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MCC mourns loss

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The lives of Brenda Dobelbower and Janice Roberson, two McLennan Community College faculty members, were celebrated and remembered after their lives were taken in an automobile accident on Feb. 14.

They were loved and remembered by many, as seen in the about 100 people, who filled the stands and chairs in the Highlands Gym on Feb. 18 for their memorial service.

"The character of these two individuals would have it that we do not weep and we do not mourn. They would want us to celebrate their lives," said Al Pollard, Dean of Technical Education.

The words dedication, hard workers, contagious smile, great listener, sense of humor and generous were emphasized many times when friends recalled memories of the two, during the service.

Dobelbower was the Program Director of Radiologic Technology and a MCC employee for 27 years.

"She (Dobelbower) initiated many significant changes to make things and lives better. She worked diligently, she worked hard, and she worked well with others," Pollard said.

Doug Gibson, Director of Respiratory Care Technology

remembered how him and Dobelbower became quick friends after working across the hall from each other for about 15 years.

He said that her door was always open and he could always count on her.

Gibson said her courage made everyone proud, she never complained.

Roberson was the Division Director of Health Sciences and a MCC employee for 31 years.

"She (Roberson) tackled many difficult situations. Janice did little things that made a big difference in the lives of the people that she worked with and the people that she served," Pollard said.

Cherry Beckworth, a nursing instructor developed an instant bond with Roberson and joked how she used her skills of being a psychiatric nurse on friends.

Beckworth said friends would go to Roberson because she was a great listener and in the end they would express more than they intended.

Many of the speakers at the service expressed how both of them were dedicated to the success of students and always had their doors open for them.

"Our class has lost a great person (Dobelbower)," said Terry Stevens, a Rad. Tech. Student of the 2003 class. Stevens said it feels like someone



Diann Harris hugs Rita Tejada after memorial on Feb. 18

has fractured their backbone. In a sense most of the speakers described Dobelbower as the backbone of the health careers community.

Sherry Baker, Hillcrest nursing supervisor quoted former students

Governor considered for Nobel Peace Prize after multiple pardons

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The days of the death penalty in Texas may be numbered, following recent actions by Illinois Gov. George Ryan and growing international disdain for capital punishment.

A committee from the University of Illinois has said it will nominate Ryan for the Nobel Peace Prize. Francois Boyle, International Law professor at University of Illinois, said.

On Jan. 11 Ryan commuted the death sentences of 167 inmates to life in prison after granting four others full pardons.

Ryan's latest actions followed the moratorium he put in place last year on the basis that new evidence exonerated 13 death row inmates.

"We then had the dubious distinction of exonerating more men than we had executed: 13 men found innocent, 12 executed," Ryan said.

Within the same timeframe, Texas has executed 295 inmates and has exonerated 7, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, a non-profit anti-death penalty organization.

Executions in Texas make up 36 percent of the national total, while, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, Texas comprises only 7 percent of the U.S. population.

There are currently 450 prisoners awaiting execution in Texas.

However, in Texas the Governor cannot pardon or commute sentences but only make recommendations to the state Board of Pardons and Paroles. And the Board can only evaluate the Governor's recommendations one at a time.

Two inmates were released just two months ago.

The first was Charles Garrett, 60, of Dallas. He was arrested in 1999—29 years after he fled to California to escape conviction of drug possession. Garrett committed no crimes while in California.

The second was James Levi Byrd of Fort Worth who began serving a 30-year sentence in 1997 for the armed robbery to

which his brother later confessed.

Both men were released in December.

Texas has also executed at least two people whose guilt was in question.

Gary Graham was charged with robbery and homicide in 1981 at the age of 17. He was convicted on the basis of one witness' testimony even while two other witnesses, who were never asked to testify, said that Graham was not the killer, the Death Penalty Information Center said.

Graham was executed in June, 2000.

David Spence was charged with triple homicide in 1982, and he was convicted with the testimony of prison informants and no physical evidence.

Spence was executed in April, 1997.

"My opinion is that David Spence was innocent. Nothing from the investigation ever led us to any evidence that he was involved," Bobby Lambert, the police lieutenant who supervised the investigation, said.

These are examples of the consequences of a far from perfect system, the Death Penalty Information Center said.

In an analysis of Illinois and other states the Chicago Tribune said much of the problem lies with overzealous prosecutors.

"With impunity, prosecutors across the country have violated their oaths and the law, committing the worst kinds of deception in the most serious of cases," the Tribune said.

Capital punishment also faces growing international opposition.

"As of 1999, 105 countries had abolished the death penalty, compared to the 90 that retained it," the Tribune said.

"Over the past 2 decades, just about the entire fraternity of Western, industrialized nations—those we would generally consider to be our peers—have banned the death penalty on humanitarian grounds. This has left the United States in company with the likes of China, Kyrgyzstan, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and Iraq," the Tribune said.

SGA Cancels Elections

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 Staff writer

Although few students at MCC seemed to notice, the Student Government Association cancelled the election of officers on Feb. 5 and

The candidates for president, Chris Cochran, and vice-president, Gary Grooms, ran uncontested. Mears, said, so the elections were cancelled.

Candidates for historian or public relations officer, and two openings for sophomore Representative remained open.

As a result, SGA President Bill Mears has proposed a rather simple, yet radical, transformation of the electoral process. The student body at MCC is no longer a democracy.

Due to fears of low voter turn-out in an election that would essentially be a rubber stamp, Cochran and Grooms were installed as president and vice-president by a show of hands among voting members of the SGA during its Feb. 10 meeting.

The consensus among the SGA members is that the current lack of interest in student body politics is frustrating and merely temporary.

Though Cochran and Grooms have been given their appointments to office, this remains a very hot topic. No one takes office until the upcoming Fall.



Student government hosts a Valentine's Crush party in the ball

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Students turn out to honor his memory

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Readings, music and speakers drew a diverse group of about 100 MCC students turned out to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. with performances and speeches on Jan. 22.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration began at 11:15 a.m. in the Learning Technology Center with a welcome by Johnnie Talton, advisor to the Black Student Association.

The welcome was followed by a traditional praise dance to the song "More Than You Can Bear", performed by BSA president Beverly K. Williams.

The dance defined that even though you have faults in your life God will not put more on you than you can bear, Williams said.

Williams also recited King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Local pastor Reverend O.C. Mack, and his wife Connie Mack made guest



Beverly Williams performs dance at the campus celebration

appearances.

Connie Mack sang solo, and her husband preached a sermon on the power of education.

"The Bible has many references to knowledge and education and how important they are, Mack said.

He pointed out things you should do in your life according to God, in reference to each letter in the words

knowledge and education.

For the letter w in knowledge he said that you should work hard for what you want in life, and not expect to be handed everything on a silver platter.

He said keep going when things get rough, even though troubles or

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Opinion

Offensive trash or just entertaining

Ongoing dispute over value of the new marriage reality shows

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Call me old-fashioned. Call me a romantic. Call me crazy. Call me whatever you want, but I do not understand what is so wonderful about these "reality" marriage shows. Moreover, I can't understand why anyone with dignity would want to go on them.

To begin with, I don't want to even classify the shows as "reality" marriage shows. To me, "reality" means that it is something that has a reasonable chance of happening to anyone, as in any of us could meet someone at any given time and develop a relationship. This is not the case on these so-called reality shows. They handpick nice-looking, semi-successful men and women and place them in a fantasy world. Rather than being developed and explored between the couple, the romance is built in, the same as an engine is built into a car. Without the built-in engine, the car wouldn't run, and neither would these ridiculous shows. I mean, they all but hand out condoms and birth control pills. Of course, no one cares what happens to these people once they are out of the spotlight. Who cares if they really do make it? What difference does it make if they went through months of work... oh, dear! You mean, these women and men actually had to try and FORCE a relationship with someone in order to continue playing the game? And I thought that you should be able to develop a relationship at your own pace, sharing what you wanted with whomever you wanted to, and not having to feel as though you had to one-up someone else to "win your prize." What could I have been thinking of?

There are those of you out there who are probably rolling your eyes at this column and saying, "Chill out! It's only a TV show!" Yes, I know that it is only a TV show. My question is, why is it a TV show? Is it because we, as a nation, are so shallow that we have to watch other people play engagement on a free vacation? Is it because we want to watch men and women act like complete fools to "win" and claim to want to marry someone they barely know? Or maybe it's kind of like soap operas; in our everyday lives, we lack the excitement, mystery, suspense, and romance in these shows, so we try to replace it by involving ourselves in something we don't (and shouldn't) really have any part of. At least soap operas are fictional.

All of this ridiculousness is put on television for our entertainment. As if the dating shows weren't bad enough, now we have to watch people play engagement. At least on dating shows they are honest enough to admit when they just want to meet new people and hook up. It makes me ill to think that "soul mates," a term I strongly believe in, have become as common as half-dressed teenage girls singing on MTV.

I will be happy to go back into my little shell and my old-fashioned beliefs that love, romance, intimacy, and marriage have much more meaning than these shows portray. I hear all of the contestants (that IS what they are) talk about what a big step this is for them, and it is all I can do not to throw something at the TV. It IS a big step.

In point of fact, these shows are nothing more than glorified soap operas although, despite not liking soap operas, I don't have near the problem that I do with these shows. Maybe because I know that soap operas, just like cheesy romance movies, are fictional. The characters are just that, characters. They are roles being acted out. These marriage shows are real people with real feelings. They have to live every day with the decisions that they make, just like the rest of us. However, they know that millions of people have watched them make those decisions, and any regret they might feel, heartache they have experienced, or stupid thing that they might have done has been shared with the whole country. I wonder now, if any of those people, watching themselves on the show, regret doing it in the first place.

Like I said before, call me old-fashioned, or crazy, or whatever you want. I just don't find that entertaining. ■

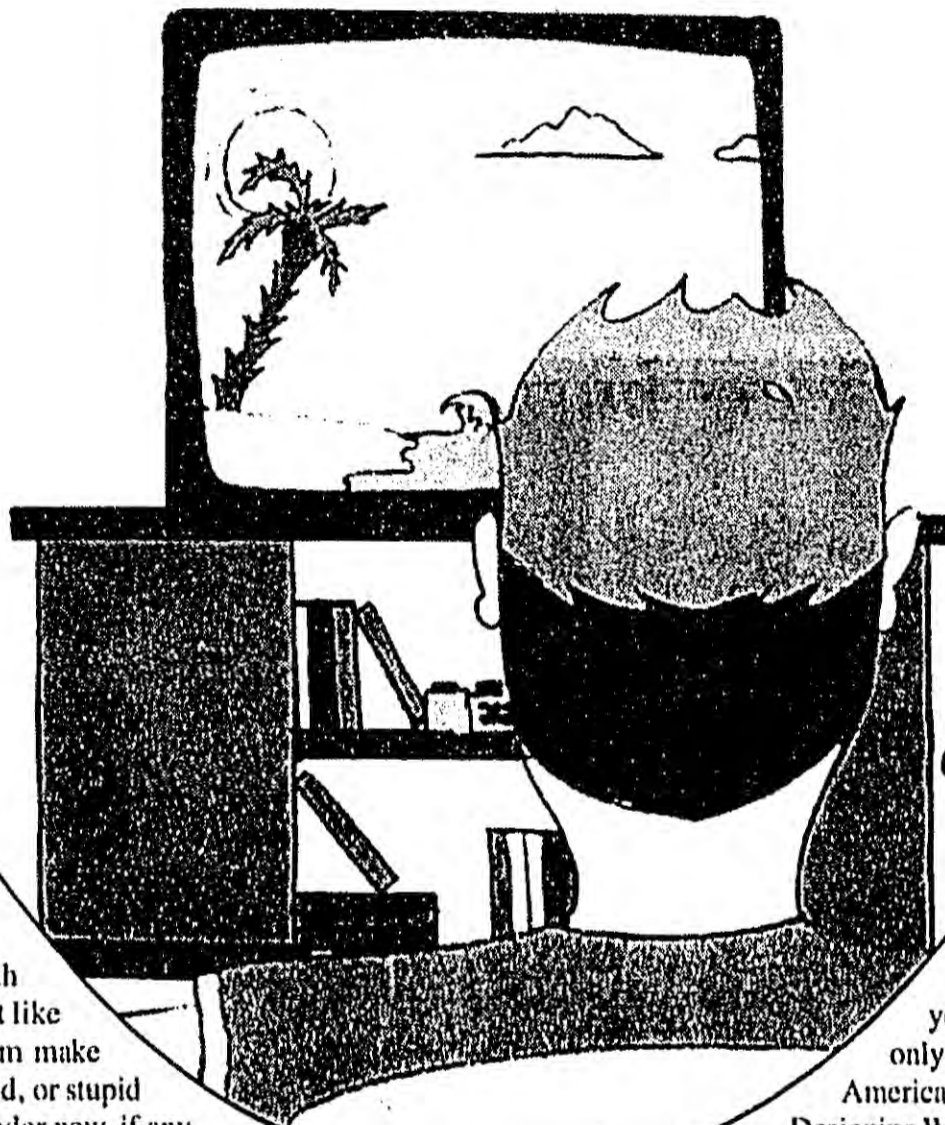
For all of you whiners lamenting about the ills of the "reality" dating or in some cases, marrying shows, here's a few words of advice... Change the channel!!! No one is forcing you to watch the Bachelor or Joe Millionaire. Many of you stay up long nights clogging the network television programs' message boards with your self righteous tirades or spend your whole lunch hour discussing the moral turpitude of "Reality TV" to those that will listen or even agree to save an argument. What is your motive? What is all this about? Are you hoping to rescue all the poor downtrodden women in our "male dominated" society? Are you alerting the masses to your revolutionary conspiracy theory that the men are in control and will continue exploiting women at will until all television shows portraying attractive flesh-bearing women, size 5 and under are abolished from this planet? Please, stop the insanity! These "reality" shows are more than likely rigged in the first place, which makes your ranting that much more annoying.

Please, clear those foggy emissions that you pass for thinking and have a sense of humor. The main argument that I hear about the Bachelor and the other "reality" programming is that "it exploits women." This comes from the non-profit National Organization for Women (NOW) President, Kim Gandy, her Femi-nazi followers in NOW and all the other self righteous, male bashing, women's lib, "I'm a victim of a man's world" warriors for women's rights. NOW "grades" primetime television shows in their annual "Feminist Primetime Report" and the Bachelor with a host of other shows scored an F!

What a waste!! NOW could have put the money, time and effort spent on their 30-page report card towards something more beneficial to women such as funding college scholarships for economically disadvantaged women that are desperate to make a better life for themselves. Instead, they would rather spend their time researching and writing a useless report card about television shows that are meant for pure entertainment purposes. You see, helping people that are in need may be too much like actual charity work for Gandy and her devotees. They may have to bring their Mercedes drivin', Prada shoe wearin', overpaid derriere to the parts of town they haven't seen before and get their hands dirty. NOW would rather write some ridiculous report card to beguile all the Tipper Gore wannabes whose donations help fund the 'organizations leaders' posh lifestyle. This entire feminine obsession with the exploitation of women has gone too far. I believe it is fueled by self-loathing and starvation for male attention and love. Extreme feminism exploits women's frustration and anger and in turn begets tension that makes it difficult for women and men to coexist.

The human need to love and be loved transcends the ideology of any women's rights extremist. I don't resent reasonable women's rights advocates, in fact as a woman, I am thankful for the status that women enjoy because of those advocates. What I do resent is when other people insist that you ascend to their "higher" moral ground just because it makes them feel better. The Femi-nazi's are trying to force their extremist false reality on society and I despise that! I can do anything that I want to do with my life. The first minute I say, "I can't" because of some lame whining excuse like, "Men Exploit Me", I have allowed myself to become a victim. The key word is allowed, people will treat you how you let them treat you. So, all you women's rights crusaders give the Bachelor a break, will you? It's only a television show meant for entertainment. I'll remind you again that you live in America and the power of the remote is in your hands. You are more than welcome to watch Designing Women or Golden Girls on the Lifetime Network for Women. I don't need your moral guidance and surely you can find something better you can do with your precious time and shrewd intelligence. There are people out there who really need your help. ■

Coming up...
Who wants to
Marry a
Millionaire
Bachelorette
Survivor on
Temptation Island



Medieval fairy tale weddings

Couples can get royal renaissance wedding at Scarborough Fair

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a reception in a private pavilion and optional entertainment by festival performers.

Prices include tickets to the re-enactment park before and after the wedding and reception for the entire wedding party.

The festival includes food and drink, continuous live entertainment and more than 200 craft shops.

Most couples come from in and around Texas, said wedding coordinator, Sara Hatch.

The most popular package is the "King & Queen," and the most popular wedding weekend is usually the third weekend, the Highland Fling.

The festival averages 20 weddings during the eight weekends each season.

Hatch recommended that couples reserve wedding dates as early as possible. Reservations can be made for the next season at the end of the current season, she said.

The weddings at the Renaissance Faire allow brides to live out fantasies of princesses and marrying their prince charmings, Hatch said.

Janina Markman, a third grade teacher, and Daniel Abrams, a police officer, both of Athens will exchange Scarborough Faire wedding vows on May 18.



A couple decides to have a renaissance wedding.

Markman said she loves the Renaissance era and that the Faire gives her a chance to become someone in another time and a chance to meet different people that share a passion for Renaissance festivals.

She said she has attended the Scarborough Faire the last several years and has sparked a Renaissance fire in her fiancée's heart. A Renaissance-theme wedding was the perfect wedding venue for the couple, she said. ■

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First powwow scholarship benefit brings native americans to MCC

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"Dance with us to be proud of who we are!"

So began the first Annual Shvonne Harvey Memorial Scholarship Benefit at the old Student Center on Jan. 25.

Eugene Blackbear Jr. invited about 150 people to come dance at the powwow, a colorful event featuring dancing and songs that are an "emotional" and "enlightening happening for everyone!"

This was MCC's first powwow, and proceeds went to establish scholarships.

Blackbear Jr. warmed up the crowd with jokes:

An Indian boy told his dad that he wanted go out with the village girls, but the father would always say "no" because the boy might have a few sisters running around the village that his mom didn't know about.

The disappointed boy, went to his mom and told her his dad would not let him go out with other girls because they might be his sisters.

His mother just shrugged her shoulders and said, "Don't worry about it, son. Your dad does not know that he wasn't the one you were conceived by."

Two special contests were held for men's and women's traditional clothing.

The powwow traditionally begins with a prayer, and Blackbear's offering dedicated the powwow to his late daughter.

The powwow prayer was followed with a Black Song, to memo-



Attendees danced around the sacred host drummers standing in the center.

rialize those who have died since the last gathering.

Attendees danced around the sacred host drummers standing in the center.

Laray Guerrero, Baylor University senior, said he's been doing this for 13 years, and "feels good when his drum group is hosting the event".

Guerrero has been involved in powwows since he was born.

"There's really no way out. I learned from my parents, and the old history and traditions from the elder people," he said.

Guerrero said he has never felt a loss of identity and never suffered from prejudice, but he said he has felt stereotyped.

Native Americans are often thought of as alcoholics and living off of welfare, he said.

Each tribe has its own particular

dances and traditions associated with those dances. Their dances have specific meanings.

"It does not bother me because it is ignorance", Guerrero said.

The dancers' regalia is elaborate: men wore bells around their ankles to provide more music for the dance. Their shoes were decked with colorful beads. The men also wore feathers, given as gifts as symbols of accomplishment. As men get older, they can amass a collection of them.

The men also wore a breastplate fashioned from porcupine quill or bone. Though once worn to provide protection in war, the dancers' breastplates were worn for decoration.

The men were crowned with ceremonial headdresses called Roaches. The Roach resembles a cap and is decorated with the feathers of such birds as hawks and owls, and some-

times horsehair.

Women's dress, on the other hand, is less elaborate, but still beautifully decorated.

Their colorful clothing consisted of ringed leather belts worn around their waist.

Women also wore a colorful breastplate made out of shiny beads and necklaces. Feathers were affixed to headbands or worn in their hair; some women had feathers attached to their hair that touched the floor. Beaded moccasins of thin leather completed their dress.

"Powwow dancers did not know they could make money by doing this, but when they did they upgraded their uniforms, made them more fancy and got wild and crazy with it," powwow dancer Richard Yellowbow said. ■

Madman wanted:

Performance lacked entertainment

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My wife Pipster and I went out to the theater the other night (I believe it was on the 27th) to see a faculty recital at MCC's BPAC theater. I went to write an article for the Highland Herald. Pipster went because she loves music. Scott Legraff would be singing that night, accompanied by Andrew Hudson with his wild, undulating "Shine"-esque quality to his piano performances. The night would be a Good Night.

We arrived a fashionable 15 minutes early to find the sweet spot in the PAC. A few rows in front of the murmuring brook and a bit stage left the acoustics are wonderful. We sat and looked over the night's program, and to our delight, we found a translation of all the German that would be sung that evening. Good fare in my book.

A few minutes fashionably late, LeGraff & Hudson took the stage. They were dressed to the gills and packed tight as sausage casings in their black formal wear. A very stiff bow and it's off we go.

Pipster and I both agree that LeGraff possesses a very fine vocal talent. I wish I could sing as beautifully when I serenade my wife while taking a shower. I'm sure Pipster would be grateful as well. Hudson's piano was superb also, although he seemed to be keeping his artistic spasms under check, much to my disappointment.

My one criticism of the performance, however, is that it lacked "performance". LeGraff stood motionless as a petrified stump while he sang, and only occasionally would he raise

his arms during a particularly poignant moment in the music, and then it was back to the stump position. I'm sure that this observation will raise the ire of the transfer music department in that it is accepted wisdom among classical musicians that they are to be appreciated for musical talent rather than stage presence. Perhaps this is true. However, a stiff, overly formal rendition of folk tunes concerning woodcutters and fairy-pixie detracts from the meaning of the work. The performance lacks entertainment value and, dare I say, becomes rather... boring.

Music, since the dawn of humanity, has had one primary purpose, and that is to entertain. Cavemen didn't rattle deer antlers together or beat on hollow logs to impress the intellectual elite. They did it to entertain themselves. (And I very seriously doubt that the first Neanderthal to give a concert, pounding turtle shells with his knuckles, stuffed himself into a tuxedo to do so.)

Musical performance of any kind, be it classical or popular, without entertainment value is the equivalent to paying a stripper to come to a bachelor(ette) party and give the boys/girls a one-hour lecture on the finer points of the female/male anatomy while he/she's fully clothed. How boring would that be?!

Has the world of classical music completely forgotten the lessons of Liberace and Paganini? Well, I say it's about time we dig out the ol' rhinestone jumpsuit and candelabra. And for goodness sake, Andrew Hudson, play like a madman again! ■

Police Report:

Car accidents keep campus officers busy

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With McLennan Community College entering a month since school started, mishaps have not slowed down around campus.

Six minor vehicle accidents were reported on and between Jan. 14 to Feb. 5.

However, students seem to have been a little more alert in recent weeks when driving around campus looking for parking spaces, Larry Radke, Campus police chief, said.

Three women reported their belongings stolen from lockers in the HPE Building.

One student said she left her backpack in a locker on Jan. 23. When she returned from class her backpack was missing. Police said it

was later found in the men's locker room.

Twenty dollars was missing. Police said no one has been questioned in connection with the incident.

Another victim told police she left her watch in an unlocked locker on Jan. 27. When she returned from class it had been taken, police said.

She never called campus police back, Radke said.

A woman said she left her purse in a locker Feb. 5, and when she returned from class, she noticed that her purse had been tampered with, and that her diamond ring was missing.

In the Learning Technology Center on Jan. 24, campus police investigated reports of a suspicious looking package sitting on top of a trashcan. Police determined that the

package was a copier toner cartridge box, which was left on top of the trashcan because it would not fit inside.

Two students were reported injured on campus.

A young man at the PAC cut his hand on a pocketknife while he was opening a box Jan. 27. The injury was not serious, officers said.

A woman fell down some stairs at the HPE building on Jan. 28. The woman suffered a sprained ankle, officers said.

Campus Police said they had to issue a criminal trespassing warning to a man that was walking around campus asking people for work and money.

Police said the man was warned that he would be arrested and taken to jail if he entered campus grounds again. ■

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who admired Roberson. One student said that Roberson was always available to assist and very interested in each student as an individual. "She inspired me to enter nursing and pursue my dream," Baker quoted from another student.

Pollard said the loss of Brenda Dobelbower and Janice Roberson is not only within MCC, but it is felt particularly in the health community.

They contributed to society, especially in making sure that their students would succeed in their health related careers.

They leave a legacy, as Stevens said about Dobelbower.

Stevens said that every time something is done in regard to health care that legacy is renewed.

Dennis Michells, President of MCC said that MCC will eventually employ people to fill Dobelbower and Roberson's positions, but their beautiful smiles, love for students, and the knowledge they had about MCC and its health related programs will never be replaced.

He said their influence on Health Careers and MCC will just simply always be there.

He closed by saying that MCC will move forward and continue to serve this community and its students, but it will be done because Dobelbower and Roberson were with us along the way and they did it so well. ■

'Silence' from Page 1

given their appointments to office this semester, they will not, in fact, take office until this upcoming Fall. At that time, current president Mears vowed that the democratic process would be restored. That is, of course, if there are no further attempts to centralize power among members of the SGA.

How do we, the unwashed masses, prevent such a travesty of political justice? Simple. We become informed. We must become involved in the democratic process that we hold so

dear. By 'involved', not only do I mean that we should vote in an election given the opportunity. Any half-witted fool can pick a name that sounds 'snazzy' from a ballot. True democracy involves a commitment to make one's opinions known to the government, even if it means...(Egad!)... attending meetings.

If our student government falls further into a totalitarian dictatorship, we have only our own apathy to blame. ■

'Dr King' from Page 1

problems get in the way. For the last letter e in the word knowledge he said, "be eager to learn."

For letters e and d in the word education he said, "be earnest and dedicated in what you're doing."

"Be cautious. Don't allow your education to make you forget about God," Mack said.

The letter a paved the way for Mack to say have the right attitude by not thinking you're better than others because of what you have.

Then the letter t fit in by Mack saying that God can take away what you have in a matter of seconds.

Mack's sermon ended with the last letter in education, n. "let nothing separate you from the love of God."

The scheduled solo performance by MCC student Ruth Ann Patterson was cancelled due to her absence.

The celebration ended with King's eulogy, read by Williams.

Williams organized the celebration and was congratulated by Talton and Alesha Vardeman, Director of Student Activities.

Williams said she was proud of the overall turnout of the celebration, and especially the diversity of students it attracted. ■

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Sports

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McLennan Community College

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The end is near Basketball nears end of season

Jorge Trujillo
Editor in Chief

Highlander basketball is approaching the end of the season and still Head Coach Kevin Gill said he remains hopeful at the men's chances for a playoff berth.

With a season record of 19-9 and 11-3 in conference, the 'Landers remain in a tight tie for second in conference play that will determine their opponent at the regional tournament.

Collin County currently leads the league at 11-2.

The 'Landers are tied with Temple CC, even though Temple's conference record is only 10-3.

Hill County, 8-5 in league play, remains in third.

In regionals, four teams advance, with first place in each bracket matched against fourth place teams.

The 'Landers hopes for a first-place take-over, took a surprise stumble with a 20-point drubbing

from Hill Feb. 9.

In MCC's handy win their first meeting with their northern neighbor and expected an easy repeat. Instead they lost 102-80.

The 'Landers' play one more game in the Highlands, where they enjoy an 11-0 record, on Feb. 22.

Only a single game will remain during the regular season.

"Even though we are tied for second I think we have a little advantage over Temple," Head Coach Gill said. ■

Season at a Glance

Navarro-87	*MCC-97
*Weatherford-83	MCC-92
Temple-122	*MCC-127
*Richland-78	MCC-84
*Navarro-111	MCC-78
Ranger-72	*MCC-95
*Cisco-60	MCC-71
Hill-88	*MCC-105
SW Christian-80	*MCC-107
Weatherford-96	*MCC-111
Sigona-76	*MCC-77
Cisco-70	*MCC-83

* - team hosted game

'Landers dehorn SW Christian

Courtney Griffin
Sports Editor

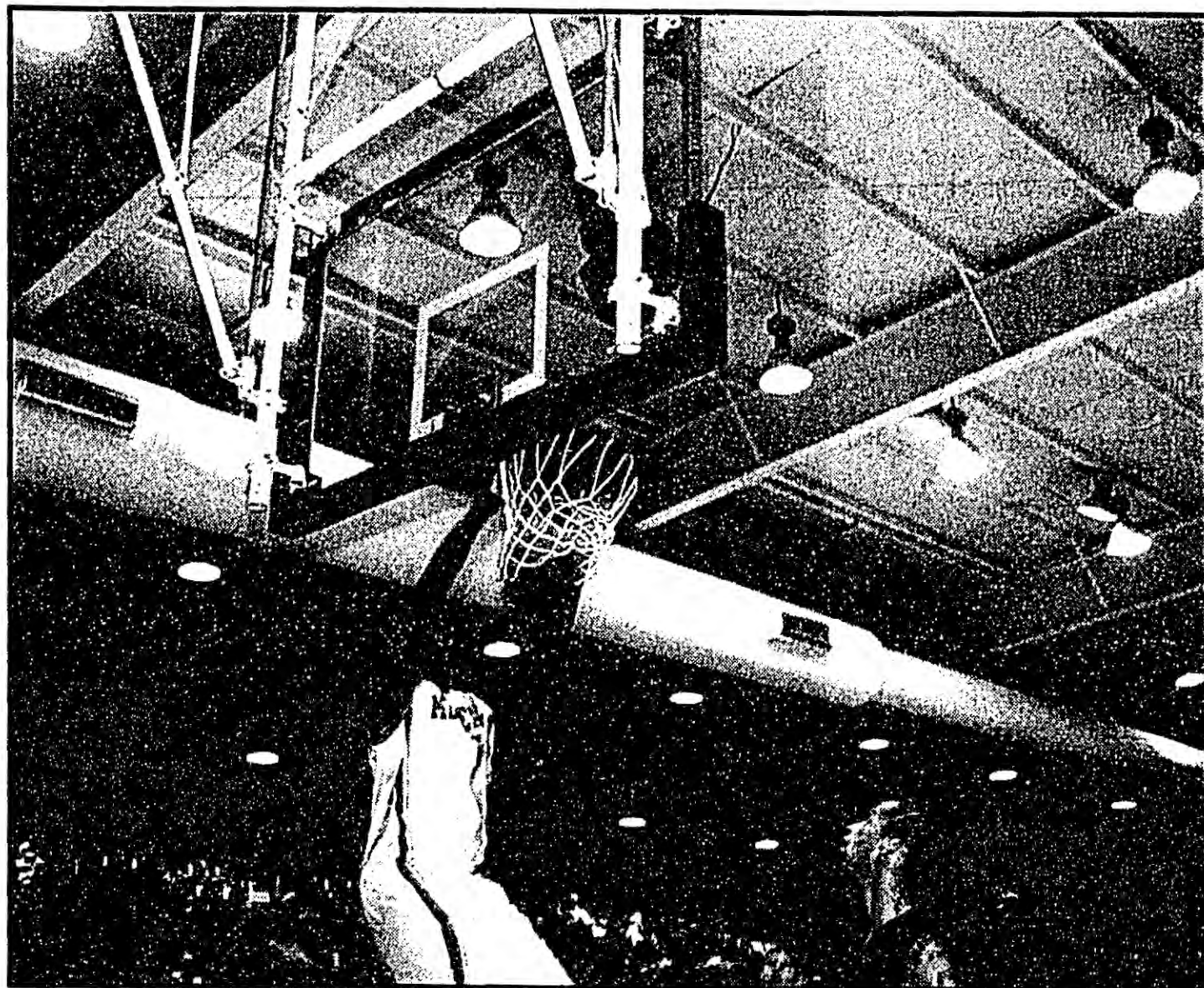
Saturday, January 25th the Highlanders defeated South West Christian by 27 points, the final score was 107-80.

"6'8" Freshman Center, Eric Dawson, from San Antonio, TX led the Highlanders with 25pts, 14rebounds, and 3 dunks. Within the last three minutes of the first half Dawson left the game with a slightly injured ankle. Dawson managed to overcome the injury to foul out with three minutes left in the second half.

Accompanying Dawson in high scoring was "6'6" Freshman Forward, Albert Vazquez also from San Antonio, TX averaging 17pts, 10rebounds, and 2assist.

Defensively pressing in the first half the Highlanders converted consecutive turnovers.

The press led to two fast breaks, giving "6'6" Sophomore Forward, Keith Simpson the opportunity to assist Eric Dawson in back to back dunks within the five minutes of the first half. Simpson contributed 15pts, 6rebounds, 6 assist, and 2dunks. ■



Digital image by Wes Stram

Eric Dawson slams third dunk against South West Christian

Correction

The staff of the Highland Herald would like to apologize for the error committed in last month's issue. In the Jan. 24 issue, we misidentified Mrs. Belinda Hudson as Teresa Lopez.



Wendell Hudson, Michael Jones, and Belinda Hudson

More than just a sport Baseball is a passion not a just a game

Kasia Redden
Staff Writer

"A hot dog at the ball park is better than steak at the Ritz."

So spoke... Humphrey Bogart. Perhaps he isn't a name you would normally associate with great baseball quotes, but that just goes to show the universal appeal of "America's pastime."

A love. A passion. The true harbinger of spring. Please, call it anything but a sport.

The start of a new season is like the start of an adolescent relationship. It has its ups and downs. There are precious periods of comfortable normality and jaw-dropping, seat-clenching moments of pure chaos. There are losses and triumphs. You know that, ultimately, it will come to an end. It has to, so that a few months later, when the peanut dust and crackerjack smoke have cleared, a new relationship can begin. But you love it, just the same.

To describe why I love baseball, I would need a lot more than this column. I love how strong and powerful The National Anthem sounds with the teams lined up on the foul lines. I love the sounds of a baseball hitting a bat or glove. I love

going to the ballpark and watching autograph-hungry little kids, who are some of the most diligent people in the nation, go running back to their parents and siblings waving souvenirs above their heads. Most of all, I love the thought that there are people who "work," doing something that they love.

There are many movies and books about the game and its players. Everyone from Robert Redford to Kevin Costner has tried to portray the game's greatest. Baseball is a personal sport. If you are a fan, you probably either love these movies, or you hate them. There really isn't an "in-between." There are a lot of great quotes that come from these movies though. I mean, what could be better than Tom Hanks yelling, "There's no crying in baseball!"

"Baseball has pressed on through some very tough times. It has survived through wars, when brave women stepped out of the norm and, amid criticism and controversy, they pushed a male-dominated sport through the war at home as the men fought overseas. Racism couldn't hold the sport back any longer when, on April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson stepped out onto Ebbets Field and became the first black man to play Major League Baseball in the

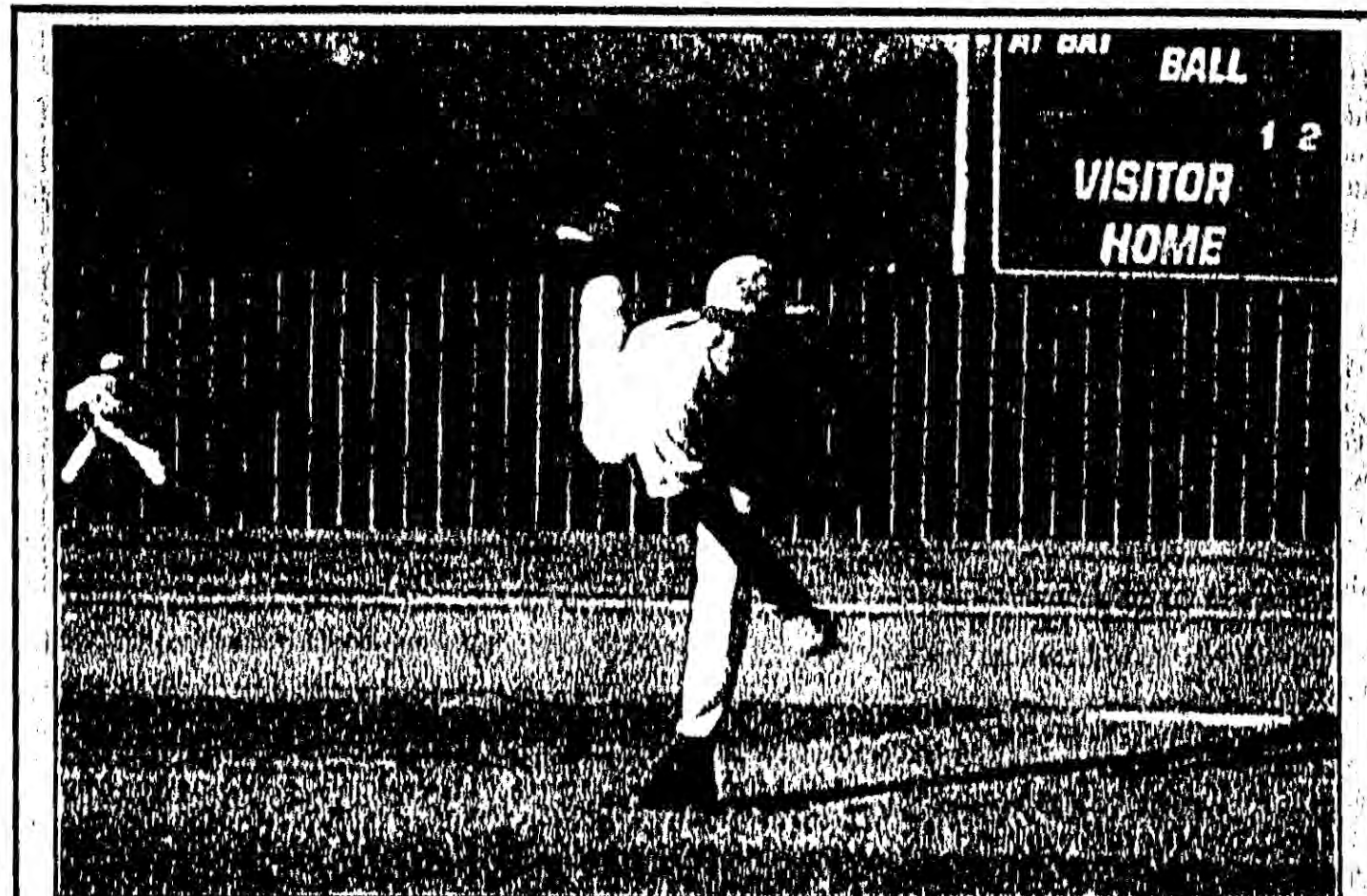
twentieth century.

During the past 20 years, people have begun to lose faith in the game and its players. I still love the sport, and I always will, but I long to go back in time. I wish that I could have been around when teams had to help the players find off-season jobs to support themselves. Maybe a lot of today's players need to go back there too.

I guess I say all that to say this. Baseball itself is a great sport. Like anything else, it has its flaws. There are players who ruin the spirit by whining about money and contracts, but for every one of those, there are handfuls of others who are fighting to make it up to the "big leagues" or just enjoying the chance to play Major League Baseball. There are, believe it or not, still people out there who still play because they love the game.

Remember that as this season approaches. Don't turn the game off because you don't like some of the players. Remember what it was like when you were in elementary school and these players were your heroes. Eventually, the sport will come around, just like it always has in the past.

Remember how "it reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again." To me, it's worth the wait.



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Freshman Cory Yarbrough pitches to North East at a game last month.

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Local artist to host CD release party at Pump Station

Stacy Gatlin
Staff Writer

Who would be willing to pay six dollars to go see a great band and get a free cd?

Local band Towne Adams is having a cd release party on March 21 at the Pump-station on Martin Luther King Blvd.

Tickets to the party will be available at the Pump-station or on the bands web site at www.towneadams.com.

Towne Adams, a native of Waco, has been writing, singing, and playing guitar since the age of thirteen.

He didn't start making money playing until about six years ago.

Adams released a self-titled debut album during the summer of '99, and his music can be heard on most radio stations.

Towne's music, which he writes himself, is life experience put to a rock n' roll beat.

One of his favorite songs that he has written is Beautiful Bar Fly.



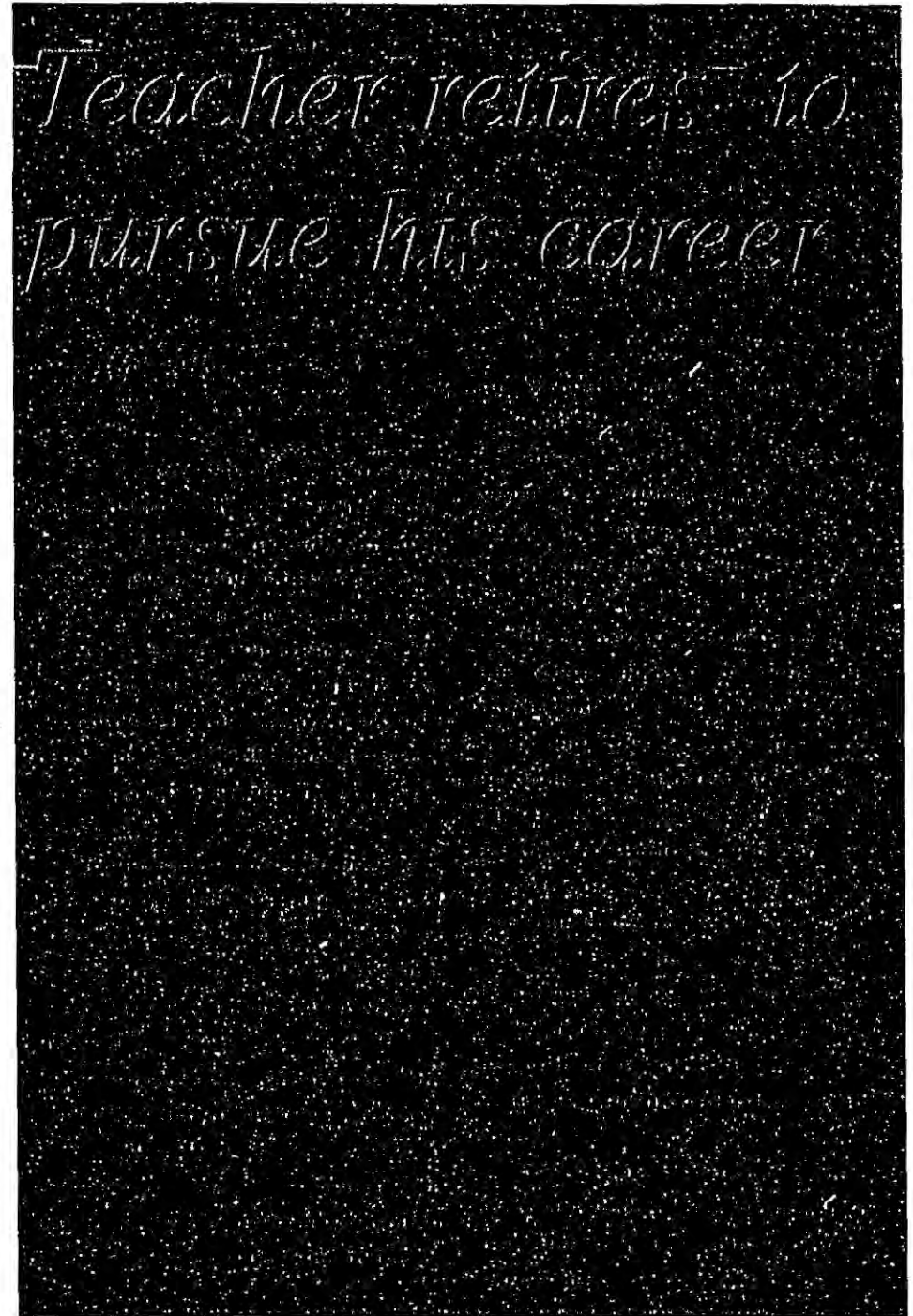
The performance that Towne gives is always great and fun as well as his music.

Kevin French, a booking agent from New York, NY said he is look-

ing forward to hearing Towne rock again.

Tori Wood, from Fat Ted's in Dallas said, that Towne Adams always rocks, and it is always a good time.

Towne Adams will take his music as far as he can and maybe one day even see his names up in lights somewhere. ■



New Playstation "Sims" port hits big

From the PC to Playstation, "The Sims" still hits big with old fans and gains new fans

Tyler Darby
Staff writer

Making the big jump from your computer monitor to your Playstation 2 comes "The Sims," the latest PC to console port.

The new Playstation version of "The Sims" adds a variety of new elements to the already popular game.

The game features all new character creation methods, including new faces and clothes that allow you to customize your character exactly as desired.

Like the PC version, you can build your dream home and furnish it with all the things that you can't buy in real life, which will make your lazy, slacker heart swell with pride.



The switch to analog-based gameplay, as opposed to mouse-controlled gameplay, may also provide easier control of characters and manipulation of items for some gamers.

The Playstation version of the

game also loads entire neighborhoods at once, allowing you to walk next door or around the block instead of staying at home or solely inviting people to your house.

Another feature found only in the

Playstation version of the game is two-player mode, where you can work together to build your house and fortune in split-screen mode.

You and the second player can be roommates, lovers, or worst enemies; it all depends on how you want to play.

Siblings or parents hogging the Playstation or TV? No problem. Save your characters on your Playstation memory card and head over to a friend's house, yet another bonus feature of the Playstation version.

Possibly the biggest feature of the new version, however, is the new level-based game system, letting you

to work your way from a nobody living with mother's house to top dog in your professional career.

One down side to the game is that the inability to use expansion packs, leaving you stuck buying a brand new game or living with what you have.

Either way, there is more than enough to do in the Sim world to keep you entertained for hours on end.

This game is perfect for anyone who is a fan of reality TV and dating game shows.

The Sims is the perfect way to replace the boring hours in your life with the exciting hours from someone else's. ■

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February 25th, 2003
Circus Gatti Performs
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February 28th, 2003
D & G Barrel Racing
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"Daredevil" delivers

"Daredevil" sates action-seekers' thirst

Chris Wang
Staff writer

Packed with action, adventure, and thrills, "Daredevil" delivers for action-seekers everywhere.

Featuring such stars as Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner, Michael Clark Duncan, and Colin Farrell, viewers can expect superb performances to compliment the explosive action of the film.

The film begins with young Matt Murdock (Affleck), who suffers a freak accident that renders him blind. As a result, he gains a sonar-like sense that produces images in his mind in reaction to any sound. The accident also enhances his sense of smell and agility, which is nearly superhuman.

After suffering the loss of his father, a boxer who refuses to throw a fight and is killed as a result, Murdock grows up to become a respectable, honest, morally-upright attorney in New York.

Meanwhile, he secretly prowls the crime-ridden streets of "Hell's Kitchen" as a vigilante named Daredevil, "the man without fear."

Daredevil Inter meets Elektra (Garner), a beautiful young woman that captures his heart. Together, Daredevil and Elektra must battle the notorious Kingpin (Duncan), ruler of New York's underworld, and his severely-unhinged assassin Bullseye (Farrell), whose



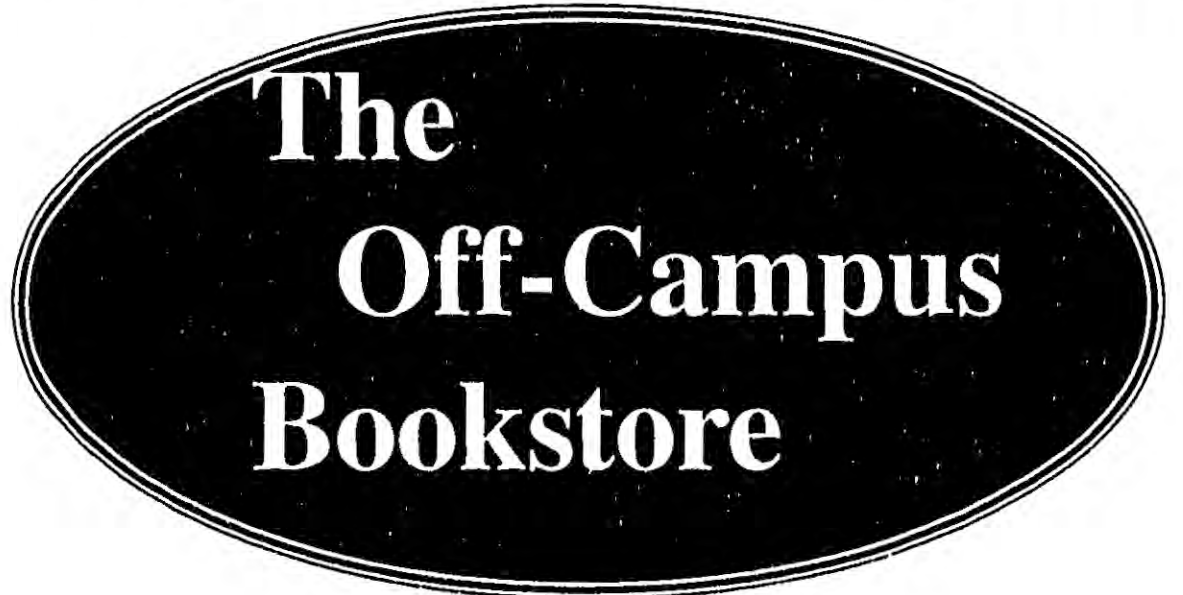
deadly accuracy rarely misses its target.

Of course, the movie wouldn't be complete without the hero and the heroine falling desperately in love with each other, which inevitably comes to play between Daredevil and Elektra.

Flight after brutal fight, Daredevil and Elektra fight their way through Bullseye and eventually to the final showdown with Kingpin.

All in all, "Daredevil" is a highly-recommended and anticipated film. With elements ranging from the stunning computer graphics, gripping action sequences, to the ensnaring plot brought to life by director Mark Steven Johnson (Crummy Old Men), "Daredevil" is definitely a movie that will leave audiences of all ages thoroughly satisfied. ■

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