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Change in progress around campus

Library adds computer programs, copy machines

By SHERRY W. EVANS

Don't put off a trip to the library for that class project any longer, new technology makes finding information about Texas, education or nursing as simple as pushing a few computer keys.

Texas News File and StatBank: Texas is a new computer program in the library that contains full text articles, from newspapers and wire services, and statistics from government documents. News stories are from the *Dallas Morning News*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Austin-American Statesman*, UPI, Reuter, Federal News Service and major newspapers across the country.

"Using newspapers outside of Texas gives a broader idea, more balanced coverage," Sharon Kenan, reference librarian, said. The program has been on display for several months and some articles are outdated, but Kenan said she expects an update for the news file and stat bank this week. Copies of articles from the Texas work station are 20 cents.

A new computer work station was added this semester with three programs valuable for students needing information on education, nursing students or students new to the library.

ERIC, Educational Resource Information Center, is a program which allows students to access citations for education documents and journal articles from the last 11 years. The actual document or article will not appear, only the information to find it. Kenan said the MCC library has some of the journals, but the Baylor library and Texas State Technical College library have the materials cited in ERIC.

CINAHL, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, gives citations for 10 years of nursing journals, publications from the American Nurses' Association and the National League for Nursing, and primary journals from 13 allied health disciplines. Kenan said CINAHL, like ERIC, lists only the citations and the MCC library has many of the sources listed.

Keenan developed a program that gives students specific instruction on book location and using the MCC Public Access Catalog. "Some students don't like to ask for help so this will allow



Photo by Brooks Whittington

TRACY TIDMORE USES the new microfiche machine installed in the Library this semester. Library hours for February are 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

them to figure it out themselves," Keenan said. "It only takes about three minutes and students can quit the program any time."

The MCC PAC, Public Access Catalog, was installed on 12 computers in the library last summer. It includes the Reader's Guide Index, Humanities Index and Social Sciences Index with citations from 1991 to the present. Like ERIC and CINAHL, PAC does not have the actual articles, only citations.

The citations listed in ERIC, CINAHL and PAC refer to articles on microfilm or microfiche. Two new copy machines with laser printers, one for microfilm and one for microfiche, were installed in December. "We had to get new machines because the paper is not made for the old ones any more," Kenan said. She added that copies on the new machines cost 20 cents, but students can make copies on the old, wet copy microfilm and microfiche machines for 10 cents until the paper runs out.

Renovations of buildings, elevators will 'make life easier for students'

By TRACIE LYNCH

Students will see some degree of improvement in almost every building on campus, thanks to a three-year, \$8 million renovation project.

Johnette McKown, vice president of business services, said that a new student facilities fee will pay for the majority of the renovations. McKown also said the priorities of the project are to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991, to conform to environmental regulations, to reduce the utility cost, and to make space on campus more usable.

"The whole renovation project has been centered around what we can do to make life easier for students," McKown said.

A multi-story gym

Workers are now involved in the largest part of the project, adding floors and thus multiplying floor space in the gym of the Community Services Center.

The ground floor will house mail service, central duplicating and storage space.

The first floor will be for the public information office, professional development, the "Title Three" technology lab, continuing education, a new student lounge, as well as classrooms and other offices.

The newly installed top floor will house the interpreter training program, a computer center, classrooms, and offices. The facility will cover 40,000 square feet. McKown expects this \$2.2 million portion of the project to be completed by late September.

Elevator work

In another phase of the renovation project, the construction crew will redesign the elevators in five buildings to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations.

The elevator in the Student Center is the first to be renovated. Dee Toombs, director of the physical plant, said workers need to replace the existing cab with a larger one to allow students in wheelchairs easier access to the elevator. Toombs expects construction to begin on Feb. 23 and end on May 22. Student Services will accommodate those who would need the elevator in the Student Center to reach their offices during construction.

In the future, workers will renovate elevators in the Administration/Classroom Building, the Applied Sciences Building, the Liberal Arts Building, and the Health Careers Building, Toombs said. The needed renovations include a new system of

emergency door controls. The system will consist of 40 electronic beams every two inches in the door frame which will fully reopen the door when an object crosses the beam.

The Science Building also will receive an elevator in the near future.

Trying not to inconvenience

McKown said that the college will make every necessary effort to prevent the renovations from inconveniencing students. Although noise has been the biggest problem, McKown said that she directs crews to make as little noise as possible before they begin working.

Work in other buildings

Renovations are also taking place in the Administration/Classroom Building. Construction crews are redesigning the ground floor, which will house the business office and personnel department. In addition, workers are repainting and replacing the tile on the second and third floors. McKown expects this portion of the renovation project to be completed by April 1.

McKown said that the Board of Trustees approved renaming the Administration Building. The building will be called the Student Services Building and will house student records, new student enrollment, financial aid, and testing. McKown expects this phase of the renovation project to begin April 1.

Work completed

Construction crews recently completed two phases of the renovation project. TU Electric installed underground electrical lines and one centralized meter at the Community Services Center. McKown says that this will help reduce utility costs. Also, the Lecture Hall recently received a face-lift. Workers replaced carpeting and tile.

McKown listed a number of projects in the \$8 million package that will begin in the near future. These projects include replacing the cooling tower and two old water chillers, reroofing the Fine Arts and the Applied Science Buildings, adding a loft in the scene shop of the Ball Performing Arts Center and replacing building signs to aid students in finding the buildings. McKown said she expects the majority of the projects to be completed by November 1995.

Student Services reorganization, page 2

Nine offices, classrooms relocated

By SUSIE JONES

Due to construction, nine offices and classrooms have been relocated.

Most of these offices will move again after construction is completed (see related story).

Offices of financial services are temporarily located in the Administration Building, and the reception counter is in the main hallway of that building.

The mail room is in the Physical Plant by the loading dock behind the building.

The copying room has been moved to the basement of the Library, and instructors may renew their copying cards at the switchboard on the third floor of the Administration/Classroom Building.

Professional developmental services are located in the Fine Arts Building.

Personnel services is located in the Conference Center located on the corner of Powell Drive and Mockingbird Lane.

The public information office is in a house located behind the Conference Center at 4315 Mockingbird Lane.

During the Christmas holidays, a science classroom was opened in the Community Service Center in room C-18.

Trustees accept \$220,392 construction bid, approve Administration building name change

By MELANIE GERIK

The Board of Trustees accepted a bid of \$220,392 for the construction of a parking lot and courtyard at the Community Services Center, and voted to rename the Administration building.

At its regular meeting held last month, the board accepted the bid from H & B Contractors Inc. over two other bids. Young Brothers Inc. submitted a bid for \$385,000, and Bobby Graham Construction bid \$228,850.

Architect Hal Stringer said the base bid for the courtyard and 54-space parking lot of \$177,392 is 7 percent higher than his firm estimated.

Construction of a fountain for the courtyard facing the main campus is included in the \$220,392 cost. Jesse Sawyer, executive director of the MCC Foundation, said at the meeting approximately \$35,000 of the \$43,000 needed for the fountain

has been raised privately through donations. Sawyer said Foundation is continuing to receive donations, and faculty members recently were contacted to participate in this process.

The remaining \$177,392 will be funded through public bonds.

Dwayne Ordner, surveyor and engineer for H & B Contractors, said construction on the courtyard and parking lot is in progress, with a completion date scheduled for July 1.

The trustees also voted unanimously to rename the Administration building as the Student Services building. "The name does accurately describe what will happen in that building," President Dennis Michaelis said.

Many student services, such as financial aid, will move into the building. Other services already located there include the business office and the registrar's office.

Nancy LeMay, public information director, said that signs designating the name change should be in place by April, after the trustees vote on funding for the signs in February. She also said that the summer course schedule will indicate the name change.

In other business, the board approved the hiring of Laveda Hardy Page as business consultant/procurement specialist in the Small Business Development Center and Leslie Ray Bessellie as a personal computer/software specialist in the computer services department.

Marilyn Kelly presented the board with a brief history of the research into the Tartan Honors Program, and presented the names of the 14 students out of 75 applicants selected for the pilot program this spring. (See related story, page 2.)

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Feb. 21.

Countdown to Homecoming

Feb. 8

Homecoming Queen nominations from campus organizations or by petition (minimum of 25 names on petition) due today in the student activities office in the Student Center.

Feb. 10 - 11

Homecoming Queen election Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Game Room of the Student Center.

Feb. 16

T.I.G.R.E.S.S. Gospel group will warm up the campus with music at 10:10 a.m. in the Student Center.

Feb. 17

The Homecoming bonfire will be held Thursday of next week at 7 p.m. (weather permitting) at the intramural field. The Dance Company will perform and the Game Room Club will be selling hotdogs and drinks at the bonfire.

Feb. 19

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime of the 8 p.m. Homecoming basketball game with Grayson in the Highlands. The nominees will be introduced during the ceremony.

Five new members elected to Student Government; nine students cast votes

The Student Government swore in four new members Monday morning following an election Thursday and Friday that saw nine students cast votes.

The new representatives are Nita Alexander, Leo Beavers, Carol Molter and Shirley Weeks. Susan Hurley was elected, but did not attend Monday.

Their election brings the total number in Student Government to 16 — 10 representatives and six officers. As many as 20 representatives could have been elected this spring, but only the five became candidates. Five representatives remained in office from the fall semester.

One of the main projects at this spring will be its campaign to

become the president school in the Texas Junior College Student Government Association.

MCC now serves as the vice president school of TJCSGA, and it will be running hard for the top office at that organization's convention in Dallas March 4-6.

The Student Government meets each Monday at 10:10 a.m. in the faculty-staff dining room in the Student Center. Any student, faculty or staff member is invited to attend these meetings.

SG officers include Jonny Noff, president; Sandra Gutierrez, vice president; Shalonda Williams, secretary; Joanna Roatockyj, treasurer; Todd Sims, historian; and Amy Clark, parliamentarian.

Enrollment down, but second highest in Cen-Tex area

By HEATHER ELLIS

Preliminary counts indicate that spring semester enrollment is down compared to the fall.

Last semester, 5,832 students registered compared to 5,551 this semester.

Compared to other two-year colleges in the Central Texas area, MCC ranks second to Central Texas College in head count figures.

CTC had a record-breaking enrollment this semester with 10,100 students registering compared to 9,300 students that enrolled for the fall semester. Much of CTC's enrollment is stationed at Fort Hood.

Temple Junior College also had an increase in enrollment with 2,550 students registering compared to last semester's 2,431 students.

Hill Junior College had 1,870 students enrolled for the spring semester. That figure is expected to increase due to late registration.

At MCC in recent years, females have outnumbered males almost 2-to-1, but that figure is leveling with 3,248 women and 1,916 men this semester, Karon Clark, assistant registrar, said.

The median age of MCC students has increased from 27 to 28 years of age.

NEWS BRIEFS

Two classes for businesses tonight

Two classes to help small, disadvantaged and home-based businesses will be held by the Small Business Resource Center tonight.

In "Introduction to Government Contracting," participants will learn how to raise profits by working with the government and will discover a new service that will guide them through red tape. The class will be held today, Feb. 8, at the Community Service Center from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

In "Starting a Home-Based Business," participants will learn how to develop their business plan, financing alternatives, record-keeping and legal structure. This is the second part of a two part class, but those interested may still attend if they missed the first class. This class also will be held today, Feb. 8, at the CSC from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.

Interclub Council meets Wednesday

The Interclub Council will meet Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in the faculty/staff dining room in the Student Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Club representatives should plan to attend.

Student Government selling carnations

The Student Government is planning to sell carnations for Monday, Valentine's Day. The carnations will be wrapped in green paper and sold for \$1.25. The Game Room Club is selling candy-grams. Also, Sandy Hinton, Health and physical education instructor, is planning to teach an instructional line dance on Valentine's Day. This will take place at 10 a.m. in the Student Center.

Sports reporter to visit Press Club

Jerry Hill, reporter of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, will be guest speaker at Press Club on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 10:10 a.m. in room C-16 of the Community Services Center. Hill, who often covers MCC sports, will talk about news gathering and writing techniques and how to get into the sports field in journalism. Last week Learie Austin, publisher of the *Christian Banner* and *The Brazos News*, and a copy editor at the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, told of his experiences in getting the first issue of the *Brazos News* off the press. A week earlier, Ray Eller, general manager of KCKR Radio, gave Press Club members some insight on the radio business. Any interested student or faculty members is invited to the Press Club meetings. Call Tom Buckner, ext. 517, for more details.

Late fees required for TASP

Students who wish to register for the upcoming TASP test must pay late fees. Those who register between today and Feb. 16 will pay a \$20 late fee in addition to the original \$26 registration fee. Any student who registers between Feb. 17 and the Feb. 23 deadline will pay the original \$26 fee, plus a \$39 emergency registration fee. The test will be Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 a.m. Students can pick up a registration bulletin at the admissions office.

HIV/AIDS workshop tonight

The HIV/AIDS Services of Waco-McLennan County Public Health District is offering a free HIV/AIDS workshop tonight, Feb. 8, at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. The workshop is the second and final of a series intended to educate the public and train volunteers. Tonight's program will be held in the Pace Auditorium from 5:30 until 8 p.m. and will focus on psychosocial issues, services of the health district and local agencies and volunteer opportunities. For more information on the workshop or volunteer opportunities, contact Helen Browder, HIV/AIDS Services, at 750-5499.

Flute recital next week

Michell Patterson, a flutist, will be performing in the PAC Theater Feb. 18 at 10:10 a.m. She will be accompanied by Dr. Ruth Pitts. Patterson will be playing Robert Cavalry's arrangement of Armand Bournonville's "Danse Pour Katie." Patterson has been playing the flute for eight years.

Former MCC stars doing well

Two former MCC basketball stars were in the news last week. Vinnie Johnson became only the third person to have his jersey retired by the Detroit Pistons, and Truesdale is helping the defending national champion Texas Tech women's basketball team toward work toward another conference championship. Truesdale, mother of a young child, had been absent from the collegiate playing court for two years. But now she has earned a starting position with the Tech team. Johnson, regarded as one of the top players to ever come off a bench in professional ball, is still extremely popular in Detroit two years into retirement.

Journalism courses this summer

Two journalism courses will be offered for the first time in the summer, both during the first session. "Introduction to Mass Communication," which has been popular as a humanities transfer course, will cover such mass media as television, radio, newspapers, magazines and the movie industry as well as the advertising and public relations industries. It will explore the relationship between press and government, media law and ethics, and how mass communications affects society. In addition to communications majors, students in the fields of law enforcement, political science, fine arts, business and health careers have found the course useful, according to instructor Tom Buckner. The other course to be offered is "Practicum in Electronic Media," an intern program for students to work at radio and television stations or recording studios.

Hippodrome musical about art

"Sunday in the Park with George," a musical about the making of art, then and now, inspired by the impressionist painter George Seurat will be performed Friday at 8 p.m. at the Hippodrome. Tickets cost \$12-\$17. In conjunction with the performance, the Art Center at MCC presented a program on "Seuss and Seurat" last Sunday afternoon. On Feb. 13 the Waco Jazz Orchestra will be performing a special Valentine's concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and tickets are \$3. On Feb. 18 "Tattorhood," a story about an unconventional princess who rides from adventure to adventure on her goat, will be showing at 9 and 11 a.m., and again at 1 p.m. This program is recommended for children grades K-8. Tickets are \$3. The Hippodrome is located at 724 Austin Ave. at Eighth and is open Monday-Friday at 1:30-5:30 p.m. and 1 1/2 hours prior to showtime. For information, call 752-0797.



CARRIE WENZEL and other Tartan Scholars listen at their colloquium. The 14 scholars meet on Friday afternoons.

Speech team places second in Houston tournament

By ELISHA NIEMEYER

The speech team was recently awarded second place overall at the swing tournament held at St. Thomas University in Houston.

The tournament consisted of two individual meets in one weekend.

MCC competed against Bradley University of Illinois, the No. 1 forensic team in the nation, and 12 other four year universities. Only one other junior college was represented at the tournament.

MCC placed second to Bradley, while having only one-third of their entries.

"We beat Bradley at several events," speech coach Linda Dulin said. "They are recruiting

a lot of students from MCC because most of them are sophomores."

At the tournament, MCC was competing against a former teammate, Bridget Sharp, who is now on scholarship at Bradley.

This semester the speech team will continue to prepare for qualifying tournaments. First the team will travel to Southwest Texas and then on to St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

In March, the team will be traveling to Florida to compete in the Phi Rho Pi Nationals, and in April they will be competing in the American Forensic Association Nationals (AFA) in Kansas.

Student's essay wins third in nationwide contest

By JENNIFER BEUSSE

John Henning is now a richer man — richer in experience and in monetary value.

An essay he wrote in class last semester was turned in by his instructor, Paul Beran, to a nationwide contest sponsored by Towns Publishers. The essay placed third and Henning was awarded \$500.

Henning, a graduate of Hillsboro High School, said the essay was about "Taking control of my life." Although he has yet to receive the money, he said it will go towards his school expenses. Henning's major is parks and wildlife, and he plans to transfer to a university some time in the future.



Like an interwoven tartan

New scholars program has diverse blend

By RACHEL SIMONETTE

The Tartan Scholars is a pilot honors program that is the first of its kind in the college's 27-year history.

The 14 Tartan Scholars are students who were chosen after an intensive application process, through which the applicants submitted portfolios of their achievements.

Students chosen are Sheila Albritton, Juanita Alexander, Gail Brown, Aura Hope Clark, Gwen Daugherty, Cleveland Freeman and Bill Fox. Also, Kevin Moore, Roman Morales, Raelene Ott, Melanie Shelton, Carrie Wenzel, Merie Witt and Jennifer Wright.

"These students selected as the first Tartan Scholars were chosen from 75 absolutely outstanding applicants for the program," President Dennis Michaelis said. Michaelis was a member of the Selection Committee.

The chosen students have abilities in many areas. The students are a "rich and diverse group that includes older students, veterans, artists, musicians and more," Michaelis said.

Through a series of different colloquia, or seminars, scholars will be educated to help them become more well-rounded individuals so they can give back to others, speech instructor Marilyn Kelly said. This semester that colloquium is a three-hour course, "Critical Thinking," taught by Dann Walker.

The Tartan Scholars program looks at the "whole person," Kelly said. It focuses on the abilities of the individual and tries to "eliminate road blocks," she said.

The scholars have mentors to help them in their particular major or areas of interest. These mentors are volunteer instructors who will help the students make connections in the community.

In addition, the scholars received scholarships for tuition, fees and books and also will have all expenses paid for a two-day mini-tour that will include ac-

tivities involving sporting events, fine arts, science and careers.

The Tartan Scholars is a program unique to us, Kelly said. The program was developed under countless hours and dedication of the selection, design and curriculum committees. These committees are responsible for deciding on every aspect of the scholars program, Kelly said.

The Design Committee includes Chairperson Kelly, Carol Lowe, Bill Howard, Faith Kopplin and Deborah Garrett. They did considerable research to create the design and philosophy of the program. Johnette McKown heads the Selection Committee and Mel Hood leads the Curriculum Committee.

To coincide with the uniqueness of the program and the diversity of the scholars, the word "tartan" was chosen for the name. Tartan is a patchwork that interweaves different threads and colors into one complete piece of fabric. This name was chosen because the program takes students and combines their diversities and different ethnic backgrounds and "weaves" them into one group, Kelly said.

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Dennis Michaelis said.

Student Services reorganizes into three different departments

By ANNETTE BANKS

In an effort to help students, the college is reorganizing student services into three departments.

"The student services divisions are providing a comprehensive range of services and programs to assist individuals in meeting their diversified needs and in achieving their goals," said Deborah Garrett, vice president of student services.

This reorganization started a year ago when Garrett, faculty members and students took a look at trends and population growth to see what needed to be changed to meet the needs of the students. They came up with a need for three departments.

Enrollment services will facilitate student access to the college. This service has three parts:

1. Student Admissions for recruiting students, providing information and assisting their transition into college.
2. Student Records which conducts registration and maintain

permanent student records of academic progress for both credit and non-credit students.

3. The Upward Bound program which assists disadvantaged high school students to complete high school and pursue a post-secondary education.

Another new department is student financial services which will provide the necessary financial support to allow students to achieve their educational goals.

The third department, student success services, will provide programs and services to develop and enhance skills necessary for student success. Student success helps with career plans, goals and aiding students in the development of skills for effective performance in a learning environment.

Changes are expected to go into effect Sept. 1. "We expect to make sure that the programs that we have are helping the students," Garrett said.

EDITORIALS

Class breaks need more time

Students need more time between classes. If you've ever tried to get from the Community Service Center to the Liberal Arts building in 10 minutes on foot, you find that more time is greatly needed. Even with the help of the new sidewalks, the approximate time of walking briskly from the CSC to the LA is 9 minutes and 37 seconds. With a load of books and bad weather, it takes even longer — a lot longer.

This situation is becoming a growing problem. Teachers in the CSC have concerns about their students coming in late and asking to leave early to get to their next class. The CSC has great potential for classroom purposes and teachers in the CSC should not have to cut short their teaching period because of scheduling problems.

The shuttle service has helped out a great deal, but it cannot get all the students on campus to the appropriate building in the 10 minute break between classes. Increased shuttle service might help to correct the problem, but the most reasonable solution is to increase the time between classes to at least 15 minutes.

The purpose of MCC is to prepare us for the workplace. Promptness is essential to keeping a job. When students are late getting to class because of short breaks and long distances, this educational goal is being defeated.

Change the break time between classes to at least 15 minutes.

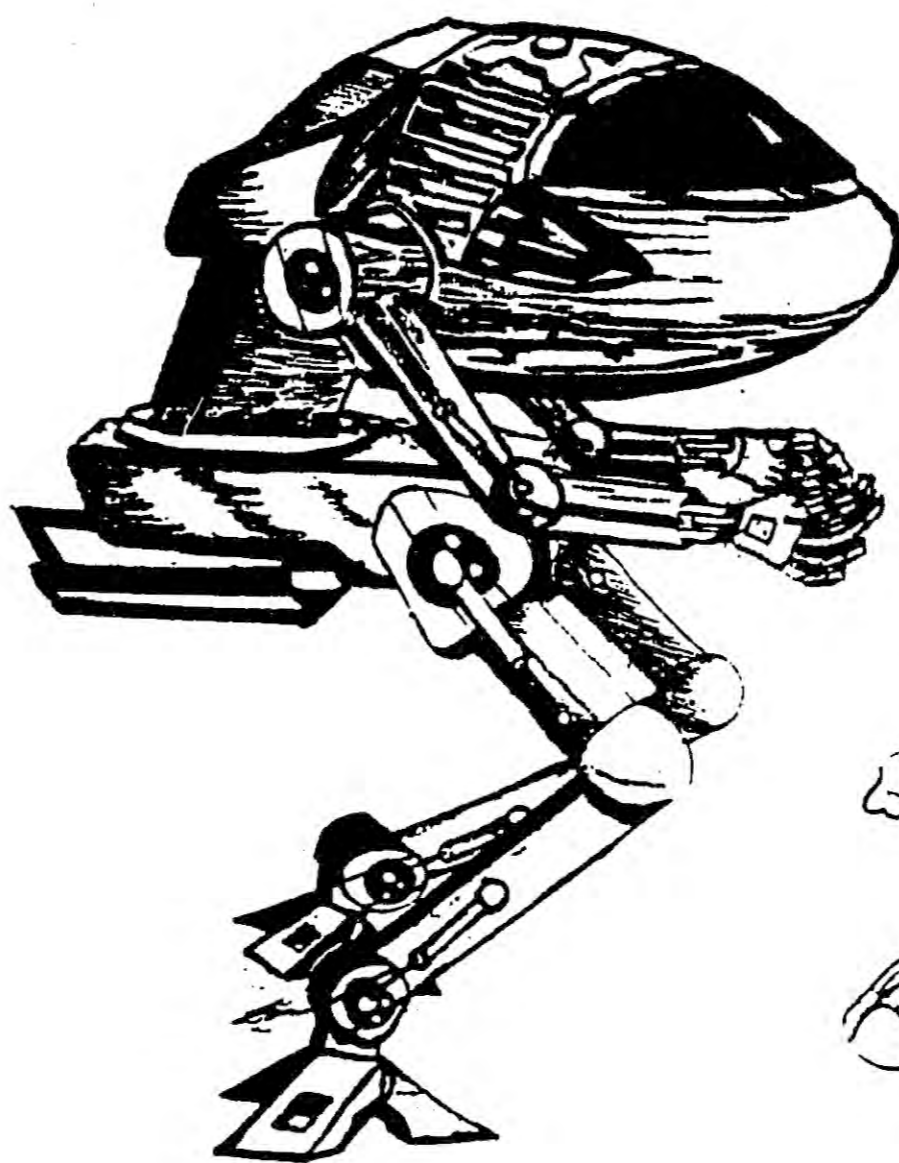
Successful athletic programs

The Highlanders men's basketball team is once again having an outstanding year. The team is currently ranked 17th nationally with a 22-1 record. As the team nears its fourth conference championship in five years, they continue to exemplify the winning tradition shared by all athletic programs here.

In conference play, the women's basketball team has a winning record so far this season.

The men's tennis team won the national championship last year while the women finished third nationally. The golf team is currently nationally ranked and the baseball team has won five straight conference championships.

Successful athletic programs enrich the college experience and make it more enjoyable. Students should feel proud knowing MCC has one of the strongest athletic programs in the country.



By DEREK KNOWLTON

Modern babysitter? (This is not illustrative of MCC's child care students!)



By MELANIE GERIK
Editor-in-chief

Dealing with Healthy Richard

FROM the READERS

College: Life after high school

At first, college presents many problems of adjustment. Getting used to the kinds of professors is the biggest challenge, I found. Second is the timing of classes and getting there on time.

For example, if you have a class at 9 a.m., it is really hard to find a parking place because everybody else has a class at 8 a.m., so all the good parking places are gone! Finally you find one. Then you are late for your first class because you were looking for a parking place. Everybody just stares at you for no reason at all.

Now you just think things can't get any worse. But they do! The instructor gives you 30 pages of homework in a book that you haven't bought yet! It is due the next day. Then you get to your next instructor—after 10 minutes you realize that this one is talking to you as if you are in kindergarten. Finally you get the instructor from Hell! This is the one that goes by the book on every little detail, grades hard and never forgets anything. Of course you'll never forget the instructor either!

The first day of college is always the worst day. Take it from me—I've been there.

Teresa Stern

We want to hear
from YOU!

Write a letter to the editor

I finally decided to do it.

After watching that little man with the big hair drive around the country to congratulate many of his customers on their weight losses, I finally gave in and bought his diet product.

If they can do it, why can't I, I thought. So now I'm living my life following the gospel according to Richard Simmons.

I'm hoping one day, after I lose my goal of 50 pounds, that Richard, dressed in his tank top and shorts, will knock on my door and yell, "Melanie! Congratulations! You did it!"

But until that day, I am fighting the fat and calorie war every day, armed with my color-coded cards telling me what foods I can and cannot eat.

For the first week, which ended Sunday, I could eat 1,000 calories a day. My guess is that amount is less than half of the calories I used to eat a day only two weeks ago. Richard let me have the following cards in my wallet:

- 3 red cards for 3 servings of protein;

- 3 yellow cards for fats;
- 3 green cards for vegetables;
- 3 brown cards for starches;
- 2 pink cards for fruits;
- 2 blue cards for dairy products;

- 1 gray, or joker, card for such wonderful treats as 1 dill pickle;
- and finally, 1 purple card for freebies.

Before I started the diet, I ate most — no, all — my lunches at the restaurants around campus, with a special place in my heart for Italian food and foot-long sandwiches. But for me to have six slices of pizza, I would use my fat cards up for two days.

But so far, it's been easy to eliminate the fat. I bought reduced fat cheese, skim milk, fat-free mayonnaise and any other fat-free product I found at 10 p.m. at the grocery store the night before I started my diet. I can keep those precious yellow fat cards and spend them on something delicious—but what's delicious on a diet?

However, I have had a hard time cutting back on the starches.

Last week, I had to choose between eating a bowl of cereal for breakfast or four crackers for lunch. Even though I love cereal, I chose the crackers because I had to eat my low-fat cheese at lunch, and it tastes like spoiled milk if eaten alone. (I said I was saving my fat cards, not satisfying my taste buds. I know Richard isn't trying to starve me, but I don't like many of the things on the fat card, such as one thin slice of bacon, crisply cooked.)

Saving my fruit cards also has been a challenge. I can chug-a-lug orange juice the way some people chug-a-lug beer. Every time I open the refrigerator, a 96-ounce container of orange juice calls my name. (Richard would probably tell me that it's my own fault, but it was a much better deal than the puny 48-ounce container.) For breakfast, I can drink only one third of a cup of it. I've had a hard time finding a glass in my kitchen that actually makes that drop of orange juice seem like a 2-liter bottle of Sprite, my favorite soda water, which I also can't drink.

The freebies include lettuce, alfalfa sprouts, mustard, ketchup, and other assorted goodies such as raw spinach. I want to lose weight, not turn into Popeye. But Richard says to make a "freebie salad" out of these vegetables if you get hungry.

Richard also says to drink water to ease your hunger pains and cravings, because they should go away in about 10 minutes. They do go away for a few seconds, but of course they're replaced by new, stronger pains.

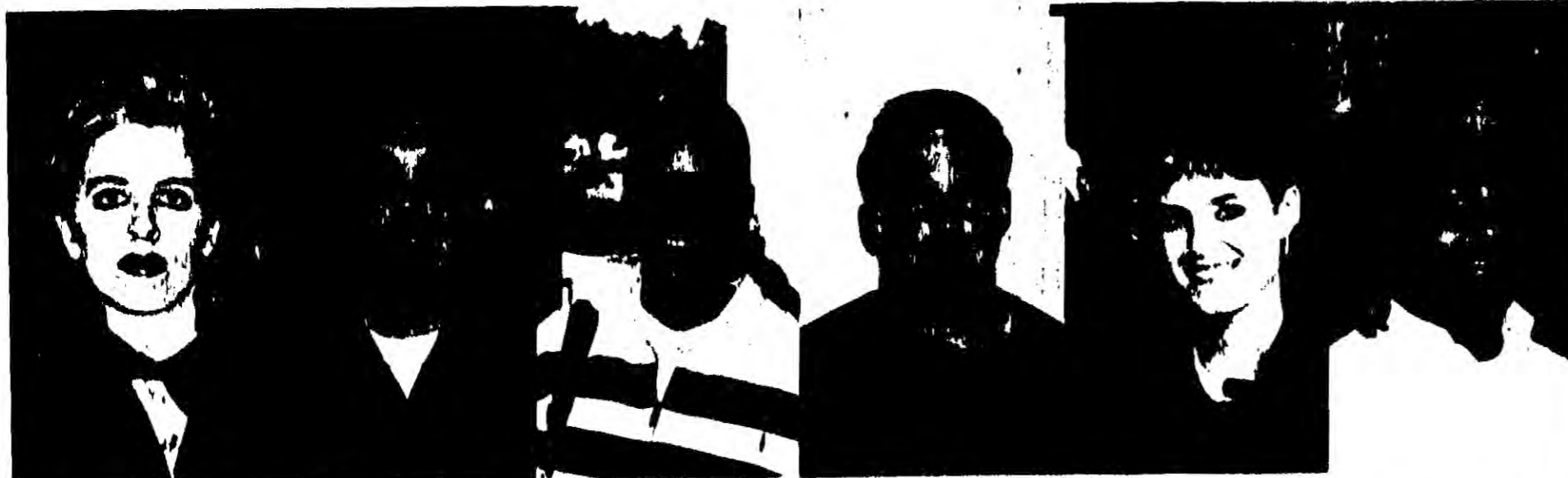
Yesterday I started the second phase of my diet. I can now eat the earth-shattering total of 1400 calories a day. With this new freedom, I might stray from the battle and lay down my cards.

But of course Richard won't let me. He made me sign a contract binding me to my diet.

And when I fulfill my agreement, he will still be there, encouraging me to keep those pounds off.

THE HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

What does Valentine's Day mean to you?



Paula Hamilton
business administration major

"Valentine's Day is a time to get together with someone that you care about."

Lance Morelock
physical therapy major

"Valentine's Day is a time for romance and spending money!"

Stephanie Storer
physical education major

"Valentine's Day is special to me because I get to spend time with my boyfriend who lives out-of-town, and it is also our 10 month anniversary."

James Ellis
physical therapy major

Valentine's Day is a time to share with someone special."

Brandt Kastling
criminal justice major

"Valentine's Day is special to me because you get to spend time with someone you love, it also reminds you of why you love them."

Amal Jayasekera
international business major

"I don't celebrate Valentine's Day in my country of Sri Lanka, but I am going to celebrate here in Texas! I'm going to spend Valentine's Day with my girlfriend."

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Basketball team wins 18 straight; baseballers off to a winning start

Team blasts 45 hits in four games

High-powered hitting and at times stingy pitching brought success to the baseball team as it collected three wins and a tie going into its home opener here Friday against Collin County.

The Highlanders traveled to Brenham over the weekend to beat Tyler 8-5, Blinn 10-1, Eastfield 13-4 and to tie Navarro 8-8 in a game called under a time schedule.

The opener here Friday will also be the first conference game for the Highlanders who have made it a habit of winning league championships.

Chad Tidwell, the winning pitcher against Blinn with nine strikeouts in five innings, will be on the mound Friday against Collin County.

The same teams will square off in a double-header Saturday. Coach Paul Miller said he plans to use left-hander Steve Ortiz to pitch the first game and probably right-hander Brian Tickell in the second contest.

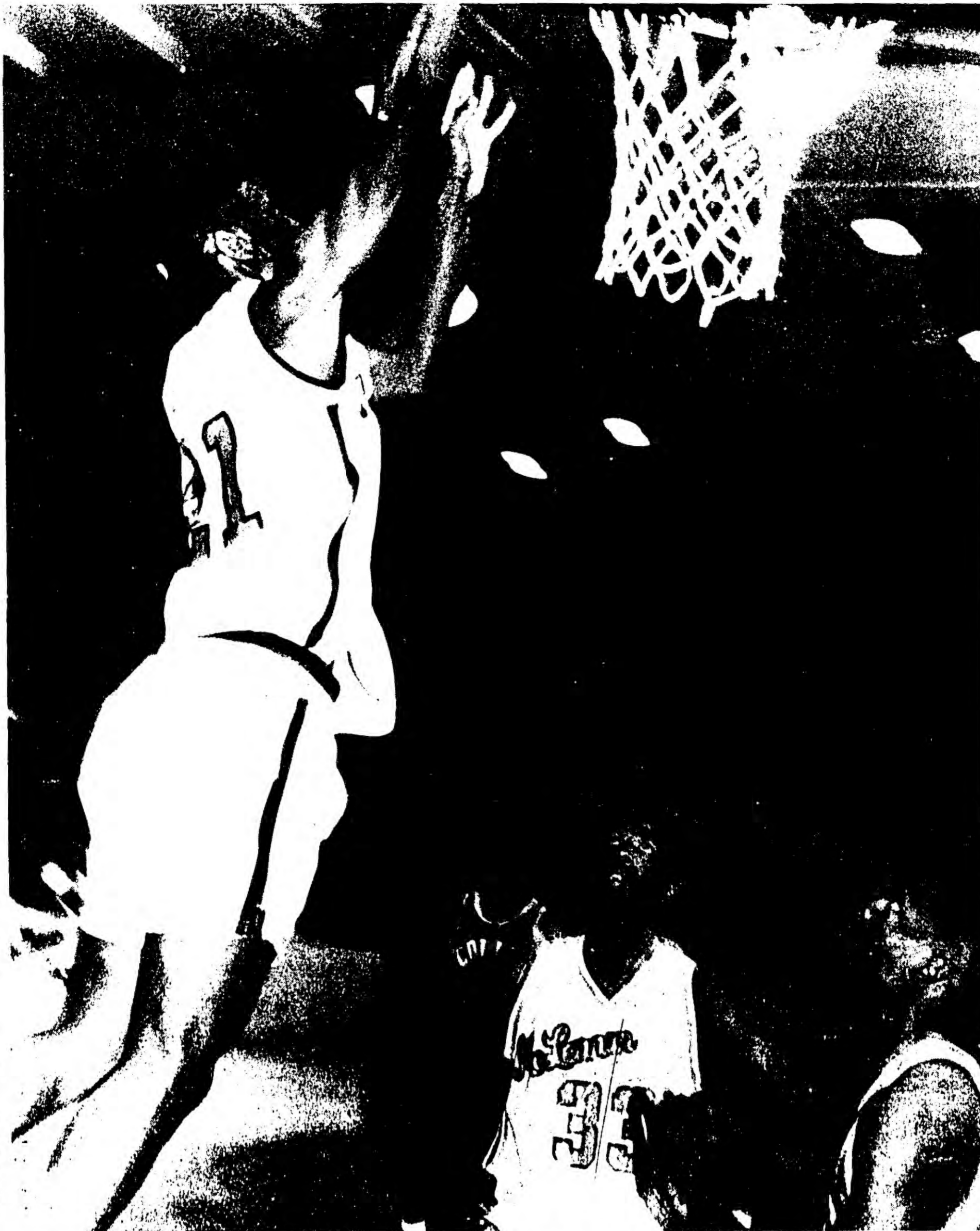
Both pitchers saw action in the Blinn tournament. Ortiz struck out 10 in working five innings in the Tyler game, and Tickell pitched in the Navarro game.

It's offense that has MCC coaches smiling, however, with 39 runs from 45 hits in four games. The team is hitting at a .385 clip.

Individually Ortiz, who plays first base or as designated hitter when he isn't pitching, has 10 runs batted in and a homerun with a .583 average. Outfielder Keith Knorr is close behind with .500, and second baseman David Johnson has a .462 average and seven hits.

Next week the Highlanders will have another shot at Navarro with a doubleheader in Corsicana. Then they will be out of town in Ranger for a three-game series Feb. 18-19 before returning home to play Navarro twice on Feb. 22 and Cooke County in a three game series Feb. 25-26.

- Feb. 11 — Collin County, here, 2 p.m.
 - Feb. 12 — Collin County, here, 1 p.m.
 - Feb. 15 — Navarro, there, 1 p.m.
 - Feb. 18 — Ranger, there, 2 p.m.
 - Feb. 19 — Ranger, there, 1 p.m.
 - Feb. 22 — Navarro, here, 1 p.m.
 - Feb. 25 — Cooke County, here, 2 p.m.
 - Feb. 26 — Cooke County, here, 1 p.m.
 - March 4 — Brookhaven, there, 2 p.m.
 - March 5 — Brookhaven, there, 1 p.m.
 - March 8 — Odessa, there, 1 p.m.
 - March 9 — Odessa, there, 2 p.m.
 - March 11 — Hill, here, 2 p.m.
 - March 12 — Hill, here, 1 p.m.
 - March 18 — Vernon, there, 1 p.m.
 - March 19 — Vernon, there, noon.
 - March 22 — San Jacinto, there, 1 p.m.
 - March 26 — Blinn, here, 1 p.m.
 - April 1 — Collin County, there, 2 p.m.
 - April 2 — Collin County, there, 1 p.m.
 - April 8 — Ranger, here, 2 p.m.
 - April 9 — Ranger, here, 1 p.m.
 - April 12 — San Jacinto, here, 1 p.m.
 - April 15 — Cooke Co., there, 2 p.m.
 - April 16 — Cooke Co., there, 1 p.m.
 - April 19 — Blinn, there, 2 p.m.
 - April 22 — Brookhaven, here, 2 p.m.
 - April 23 — Brookhaven, here, 1 p.m.
 - April 26 — Northlake, there, 2 p.m.
 - April 29 — Hill, there, 2 p.m.
 - April 30 — Hill, there, 1 p.m.
 - May 6 — Vernon, here, 1 p.m.
 - May 7 — Vernon, here, noon.
- State Junior College Tournament, Stephenville, to be announced.



HIGH RISE — Jermaine Frazier files past the rim to tip in a rebound against Collin County Community College here Jan. 31. Waiting for the rebound that never came is Cornelius Sweet. The Highlanders, showing tremendous scoring balance, are averaging almost 100 points in their drive toward another conference crown.

Highlassies face crucial games in race for regional tournament

The women's basketball team has been riding a roller coaster of wins and losses as it fights for a place in the regional basketball playoffs next month.

Right now the Highlassies are in fourth place in the conference with five games remaining, two of them with teams that are also in the top four — Grayson and Cisco. The Lassies dropped a 111-95 game Saturday night to the other team in the top four, Weatherford.

Since the Christmas break the women lost three and then won five of six before losing in Weatherford.

The Highlassies face Cisco here Wednesday in a crucial conference game beginning at 6 p.m. in the Highlands.

Then they travel to Hill Sat-

urday before returning home to play Grayson here Feb. 19.

Yong Tran leads MCC scorers with 18.2 points per game while Ivory Asberry averages 12 points. Lisa Brown leads rebounders with 11.5 per contest.

In games since the Christmas break the Highlassies have done the following:

- Lost to Blinn 61-57 there Jan. 6.
- Lost to Weatherford 107-82 here Jan. 8.
- Lost to Cisco 101-77 there Jan. 12.
- Defeated Hill 91-46 here Jan. 15.

In case you missed it . . .

Fox pulled a sly one in pro sports

By AARON TUDOR

In pro sports, when money talks, tradition walks. This has once again been proven with the announcement that the Fox network will begin broadcasting National Football Conference games next year.

Fox surprised everyone including CBS by winning the broadcasting rights with a bid of \$1.58 billion for four years. So CBS, which has broadcasted NFL games the last 38 years, is left with only memories of how it used to be. Please forgive me if I don't shed any tears for CBS,

because the last time there was a major change in television sports, it was CBS who left me with only memories of how it used to be.

It happened about four years ago when CBS paid more than a billion dollars for the right to broadcast major league baseball. One of my fondest memories of childhood was my grandfather and I watching the baseball Game of the Week on NBC. It was almost magical. Joe Garagiola and Vin Scully were the announcers, and to this day I still consider them the best I've ever heard. They could make

even the most boring game fun to watch. But then CBS swooped in with its big bucks and took baseball away.

When it first happened, I didn't think it would be that bad. After all, CBS had done a fine job with NFL games for so many years. So what happened? Not only did the CBS executives use the worst announcing team I've ever heard, they didn't even show a game every week! They had paid more than a billion dollars for the right not to show baseball. And when they did show a game, it was usually painful to

Moss tosses in 45 points in scorcher

The Highlanders, scoring almost 100 points per game, broke the second longest win streak in the school's history Saturday by downing Weatherford 115-106.

Marcus Moss broke the school individual scoring record, at least during long-time coach Ken DeWeese's tenure, by throwing in 45 points.

"And he only played the fourths of the game," DeWeese said.

MCC has now won 18 straight games, second only to the team's 30 straight victories last season. The previous high was 17 straight in 1987.

The team was ranked 14th in the nation with new rankings due today.

Weatherford, the team that knocked the Highlanders out of the regional tournament and handed them their only loss of the season, had a searing hot gym waiting for Saturday's game.

"That's why Moss didn't play the whole game — I didn't think he could last with it being so hot, so I kept him out about half of the first half," DeWeese said.

It turned out Moss was hotter than the gym's thermostat. He hit eight of 12 from outside the three-point circle, 10-of-10 from the free throw line, and connected on 7-of-12 in between.

"It was one of the most phenomenal exhibitions of scoring I've seen," his coach said.

And Moss isn't even the top scorer on the team. Five Highlanders are averaging in double figures, and the balance shows with Marco Brown averaging 15.9 points, Rodric Monroe 15.7, Brian Green 15.4, Kenneth Benton 14.1 and Moss 13.7 points per contest.

Other individual statistics find Monroe pulling down 9.4 rebounds per contest and Chris McKinney grabbing 7.5 rebounds per game.

The team is scoring at a 99.7 per game clip, and that places MCC in the top 10 national scoring list. But four of the teams in this region are the top four scoring teams in the nation, DeWeese said, and neighbor Temple is on top of that list with more than 113 points per contest.

The Highlanders edged Temple 98-94 in an overtime barn-burner here on Feb. 2.

Since the Christmas break MCC has won these games:

- Over Lee College there 73-70.
- Over Blinn there 87-66.
- Over Weatherford here 96-91.
- Over Cisco there 104-83.
- Over Hill here 83-74.
- Over Grayson there in overtime 98-88 in overtime.
- Over Ranger here 104-94.
- Over Southwestern Christian College there 113-76.
- Over Collin County here 100-84.

MCC plays Cisco here Wednesday, Hill there Feb. 12, Grayson here Feb. 19, and Ranger there Feb. 23. Grayson is tied with Temple and Weatherford for second place in the conference race. The top four teams go to the regional tournament.

Intramural 3-on-3 next

By DWAYNE DISHMON

Intramural basketball began on Jan. 25 with the men's five-on-five. The five-on-five games are played Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a.m. inside the gym of the Health-Physical Education building.

Beginning Friday, there will be a three-on-three men's round robin tournament.

Couch Wendell Hudson is also looking for females to join in on the action. In addition, there are plans for five-on-five co-ed games to be played.

Depending on the success of basketball, Hudson expressed a strong interest in co-ed volleyball. Interested students may contact Hudson from 9 a.m. to noon in room 112 in the HPE building.

Who's who among MCC students

Leaders on campus, in the classroom and in the community have been recognized by selection into *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*, the 1994 edition.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory will include the names of 14 MCC students who were chosen for "academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success."

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 two-year colleges in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

The staff of the *Highland Herald* has interviewed most of the students. Those not included in this story will be included in the Feb. 22 issue. Those selected include the following:

Juanita Lynn Alexander, 28, is majoring in economics and minoring in fashion design. This single mother of two girls is a full time student with 15 hours of classes. She works for the special services department on campus. She has a 3.78 grade point average, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and is one of 14 who has been chosen for the Tartan Scholar

program. She plans to get her master's in economics at the University of North Texas.

Adelena Amaro, 24, is currently a sophomore who has earned a 3.4 grade point average. Amaro is a single parent of a 5-year-old son and is part of the work-study program where she works in the financial-aid office on campus. In her spare time, Amaro does volunteer work at the Lonnie McLennan Headstart Center. Amaro also is a room parent at Headstart Center where she helps plan activities with the teachers and works with the children. In addition to being nominated for Who's Who, Amaro was nominated to Phi Theta Kappa. After receiving her associate degree as a medical secretary, she plans to work at a clinic helping those who are financially needy.

Carolyn Jean Baker, a 30-year-old mother of three, has built a grade point average of 3.895 with an associate degree in data processing. Baker's proudest moment was completing the program and receiving her degree. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Data Processing Management Association. "I have supported my three children while attending school full time and maintained a household myself," she said. She is currently enrolled in the new micro computer program.

Holly Devorsky, a Phi Beta

Kappa scholar, is the vice-president of Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and is an "excellent academic student" said James Popejoy, instructor of music. Devorsky is a member of the honor society and teaches second grade catechism at St. Joseph's Church. She directed a small instrumental ensemble for Christmas Mass. Devorsky performs with the Waco Community Band and will represent the college at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio.

Hiram T. Ervin is a sophomore majoring in psychology. Ervin said he was named to Who's Who as a result of his ability to balance his schedule and maintain his grade point average. Last semester he earned a 3.0 grade point average while taking 14 semester hours, working 20 hours in a work-study program and working an off-campus job as well. This semester, he is taking 12 semester hours and works 15 to 20 hours every week for campus multi-media services. He is also an active member of Toliver Chapel Baptist Church where he is a tutor and volunteer for the youth group and a member of the radio and finance committees. Ervin plans to transfer to a university and is interested in advertising.

Gary Joseph Mach is a sys-

tems administrator who writes database programs and loads application and system software. He is a graduate of Connally High School and has a certificate of completion in heavy truck mechanics from Texas State Technical College. Currently a student in computer data processing, he is also a member of the Data Processing Management Association on campus.

Having graduated at the age of 16 and receiving 12 hours of college credit through the campus early admissions program, **Rachel Reasoner** spends her time pursuing a degree in accounting and being active in her church. Now 17, she is a volunteer at a Christian school working with elementary age children in physical education and helping the high school girls with sports activities. Reasoner has also participated in Mission Waco, an outreach organization that deals with homeless people, low income families and troubled teenagers. After leaving junior college she plans to attend either Texas A&M University or Baylor University.

Orlando Rodriguez, 19, is an accountant major with a G.P.A. of 3.67. He is the acting president of MCC's chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and he volunteers to read to elementary students at local schools through L.U.L.A.C. He also volunteered

to help participate in Toys for Tots and the local can food drive. **Rodriguez** is the captain of his church basketball team and also participated in volleyball intramurals and in the Highlander games. He was man of the year and represented the college at the LULAC state convention. Also, he was recently promoted to assistant service manager at H.E.B. He helps his parents financially and pays for his own tuition. He also takes care of his younger sister while his parents are at their full time jobs. Rodriguez said the three most important things in his life are God, family, and friends. He said he sets high goals and tries his best to never give up.

Rebecca Janet Rudd is a single mother of a child in kindergarten and another who is a Baylor graduate. She has a 3.94 grade point average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Rudd works five hours a day as a lab tutor for the computer sciences department. In her duties as president for two years of the Data Processing Management Association, Rudd has organized trips to the Infomart in Dallas, has spoken to business people in the community and has collected food and toys for campus-wide drives. Her educational goal is teaching, and she is an active member of her 5-year-old daughter's parent-teacher association.

Lisa Sadler currently works at Mexia State School where she was recently promoted to assistant in charge of 28 residents and seven employees. She is dedicated to improving life for the mentally handicapped. Sadler is a licensed medication aide and has a certificate in child development.

Julie Scorza is a music major and plans to teach music. She is involved in many groups, including the Music Educators National Conference and Music Teachers National Association. She has a 3.3 grade-point-average and plays the french horn in the MCC and community bands. She is also involved in Brethren Youth Fellowship, a group at her church.

Mary Witt, a mother of six, has returned to MCC after making straight A's her first semester. She is an education major. Witt is part of the Central Texas Literacy Coalition that give books to third grade students. She is also part of the study literary English workshop which taught her to teach English as a second language. Witt participates in the Star Literacy program at MCC's Adult Learning Center. She is also a tutor and has been a substitute teacher for Parkdale Elementary and University High. Witt said that she "bases her life on the words of God and his scriptures."

Excellence: MCC students named to Honors and Distinguished Honors Lists

Many local residents were named to the Honors or Distinguished Honors List at McLennan Community College for the fall semester.

Students who achieve a 3.8 to 4.0 grade point average for the semester are named to the Distinguished Honors List. The Honors List is for students who achieve a 3.5 to 3.79 grade point average for the semester. Students must have completed at least 12 semester hours to be eligible for either list.

Waco students on the Distinguished Honors List are: Kristin E. Agar, Sheila R. Albritton, Elizabeth L. Ard, Anna-Marie Arroyo, Carolyn J. Baker, Robbyn L. Bird, Jon Edwin Bisson, Rocio L. Blake, John D. Bloxom, Duane A. Brower, Stephanie D. Brown and Jana J. Butler.

Also, Barbara A. Carbajal, Ira Steven Corbett, Christopher W. Crawley, Mona C. Cunningham, Deborah Ann Davison, Rose Marie Leon, Brian S. Denman, David Craig Dighton, Sara L. Eby, Melanie M. Gerik, John Michael Graham and John Paul Grusendorf.

Also, James R. Hammett, Kelli M. Hodge, John Ray Holt, Jennifer S. Hood, Daniel L. Immel, Betty J. Jackson, Joan M. Johnson, Christopher A. Jones, Azita Renee Kocian, Phillip W. Kostroun, Susan M. Lightsey and Summer E. MacMaster.

Also, Robert J. Maroney, Grant P. Mayer, Kevin F. Moore, Julio Ellen Nichols, Sherine L. Niswanger, Dawn M. Padgett, Tara B. Pannell, Tina R. Patterson, Drow R. Pickle, Rachel Linn Reasoner, Karren M. Rigby and Doanna R. Robinson.

Also, Holly A. Schrader, Melonie A. Shelton, David T. Siefert, Kay E. Strey, Stephanie G. Taylor, Gaylon S. Tenborg, Thuy Trang Tran, Ana M. Vallojo, Eric R. Worne, Edna Melissa Wilhite, Marilyn Jan Williams, Susanna E. Willa, Merio M. Witt and Merry H. Witt.

Waco students on the Honors List are: Jennifer Ann Alloman, Michael Almanza, Adelena Amaro, Gina L. Anderson, Hilda W. Angland, Bryan P. Atchison, Elizabeth Ann Aylor, David B. Barrett, Arpi R. Barsamian,

Glynn L. Batson, Bethany Belanger and Cheri D. Beuerlein.

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Also, Kathy M. Gaitros, Rito Hernandez Garcia, Jon B. Gillon, Keri E. Gluckman, Shelly A. Greenfield, Sharon K. Greer, Suzy A. Griffin, Joan M. Haarman, Amy E. Hamilton, Deana Michelle Hanks, Guadalupe O. Hardt and Rebecca S. Harvey.

Also, Kirk A. Helpert, Judy M. Hinchey, Jimmy Edward Holyfield, Clinton R. Hopper, Charlotte Renee Hunter, Heather Jackson, Kent E. Jarvis, Kendra Diane Jones, Deborah A. Keen, Rhonda M. Knapp, Kim M. Lasyone and Cynthia L. Laughlin.

Also, Renee Loal, Bonnie L. Lochnar, Patrick Alan Lednicki, Stanley V. Lee, Loren Nial Lookingbill, Sheila A. MacCollister, Steven K. Marek, Mary F. Martinez, Gavin L. Massingill, Donna M. Matoska, Debra Kay Matthews and Joanna Mayfield.

Also, Jordan A. Mayfield, Kay M. Meek, Michael M. Mehler, Janice Lea Mills, Courtney P. Mitchell, Carrie L. Moore, Julie A. Neal, Kristen Diane Nobla, David Palacio, Kelly W. Parker, Christina L. Parr and Stacey L. Patterson.

Also, Sanja G. Perry, James C. Pyle, Consuelo M. Ramirez, Rusty L. Reator, Suzanne D. Reed, James J. Reid, Thomas W. Riddle, Renee D. Ritter, Orlando Rodriguez, Aaron A. Sanders,

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Also, Angela P. Tyler, Jana K. Tyler, Starla D. Ware, Betty J. Weddle, Mitchell Welch, Ronda L. Welde, Kimberly A. Williams, Kristy E. Wofford, Daniel M. Yezak, Aaron S. York, Timothy A. York, Thomas W. Zufelt and Mark S. Zylberfuden.

Area students on the Distinguished Honors List and their hometowns are: Chellee L. Crow and Barbara K. White of Axtell; Gloria L. Atteberry of Bruceville; Jimmie S. Sirman of Chilton; Gail M. Brown, Scott A. Hughes and Cynthia A. Moore of China Spring; Ellen Walters of Clifton; Jason E. Isbell, of Crawford; Kelly D. Sharp, Eddy; and Vicki M. Engledow of Elm Mott.

Also, Tracy L. Hussey of Gatesville; Kimberly D. Strmiska, Granger; Bryon T. Pinkoski of Harker Heights; and Debra J. Benker, Merrill K. Brunner, Amy C. Bunn, Mary K. Elkins, Mary T. Goggin, Amy L. Richardson, Soema N. Siddiqui, Sheila L. Spainhour, Erin C. Stegall, Markus E. Watson and Gina J. York of Hewitt.

Also, Shannon D. Ireland, Hillsboro; Jane B. Leach of Hubbard; Karen N. Ensminger of Irodell; Melissa R. Klanika, Leroy; James A. Ellis of Little River; Deborah E. Key, Michael W. Nicolotti and Dwayne C. Tharpe of Lorena; and Shirley A. Tobias and Leilani J. Young, of Marlin.

Also, Kenda L. Hall, Mart; Lisa M. Parshall, Brenda S. Sanders and Diana Scott, McGregor; Greg Scott Stig of Otto; Carolyn L. Potts, Michael G. Schrader and Mary Ann Stinson, Riesel; Jeff M. Tiffin, Spring; and Richard I. Anderson and Ronald J. Dunn, Temple.

Also, Jennie D. Roberts, of Thornton; Lauri L. Humphries and Charlae Whitney of Valley Mills; and Janna M. Austin, Julio L. Bartnicki, Rebecca D. Barton, Molly A. Dvorak, Debbie A.

Grellhesl, Angela M. Kucera, Karen D. Nemeck, Michelle R. Smith and Sophia L. Williams of West.

Area students on the Honors List and their hometowns are: Kathy D. Pustejovsky, Abbott; Christina A. Pechacek of Axtell; Linda K. Filar, Bremond; Trey Louis Mayer, of Cameron; Gloria J. Burton, Elaine A. Morgan, Dustin W. Uptmore and Carrie A. Wenzel, of China Spring; Rosemary Devora, of Clifton; and Courtney E. Bohne and John H. Latham, of Crawford.

Also, Sheri A. Brazier, Dallas; Lori M. Jobe, Kevin P. Lynch and Brandon B. Shirley, of Eddy; Marianne Donahew, Chris J. Helona, Brian L. Ingram, April D. Kelinske and Shannon L. Thomas, of Elm Mott; and Jessica J. Cole, Wayne T. Dysinger,

Clinton G. Egger, Catherine R. Smith, David Watts and Angela M. Williams, Gatesville.

Also, Amy G. Larmore and Lori A. Lee, of Groesbeck; Melissa A. Caldwell, Amy L. Clark, Brian M. Cox, Jon B. Hall, Wendy L. Jeffreys, Nina P. Johnson, Tracie L. Lynch, Jessica D. McMichael, Carolyn L. Meyers, James A. Millington, Jaime E. Palmer, Richard J. Schiltz, Christine D. Smith and Heidi C. Vieregge of Hewitt; and Matthew M. Haley of Lake Jackson.

Also, Bradley E. Beeman, Lloyd M. Buck, Amy E. Fehler, Brent T. Sykora, Rebecca L. Wedemeyer and Gina M. Whiteley of Lorena; Winnie P. Degrate, Tommie J. Paul and Amy J. Tobias, Marlin; and Kendell B. Adler and Gina Marie Vanous, of Mart.

Also, Jackie S. Cornelius, Robert C. Erlanson, Nicole M. Hinkle, Sharon K. Lindsey, Michelle L. McDonald and Sherry J. McNair of McGregor; Margaret P. McGilvray of Mexia; Jesse H. Bouds and Teri L. Rodgers of Moody; Christopher Michael Holle of Otto; Shalonda N. Williams of Riesel; Rachel E. Vickers, Robinson; Jonathan A. Salter, Rochelle; and Tory D. Straten of Ross.

Also, Charles D. Brown, Streetman; Jerry F. Gilbert of Thornton; Zachary L. Crain, Shea L. Gutierrez, Cheryl E. Kostecka, Tony G. Kubacak, Sharon E. Nemeck, Karen M. Polansky, Michael L. Trammell and Caroline E. Wolske, of West; and Jon C. Weeks of Whitney.

Story by Public Information Office.



Photo by Carol Ponce

MEMBERS OF THE MCC chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens participated in a banquet to honor national president Jose Velez. The banquet was held in conjunction with one of the

Waco chapters of LULAC on Jan. 21. The MCC members are (front row, left to right): Martha Gilva, Sandra Ureus, Miramar Lazano and Brandi Olivarez; (back row): Albert Contreras, Orlando Rodriguez and Frank Acevedo.

Dance Company places 17th in national competition

By LEE BRILL

The Dance Company placed 17th over all in the national pom competition of two and four year colleges last month.

The event was held at the Dallas Convention Center Jan. 3-5. Last year the company came in 11th place in the same competition, and in previous years they have won national titles.

Last Saturday the company held a dance clinic and a contest for high school dance teams including University, Midway, West, Abilene, Bruceville-Eddy, Waco Ninth Grade, and McGregor.

The Dance Company was started in 1976 by director Sandy Hinton. Since then the company

has won three national championships in 1987, 1988 and 1990.

The Dance Company's members are Capt. Michelle Dvorak, Lt. Amy Fruge, Lee Ann Gilbreath, Heather Hinton, Heather McCafferty, Hollie Moegelin, Tammy O'Brien, Lori Teichelman, Amber Law, Kristi Campbell and Staci Coleman. This semester these members will practice every day and perform at basketball games and community events.

The Dance Company tryouts will be April 16. Scholarships are available for members of the company. Members receive one semester hour of credit in health and physical education.

Theater and music departments perform at state conventions

Public Info. Office release

The departments of theatre and music at McLennan Community College are performing at two prestigious state conventions within a two-week period.

"Voices, Percussion and Dance" - featuring the MCC Chorale, Percussion Ensemble and Theatre Dance Company - was presented Jan. 28 in Plano at the Texas Educational Theatre Association Convention and will be presented Feb. 10 in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educator's Association Convention which is expected to draw about 13,000 members.

The performances involve more than 50 students in the first-ever staged version of Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms." The work premiered at MCC in November under the title

of "DanceWorks," and featured voices, percussion and dance combined in a dramatic stage presentation.

A convention preview performance, which also features individual performances by the Percussion Ensemble and the Chorale, was presented here last night.

Jerry MacLauchlin of the MCC theatre department directed and choreographed "Chichester Psalms." He was assisted by Jamelle Flowers, costume designer, and Tim Poertner, scenery and lighting director.

The Chorale is under the direction of Donald Balmos with Karen Albrecht, associate director, and Gail Wade, accompanist. James Popejoy is director of the Percussion Ensemble.



Photo by Lee Brill

MEMBERS OF THE DANCE COMPANY perform during halftime at a recent basketball game. Activities this semester include a clinic the company hosted for high school teams last Saturday. Performing are

(kneeling): Lea Ann Gilbreath, Heather Hinton, Capt. Michelle Dvorak, Heather McCafferty and Lori Teichelman; (standing): Hollie Moegelin Lt. Amy Fruge and Tammy O'Brien.

Music students reach semifinals at competition

By MELANIE GERIK

Four students from the music department reached the semi-final round of the National Association of Teachers of Singing

conference last semester.

Jon Gillen and Shannon Goodwin, students of Karen Albrecht, and Jennifer Garcia and Kristen Nobis, students of

Lise Uhl, placed in the semifinal round at the NATS conference and student auditions held at Texas Christian University Nov. 11-13, 1993.

Leslie Whitely, Charles Barganier and Glenn Beals, former MCC students, placed in the final round of the competition.

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DATE	PLACE	PERFORMERS
Feb. 8 - 12	Chelsea Street Pub	Abbraxus
Feb. 10	Buzzard Billy's	Little Sister
Feb. 11	Scruffy Murphy's	Ezra's Poundcake
	Buzzard Billy's	Cold Blue Steel
Feb. 12	Scruffy Murphy's	Billygoat (One Show Only)
	Sue's #2	Common Ground
Feb. 14-19	Buzzard Billy's	The W. C. Clark Blues Revue
	Scruffy Murphy's	Riff Raff
Feb. 16	Sue's #2	Common Ground
	Chelsea Street Pub	Abbraxus
Feb. 17	Buzzard Billy's	MU 330
	Scruffy Murphy's	Wednesday Night Jam
Feb. 18	Buzzard Billy's	The Ugly Americans
	Scruffy Murphy's	Flamekick Subs
Feb. 19	Buzzard Billy's	Mary Cutrufello & The Havoline Supremes
	Scruffy Murphy's	Uninvited Guest
Feb. 19	Sue's #2	Riff Raff
	Buzzard Billy's	Mike Morgan and the Crawl
Feb. 19	Scruffy Murphy's	Gone by Dawn
	Sue's #2	Whisky Road

The Highland Herald is now posting a schedule of local shows. If a club has been overlooked call me at the paper, and will begin to add them to our list of local attractions.

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