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photo by Wade Carpenter

**CUTTING THROUGH THE RED TAPE.** Board Chairman Jim Hartwell officially opens Crossroads Center, MCC's new off-campus location at Highway 84 and Hewitt Drive. Looking on left to right are Dennis Woodard, Hewitt city manager; Eleanor Taylor, MCC's Upward Bound coordinator; Board Member Pauline

Chavez; Board Member Danny Uptmore; and Marvin Norwood, Woodway city manager. A similar ceremony was held Jan. 22 at the Downtown Center, 711 Washington Avenue. Registration for the two centers began Jan. 24 and will conclude Feb. 5.

## Board hears report on literacy grant

By SARA WARTES

The Board of Trustees endorsed a report outlining a new program designed to combat illiteracy and approved financing arrangements for the new mainframe computer system at its January meeting.

Janice Drake, director of developmental education, reported that the Texas Literacy Council has awarded a \$75,000 partnership grant to MCC and six other Waco agencies. The program will address the problem of illiteracy in low-income school drop-outs who read below the sixth grade level.

The short-term goal of the program will be to bring students up to a sixth grade reading level. For the long term, Drake said she hopes to channel participants into GED programs and then into vocational, technical and academic programs.

The grant proposal, written by Drake and Mary Hensley, director of institutional research and program development, was the first of 11 proposals funded in the state.

Drake said they hope to be underway by the first of February, when they expect to have hired a coordinator. The program is funded through June 1990, at which time they will re-apply for additional support.

"We are hoping it will be a mod-

el program, for the state as well as the nation," Drake said.

The partnership approach to combatting illiteracy is a new one, using various community resources in a cooperative effort.

MCC's role will be to administer the physical program and select a coordinator. Courses will be offered in MCC's Adult Basic Education facility in the Liberal Arts Building, at Paul Quinn College and at the WISD Alternative Center. MCC's new Downtown Center will also be used if needed.

A new functional literacy curriculum has been developed by Baylor University. It will pull materials from community sources, such as job applications, newspapers and bank statements, to help students in everyday activities. An innovative feature of the program will be a segment which helps people who have difficulty reading numbers. Drake said the curriculum was one of the major strengths of the program.

Also cooperating in the effort are the Heart of Texas Council of Governments and the local Literacy Coalition. Texas State Technical Institute will recruit students who have completed the program for their existing computer based literacy program.

All participating agencies will

help with recruitment of students from low economic backgrounds. Drake said the age of students is not a requirement, but they must be eligible under the Job Training Partnership Act. Transportation and child care costs will be reimbursed to students accepted into the program.

Other costs covered by the grant will include advertising to reach targeted students, the coordinator's salary and computers for the reading lab.

President Dennis Michaels expressed his support for the project. "I think it's one of the most important things we can be doing for society," he said.

In other action, the board authorized the issuance of the contractual obligation bonds to finance purchase of a new \$1.4 million mainframe computer. The school's financial advisor, Mel Schonhorst, first vice-president of Rauscher Pierce Refsnes, Inc., reported on bids received from financial institutions. Team Bank of Fort Worth had the low bid with an interest rate of 6.29 percent. Schonhorst reported that the college had received an "A" credit rating for its bonds.

The board set the date for the next meeting as Feb. 13. The meeting will be held at one of the new off-campus centers.

## Board averts bond disaster

By SARA WARTES

Imagine driving down the street with \$150,000 on top of your car.

It happened to Hugo Kinkler. He went to his bank in Littlefield and took 30 \$5,000 bonds from his safety deposit box. Intending to clip the coupons from the bonds for the interest, he put them in a manila envelope and took them to his car.

It could happen to anyone, right? His car was locked, so he put the envelope on top of the car to free his hands. Then he got in his car and drove away with the envelope still on top of his car.

When he arrived at the local grocery store he realized what he had done. He looked on top of his car but, of course, the envelope was gone. Frantically, he retraced his route, searching as he went for the envelope, but with no luck.

He returned to the bank, but the envelope hadn't been turned in. He advertised in the Littlefield paper, but nobody had found the bonds.

And that's where MCC comes in. The bonds were MCC construction bonds, originally issued in 1971. At its January meeting, the Board of Trustees agreed, at Kinkler's request, to reissue them.

The missing bonds are no longer redeemable, so don't bother leaving for Littlefield.

## Mainframe due on-line in Feb.

By ROBERT M. BROWN

The new \$1.4 million mainframe computer purchased by MCC is planned to be installed and operating by the end of February.

According to Dr. Bill Bane, director of computer services, the new mainframe computer will have many uses since it will connect computer terminals all over the campus.

Business office functions will be put into operation first, followed by student records. Soon to follow will be transcripts and information to help in advising.

Eventually registration will be effected but how and when is still uncertain.

MCC is also looking into fiber optics for a telecommunication and audiovisual system which would not be in operation until summer.

When asked why personal computers were not used instead of a mainframe, Dr. Bane said that the mainframe computer could accomplish much more than personal computers and in much less time.

The new mainframe computer will be located on the first floor of the Applied Science Building.

## What's for lunch?

### ARA takes over campus food service

By SAM ALLGOOD

The new decade has brought a new dining service, and in the process some think a part of the community interaction within the college may have been lost.

ARA services was awarded a three year contract by the Board of Trustees.

"We believe that the quality and professionalism will pay off in the long run," said President Dennis Michaels.

The new food service director is former MCC student Jeff Fillmore. A 15 year food service veteran, he comes to us from N.W. State University in Louisiana where he was the ARA cash operations manager.

Given the opportunity to direct food service at Baylor or MCC, he put in a request stating, "I would really like to have MCC," said Fillmore. "It's a great place to work."

All current cafeteria employees are experienced ARA personnel, three of which transferred from Baylor.

Part-time evening positions and catering staff openings are available for students, said Fillmore.

New uniforms and name tags are forthcoming, he said.

The menu has been expanded to a large degree and food presentation is excellent, especially breakfast. An artistic array of fresh fruit grabs the eye while massive golden rolls tempt even the most fanatical dieter.

The new director has many innovative food service ideas. "We want to get into special events, holidays, and special nights," he said. Ideas include "build your own sundae," a special menu for Black Awareness Week, and "cookie mania."

On the surface prices seem to have risen especially at the game concession. New portion size differences and the set price of contract items need to be taken into account.

A student committee designed to air complaints and offer suggestions is planned, said Fillmore. "The students are really important and I want their opinions. If I don't have students or staff, I don't have business."

Two areas that need to be addressed are the busing of tables and the grill ordering system. Possible suggestions include a roving bus-person during rush times and the reinstatement of the number system for grill items.

New cafeteria hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Whenever one contractor wins, one must lose. Contracts aside, students and faculty share along with the previous food service people the loss of easy access to long-time friends.

Nelda Miller, previous cafeteria supervisor for 17 years, now works in the business office.

On her loss of position, Miller said "We would rather still be there, but it's out of our control. We could have given them better service if they would have given us the help we needed."

"We miss the students and the relationship we had with them," she said. "We were their mothers. This is their home for one to two years. The athletes called us mama."

Opposed to the contract change is former food service employee Mon Tina Williams. "I think the deal was handled badly," she said. "Ladies working for 18 or 19 years were moved to something they knew nothing about. They're not comfortable in their new positions. It's a sad thing." Of the remaining previous cafeteria staff, one works in the registrar's office, one is a custodian, and one has retired. Two ex-staffers take night courses to fulfill their new job requirements.

What does the student at the table have to say about the new service?

"Service has been really good," said Dan Dillon.

"I miss the camaraderie of the old employees," said Brenda Westerfield.

"The dining room is lacking in cleanliness and quality of care," said Christy Daniels.

After observing the new blue and white (TSTI colors) paint and Baylor serving line shirt, Tina Casey said "What happened to MCC individuality? Where's the school spirit?"

### BLACK HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES

McLennan Community College will observe Black History Month February 1-28, 1990.

As a part of the activities of the Cultural Awareness Committee, this year's Black History Month Committee, chaired by Johnnie Talton, has worked diligently to provide a mixture of activities for the interest and enjoyment of students, faculty, and the community. The chosen theme this year, "Black Expressions," encompasses all areas presented.

It is with pleasure that I invite you to share in the knowledge of this rich heritage. Admission to all activities is free and open to the public.

Dr. Dennis Michaels, President

Jan. 12 - Feb. 28

Black History Book Exhibit  
MCC Library

Jan. 10-Feb. 28

Afro-American Texans Art Display  
Institute of Texas Cultures  
MCC Administration Building  
Student Center

Feb. 2  
11 a.m., 1 p.m.  
and 3 p.m.

Black Film Festival  
Lounge Area  
MCC Student Center

Feb. 9  
7:45-9 a.m.

Unity Breakfast  
Students, employees, guests  
Faculty Dining Room, SC

Feb. 12-28

Afro Art Exhibit  
Art Center  
Joe Kagle, Director

Feb. 16  
noon

Gallery Talk  
Art Center  
Joe Kagle, Director  
(refreshments)

Feb. 23  
10 a.m.

Jazz Concert  
MCC Jazz Combo  
Student Center

Feb. 23  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Soul Food Day  
Cafeteria

Feb. 23  
7 p.m.

Gospel Feast  
Performing Arts Center  
MCC Campus



photo by Wade Carpenter

**SPECIALTY CLEANING SERVICE** workers dry off textbooks in the campus bookstore. On Jan. 23, an overhead leak knocked out ceiling

tiles and put more than two inches of water on the floor. Office supplies recovered the majority of water damage.



EDITORIAL

Voting: A privilege not exercised

Something stinks in American politics and this time it isn't the politicians. Americans are not voting.

In the 1984 presidential election 167.7 million citizens were of voting age. Only 92.7 million actually voted which means that 75 million, 44.8 percent, voting age citizens did not vote.

In the 1986 election, of 171.9 million eligible voters, 64.6 million, 37.6 percent, cast a vote for the highest offices in their state. 61.3 million, 35.7 percent, voted for members of congress.

All throughout Europe, the walls of socialism and repression are crumbling. Citizens want a say in whom they have as their leader.

The right of American citizens to vote was granted to us in the Constitution. In March, 1870 that right was extended to everyone regardless of race or color. In 1920 the right was granted to women and in June 1971 to 18-year-olds.

Why then, in August, 1986, did only two-fifths of all eligible voters turn out for the election?

Only 38 percent of voters regularly vote. Seventeen percent are marginal voters who vote only when moved to action by presidential campaign politics. Of all voters, 45 percent are habitual non-voters.

Voting was a right many Americans shed blood for. It is a right we all need to exercise. No excuses accepted.

Voting is painless and it only takes a few minutes to do. At the next election take pride in yourself and your country and go to the polls. It is an honor, and a privilege, not a chore.

Point of View

By SARA WARTES  
Editor-in-Chief



After the Super Bowl

Cheer up, sports fans. The football season may be over, but another popular sport is just beginning to gain momentum: the Texas governor's race.

You just can't beat it for entertainment value. You can expect to see razzle dazzle, trick plays, and cheap shots to rival any NFL season. Already we have seen calls for unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. Fumbled opportunities and heroic sprints for the goal are sure to follow. This year they're letting a woman play, something we've yet to see in other major professional sports.

Taxes are sure to be featured in the playbook. Some candidates are taking that one right up the middle, calling for a state income tax. But before the votes are all counted, we could see a double reverse or two on the subject.

One candidate has already unveiled his big play, a proposal to introduce a state lottery. It goes something like this: a state lottery will bring in enough money to avoid a tax increase, it will be a voluntary way for citizens to contribute to the state economy, and besides it will be fun.

Does that sound familiar? You bet! (Excuse the pun.) This successful play was used a couple of seasons ago. Just read "pari-mutuel horse racing" for "lottery." After years of unsuccessful attempts to score with voters, horse racing supporters used the crippled economy to complete an end run around the Texas Baptists and legalize pari-mutuel gambling.

Despite a valiant goal line stand, the Baptists just weren't able to hold the line against promises of gambling money rolling into the state coffers.

So if pari-mutuel gambling was supposed to solve our fiscal woes, why do we need a state lottery? That's an interesting question, and the answer is even more interesting. In the two years that pari-mutuel gambling has been legal:

- One race track began operating last summer, pouring a whopping \$181,000 into the \$23 billion state budget.
- On the other hand, taxpayers have spent \$5 million to get those horses out of the starting gate.
- The Texas Racing Commission has recommended lowering the state's 5 percent share of the pari-mutuel revenue to "give some form of tax relief to a new industry."

One thing about Texas voters. You may be able to fool us once with a trick play, but we just might drop you for a loss if you try it again. I think it will take more than razzle dazzle to win that one for the gipper.

HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

Do you think Manuel Noriega can get a fair trial in the United States? If guilty, what should be his punishment?



KEVIN WORTHY, music.  
"I think he can, but if he will is another thing. He's definitely guilty -- maxi mum security prison"



SCOTT HEPPEL, music.  
"No. He's got too much money and his lawyers will find a technicality. They ought to get him real wred on coke and take him to Six Flags."



DAVID MOODY, music.  
"Yeah, probably. He can get a fair trial here more than anywhere else. He's probably guilty. Turn him over to the Panamanian government because they don't care too much for the man."

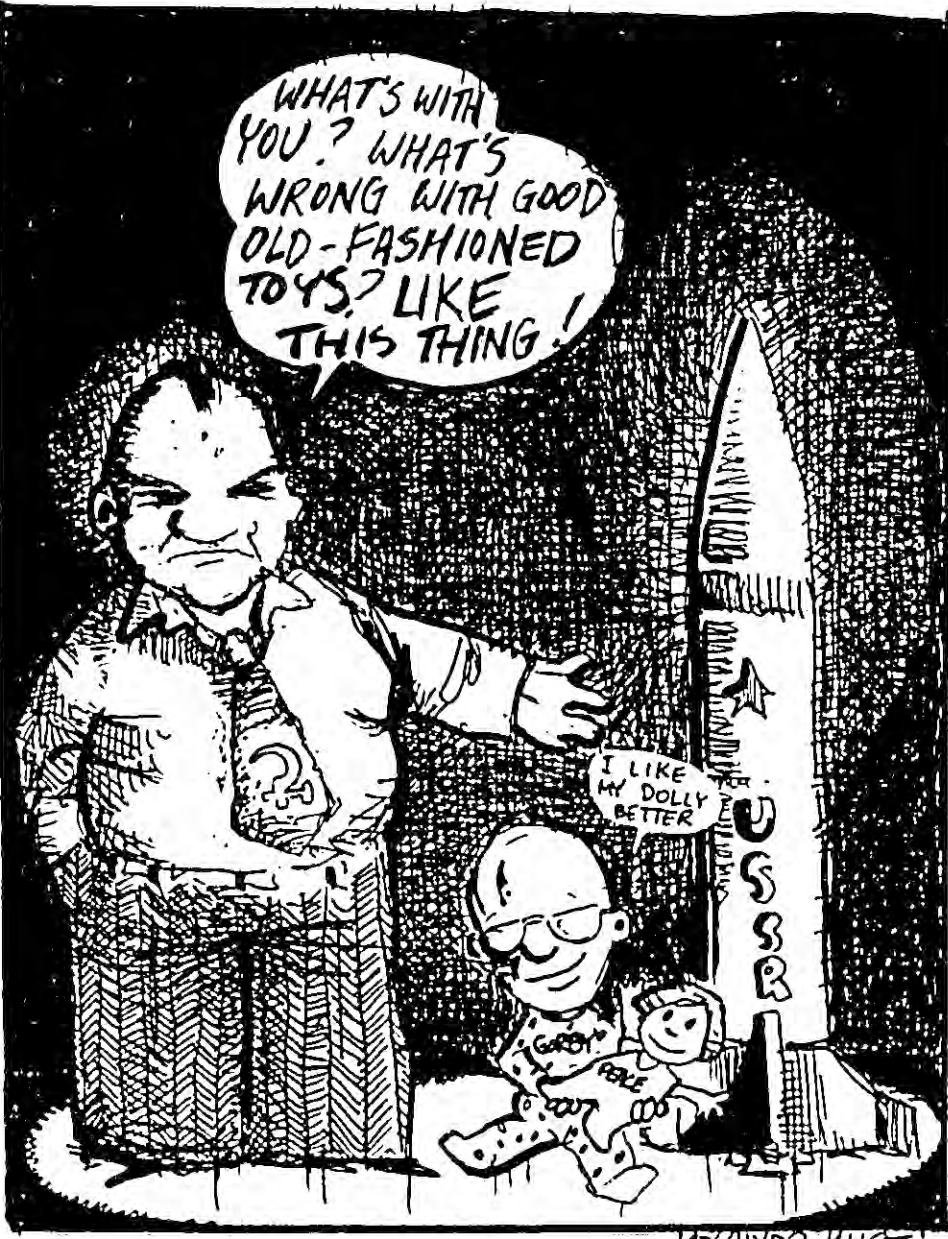
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Personally speaking

By ELIZABETH DELEON  
Senior Associate Editor



Go ahead . . . .

Send it in

Walking around campus the other day, I could not help overhearing students complain.

"I don't like this about a class. I think things should be done this way. We need more of this on campus. I wish I could change certain aspects of college."

Although MCC has a wonderful campus and provides great learning experience, students should realize their ideas for improvements can be heard.

"How or what can I do to get things done, or to tell others how I feel?" One solution: write a letter to the editor of this newspaper.

Send letters to: The Highland Herald, McLennan Community College Journalism Dept., 1400 College Dr., Waco, Texas 76708, or come by the Journalism room located in the Community Services Center (old Waco High). We also have a mailbox located in the Student Center.

By writing a letter to the editor, the college can be improved. Administrators, faculty, staff, and student leaders will listen to all problems and work their hardest to please.

Along with letters to the editor, we really encourage club sponsors and presidents to send us information concerning club news. It is a tedious task getting in touch with sponsors, and when we finally do, it's usually too late to get it into the paper.

So come on and send in those letters because life in the newsroom is lonely without input. We are like Maytag repairmen without complaints, griefs, praises, jobs well-done, personal thoughts and even personal problems.

We are not guaranteeing a rapid solution to letters, but we will do our best with the help of others to achieve solutions to suggestions.

You have nothing to lose but a few minutes and a piece of paper. Please write! You have an abundance to gain from it. Besides, who wants to be like a Maytag repairmen anyway?

Ever have a Valentines day when you felt like Charlie Brown?  
The mailbox was empty and you wore a frown.  
Ever have a Valentines day when you were in LOVE?  
You floated on cloud nine so high above.  
We want to hear so drop us a line,  
This is the end of our short little rhyme.

The staff of the Highland Herald wants to hear about your best or worst Valentines. Address your letter to:

Valentino  
c/o Journalism Dept.

Then drop your letter in the campus mail.

NAMES in the news

Diane Snider, graduate of MCC, is serving her third term as president of the Bremond Alumni & Associates of the Future Homemakers of America. Diane says that the alumni chapter serves as a "big sister" organization for the FHA. This is ideal for Diane since she is continuing her education in the home economics field....

At least one MCC student has a background in network entertainment. Freshman Tim Schaub made an appearance on national television as a young boy when he was on "That's Incredible," (but not because he did anything incredible)....

Jeff Kasowski of Bremond and former student of MCC is beginning spring practice with the Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders. This is Jeff's first year on the baseball team....

Former student Todd Cantrell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Baylor with a B.A. degree in sociology....

Freshman Riley Chaborn is a member of a punk band, "The Manson Family."

Derrell Newman, a former MCC student, was chosen as the 1989 "Dispatcher of the Year" for the American Medical Transport Ambulance Service....

Mike Heussner, a freshman criminal justice major, was the Target Department Store "Employee of The Month" for December....

Art student Teena Kennedy recently received an art scholarship from the Community Artists and Student Association. Kennedy submitted her work in competition with other Waco artists for one of three local scholarships....

Ethan Baker, another art student, recently designed the stage for the annual Richland Mall Christmas fashion show. Baker is known in the community as a competent artist and is now working on various other projects....

Not that you ask...

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS  
Editorial Editor



Outrage over AIDS research

Are you one of the many who don't understand the outrage expressed by the gay community around the state over what some call "their" perceived lack of AIDS research?

I agree. I'm tired of it too. However, until a cure is found I hope we don't stop expressing our outrage over the lack of research done in Texas. I lost a young friend and neighbor to AIDS recently.

According to the Center for Disease Control, Texas has had over 8,000 diagnosed cases of AIDS — higher than any other state except New York, California and Florida; and about the same as New Jersey.

Texas by contrast ranks about the lowest when it comes to spending on AIDS research.

This can be attributed in part to Texas being in the "Bible Belt" of conservative politics and the often hostile attitudes toward homosexuality. According to a recent report from the health department about 85 percent of Texans with AIDS are gay or bi-sexual.

A Study on AIDS policy in Washington calculated that California and New York spend about \$3 per state resident for AIDS research. In 1989 Texas spent only 14-cents per resident on state programs (these figures don't include federal or local spending.) for AIDS research.

AIDS is a contagious disease and in a relatively short time it has cost our nation more lives than the Vietnam War.

In the past cancer and heart disease victims have rightfully received our attention and our sympathy.

This can't be said for patients with AIDS. Too many people still feel the victims have brought it on themselves. It's not a socially acceptable disease, nor is it advantageous for a politician to voice too much concern about it.

President Reagan said he hadn't given it too much attention until his friend, Rock Hudson was stricken.

Due to complications of childbirth, a Kentucky woman, Belinda Mason is a victim of AIDS. She was given blood plasma which had not been tested. This saved her life at the time, but it was later found that some of the blood was contaminated with the AIDS virus.

Mason is one of many who have joined in the fight for more research and education on the AIDS epidemic, which is moving across our country.

If we don't join with the gay community in pleading for AIDS research, who will do battle against this disease in the 1990s? The Department of Defense?

You can do it . . . .

Shape up!

By THOMAS BUTLER

Keep that New Year's resolution! Now is the time to start shedding those extra pounds everyone gains over the holidays.

One hundred million American adults are overweight. Twenty million of these adults will be on a diet at any given time. After spending \$33 billion a year on dietary products, 95 percent of those who lost weight will regain at least some of it.

"The cure for our nations overweight problem is not to convince people to eat less and less," says Dr. Peter Wood, of Stanford University's Heart Disease Prevention Programs. Wood recommends adding daily exercise.

Carmack Berryman, who teaches figure and weight control at MCC, agrees.

"To effectively lose weight a person needs to combine diet with regular exercise," Berryman suggests working out every other day.

Sandy Hinton, an aerobics teacher at MCC, stresses firming up while losing fat.

"Losing pounds can be misleading. If you lose weight too fast you may be losing muscle along with the fat. Some people lose clothing sizes and body fat but don't lose any actual weight and that is good." Hinton had a student lose 18 pounds one semester.

The HPE building offers students and faculty an assortment of facilities for shaping up including:

- weight machines and free weights, stationary bicycles, rowing machines, a stairmaster, racquet ball courts, a treadmill, and a swimming pool. There is also a running track in front of the tennis courts.
- One underestimated way to get into shape is walking. Berryman, who is a strong advocate of walking, says, "Everyone knows how to do it. It doesn't take special equipment, and there are plenty of places to walk." Walking two miles in one hour will burn 165 calories.
- Regular exercise also speeds up a person's metabolism which helps the body burn more calories. A 30 minute workout can speed metabolism for 12 hours.
- Tips for working out:
  - Always warm upstretch. This is important every time you work out. Stretching helps prevent muscle pulls and other injuries.
  - Drink water during the workout. This will keep you from overheating.
  - Get in a routine. Working out the same time every day will help you cut down on skipping workouts.
  - Get a partner. Workout partners help motivate you, and it is good to have someone around in case of injury.
  - Do exercises correctly. It is better to do 10 correct repetitions of an exercise than 50 incorrect.
  - Start today. You will never get in shape starting tomorrow.

NEWS BRIEFS

Publisher here next week

Randy Freddy, publisher of the Waco Tribune-Herald, on Feb. 8 will be the first in a series of media experts to be interviewed about their businesses by the mass communication class. Journalism student Tonna Bass will conduct the interview.

Future guests will cover such topics as book publishing on Feb. 36, radio on March 1, television on March 20, the movie industry on March 27, public relations on April 10, media law on April 12, government and the press on May 1, and international communications on May 3. Students and faculty are invited to these classes which began at 9:25 in room B-43 on the Community Service Center.

ID's, parking permits, fines

Students have been reminded of where to transact their various items of business:

- Parking fines can be paid in the registrar's office.
- If students wish to appeal traffic violations, the office of student activities and health services is the place to go.
- Handicapped parking permits can be obtained from Johnnie Talton with displaced homemakers and handicapped services located on the first floor of the Student Center.
- Student ID's are still available through the office of student activities and health services.

Waco colleges meet on campus

Members of the Waco Higher Education Consortium met here Jan. 9 to discuss links between the four colleges in Waco. The members include the presidents and representatives from Paul Quinn College, TSTU, Baylor, and MCC. This was only the second meeting of the newly formed group. They met to discuss existing links between the schools, ideas for joint economic development projects, and potential faculty exchanges between the schools.



# Students gear up for TASP testing

By KERRI FUNDERBURK

It's TASP time again, but don't fret; just wipe your brow and take a few deep breaths because awareness is the answer!

The TASP test is a placement test used by colleges and universities to determine the skills and abilities of students. Test results help schools to place students in classes appropriate for their subject knowledge level.

Those exempt from the test include all students with at least three semester hours completed prior to the fall of 1989, excluding education majors who are required to take the test regardless.

Registration for the test has begun. Late registration continues through Feb. 14, by phone only and requires an additional fee. Registration bulletins are available in the counseling office. These contain dates, fees, sample questions and complete instructions about application.

Several students should have taken the TASP during the fall semester but were allowed a one time exemption by signing a waiver. If the test is not taken by these students on Feb. 24, these students will be removed from enrollment.

Study guides for the TASP are available at the bookstore for \$12. A copy is available at the library but it cannot be checked out.

The TASP contains three sections—mathematics, writing and reading. To pass the test, all sections must be successfully completed.

If a section is failed, students are required to retake only the failed portion. They are enrolled in a developmental course to improve their skills in that area.

Those who need to take the TASP should not delay in either registering or preparation. Questions can be answered at the counseling office on the first floor of the Student Union, or call 756-6551 ext. 582.



photo by Nathan Newberry

FORMER MCC STUDENT Derrell Neuman dispatches information for Waco's recently implemented 911 emergency service number.

## Waco begins 911 service

By RACHEL SPOMER

The 911 Emergency System has finally been implemented by the City of Waco.

The purpose of the new system is to save time. Instead of taking the time to learn separate numbers for the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance service, the only number to be remembered is 911. Tony Ball, a city official, said the system will save lives. "Time is the essence of an emergency," he said.

The system is easy to use. Callers need only pick up the phone and dial 911. The computers at the

switchboard already have the phone number and address from the source of the call, so they can go straight to the matter at hand. When the call is answered, the operator asks the nature of the emergency. The call and all the information is immediately transferred to the appropriate department. This system can be used even by small children.

According to Tony Ball, the system has cost taxpayers little. Citizens of Waco have been taxed 27 cents a month for the past six years to pay for it.

This system is designed to save time which will in turn save lives.

## Drug program continues

By MARY KUJAWA

John Porter, drug abuse prevention project coordinator, will be continuing his successful drug prevention programs this semester.

One of the projects is the Improv class which held its first meeting on Jan. 16. Porter states that the main purpose of the Improv class is to give people a chance to act out feelings, especially those relevant to substance abuse. Students are also encouraged to act-out feelings in a conflict situation. These situations are set up by either Porter or Lou Lindsey, drama director, or by student improvisation. The Improv Class was conducted last semester and proved to be an effective medium for those with substance abuse problems, according to Porter.

He would also like to point out that the class is open to the public and encourages anyone to attend, watch, participate and share. People who are in a dysfunctional family, have personal ties to someone who has substance abuse problems or have personal problems

with substance abuse are especially encouraged to attend.

Porter is also accepting applications for Peer Counseling Training. Training will be held on Monday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 p.m. beginning in early February. Interested students may pick up an application in Porter's office, AC-314 or call for information at 750-3514.

Alcoholics Anonymous has resumed weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 12 noon in AC-201. Narcotics Anonymous meetings will be held on Thursdays at 12:15 in the Student Center, room 301. Porter reports a good response from both of these organizations. However, he encourages anyone who feels that they have a problem to attend the meetings.

Additional membership drives for the D.R.A.W. program of Waco, are also being conducted. Students will be given opportunities to join the D.R.A.W. program on campus throughout the semester.

For more information concerning the drug prevention programs, contact Porter at 750-3514 or stop by his office, AC-314.

## Cosmetology celebrates first year in new CSC facility

By BRIAN YATES

As the MCC cosmetology department nears its first anniversary in the Community Services Center, cosmetology Director Ronald Robinson praised the program's new facility.

"It's great. We have a lot of room and I'm very pleased," Robinson said of his department's new location.

The cosmetology department had been housed in the Applied Sciences building since 1973 when Robinson, the first male to enroll in the MCC cosmetology program, was a student. While in the AS building, the cosmetology depart-

ment consisted of only 2,000 square feet.

After moving to the CSC last year, the department's facilities were expanded to 10,000 square feet. "We have a wonderful facility because we have plenty of room to accommodate all of our students," Robinson said. Sixty-one students are now enrolled in the program.

Now with 8,000 extra square feet, three cosmetology training programs and new equipment provided for his staff and students, Robinson has plans for the future of his department.

"I want to keep what I have going, but I want to add to it. We're always looking for curriculum changes and better ways to teach."

about two weeks.

York said researchers are asking that participants complete a questionnaire to be sent in with the test which provides information for the EPA study. The report will be submitted in May to the EPA to become part of a nationwide radon study.

A brochure explaining the testing program is available at Skaggs Alpha Beta stores where test kits are sold. For more information contact The Institute for Environmental Studies, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798, phone 755-3405.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Student elections this week

Student Government elections will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Center. Student ID's are required for students to vote. A president, parliamentarian and representatives will be selected during this election.

### 'Encouraging' workshops continue

The third in a series of 40-minute workshops on "Making Things Right" will be held at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday in Fine Arts Theater, room 110. Ron Miller, business consultant, will lead this week's program entitled "Act Better Than You Feel."

Other programs in the series include "Don't Kill Today With Yesterday" led by Penny Flood of Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center on Feb. 7, "Love Addiction" by Barbara Miller of Heart of Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on Feb. 14, "Manana Won't Get It" by Dr. Bob Thrift of the Center for Marriage and Family Counseling on Feb. 21, "Worry and Anxiety, No. 1 Mental Health Problem" by Marylea Henderson on Feb. 28, and "Say Know to Drugs" by John Porter on March 7.

### Boston scholarship deadline set

Students may apply for the Boston University Trustee Scholarship by contacting James Kuback in the financial aids office by Feb. 15. The scholarship pays for tuition and fees to attend Boston University. Students should have a 3.50 grade point average, demonstrate leadership or distinctive contributions to the college or community and must be able to transfer as juniors.

### ESA applications available

Students may apply to the financial aids office for the ESA Foundation annual scholarships by March 10. The ESA offers general scholarships. It also offers specific scholarships in these areas: accounting, interpreter for the deaf, teaching education, nursing and "students continuing an interrupted education."

### Soviet pen pals available

Students and others who are interested in having a Soviet pen pal are invited to write to Peace Links, 747 Eighth St. SE, Washington, D.C. 20003 or call 202-544-0805. Persons interested need not be a member of the Peace Links organization. Peace Links has hundreds of letters from Soviet students who are interested in a cultural exchange. For more information, contact John Porter, ext. 514 or come by AC-314.

### Billings speaks for SCORE

Lu Billings, director of MCC's Small Business Development Center, spoke Friday at the Service Corps of Retired Executives monthly meeting. Billings spoke on the recent Women's Business Ownership training conference which she attended in Clearwater, Fla.

### Canoeing, camping still open

Students can still register for the "Canoeing and Camping" course until Feb. 5. The class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, ending with a weekend camping and canoeing trip up the Brazos. All equipment will be furnished.

### Saturday library hours set

The Library Saturday hours for the spring semester are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The hours will begin Saturday. Other Saturdays the Library will be open are February 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21. A professional librarian will be on duty during this time for students needing reference assistance.

### Lost book fee quadrupled

Effective Feb. 1, the MCC Library no longer will charge a \$10 fee for lost books that are out-of-print. A new fee of \$40 will be assessed to borrowers who lose out-of-print books.

### Grad application deadline nears

Feb. 9 is the last day to apply for spring graduation. Applications may be picked up at the Registrar's office between 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The application fee is \$16.

### Text author speaks to class

Dr. Warren Agee spoke to the journalism class Thursday about their textbook of which he was principal author, "Introduction to Mass Communications." Agee spoke via telephone as students listened over an amplifier set up in the journalism lab. Dr. Tom Buckner conducted the interview. Agee, journalism dean emeritus at the University of Georgia, told about co-authors Philip H. Ault and Edwin Emery, and the history of the text which has its 10th edition going to press. He said he would be in Texas in March and hoped to visit the MCC campus.

### Minority leaders program

MCC has been invited to participate in the second annual Minority Leaders Fellowship Program.

The Washington Center is sponsoring a 10-week program designed to help minority college students develop their leadership abilities through hands-on internships and academic workshops.

President Dennis Michaels may nominate one minority student to this program. Fifty students will be selected as the 1990 class of fellows. Students receiving the fellowship will be announced March 1. The program will be held from June 1 until Aug. 10, in Washington D.C.

### Off-campus registration nears

Registration will be held this Saturday and Monday for classes at new off-campus centers, downtown Waco and Hewitt. Registration is to be at both centers from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday. The downtown Waco center is located at 711 Washington. The Hewitt center is located in the Crossroads West Shopping Center at Highway 84 and Hewitt Drive. Both day and evening classes will be provided.

Classes are to begin the next week. Information on admission and financial aid will be available at registration sites. Students may also register on the MCC campus. For additional information, call 750-3520.

### Youth conference held

A Leadership Youth conference, part of MCC's Adopt-A-School program, was held Jan. 30 at the Community Services Center. About 50 students from the program's two participating schools, Waco and University High. This is the third year of the program for students who are potential leaders selected by their high school counselors and principals. After being welcomed by President Dennis Michaels, students participated in programs covering such topics as decision making, winning attitude, motivation, physical fitness, substance abuse, leadership styles, and higher education.

## Illegals being towed

By BRIAN YATES

Students parking illegally this semester still have cause for concern — MCC's policy of towing illegally parked vehicles, which was enacted during the previous Fall semester, is still in effect.

The list of offenses that subject a vehicle to towing remain the same: parked in areas not designated for parking, parked backwards, parked against the flow of traffic, parked over strips, parked in excess of time limit (15 minute parking time zone), parked in faculty/staff reserved area, parked in area designated for handicapped, parked on street, parked on grass, parked on yellow curb or parked where traffic may be blocked.

Fortunately for those who have difficulty finding areas to park during the morning and early afternoon, the shuttle is still available and now runs during the lunchtime hours. The shuttle runs every 10 minutes between the hours of 7:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Also, there are now three more stops at which students may board the shuttle. It now stops at the Fine Arts building, Health Careers building, Liberal Arts/Student Center, Health and Physical Education Building and the Administrative classroom building.

MCC has also been contemplating erecting additional shelters, but no definite decision has been made.

## Fashion students attend lecture

By BECKY FIKES

The fashion merchandising students will go to Dallas May 22-25.

This course is designed to broaden the scope of experience and understanding of fashion and the fashion market, said Kae Moore, fashion director. It will involve lecture and discussion, followed by four days and three nights with orientation and review before and after traveling to Dallas.

The participant must be a fashion, business or management development major or receive in-

structor approval. Enrollment is limited.

Students can receive two hours of credit upon completion of the course. Course registration is April 5-6. Tuition and fees is \$232, and must be paid at time of registration. This fee includes tuition, fees, round trip transportation to and from Dallas, and lodging for three nights (two persons per room) and transportation to scheduled activities in Dallas.

Meals and other expenses are paid by the participant. For additional information, contact Moore at 750-3592.



photo by James Sludor

COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS Tiffany Buchanan and Becky Wallis obtain experience as they work on customer Donna Turner.

## Baylor offers radon test in EPA study

By SARA WARTES

Area residents are being given an opportunity to test household radon levels at cost by participating in a Baylor University environmental study.

Baylor is one of three universities in the country and the first in Texas to be funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for radon testing.

Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that is released from the soil as a natural by-product of urani-

um. Buildings constructed over areas where radon is released can trap the gas, causing unhealthy concentrations indoors. Damage to lung tissue can lead to cancer and other respiratory problems. Children and smokers are especially at risk.

Kimberly York, one of five Baylor graduate students conducting the study, said radon levels in Texas have not been established. She said it is thought that uranium deposits which run approximately under Interstate 35 from Dallas to San Antonio are a potential source

of the gas. One purpose of the EPA study is to identify areas in the region that have a potential for radon.

York said radon test kits will be available at cost in Skaggs Alpha Beta stores until Feb. 15. The price is \$5 for a test kit, which would ordinarily cost \$15 to \$20.

The simple test involves leaving a small paper bag exposed in the home for two to three days and then mailing it to the Alpha Energy Laboratories in Arlington, Texas, for analysis. Results will be reported to the home owner within



# Highlanders take 3 of 5

By STEVE JEAN

The Highlanders are 3-0 in conference play and improved to 15-5 overall after winning a tough game against their cross-town rival the TSTI Tornadoes 89-84 Wednesday.

The beginning of the game was sluggish and boring until the Tornadoes went on a 16-3 run highlighted by a couple of three-pointers by Kevin White and Donald Bryant to give their team a 36-25 lead with 3:40 remaining in the half.

The Highlanders picked up the pace of their game a notch as they pulled to within four on a pair of free throws by Billy Carlock to go in the locker room at halftime down by a score of 38-34. After being shut out in the first half, Carlock came out scorching when he hit for 10 of his game high 22 points early in the second half to give the Highlanders a four point lead.

Two layups off the fastbreak by Reggie Johnson and Darryl Frederick gave the Highlanders their biggest lead of the night 79-69 with just over five minutes left in the game.

The pesky Tornadoes picked away at the lead to cut it to four before Hulon Loudde stepped in front of a pass by Cedric Carson who led the Tornadoes with 27 points. Being fouled instantly Loudde hit a pair of free throws to make the lead 87-81.

"Hulon came in to give us a big lift with a couple of big plays at the end of the game," said Coach Ken DeWeese. With just under half a minute left in the game Carson hit a high arcing three-pointer to give the Tornadoes one last breath, but off the inbounds pass Frederick took the ball the length

of the court and iced the game with an incredible slam.

Javier Ayala and Maurice Gandy scored 16 and 20 points as the only other Highlanders to score in double digits. "I think our five starters played very well for us against a team that is losing their program. It was a tough situation for both teams to be in," said DeWeese. "TSTI played extremely well and they played very consistent under the circumstances," said DeWeese.

"I'm proud to win and I'm glad to start off conference play with two of our three wins on the road. It's always hard to win on the road but it's also always nice to win on the road," said DeWeese.

**Highlanders corral the Wranglers**  
Earlier in the month against a Cisco team that relied on the three-pointer and playing run and gun all night, the Highlanders outdueled a quick and small team and won 106-101.

Opening the game in a full court press and throughout most of the first half the Highlanders and Wranglers traded baskets back and forth before a 9-0 run finished by a three point play by Maurice Gandy who had 17 points and 16 rebounds to give the Highlanders a 16-7 lead five minutes into the game.

"We were using the press to try and slow down their guards a little bit," said DeWeese.

The Wranglers closed the margin to three on a basket by Eric Brown midway thru the first half before the Highlanders went on a 11-2 run which included three-point plays by Gandy and Michael Ferguson to extend the lead to 34-22 with 8:33 remaining in the half. Ferguson had 11 for the night.

Both teams exchanged several baskets before the Highlanders

scored the last nine points of the half to go to the locker room ahead 56-41.

Chipping away at the lead with three-pointers the Wranglers closed the gap to ten before Don Hutto who had 15 points for the game hit a three-pointer followed by a layup to make the lead 71-56.

Using their perimeter shooting once again, at the 6:42 mark the Wranglers cut the lead in half on a three-point bomb by Brown who led all scorers with 41. A pair of free throws by Javier Ayala who led the Highlanders in scoring with 23 made it 91-79.

A layup by Carlock who led with 22 points and 17 rebounds made the score 101-90 with 1:03 to play to ice the victory for the Highlanders.

The Wranglers fought back again and again but it was not enough as the final score was 106-101.

## Over the Hill

The Highlanders opened conference play against Hill College with a 81-67 win.

Carlock led the team with 26 points and eight rebounds. Gandy also chipped in 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds for the Highlanders. Loudde also scored in double figures as he had 11 points on the night. The Highlanders won the battle of the boards by out-rebounding the Rebels 32-30.

"It was nice to win our conference opener because it was on the road and that is especially hard to do," said DeWeese.

"I think we have half a dozen players who have stepped into the leadership role and have not backed away from it which has helped us a lot," said DeWeese.

## A tough road trip

After a conference-enforced lay-off for the Christmas holidays, the Highlanders had to virtually restart their season on the road against San Jacinto and Alvin Community colleges where they lost 94-89 and 75-71 respectively.

Against San Jac the Highlanders had five different players in double figures. Hutto had 11, Ayala chipped in 19, Gandy pitched in 12, Carlock had 14, and Ferguson led all Highlanders with 21. This still was not enough as the Ravens survived a scare.

In the Alvin game Carlock had 23 while Gandy and Patrick Fairley had 14 apiece in a losing cause for the Highlanders.

"We really played hard but not particularly well although I am still proud of the effort the team showed," said DeWeese.

"Although we lost, we played with a great deal of intensity being on the road after a four week lay-off," said DeWeese.

# Men netters 5th ranked in nation

By ANDY WALLACE

Although the men's tennis team has only one tournament under its belt, it is ranked fifth in the nation.

Tennis Coach Carmack Berryman said, "I think this could be the best team MCC has ever seen," said tennis Coach Carmack Berryman.

With high ranking players from all over the world, the Highlanders have exceptional depth. Team leaders Mike Brown and Rob Grant, both native to California, are the top two American players in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll. "We are potential national champions," said Grant. "This team will go as far as it wants to."

The men's team also has a European connection. Freshman Johan Gedultschka, from Stockholm, has adjusted well to his new environment. "I like the people here. They are very open and easy to talk to," he said. Ola Wallander, also from Sweden, likes the warm Texas weather. "The sun shines all the time so we can play all year round. But sometimes it does get too hot," he said.

## Women face tough test

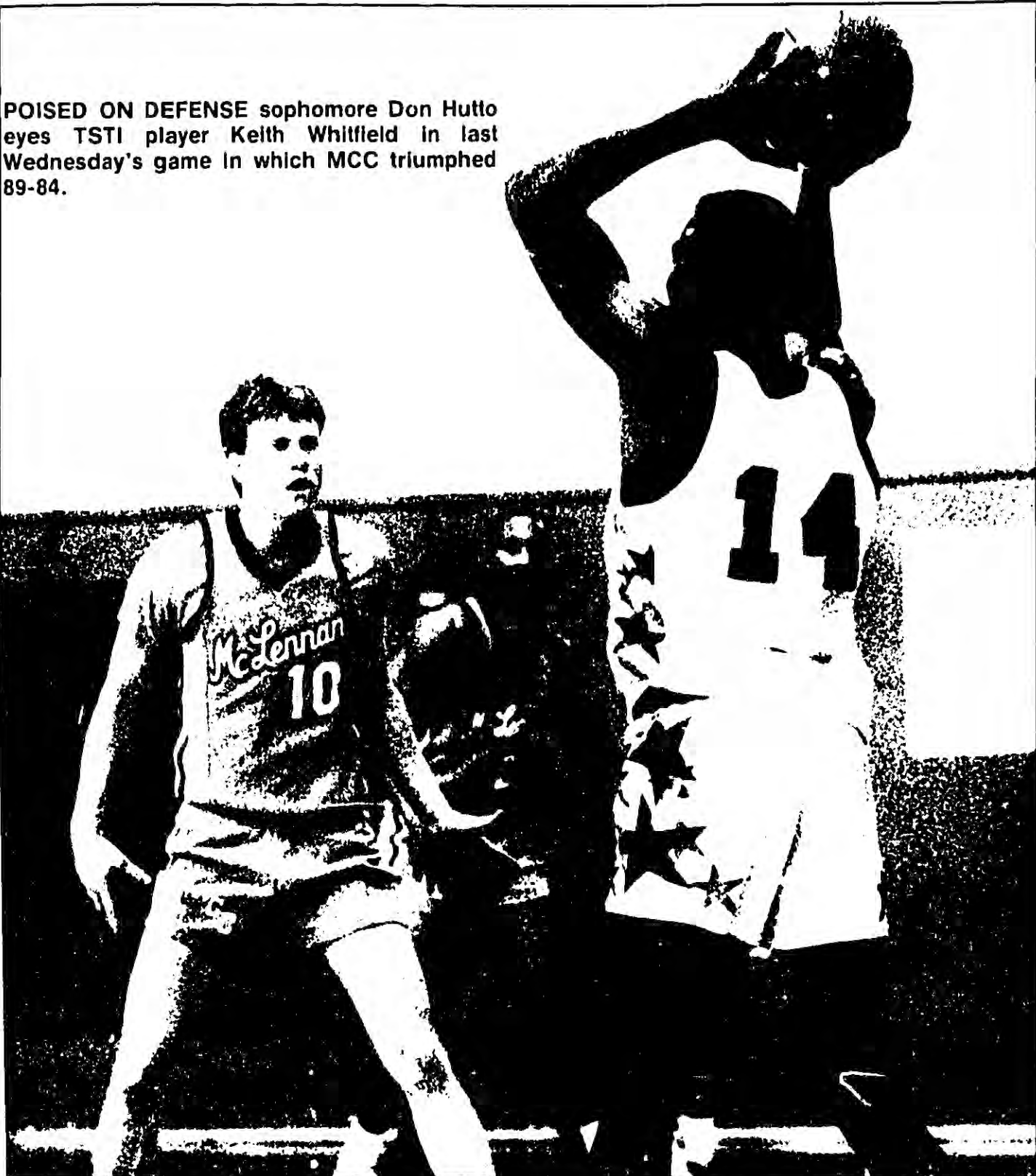
By WAYNE NELSON

The excitement is running high among the Highlassies tennis team as they prepare to open the season next week in Corpus Christi at The Volvo National Junior College Indoor Tournament.

This tournament invites only the top singles and doubles junior college players in the nation. The Highlassies will open the season with a ranking of eighth in the nation.

The members of the team are Maria Carlsson, a sophomore from Sweden; Brenda Haag, a sophomore from Rockdale; Jennifer Holz, a sophomore from McAllen; Kelly Mussa, a sophomore from Plano; Tasha Smith, a freshman

POISED ON DEFENSE sophomore Don Hutto eyes TSTI player Keith Whitfield in last Wednesday's game in which MCC triumphed 89-84.



# Highlassies win 2, lose 2

By MON TINA WILLIAMS

After upsetting Cisco 87-65 Jan 20 at the Highlands, the Highlassies traveled to Denison Jan. 27 to play Grayson Junior College only to feel the agony of defeat with the final score at 74-109.

The Highlassies were led by Stacie Alexander 18 points, Shawn Medlock 12 points, Jill Reed 11 points, Tabitha Truesdale's nine points, Martine Anderson's eight points.

Although the Highlassies size were a disadvantage in this game against Grayson, their ball handling and quick defense quickly worked in their favor, but didn't work for them at the end.

At the half, the lassies were trailing by 17 points with the half-time score 37-54. The loss pushes the Lassies conference record to 1-2 and 9-11 in league play.

## Highlassies turns tables

With a 86-62 win over the famed San Jacinto College in Houston, the Highlassies record now stands at (6-7).

The five high scores of the game against San Jac were Shawn Medlock who scored 20 points including a three pointer and had three assists, Tabitha Truesdale scored 13 points, Jill Reed gave 12 points, Kelly Silver contributed 11 points and Kendra Haynes scored 10 points.

With a combination of quick rebounds and three-pointers, the Highlassies took control of the game to give them the advantage needed over San Jac.

In the middle of the first half, Highlassie Shawn Medlock scored a three-pointer to maintain the team's lead over San Jac.

The Highlassies remained ahead of San Jac at halftime with a score of 43-28.

After the start of the second half, the teams were neck and neck until Shawn Medlock, and Tabitha Truesdale scored and broke the tie to put MCC up by seven points.

Even though the Highlassies win was apparent, San Jac kept the pressure on the Lassies forcing them to increase their defense to upset San Jac 86-62.

## Highlassies beaten at Hill

After the 86-62 win over San Jac,

the Highlassies were defeated 98-82 at Hillsboro as they faced Hill Junior College Jan 17.

In the game against Hill, the Lassies were led by Shawn Medlock's 18 points. Tabitha Truesdale scored 14 points and Kalen Parkinson scored 24 points.

Hill's win was led by Sumrall's 15 points, Ashbey's 14 points, Paul-ton's 18 points, and Ellis seven points and six rebounds.

The loss puts the Highlassies at 0-1 in conference play.

## A Blow past Cisco

MCC's Shawn Medlock and Tabitha Truesdale combined points assisted the Highlassies to a 87-65 victory over Cisco Jan 20 at the Highlands.

The win improves the Highlassies to 1-1 in conference play.

Capitalizing on their three-pointers and quick defense throughout the game, the Lassies fast break had simply outscored Cisco who trailed throughout the game.

The Highlassies stayed on top of Cisco at the half with a score of 38-33.

Shawn Medlock scored 24 points, Tabitha Truesdale had 20 points, Martine Anderson 11 points, Jill Reed eight, and Angela Laws six

points and Stacie Alexander's nine rebounds aided the Highlassies their 87-65 victory over Cisco.



Honing in his point - Coach Wendell Hudson discusses strategy with the Highlassies during their game against Cisco Jan. 20. The Highlassies went on to win 87-65.

# Golfers look to season tourney

By JAMES E. SLUDER

As the new decade begins, the recently re-instated golf team at MCC is willing and ready to begin its season with a tournament beginning Feb 18-20 sponsored by Navarro and San Jacinto Junior Colleges in Galveston.

"The team has improved tremendously by the end of their last season of competition and I hope they can pick up where they left off," said Golf Coach Stan Mitchell.

With the help of Mental Health Director John Porter, Mitchell feels that the team will be able to play a more consistent and more competitive game of golf.

Porter, who teaches players relaxation and concentration techniques, will share with the golf

team his techniques of relaxation and concentration, to help them compete more competitively.

Porter, is also in charge of the drug program at MCC and had helped the Dallas Cowboys with the same techniques he will be sharing with the MCC golfers.

"The strength of the team is their attitude. They think they can," stated coach Mitchell.

Although the schedule has not been completely set, Mitchell says the team will play in five or six tournaments with the season ending in April at Western Texas College in Snyder.

The team feels that through teamwork and a consistent game of play, they can compete and win in their division competition.

# Pitching is the key

By THOMAS BUTLER

Freshman pitcher Rod Huffman will pitch his first season game Feb. 3 when the Highlanders hosts their season opener against North Texas University. The Landers will also host the McLennan Community College Invitational Feb 23-25. With two additional games against Navarro College.

The Highlanders will enter the season with a strong pitching staff, plenty of team depth, and the confidence to go beyond conference play.

The team members are: Cedric Allen, POF; Jeff Andrewartha, 1B; Denny Bowles, 1B; Ted Bahner, P; Donnie Carlisle, P; Jim Danhof, OF; John Finkle, OF; Matt Fisher, C; Lance Grider, P; Rory Grissom, P; Tracy Hobbs, P; Also Rod Huffman, P; George Killford, SS; Danny Leigh, C; Sean Lowe, P; Mike Macko, 2B; Jerome McGary, P; Greg Merrell, 2B; James Nix, SS/P; Mark Prather, OF; Brian Pratt, 1B; Mark Rudis, C; Mark Scott, OF; Kris Silka, 3B; Kevin Steffenauer, PSS; Jeff Thomas, PSS; Jeff Williams, P. Ed Stacey is the assistant coach.

## Sports Talk

# Superbore

By BRIAN SHAW

It is appropriate, in the aftermath of Super Bowl XXIV, to cut through all the hype and to talk about what the Super Bowl really is.

Although I am an avid football fan and look forward to watching it, I am disgusted with all the hoopla the media builds around it. Only on a few occasions have the teams involved put on a show entertaining enough to merit such attention. Most of the games have either been blowouts or comedies of error.

Regardless of how the teams perform on the field, it is time to put the Super Bowl into perspective. In 1960 the National Football League and its rival, the American Football League, agreed to a merger. Part of this agreement was that the champions of the leagues would play each other at the end of the season for the "world championship." This, of course, is the game we now call the Super Bowl.

For games one through four, it was to football what the World Series is to baseball. The teams did not meet in the regular season because they played in separate leagues under separate systems of rules.

In 1970 the merger was completed and the AFL became the American Football Conference. The Browns, Steelers and Colts joined it from the old NFL, which became the National Football Conference. Since the teams were now

all playing under the NFL banner, they were able to play during the regular season as well as in the Super Bowl.

The media failed to give proper credence to this fact. For example, they harp on the Vikings for never having won the Super Bowl in four attempts. So what? Their first try was in Super Bowl IV, which occurred before the merger was complete, meaning they were NFL champions before the game was played. Since game five, the purpose of the Super Bowl has been to decide the NFL championship.

The Vikings have lost three NFL championship games. Big deal. Teams have been winning (or losing) NFL championships since 1921. Although I don't have the results of all those games, it seems reasonable to assume that other teams might have lost that many championship games-or even more.

There is no such thing as a "world championship" and the term should be dropped from use in American sports. Other people in other parts of the world have much more serious problems than who wins a football game. If the Broncos or 49ers want to be called "world champions" they should forget football and try feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless and ending all wars.

Let them decide the NFL championship, having a good time and entertaining us in the process. But keep it all in perspective.



# Registration tortures

1. Put your nose on the number one and try to read this page. That


My pessimism shouts "REGISTRATION IS A TREK OF THE DAMNED!" But my optimism whimpers "registering is just another college lesson. . . patience."

As the title suggests, this saw-studded fable of psychopaths and victim's screams spotlights Leatherface, the wielder of the chainsaw.

Main character: Leatherface.  
Setting: Texas.

MCC Faculty

*Jazz*



Concert

Tonight at 8p.m.

Wilbur A. Ball  
Performing Arts  
Center

Free Admission

# What was hot, what was not

This of course is not an official list but my own sampling of the best and worst for 1989.

Deborah Norville  
Democracy  
Michael Jordon  
Michael Chang  
Paula Abdul  
Arsenio Hall  
Life Goes On  
Calvin and Hobbes

The Abyss  
Casualties of War  
Ghostbusters:2  
Vampires Kiss  
Young Einstein  
Lock Up

Billy Joel  
David Crosby  
Milli Vanilli  
Roxette  
Marie Osmond  
Wang Chung

## Awards offer cheers, jeers

However, as with most performers it had its ups and downs in some situations. For instance, I was suprised when New Kids on the Block was nominated as favorite poprock album of the year beating out Bobby Brown and Paula Abdul.

Also, although she did not receive the award for favorite dance single, I was suprised to even see Madonna nominated. Perhaps though the most undesirable even about the whole show was when Guns-N-Roses accepted their awards for best heavy metal album of the year and for favorit

As for the most memorable event of the show, I couldn't agree more to know that Abdul was

Well, until next year let's only hope that the best will keep on performing to their highest potentials.

BRAD FINDS A POLICE  
OFFICER AND ASKED A  
QUARTER FROM HIM TO GET  
FOR HELP!

OFFICER!  
QUICK! HAVE  
YOU ANY LOCKS  
CHANGE?

DOWN NOW  
I'LL LOCK  
AND SEE

TO BE CONTINUED!

A jazz concert featuring great standards of the past and current favorites will be held at 8 tonight in the Ball Performing Arts Center. Headlining the concert will be vocalist Lise Landsfeld accompanied by Bill Howard and Dick Gimble, MCC instructors, on keyboards and bass guitar. The musical arrangements are also by Howard. A few selections for the concert include "Take the A Train" and "Angel Eyes." The concert is free and open to the public.

A black film festival will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Friday in the lounge area of the MCC Student Center. The films to be shown are "Lean on Me," "Tap" and "The Greatest, Muhammad Ali." The film festival is part of the Black Heritage Month activities. Admission is free.

Local soprano Danielle Wucker will perform at 10 a.m. Friday in the Ball Performing Arts Theater. The recital is free and open to the public. Wucker's recital will include Schubert Lieder set to Goethe poetry, Mozart's "Ach ich fuhls," from *Die Zauberflote* (The Magical Flute), Dvorak's "Biblical Songs," op. 90, and biblical songs by Kurt Kaiser. Donald Balmos, MCC Choral and piano instructor, will accompany Wucker.

MCC has been chosen to have the 44th College Photographer of the Year Gallery exhibited in October, 1990. The traveling show will feature the award winning photos by college student photographers entered in the national contest. The exhibit is shown in major universities across the country, and it is rare that a two-year school is chosen for the exhibit, according to journalism instructor Tom Buckner.

Rick Rainer (boom operator) lowers the new MCC sign into place as Richard Brown guides it. The new sign is located at the intersection of Lakeshore and College Dr. Rainer and Brown work for Warren Sign Co. The new sign was erected Jan. 26.

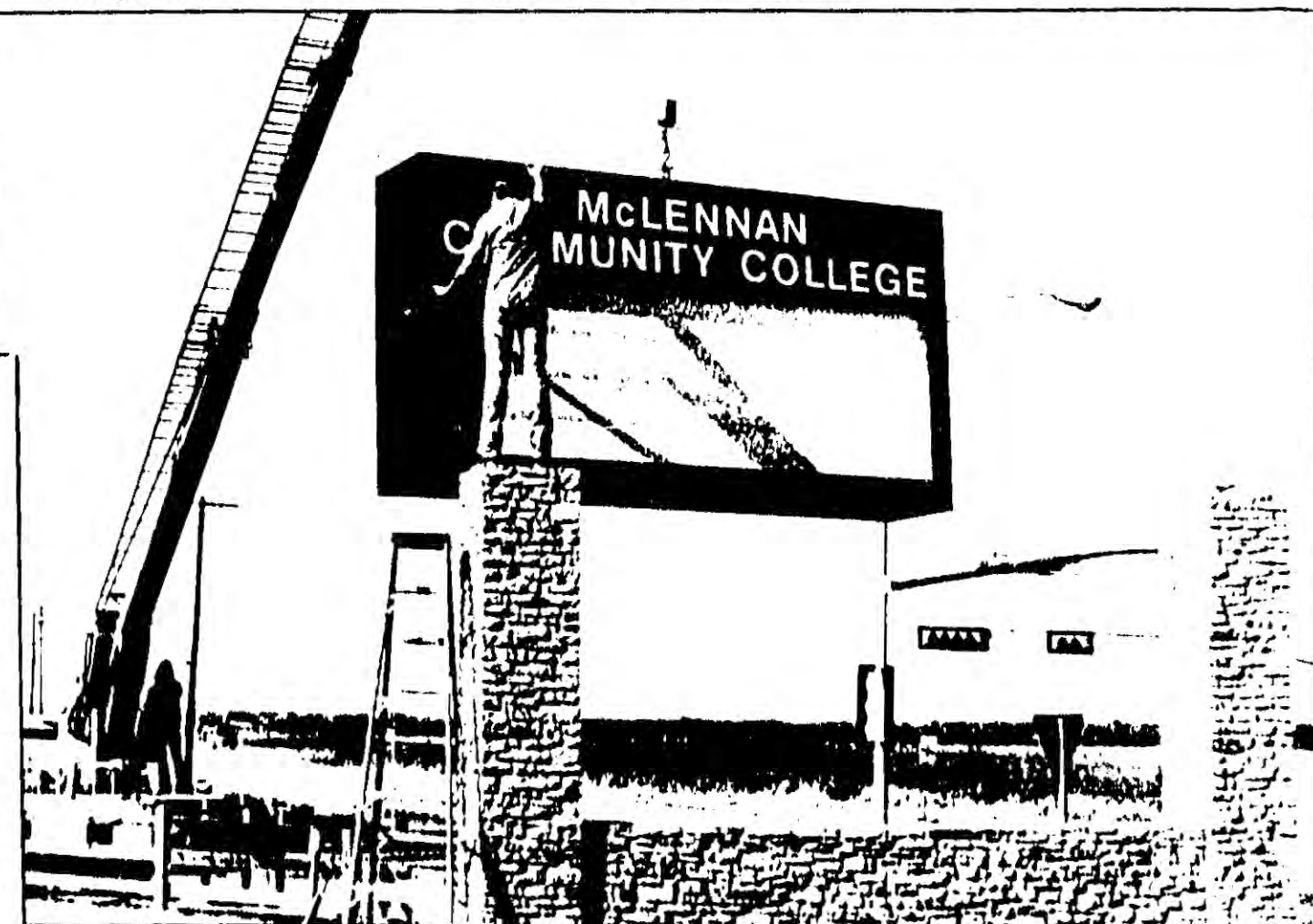


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ASTRO ZOMBIES

A black and white illustration of a car driving on a road towards a city skyline. A speech bubble from the car says "WHA! DO YOU HEAR HUMMING SOUND?". A sign on the skyline reads "FLYING SAUCERS".

**OUR STORY:** SOCIAL PARLINGS  
BRAD AND MARISSA ARE SHARING  
TIME WITH ONE ANOTHER  
AFTER A CLEVELY DAIL UNWARRANTED  
OF THE CALKER INVASION JUST  
OUTSIDE THEIR CAR. SUPRENNY MAY  
REALIZE WHAT'S GOING ON.

BRAD, I'M  
BEACED!

I'M HERE,  
MARISSA. I'LL  
PROTECT YOU!

THEN ONE OF THE ALIEN 'HIG  
UNLATCHES ITS HORRIBLE MOUTH  
AND IN A SINGLE STROKE  
TURNS MARSHA INTO A LUMP  
OF GREEN GOO WITH ONE OF  
ITS TERRIBLE TENTacles!

OH MY HEART  
ACHES! FOR MY  
MARSHA! FOR MY  
SEAT COVERS! (WEE!)  
WHAT A MESS!!  
BUT I MUST FORGET  
MY PAIN AND  
QUICKLY WARN THE  
AUTHORITIES!!

BRAD FINDS A POLICE OFFICER AND KICKS HIM IN THE QUARTER' TRYING HIM TO GIVE MEK' HELP?

POLICE OFFICER! QUICK! HAVE YOU ANY LOCKS CHANGE?

(CALM DOWN) NO! I'LL LOCK AND SEE

DAVE COVERLY



# Panamanian remembers Noriega reign

By AIMEE FARR

"Suddenly we heard tanks coming at us. Everybody took their things and ran. Then they started shooting," said Randal Vest, a former MCC student who experienced first hand the events prompting the recent U.S. invasion of Panama.

Vest was preparing to cast his ballot for last year's presidential election in Panama when Noriega's troops descended upon the crowds outside the 50-60 voting sites throughout Panama City.

"Most of the voting sites were set up by churches because they

had an idea that he was going to do something," he said. The troops fired into the crowd with tear gas and metal pellets, called "Perge-gones," from machine guns, and tanks were brought in for intimidation, he said.

"I saw the tanks, and people getting shot. I ran to my car and left. My car had holes in the back where they had shot at me," he said. Later on the news, Vest saw the troops burning the ballots.

Vest arrived in the United States on an emergency evacuation transport plane for dependents of U.S. military personnel in Panama in early May. The United States had begun to evacuate all

military dependents at that time.

Born in Houston, he moved to the Canal Area at the age of three with his mother, who works for the U.S. Department of Defense.

He is both a citizen of the United States and Panama. The majority of his friends were Panamanians and he switched to their schools when he was in seventh grade.

In order to keep posted on the events prior to and after the invasion Vest has saved clippings and called 1-800 numbers of friends who have businesses in Panama.

Last Friday, he learned four of his friends had been killed in a Pinto station wagon by a U.S. tank at a barricade in Panama City.

Even though the U.S. intervention cost him four friend's lives, he still appreciated the invasion, he said.

"Let me tell you how I justify that. I imagine they had been drinking, they were that kind of crowd. They approached the barricade and the U.S. started yelling for them to stop. They didn't know they were going to get blown away by a tank," he said. He added that Panama City was relatively calm at the time.

The Panamanians mourn over the loss of lives, but they also appreciated the U.S. going in and "saving the country" he said. "The situation down there was to an ex-

treme, it was too dangerous for anybody to go out," he said. Foreign banks in Panama were leaving, even the Bank of Panama was folding, he said.

Another aspect of the economic decline of the country was the minute amounts of food coming into a country with a high amount of poverty. "The country lived off of sugar, corn and rice for a whole year," he said.

"Because of one man, (Noriega) it's hard to believe, but it's true," he added.

Because of social, economic and political turmoil, Panamanians protested Noriega's actions. Less than 10 percent of the population

have firearms, and with Noriega in control of all the armed forces the people could not offer much resistance, he said. Instead they resorted to hanging pots and pans in the streets.

Noriega had the country in his pocket. "Everybody wanted to kill the man, but nobody could get to him. It took 6,000 U.S. troops to get him," he said.

As expected, Vest has little sympathy for Noriega. "He killed a bunch of people, 106 in the elections alone. I'd like to see him put to death for what he did to his country."

# Dance Company captain dances her way to Super Bowl halftime

By ELIZABETH DELEON

The dream of thousands of football fans became a reality for a MCC coed when she not only got to see the Superbowl — but had a part in the nation's No. 1 entertainment spectacle.

Carrie Ann Ready, captain of the MCC Dance Company, was selected from a field of over 5,000 dancers from across the United States as one of the 250 member American All-Star Dance Team. The final top 100 girls were chosen by Lesslee Fitzmorris, National Football League choreographer, as performers for Superbowl

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The selection process began this past summer when members of the Dance Company attended the USA Dance and Drill Team camp on Aug. 20-21 on campus.

"When I received my letter in the mail on being chosen for this honor, I was thrilled but scared because I really didn't know what was to be expected of me. However, I soon came to realize that this is serious business and will do my best because I know the team is supporting me," said Ready.

Sandy Hinton, Dance Company director, said that although this is the first time for any of her girls to perform at the Superbowl, she

wasn't sure of whether or not anyone would have the opportunity to do so.

"No one was ever contacted until the last minute, so we just figured that we tried our best because there was much competition to take into consideration as well," said Hinton.

"Finally, Carrie called me one night over the holidays and told me that she had been selected as an excellent dancer to perform at the Superbowl. I was just ecstatic because this is the most watched sports event of the year, and I am glad that I am able to share in the experience with my girls," said Hinton.

She also stated that Ready has what it takes to have received such a prestigious honor because "she's very involved in everything she does. From school to her dancing she possesses all of the qualities that you would want in a leader.

by putting myself in different positions that put you in control. I am so intense with my dancing and production that I don't have time to be shy, and because I get a lot of enjoyment through dancing. It is my own way of coming out of my shell," said Ready.

She also admits that she has overcome some of her shyness through other leadership roles such as being a drill team director at University High School, involvement in Phi-Theta Kappa, (the campus honor society), the Physical Therapy club and Who's Who. Most importantly though, she gives credit to the girls on the Dance Company and especially to Hinton.

"I feel really close to the girls because I know that they support me. We do things as a team, and because of that, I feel that they are proud of me. Just the same, I feel excited and proud of them also because all of us have come a long way," said Ready.

As for Hinton, she says that Ready's experience is "Good for all of us because we know that Carrie is out there representing everyone from MCC. I also know that the girls share a special closeness and are glad that Carrie is a part of them," stated Hinton.

Ready is studying to be a physical therapy assistant, and also has a two year degree in business. She also has plans to open her own dance studio some day. Originally from El Paso, Ready is the daughter of Davie and Judy Nix, and has been married to Mike Ready for four years.

## Success Story

### Former student's motivation brings her to editor's post

By DAVE ELLIS

Which of the following is an apt description of success? A) Being in the right place at the right time, B) Taking advantage of every opportunity afforded you, C) Achieving goals through good old-fashioned hard work or D) All of the above.

For Margaret Leary, editor-in-chief of publications at Health Ed Co Inc. of Waco and former MCC student, the answer would have to be D) All of the above.

Leary's was not the usual story for a returning student. Aside from parenthood, work-force experience and other characteristics which mark the returning student, Leary also had the obstacle of adjusting to a new country.

In 1972 she and her husband Michael emigrated from Australia where she attended The University of Melbourne and also taught elementary school. As a child, she received "brilliant classical education" not only in her native Australia but in England as well, she said.

All this certainly had an effect on her present career. However, it was her MCC experience which brought her choice of a career into perspective.

In fall of 1986 Leary enrolled as a full-time student here. After 14 years of being devoted to raising a family, she found herself with a

desire to change her life, she said. With her strong educational background; in English, she developed not only an interest, but a proficiency in journalism. Her hard work and drive did not go unnoticed by her journalism instructor Dr. Tom Buckner.

Stevens Publishing had a position available the summer of 1987, and company officials asked Buckner if he could recommend a self-motivated individual. He didn't hesitate in referring Margaret.

While employed at Stevens, she eventually became chief editor in charge of various publications handled by the firm. She now holds a similar post of editor-in-chief with Health Ed Co (Formerly Spenco Publishing).

Leary credits Buckner with having a great deal of influence on the positive experience she enjoyed at MCC, she said. Another instructor who had an impact on her was history teacher Henry Apperson. Both faculty members were instrumental in encouraging her to be the best she could be, she said.

As for establishing future goals, Leary answers, "Oh, yes. Right now I wish to remain in my current position, although I'd like to see the role expanded to a certain degree in terms of capability. Also, I'd like to write a book, maybe something autobiographical."

In view of Leary's success, a good title would be: "Right Place, Right Time, Right Attitude."



photo by Wade Carpenter

CARRIE ANN READY, captain of the Dance Co., takes a break from practicing for the Superbowl last week. Ready was selected to perform out of 5,000 dancers across the United States in the halftime extravaganza Sunday afternoon.

# Highlanders: Supermen in kilts

By SAM ALLGOOD

In the world of collegiate mascots, in terms of strength, ingenuity and courage, the Highlander stands alone.

Historian Thomas Macaulay described the Scottish Highlander as

"physically well qualified for war. He was intrepid, strong, fleet, patient of cold, of hunger, of fatigue.... He was accustomed to the use of weapons and to the sight of blood; he was a fencer; he was a marksman; and before he had ever stood in the ranks, he was

already more than half a soldier." Scottish winters are bitter cold and Jan. 31, 1645, was no exception. In preparation for a surprise attack, the Marquis of Montrose's Highland army covered 46 miles of the "wildest country in the world" in the winter without food or sleep for 40 hours.

This effort entailed the soldiers clawing their way up ice-covered rocks, past frozen waterfalls and raging torrents. They moved bare-legged through five-foot-deep snow-drifts into the howling face of an Arctic blizzard.

Enduring "hair frozen solid" and "plaids iron hard with frost," they went on to charge an enemy outnumbering them three to one and to win.

A stunning example of personal ingenuity and sheer courage is the exploit of Allan McPherson. Part of a Highland expeditionary force, he marched out of Philadelphia to fight the French and Indian forces at Fort Duquesne.

The Highland forces suffered 750 killed out of 900 men in the frontal assault on the fort. McPherson was captured by Indians and tied to a stake. He watched as 12 of his friends were being "slowly killed with extreme cruelty."

As his turn with the burning coats and sharp skinning knives arrived, he told the Indians of a secret herb in the woods. When applied to the skin, it would stop the strongest tomahawk blow.

On condition that he try it on himself, he was allowed to gather some roots, boil them and apply the liquid to his neck.

"He invited the strongest Indian to try his strength. The biggest man stepped forward and with one blow cut off McPherson's head.

"The stunned Indians realised they had been tricked and McPherson had outwitted them by escaping a slow and horrible death. They burst out laughing and

were so delighted at the trick they freed the remaining captives."

In 1901 a small group of Gordon Highlanders were assigned to guard a train at Naboomspruit, South Africa. They were attacked by 150 Boers (heavily armed mercenaries of German descent). In the pitched, bloody battle that ensued, the Gordons were reduced to four men.

Refusing to surrender although surrounded, they fought to the last man, who was wounded and captured.

Why had they not surrendered demanded a mercenary. The bleeding Scot responded indignantly.

"Why mon, we are the Gordon Highlanders!"

One other mascot could be argued credibly to surpass the Highlander in courage and ingenuity on occasion. Can you say Highlassie?

Women caught up in serious conflict would fight alone, unarmed and against great odds. One such woman chose to attack the Duke of Cumberland, leader of an invading army, and known as "The Butcher."

Fresh from hanging a Highlander, he mounted his "beautiful grey charger" and rode up the street. As he was passing the ancient Strathallan mansion, a serving girl appeared in an upstairs window.

She threw a bucket of boiling oil at the Duke, barely missing him but splashing his horse. It reared in pain and threw "The Butcher" headfirst into the muddy street.

The girl ran downstairs, dived into an underground tunnel and escaped.

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photo by James Sluder

LUCK, DETERMINATION, AND OPPORTUNITY put former MCC student, Margaret Leary where she is today as editor-in-chief of publications at Health Education Company.

## Intramurals now underway

By BRIAN SHAW

A semester full of intramural activity will include basketball, pickleball, volleyball, swimming, racquetball, softball and maybe soccer, according to Coach Wendell Hudson.

Basketball started yesterday, with a coed division and a men's division.

In the coed division, each team must have at least three women on the floor at all times. "The men must shoot from behind the three-point line and cannot play inside defense," said Hudson.

Hudson describes pickleball as "a combination of three or four sports including badminton and tennis." Players use wooden rackets on a badminton court, with the

net on the ground as in tennis.

A pickleball demonstration will be given tomorrow at 10 a.m. in front of the Student Center.

Plans to start volleyball soon after basketball is finished, and plans to include a swimming competition in the Highland Games. Students who participate in it will be able to earn points for intramural competition as well, he said.

He has racquetball and softball tournaments scheduled for later in the semester, and soccer may be added. "If there is enough interest from teams, we can play soccer," he said. He added that students have suggested soccer to him in the past, but he has been unable to organize it in time.

Anyone interested in participating in any activity may contact Coach Hudson at the HPL building office 112 or call 750-3544.

