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UIL

High schools to meet here for the 19th annual academic competition

By JEAN MORROW and other school writers

More than 1,000 students from 38 Central Texas high schools will compete Thursday in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) district competition, held for the 19th consecutive year on this campus.

Because of the competition, regular day and evening classes will not be held at MCC Thursday. Most of the faculty will participate in the competition as judges, said Jack Schneider, dean of arts and sciences and campus coordinator of the UIL activities.

"It takes many hours with dedicated faculty members to put together this large event," he said.

More districts this year

Unlike most previous district UIL contests held here, the school will host five districts this year instead of the usual four districts. Thus more judges, contest administrators and facilities are needed for Thursday's contests.

The high schools have each been asked to pay \$200 to help cover the expenses of competition.

Winners to advance

The high school students will compete in 20 areas and will receive points for first, second and third finishes. The top three winners in each category will proceed to regional competitions in April and the regional winners will go on to the state competition at the University of Texas at Austin.

A Sweepstakes Award is given to the school with the most cumulative points in each of the five districts competing at MCC.

From calculators to debate

Topics in the competition include mathematics, computer science, current events, prose and poetry interpretation, Lincoln-Douglas debate, informative and persuasive speaking, headline writing, editorial writing, feature writing, news writing, ready writing, keyboarding, spelling, number sense, accounting, calculator applications, science, and literary criticism.

Districts and schools

High schools, by district, that will participate in the competition include:

District 25A — Abbott, Axtell, Bartlett, Bosqueville, Crawford, Dawson, Granger, Jarrell, Lago Vista, Riesel and Thrall.

District 15AA — China Spring, Clifton, McGregor, Hamilton, Moody and Valley Mills.

District 16AA — Academy, Bruceville-Eddy, Franklin, Mart, Rogers and Rosebud-Lott.

District 17AAA — Cameron, Connally, Gatesville, LaVega, Lorena, Marlin, Robinson and Troy.

District 25AAAA — Belton, Georgetown, Leander, Midway, Taylor and University.

Fun and games

The college has scheduled entertainment in the Student Center for visiting high school students. The game room, with pool and ping pong tables, will be open and a disk jockey will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, the MCC Dance Company, a nationally recognized precision dance team, will perform at 11 a.m.

A special edition of the MCC student newspaper, The Highland Herald, will be printed for the event, and door prizes will be given throughout the day.

'OPTIONS' gets high marks

Program gives 'at risk' students another chance

By LEARIE AUSTIN

Seventeen year-old sophomore Felicia Brown was fed up with her classmates.

A lack of control and discipline in the classroom made it impossible for her to concentrate on her studies, ultimately causing her to fall behind. She started to consider other options.

She inquired about the Opportunity Program To Initiate Optimum Need Satisfaction (OPTIONS) located in the Community Services Center.

Brown admits the rules are much more stringent than at LaVega High School where she previously attended.

Requirements

Students are required to attend a minimum of 20 hours per week. Failure to do so will place the student on probationary status.

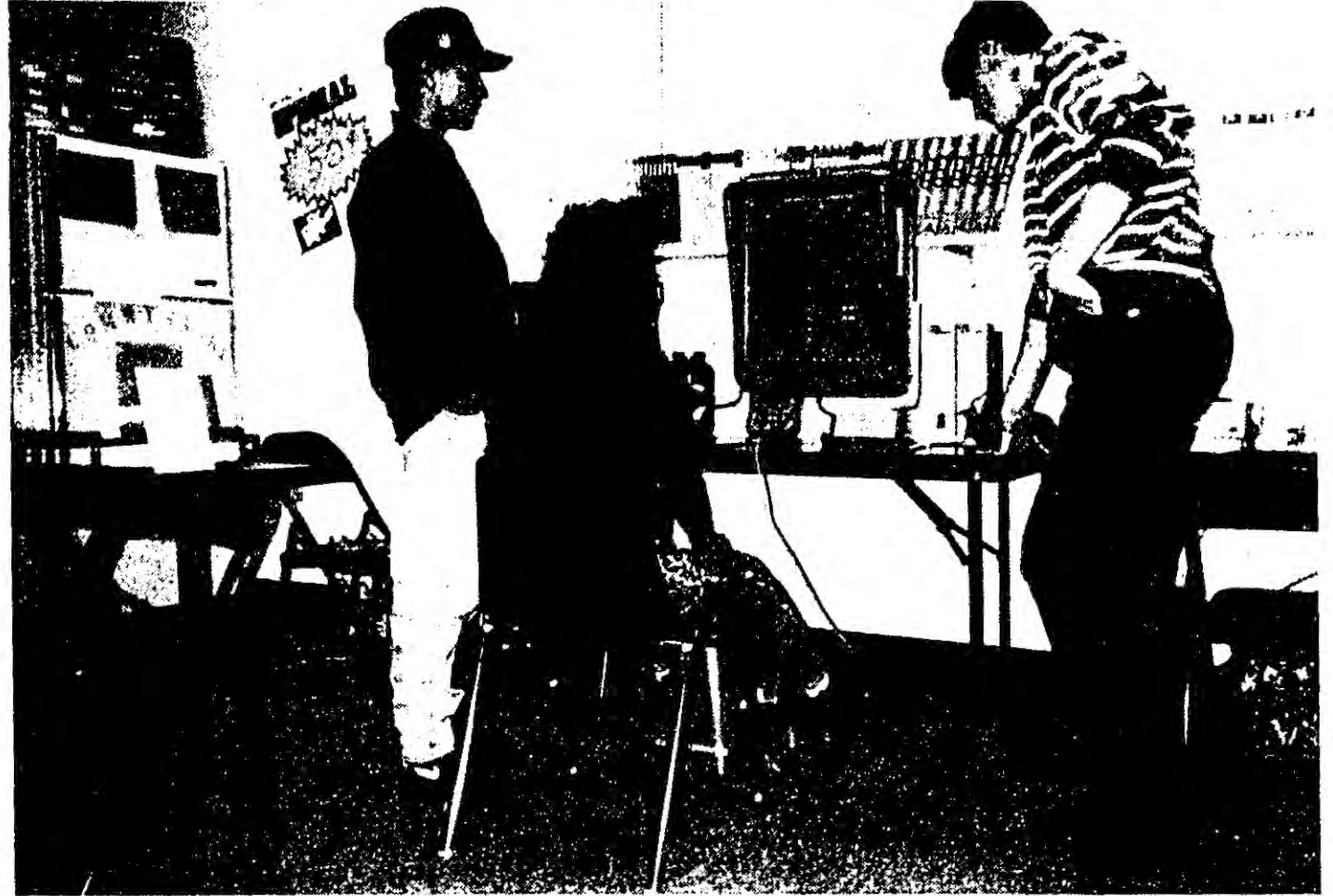
The students are not allowed to visit any high school campus during school hours. Any violation of this rule will be grounds for termination from the OPTIONS program. No excessive socialization will be permitted.

Students spend their time studying or consulting with tutors and instructors. Students demonstrate progress in their studies. They are not permitted to attend sessions indefinitely without making measurable progress.

Discipline

These rules may seem stringent and harsh, but Brown likes it that way. "If you want to be here, those rules are no problem. If you don't, you'll have to go. That is just the way it is," she said. She said the program is a good place for those students who are not doing well in conventional high school settings.

"I got bored. You have a lot of students who don't act their age and they distract you while you are trying to get your work done. In the regular schools the teachers come down a little bit. They are not as tough as they used to be. So a lot of kids get away with a lot of things, you know, like cursing and throwing things. They are not going to put up with that here," Brown said.



VANESSA MARQUEZ (middle) looks at new equipment in the OPTIONS classroom as Jamie Martinez (left) and Steve Littlejohn (right) looks on. It is a computer-aided vocational assessment program and interest inventory designed to help pinpoint what the students are good at and what they enjoy doing.

Brown is required to attend self-paced accelerated learning classes for 16 hours per week to earn high school credit and graduate with a high school diploma.

The program allows her to catch up with the rest of her class at LaVega High School.

Nathan Johnson, an 18-year-old junior from Waco High School, said he was becoming bored with high school. He is enrolled in the General Educational Development (G.E.D.) certificate program.

"At Waco High I would be working weeks on one subject and if I knew that subject already, it got old. So I ended up getting bored with it and I wouldn't complete it, so I'd fail," he said.

Johnson first learned about the program from a newspaper. OPTIONS was recommended by a teacher who felt it would work for Nathan. He plans to test out and get his

G.E.D. before going to TSTC to major in audio-visual technology.

Cost and accreditation

The OPTIONS program is accredited by the Texas Education Agency. The Waco and LaVega school districts in conjunction with MCC give potential high school dropouts another chance to get back in the system.

Dropout rates are around 3 percent for both school districts. The districts will pay up to \$2,400 per student, depending on the number of credits he or she needs to graduate. The students pay \$45 per semester.

Prospective students meet with their high school counselor. During that meeting the counselor will determine whether a student is "at-risk" as defined by House Bill 1010.

The high school counselor determines whether the needs of the student can be served best on the home campus or by the OPTIONS program at MCC.

Services include providing

someone to talk to about the student's future, providing opportunities to finish high school education and vocational assessment of aptitude and interests, also referring the students to the program most suited to their needs and flexible scheduling of classes.

Bob Balshaw, the program director, said one of the program's goals is to improve the student outlook.

"We look at ourselves as a stepping-stone. We want to create a safe environment for them to get in here and finish. Because the students are on a college campus they love it. We have monthly conferences with the parents. The students are coming into a family. We will do whatever it takes for them to succeed."

Balshaw said he tells the students they have an obligation to themselves and their community. "We want them to be good students and good citizens."

Express registration for summer session

By LORI MIZE

Express registration for summer school started Monday and will continue through April 30 while telephone registration will be this week only.

Express registration will be Mondays through Fridays. Advisors are available for day and evening appointments. There will be no express registration Thursday, March 25, when the college will host University Interscholastic League district competition.

To be eligible to use "express" or advisor registration, students must have completed the MCC admissions process. They make an appointment with their academic advisor and are registered by computer during that session.

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Trustees approve bid for 4th floor renovations

The school's trustees heard a mid-year report on the college's institutional goals and awarded a bid for renovation of the Administration/Classroom Building's fourth floor to TNT Construction at the Feb. 25 meeting of the board.

David England presented three highlights of the mid-year report: (1) the identification of at-risk students and development of a department to help them stay in school, (2) the increase in technology on campus and (3) an increase in the amount of information about students that is available, such as where students transfer and where they work after they leave MCC.

Renovation of the fourth floor began early this month and is expected to be completed in June at a cost of \$107,917. Those whose offices were on the floor have been moved to temporary locations on campus (see related story) while the work is being completed.

The work will include creating offices for all four vice-presidents, a copy room, and a new board room to replace the one in the

Administration Building, plus modification of the heating and air conditioning system. The area will also get fresh paint and new carpeting.

Trustees also hired Minnie Orvis Davis as an associate degree nursing instructor and Shelly Veda Kozel as a physical therapist assistant instructor, purchased an adult critical care ventilator for the respiratory care therapy program, approved a noncompensated leave for Hoyt Burnette for the fall semester, and approved a campus security report and policy to comply with new regulations.

In other action, a continuing education fee of 25 cents per contact hour of instruction was established to help repay the revenue bonds for the facilities master plan, vending proposals were accepted from Coca-Cola for beverages and Automatic Chef for snack machines and Gregory Myers was commissioned as a peace officer.

An executive session was held for trustees to conduct their annual evaluation of the college president.

The next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 30.

Gideons decide to leave campus after instructor files complaint

By LEARIE AUSTIN

Last Wednesday representatives from the Gideon International voluntarily withdrew their effort to distribute New Testament Bibles on campus after a complaint from a female faculty member was made to Greg Clark, student activities director.

Gideon International is an interdenominational organization of mostly volunteer Christian businessmen and professionals who distribute Bibles to hotels, jails, hospitals, schools and about 150 countries.

THE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS are called camps. The Waco Northwest and the Waco camps were represented by about 10 members who were positioned at different sites on campus.

John Hill, president of the Waco Northwest camp, said, "I was amazed to find out a complaint was made. We had permission to be there. We have always had an excellent relationship with MCC."

Hill said he was not part of the group on campus, but was told about an incident where a woman had complained to a Gideon during the distribution Wednesday morning in the Liberal Arts Building. He said he was told by someone familiar with the arrangements with MCC that the Gideons had been coming to MCC for 20 years or longer.

According to Hill, his organization has also recently been involved in distributing testaments on the campuses of Baylor, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M. He said they have never encountered any problems on those campuses.

"At Texas A&M we are very well-received. We have no problems there. There was a complaint at MCC and we with-

drew even though we had the backing of the administration to be there. Just on one complaint, we back off because we don't want to create problems," he said.

HENRY APPERSON, history and geography instructor, was concerned about the presence of the Gideons on campus. Apperson said he viewed it as a First Amendment freedom of religion issue.

"The problem I have is with the process. I don't personally have a problem with them passing out information. I just thought we weren't too smart in handling it. The matter could have been resolved and come to a studied and thoughtful, rational conclusion," he said.

Apperson said he was disturbed about the whole issue because the administration mishandled it. He said they should have told the complainant, "Thank you very much. We will take it into advisement." We didn't need to offend these people. You have to weigh the good done to the principle versus the harm done to the institution. Let's apply the doctrine of reason, immediacy and fair play."

Because religion courses are part of the curriculum, Apperson said, "We use tax dollars to teach a religion course, and we call it literature. We offer it probably because it transfers to Baylor. And one of my best friends teaches it. But teaching these courses is probably a violation of church and state in the strictest sense of the word."

Apperson said the recent article in the *Waco Tribune Herald* was accurate and cast the college in a negative light. "I'm diminished and dehumanized by this. I think this was a

mistake on Greg's part. Greg is better than that. (Greg Clark is the student activities director). MCC is a great institution. We teach well. We care about students, but this was one of the worst decisions the institution has made."

HE CONTINUED, "I just think we weren't very smart. They were here all morning and had about an hour left. Let's don't get an article in the paper (*Waco Tribune Herald*) about it. I did think they were in too many places and I talked to the dean and Greg about my views, but we don't have to dial 911. It was a little bit of overkill. Only one person offered me one. I responded that I had one. I prefer that they be at the Student Center for a little while and any other group that wants to," he said.

Apperson wants the administration to have a public forum where students, faculty and the administration could debate church and state issues and develop a policy to address the dissemination of this kind of material or information on campus.

RAYBURN TAYLOR, computer data processing instructor, said he was outraged with the result of the complaint. "I think it's horrible. I'm fairly offended. With some of the art they allow to be exposed and displayed, I don't see any harm in passing out a few Bibles. For someone to complain about Bibles and not complain about some of the art on campus is absurd. I don't complain about the art but it offends me."

Taylor said that he has also been offended by some of the plays on campus and has mentioned it to the drama instructor. "I haven't gone to Dr. Michaelis and said I want the director fired or the art to be thrown off because it offends me. These people that are anti-Christian talk about how everyone should be tolerant and they are the most intolerant and bigoted

because they say one thing and do another."

He said there should be some type of compromise where they could work out a solution. "Administration should get together and come up with a viable solution. It shows the character of these men. Rather than offend one person, they left."

AS FOR THE DECISION to terminate the visit, the Gideon organization had received permission from Greg Clark to be on campus, Clark said. He said in his eight years at MCC he had received only one complaint from a former student about the Gideons being on campus. He said he received two phone calls in succession, one of them was from the female faculty member. "What I have to do is assess each situation. I have to make a decision on what's best in the long run. I feel it was better to share with them (Gideons) that I had received some complaints."

ACCORDING TO CLARK, he has always had a good relationship with the organization. "They weren't here to offend anybody. I told them I had some complaints and they said we'll leave. What I'm hearing now with the complaints is — does this go along with our solicitation policy. I understand that some students have also complained, but nobody has come to me and said anything. We are going to look into the policy," he said.

"The policy on solicitation states that no solicitation for any reason — personal, business, or charity — by off-campus groups or individuals will be permitted. Soliciting by campus groups/organizations must be approved through proper administrative channels. The policy on signs, posters, and literature on campus is also listed on page 46 of the *Highlander's Guide*.

Editorial

The grass is always greener

You've probably heard others say it, perhaps many times, that MCC has the most beautiful campus in Texas.

With its natural wooded hilltop setting overlooking the Bosque and Brazos, it was a beautiful site when the school acquired the property more than 25 years ago. But a hard-working and skillful landscaping and groundskeeping department has maintained and enhanced that beauty.

It's rather amazing that the department does this work with only seven persons.

Landscaping and groundskeeping personnel Bou Park, Frank Brennan, David Meier, David Needham, O.C. Beasley, Lester Byer and Don Aldridge should be commended for their hard work.

These men start working at 7 a.m. and end their day at 3:30. Their responsibilities include all the grass, trees, parking lots, sidewalks -- whatever they see that needs attention, they tend to it.

Working within a stringent budget, these people are doing a great job.

We can also each do our part by not littering or damaging the landscape in any way.

Welcome UIL students

As the McLennan Community College Student Government President, I would personally like to extend the school's warmest welcome. The day's competition will be very challenging and possibly very stressful for each of you. Through the day individual competition and school competition will be a rigorous struggle to see who is victorious. On this day one person will be better than the other, but realize there will be other days.... other competitions. So hang in there, you guys, and do your best.

Chris Longoria
Student Government president

Letters to the Editor

Seeks leniency on parking tickets

Dear Editor,
This is my second semester at MCC. I have noticed that the MCC security should be more lenient on issuing tickets and tire locks for illegal parking. If there were more available places to park, there would not be a need for tire locks and other parking devices.

The faculty parking usually has empty spaces. If there is faculty parking available, parking should be first come first serve. Why should we be penalized for the lack of parking spaces.

The tire locks that are being used on cars are costly to the students. If they are blocking someone, they should be fined. A warning should be issued on the first account. Then if it is continuously done, the tire lock or fine should be assigned.

Thank You,
Brandi J. Mahurin

Likes what he's reading in paper

Dear Editor,
I feel compelled to write and tell you how much I enjoyed the paper of Feb. 23. The paper was very well written, in a way that held my attention. The articles captivated my interest. I also saw many students actually reading the paper, not just skimming it.

These articles were geared to things that were important to the regular student. Like the Baylor-MCC transfer agreement, the construction schedule, down to the herb garden class. Not everybody is a sports fanatic. It's good to see a paper geared to something for everybody.

Keep up the good work. We will be watching and reading.
Thomas Wierzbicki
Vocational nursing trainee

Students need more information

We, the students of MCC, need for your paper to publish more information about MCC credit transferability.

In your February 23, 1993, edition of *The Highland Herald*, Ann Jones presented an article discussing Baylor's new direct transfer policy. We, the student body, also need information about other schools.

We could use any information you could give us on the schools that accept most MCC credits, and in which fields of study the schools accept these credits.

This information is often difficult for the average MCC student to gather, due to time constraints, financial constraints, and, in some cases, general ignorance of proper information-gathering procedures.

The credit transferability information is needed by many students to determine which school they wish to attend. Their choice of schools determines how quickly they will complete their desired degree, what (if any) financial hardships they will face, what (if any) financial aid they will need, and where they will live for the next few years of their lives.

These decisions affect not only the students' futures while they attend school, but also their futures after they graduate from school.

We very much need any information you can publish about credit approval and transfer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Caroline Sheehy

(MCC has a full time transfer counselor. Call Lisa Follett at on campus ext. 715, or off campus 750-3715. Her office is on the third floor of the student center.)

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Another Deadline

Bible give-away by Gideons a good deed

By LEARIE AUSTIN, Editor in Chief

Last year I attended a lecture at Baylor University by an advisor to Boris Yeltsin's government who wanted Americans to send not farm equipment, not economic aid, not medicine but -- missionaries.

Why? He said the only way the Russian people can recover from years of moral, spiritual and economic bankruptcy is for them to have a massive dose of a spiritual injection. Isn't it ironic that these people who have been indoctrinated for generations with atheistic and non-religious propaganda from their government now realize the urgency and importance of having a source greater than themselves?

One of many organizations which has been meeting these kinds of challenges for years -- and is quite good at it -- is Gideon International. Members of this organization simply give away Bibles -- to over 150 countries. It is only the most widely read book of all times.

This explains one of the reasons why I was surprised, shocked, and outraged upon learning of how the complaint of a faculty member resulted in the Gideons leaving

campus after distributing some New Testaments. To think that a faculty member should complain self-righteously of delicate sensibilities being offended -- and to realize that arrogance can deny the rest of our campus access to literature of any kind -- is revolting.

I was surprised because one of the primary reasons for the existence of McLennan Community College is service to the community in which it exists. Yet when a group comes in with concomitant interest, MCC, based upon a faculty member's complaint, declines the right of this group to serve the

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McDuff Bill too late to save sister-in-law

By EMILY NORTHRUP, Features editor

A bill is being considered in the Texas Senate that could have saved my sister-in-law's life.

Her name was Melissa Northrup. She was kidnapped and murdered by Kenneth Allen McDuff last March. She was working at a convenience store at night with no security. He knew the store had no security, and took advantage of this.

He robbed the store, kidnapped Melissa, took her in her car to Dallas County. He left her dead in a gravel pit, weighted down, never to be seen again.

Fifty-seven days later, her body was discovered floating by a fisherman.

Almost everyone has heard of McDuff and how he came out of prison in 1989. He was in prison because he had been convicted and sentenced to die for murdering three teenagers. He had been strapped in the electric chair twice, but he was let off. His death sentence was commuted to life in 1972.

Seventeen years later, three people let him out on parole. Three people who admit they really did not look at his files before releasing him. These three people, the "Parole Board," decided the fate of my sister-in-law Melissa.

Melissa's two children, barely school age, now have no mother. The baby she was carrying had no chance at life. My 23-year-old brother is now a widower. Why? Because

of the state of Texas Parole Board's negligence.

House Bill No. 537, also known as the McDuff Bill, could change the way this board works. This bill could leave you and your family assured that this would not happen again. It could have been your sister.

The McDuff Bill will require 18 people to be on the Parole Board to decide if capital murderers should be out on the streets again. A two-thirds majority vote must be cast before they let this happen again.

The McDuff Bill has already been passed by the House and is now at the Criminal Justice Committee in the Senate.

I'm all for it. Maybe if the legislators would have done this sooner, Melissa would be here with her newborn baby.

They gave an apocalypse and everybody came

By MIKE MELTON, Entertainment editor

Waco is now known around the globe as a city in the Bible Belt where a fanatic-apocalyptic group accumulated an arsenal of weapons and made a formidable stand against law enforcement officials who underestimated their quarry.

The city is 20 or 30 miles north of the site of the Luby's mass murder. These facts raise disturbing questions in my mind.

Why are there so many senseless acts of violence in the Central Texas region?
Were these acts of violence worsened or intimidated by the local media seeking sen-

sationalism, increased sales and circulation?

Is it the lack of law enforcement?
Do local agencies need to tighten standards for psychological evaluations?
Has freedom of religion gotten out of hand?

Do firearm laws need revision?
Is the parole system letting dangerous criminals out too easily?

Why would the re-incarnate Jesus want to preach to a captive audience instead of sharing his knowledge with all of mankind?
Why doesn't this self-proclaimed messiah give up and return the Seven Seals to Sea World?

Suppose they gave an apocalypse and nobody came. Consider all of the insane acts

of violence and hatred in the world around you. Is the world really in the first stages of Revelations? Which mark does this Central Texas messiah really bear? What made this man decide he was the re-incarnated Jesus? Did he take too much LSD and think too much?

The ATF underestimated this messiah. They probably never considered that organized societies are usually based on the diversity of members' knowledge in specialized fields. The Davidians could easily have the capability to produce a nuclear weapon and truly hold the world at bay. It is sad to think Korosh forced the world to re-examine

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Highland Herald Poll

What is your opinion of the media's coverage of the situation at Mt. Carmel?



SCOTT KAMMALI (engineering) "It's just a load of it. I mean all of a sudden you see all these people coming in all over the nation and all of a sudden they're experts on David Korosh."

CHRIS LONGORIA (physics) "I think they are hilarious because next week it will be something else."
NDREA DIAS (psychology) "I think they are blowing it out of proportion."
TAMARPA ERVIN (voluntary medicine) "I think they need to go in and take care of it and get it over with."
BEVIN SHAW (undeclared major) "I haven't been following the story very much. I don't have an opinion actually. I don't care for the way the media covers it."
KIM WASHINGTON (cosmetology) "I think the media should just leave them alone and allow them the opportunity to resolve the issue."
CRYSTAL COMPTON (accounting) "I think they are breaking in too much on TV. They are blowing it way out of proportion."
MINOO MONFARED (pharmacy) "I think it's okay. I watch TV every night to see what happens and I think they are doing a good job."
ARTHUR BRODEUR (engineering) "I believe they are missing up the FBI and the ATF by leaking information that is helping Vernon Howell disrupt the negotiations."
AVERY CARTER (psychology) "I think the media coverage is a little bit overdone, even though they've been kept out in the dark."

Photos and interviews by Mike Melton

News Briefs

Telephone, express registration begins

Telephone registration for Summer I began March 22 and will end on April 2. Express registration began on March 22 and will end on April 30. (See related story for more information).

'Finding Funds' course today

Finding the capital to fund a new small business is one of the first hurdles new business owners must overcome. This morning, "Access to Capital," is being offered by the college's Small Business Development Center to discuss governmental and private sources of funding available to the small business entrepreneur. The class continues until noon. Mary Fae Kamm, regional advocate for the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Association, will moderate a five-member panel of local and regional financing experts at the class. Members of the panel include Fred Hanus, assistant regional administrator for finance and investment of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Mary Brownmiller, senior vice president of First Western SBLC; Bruce Gaines, executive director of Central Texas Economic Development District; Lynn Brooks, Texas Department of Commerce; and Sam Smith, president of First Waco National Bank.

Technology Fair in CSC Friday

A Technology Fair will be held Friday in the Community Services Center from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. featuring displays, materials and representatives from 11 national corporations. Seminars given by these same companies will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Four separate 45-minute seminars will be held at each hour in CSC rooms B-29, B-32, B-41 and B-44. Main thrust of the firms is in the area of administrative systems with some displays and demonstrations related to instruction, most notably IBM's multi-media instructional system. The college's own tech lab will also have a booth, and faculty members are encouraged to visit it to learn how it can help them in their work.

Continuing ed credit for nurses

The college has been granted permission by the Texas Nurses Association for the next two years to award continuing education credit to nurses. TNA grants provider status through the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation to agencies who demonstrate the ability to consistently provide quality education programs. As an approved TNA provider, MCC can award continuing nursing education credit for educational activities. The college has provided accredited offerings in the past by applying for approval for each course. This new status will enable the college to award contact hours more often.

Reeder scholarship established

The MCC Foundation has announced the establishment of the Willa Mae Reeder Memorial Scholarship for Nursing Students. Reeder taught biology and human anatomy at the college for 15 years and was regarded as a master teacher by her colleagues. She died Dec. 20. For information about contributions or the scholarship, contact the MCC Foundation at 750-3406.

Dog training courses begin Wednesday

Now that you have that cute puppy, what do you do with it? "Basics of Dog Obedience I," will begin March 24. The continuing education class will meet Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. for four weeks. A second section of the class will start March 25, and meet Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. for four weeks. Each section costs \$18. "Basics of Dog Obedience II" begins March 24 and will meet Wednesdays from 5:50 to 6:50 p.m. for four weeks. Cost is \$16. "Puppy Class" will teach owners how to train their puppies to behave in the house, adjust to a leash and obey simple commands. The class begins March 25 and will meet Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for four weeks. Cost is \$12. "Choosing the Right Dog" will discuss mixed breeds, pedigrees, puppies and older dogs and how to prepare for bringing your pet home. The class begins April 1 and will meet Thursdays from 8 to 9 p.m. for three weeks. Cost is \$9. For more information, call 750-3412.

Support group meets Tuesdays

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups meet Tuesday afternoons 2-3 p.m. in the conference room on the ground floor of the Student Center. Meetings are sponsored by the Mental Health Club and Special Services.

Writing group meets Wednesdays

The new writing group meets Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the faculty dining room in the Student Center. Carol Ponce, English instructor, heads the group for anyone interested in sharing and discussing their creative writing.

Journalists to student press convention

Journalism students will attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association/Southwestern Journalism Congress Spring Convention from April 1 to 3 in Corpus Christi. MCC will provide transportation by van and \$25 of the convention registration costs for the first 10 students who signed up. The group will leave at noon on Thursday and return Saturday afternoon after an awards brunch.

Dates in April

- On April 15, MCC Annual Health Fair will be 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. in the Student Center lounge.
- On April 16, MCC will be hosting its employees awards banquet in the CSC at 7 p.m.
- The Highland Games and Global Fest will begin April 30 and last through May 1.

Team forms for March of Dimes

MCC is forming a team to participate in the March of Dimes "Walk America" on May 1. If you would like to participate, call Both Graesser at 684.

BSU attends state convention

Members of the MCC Baptist Student Union recently attended the state BSU convention in Richardson. About 2,000 students attended the meeting that featured commissioning of summer missionaries. A froe luncheon is held every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center at the MCC entrance off North 10th St. For more information contact the BSU at 754-0989. The Fellowship and Christian Growth meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Baptist Student Center. For more information call 754-0989.

Special Olympics events planned

Area 12 Texas Special Olympics, will host a local track meet in Hamilton on Friday, with Michelle Barnes as director. On Saturday, a local aquatics meet will be held in Abrams Gym at Fort Hood, and the director is Kathy McPherson. Midway High School will host a Waco local track meet, under the direction of Betty Kingery, on April 3. Friday, April 9, the state area offices are closed due to the observance of Good Friday.

Recycling videoconference April 5

On April 5 beginning at 3 p.m., the Keep America Beautiful will be presenting "Recycling Revisited: A National Town Meeting." It is a live interactive videoconference addressing the perceptions versus realities of recycling and other options for community waste management.

Highland Herald honors best journalist

By DAWN LYNCH

The staff of the *Highland Herald* recently voted Michael Melton as the outstanding all-around journalist for the fall semester.

Melton not only serves the paper as entertainment editor and photo editor, but he has had an active part in other areas of the paper such as general news coverage, sports and opinion writing.

The staff also voted him the

best entertainment writer and the best photographer for his work during the fall semester.

Other major award winners went to fall semester Editor-in-Chief Ann Jones whom the staff voted as the best staff supporter, best opinion writer (tie), best news writer and best copy editor; and fall-semester Senior Associate Editor Learie Austin who was selected as best overall writer, best feature writer, and best opinion writer (tie).

The awards were presented at an end-of-semester party at J.T. McCord's in December.

Melton credits the "hands on experience" that he has received at MCC for his success in the journalism department.

Melton received a degree in commercial art from Texas State Technical College. He has taken courses in drafting and psychology. Melton first became interested in journalism while working for a small newspaper

in Colorado. "I realized that this is what I was born to do," he said.

Other awards chosen by the staff went to Gary Lasseter, best news finder; Kimberly Sutton, best sports writer; Adrian Villegas, best cartoonist; Emily Northrup, best first-year reporter; and Michael Collins, best page designer.

The *Highland Herald* staff will vote for similar awards for the spring semester, to be announced at the end-of-year picnic.

Walk for MS

BY DAWN LYNCH

Radio KNFO 95 will host the annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Waco on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Walkers may register by mail or at the check-in area in Bledsoe-Miller park on the day of the event. There is a \$10 registration fee for those who wish to register on the day of the walk.

Prizes will be awarded to the walkers who raise the most money for the charity. Prizes include a two night hotel package for two at the Houston Doubletree Hotel, a portable compact disk player, a camera and a grand prize travel package provided by American

Airlines.

Organizers expect to have a large turnout. "Last year 200 people registered and 230 people walked. The weather was bad. We hope to have a bigger group this year," event organizer Valerie Moraw said.

Moraw became involved with the M.S. Society when her sister was diagnosed with the disease.

Although MCC does not have a team entered, Moraw encourages all students to become involved. "We need people to volunteer to work with the transportation and in other areas," she said.

Money raised by the walk will be used for research and to provide supplies, equipment, workshops and news letters for those dealing with multiple sclerosis.

Persons interested in participating in the walk or in volunteering their services may call Moraw at 881-5971.

Gideons

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student body, faculty, and staff. Some male faculty members were even overheard discussing how "their" students should not be approached after leaving "their" classrooms.

The possessive case here is revealingly used. I'm pleased to be informed that these instructors think they own us — or at least our minds — and believe that "theirs" are the only opinions to which we should heed.

I was shocked to see MCC placing restraints on the dissemination of literature on the campus. Many faculty, staff, and students feel that if there is any place where information should be freely distributed, that place should be a college campus. Yet, apparently, if a faculty member here expresses displeasure, limitations are placed upon what publications can be dispersed. In this case, the literature dealt with morals, ethics, and — can I even use the word here — "religion"?

If, on the other hand, the books being distributed described various positions for fulfillment of carnal appetites, I would not be

surprised if our aforementioned, deeply concerned faculty member would have been the first in line.

Finally, I was outraged to hear that one of our faculty members feels the need to shield all of us unsuspecting, naive students from the views of a religious faith.

It is amazing that this instructor can feel so sure in the rightness of opinion that she or he presumes to manipulate and dictate school policy based upon his or her beliefs.

Harvey Cushing once wrote, "Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity and consume your own smoke with an extra drought of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints."

One last word to you, dear faculty member, although it may not be "politically correct" at this time to espouse any views but your own, it could perhaps be that you do not express the viewpoint of the majority of our institution's constituents. Although your expression of complaint this time did result in the dismissing of a group from

campus and did place constraints upon freedom of speech for the moment, perhaps there are many who disagree with your viewpoint but who did not feel the obligation of expressing and forcing their views on others.

I would urge the administration to develop the political backbone and move expeditiously to adopt some kind of policy to address this issue. Let's practice inclusion, not exclusion. Believe me, the students can handle it.

Champion Typist Teaches Class

By DAWN LYNCH

Little more than a week is left to register in a typewriting/keyboarding workshop to be led by the nation's fastest typist, Cortez Peters, here in late May.

Because of a limited number of keyboards available for instruction, all registration forms and fees must be in by April 1.

Peters, with a personal best speed of 297 error free words per minute, claims the title of national champion typist.

The workshop is scheduled for May 24-28.

Apocalypse

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their beliefs in much the same manner as the cyanide poisoning-safety seal scam. Remember when few food products had safety seals? Are you content with your personal understanding of life, love and life after death? You better get with the program.

Can you understand the psychology of the cult members involved in the latest media circus to scar the Central Texas area? I've lost close friends with above average intelligence to the strange world of fanatic religious sects and the philosophies of organized societies. All of my friends had one trait in common which frightens me. They were all suddenly subjected to situations with families, lovers, etc., that left them seriously in need of love, direction and decision. They all needed someone to just be there for them to turn to and reassure them they were okay. The people most likely to become involved in a cult are akin to a ship on a stormy sea with no one at the helm.

I can relate to the psychology of cult leaders and members because I experimented with LSD when I was a teenager. I witnessed one of my "above average intelligent friends" literally believe he had become Jesus and touched the face of purity, while under the influence, and it changed his life forever. He is still pursuing a life long quest for love, direction and universal understanding because he took the drug.

I personally fried my brains and came to the astounding conclusion that maintaining a good

heart and soul is the key to love and happiness, and it generally makes navigating through life a lot easier. He flipped out. I tuned in. I had a typical Christian family upbringing which contained a lot of love, support and understanding. He didn't. He is probably still depending on a cult type family for love, understanding and direction with a lysorgic reference point. These people need help getting back to reality. Some of them are so out of touch they will never be able to return.

Religion to me is like sex. I don't go around sharing it with just anyone. It's a personal-private thing. A fanatic is a fanatic no matter how good one's intentions are. The fact remains, however — Central Texas is now synonymous with this type of behavior.

How do we combat this computer-like virus in the human brain? All it takes is a little time, love and understanding. The most critical parameter is timing. You have to recognize your friend's trouble and be there when they need you. People of this nature can go over the edge in a moment's notice.

The people prone to become involved in these cults and societies do not possess direction, love or understanding, but they have an unquenched thirst for first-hand knowledge of it. If someone you know fits this category, help them. It is easy to make excuses and tell a friend that you just don't have the time. If you don't show your friends you care and give them the time of day — there are many drugs, cults and generally fried-ple weirdos who will.

Korosh from Mt. Carmel has

extensive knowledge of the Bible including the book of Revelations. He has been accused of twisting the meanings of the scriptures to suit his own beliefs and motives, warping the minds of all of his followers in the process. On the Sally Jessy Raphael show, former Assistant District Attorney El-Hadi Shabazz of Waco said Korosh caused the young women on a jury to have "goo-goo eyes" while Korosh demonstrated with an M-16 assault rifle how he was going to kill former cult leader George Roden. Face it people, the dude is charismatic and he suckered people into his flock. Adolf Hitler did the same thing years ago.

I hope Korosh will get smart and realize it is time to throw in the towel and smoke the proverbial peace pipe. Preaching to a captive audience is a real sick-sissy thing to do and I hope his parents are proud of him. Rest assured Korosh's words of wisdom are not worth listening to if he can't share them with the world. Nobody corners the market on biblical wisdom. He's made his point, got his attention and made a complete fool out of himself, the media and law enforcement. What next? Will he hold hostages for a can of Spam or a set of new guitar strings. If he is so wise, then why do trees live longer than he will. Korosh is acting like he is on dope and it is time for him to show his stuff or back down like a whipped puppy.

I feel Korosh is experiencing the same thing Job was in the Bible. He is having a serious doubt in faith. Don't forget Davidians believe we are currently living in the sixth seal

Registration

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For express registration, health career students will need to see their advisor, CDP and office occupations students should see Dorothy Johnson, business majors should see Kathy Burnette, mental health and nursing home administration majors should see Carol Hobbs, child development majors should see Geri Carey, and interpreter training students should see Jonnie Duncan.

Telephone registration will be one week only, March 22-26, noon to 6 p.m. Only currently enrolled MCC students who meet certain criteria may register by telephone. Eligibility requirements and complete instructions for telephone registration are outlined in the summer class schedule, which is available in the Administration Building.

Transfer students and students undecided about their major will need to go to the counseling services for express registration.

Traditional registration for the summer I term will be May 27.

and Korosh must get ready to bear the sign as he claims to be the lamb. When reality comes crashing down on this man he may even remember singing "Jesus loves the little children" as a child. Korosh had better not forget what Texans do to people who pervert themselves on young girls in the name of God or anything else. I offer these thoughts for Korosh to ponder as he will have plenty of time to think about it, whether imprisoned in his compound, leading the holy in battle to slay the unholy at Mt. Zion or in a federal lockup.

Job 14: "How frail is man, how few his troubles! He blossoms for a moment like a flower and withers; as the shadow of a passing cloud, he quickly disappears."

Job 15: "You are supposed to be a wise man, and yet you give us foolish talk. You are nothing but a windbag. It isn't right to speak so foolishly. What good do such words do? Have you no fear of God? No reverence for him? Your sins are tolling your mouth what to say! Your words are based on clever deception, but why should I condemn you? Your own mouth does!"

Revelation 22:15: "Outside the city are those who have strayed away from God, and the sorcerers and the immoral and the murderers and the idolaters, and all who love to lie, and do so."

Revelation 22:18: "And I solemnly declare to everyone who reads this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God shall add him to the plagues described in this book."

Revelation 22:21: "The grace of our lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!"

A 'dream team' season

By KIMBERLY SUTTON

Playing college athletics means no easy wins and no guarantees. It means sacrifice, hard work and dedication. It means early mornings, long afternoon practices, and late nights studying.

The life of a student-athlete isn't always easy. Being a member of the No. 2 ranked junior college basketball team in the nation and going 30-1 is next to impossible. But, the 1992-93 Highlanders did earn a 30-1 winning record, and with each passing day, made it look easy.

They were the dream team of MCC breaking the school winning record and boosting school spirit. Each game drew larger crowds and sent McLennan fans home with a smile.

Many things had to happen for this team to achieve the success that it did, and many people were forced to sacrifice. The coaches and their families and the players sacrificed each day of the season. The coaches sacrificed time away from their families, and the players sacrificed social time with friends.

Throughout the season, the team maintained an attitude of teamwork. The team didn't have one or two stand-outs or MVP's. It had an entire squad of MVP's.

Working as a team means more than coming together as one to achieve a certain goal. It means putting up with each other during trying times, giving each other a boost when needed, and enjoying each others successes.

The 1992-93 Highlanders did what no other basketball team in the history of MCC has done. It is an awesome accomplishment that will be remembered forever.

It hurts to lose, sometimes more than others. But this team should remember this accomplishment and keep it close to their hearts. They should remember their teammates and the wonderful feeling they had after winning each game. They should relive it in the future as they replay the games to their grandchildren.

Rarely does a team anywhere win 30 straight games. Rarely does a person know the feeling of winning 30 straight games. Few people will ever do what they have done. Few people will ever begin to know the feeling they've been blessed to know.

Tennis Lassies win tourney

By KIMBERLY SUTTON

Battling injuries, cold weather and determined opponents, the women's tennis team wrapped up 27 points to win their own tournament at Charlie McCleary Tennis Center Feb. 26-27.

Freshman Jodie Gledhill made quick work of Laredo's Cindy Munoz 6-0, 6-1 in first round of Flight 1 women's singles to get the Highlassies off to a winning start. Gledhill dropped only two games to Rony Burgerson of Collin County in the quarterfinals, and then faced Leticia Omana of Mary Hardin Baylor.

Omana hit drop shot after drop shot forcing Gledhill to constantly run up and back on the court. Gledhill's quick feet and strategic approach shots endured the never ending short balls from Omana 6-4, 6-4 and boosted her into the finals against teammate Elizabeth Hollingsworth. In the all McLennan final, Gledhill prevailed 6-2, 6-1.

Highlassies JoAnn Moreno and Nicole Smith dominated Flight 2 singles with both women reaching the finals. Freshman Moreno dropped only five games enroute to the final. The match between the two Highlassies was postponed to a later date.

In Flight 2 of doubles competition, the duo of Elizabeth Hollingsworth and Michelle Morris lost only three games before entering the final round against teammates Jodie Gledhill and Nicole Smith.

Gledhill/Smith forced the duo

to three sets but fell short of the victory 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. McLennan 27
2. Collin County 14
3. Mary Hardin Baylor 9
4. Navarro 8
5. Temple 6

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Flight 1 Singles

First Round

Jodie Gledhill, MCC, d. Cindy Munoz, Laredo, 6-0, 6-1.
Elizabeth Hollingsworth, MCC, d. Leslie Karrer, Mary Hardin Baylor, 6-0, 6-2.

Semi-finals

Gledhill, MCC, d. Leticia Omana, Mary Hardin Baylor, 6-4, 6-4.
Hollingsworth, MCC, d. Jennifer Jerabek, Collin County, 6-4, 7-6.

Final

Gledhill, MCC, d. Hollingsworth, MCC, 6-2, 6-1.

Flight 2 Singles

First Round

Nicole Smith, MCC, d. Heather Carlin, Navarro, 6-2, 6-4.
Michelle Morris, MCC, d. Leannora Lopez, Temple, 6-0, 6-0.

Carla Bukowski, MCC, d. Misty Fairchild, Navarro, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.
JoAnn Moreno, MCC, d. Stacy Politi, Navarro, 6-1, 6-2.

Quarterfinals

Smith d. Christina Winn, Collin County, 6-0, 6-1.
Mandy Slayton, Collin County, d. Morris, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Lori Beall, Collin County, d. Bukowski, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Moreno, d. Rebecca Slosky, Collin County, 6-0, 6-2.

Semi-finals

Smith d. Slayton, 6-0, 6-1.
Moreno d. Beall 6-0, 6-0.



GOING FOR TWO in the game against Weatherford is Highlander Ricky Rhodes.

Tennis Landers capture tournament

By KIMBERLY SUTTON

Playing in a field of eight, the men's tennis team earned 27 points dominating their own tournament Feb. 26-27 at McCleary Tennis Center.

Sophomores Ash Ayers and Jose Gottschild controlled Flight 1 singles facing off in the final. After defeating Scott Meixl of Navarro 6-1, 7-6, Ayers moved into the quarterfinals against Collin County's Thomas Eek. Ayers prevailed 6-3, 6-3 boosting himself into the semi-finals.

Facing Collin County's Will Donaldson, Ayers jumped off to a great start taking the first set 6-1. In the second set, Ayers suffered a let down while Donaldson raised the level of his game winning the set 6-2. In the third set, the match stayed dead even. Ayers had chances to serve

for the match at 5-4, and 6-5, but Donaldson played tough hitting solid groundstrokes and denying Ayers the opportunity to put the match away.

Donaldson forced Ayers into a tie-breaker at 6-6. Ayers held match point when Donaldson was serving at 5-6 in the tie-breaker. Donaldson missed the approach shot off the service return giving Ayers the set and match.

"He was hitting some great shots. I just tried to hang in until I could finally put the match away," says Ayers.

In the final, Ayers faced roommate Jose Gottschild who defeated teammate Henning Wold 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the semi-final. Gottschild lost only four games before entering the semi-final against Wold.

Ayers and Gottschild remained steady in the first set. Neither

Highlanders finish at 30-1

By JOHN PESCAIA

The Highlanders season came to an abrupt end on March 7 as they fell in the quarter finals of the Texas-New Mexico Junior College Tournament.

The team had completed its regular season undefeated and had won its 30th game in a row in the first round of the two-region tournament.

Sophomores playing their last game for MCC were Perry Hill, Terrance Bethel, Tom Etchison, Dwayne Curtis, Marco Bristo, Shannon Brantley, and Jamal Jackson.

Thunderbirds silenced

In the first game, the Highlanders ran past the Thunderbirds of New Mexico by a 114-87 score. The Highlanders built a double-digit lead at 32-20 with 11 minutes remaining in the first half and never looked back as they built the lead to 20 points or higher for most of the second half.

Scoring for MCC was Tom Etchison with 24 points and 6 three-pointers. "I needed to get

out of my slump with a big game full of hype like this and I felt like I was in a groove," he said.

Other scorers for MCC were Ricky Rhodes 16, Shannon Brantley 16, Marco Bristo 12, Terrance Bethel 11, Derrick Patton 10, Dwayne Curtis 8, Frankie Dudley 6, Jermaine Frazier 5, Perry Hill 4, and Jamal Jackson with 2 points.

Sonny Alvarado led the Thunderbirds with 37 points in the losing cause.

Weatherford wins by four

In the second game, MCC fell to the Weatherford Coyotes by a narrow 92-88 score. The game was nip and tuck all the way as there were 11 lead changes in the game and the game winner came as Keith Berard of Weatherford hit two free throws with 12.7 seconds left in the game and MCC could not get off a shot to tie the game.

Scoring for MCC was Shannon Brantley 32, Terrance Bethel 12, Jamal Jackson 11, Tom Etchison 10, Ricky Rhodes 9, Dwayne Curtis 6, Gerard Darnes 2, and Perry Hill with a point.

Baseball team in loop lead

By JEREMY PEDIGO

The Highlander baseball team improved its record to 21-5 and 13-2 in the conference after sweeping Ranger Junior College this past weekend in a three game series.

In the first game, solid hitting by Shannon Coulter (3-4) and Thomas Uptegrove with strong pitching by Justin

Dorsey (3-0) gave the Highlanders the win 3-2.

In the second game, the Highlanders offense was sparked by the hitting of Gregory Newkirk, who went 2-2, including his first home run of the year. The Highlanders won 6-2.

In the series finale, the Highlanders continued to pour it on (Continued on page 5)

In Flight 1 of doubles competition, it was once again an all-McLennan final pitting Gottschild and freshman Javier Ruiz versus Catchings and Mitias Sansostri. This match was postponed until a later date.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Flight 1 Singles

First Round

Will Donaldson, Collin County, d. Javier Ruiz, MCC, 6-2, 6-4.
Rony Pollard, Navarro, d. Andrew Turner, MCC, 6-0, 6-3.
Henning Wold, MCC, d. Chris Cavoness, Wharton, 6-0, 6-0.
Jose Gottschild, MCC, d. James Ressler, Wharton, 6-0, 6-0.

Second Round

Ash Ayers, MCC, d. Scott Meixl, Navarro, 6-1, 7-6.
Wold d. Kon Phillips, Collin County, 7-6, Ret.
Gottschild d. Jose Pona, Laredo, 6-2, 6-1.

Quarterfinals

Ayers d. Thomas Eek, Collin County, 6-3, 6-3.
Wold d. Jorge Jaramillo, Collin County, 6-4, 6-2.

Gottschild d. Julien Heino, Navarro, 6-1, 6-0.

Semi-finals

Ayers d. Donaldson, Collin County, 6-1, 2-6, 7-6.
Gottschild d. Wold 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Final

Ayers d. Gottschild 7-6, 6-3.

Flight 2 Singles

First Round

Jason Catchings, MCC, d. Jeff Jacobson, Navarro, 3-6, 7-8, 7-5.
Mitias Sansostri, MCC, d. Maurice Paiz, Temple, 6-0, 6-0.

Second Round

Catchings d. Russell Johnson, Collin County, 6-2, 6-3.
Sansostri d. Brian Kirkpatrick, Collin County, 6-0, 6-2.

Quarterfinals

Catchings d. Jared Smith, Collin County 6-1, 6-1.
Sasha Kostic, Collin County, d. Sansostri, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Semi-finals

Catchings d. Mark Glass, 6-1, 6-1.
Final
Catchings d. Kostic 7-5, 6-3.

Flight 1 Doubles

First Round
Gottschild/Javier Ruiz, MCC, d. Doyal/Farmer, Temple, 6-1, 6-0.
Catchings/Sansostri d. Oline/Dool, Wharton, 6-0, 6-0.

Quarterfinals

Gottschild/Ruiz d. Jacobson/Pollard, Navarro, 6-2, 6-2.
Catchings/Sansostri d. Heino/Moixl, Navarro, 6-4, 6-4.
Ayers/Wold d. Caylor/Olson, 6-2, 6-0.

Semi-finals

Gottschild/Ruiz, d. Erickson/Phillips, Collin County, 6-3, 7-5.
Catchings/Sansostri d. Ayers/Wold
Final
Gottschild/Ruiz vs. Catchings/Sansostri

Home Sports

Baseball

March 26 Collin County 2 p.m.

March 27 Collin County 1 p.m.

Tennis

March 24 St. Edwards TBA

March 28 Trinity 11 a.m.

April 6 San Jacinto 2 p.m.

ITA NATIONAL JUCO MENS RANKINGS (March 15)

TEAM

1. Tyler JC.....TX
2. Brunswick CC.....GA
3. Anderson JC.....SC
4. Abraham Baldwin.....GA
4. McLennan CC.....TX
6. Odessa JC.....TX
7. San Jacinto JC.....TX
7. Jefferson ST JC.....AL
9. New Mexico MI.....NM
10. Miami Wolfson CC.....FL

MCC RANKINGS

Singles

4. Ash Ayers
16. Jose Gottschild
20. Henning Wold
36. Mathias Sundberg
41. Andrew Turner

Doubles

3. Jose Gottschild/Javier Ruiz
10. Ash Ayers/Henning Wold
25. Jason Catchings/Matias Sansostri



JENNIFER TUSA - MISS WACO

Miss Waco

Jennifer Tusa wins local contest, on her way to state pageant

By MINDY MURPHY
An 18-year-old MCC freshman has won the Miss Waco title and will compete for Miss Texas in July.

Jennifer Tusa, the new Miss Waco, is eagerly anticipating the upcoming Miss Texas Pageant. "I'm excited and honored to represent my hometown," she said.

Tusa graduated from Waco High School in December and began attending MCC full-time in January. She has performed in shows at MCC for two years and has been enrolled in the col-

lege since June. She is a drama major and plans to attend The Tisch School of Performing Arts at New York University after completing her studies here.

Tusa works at the Elite Cafe and said she enjoys dancing, singing, and fishing in her spare time. Although she has a busy schedule, Tusa said she hopes to make a difference in Waco during her term.

"I am interested in programs for Waco's youth. Times are tough and kids need a good role model — they need someone who cares,"

Tusa said.

She also said that competing in pageants has helped her to improve her "people skills" and that will help her in the future.

The Waco Jaycees sponsored the Miss Waco Pageant at the Hippodrome Theatre on March 13. "We wanted to offer an opportunity for young women to attend the Miss Texas Pageant and to further their careers," Teri Parker, project chairman, said.

The Jaycees awarded academic scholarships to the top three contestants. These schol-

arships can be used at the college of their choice.

Scholarships are not the only benefit of competing in a pageant, Parker said. "Pageants help self-esteem, confidence, and really opens up avenues for the girls involved."

The Miss Texas Pageant will be held July 4-10 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Ft. Worth. NBC will broadcast the finals July 10 at 8 p.m.

Perry's name synonymous with service

By SHERRY W. EVANS
Marshmallow, the big, white rabbit, needed a home.

Nine-year-old Kathryn convinced Dad that Marshmallow needed a place to live with the birds like the bunnies had at Moor Ranch Church Camp. So Dad built an aviary.

Resuming his adolescent hobby with vigor, Ray Perry has been raising birds again. "He's the type, when he gets interested in something, he knows everything about it," said his wife Sharon Perry.

Mr. Perry got interested in MCC and voted in 1965 for its establishment. He places great importance on college, and MCC would be offering an education to those who could not afford Baylor and who wanted to stay in the area.

Perry said he gets involved in things he's interested in. This interest and involvement led to his election to the school's Board of Trustees in 1978 on which he served for 12 years.

In 1990, he was instrumental in forming the MCC Foundation, the money-raising organization for the college. He became the first chairman of the Foundation, but he stepped down after three years to serve as a director, a position in which he said he could be more effective.

Last December, Perry became the first representative of MCC to be elected to the delegate assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. He will serve with 77 members comprised of faculty and administrators to look at accreditation, policies and rules for all community colleges in the Southwest.

It was under the pretext of announcing Mr. Perry's election



C. RAY PERRY, left, with friend and co-worker Paul Marable.

to SACS that he was called to the podium at the Christmas open house. He said he was completely surprised when President Dennis Michaelis, MCC Foundation Executive Director Jesse Sawyer, and the incoming chairperson of the Foundation, Paul Marable, announced the endowment of the C. Ray Perry Honors Scholarship.

A letter had been sent by the Foundation to friends of Mr. Perry with a request to keep the letter in confidence. Family,

friends and MCC faculty and staff responded with donations of more than \$10,000 to establish the scholarship.

"I couldn't think of anything that would have meant more than that," Perry said. "I had never even thought of that—and it was fantastic."

Sawyer credits faculty members Cindy SoRelle and Marilyn Kelly for putting their idea for the scholarship into action. Sawyer said the scholarship is an expression of appreciation for his

work and dedication. "Everything he has done for MCC is a labor of love," Mrs. Perry said.

Mr. Perry was a founding board member of the Business Resource Center located in the college's Community Services Center. "The center is known throughout the state and probably the nation as being the first and most complete one-stop shopping center for a small business," he said. As chief executive officer of his business, Perry uses the center for The Perry Company.

Graduating from Texas Tech with an M.S. in industrial engineering and B.S. degrees in math and mechanical engineering, Perry returned to Waco in 1965 to work in the family business. His father established the company in 1946 with a focus on pick-up truck accessories and farm equipment. "We try to provide what our customers want, when they want it, at a fair price," Perry said. "If we have done that, we are successful."

Occasionally he takes seminars or courses at MCC. Last year he and Mrs. Perry took country and western dancing through continuing education. Sailing became a hobby after he took his first sailing class at MCC 15 or 20 years ago.

"On the surface he is a quiet person with a certain dignity and quietness, but as you get to know him he is a multi-faceted person," Mrs. Perry said. Besides work and his hobbies, he is active in the First Presbyterian Church and enjoys yard work.

In past years, Mr. Perry has been involved with the community through work with the Art Center, Planned Parenthood, the Chamber of Commerce, the Historic Waco Foundation, the Family Home Care Agency and the Heart of Texas Private Industry Council. "The busiest people are the ones who get the most done and are also the ones you can still call on because they will do it and get it done," Perry said.

Ten years after building the aviary, Marshmallow is in "hunny heaven" and Kathryn attends Emory College in Atlanta where she plans to study business. Mr. Perry's int rest in MCC has not waned and he plans to stay with it as long as he is able.

Baseball

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by bringing across 12 runs, in a 12-2 victory.

In other recent action, on March 5, the Highlanders lost the first game of a three game series 17-5 to Vernon Regional in Vernon. Vernon Regional took advantage of nine walks given up by Highlander pitchers.

The next day, March 6, Highlander pitcher Justin Dorsey shut down Vernon Regional hitters by throwing a one hit shut out in the first game of a doubleheader and in game two, shortstop Clay Hill hit a home run and pitcher Chad Tidwell pitched seven strong innings to give the Highlanders a doubleheader sweep.

On March 8, the Highlanders travelled to Fort Worth to take on TCU's junior varsity in a doubleheader clash. In the first game, offense was dished out by outfielder Thomas Uptegrove who went 2-for-4 with a triple and a home run as the Highlanders slipped by the Horned Frog's junior varsity 6-5.

In the second game, Uptegrove again stepped up his play by going 3-for-5, and solid pitching by Richard Phillips and Alden Elliott enabled the Highlanders to sweep TCU by winning the second game 10-6.

On March 13, the Highlanders edged Cooke College 8-7 despite leaving seven men on base. The Highlanders kept their winning streak intact the next day after sweeping Cooke (14-16, 4-1).

High school art

By MIKE MELTON
The Annual High School Art Competition will be on exhibit in the Ball Performing Art Center from April 5 - May 7. The exhibit will be open for viewing from 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Students from area high schools in the 11th and 12th grades submitted a maximum of three works of art yesterday in competition for \$175 in prizes.

Included in the competition are paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculpture, photography, crafts, collage and design as well as other media. Juror for the competition will be the assistant curator of the Art Center in Waco, Sarah Logan.

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Super birthday girl

Story and photo by DAWN LYNCH



HUNDREDS OF HAPPY birthdays have been sparked by Hilma Bekkelund (left) and her sister, Vernice Baker. The two are volunteers who work with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program housed in MCC's Community Services Center.

At the Twin Oaks Retirement Center a birthday is being celebrated. A birthday that might have gone unnoticed if not for the efforts of a remarkable woman named Hilma Bekkelund.

By her generosity, Bekkelund has given Sybil Stenzel and Gladys McDaniels more than just another birthday to celebrate, she has reminded them that they are important. More importantly, she has offered them dignity.

Bekkelund is a witty woman with a warm sense of humor. She is as modest as she is compassionate. She donates 250 to 260 hours per month to volunteer work in the Waco area, said Mary Bauerle of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) which is located on campus. Organizations in which Bekkelund is involved include Meals on Wheels and Caritas. It is her tireless work and never ending good cheer which has endeared her to hundreds of residents of retirement centers in the Waco area.

Since 1978 Bekkelund has baked and delivered more than 2,800 cakes to patients at the Veterans Hospital and residents of various retirement centers. For all of her effort Bekkelund receives no money. She pays for all supplies herself. "I do this for friendship and being among people," she said.

This energetic lady is often accompanied by her sister Vernice Baker, also known as Bakery the Clown. "It's rewarding to see them smile. I find joy in clowning and the patients find love with it. We try to make each and everyone of them feel special," Baker said.

Dorothy Peoples, social activities director at Twin Oaks Center, has been associated with the sisters for 10 years. "These ladies are very gracious. They are wonderfully giving of their time. They make the residents at Twin Oaks feel very special," Peoples said.

Bekkelund became involved in the Heart of Texas Senior Volunteer Program after retiring from the Owens Glass Company where she had been employed for 35 years. She never has been married and will celebrate her 75 birthday in October.

Bekkelund would like to see more of the youth in Waco become involved in volunteer work. "There is something for everyone to do," she said.

As for other seniors interested in volunteering their time, Bekkelund said, "It will keep them young, enjoying life and doing God's work."

Bits and pieces

By
Entertainment Editor
MIKE MELTON



Albert King King of the blues 1923-1992

Weighing in at nearly 300 pounds and measuring six foot four, a man and his Gibson Flying Vee guitar walk out onto the stage. The guitar is almost as old as the man. He plugs his guitar into a stack of amplifiers and proceeds to play the "loudest-gut-wrenching-virtual reality" blues guitar licks ever heard. You are overwhelmed and captivated with this man's ability to become one with his guitar and honestly express his true emotions with sound. He steps up to the microphone and in a deep raspy voice he says "Are you with me?" The crowd responds with a spirited "yeah." The crowd's enthusiasm was not intimidated by his size, but his musical sincerity.

Albert King died Dec. 21 of a massive heart attack in his adopted hometown of Memphis. He was 69. You will never be able to experience the presence of his live performance, but you will be able to hear his style live on forever in every blues guitar player, born and unborn. King began recording blues records for various labels in 1953. He achieved popular recognition in the '60s recording for Stax Records. His most popular album was Live Wire/Blues Power which was recorded at the Fillmore West concert in 1968. His live performances and albums during this time period were instrumental in introducing the rock and roll culture to the blues sound. Blues today is considered an elemental part of the rock and roll sound.

King coined the basis of the blues guitar sound by viciously attacking a note, bending the string and letting the note scream or sing. He had no formal education and was considered a scholar of the road. He traveled on tour in buses and was known to stick his head under the hood and work on the engine when the bus would break down. He also preferred conducting business personally in cash and insured a night's pay by being known to carry a gun in his boot. He was also known to carry a machine gun on the bus and stop in the middle of nowhere to shoot it for entertainment and relief. His reputation for firing band members on the spot was said to rival that of James Brown.

King's disciples are a list of who's who of guitar players. Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Billy Gibbons (ZZ Top), Jett Beck, Gary Rossington (Lynyrd Skynyrd) and Stevie Ray Vaughn were devout followers and friends of Albert King. The next time you listen to "Strange Brew" by Eric Clapton consider that is practically a note for note transcription of King's "Oh, Pretty Woman." This is not to say that Clapton ripped him off, just that King influenced the best. You can hear King's influence on Billy Gibbons' razor slashing blues chops every time you hear a ZZ Top song.

Texas powerhouse Stevie Ray Vaughn reflected the essence of what he learned from King. Stevie's brother Jimmie Vaughn was playing in the house band at Antone's in Austin the night Stevie and Albert met. Club owner Clifford Antone kept telling King "Hey there's this kid who plays like you, you've got to hear him."

Everyone knew Stevie Ray had been working on King's chops but they all thought he was nuts for getting on stage with him. When it came to blues, King would blow you off the stage. Stevie Ray walked onto the stage and King played every blues chop known to man. Every time King would play a chop, Stevie Ray would repeat the chop. King was impressed and took Stevie Ray under his wing. King revealed to Vaughn the almost indecipherable guitar tunings he used and the rest is history. Stevie claimed that he could never sound like King because King was left handed and the sound the Flying Vee produced when strung upside down couldn't be replicated on a Fender Stratocaster when played right-handed. Go buy a Stevie Ray Vaughn album and enjoy your Texas heritage.

Stevie Ray Vaughn is no longer with us, but you can hear Albert King's guitar come alive in a young man named Little Jimmy King. Albert met Little Jimmy in Memphis and made him his new understudy. Albert King's last Memphis performance was on Nov. 28 with Little Jimmy. They played "I'll Play The Blues For You," "As The Years Go Passing By," "Born Under a Bad Sign," and "Crosscut Saw."



Rif Raf Members Trent Puffer (front), Gary Summers, Shannon White, Jimbo Ward and Shawn O'Bryant played for Vernon Howell and were inspired to write a song. The song entitled 'Apocalyptic Superman' has been getting the attention of record label execs who are interested in they're other music.

'Apocalyptic Superman' Rif Raf rocking towards the big time with new single

By GARY LASSETER
Starting in 1987 MCC commercial music students formed the now famous band called Rif Raf. More than just a group of musicians, the band entertains and energizes audiences with a lively action-packed presentation.

What can I say about Rif Raf again?

These guys are something else. Wouldn't you know they would break into the international media scene in dramatic fashion?

Lead singer and band leader Jimbo Ward has been interviewed by many reporters about the bands' involvement with cult leader Vernon Howell alias David Koresh.

"We played out at the compound once about two years ago," said Ward. "We played in a kind of chapel thing, with church pews and stuff. We were all drinking beer and rocking out. It was just a loose jam."

Ward gave a cassette tape copy of the song "Apocalyptic Superman" to a neighbor who had a relative who worked at a radio station, and suddenly everyone on media row had a copy. Since then the publicity has been a press agent's dream. The song, co-authored by Ward and bass player Shannon White, was in-

spired by the now infamous cult leader.

A Sky TV representative known to the band as "Gigi" picked up three band members on March 9 and took them through security checkpoints in order to do an interview at the site.

"Gigi had our certification faxed in from London. Otherwise, of course, we never would have gotten in. Shawn O'Bryant is our guitar player. He set up his amp and we played 'Apocalyptic Superman' with the compound in the shot behind us. It went out live all over Europe," said Ward with a grin.

Another reporter demanded to know why they (the band) were there, complaining that she had an awful time getting in even with her press credentials.

"Hey," said Ward, "we're Rif Raf."

Other media crews demanded on the spot interviews with the band members, and still others

Written over a year ago, with music by Shannon White and concept and lyrics by Jimbo Ward, "Apocalyptic Superman" has now been heard by millions around the world. It will soon be released as a single on an independent label. The song is a work of art of course, independent of any incidental connection with sensationalized cult violence.

Is "Apocalyptic Superman" inspired prophecy?

Judge for yourself.

What is this I feel in my bones?

What can it be? Am I growing old?

There's clouds in my mind, are they wicked or divine?

It's coming down to this.

An apocalyptic blitz. With a searing flash of light, your day is dark as night

with pestilence your plight.

Come and sit here on the right!

You need savin' You need savin'

You all need savin' —

Let me be your savior. from "Apocalyptic Superman" by Ward/White

Members of Rif Raf said they would like to express deep concern about the tragic incident at Mount Carmel and sincere sympathy for the relatives and friends of the victims inside and outside of the compound.

Anyone interested in learning more about Rif Raf should contact Raunch and Roll productions at (817) 754-2710.

scrambled to make appointments.

"There were so many cameras I lost track of who they all were," said Shannon White.

"There was an argument, or some banter maybe, between the BBC crew and the Skynet people. The BBC wanted to film us after the first interview. They said, 'You should be willing to share the story.' And the Skynet people said, 'OK, you give us all of your stories and we'll give you ours.' It was crazy."

Apparently there is nothing like an act of violence to get mass media adrenaline flowing. Here is a list of interviews given by Rif Raf members since the story broke about their connection with the local branch Davidian cult leader.

On television (channel and city) — 10, Waco; 26 Fox, Houston; 36 Austin; 3, Bryan; 4, Oklahoma City; Miami TV, Skynet; and the BBC, London.

On radio (frequency or call sign and city) — 1006, Toronto; 103, Memphis; WOWF, Detroit; KRNA, Iowa City, Iowa; KLBJ-AM and KLBJ-FM, Austin; Tony Angelo and Crash, Houston; and Tonga, New Zealand.

In newspapers — Fort Worth Star Telegram, Toronto Sun, Waco Tribune-Herald.



photo by MIKE MELTON

AT THE FACULTY RECITAL HELD MARCH 15, Ken Frazier and Dick Gimble are caught by the Highland Herald camera having a good time. The recital featured

several commercial music instructors performing a variety of musical selections and was attended by a full house of music fans in the BPAC auditorium.

'Hamlet ESP'

Jim Rambo will direct unique adaptation

By MIKE MELTON

The drama department will present "Hamlet ESP" April 22-25 in the Fine Arts Building Theatre.

The production was written by Paul Baker and originally graced the eyes of an audience on stage in 1961 at Baylor University where Baker was an instructor. Baker's adaptation of the original script is an insightful representation of the inner workings of Hamlet's mind and has been refined since its original conception in 1961. Baker retired from Baylor and founded the Dallas Theatre Center where he worked until 1978. It is anticipated that press time Baker will attend the production.

The concept of the production is to deliver Hamlet's imagination, emotion, intellect and senses to the audience, allowing the audience to interpret Hamlet as a human being beyond Shakespeare's universal representation of the character. The role of Hamlet will be divided into three psychological parts which promise to relate the timeless trials and tribulations of the character to modern day life. The production will differ from the original story line with three acts instead of five.

The roles of Hamlet will be played by Eric Hall,

Aaron Sanders and Stephen Laster. Baker's idea of dividing Hamlet into three psychological parts provides the students with the opportunity to interpret their individual roles freely while providing the audience with the actor's finest skills.

Dallas-based Ron Hubbard, member of the Fightmasters Union, is instructing the cast in the stagercraft of fighting and swordsmanship. Hubbard is an instructor the Dallas Opera, Dallas Shakespeare Festival and is also currently instructing students in the production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Baylor.

Director Jim Rambo has directed the play before at Western Texas College and enjoys anticipating the incredible diversity of the actor's interpretations in each new performance. The performance will be in the Fine Arts Building Theatre, which seats 150, and which will give the actors a chance to act in a more intimate environment, Rambo said.

"Hamlet ESP has the ability to disrupt the traditional mode of things and was originated not only as a response to creativity, but to be able to see things in a different light."