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## Center named The Highlands

Highlanders and Highlassies will open their home basketball seasons in a new fieldhouse with a name that typifies MCC's Scottish background.

President Dr. Wilbur Ball said Friday that the new basketball center will be named The Highlands.

MCC athletes are named for Scottish people, and those people, highlanders and highlassies, live and work in the highlands, said Ball.

"The name is a bit avant garde, like the Dance Company. But the idea of not naming it 'the MCC Basketball Center' or 'Basketball Fieldhouse' is picking up on what could be a trend in naming well known basketball centers such as the Summit in Houston or the Forum in Los Angeles."

The name will appear on the front of the building and inside

the building on a plaque which will also list the board of trustees, Ball and architect of the structure Joseph Raso, Jr.

Ball chose the name for the fieldhouse after consulting students, coaches, and administrators.

"We hope that when our opponents contemplate coming to play in The Highlands the word will strike fear in their hearts," Ball said.

The \$116,600 fieldhouse features a large four-sided scoreboard, and will seat between 2,500 and 3,060 including 1,500 in individual seating.

The Highlanders will play their first game in the Highlands, Nov. 25, in the MCC Basketball Classic. The Highlassies next home game is Friday in the Women's Classic.



photo by Mike Keyes

**AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE HIGHLANDS** — The \$116,600 fieldhouse, to be called the Highlands, will host its opening game Nov. 25 with the MCC Basketball Classic. The fieldhouse features a large four-sided scoreboard and will seat between 2,500 and 3,000.

## Two instructors nominated for Piper award

by Julie Richter

Jeanette McGinness, English instructor, and Melvin Hood, mathematics instructor, have been nominated for the Minnie Piper Award, an honor given annually to ten selected instructors from institutions throughout the state.

McGinness and Hood, who were nominated by fellow instructors at the last faculty meeting, will be competing against some 250 to 300 professors from four year as well as two year colleges.

Dean of Instruction Ronald Smith said, each year the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation honors ten professors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement and dedication to teaching.

Each of the ten winners is awarded \$1,500.

McGinness, who began her college teaching here, is a ten year veteran of MCC. She served as chairman of the 1974-75 Faculty Council and was chairman of the Faculty Development Leave Council for the 1976-77 school year.

Hood has taught on the college level 14 years, with eight of those years being spent at MCC. He is presently a member of the Instructional Council and has served as sponsor for the Astronomy Club.

Both McGinness and Hood will submit forms to a selection committee on the Piper Foundation listing their significant achievements in

their teaching careers and their personal aims and objectives.

Smith will also submit an evaluation of both the instructors' contributions to and

involvement in MCC.

"Both have been involved in developing new courses in their departments," said Smith. "Not only are they competent, but

both are dedicated to teaching and communicating with their students."

The ten winners will be announced April 1.

## Club conducts bazaar to raise money

The McLennan Community College Office Personnel Association (MCCOPA) conducted a bazaar Monday

and Tuesday in the Student Center to raise money for the scholarships they award MCC students in business fields.

Last year there were no applicants for the scholarship. For the last four years MCCOPA has had a fund raising

fashion show. "We thought we would do something different this year," said Pat Saffle, chairman of the bazaar.

After the first day of the bazaar, profits were "just under \$100," Saffle said. It went beyond our expectations, she said.

"We asked each person to contribute two things to the bazaar," Saffle said. Over 30 members participated in this year's fund raising.

MCCOPA plans to buy something for the school with the additional earnings this year. "This is the first time we've had enough to do anything with," said Saffle.

About half of the office personnel on campus belong to MCCOPA. Its purpose is to "promote professional growth for the educational secretary," Saffle said.

The organization has been in existence since 1971. It is an affiliate of the State Education Secretaries Association.



photo by Mike Keyes

**TEXAS DROUGHT** — The deserted beach and low water level at Lake Waco show evidence of the unseasonably warm, dry weather experienced lately.

## Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

Teachers, are you wondering why your students are beginning to look like nervous wrecks or walking zombies?

The nervous wrecks are the students who know they should be working their — off to complete the mounds of homework you have given us to do these last four weeks of school. The walking zombies are the students that are working their — off to complete the mounds of homework.

Please understand, we are not bionic brains. If we were do you think we would be here?

The syllabus we were given the first week of school looked so easy. Little did we know 50 percent was to be completed the last month of school.

Do you all get together and plan what days everyone is going to give a test or have an assignment due?

You say it is to prepare us for the future. I for one don't plan to run the country all by myself, which is about what I compare with this pressure.

Society sympathizes with alcoholics, unwed mothers, and the handicapped, why not college students during the last four weeks of a semester. Why isn't there a research paper hotline or save-a-life test counseling.

Teachers, please understand our nerves can only take so much. Do you all own stock in Darvons or Librium's, is that why you do this? Or do we have sadists in our midst?

Whatever the reason, please remember when you were in college (you all were weren't you?). Please have pity and slack up, HUH?

Jan Faubion  
Sophomore

## New speech classes focus on communication and persuasion

by Jan Faubion

The speech department has added two new classes to its curriculum, Interpersonal Communication and Persuasive Speaking.

Interpersonal Communication (Speech 300) "focuses at predicting responses and getting the best from others," said Marilyn Kelly, speech instructor.

Students will study skills for creating a positive communication climate, how to send messages accurately, researched and valued approach to non-verbal communication, inter-cultural communication, procedures in conflict and areas of leadership and cooperation.

The class is recommended for students in mental health, nursing (non-B.S.), nursing home administration, law

enforcement, real estate, and speech. Child care and office practices presently have this class up for approval as an elective.

Interpersonal Communication deals with "more than theory, it gets into development where students work with ideas outside of class," said Kelly. The class will use a workbook that Kelly wrote and compiled for the class.

The class is emphasized for persons who will encounter one to one or small group communication.

In the past interpersonal communication was learned by "observation, chance, or intuition," said Kelly. Now interpersonal communication skills are identifiable and teachable, she said. "Wouldn't it be a shame if we learned math or science by chance," Kelly said.

This class is not "taught in any other form in Waco," said Kelly.

Several of her students have commented that they are already using what they have learned at home and in their businesses.

"I've had nothing but enthusiastic responses," she said.

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other form in Waco.'**

The Persuasive Speaking (Speech 305) class is "a valuable addition to our curriculum," said Ann Harrell, speech instructor. This class will expand skills learned in beginning speech.

Harrell recommends beginning speech first unless the student has had a speech class before.

Sources, effects and influences of persuasion will be studied. Persuasive influences from commercial advertising, politics and education will be studied.

This class is recommended for persons in "all phases of business, law enforcement, communication and education," said Harrell.

Business majors will contact successful businessmen in the community to find out what forms of persuasion they have used to help them get ahead.

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responses."**

Law enforcement majors will be able to learn how to persuade people to cooperate with them whether in an investigation, burglar-proofing their home or any other situation where public cooperation is needed.

Majors in all fields of communication can benefit from this class, Harrell said. It allows one to see how persuasion is used in all forms of media and communication.

Education majors will learn to "see through what is beneficial or harmful in the way a textbook presents itself," said Harrell. Prospective teachers will also learn how to use persuasion "in motivation of students," she said.

"It's very important that you know how to persuade people that you are a competent person," said Harrell. It's also very important that you understand how people use influence, she said.

Harrell said, "I feel like anybody who loves a class with a lot of free expression to it will find the class interesting and entertaining at times."

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## SG plans survey, possible fall games

Reviewing the priority list submitted by SG members, President Kelley said that an Activity Hour survey would be in the near future. The purpose of the survey will be to see how students like their 10 o'clock classes and whether or not they would like to see them continued. A committee of five was appointed to set up the survey for sometime next week.

Also included in the priority list were a possible bike-a-hon, fall games in December, pool use in the winter, and a recommendation for lights on the tennis courts. Further plans for items on the list will be arranged as the plans become more relevant to the time factor and school schedule.

The Mini-concert Committee said that progress was being made since Tucson's cancellation, and that possibly some bands from the club Jeremiah's will be able to perform. The Games Room Committee reported that the Spades Tournament will begin today.

Vini Carpenter reported on the policy of check cashing on campus. He said that faculty members as well as students would like to be able to cash checks on campus. He continued to say that after compiling a number of figures and percentages on the number of people who would like this policy changed and the number of people who would actually cash checks on campus, the board would be more apt to accept such a policy change.

Mary Lyons, a representative from Inter-Club Council was sworn in as a member of student government. She will serve as member while Rene McWest is not present. She submitted a date for homecoming as suggested by the Inter-Club Council. Feb. 4 was the date submitted and President Kelley said that the SG would give it further consideration at the next meeting.

In closing, Kelley said that the members would clean up the cafeteria in attempt to show others their feelings toward the mess in the cafeteria. Members agreed to do so, yet some disagreed because they thought some students could take advantage of their actions. Kelley assured them that this would not become a weekly job, and that hopefully other students would see that they need to help in cleaning up. New business for next week's meeting will include criteria and certificates for faculty and student recognition.

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## pipeline

### Spring schedule available

The 1978 Spring semester schedule is now available in the Counseling Office, bottom floor of the student center. Also on the back of the folder is the Fall exam schedule.

### Graduation deadline news

All students who plan to graduate in May 1978 should file a graduation application in the Office of the Registrar before Dec. 15. Applications for graduation are now available and will be available in the Office of the Registrar during the period when permits to register are issued.

### Scholarship deadline--Nov. 30

The MCC Scholarship Committee invites students to make applications for private donor scholarships. Students who are interested in applying for these scholarships may contact the Office of Financial Aids for applications. Applicants should complete an application and return it to the Office of Financial Aids before Nov. 30. Selections will be made and announced the second week in Dec. The College has approximately \$3,300 to award for the spring semester. The awards will range from \$100 to \$300 per eligible applicant.

# entertainment

## Movie review

# Burns' 'arrival' captures hearts

by Bryan Davis

In the beginning, George Burns created the heaven and the earth, but not in the six days. He would have us believe, He "thought about it five days and did it in one."

But then of course God's days aren't the same as ours; "when I got up this morning," God explains. "Sigmund Freud was still in medical school."

So goes the string of hilarious one-liners delivered by comic genius George Burns in the new

message through the Pope or Billy Graham. Rather, he chooses a common, everyday grocery store assistant manager, (John Denver) who doesn't even go to church, but then God reasons, "Neither do I."

Invisible to everyone else, God appears to Denver relaying messages in the shower, over the car radio (station KGOD), and a variety of least expected locations.

role of his career. His appearance, alone, and the countless flow of one-liners of which he is the undisputed master keep the audience in an uproar every second of his screen presence.

The supporting cast is also fine. As God's messenger, Denver is adequately funny. Teri Garr (from "Young Frankenstein") is charming as Denver's confused wife. Barry Sullivan, Ralph Bellamy, and Dinah Shore, in minor roles, add credibility to this polished comedy.

Aside from Burns, Paul Sorvino creates the film's funniest character. As Reverend Willie Williams, mocking an all-too-familiar greedy evangelist, Sorvino takes Denver to court for questioning his integrity.

In what is probably the peak of humor, Denver calls to the stand his only witness — GOD!

Appearing before a gasping courtroom, God, placing His hand on a Bible, is sworn in repeating, "so help me, me."

It is here that the film becomes less funny and more touching. God asks the disbelievers, "If you find it so

hard to believe in me, I believe in you."

"Oh, God!" presents the true definition of an audience pleaser. Small children and

their parents enjoyed this comedy equally.

If you like having fun, you'll love this film. It's the funniest thing in town.

*"when I got up this morning, Sigmund Freud was still in medical school"*

Carl Reiner 'comedy "Oh, God!"

What if God came to earth to tell us that we were making a mess of his creation, and that He is unhappy with our lives?

This is the premise for the film in which God (played by Burns) returns to "spread the word that I am, that I exist." But God doesn't relay His

Denver's fruitless efforts to convince the world of his divine encounters provide the plot for this very funny film.

In sneakers and a fishing cap, Burns quips to an astonished Denver, "I'm not what you expected, huh?"

Lacking Burns, the film would no doubt be a failure. Burns, however, is cast in the



GEORGE BURNS portrays God in the film "Oh God."



"I, ROBOT," the story of the rise of the machine and the decline of man, Parsons' message to the world.

## Record review

# Parson's 'Robot' reveals mechanically run world

"I Robot... The story of the rise of the machine and the decline of man, which paradoxically coincided with his discovery of the wheel... And a warning that his brief dominances of this planet will probably end, because man tried to create robot in his own image."

The above is Alan Parsons' message for the world. His medium of delivery, and a good one at that, is the album, "I Robot."

Using multiple electronic

keyboards, a symphony orchestra, a choir, plus guest solo appearances by Allan Clarke and Peter Straker, Parsons delivers a cinematic production on a record album.

"I Robot" has been critically acclaimed as "the Star Wars" and "2001: A Space Odyssey" of records. Suffice to say that it is so.

On the song, "Nucleus", an instrumental masterpiece, one gets the feeling of floating in space, of being in slow motion, trapped by the music with no escape. This song goes beyond

anything Pink Floyd did on "Dark Side of the Moon."

Parsons is not jumping on any science fiction band wagon, nor trying to ride on the coattails of Star Wars' success. The songs were written in 1976 and the album was recorded in early 1977, long before the release of "Star Wars."

Yes, Parsons has a message and the music is strong and sound; he is very capable of delivering the message, but the lyrics are poor and this is a definite problem.

On the song "I Wouldn't Want To Be Like You" all that he can manage to say is

I don't care  
What you do  
I wouldn't want to be like you.

These lyrics would be all right, if there was some support to them; unfortunately, they are used only in repetitive fashion.

Despite the poor lyrics, Parsons still gets across the idea that we are living in an automatic world, where copies of copies is the rule and to be original is a thing of the past. "I Robot" breaks the mold and dares to be original.

Currently on the national "Top 20" albums list, Parsons is getting his message across and, hopefully, someone out there is listening.

by Chuck Ortlip

"Hey, this guy is good."

Steve Martin, that crazy, ramblin' guy who says his real name is Pigeys McDaniel, has released his first comedy album. Entitled "Let's Get Small", the album is rapidly climbing the charts and is bound to further Martin's career and make him a little bit of money. Says Martin, "I love money. I love to spend money. Recently I bought a \$300 pair of socks, a fur sink and a gas powered turtle-neck sweater. Then I bought some dumb things."

The title of the album comes from a comedy routine he does, in which he says he takes a drug that makes him small. "The police gave me a balloon test, if I could get inside of the balloon they figured I was small."

Martin's routine continues, "I once got small and got inside of a vacuum cleaner. The drug wore off and I retained the shape of the vacuum cleaner for two weeks."

Such are the lunatic one-liners delivered by the 32-year-old Martin. Listening to the album one can see that Martin

is not only a comedian but also a darn good banjo player. He says the banjo has a "happy sound" and that Richard Nixon should have played it.

"I'd like to talk about politics, but first a little 'Foggy Mountain Breakdown'. He then plays the first few bars of the piece, just as Nixon might have performed it.

"Being with me is like being at Shakey's Pizza," says Martin.

He even does a little sing-along with his audience which starts out serious but ends

hilariously. The sale of comedy album, which make up only a small percentage of record sales in the United States, might well increase due to the popularity of "Let's Get Small".

The main drawback of comedy albums is that once they have been listened to a couple of times they get old, but this is not the case in Martin's album. It is a mixture of a little bit of music and a whole lot of comedy. After all, anyone who wears arrows through his head and rabbit ears is bound to be funny.

# sports

## Henderson Cardinals defeat Orange 113-108

by Terry Tacker

In a game that will best be remembered as a "valuable learning experience for MCC," the Henderson County Cardinals defeated the Highlanders 113-108 Monday night in Cardinal Gym.

The victory increases Henderson's record to 2-0 on the young season while MCC slips to 1-2.

MCC dug its own grave by falling behind the hosts 23-9 in the first seven minutes of the game. The remainder of the contest was a continuous Highlander comeback, only to fall short to the more experienced Cardinals.

Coach Johnny Carter's crew might not face a lazier team all season than Henderson. Cardinal guards Donnie Haywood and Lance Jagmin consistently beat the MCC defenders down court for easy baskets that helped build the commanding early lead.

But let it be known that the Highlanders never quit.

Carter inserted freshmen Goldie Suber and Roy Watson into the game to try to offset the Card's lightning speed. The maneuver worked, as the twosome caused turnover after turnover by Henderson to allow MCC to come within striking distance.

A three-point play by San Antonio freshman Charles Burley closed the gap to 49-42 with 3:39 left in the first half. The MCC defense continued to apply pressure to the rattled Cardinals, but the closest MCC could come in capturing the lead was 58-55. Even though the Cardinals held a five point lead at halftime, the feeling among the MCC followers was that the Highlanders had just begun to fight.

Coach Leon Spencer's squad was poised when the going got tough. A Sam Worthen basket knotted the score at 77-77 with 14:04 left to go in the game. The Cardinals then tallied ten



**HIGHLANDERS-** Ft. row: Trainer David Holland, Danny Harris, Kenneth Lenart, Goldie Suber, Keith Godfrey, Roy Watson and Trainer Tom Gabbert. Back row: Coach Johnny Carter, Johnnie Dawson, Sam Worthen, Jim Soukup, Angelo Grimes, Mike Cuellar, Abe Davis and Charles Burley

unanswered points, mostly coming as a result of fast breaks.

It also didn't hurt the Cardinal cause when Highlander sophomore guard Worthen was forced to leave the game midway through the second half due to foul trouble. Substitute Keith Godfrey played admirably as his replacement, but the young Highlanders missed Worthen's leadership abilities.

Henderson County, with a 102-92 lead in their favor, went to their four-cornered offense with 6:05 left in an attempt to eat up the clock. The Cardinals showed the style of a well-coached team

by running the difficult offense to perfection.

Worthen reappeared in the game and the Brooklyn native let his presence known in grand fashion. The 6'5" guard used his superior height advantage to drive up the middle of the Cardinal defense for eight points within a span of three minutes that almost brought MCC their second victory.

Some clutch free throw shooting by Henderson decided the final outcome as the Cardinals gathered all 11 second half points by the free throw route as compared to MCC's five points.

## Highlassies bomb HCJC

by Terry Tacker

Sophomore All-America Jackie Swain scored 37 points to lead the Highlassies to a 89-43 opening game victory over the Henderson County Chicks.

Despite possessing 6'5" and 6'3" players, the Chicks were never in the contest as the powerful Highlassies performed well in all facets of the game. Eight different MCC players scored as Coach Pam Davis played everyone in the rout.

The starting unit of Swaim, Ellen Lindemann, Kathy Westerfield, Deb Davis and Carolyn Johnson started slowly because of poor shooting. The Chicks grabbed a 5-4 lead with 17:20 remaining in the first half. That marked the final time the Chicks would be out front.

Swain was her devastating self. The Azle-native moved at will against the 1-2-2 zone defense of the Chicks on her way to 14 field goals. She also blocked three shots and converted on 9 of 12 free throw attempts.

But the MCC effort was far from a one person show.

Johnson was truly outstanding on the boards as the 5'10" sophomore pulled down 14 rebounds. Johnson also forced many Chick turnovers as the result of her defensive pressure.

Lindemann provided the outside shooting punch by scoring 14 points and forward-post Davis contributed 11 tallies. Westerfield, although not scoring, filled the all important playmaker position as Davis hoped she would.

The fundamentally weak Chicks committed 22 first half fouls as the Highlassies raced to a commanding 47-20 halftime lead.

Henderson played a much more inspired second half but could still not make up any ground on the Highlassies. With 13 minutes remaining, Davis cleared the bench and gave everyone an opportunity to play.

## Meet the Highlanders

**Roy Watson—Height: 5'11"—Weight: 170 —Age: 18—Position: Guard—Classification: Freshman—Roy is the pleasant surprise of the 1977 recruits. His quickness and outstanding outside shot will make him a valuable reserve or maybe even a top-flight starter. Roy comes from the same high school as former MCC star Easy Ed Marshall, Kennard High. At Kennard, Roy was named to the 23A all-district team three years and was also honored by being named to the all-state squad for 1976. His hobbies are swimming, horseback riding and hunting. Roy hopes to someday become a college coach. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watson, Sr.....**

**Johnnie Dawson—Height: 6'5"—Weight: 183—Age: 19—Position: Forward—Classification: Freshman—Johnnie is an impressive freshman from O. D. Wyatt High School in Fort Worth. "Johnnie is really a competitor on the court, he is very physical" said Coach Johnny Carter. At O. D. Wyatt, he was named the Most Valuable Player on his team. Johnnie was also named to the all-tournament team at the Temple and Westside Lions Tournaments. His hobbies are "anything interesting." Johnnie chose MCC because he felt it was the best junior college in the state and he also believed Carter to be the best coach in the state. His goal in life? "I just want to be a success." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Dawson, Sr.....**



## Basketball classic runs Friday, Saturday

Students will be given an opportunity to see some of the best in women's junior college basketball this Friday and Saturday as the Highlassies will host the MCC Classic. The Classic will mark the official opening of the new MCC gym.

Friday at 6 p.m., Tyler will play Grayson. The Highlassies, fresh off an 89-43 win over Henderson County, will take on San Antonio College at 8 p.m.

Saturday at 6 p.m., San Antonio tackles Grayson while MCC will play Tyler at 6 p.m.

Other games involving MCC teams this week include Monday night games against Temple by both men's teams and women's teams. The Highlassies begin the action by taking on the powerful Temple Leopards at 5:30. The Highlanders play the TJC Leopards at 7:30.