North Pole, it's North 41 Street in Waco. There you will find Santa's helpers showing the meaning of the Marine Corps slogan, "Love is toys for tots."

Shortcake," "Apple Dumpling," and other dolls.

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## County-wide scholarships awarded

By Tim Isaacks

MCC has announced the Merit Scholarship Awards for the 1981-82 academic year.

Each year MCC asks counselors of all McLennan County high schools to disclose the scholastic top ten per cent of the junior class. Then, in the middle of the student's senior year, when he or she is most likely considering what college to go to, MCC informs the students of their scholarships. According to Dr. Laverne Wong, dean of Student Services, "We assume they will keep their good grades up their senior year."

This year's recipients are, in alphabetical order of schools: Axtell-- Paula McClain, Krysti Griggs, Linda Acton, Jeffery Lehrmann and Carl Pavlovsky.

Bruceville-Eddy--Jeff Duty, Laurie Jones, Bryan Taylor, Dawn Cohn and Melissa Martin.

China Springs--Alan Barton, Raylynn Hollingsworth, Chris Aaron, Dana Martin, Rick Reisinger, Karla Light and Deela Curry.

Crawford--Craig Ledbetter, Melissa Rueter, Laura Massirer, Bobby Valentine and Brad Kimbrough.

Connally will not provide names until January.

Jefferson-Moore -- Michael Andre, Candace Bridges, Jaroe Collins, Karen Derrick, Kimberly Downes, Misty Gay, Donald Glockzin, Vicki Lee, Lisa Lummus, Shelly Rossi,

Rhonda Staas and Patrick Williams.

La Vega--Deidra McCorkle, Andrea Nawara, Sheila Allen, Sheila Arnold, Mary Havis, Karen Helm, Pamela Kinder, Karen Lee, Patricia Machen, Monica Matus and Sam Watson.

Lorena--Kele Evans, Debbie Stanford, La Juan Flanary, Robert Feltenberger, and Kathy Williams.

Mart--Lisa Hargrave, Nell Burleson, Missy Watson, Susie Jensen Witt, Patricia Fabianke and Carla Jackson.

McGregor--Sonja Smith, Kyle Westbrook, Marsha Linville, Sarah Lee, Stacy Skipper and Michelle Robinett.

Midway--Jim Rolf, Lori Allen, Becky Cross, Todd Little, Laurie Wood, Karen Sheatley, Beth Bach, Gigi Saunders, Rob Luper, Nick Dicorte, Ben Taylor, George Slafko, Julie Gardner, Janet Wuthrich, Lisa Kilgo, Kimberly Akin, Cedric Robinson, Keith Heugatter, John Stoneham, Becky Manning, Rosanna Capili, Cathy Stout, Judy Rapp, Scott Fason, Michelle Garvin, and Karen Wilhite.

Moody--Johnny Uvalle, Jack Whitely, Walter Hatter, Sandra Watkins, Donna Johnson and Sam Hooten.

Reicher--Patty Lokken, Catherine Woika, Teresa George, Cheryl Oxley, William Malpass and Lauri May.

Richfield--Paula Barfield, Steven Brister, Bradley Bunting, Clayton Cary, Clifford Cary, Deborah Coker, Mark Coker, Nancy Crosthwait, Blake Dick, Scott Edwards, Lya Evans, Richard Freeman, Robert Goertz, Elizabeth Harrison, Alexander Jiminez, Timothy Kaiser, Rhonda King, Roger Kirstein, Vicki Labena, Stanley Levy, Robert Lindsey, Lisa McCollum, William Meachum, Patricia Normand, Sharon Seago, Christina Scott, Rebecca Turner, Carrie Watson, April Whatley, Laura Williams, and Lisa Williams.

Riesel--Kelly Londenberg, Theresa Schroeder, Bryan Byer, Cathy Jones, and Sharon Koester.

Robinson--Ricky Turman, Susan Reed, Joe Turk, Robert Cunningham, Kay Williams, Mark McMillan, Claire Sides, Jeff Stubbs, Kristi Hieber, Connie Schraeder, Steve Randolph, Mike Thompson and Julia Roach.

University--Ricky Bennis, Steve Browder, Jackie Brown, Jesse Cantu, Pat Carroll, Sheryl Deviney, Craig Felder, Dena Fincher, Julian Gonzales, Vickie Hale, Jerry Haug, Art James, Rachel Jule, Kerry Moore, Rebecca Muns, Carol Norman, Dalinda Noyala, Susan Porter, Kurt Rawlings, Leslie Sanders, Hargate Smith, Rosalinda Trevino, Barbara Winkelman and Sharon Zellmer.

Vanguard--Neil Harvey, Lorraine Tubbs and Laura Sturgle.

Waco High--Craig Alford, Jennifer Black, Denise Dibble, Joseph Hooten, Catherine Howard, Melvin Lassetter, Stephen McElroy, William Miller, Susan Morse, Charles Prowitt, Shella Ridge, Elizabeth Riley, Scott Stockton, Heather Varnnun, Jerry Wilson and Jenda Winningham.

West--Kim Drews, Angie Sykora, Benny Cernosek, Thom Meurer, David Crain, Lori Morrison, Joanie Cernosek, Mary Beth Karlik, Terri Brinegar, Patty Wright and Linda Sykora.

According to Wong the scholarship program has been very successful. Over the past three years, approximately 47 percent of the students offered merit scholarships have enrolled at MCC.

"I think these kids have an awful lot to be proud of," said Wong, "and I'd like to see everyone they know congratulate them. Having so many of these students proven that MCC is a first-class learning institution."

## Christmas toyland reflects America

By Tim Isaacks  
Editor

A venture through a toy store at Christmas time is almost inevitable, and any such trip reveals a myriad of toys, almost all of them expensive.

Circus World employee Cheryl Anselmi relates that "Star Wars" toys and accessories are the most popular sellers. "Barbie" dolls are still popular, but they have had to make room for "Strawberry

Shortcake," "Apple Dumpling," and other dolls.

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The glut and expense of toys would seem to indicate that an increasingly materialistic society has filtered down to America's children.

However, Sociology instructor Carol Jolly says that children are not necessarily

getting more demanding. She feels the baby-boom of 1945-55 is a big factor in today's toy-buying trends. "A lot of those baby-boom babies grew up in larger families than they are now having. When you just have one or two children, those kids are obviously going to get more than three and four kids in a family."

Also, Jolly feels that toys stimulate a child's imagination, even while in the crib, and that such a stimulating environment aids in a successful education. "Parents measure their success through their children's success. If toys and gifts aid in a child's development, then that child will probably get gifts."

According to Jolly, another reason for the deluge of toys could easily be the influence of television, radio, and even comic books. Says Jolly, "The mass media have always had a lot to do with style influence. Children are just like their parents. In that they feel the need to keep up with the kids next door. Therefore, it's easy

for the media to push things like the Star Wars fad."

However, Jolly doesn't feel the mass amount of spending during the holiday season is bad. "Maybe the flood of toys, as well as gifts between husband and wife, is a sign of how special Christmas is."

In any case, the "align" this holiday season is that business is booming for the toy manufacturers.



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# Reverend Winter preaches love and spiritual happiness

By Mary Salazar  
Staff Writer

"I love people. That's why I chose this career," said Freda Winter, a licensed, ordained Minister of the Church of Religious Science.

Reverend Winter came to Waco in 1976 to begin her own church, located at 525 North 18. She has been attending MCC off and on for the past four years, stressing a religion major.

Reverend Winter studied the ministry of Religious Science in California. It was founded by Dr. Ernest Holmes in 1936.

"While I was growing up in California, I was searching for something. I found it within the teaching of the Religious Science and have been with it over 20 years," she said.

Winter summarizes her Religion as a philosophy of practical, down-to-earth ways,

## Enroll early to avoid rush

Early registration for persons wishing to enroll in the spring evening and Saturday classes is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. December 8-11 in the Administration Building.

Early registration is designed to give students the opportunity to complete the admission process in a short period of time and in one visit to campus. Students can select the desired courses and pay the required fees at that time.

Registration for daytime students will be Jan. 7-8 in the Health and Physical Education Building. Spring weekday classes will begin Jan. 14 with Saturday classes beginning Jan. 17. For more information call ext., 235.

## Secretarial job open

The Personnel Service Office has announced a job opening for a secretary in the Counseling Services. The applicant will be expected to perform regular secretarial duties which include receiving incoming calls, typing, filing and receiving the public and students. Other duties include related work as assigned by the Director of Counseling Services.

The applicant must have good secretarial skills, which include Business English, mathematical ability,

## Service needs tutors

The Special Services-Tutorial Center is now taking applications for tutors in the Vocational-Technical and Arts-Sciences areas.

Persons interested in working as tutors should stop by the Special Services office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday

and of thinking about the nature of the universe.

"As a religion, it is free and holds only to those truths which have been held to be universal," she said. "Our religion is that of many combined into one. We stress understanding oneself and carrying out the great commandment of love thy neighbor as thyself." According to Dr. Holmes, in the belief of the Religious Science, God is a living Spirit, one who is indestructible, absolute, and a self-existent cause.

"We are not like the Moonies or anything like that. Our

## Final concert for Stage Band

MCC Stage Band will present its final fall concert at 8 p.m. tonight in the MCC Student Center.

Selections will include "Scapple from the Apple," "Typical, New and Tyler Too," "Magic for Mama," "Louisiana Be-Bop," and "No More Blues." Admission is free and everyone is urged to attend.



religion tries to teach the goodness of oneself through meditation and teachings," said Winter. Dr. Holmes states that God operates through the mind, and that faith will heal sickness. "Even though faith does heal, if our member does not feel satisfied, there is nothing wrong in going to see the doctor," Winter replied.

Reverend Winter performs the ceremonies of marriages, funerals and other functions with the book Religious Science written by Dr. Holmes.

"Part of the wedding ceremony contains quotes from essay writer Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Lord's Prayer," she explained.

"There is good in everyone. I love people and I hope that I can help everyone realize this and spread God's love through my mission," she concluded.

## Soccer to begin

A continuing education course combining soccer refereeing and coaching techniques will be offered beginning Dec. 10 on the MCC campus.

Students will be taught the rules of the game and learn basic soccer skills including kicking, heading, dribbling, goalkeeping and strategy. Persons completing the course will be eligible to take the examination to become F.I.F.A. certified referees.

The course will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. through Jan. 12. Classes will not meet from Dec. 17-31, but will resume Jan. 5.

Jim Barlow, a certified soccer referee instructor, will teach the course.

For more information, call 756-6551, ext. 217.

## Sale space ready

The Bridge Area of the Student Center will be prepared for clubs wishing to have a crafts sale or bake sale on Wednesday, December 10 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. If your club wishes to sell such items as crafts for Christmas, baked goods or candy canes contact Don Bynum at extension 420, Director of Student Activities located in the Student Center.

## Roads unsafe

Now that winter weather is coming, think about these foul weather driving tips:

1. Use low beams when driving in fog.
2. Slow down in the rain. The road surface is slippery. At certain speeds your car's tires actually ride on a film of water and lose contact with the surface of the road. This is called hydroplaning and can produce an uncontrollable skid.
3. Avoid sudden moves, swerves or turns on wet roads. Ditto for sudden stops. Slow and steady is the way to do it.



PHOTO BY LARRY HAUKE

Freda Winter, an ordained minister, sits proudly at her desk, surrounded by her degrees.

## Classes open in Marlin

MCC will offer evening credit courses in English, business, government and sociology this spring on the Marlin High School campus.

Each course will be taught one night per week from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Courses to be taught include Freshman Reading and Composition, Business Mathematics, American Government and Introduction to Sociology.

Registration will be from 5:30

to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 in the DE Room of the Marlin High School Vocational Building. Students must pay tuition and fees at the time of registration.

Late registration will be Jan. 14-19 from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. at the same location.

For further information, persons should call 756-6551, ext. 235.

## Show presented

MCC Choir and Band presented a concert of Christmas music at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Student Center.

The choir, directed by Donald Balmos, performed works by Praetorius, Willcocks, Sweelinck, Robert H. Young, John Rutter and selections from the Alfred Burt Carols.

Rodger Rush directed the band's performance of "First Suite in E-flat" by Gustav Holst, "The Fantasy on a Bell Carol" by Edward Madden, "The Military Symphony in F" by Francois Gossec and "The Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson.

Admission was free to the public.

## Meeting slated

The McLennan Community College Office Personnel Association (MCCOPA) held its regular monthly meeting on December 2. The program was presented by Sylvia Cook and two of her students from her floral design class at TSTI. Ms. Cook had examples of inexpensive table centerpieces that could be easily made. She also demonstrated how to make a rose flower out of a piece of ribbon.

A regular business meeting followed the program. The members decided to have the January MCCOPA meeting on January 20, 1981.

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# Suicide prevalent in Spring

By Chris Banks  
Staff Writer

(third in a series)

A persistent myth says that many suicides occur during the Christmas season. Winter's bleakness seems to be conducive to unhappiness and depression. However, spring has traditionally been the most suicidal season.

When spring arrives and all of nature is being "reborn," most people's feelings become noticeably more cheerful and happier. However, such joy is elusive for the extremely depressed or alienated person.

In fact, because others are feeling even happier than usual, the alienated person may feel more regressive and sink lower into depression. Such feelings may lead to suicide.

People have long attributed bizarre behavior to moon phases, and it is possible that the moon's gravitational pull on the human body (with its high water content) may exert some special influence, just as it influences the tides in larger bodies of water. In fact, our word "lunacy" is derived from the Latin word for moon. But studies conducted at the University of Oregon show that weather, holidays, phases of the moon, and the occurrence of

sunspots do not seem to influence suicidal tendencies.

Contrary to popular belief, most suicides are carried out in an extremely rational manner. The layperson's stereotype is generally that the suicidal person is mentally ill. Obviously not all people who are victims have signs of mental disturbance.

In fact, the National Center for Health Statistics reports that only a fourth of all suicides are mentally ill. The suicides that seem to be most positively related to mental illness are those among the elderly.

The most common method of suicide for men is a very violent manner (shooting, hanging) while women seem to prefer a more passive means of self-destruction. Women usually don't want to shed their blood or disfigure their bodies.

Although it receives considerable publicity, jumping from a high place as a means of committing suicide is not a popular method. Jumping is only prevalent in large cities such as San Francisco (e.g., the Golden Gate Bridge) and New York City, where primarily blacks jump from the roofs of their tenements. Nationally, less than five percent of suicide victims jump to their deaths.

(Sgt.) Joe Cendrowski, of the Waco Police Department Crime Division, says, "Most of the

suicide victims in Waco are killed by gunshot. However, there was one unusual case this year wherein the victim hooked the pipe from his car to the dryer vent, and fed the carbon monoxide into his home and committed suicide."

Depending on the study, 12 to 42 percent of suicide victims leave notes. Many of them are destroyed by families trying to avoid stigmatization. It is possible to distinguish between genuine and simulated suicide notes. Genuine notes are characterized by: dichotomous logic (thinking only in black or white terms), greater amounts of hostility and self-blame, use of specific names, instructions to the survivors, less evidence of thinking about suicide, and more of the various meanings of the word "love." You might think that someone about to commit suicide would try to write a suicide note that would be a literary gem; yet, many are quite dull (according to Dr. Marv Miller's study of suicide) and deal with banal topics such as "Dear Mary, Don't forget to put out the garbage on Thursdays. Love, Bill."

If there is to be genuine concern for reducing the number of suicides that occur in the United States each year, then the most practical approach seems to be in the direction of preventive efforts.



PHOTO BY KAREN KELSO

## Rock and rolling in middle 50's rock

MCC rock fans and even those who were just curious listened to a stirring performance Friday, December 5, by Mark I, a local rock and roll band specializing in middle 50's rock. The group is comprised of (l to r) Darryld Cailler, Mark Slobjan, lead vocals, Ray Watson, and drummer Joey Gars. Mark I performed many originals, Beatles, and Rolling Stones numbers.

## Give 'Christmasy' gifts

By Melanie Burnette  
Feature Editor

"Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la la la la." Christmas is the time when everyone is happy and everything is, well, everything is... "Christmasy." Makes sense, right? Nope, wrong.

For some people Christmas is depressing, stressful and a pain in a certain place.

Some people have a hard time at Christmastime because they don't have the money to make Christmas "Christmasy" for their loved ones.

These people aren't scrooges because they want to be; circumstances demand them to be Christmas spoilers.

So for the many out there who don't have the funds to make Christmas merry, here are some tips for "free."

1. What has mom done so great that she deserves that two carat diamond necklace. Make her a necklace out of bird seeds and plain old string. What's that old saying, it's the thought that counts. (Only mothers believe that.)

2. Dad: he is easy to shop for. Everyone knows that all dads are penny-pinching conservatives, so he won't be hurt if he gets socks...again.

3. Little brothers are the rats...they want those annoying electronic games that make those nerve-wracking sounds. Instead, get little brother a used copy of Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. Watch his face glow on Christmas morning.

4. Little sisters have a bad case of the Joneses syndrome. They want those dolls that do everything; cry, laugh, eat, drink, burp, relieve themselves, and everything else "real" babies do. For little sister just make her a doll out of hay. Watch her face glow when she finds out it doesn't do anything.

5. Grandmothers and grandfathers are usually happy with a card and a little note. Unfortunately, Hallmark's

prices are going up, up, up, so bring out the scissors and the colored paper.

6. Buying gifts for the boyfriend or girlfriend takes finesse. Buy her a gold-filled necklace and tell her it's 14 carat. She'll never know until it starts turning her skin green.

Buy him a pair of handcuffs, uh...cuff links.

These are (bad grammar) just a few "cheap" tips for those who are less than fortunate.

But...not all "scrooges" are nice; some people are out and out "grinches" who are determined to ruin everybody's Christmas just for meanness.

Those terrible people pluck out doll's eyelashes and cut off G.I. Joe's ears. They strip the decorations off Christmas trees and steal all the presents. And the worst thing these Grinches do is they tamper with the brake system on Santa Claus's sleigh, and they force Rudolph to keep his red nose going until the battery runs down.

However, for all the scrooges and the grinches there are the people who give to charity, the organizations that give toys to tots, the Baylor Bears, the toy stores that over-price, and the people who celebrate Christmas and don't forget the original reason Christmas is celebrated.

Finally, what does fa la la la la la la la really mean?

## Sutor to speak on agriculture

There are approximately one hundred and fifty careers available in the agriculture field.

Texas A&M associate Dean of Agriculture Dwayne Sutor is available on campus today at the Science Building, Room 100 to speak on these opportunities.

For those students interested in an agricultural background and attending a four year school, Dean Sutor will explain the process of transferring credits.

## Pinno perfects guitar techniques

By David Johnson  
Staff Writer

"When I was young, you either played in your high school band or played piano, and I didn't want either."

These were the thoughts that almost caused John Pinno to miss his musical calling, guitar.

"My father played the tenor banjo. He was always trying to get me interested in it, but I resisted," stated Pinno.

"I wound up at North Texas State after graduation as a liberal arts major, why I don't know, but that was the direction I was heading.

"My room-mate at NTS was a guitar fanatic. When he would go to class, I would sneak out his guitar and try my hand at it.

"One day he caught me and I thought I was dead. I explained to him that I was interested and he offered to teach me some chords. After a few lessons, I began to catch on fast.

"I found myself playing every chance I got. I changed my major to music and have been playing guitar ever since."

Pinno has been teaching guitar at MCC for a year and a half.

His classes take beginners who have never picked up a guitar, to advanced players.

He teaches classical guitar to most of his students. "The intricate finger movements found in playing classical guitar are tougher than modern or folk music, but it benefits the students in the long run," stated Pinno.

"Most of my students are just casually interested in guitar," commented Pinno. "One of my students, Gloria Cortez, went to UTA after graduating MCC. She tried out for the guitar scholarship and took first place. I was very pleased with her accomplishment."

On November 14, Pinno's guitar classes gave a recital in

the Fine Arts Building. They specialized in Renaissance music.

The music played in the recital was originally written for the lute, (a round-backed guitar played in the days of the Renaissance).

Pinno says he doesn't teach electric guitar because he feels the individual can do more with an acoustic. The finger style that he teaches is easier on an acoustic. He believes that the acoustic is the best instrument for the student to learn accurately and correctly.

In his opinion, the music of today is too loud. He won't even listen to most of it. "I'm mostly into instrumentals these days," said Pinno.

"I enjoy 1960s music. The groups were into folk music, and I like the way they coordinated the guitar into the songs. It played a major part, but wasn't too loud and didn't drown out the singers as so much of the music today does."

Pinno also enjoys wood-working. He has built one of his own guitars and uses it regularly. "The sound isn't as strong from this guitar, but it has great sentimental value to me.

"I enjoy teaching. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction when my students master this timeless art."

None of this could have come about if Pinno's room-mate had played football instead of a guitar.



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## In England

# School life itself a learning experience

By Susan Smith  
Foreign Correspondent

One of the first differences an American student notices about an English university as compared to an American school is that there are generally far fewer students enrolled in English universities. The educational system in England is not designed to educate the great numbers of students that we Americans educate, and consequently, the universities themselves are much smaller, both in physical facilities and in student numbers.

At the University of Leicester, there are about 7,000 full-time students. Part-time students are extremely few in number because a student is generally not permitted to enroll part-time without good reason and is not permitted to hold a job. At American universities and colleges, where there are work-study programs and off-campus employment opportunities of all kinds, this policy would be unthinkable. However, the English system of education almost precludes employment. The university undergraduate course is three years in length instead of four and is entirely composed of what we would call a student's major.

General studies, or the equivalent of what Americans offer as the first two years of a university education, are taught in the English secondary schools to the students who have the ability to pass the university entrance examinations. Another aspect of student life here that would make employment difficult, if not impossible, is that one's schedule

changes almost constantly.

Both under-graduate and post-graduates (our graduate students) take a "course" which is divided up into series of lectures, seminars and "tutorials," or small discussion groups, on various related topics. I am enrolled in the Victorian Studies post-graduate course, which means that I attend all of the lectures and seminars that comprise that "course." It's confusing at first, because a "course" to an American student means a separate sequence of study like English 311 or History 351. English students do not generally refer to themselves as "attending classes"; they speak of "going to lectures." In fact, the word "class" does not seem to be much in usage, except by American students like me who can't seem to learn the proper university jargon.

The schedule of lectures and seminars changes frequently; during some weeks, I attend three or four lectures, arranged at various times and days. Sometimes a lecture series will be offered at night or on consecutive days. Consequently, scheduling a job with the lectures and the seminars would be next to impossible.

One aspect of the lectures which is still hard for me to get accustomed to, is that times are always given for when they begin but never for when they are supposed to end. I have had lectures that lasted for three and a half hours without a break. English students seem perfectly accustomed to this regimen; only the Americans seem to be squirming in their seats.

English students are encouraged to question the lecturers in ways that I have never observed in American classrooms. After every lecture there is a question and answer period, and some students will give a second lecture, a refutation of what the lecturer has said. The students, especially the post-graduates, are contentious and argumentative. I have been told that they are trained at an early age to be so. Certainly the lecturers seem to be completely accustomed to such questions and comments. Naturally, in order to deliver a second lecture or to ask intelligent questions, students must be very well-prepared for the lectures. Extensive reading lists are provided with the schedule of lectures, and students are expected to read and know the material thoroughly.

Reading the books required for the lectures takes a certain amount of ingenuity, not for the actual reading but for locating the books. The university book store is really a book shop. It does not stock textbooks; in fact there are no textbooks as we know them. The professors do not communicate what books will be on their reading lists; the book store simply stocks titles that have to do with particular subjects. The library, then, becomes a very important tool to English students. However, at Leicester, students may check books out for the entire year. There is a Student Reference Library where some books are kept on a kind of perpetual reserve, but obtaining the necessary books is a continual problem. Fortunately, in

Leicester the public library is well-stocked and has a friendly, helpful staff.

The University of Leicester is not a residential campus; actually there are only three or four universities in England that are. Leicester was built on the site of an old mental hospital. The administration offices are housed in the remaining, original building, a fact which is a continual subject for jokes among students and faculty.

Unlike most American universities and colleges, the university is not ringed with apartment houses and nearby residence halls. The students live literally all over Leicester. I live about two and a half miles from the campus and that is considered close. Like the other students who live near me, I walk to the university because the bus only covers about a mile of the distance. There is absolutely no parking available on the campus itself; but most undergraduates do not own cars anyway. Circumstances like these seem amazing to American students, but the English students do not complain. Most students live in old houses, converted into residence halls, where they share bathroom and kitchen facilities. Few students can afford flats because rents, especially to students, are very high.

Because the university is not residential, it faces many of the same problems that American commuter schools face. In an effort to solve problems, the Students' Union at Leicester is an extremely active organization. I should point out here that the Students' Union is much more than a building on the Leicester campus and at other English universities. It is literally a union, and students pay union dues to belong; the fee is 42 pounds per year.

The Union employs students as full-time officers; these students take a one-year leave of absence from their studies to serve in these capacities. They are responsible for the running of the building as well as overseeing the Union organization. They also enter into collective bargaining with the university should the need arise.

In the past, they have bargained for such concessions

as changes in the library book circulation policies. The officials are elected from the student body in the way that union officials are elected in the trade unions here.

Inside the Students' Union is a refectory (a dining hall), a bar, a used book store, a stationery shop, a travel agent, and a bank. These services are all duplicated by the university in other buildings, but the ones housed in the Union building are run by the Students' Union with the exception of the bank. As one might expect, prices are a few pence lower on most articles, but the surroundings are not nearly as clean or as pleasant as in the university-run services. There are many meeting rooms for the many clubs on campus as well as a general lecture hall, used for speakers and entertainers bought by the Students' Union.

Virtually all English students have a government grant that pays for their education and expenses. The grants are not overly-generous; in fact most English students operate on extremely small budgets.

The grants are not given automatically. English students must prove their competence to be admitted to the university, and they must report their status to the granting agency. It would be an over-simplification to call this a free education since relatively few English students qualify to attend a university at all. The system is rather more like scholarships at American universities and colleges that pay fees and living expenses. English students generally have to have some other source of funds as well; the grants certainly are not sufficient to cover transportation costs and unexpected emergencies.

On the whole, the life of an English student is not an easy one. The social life seems to be fairly limited, and the students are extremely serious about their work. For example, although there are no set attendance requirements, the students do not miss lectures. I have been told that 100 percent attendance at the majority of the lectures is not uncommon. Since comparatively few students are admitted to the university here, the students' attitude is that a university education is a privilege and not a right.

## FALL 1980 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

### DAY SCHEDULE

Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time
MWF	Friday, December 12	8:00-10:15
	Monday, December 15	8:00-10:15
	Friday, December 12	10:45-1:00
	Monday, December 15	10:45-1:00
	Friday, December 12	2:00-4:15
	Monday, December 15	2:00-4:15
Th	Thursday, December 11	8:00-10:15
	Tuesday, December 16	8:00-10:15
	Thursday, December 11	10:45-1:00
	Tuesday, December 16	10:45-1:00
	Thursday, December 11	2:00-4:15
	Saturday, December 13	9:00-11:15
SATURDAY OTHER DAY CLASSES	Tuesday, December 16	2:00-4:15

### EVENING SCHEDULE

Classes meeting only one night per week	6:45-9:00 on regular meeting night during December 10-16	
MW	W, M Dec. 10 and 15*	8:20-6:35
	Wednesday, December 10	6:45-9:00
	Monday, December 15	6:45-9:00
TT	Th, T, Dec. 11 and 16*	8:20-6:35
	Thursday, December 11	6:45-9:00
	Tuesday, December 16	6:45-9:00

The schedule precludes the option of an uninterrupted period of 135 minutes.

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## Center to feature women artists

The Art Center is featuring three exhibitions December 13 through January 25.

On view in the main gallery, "Paintings and Sculpture from the Gihon Foundation" is derived from a collection assembled by the late Bette C. Graham of Dallas, inventor of Liquid Paper correction fluid. The collection, which will eventually be housed in Foundation headquarters in Dallas, reflects the highest achievements of American women artists of the last two centuries.

The small but rich collection includes pieces by women artists of established historical significance, including: the remarkable nineteenth century Impressionist, Mary Cassatt; Helen Frankenthaler, inventor, in the 1950's of poured lyrical abstractions; and Georgia O'Keefe, a magnificent independent, well known for her stark landscapes and studies of skulls and flowers.

Nationally and internationally famous contemporary women artists are also included, such as sculptor, Lynda Benglis; realist painter, Janet Fish; and sculptor, painter and filmmaker, Nancy Graves. Regional women artists include Nancy Chambers, whose fanciful small environments will be featured in an individual exhibition at the Center in March; Clyde Connell

of Louisiana; and Dorothy Hood and Mary McCleary of Houston.

The second exhibition, derived from the collection of Waco Tribune Herald entertainment editor, Bob Darden, will be "Texas Editorial Cartoonists," including original drawings by all of the major editorial cartoonists who have worked in Texas. Works in the exhibition are full of humor and pointed satirical insights, but also disclose strong values of skilled draftsmanship and sophisticated composition. Among the artists included in the exhibition are sports cartoonist Bill McClanahan (who created the Baylor Bear mascot), religious cartoonist Jack Hamm, John Knott, Bob Taylor, and Herc Ficklen.

Outstanding works from children's classes and docent supervised activities are featured in an exhibition in the upper level gallery. Organized by Coordinator of Children's Education Carole Straughn, the exhibition is evidence of the creative discovery and expressive growth encouraged by Center instructors and docents. Many media, including collage and assemblage, painting and ceramics, reflect the limpid imaginativeness which can flower in a context of supportive guidance and encouragement.

The Art Center is located at 1300 College Drive on the the Campus of McLennan Com-

munity College. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The Art Center is closed on Mondays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There is no admission charge, although donations are welcomed.

For further information contact Gordon McConnell, Coordinator of Public Information, at 752-4371.

### REVIEW

## Book traces country roots

"The Improbable Rise of Redneck Rock," a book by Jan Reid, is not exactly a new book. In fact, it's seven years old. But, the book has everything you wanted to know about progressive country music, but were afraid to ask.

The book starts out by describing Austin, Texas, the birthplace of progressive country. Reid talks about the street singers on the Drag by the University of Texas, and all the places in Austin that contributed to the rise in popularity of the music, including Armadillo World Headquarters.

From there the book shifts, talking about the people responsible for the phenomenon, including Kenneth Threadgill. Who? Well, for anyone who is unfamiliar with Mister Threadgill, he probably did more for country music in Austin than anyone else. His band, The Hootenanny Hoots, played almost every club in the city, giving Austin a healthy dose of folk and country music.

Reid also wrote about a few other people involved in the evolution of redneck rock, people like Willie Nelson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Leon Russell, Steve Fromholz, and Waylon Jennings, among others. One of the last chapters in the book is devoted to Willie Nelson's pluries.

Since it is such an old book, it might be hard to find. But if you are a true country music fan, the search will be well worth the trouble.



PHOTO BY LARRY HAUKE

Willie Nelson seems intent on pleasing the crowd that attended his concert at the Waco Convention Center.

### REVIEW

## Willie woos Waco

By Larry Hauke  
Entertainment Editor

On November 30, Willie Nelson brought his family to the Waco Convention Center.

What a homecoming. Nelson entertained the Waco audience for 2½ hours, accompanied by, among others, his sister on the piano and long time friend Paul on drums.

The show was opened with "Whiskey River" and a giant Texas flag unfurling behind the stage. From there it was hit after hit, including "On the Road Again" off the

Honeysuckle Rose album.

The real crowd-pleaser of the night was when Nelson played a medley of songs from the Red-Headed Stranger disc, including "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain," "Time of the Preacher," and "The Red-Headed Stranger."

He ended the show by again playing "Whiskey River," with an American flag unfurling over the Texas flag.

It's good to know that a performer of Willie Nelson's caliber can still take time to play for Waco.

## Texas' chill surprises Solarin

By Darryl Foster  
News Editor

Olufunmilayo Solarin. She's a witty, intelligent, versatile, and native Nigerian. However, none of these qualities are helping her to brave this brash attack of cold Texas weather.

"Most of my life I have lived in the tropics of Nigeria," she says, "Now I'm freezing in my first Texas winter."

An old Texas saying goes, "If you don't like the weather in Texas, just stick around 'til this afternoon; it will change." No saying could have ever been more true. Olu thinks Texas weather changes more than a chameleon changes colors.

Texans who know the Lone Star state's weather patterns know to expect rain, snow, sleet, scorching heat, or even fog—all within a 24-hour period. But, the amiable foreigner was perplexed when one of the "beautiful days" turned out to be quite different.

She gives this account of that experience: "Tuesday, the 25th, I left home with the feeling that

it was going to be one of those beautiful days. I went to my classes and then to the publications room to do some work. It was cool and dry outside.

"Twenty minutes later someone walked in soaking wet; it was raining and I just couldn't believe it. A look out of the glass door convinced me.

"Rain isn't too bad," I said to myself, "so long as it doesn't snow. I had an ominous feeling after saying that. Soon it began to snow. I watched in fascination because this was the first time I had ever seen snow."

Olu is learning quickly to buy clothing that can be worn in more than one of Texas' confusing weather patterns.

"All my clothes were of light cotton material and that just wouldn't do," she said.

Olu confided she's still freezing it out. Classmates tell her to wait until January—that she hasn't seen anything yet.

She innocently wanted to know, "What am I to expect? Blizzards?"

## Gilley to perform

By Larry Hauke  
Area concert:

Willie Nelson and Delbert McClinton tonight in Abilene...Bobby Bare and Charley McClinton tonight at the Agora in Dallas...Mickey Gilley and Johnny Lee Saturday at the Waco Convention Center...The Kenney Rogers Show at the

U.T. Special Events Center January 9...Frank Williams, Jr. at the Melody Ranch February 15...the Lawrence Walk show February 28 at the Reunion Arena in Dallas...It's also rumored that Willie Nelson will perform at the Armadillo in Austin on one of its last remaining days...



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# St. Nicholas' roots traced to Asia Minor

By Clark Griffin  
Staff Writer

Christmas seems to be a time when children dream about the gifts they are to receive from Santa Claus.

Christmas trees are set up in homes and stockings are hung "from the chimney with care in hopes that Saint Nick would soon be there."

Spirits are high and schools release their children for this very festive and long celebration.

Christmas is celebrated in Christian lands everywhere as a holy day to be observed with prayer and thanks to God. At the same time, Christ's birthday has become a day of rejoicing. A day celebrated in part by the exchange of gifts and merrymaking, according to a pre-Christmas custom of heralding the winter solstice, the beginning of winter.

According to the book, *All About Christmas*, by Maymie Richardson Krythe, for many centuries, "Good Saint Nick," the patron saint of young people, has been associated with Christmas and gifts.

Krythe stated that his name, originally from the Latin, Sanctus Nicolas, has had various forms, including the German, Sankt Nikolaus, and Dutch Sinter Klaas.

No matter what the good old saint is called, his name is a synonym for unselfish giving. Although it is customary to regard him as a myth, there was a real St. Nicholas, an early

Christian bishop, who lived during the fourth century.

Krythe, in her book, *All About Christmas*, gives an account of how St. Nicholas came to be. Nicholas, the only child of wealthy Christian parents, was born at the close of the third century at Patara, a port in Asia Minor. His devout mother taught him the Scriptures.

When both parents died during an epidemic, they left the young boy all their wealth. Young Nicholas dedicated his life to God's service and moved to Myra, chief city of his province. There, after the death of their bishop, members of the council balloted unsuccessfully trying to choose a successor. Finally, in a dream, the oldest official was told to stand next day at the cathedral door and select as the new bishop the first man named Nicholas who entered.

When young Nicholas went to church as usual for morning prayers, he was asked his name; and soon afterward he was selected by the council as bishop. Nicholas, because of his youth, tried to refuse the position, but was overruled.

During the reign of Emperor Diocletian, when many Christians were persecuted, the young bishop was imprisoned in the year 303 A.D. Later, he was freed, when Constantine the Great "proclaimed an imperial toleration of all religions."

Nicholas was very popular as bishop, and several stories of his ability to perform miracles have been handed down through

many different generations.

One story is that St. Nicholas was famed in his ability to calm the sea in times of storm. Because of this, he became patron saint of all seafaring men. Krythe wrote that Dutch seamen were the first to carry to western Europe tales of the bishop's generosity; as a result, children in Holland got their presents on December 6.

When the Dutch settled Nieuw Amsterdam--now New York--they brought their traditions of St. Nicholas, but the bishop laid aside his churchly robe and was transformed into a tubby character in short breeches.

On his feast day on December 6, the Dutch were accustomed to parade down main street, carrying his statue with them. The children, of course, were on hand for this festive occasion, for this was the day he brought them presents. In New York, through English influence, by the beginning of the nineteenth century the St. Nicholas Day celebration had merged with that of our well known Christmas.

"A Visit from Saint Nicholas" was written in 1822 by Dr. Clement C. Moore, who taught in a theological seminary in New York. His verses popularized the new conception of Santa Claus. It is said that Dr. Moore had heard a Dutch friend, a short, chubby man with a long white beard, telling stories about the saint. No doubt the author drew inspiration for his noted description of St. Nicholas from this unknown

source.

Dr. Moore's description of St. Nicholas was read in all parts of the United States. And the modern Santa Claus was further developed when a well-known cartoonist, Thomas Nast, pictured him in Harper's Illustrated Weekly in 1863 in a

fur trimmed suit. During the Civil War, the cartoonist cheered soldiers and their families when he patriotically depicted the saint in a red, white, and blue outfit with his sleigh and reindeer, visiting the soldiers at their camp, and giving them holiday gifts.



PHOTO BY MARVIN CLYNCH

## A study in studying

James Abercrombie prepares for a literature test. He is one of the many students sweating it through the examinations.

# Safety tips offered for Yuletide season

By Carolyn Rodabough  
Campus Nurse

We are nearly there--dead week, finals, then the holidays! Everyone is looking forward to the time away from lessons, books, and schedules. Time for friends, family and celebrating will round out the final weeks of 1980. No one wants the holiday marred by accidents of any kind, so heed these safety tips for the weeks ahead.

Holiday decorations can frequently result in accidents such as fires, poisonings, and falls. This year when "decking the halls" take care to avoid placing poisonous plants in your home if you have small children or expect young visitors. Some common holiday plants such as the poinsettia, yew, mistletoe, and holly contain toxic substances which may cause illness or death if ingested. Youngsters may be attracted by the colorful berries or foliage and sample portions of the poisonous plants, so use them with caution in decorating.

Special care must also be used to prevent fires in the home during the holiday season. If you have not yet purchased a Christmas tree, be careful to choose one that has not already dried out. Check to see if the needles are dry and brittle, rather than flexible. Dry trees

shed easily, and no longer have a green color and fragrant odor. They will catch fire very easily and burn rapidly.

Whenever possible, buy your tree early, cut off at least an inch of the trunk so that it can absorb water, and place it outside in a bucket of water for a day or two. You can also spray it with the water hose to freshen the needles. When you bring it in the house, place it in a tree stand that holds water or in a bucket of wet sand. Add water daily. Never place your tree near a heater or fireplace.

When decorating the tree, electrical safety must also be observed. Inspect the lights for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets. Plug them in for 5-10 minutes before placing on the tree and watch for smoking or melting parts. Always use lights and extension cords bearing the Underwriters Laboratory seal. Use no more than three sets per extension cord and place bulbs where they do not touch the needles, if possible. Always unplug the lights when leaving the house or going to bed. Discard your tree immediately after Christmas because it will become a greater fire hazard as each day goes by. If you have an aluminum tree use a spotlight rather than wired bulbs. The aluminum will conduct electricity and could cause elec-

trical shocks. For outdoor lighting use only those designed specifically for out-of-door use.

In order to reduce the possibility of accidental falls when decorating, use a sturdy ladder to reach the high areas of the tree or room being decorated. Place extension cords where they cannot be tripped on.

Safety with candles must also be observed. Be sure to place the candles away from curtains, dried flowers, pine cones, and other articles that catch fire easily. Keep lighted candles out of the reach of small children, also. Another fire hazard at Christmastime is the practice of

burning large amounts of wrapping paper in the fireplace. It is best to stash them in a garbage bag instead.

Another major area of concern during the holiday season is that of automobile accidents due to drunk drivers. Do not let your celebration turn into a tragedy by excessive drinking. When serving alcoholic beverages at parties and get-togethers, be sure to provide food along with the drinks, do not force drinks on your guests, provide non-alcoholic drinks also, and provide safe transportation home for those who have had too much to drink.

In order to keep the life of the

party alive, stop serving alcohol at least an hour before the party ends. Remember that drinking has different effects on different people. Five factors that influence how alcohol affects people are: how much they drink, how fast they drink, how much they weigh, how much they have eaten, and how they think and feel about drinking.

There are pocket-sized alcohol detector scales in the Health Center that are very handy to use in determining blood alcohol levels--stop by and pick one up at your convenience. It may help to keep your holiday season a little safer.

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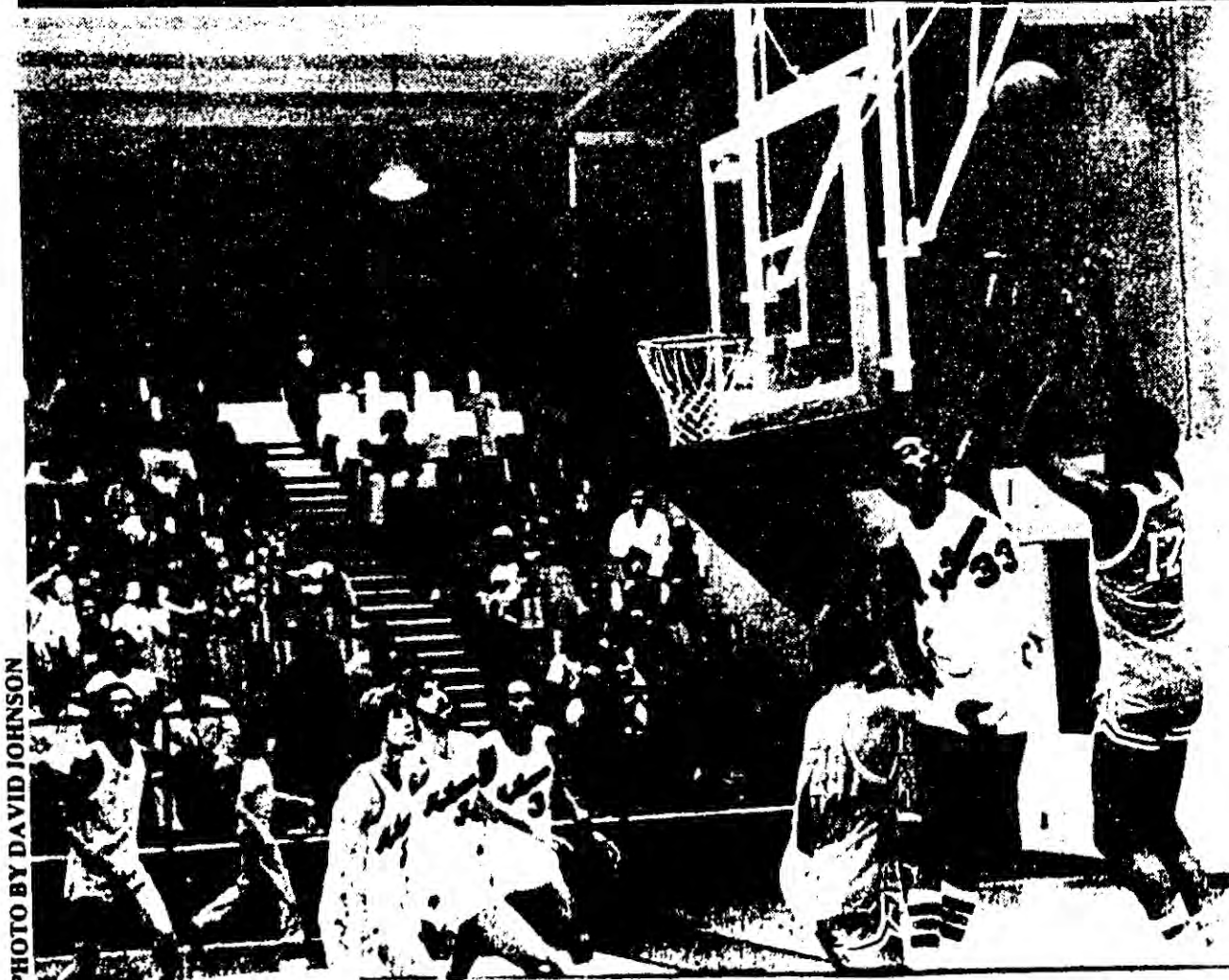


PHOTO BY DAVID JOHNSON

Darryl Baucham desperately attempts to block Grayson's offensive attack during the Highlanders' impressive defeat of Grayson Jr. College. Chuck Hall, Ronnie Smith, and Chuck Cedrick all gain position for the rebound.

## Weatherford and Grayson fall; Highlanders continue winning

By David Green  
Staff Writer

In the midst of a roll and a four game winning streak, the MCC Highlanders must have decided to take a short break from success. Playing not too good of a brand basketball the Highlanders proceeded to lose their next three games. Concern once again started to show on the face of Highland coach Ken Dewese.

In the three game blowout the Highlanders lost by scores of 75-61, 79-74, and 73-55 to Henderson, and San Jacinto and Lon Morris in the Navarro Classic.

Chuck Hall and Darryl Baucham paced the Highlanders in the first loss with 12 points each. Baucham scored 21 points in the next losing cause. Baucham and Hall were again the leaders in their third loss with 17 and 16 points respectively.

Deciding that it was time to get back on the winning track the Highlanders downed Grayson County in the first district game. Both teams played rather sloppy ball but the Highlanders just happened to be the ones to score the most points. They overcame just enough to win 59-48.

The real excitement of the game came with 1:21 left to play. Carl Fitzgerald swiped a Grayson pass, then raced down court ahead of everyone to slam a rim-vibrator through the hoop. The crowd finally had something to come to their feet about. Charles Jones then added a cherry to the topping of the cake with a two hand stuffer seconds before the final buzzer. Baucham again paced MCC with 20 points to match his jersey number. Mik Mainer had 20 for Grayson.

The roll had gotten started again and MCC squeezed out a 56-54 victory over Weatherford for their second district win. It was William Boatwright coming off the bench to add the needed spark to ease out the

victory. Boatwright paced the Highlanders with 17 points in a clutch performance. Kenneth Chambers pumped in 22 to lead

the Weatherford attack.

The Highlanders are now 9-5 on the year to give them an above .500 percentage. They face Cisco here in their last game before the team takes a break for the Christmas holidays. The game will be Monday, in the Highlands.

## Littlest Highlassie big on spirit

Trying to find one outstanding member of the MCC Highlassies is almost impossible. They're all outstanding.

In the Highlassies' romp over Grayson Jr. College, 75-46, Jerry Gillispie emerged as the team's spark plug.

She's a 5'2", package of blonde-haired, blue-eyed hustle on court. Off court, her voice penetrates the roar of the crowd as she cheers her teammates on to victory.

"I enjoy playing on the MCC team better than any team I've ever played on," stated Gillispie. "We have a very unselfish team, and we enjoy playing together. We get along great."

Gillispie is a playmaker for the Highlassies. Positioned at point guard, she makes sure the offense is set to run the plays that can mean the difference in winning and losing the game. Defensively, she is an intricate part of the Highlassies' impenetrable "Brick Wall" protection of their goal.

Gillispie started her

illustrious career eight years ago on the basketball courts in Graford, Texas. Located 50 miles from Fort Worth, Graford is not only the home of Gillispie, but is also the hometown of close friend and teammate, Penny Ford.

Gillispie and Ford, after losing only 18 games in their four years at Graford High, were contacted for tryouts with MCC through their coach, Berry Smith.

"We came down together and tried out for Coach Mason, said Gillispie. We didn't think we had a chance in the world of making the team. After a week or so, we got a letter from Coach Mason asking if we wanted to play for the team. We jumped at the chance, and here we are, playing with the best."

Gillispie's height doesn't hamper her play. She said offensively it's tough to bring down rebounds, but defensively she can fly around the court easier than the bigger girls.

Commenting on the MCC Athletic program and Coach

Mason, Gillispie said, "Coach Mason is the best defensive coach I've ever had. I've learned more in the past three months at MCC than I had in eight years of playing basketball."

Although sports are the number one thing in Gillispie's life, she hasn't let them interfere with her school work. She was salutatorian of her graduating class at Graford High.

After graduating MCC, Gillispie would like to go to Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth and play ball if possible. While there, she will work on her major in Physical Education and her minor in mathematics.

Gillispie would like to be a junior high basketball coach after her graduation from TWC.

"In the future, I hope we can maintain our winning ways throughout our conference games and reach our team goal, which is the National Jr. College Women's Basketball Tournament."

PHOTO BY DAVID JOHNSON



Jerry Gillispie awaits pass in the Highlassies' 75-46 victory over Grayson.

## Tourney champs awarded trophies

By David Green  
Staff Writer

"We're going a seven."

"Well, I guess we have to go a six then, don't we?"

This is how the final bids of the intramural spade tournament were put down.

In a thrilling down-to-the-wire spade tournament Earl Stinnett and Tonny Houston held off Barbara Joe and Cheryl Reese. Stinnett and Houston won first place in the tournament while Reese and Joe had to settle for second. Cullen Harris and Paula Rhodes placed third.

After the first two rounds of tournament play, Reese and Joe faced Harris and Rhodes in the

first round of a three way play-off. Joe and Reese came out the victors by being the first to reach 300.

Facing double elimination Harris and Rhodes had to take on Houston and Stinnett to see who would play Reese and Joe. If they could have pulled out a victory Harris and Rhodes would have gotten a chance to sit out a round to watch a match-off between the other four. It was not to be as Houston and Stinnett ended their chance for first place by handing them their second consecutive defeat.

Then came the exciting two-out-three-battle against Reese and Joe and Houston and Stinnett.

The first two games came out a split with Joe and Reese taking the first game. Then came the deciding third. The lead switched back and forth

throughout the contest. And it all came down to the last hand. Joe and Reese needed a seven to win. Houston and Stinnett had to bid a six in order to keep a slim two point lead which would still give them the victory. Houston and Stinnett went out in style by setting their opponents and gaining the championship.

The first four places received trophies in the shape of a hand, holding cards. But the big difference was, one read first place, the other second.

## Lassies upset Grayson

By Janet Gillette  
Staff Writer

Monday night, December 1, the Highlassies dominated the courts, smashing Grayson 75-46.

Grayson was the first Conference game for the Lassies and proved to be one of their best.

Tracey Reotor ran away with 16 points of her own and Shari Miller was not far behind with 15 points.

The whole team set a personal record of 55 rebounds, the most they have ever scored in one game.

Two more Conference games face the Lassies before Christmas break and 14 more before the season comes to an end.

Cisco, to be played December 8, and Weatherford, to be played December 4, are the two teams the Lassies feel will be toughest.

## TV ads disillusion

By Chris Banks  
Staff Writer

The "American Dream" is alive and well and living on network television!

Watching television used to be an entertainment that people engaged in for only an hour or so a day. Those were the times when conversation and family togetherness was chic.

Today we are a nation of "boob-tube" watchers. With the advent of cablevision and other frills, Americans are staring more and more at television.

To pay for all of this frivolity, commercials blast, wheedle and cajole us into desiring more and more products. And every product always works better, cures better, lasts longer, and makes one more beautiful than the last one.

There must be a conspiracy—I use the deodorants, hair sprays, toothpastes, and face creams advertised; and I don't even have "post-nasal drip!" So why am I not as happy as the people I see on the television ads?

The absurdity of some of the claims are insulting to my common sense. For instance, commercials claim that age can be erased by the use of certain face creams, and that babies can be happy only if their mothers use Pampers. With one certain brand of perfume "You can bring home the bacon, fry it up in the pan—and never let him forget he's a man." Well, I used it—and it didn't work either.

And did you know that the "Real thing" is a soft drink! And that "You've come a long way baby" does not refer to the advancement of women's lib, it's an ad for selling cigarettes!

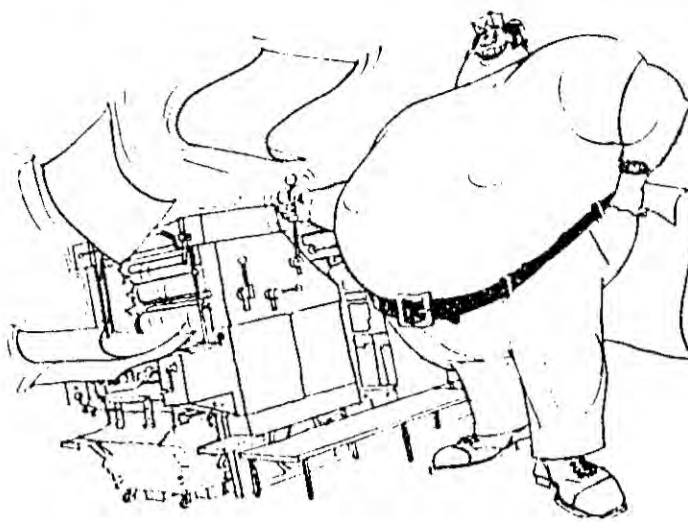
Ads manipulate the impulsiveness of conscious reactions ("Try it—you'll like it"); but really gives rise to sub-conscious rationality.

TV advertising brings a lot of implied fun, along with "fun-loving" folks into their pitch. Everything the people do on commercials is FUN; swilling beer, buying insurance, mopping the floor, and even taking aspirin. Sometimes I wonder where reality has gone.

The superficiality of advertising claims leads us to believe that life is a beautiful succession of bland, predictable days filled with picture-book people; yet reality shows us that life is a series of checks and balances, positive AND negative results. The commercials are like a lover's promise on a soft summer's night; reality is the morning sun that shines into the recesses of our minds.

The ads indulge us into a commercially-induced euphoria of pretended happiness and encourage us to buy, buy, buy...satisfy that urge! So what if the other product didn't work as promised, buy this one.

I am truly disappointed in the stereotypical image of American life as presented by television commercials. I wish they would tell the truth...and give reality a chance.



The Highland Herald would like to take this opportunity to wish the staff, faculty, and students of McLennan Community College a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also, in this, our last issue of the Fall semester, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and assistance in helping us to publish your school newspaper.

Best Wishes,  
The Highland Herald Staff

## KATEY'S BARGAIN POST

By Katey Jones  
News Editor

Stop in for a barbeque lunch at Texas Cattle Company Bar-B-Q Restaurant for only \$2.09.

The Texas Cattle Company is located at 1615 West Waco Drive.

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Two Waco locations at 1210 Lake Air Drive and 600 N. 18.

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The arena is located at 6801 Sanger.

The Bookstore now has a limited supply of a Highlander mascot paper weight. They are made of cast bronze and are on sale for \$10 each. (They may not be purchased on services or supplies.)

When a reporter gets a scoop, he's one step ahead of the competition. But the Scoop pen available in the MCC Bookstore can put anyone ahead in the race of studying for final

exams. The pen cost \$1.29, but is really two pens in one. On one end is a marker for highlighting important material in books; the other end is a fine-point felt tip that is useful for making notes.

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If interested, pick up applications in the Student Publications Office located on the first floor of the Student Center.

## BACHELOR'S KITCHEN

By Tim Isaacks  
Editor

Final exams can do funny things to the mind.

While sitting in my dark kitchen the other night, crying over spilt milk, moaning about my declining grade-point average, and wondering what to consume for supper, it suddenly occurred to me that there are many strange names for beans.

What do beans have to do with exams? I guess I think of tests as a real gas.

Anyway, here are some of my thoughts about beans, minus most of the obvious gaseous jokes.

Kidney beans, by sheer name, have always made me a little squeamish.

Lima beans (are they named after the capital of Peru?) are popular.

String beans, contrary to the name, will not keep your shoes tied.

Navy beans get shore leave every six months, as no one will eat them any more often than that.

Red beans have been confined

to a reservation in South Dakota.

Wax beans accidentally got eaten a lot on "Lucy" shows. While I'm on the subject, let's drag peas into this, too.

English peas have funny accents and walk like Winston Churchill.

Sweet-pea is starring in the new "Popeye" movie.

Black-eyed peas get in lots of fights.

But I'm not cutting beans and peas down. I realize they're eaten by a lot of people; mostly nymphomaniacs.

And besides, think how silly some foods would be if they weren't accompanied by beans and peas.

See if any of these sound right: Pork and battery acid; Franks and umbrellas; Three-bumper salad instead of Three-bean salad.

Beans are easy to fix. Most of them need to soak over-night. Then you boil them in their own juice. You can add ham trimmings, or other meat.

Of course, it's easier to dump them out of the can, and warm them up.

Boil your own peas, strain 'em, drain 'em, and add some butter. Add a little bacon, and eat up.

Well, what would the holiday season be if we didn't have the traditional Turkey and dressing. But for anyone who wants to convince his or her parents they have become rebels while at college, try to sneak some beans and peas into the celebration dinner.

And have a nice Christmas.



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