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Pulitzer Prize winner Gwendolyn Brooks to visit campus

By JENNIFER WOKATY
Co-Editor in Chief

The Pulitzer Prize winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks will be visiting the campus next month for a poetry reading.

Brooks will read selections of her poetry in the Lecture Hall on April 12 from 11:30-12:30 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow the poetry reading.

The poet became the first African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for "Annie Allen," a series of poems following the progression of a young black girl into womanhood. In 1990, she became the only American writer to receive the Society of Literature Award from the University of Thessaloniki in Athens, Greece.

At age seven, Brooks began writing, publishing her first poem in her teens. She is noted for providing insight into African-American culture and the experience of daily existence.

Among her many achievements, Brooks is Poet Laureate of Illinois. She has received over 50 honorary doctorates and served as a Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress from 1985-1986.

Brooks will read at Baylor University the same night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Meadows Auditorium in the McCrary Music Building.

Poetry reading April 12 in Lecture Hall from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Campus soon to be reviewed

By DIETA NOBLES
Staff Reporter

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will conduct a campus On-Site Peer Review May 6-7.

The review is to determine if the campus is meeting its state and institutional goals. The campus will be reviewed in many areas including enrollment, completion rates, and technical programs.

The 11 members of the review team will consist of Coordinating Board staff and administrative faculty from other Texas community and technical colleges. The team will measure the campus' effectiveness by sitting at desks and reviewing prepared documents. Coordinator, Paul Illich stated there may even be a few spontaneous student interviews.

Illich realizes the school is not perfect and problems are being anticipated and corrected. Illich said, "We will do fine."

Spring ceremony Wednesday...

Phi Theta Kappa inducts 98 members

By CALEB HAGOPIAN
Staff Reporter

MCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will be having a spring induction ceremony on Wednesday at 1:30 in the Student Lecture Hall.

The bi-annual ceremony will celebrate the induction of 98 new members, a 33 percent increase from last semester.

Speaking at the ceremony will be Dennis Michaelis, college president, Amberdawn Moore, chapter adviser, Caleb Hagopian, chapter president, and others to be announced.

Students were selected for induction into Phi Theta Kappa based on the following criteria:

- Presently enrolled at MCC taking six or more hours.

- Previously completed 12 or more hours with an institutional cumulative GPA of not less than a 3.50

- Submitted application for membership with references by three faculty members.

Those to be inducted are Cynthia Aleman, Steven Alston, Denise Amagan, Amanda Baize, Dali Baker, Megan Bass, Marie Berger, William Bevens, Kathryn Black, Heather Blanton, and Jennifer Bolting.

Also, Karen Bond, Diana Brasard, Heather Brink, Deanna Brown, Rita Burrows, Steven Butcher, Dava Butler, Erreka Campbell, Samuel Cates, Christine Cockrell, and Sharon Collins.

Also, Betty Coppage, Melissa Crain, Allison Crook, Michelle Curran, Jason Dalrymple, Leslie

Dannhaus, Kimberly Ehrman, Deana Eskew, Elisha Exley, Ladonna Foster, and Casey George.

Also, Juliette Goff, Angela Gonzalez, James Gully, Nisha Hathi, Dana Hatley, Karen Hedgepeth, Aaron Henderson, Giselle Hewitt, William Hitch, Gary Hively, Holli Hopkins, and Kimberly Hughes.

Also, Christine Hunt, Danielle Huntley, Angela Jarosek, Joshua Jones, Melissa Jones, Angela Ketterick, Kaci Kocian, Amanda Kubala, Carolyn Kucera, Pat Kultgen, Joshua Lape.

Also, Remy Lavadia, Harold Lewis, Lynnae Love, David Lunt Jr., Kathryn Marek, Rebekah Martin, Dorcas McAdams, Rebecca McGuire, Jesse McKinney, and Sherry Middleton.

Also, Sandra Miller, Sherrie Nutt, Angela Parshall, Bruce Pearson, Melinda Phagan, John Phillips, Mike Pirro, Barrett Polard, Tiffany Richter, Lori Robertson, Sarah Sali Tiffany Richter, Lori Robertson, Sara Salinas, and Lacy Scarborough.

Also, Brian Shelton, Jaclyn Sisk, Jon Slaughter, Gayla Smith, Melissa Smith, Eunice Talton, Kristen Tate, Barbara Taylor, Anjelita Teakell, Judith Timm, and Phillip Vierke.

Also Stanislav Voskoboinikov, Letitia Warr, Jennifer Wells, Mandi Wideman, Kimberly Wilson, Chad Wooten, Laurie Yankie, Christen Yarber, and Becky Young.

As members of Phi Theta Kappa these students will enjoy benefits including scholarship opportunities,

academic recognition on transcripts and diplomas, and a chance to serve the community through service projects.

Since its founding in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has become one of the largest and most prestigious academic honor societies with more than 1.2 million members and 1,200 chapters.

MCC's "Pi Chi" chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is gearing up for increased participation in the international organization. Many changes have been made inside the chapter.

"I am pleased to see the level of enthusiasm that our chapter members have shown, and their willingness to work hard to make our chapter prosper," Adviser Moore said.

The chapter constitution was re-

vised for the first time since the 1970s. New chapter officers were elected, and several events have been planned for the semester.

- Phi Theta Kappa will be sponsoring the second annual bananas split eating contest at the highland games on April 17.

- A service project is under way to help elementary school students with studies.

- For the first time, representatives will be attending a state convention in Austin, and a national convention in Anaheim California.

Members are excited about the future of the chapter.

"Amberdawn has worked hard to get the ball rolling, and now the members are using the momentum as never before," chapter member Jodi Christian said.

College to hold area UIL competition

By AMY JO WILSON
Staff Reporter

MCC faculty and some students will serve as host, will judge and will help with a District University Interscholastic League contest on campus this Thursday.

No school will be held on that day.

Hazel Martin is in charge of the UIL meet. She says that MCC benefits from sponsoring UIL competition by the fact that students from all schools who compete have the opportunity of viewing the campus and seeing what MCC has to offer.

Because of specific areas of study here on campus, the school is able to provide skilled teachers in their line of profession to judge in the area they know best says Martin. She says high schools like to come to MCC because of the atmosphere and credibility of the college. MCC offers good facilities and is convenient by the fact that schools do not have to plan the contest and hire judges.

Some speech majors will be helping with speech/debate according to Martin.

Three districts are expected to attend the contest.

Cameron, Gatesville, Lorena, Marlin, McGregor and Robinson are

expected to attend from District 17AAA.

Blooming Grove, Bruceville-Eddy, Crawford, Hubbard, Mart, Moody, Riesel and Valley Mills are also expected to attend from District 23AA.

China Spring, Connally, La Vega, Hillsboro and West are expected to attend the contest from District 8AAA.

The UIL meet will begin at 8 a.m. and end late in the evening. Student Government members will also be helping during the day.

From contests involving accounting skills to contests like Lincoln Douglas debate, many contests will be going on and the winners will have a chance at a MCC sponsored scholarship.

The contests that will be held at the UIL meet are accounting skills, calculator applications, computer applications, computer science, current issues & events, literary criticism, mathematics, number sense, ready writing, science and spelling & vocabulary.

Other contest include speech events, informative speaking, poetry and prose interpretation, persuasive speaking and Lincoln Douglas debate.

As far as journalism contest there will be news writing, editorial writing, feature writing and headline writing.

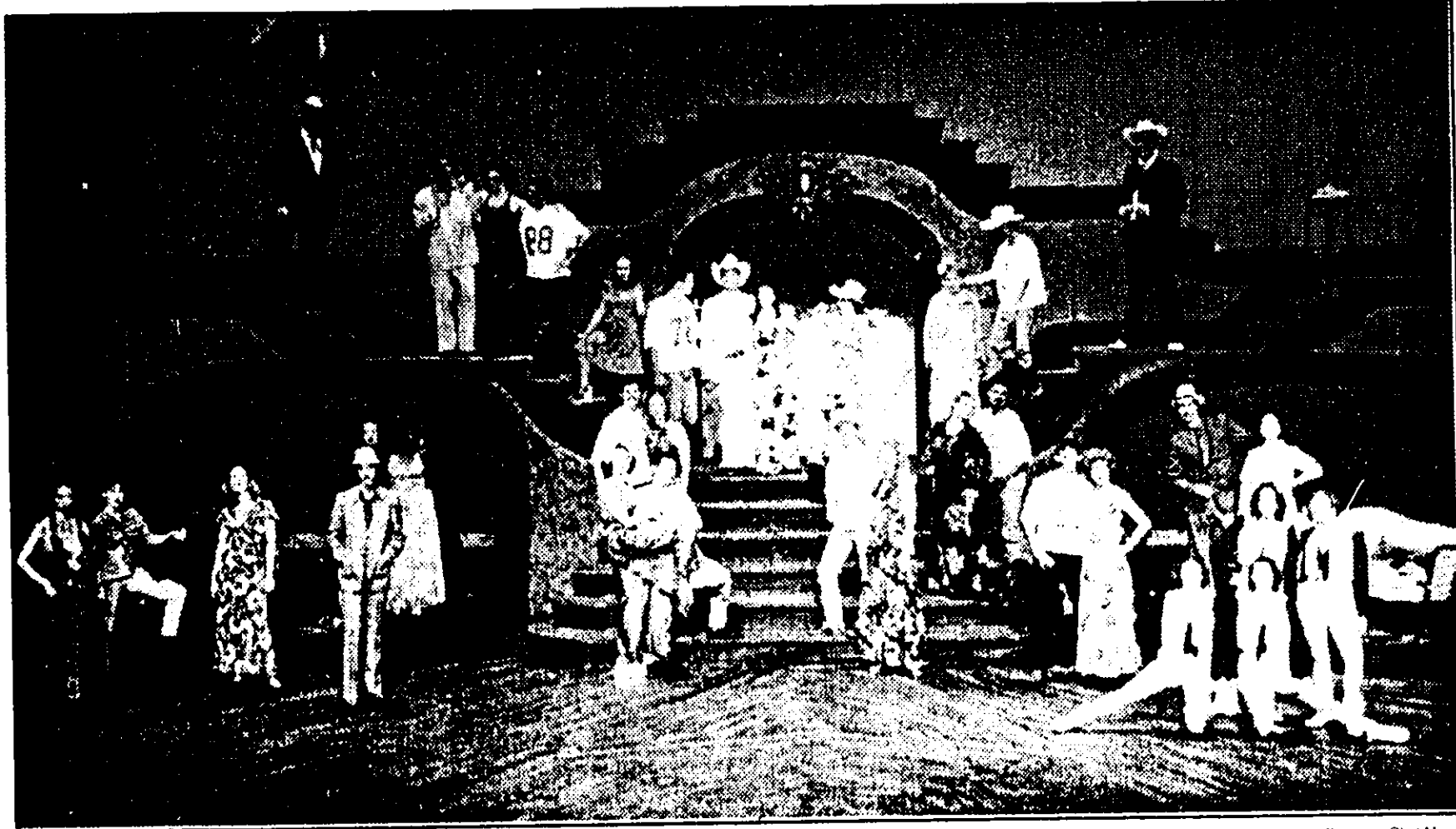


Photo by Clint Meyer

'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'

THE CAST OF MCC's latest musical poses after Friday night's sold out performance. The musical interpretation of the events which lead to the final days of the famous La Grange Chicken Ranch will continue performances March 25-27. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. All performances begin at 7:30.

The coming productions "Iolanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan and "Appointment with Death" by Agatha Christie will be presented in April. For more information or to reserve seats, call the box office at 299-8200. See page six for Whorehouse review and background of the musical.



Photo by Jean Gholson

Umpire calls Brookhaven's Jason Fox out at the plate after a tag from Highlander catcher Daron Bertillon. MCC swept the doubleheader, 4-2 and 10-1.

Conference record climbing...

'Landers dominate diamond'

By JULIAN L. RAMON
Co-Opinion Editor

Highlander baseball continued its dominating season this past Saturday with a pair of wins over Hill College.

In the opener, the Highlanders jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the fourth inning and never looked back. Grant Grogg pitched four solid innings for his sixth win of the year, and Dustin Lansford finished the game in relief.

After a four-run fourth, MCC continued the pound on the Rebels with another four runs in the fifth. Four different Highlanders honored in the game.

As for the evening contest, the game was close until the fifth inning when Ryan Kent blasted a grand slam that broke a 7-7 tie. The homer was Kent's ninth of the year. The relief pitching also came through in the game, as Regan Lochridge and Chris Adams sealed the victory for Lee Gwaltney, who is now 4-1.

Overall, the Highlanders pounded out 31 runs on 36 hits with 10 home runs on the day.

"We had a real good day hitting. The wind was blowing good, and we were able to hit ten home runs," said Head Coach Paul Miller. "Our relief pitching also kept us out of trouble."

As it stands now, the Highlanders are ranked ninth in the nation,

according to the National Junior College Athletic Association's pre-season poll. As for the team's success, Miller states that it is completely a team effort.

"It's just a matter of everyone on the team having a good year at the same time. Our hitting was just as good last year as it is this year, except we have more depth in the pitching staff."

Brookhaven

Last Thursday, the Highlander baseball club played a double-dip at home against Brookhaven, and like many of their other doubleheaders this season, the Highlanders pulled out the brooms and did some sweeping.

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MCC presents 'College & Career Night'

By JENNIFER WOKATY
Co-Editor in Chief

For those interested in discover-

ing what the college has to offer, College and Career Night will be held tonight in the Student Center from 7-9 p.m.

vides prospective students and current students with an opportunity to view different programs, as well as attend workshops, receive advising, or prepare for the TASP.

"It's an opportunity for MCC to showcase programs," said David Hurtado, admissions specialist.

Representatives from different technical careers will be featuring their programs, such as health, human services, and business careers. Also, Upward Bound, commercial music, and the fine arts programs will be represented.

In addition, those attending will have the opportunity to apply to MCC and register for advising sessions. Students may also register to take the Accuplacer or the Quick TASP Test.

Workshops discussing the following will be held tonight: Financial Assistance and Scholarships, Transferring to a Four-year College, TASP and Testing Requirements, and Concurrent Enrollment and Early Admissions.

Last year, about 275 students attended college and career night. Area junior and senior high school students are invited to attend, as well as their parents and current students.

Door prizes will be given, and refreshments will be served to participants.

For more information, call Karen Clark at 299-8657.

Law enforcement graduation



The following graduates of the Heart of Texas Police Academy Basic Police Certification Course are (left to right, back row) David Keel, Charles Horton Jr.,

Scott Brown Jr., Cody Lee, Jeremy Finch, Jim Peters, (front row) Michale Fazio, Carrie Grayson, Jeff Fadal, Richard Studer, and Sandy Wachsmann.

Campus security guard one of ten graduates

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Charles Horton Jr., a member of the campus security staff, was one of ten law enforcement students to graduate from the Heart of Texas Police Academy Basic Police Certification Course.

The graduation, featuring key-

note speaker County Judge of Limestone County Eleanor Holmes, took place on March 5 at the Health and Physical Education Building.

The graduates have completed a 17-week classroom course required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards in Education. After completing the next level of certification the graduates will be eligible to become police officers.



Charles Horton Jr. is a member of the campus security staff, recent law enforcement graduate, and father to son Deondrea.

NEWS BRIEFS

No classes will meet on Thursday

No day or evening classes will meet Thursday, March 25. The UIL District Literary meet will be held on campus with nineteen local area high schools expected to attend. Please see page one for the full story.

Cafeteria selling chocolate Easter eggs

The campus will be closed Easter Sunday. To help celebrate the Easter holiday, the cafeteria will be selling chocolate eggs filled with goodies for \$12.50. Those wishing to order a chocolate egg, please call Anita at 299-8421 and place an order on or before Tuesday, March 30 and pick up the egg(s) on Thursday, April 1.

Volunteers sought for "Job Shadow"

"Job Shadow" day is set for April eighth. Students from G.L. Wiley will be shadowing staff and faculty on campus. If you would like to participate please contact Joe Fortson at Ext. 8289 or e-mail at jwf@mcc.cc.tx.us

SGA sweetens up safety awareness

As part of a program to promote safety awareness for spring break, MCC Student Government Members asked motorists on Highlander Drive to stop for a seat belt inspection. Drivers who are buckled up received a "Smartee" candy with a paper attached that says "Be a Smartee and Buckle Up. MCC Student Government Cares About You." Those who were not buckled up receive "Dum-Dum" suckers, with papers saying "Don't be a Dum-Dum. Buckle Up. Student Government Cares About You." Surprisingly, none of the safety-conscious student government members were run over.

Workshop to be held on learning disabilities

The Learning Disabilities Association of McLennan County will present a program entitled "Assistive Technology for Students with Learning Disabilities: An Overview of Devices and Services." Speaker Crystal E. Kemp will discuss services and instruments for students with learning disabilities at the Texas Scottish Rite Library located at 2801 WestWaco Drive. For more information contact 755-0038

College Republicans to attend convention

The MCC College Republicans will be attending the annual state Republican convention this Saturday. The event will be held at the Ferrel Center at Baylor. Guests will include Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

Press Club visting Kerrville for convention

On April 8-10 MCC Press Club and their adviser will be attending the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Spring Conference in Kerrville. Students will be attending seminars and workshops on a wide range of topics for both print and electronic media and in advertising and public relations. Some students will also be participating in writing, illustration and photography contests. The convention will wind down with an awards banquet on Saturday.

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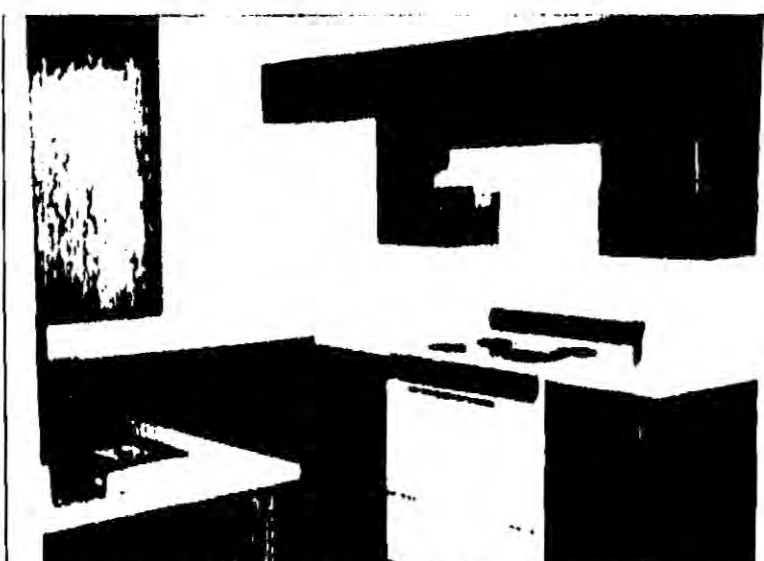
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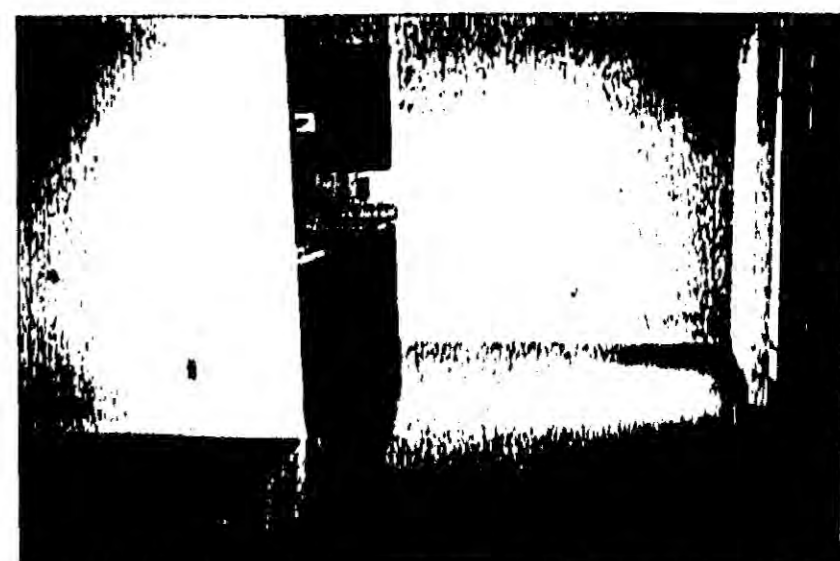
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BEAUTIFUL LARGE KITCHEN and new counter tops.

This beautiful eight unit apartment OASIS complex has been recently updated and remodeled ("like new") to provide comfortable residential living in an atmosphere that is small enough to maintain privacy and develop friendships. The OASIS has four large one bedroom apartments and four large two-bedroom apartments. A security gate is provided for private access by the residents. The corner location allows for excellent visibility and accessibility. The OASIS is well located across from St. Catherine Center, close to McLennan Community College, downtown Waco and the new Zoo. Lease rates begin at \$295 a month for one bedroom and \$395 a month for two bedrooms.



LARGE BREAKFAST/DINING area with large window for viewing.



In a different light

Can a woman run the country?

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

For years people have toyed with the idea of having a woman as president. The conversations I can recall on this subject aren't exactly favorable of such possibilities, but I would like to think that as we approach the new millennium that gender equality is at a better level than it was just 10 years ago. With the announcement by Elizabeth Dole of her presidential exploratory committee, the possibility of a woman for president is becoming more relevant than many considered possible.

Whether she will subject Bob to the embarrassment of being the only First Gentleman in the history of the country, or even raise the \$20 million she will need to be an early primary contender remains to be seen.

Recent Gallup poll results express the country's new or evolving attitude regarding a woman in the White House. The results show that 92 percent of Americans would be apt to vote for a well-qualified female candidate.

The support behind a male commander-in-chief is their strength in decision making, ability to control emotions, and simply tradition. It is strange that society depends primarily on women to raise our children, yet doubt their control of emotions. Should we dare recognize how little control Bill Clinton practiced these last seven years?

I have been shocked in the last months to hear that the majority of opposition on the topic of a female president is from women. This remains a mystery. How can we as a gender have come so far yet speak out against our own ability to lead this country with talents equaling those of a man?

The presidency should not belong to someone according to their gender, or race, but their qualifications. This country needs someone with love and respect for this country and the awesome history it is built upon.

Many on campus are just beginning to vote. When voting, heed this bit of advice: Turn a blind eye to gender, and race, focus more on qualifications. As these times change our government should too.

Notes from Career Development

We're right next to the Bookstore

By JOHN NOBIS
COUNSELING SPECIALIST
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Many students hear of careers or have careers suggested to them, yet are unclear about what such a choice might entail. Here in Career Development Services (right next to the Bookstore) we have a number of ways to help, two of which will be discussed in this brief article.

ONE EXCELLENT AVENUE is the use of our new computer based career information system, called Career Path. This system has a database of hundreds of different fields, including general duties, required education, salary, and future opportunities for employment. The system is very user-friendly and easily accessed. Students and commu-

nity members may drop in without an appointment, and the service is free.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT SOURCE of help is our small, but growing checkout library. A sample of titles would include books such as Careers for Computer Buffs, Opportunities in Fitness Careers, Adventure Careers, or Great Jobs for History Majors. Books may be checked out to students for up to two weeks. Each book will suggest many possible career titles as well as leads to gaining further information.

OFFICE HOURS are 8-6 Monday through Thursday, 8-5 on Friday. There is always a counselor assigned to walk-in duty, so no appointment is necessary. And remember - we're right next to the Bookstore.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

- March 23 - College and Career Night. 7 p.m., MCC Student Center.
- March 24 - MCC Baseball v. Collin County. 1 p.m., MCC Baseball Field. - Phi Theta Kappa Induction. 1:30 p.m., Lecture Hall.
- March 25, 26, 27 - MCC Theatre Presents "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. Call the Box Office at 299-8200.
- March 29 - MCC Baseball v. Temple College. 1 p.m., MCC Baseball Field.
- March 30 - Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m., Board Room, Administration/Classroom Building.
- March 31 - MCC Baseball v. North Central Texas. 1 p.m., MCC Baseball Field.

This space reserved for your letter

How can the campus environment be improved?

"Our campus is beautiful. I wish, as students, we could appreciate the campus more by having class or lectures outside."

LISA SMART
SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

"When adding on to the library and other areas - we should try to save as many of the trees as possible."

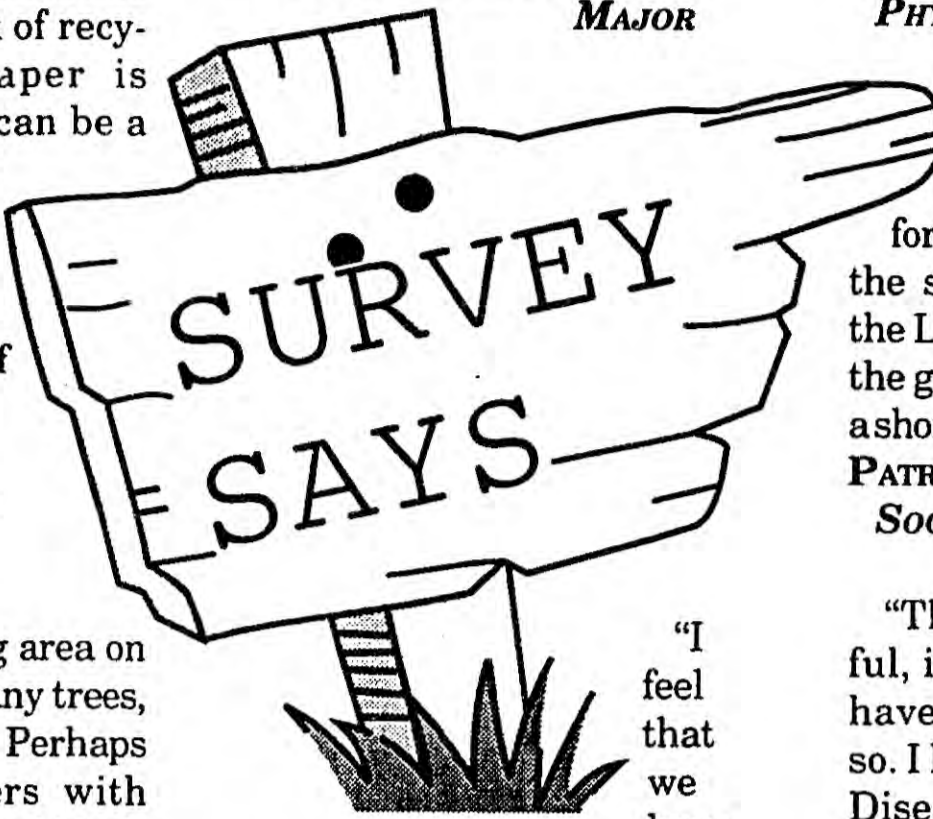
JENI FRANKLIN
PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR

"The ground keepers really take good care of the campus here. I was surprised to see that. There is one thing that bothers me and that is the lack of recycling. I know paper is recycled but there can be a lot more recycling done, like all the plastic bottles, cans and other different kinds of packages."

UWE CARL
BUSINESS FINANCE MAJOR

"The main parking area on campus is devoid of any trees, plants and greenery. Perhaps some large planters with shrubs and plants would look nice there."

ANGELA KETTERICK
ACCOUNTING MAJOR



"I feel that we have one of the best looking campuses in the state of Texas. I don't see too many ways we could improve it."

RICHARD JANDER
ACCOUNTING/BUSINESS MAJOR

"Flooded areas around the library and the LA building cause problems for students. Also, between the student center steps and the LA building, students keep the grass worn down by taking a shortcut. We need a sidewalk."

PATRICIA CROSS
SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

"The campus is so beautiful, it would be wonderful to have benches every 50 feet or so. I have Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD) in both knees, and it would be nice to sit down and enjoy the scenery."

AUDETTE TATE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Affirmative action raises competition

.....(This letter is) in response to the March 22 article titled "Reverse Discrimination is not equality," which disputes a petition by The Texas State Junior College Student Government Association that seeks to increase minority admission.

The author would have us believe that affirmative action constitutes discrimination in which minorities are admitted into schools and given jobs solely on the basis of their race. The author parallels affirmative action programs to a game which "is not based on reality, and the morals of the real world seem not to apply (paragraph 3)." Further, the author assumes that affirmative action programs destroy competition and lower standards. These assumptions are false.

First, the goal of society should be to create a world that exists as if racism and sexism did not. Before jumping to conclusions we should step back and ask ourselves if a level playing

field exists. The fact is that minorities and women do not hold the same positions in society as white males. A 1996 article in the "Wisconsin State Journal" points out that nationally, blacks in top management positions constitute only six-tenths of one percent, and women make only 72% of what males make for the same work. This means that for every 1,000 managers, only six are black, and that if a man is making \$40,000, the woman in the next cubicle is making only \$28,800. These numbers prove that if this were a game, the cards are stacked against them. Just because racism and sexism are illegal does not mean that they do not exist.

Second, affirmative action programs are not based on reverse discrimination. Affirmative action programs began as an executive order by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

A 1997 book titled "Affirmative Action: Social Justice or Re-

verse Discrimination?" points out that the original definition stipulates that employees aggressively seek qualified minority applicants, who are then placed in contention with other applicants and the selection is made on a "color-blind basis (pg 42)." The book illustrates this with the example that when the Secretary of the Army was given a list of people to potentially be promoted, he sent it back and demanded that more quality black candidates be found. Because of this affirmative action demand, Colin Powell made the list, and the rest is history (pg 52). Affirmative action does not turn white males away, it ensures that women and minorities are there to compete, because it is impossible to make the team if you are not allowed in the draft.

Last, affirmative action programs do not lower competition or standards. All students are not raised in the same community, and all students do not

attend the same schools. Stating so attempts to ignore the demographic and socioeconomic diversity of our country. Therefore, it may be perfectly logical to question the validity of the standard TASP test. Even so, College admission standards are consistent for all races. Any minority student in a given school has met and exceeded those standards. Further, viewing affirmative action as a free ride ignores the purpose of higher education. College is only an opportunity, and admission is not a guarantee of graduation.

Before a student stands boldly against any petition, I urge you to contact the Student Government and read the petition for yourself, because affirmative action is not reverse discrimination; it is a pragmatic approach in an imperfect society.

Charles Mundell
Concerned Student

Staff of the Highland Herald

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Last dance on campus

Tennis team wins last tournament on home courts; a tradition of excellence nearing a successful end

By DENISE AMAGAN
STAFF REPORTER

The Highlassie team hosted its final women's tournament Feb. 19th-20th here at MCC. Due to recent termination of the women's tennis program, this was the last MCC Invitational Tennis Tournament that the college will see.

"It's saddening to know that the women's program is being cut and that this was the last tournament MCC will ever host, but it was great that we were all able to make a good showing and play good tennis while we were here," sophomore Phyllis Wilunda said.

Despite mental and physical struggles the team encountered during the beginning of the season, the Highlassies proved to be a success at their final tournament.

Winning three singles titles out of four, the Highlassies made the best showing in a tournament as compared to all other tournaments they have participated in thus far.

"I think this tournament was a good transition tournament for all the players. This season has been hard on everyone, but I think it was a definite confidence builder. It helped us prove to ourselves that we can play with the best and win," freshman Amanda Schneider said.

In flight one singles sophomore Phyllis Wilunda defeated Kristy Rodriguez of Texas Lutheran University 6-4, 6-2 in the opening round.

She eased past Dianna Rameirez of Laredo Junior College 6-3, 6-0 to advance to the semifinals. She then faced rival Caroline Svenson of North Central Texas College. This was Wilunda's 3rd time this season to face Svenson. Wilunda, playing with full concentration handled Svenson in a grueling 3 set match 6-

2, 4-6, 7-6.

In the finals, Wilunda faces Ann Roslund of Tyler Junior College where she was defeated 6-3, 6-0, to place 2nd in Flight One Singles.

Freshman Amanda Schneider also helped lead the Highlassies to victory by taking the flight two singles title. In the opening round of play Schneider defeated Ito Kaeko of Texas Lutheran University 6-4, 6-4. She then went on to defeat rival Courtney Edwards of Tyler Junior College 1-6, 6-4, 7-6.

In the semifinals Schneider faced teammate Juliette Andrade. After much rallying, Schneider edged Andrade 7-5, 6-4. In the finals, Schneider faced Caroline Stenman of North Central Texas College. Schneider played patiently and aggressively to handel Stenman 6-4, 6-4 and maintain the Flight two singles title.

Freshman Denise Amagan contributed to the Highlassie's success to take the Flight three singles title. In the first round action Amagan defeated Sammi Gunter of Collin County Community College 6-0, 6-1.

She then eased by April Wallingford of Texas Lutheran University 6-0, 6-1. Amagan faced Brandice Mueller of Tyler Junior College where she defeated her 1-6, 6-3, 7-6. In the finals, Amagan defeated Allison Edwards of Tyler Junior College 6-4, 6-4 to take the Flight Three Singles Title.

Teammate Juliette Andrade had a successful opening match where she defeated Kristen Kramer of Southwestern University 6-1, 6-2. In the quarterfinals Andrade breezed by Yolanda Duron of NCTC 6-1, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals and face fellow Highlassie Amanda Schneider.

Fellow Highlassie Kristen Davis

faced a tough first round match in flight one singles against Lilli Torres-Ramirez of Texas Lutheran University where she was defeated 6-2, 6-0.

Sophomore Ashely Jensen also faced a tough opening round match in flight one singles where she was defeated by Caroline Stenman of NCTC 6-2, 6-1.

In flight three singles Kristen Graif opened play by defeating Kristel Brown of Collin County Community College 6-0, 6-2.

She then handled Alyson Krippner of TLU 6-0, 6-1 before falling to Allison Edwards of Tyler Junior College 6-0, 6-2.

Floresita Lopez had a tough opening round against Brandice Mueller of Tyler Junior College where she was defeated 6-2, 6-0.

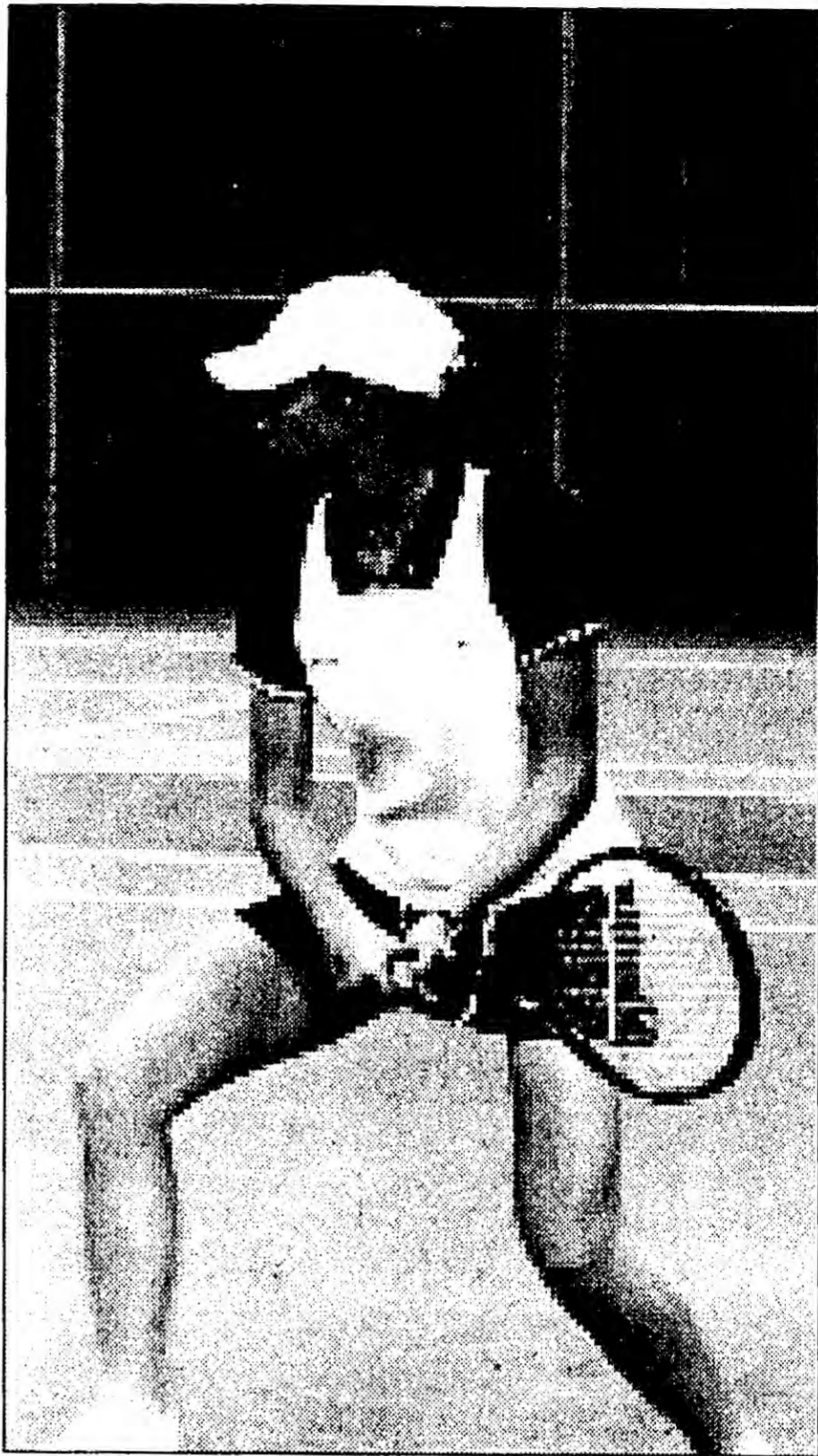
In doubles action the duo of Graif and Andrade won their first round match 7-5, 6-2 against the team of Jennifer Hatch and Rachael Martin of Lee College before falling to Lili Torres Ramirez and Kristy Rodriguez of TLU 6-2, 6-2 in flight one doubles.

Teammates Amagan and Wilunda advanced to the semifinals of flight one doubles before falling to the team of Rachael Morales and Carolina Svenson of NCTC 6-4, 7-6.

Other teammates Jenzen and Lopez advanced to the semifinals of flight two doubles before falling to the team of Edwards and Tayntor of Tyler Junior College 6-4, 7-6.

The duo of Davies and Schneider advanced to the quarterfinals of flight two doubles where they were defeated 6-2, 6-3 by Sammi Gunter and Rebecca Clemens of Collin County Community College.

The team travels to Laredo Junior College this coming weekend for their next tournament.



FRESHMAN AMANDA SCHNEIDER swings a mighty backhand at a recent practice. Schneider won the flight two singles title on Feb. 20.



SOPHOMORE FLORESITA LOPEZ slams a serve at a recent practice session. Lopez, along with her teammates, helped bring home three singles titles at the last home MCC tournament.

Golf team begins play; women start strong

CHRISTOPHER FLUITT
STAFF REPORTER

The Highlassies edged out Midland to win the Abilene Intercollegiate golf tournament held on March first and second.

The team overcame a 12 stroke deficit in the second round to put the Highlassies in the lead for good.

The Highlassies shot a 34 over par edging out Midland by two strokes. The team also had four players ranked in the top 10 for individual scoring, including first place finisher Robekah Martin.

Also included in the top 10 were freshmen Susanna Helmerason and Shelle Wenzel who finished sixth and ninth respectively, and sophomore Allison Burns who placed seventh overall.

The Highlassies are continuing their winning ways. Last year they won the national championship playing in 14 tournaments and winning nine of them. This year they have played six tournaments and won three of them.

They are already making plans to play in the national championship tournament which will be held the third week of May.

Last year the Highlassies had seven all Americans on the team. The team also won the honor of being the academic all American team with a grade point average of 3.02.

This is a new year. Along with this new year came five new freshmen, Shelle Wenzel, Robekah Martin, Susanna Helmerason, Lynn Persson, and Catherine Cavanaugh.

The Highlassies returned only two players from last years championship team, sophomores Allison Burns and Anna Farley.

The team is only two months away from playing for their second straight championship, but judging by their record, youth shouldn't be a problem.

The Highlassies next tournaments are April 19-20 in Midland and at Sam Houston on April 20-30 where they are defending tournament champs.

The Sports Zone

By KEVIN BROCK
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It's Baseball time again. Opening Day is just two weeks away, and the big story this off-season is the trading of Roger Clemens.

Two teams won in this deal. The Toronto Blue Jays acquired the best left hander in baseball last year, David Wells; one of the best relievers in baseball, Graem Lloyd; and second baseman Homer Bush, who was outplaying Chuck Knoblauch.

The Texas Rangers, who were also in contention for Clemens, was the other winner. They kept prized prospect Ruben Mateo, who was rated the eighth best prospect in the major leagues by Sporting News.

Mateo hit .317 with 18 home runs, 70 RBI's, and added 30 stolen bases last year in only 90 games played due to injury.

Then he finished the season by helping the Tulsa Drillers, the Rangers Double A team, win the championship by hitting four homeruns in a seven game series and winning MVP honors.

Mateo is considered by some to be the best five tool player since Ken Griffey Jr. Five tool meaning: can hit for power, hit for average, can run, can throw, and can field.

The general manager of the Texas Rangers said recently in the paper that Blue Jays general manager Gordon Ash would regret not trading Clemens to Texas in two years due to Mateo.

The true winner of this trade is clearly the Toronto Blue Jays, but in the end the Texas Rangers may end up with the best of the deal.

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Basketball teams eliminated in playoff openers

Highlanders' free throw miss gives South Plains 73-72 win

By BRIAN SHELTON
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Last season in the regional tournament the Highlanders were involved in a number of close contests, winning three games by a total of five points and ultimately moving into the NJCAA National Tournament.

This season, however, the Highlanders were not as fortunate.

The Highlanders (19-12) lost its first game of the Region V Tournament 73-72, to the South Plains Texans (19-11) on March 4 at the Mabee Complex.

After trailing much of the game, MCC cut an 11-point deficit to only two after a layup by Nelson Joseph made it a 73-71 game with only seven seconds left.

The Highlanders regained possession after South Plains was called for a five-second violation on the inbound play.

MCC's Kendall Garland missed a jump shot, but the Texans' Terry Watkins was called for a foul going

over Seneca Wall's back on the rebound.

Still trailing by two and with less than one second remaining, Wall (a 71 percent free throw shooter on the season) needed to convert on both free throws to send the game into overtime.

After sinking the first, Wall's second rattled in and out ending the Highlanders' run at a second consecutive division title.

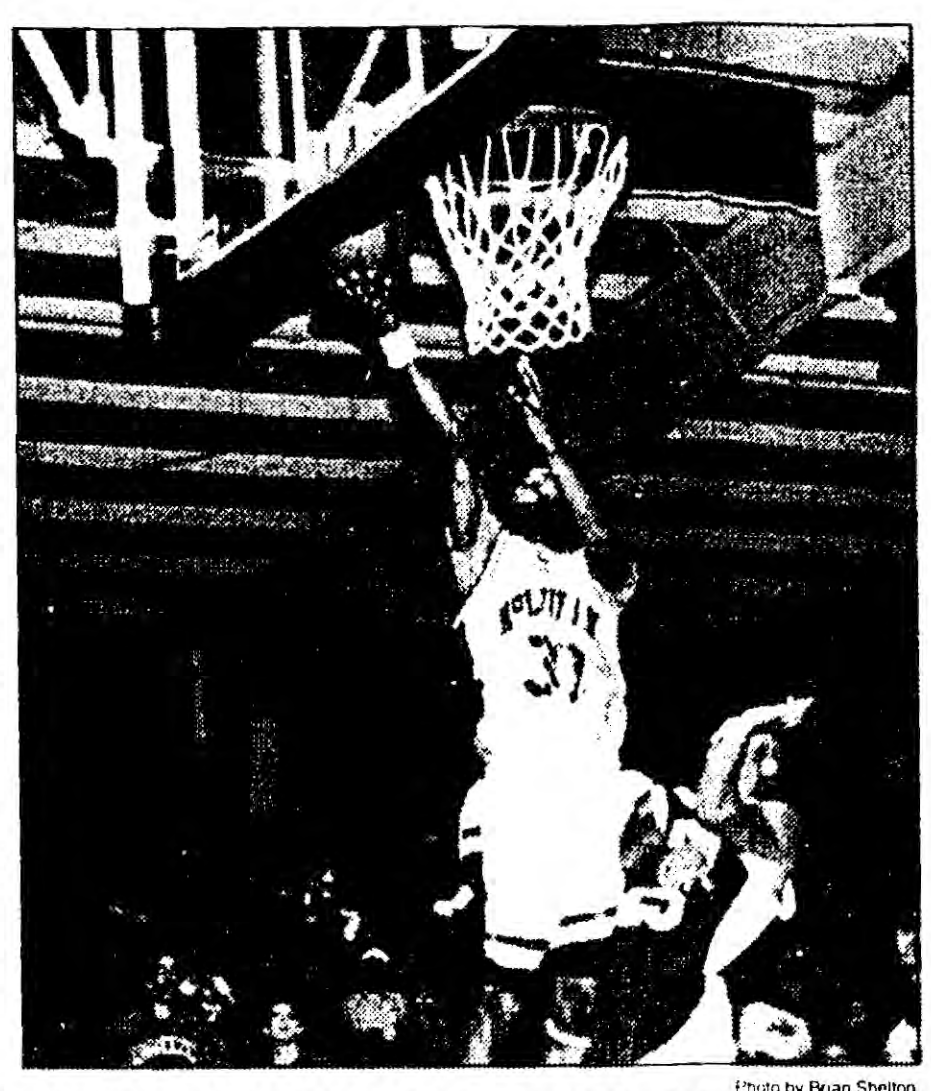
MCC's Meechy Sims led all scorers with 20 points and three treys while backup point guard Steven Barber scored 19 points with five three-pointers to lead the Texans.

Sims, Wall all-conference

Sophomores Meechy Sims and Seneca Wall were chosen to the NJCAA coaches' all-conference team that was released March 4.

Sims, who was chosen for the all-conference team last season, averaged 20.8 points per game in conference play and was third in voting for player of the year honors.

Wall averaged 17.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game during the regular season.



SOPHOMORE HEATH FUSILIER goes up strong and lays it in over a defender in a conference game. The team finished the season at 19-12.

Eighth-ranked Howard dominates Highlassies 87-65

By KEVIN BROCK
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The Highlassies hope for a National Championship fell short, 87-65, to eighth-ranked Howard College, on March 3 in Abilene.

In the first half, sophomore Kendra Watson led the way for the Highlassies, scoring 16 points and knocked down two three-pointers from way downtown.

MCC hit seven of 10 from beyond the arc and outscored the Lady Hawks, 9-2, from the free-throw line, yet they still trailed 46-40 at the half.

Howard put together a closing 8-0 run by hitting two lay-ups and nailing a 10-foot jumper at the buzzer to take a six point lead into the locker room.

In the second half, Head Coach Wendell Hudson went to a trapping 1-2-2 zone, that distracted the Lady Hawks resulting in a 11-2 run that included three straight layups by Kendra Watson giving MCC a the 54-50 lead.

The Highlassies took their final lead of the game with 9:53 left to play, on a three-pointer by Moriah Johnson, who scored 18 points and five rebounds before fouling out.

Then Western Conference player of the year, and all-American Karlita Washington from Howard took over keying a 11-1 run that lifted the Lady Hawks to an 87-74 victory at the Maybee Complex.

Washington finished with 32 points, seven assists and five rebounds for Howard College.

The Highlassies tired down the stretch, missing shots and hitting only 19-of-38 from the free throw line.

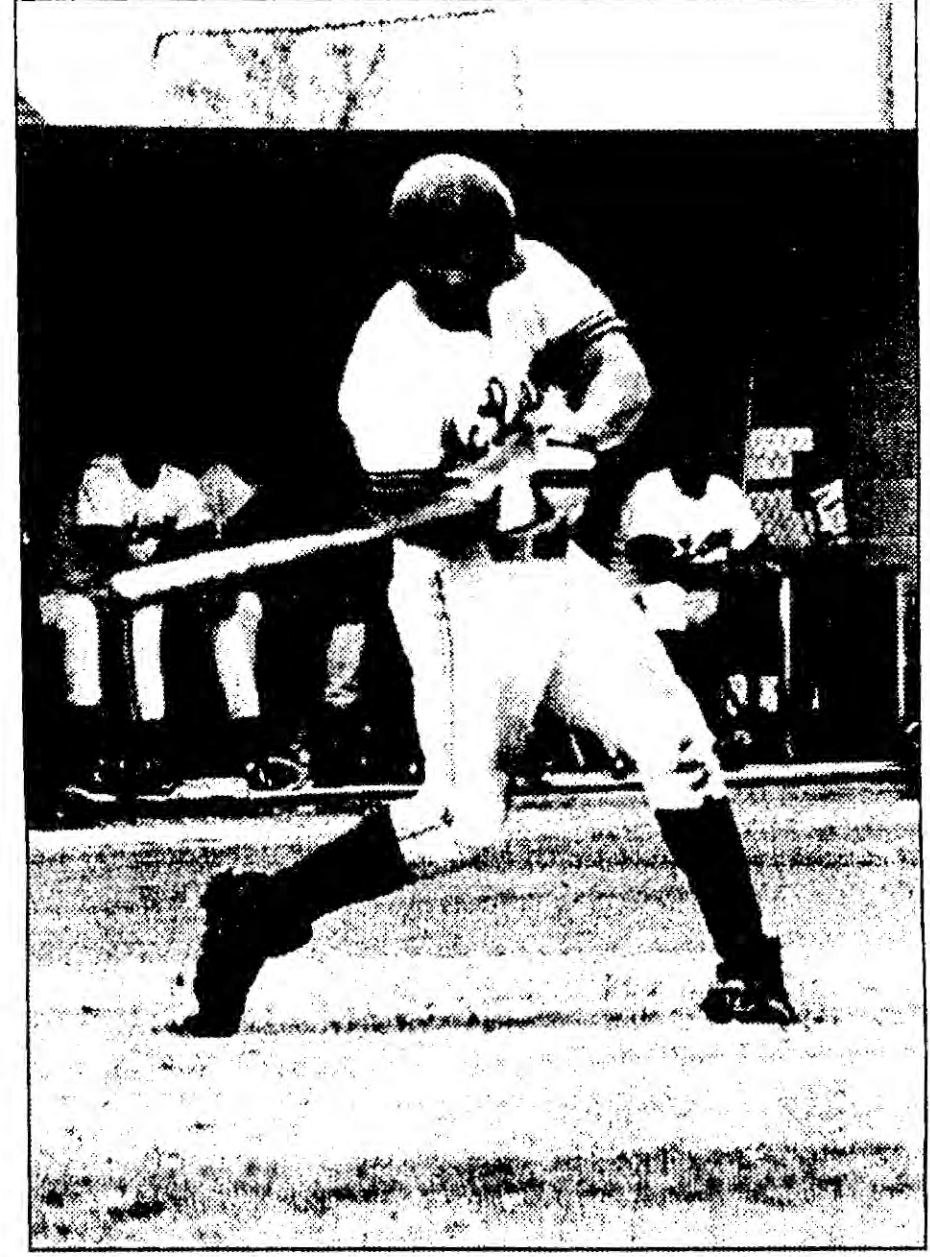
Kendra Watson finished the game with a career-high 31 points. MCC finishes the year at 18-10.

Sophomore Kendra Watson and freshman Moriah Johnson were named to the Northern Texas Junior College Conference coach's all-conference team.

Watson averaged 11.8 points and 4.6 assists, while Johnson was fourth in the league in scoring with a 16.6 average.



SECOND BASEMAN BRYAN KENT avoids a Brookhaven runner after making the force out in the fifth inning. The Highlanders won the game 4-2. (Right) Tim Meadows smacks his fourth home run of the season in MCC's 10-1 rout of Brookhaven in the second game of the double header. The Highlanders have jumped out to an overall record of 28-2 and 9-2 in conference. The team plays Collin at 1 p. m. tomorrow at the MCC baseball field.



(Right) Tim Meadows smacks his fourth home run of the season in MCC's 10-1 rout of Brookhaven in the second game of the double header. The Highlanders have jumped out to an overall record of 28-2 and 9-2 in conference. The team plays Collin at 1 p. m. tomorrow at the MCC baseball field.

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The first game resulted in a 4-2 victory for MCC, with Regan Loehridge on the mound. Shortstop Ryan Reynolds went 3 for 3, including a 2-run double in the second inning, which put the Highlanders ahead, 2-0.

After Brookhaven was able to tie it up in the fourth, the Landers immediately took the lead back the same inning, as pinch-runner Kyle Tidwell scored on a sacrifice fly. Reynolds drove in another run in the fifth to seal the victory.

In the late game, Highlander hurler Zach Sonnier would pick up his 2nd win in a 10-1 blowout of the Bears. The Highlanders started off the game with a 3 run first inning, that included RBI singles by Ryan Reynolds and Patrick Beale. The Landers would score runs in every other inning but the second to put the exclamation point on the win.

Lance Williams went 3 for 4, and Tim Meadows hit his fourth

homer of the year. With the win, the Highlanders improved their conference record to 7-1, and their overall record to 26-2.

Vernon College

After having their winning streak broken against Grayson, the Highlanders continued to impress, sweeping a doubleheader over the Vernon Chaparrals on March 13.

MCC pitcher Lee Gwaltney pitched in the opener, attempting to pick up his third victory of the season. Although MCC fell behind 2-1, Brandon Maricle put the Highlanders ahead in the fifth inning with a two-run single that drove in Jesse Gremminger and Tim Meadows.

Both teams had ten hits, but it was MCC who came out on top in the seven inning game, 8-3.

The late game was a closer one, however, MCC still picked up another win. Despite allowing four unearned runs in three innings, the Highlanders were able to come from behind in the fifth inning as Jason

Gremminger drove in Matt Elkjer from third on a ground ball single.

The Highlanders would win the game, 5-4. MCC pitcher Carl Makowsky improved his record to 5-0, and the Highlanders improved their conference record to 5-1.

Grayson

The Highlanders 18 game winning streak came to an end on March 10, as they were defeated by the Grayson County Vikings. However, the Landers were able to take one from their conference rival in the doubleheader, winning the first game, 6-2.

MCC sophomore Jason Scobie pitched in the opener, and held the Vikings to three hits in four innings. On offense, MCC pounded out four runs in the first two innings, highlighted by a two run double by Brandon Maricle with the bases full. Later, Austin Cranford hit his seventh homer of the year to add icing to the cake. MCC pitcher Regan Loehridge finished the game

in relief, picking up save number three for the season.

The late game wasn't as pleasant for the Highlanders, as they finally tasted defeat, losing by a 12-6 score. The Vikings rocked MCC for five runs in the second inning, and then six more in the fourth, to give the Highlanders their first loss in nineteen games.

The Highlanders managed three runs in the final inning, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early offensive onslaught by the Vikings. MCC pitcher Grant Gregg suffered his first loss of the season, dropping to 5-1.

Angelina

The Landers put away another doubleheader on March 5, at the expense of Angelina College. In the early game, a 6 run fourth boosted the Highlanders to a 7-5 victory. MCC pitcher Zach Sonnier picked up his first victory in the win.

MCC was able to pick up an easier victory in the nightcap, 7-1.

The Highlanders were blanked through the first four innings, but with some strong pitching, the team only allowed one run, and was able to pull ahead easily in the fifth, scoring 4 runs.

MCC hurler Dustin Lansford improved his record to 3-0, and Highlander outfielder Lance Williams did some nice work with the bat, hitting a pair of doubles and a triple.

North Central Texas

On March 3, the Highlanders continued their string of wins by taking a pair from North Central Texas College.

In the opener, Grant Gregg

picked up his 5th victory of the season, as the Highlanders beat NCT, 6-5.

The Highlanders did all of their scoring early in the game, including a five-run second inning. Jesse Gremminger homered for the 4th time, putting three runs on the board for MCC.

The nightcap was just as close, with a 7-6 score. Again, the Landers lit up the scoreboard early in the contest, with a five-run second.

Jason Scobie opened on the mound for MCC, and pitched well early in the game, which proved to be enough to put away NCT.

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