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## SG representatives elected

By SHAWN RISENER

Ten newly elected Student Government representatives were sworn in at the Student Government meeting on Feb. 4 by Deborah Ritcherson, president.

Elections were held on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 in the Student Center. The winners were Anthony Anderson, Bridget DeLeon, Eugene Jackson, Keith Kimble, Jason Laviolette, Jesse Mills, Jennifer Morton, Kelly O'Connor, Christy Perry and Susan Thomas.

President Dennis Michaelis attended the meeting and encouraged representatives to take part in as many activities as they can and to become actively involved with their school.

Other guests present were LaVerne Wong, vice president of student services; Rev. Eric H. Hooker, coordinator of multicultural services and Sam Allgood, editor of the Highland Herald.



TAKING THE OATH of office as new representatives of Student Government are, from the left, Susan Thomas, Eugene Jackson, Bridget DeLeon, Jason

Laviolette, Jennifer Morton, Christy Perry, and Kelly O'Connor. Not pictured are Keith Kimble, Anthony Anderson, and Jesse Mills.

Photo by Sam Allgood

## Cafeteria now using paper products

By BECKY NOLAN

Environmental awareness has started to affect the food containers which MCC students are accustomed to in the Student Center dining area. Recently, the Student Center dining room has started using paper rather than styrofoam to wrap its hot menu items such as hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.

The decision to switch to paper was not due to student or staff pressure, but rather a corporate decision. ARA, which has a contract for MCC's dining service, has devoted an entire division to serve its customers while protecting the environment.

"Not many people have noticed the change to paper, but of those customers that have noticed the change, the response has been very positive," Henry Hernandez, director of MCC's campus dining service, said.

Styrofoam is available for to go orders if it is requested, he said.

The use of paper in place of styrofoam is not only an environmental issue, but also a matter of storage and space.

"Although paper products cost more than styrofoam goods, the space needed to store the paper is much less," Hernandez said.

## 'Cedar' sends Valentine's wishes

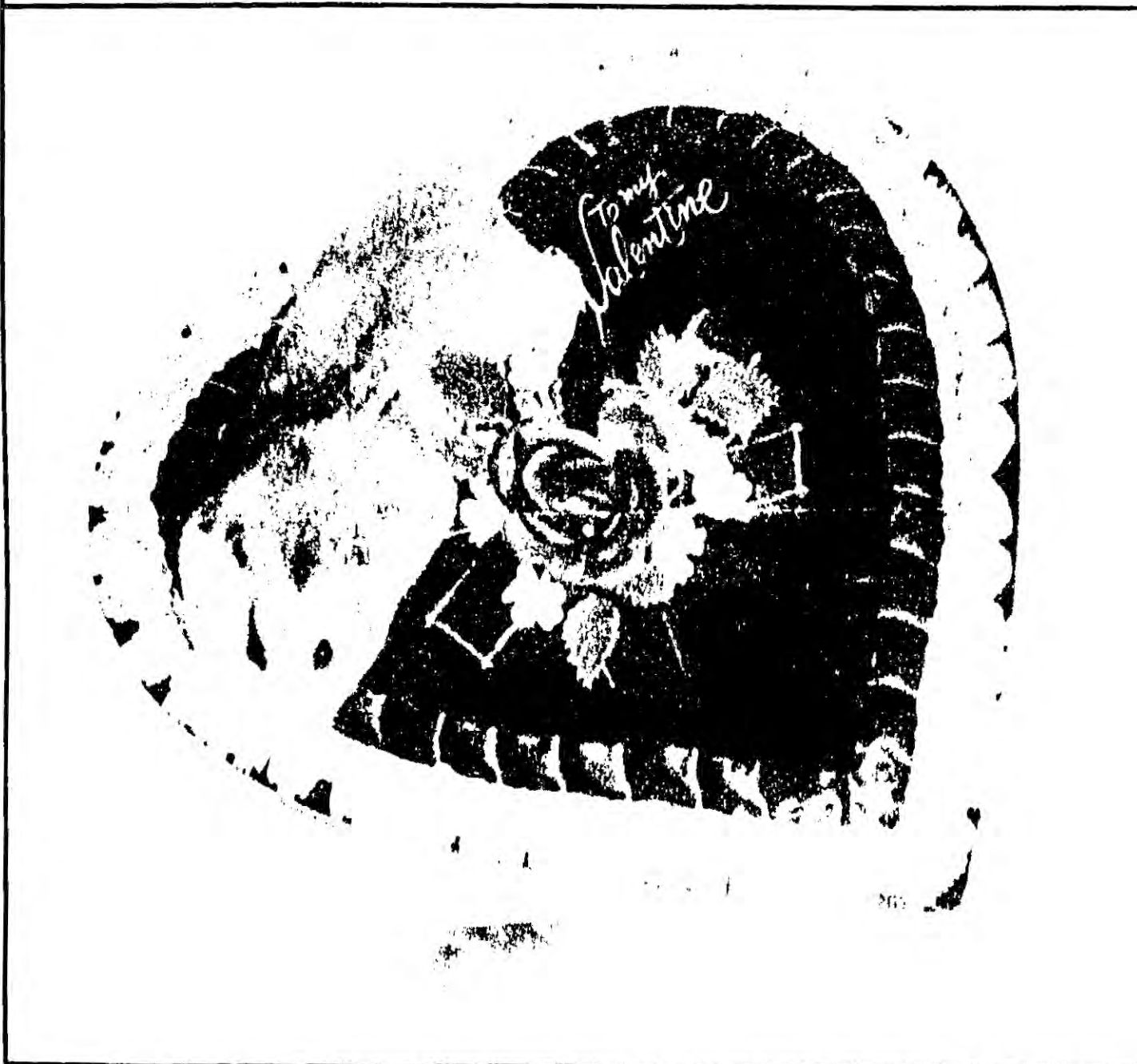


Photo by Nathan Newberry

## Former intelligence analyst speaks on war

By SAM ALLGOOD

The rarest and most valuable commodity among our ground troops in the Persian Gulf is experience. To a new generation of college students seeking answers to this sudden war the same is true.

On campus, the voice of experience is psychology instructor Juan Mercado.

The 25-year Army veteran served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He served as an intelligence analyst at the Pentagon and retired in 1971 as a Lt. Colonel.

## Moral question

"I'm not an expert and I'm not an arm-chair general but I do have training. I'm not trying to out-guess anybody," he said.

"This is an intervention whose morality is without question. We're doing something that our past experience proves to be right," said Mercado.

"Our decisions in international relations must be phrased in terms of the long-range interests of the United States," he said.

"This is the time to rally around the government and not argue. The time to rally against it was beforehand. It should be the job of the whole American people to back up the government's decision," Mercado said.

## Another Hitler

"In the United States, Saddam Hussein would be classified as a

gangster. He shot his way into office. His politics are personalistic. He's a tyrant and a dictator. He is Iraq," said Mercado.

"Based on what I read in the press and listen to on the news—based on his behavior—I would say he could easily be classified as a sociopath. A person with a similar personality to that of Adolf Hitler," he said.

"Our experience with Hitler was that he would not give up."

## Control of the gulf

"If we had allowed Saddam Hussein to seize not only Kuwait but Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Oman and Yemen—geopolitically the power potential of the world would have changed considerably. Because he would have had possession of an extremely large amount of the oil reserves of the world," Mercado said.

"We already have the experience of 1973 and the Arab oil embargo. The price of gas at the pump went from 33 cents to a dollar. Immediately after that we went into double-digit inflation," he said.

"In our minds we see war as soldiers facing each other on the battlefield with weapons. What about economic aggression?"

"You can be more successful in getting a country to do your bidding by controlling them economically than by putting troops against them," he said.

"One of my nightmares is

Saddam Hussein sitting in Arabia controlling the Arabian Peninsula."

## Kuwaiti society

"The people in Kuwait were well provided for. There was no unemployment. The Kuwaiti families had the highest income in the Arab lands. At the time of the invasion by Iraq, due to policies of sound investment of the Kuwaiti government—Kuwait was getting more income from investments abroad than it was getting from the oil industry," Mercado said.

"The only crime committed by Kuwait in the region was that it was small and indefensible."

## Chemical warfare

Based on Iraq's use of chemical agents in its war against Iran, Mercado said, "The probability is pretty good that he will try it again. We have to go by his m.o. (method of operation). He's used it before to good effect—why shouldn't he use it now?"

"The target has to be tantalizing. It must be a target that's better to engage with chemical weapons than any other."

Timing, good communication, and coordination of troop movements as well as good weather and correct wind direction are necessary for a successful chemical attack, he said. "They know how to put all those things together because they've already done it."

## Adequate troop protection?

The word from the head of the chemical warfare department of the Army is that our equipment is adequate for the threat, said Mercado.

"From my own personal experience, the equipment I saw there (on TV) was the same equipment I used in chemical, biological and radiological training (over 20 years ago)," he said.

"All the armed forces of the world know the defense against nerve gas is inadequate. As far as I know there is no defense against nerve gas."

"In order to survive in a room full of nerve gas, you must have a protective suit. Can you imagine going to war dressed like an astronaut? You are not going to fight in that kind of equipment," he said.

He wore a decontamination suit into an area contaminated with mustard gas while at a chemical warfare school in Japan. He said the gas will not only burn the skin but can penetrate down to the bone. "The eyes are very sensitive. The effects on the body are horrible."

Iraq is known to have both gases in its stockpile of chemical weapons dispersed among its front-line troops in Kuwait.

## Iraqi planes in Iran

"I believe there is some sort of agreement between them," said

## Adult ed receives grant

By MARY KUJAWA

The MCC Adult Education Program is fired up about a new plan of action to combat illiteracy.

The Adult Education Program recently received a federal grant through the Department of Education for the advancement of English literacy among a community-based organization. The League of United Latin American Council of Citizens (LULAC) was chosen for the grant. Literacy, GED and English as a second language services will be offered to parents of LULAC Head Start pre-school children.

"We chose LULAC when first developing the program because we wanted to use a family literacy program. This is our second year with this particular project," said Cherry Boggess, coordinator for Adult Education.

The program trains parents to work with their children in child development activities. It also establishes a lending library for parents to check out developmental materials for their children.

The Adult Education Program is hoping that the end result will be that parents will then be able to gain reading literacy and math literacy to get a GED. "Parents will then be able to help children

with their homework and the children will then stay in school," said Boggess.

"This model is called the inter-generational model," said Boggess. Parenting skills as well as child developmental activities are being taught along with the academic classes.

"The reason for taking this model is as an early intervention method for students to stay in school. Educators are now beginning to realize to start early," said Boggess. The unique part of the program is the child care offered to the parents. While the parent goes to school at the LULAC Clubhouse, their children stay at the LULAC Head Start.

"It will be unusual this year. We're really excited about it," said Boggess. Head Start is doing several different activities with the children including teaching the children cultural dances. According to sources at the Sam Caldera LULAC Center, 25 students are currently enrolled in the English as a second language class, while 10 students are enrolled in the GED class.

The program began Jan. 23 and is held each Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sam Caldera LULAC Center at 1800 Burnett Ave. The

## Community colleges not loan problem

By MARC MORMINO

High loan default problems have been striking the colleges, but Texas community college students have not been the root of the problems.

"Contrary to what the U.S. Department of Education would have the media and public believe, community college students are not a large part of the problem," said Dr. Marvin Baker, president of South Plains College in Levelland, in a newsbrief.

"The state's community college students have acted responsibly and will continue to act responsibly in participating in the federal student loan program," said Baker.

The Education Department monitors and reports loan default data is now at issue. According to Dr. Dale Parnell, president of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges

(AACJC), community colleges are usually lumped together with private career schools to make it appear that community college students are a large part of the problem.

"No one at any level of post-secondary education can be complacent about the student loan default problem," he said. "All of us must work together to reduce the rate of default. But it would help if we knew the elements of the problem and if the U.S. Dept. of Education would include a sector analysis in its reports."

Additionally the Education Dept. has been hesitant to release total dollar amounts in default, choosing instead to report total number of loans in default. AACJC officials have only been able to obtain 1987 dollar data from the department.

Nationwide, the AACJC reports that public community colleges account for only 11.6 percent of the student loan dollars default.



Photo by Sam Allgood

JUAN MERCADO, psychology instructor.

Mercado. He cites two reasons.

1. "There was no aggressive reaction from Iran."

2. "There is no evidence of defection. He (Saddam Hussein) would have taken action to prevent them from defecting. He hasn't."

## Final objective options

"The purpose of any war is to win the peace that comes after the war. In order for us to win the peace and prevent Iraq from reoccupying Kuwait when we leave, we have to destroy their means of aggression," Mercado said.

"We have to ascertain that their means of waging war are eliminated. I don't believe in treaties—they can be broken very easily."

"Saddam Hussein has got to go. While he's in charge the estimate for peace in the region is very low."

"If we destroy Iraq we're creating a vacuum of power in the area. It may be filled by Iran," he said.

"We're accustomed to a blitzkrieg (lightning fast) war. I don't think we can do that in Iraq. In this war I'm keeping my fingers crossed."



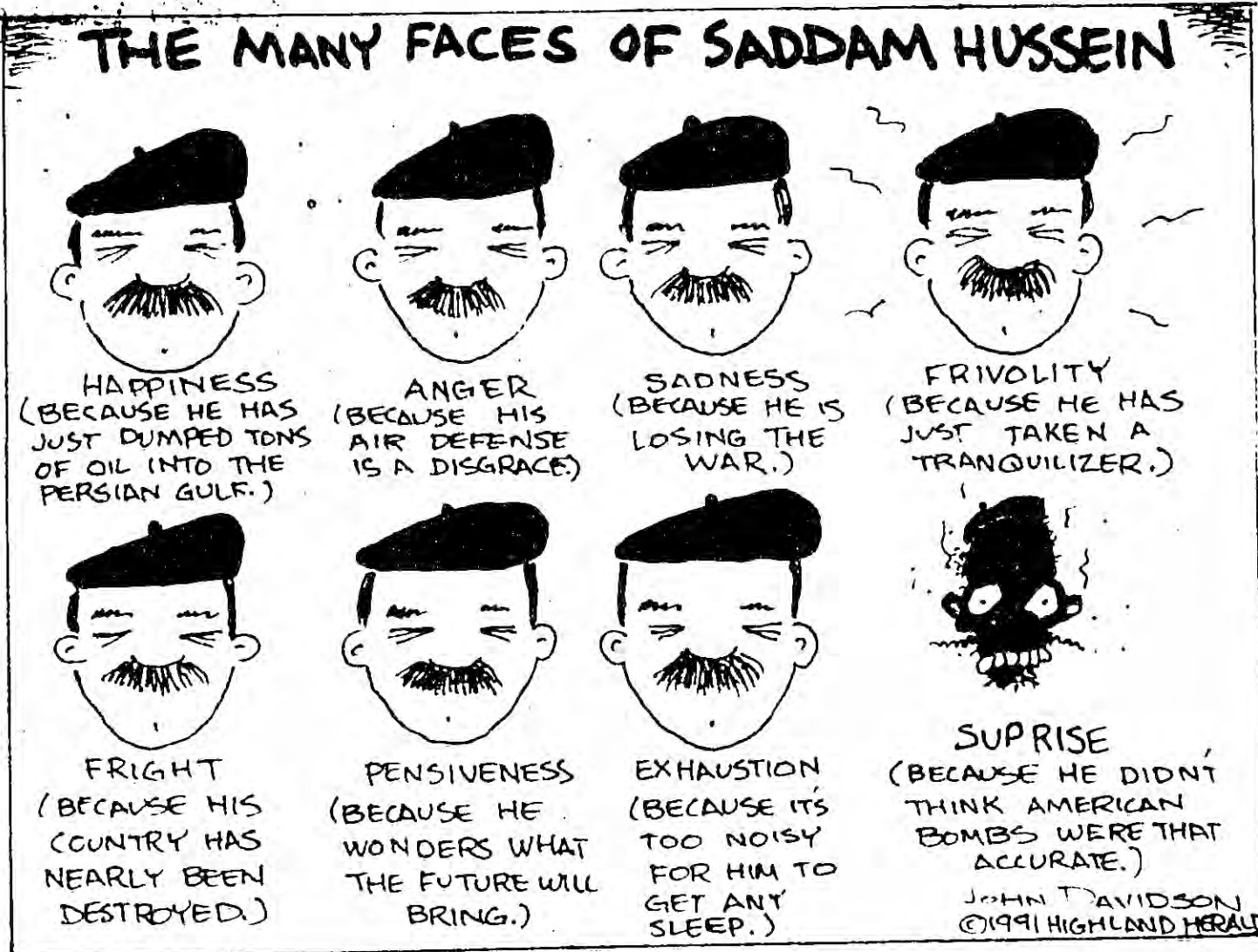
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EDITORIALS

Lindsey performs role well

In the process of teaching drama, Lou Lindsey, theater director, has done more than his share to bring the drama department to new heights of excellence.

Prior to Lindsey's arrival on campus, approximately 100 students were enrolled in drama courses.

This spring 400 students are enrolled in drama courses. This drastic increase is in part due to Lindsey's zealous recruiting work. Last year, he put more than 3,000 miles on his car making 25 specific recruiting trips all over the state. Hundreds of phone calls and letters were also part of the recruiting job.

Lindsey gives credit to the support of the drama faculty, the outstanding facilities and a great scholarship program in attracting students to MCC. He also gives credit to the overall soundness of MCC instruction in all areas of the school.

Lindsey has established a solid curriculum in the drama department. He is responsible for rewriting the current curriculum with more emphasis on theater history, dance and costuming while making more specific the offerings in the field of acting.

This in turn has given drama students a better chance of advancing in the world of acting once they leave MCC. Schools such as Texas A&M, University of Texas, Southern Methodist University and University of Southern California are now beginning to take notice of drama students from MCC.

While Lindsey may use the soundness of MCC instruction as a drawing card for recruiting new students, MCC may in turn use the excellence of the drama department as an example of its overall standard of perfection.

Our thanks goes out to Lindsey for enhancing the learning environment for all students at MCC.

Nurses Club open to all students

RN's collecting goods

By CYNDY MCCASLIN

The Nurses Club at MCC is open to all students in the RN program and to all RNs who are currently enrolled in any classes here.

Students who are planning to enroll in the RN program and are currently taking academic courses towards an RN degree may become associate members.

One of the purposes of the club is to help members become familiar with active participation in a professional organization. They are kept up to date with legislation, opportunities and changes that affect nurses. The club is a constituent of the Texas Student Nurses Association. Several members will be attending the National Student Nurses Association meeting held in San Antonio in April.

The Nurses Club currently has 62 members. Some of their activities include gathering food, clothing and toys for families last Christmas and Thanksgiving. Currently, they are collecting clothing, toothbrushes and other small personal items for indigent patients at DePaul Center. Any contributions can be left in a drop box on the second floor of the Health Careers Building. A candy fund raiser will begin in about two weeks.

Club officers are Katherine Maher, president; Lea Ann Skarps, vice-president; Ed Beckworth, secretary and freshman photographer; Sheri Sims, evening vice-president; Pat Rodriguez, treasurer; and Patty Moore, sophomore photographer.

Meetings are held in the Lecture Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. with occasional guest speakers.

Membership fee is \$3. For further information, please attend a meeting or contact one of the faculty representatives — Sharon Stone, Sandy Reyna or Yvonne Kutcherousky. They are all RN instructors.

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Abortion, taboo and unresolved issue

Abortion has become a taboo issue among many of today's conscientious people. Though a number of people interviewed in Waco claimed they were against abortion, most said they also felt that the mother should have a say in what will affect her body exclusively. And so the vicious circle of debate continues as nobody is willing to clearly commit to pro-choice or pro-life.

When this reporter approached the Child Development Department, no one was willing to comment on their views on abortion. Understandably, one in such a position of making a statement which indirectly represents the stand taken by a whole department may not wish to take a chance on exposing their views. But what kind of legislative changes can be expected if the population can only agree that abortion is too delicate an issue to make their choice known?

Abortion has long been an issue of major debate, especially among the religious sector. When and if a reversal of the Roe vs. Wade verdict occurs, America may see many more of our nation's people vocalize their views on issues of this importance. Perhaps that reversal is the only way to

Soldiers Love Valentines

Valentines is remembered by some, as the childish holiday of giving and receiving cards, saying "Be My Valentine."

During this time of war though, this holiday does not want to be forgotten.

American troops need our support, and the men and women overseas would love to have cards and letters sent.

There might not be someone special to send a card to, but that shouldn't matter.

Address a card now to:

Any (male or female) service member, Operation Desert Shield, APO New York 09848-0006 (for land based units) or 09866-0006 (for Navel or Marines serving on ships).

Postage is the same as for a card in the States.

The troops can send letters for free, so include an address for an answer.

Valentines Day cards can bring a great feeling and not receiving one can be extremely crushing.

POLL QUESTION

What's the biggest problem on campus?



Robert Clemmons, freshman, nursing.

"The price of the food in the cafeteria is way too high."



Robbie Koziol, freshman, drama.

"Personally I have no complaints."



Stephen Barnett, soph., business major.

"No one has any school spirit."



Greg Dye, freshman, undecided major.

"The book store is way over priced."

And that's the truth  
Paddling downstream

By MARY KUJAWA



On "The Andy Griffith Show," several town characters were always present to liven things up a bit. Otis, the town drunk who had his own key to the jail, and Ernest T. Bass, the mountain man who occasionally came to town to throw rocks into the windows, were only two of the more colorful characters in fictional Mayberry.

While these characters may have been the creation of some writer, it certainly is not unusual to find other such characters in most any town in the area.

Town characters can include nearly anyone who has decided to swim against the current of life instead of paddling downstream with the rest of us.

It can be the rich lady who denies her wealth and instead lives in an abandoned store with her dogs and cats. Or it can be the men who sit on the side of the road every day of the year and wave at every passing motorist.

More than likely, these people are not living their lives by the so-called norm. And by not living the norm, they have claimed their own personal spot in the history of the town. This spot in history usually belongs to them simply because they are different. Most everyone in town knows them by sight and name. They stand out by their actions and their way of life.

Let's face it, in today's society, most people are struggling to fit in with the rest of the crowd. Everyone wants to be the same. With practice, they usually end up that way. However, such people as town characters manage to startle us out of our mediocre lifestyles and make us appreciate the difference in each individual. After all, borrowing a line from Neil Simon's movie "Biloxi Blues," "A little eccentricity is never boring."

Pressing a point

Memories are forever

By SARA POWELL



After being out of high school for a while a person begins to realize that all the events that seemed so important and earth-shattering at the time have now faded into a series of trite memories.

This realization struck this week when told to write about a memorable event for an English class. I remembered so many things. I went over the list: my wedding, the birth of my son, when I was saved, vacations, competitions, etc., etc. Then I remembered the pinnacle of my high school career—Homecoming!

I reminisced over the pageantry and tradition. Then I took a look at it for what it had really been.

Rain-drenched tissue paper had covered cattle trailers turned into floats for the regal occasion. Six girls stood in satin and taffeta, their gowns being splattered with drops that transformed overpriced dresses into a sagging tie-dyed rainbow under the giant lights. Each stood behind a shield of fake flowers and gaudy ribbons that screamed "Kill the Rattlers" and "I love so and so." Rigor mortis rabbit's feet and plastic horseshoes meant for luck dangled from our corsages in the accompaniment of whistles and whizbangs along with any other object a florist could tie on and charge a quarter for. We paraded around the field in our finery like dogs in a pet show, waving and smiling until cheeks twitched and arm muscles began to cramp.

After hitting upon the realization of what Homecoming really was, I started to look at other events with my now cynical eye. What did prom really mean? Why did we even bother going to any of these things?

Suddenly the real me stepped in. The one who lovingly wrapped each corsage in tissue paper before stowing it in a cedar chest. The one who will someday share corny stories and hapless memories with a gaggle of grandchildren.

I realized that no matter how grown up a person thinks they are, they should never outgrow the ability to remember events for the fun and love that each one held.

Fishwrap

MCC tales of smells

By SAM ALLGOOD



The sense of smell can be argued to be our most powerful sense. One whiff of a few micro-particles of a substance can indelibly set a memory forever.

For example, would anyone mistake the smell of ammonia for the aroma of cinnamon toast?

Years from now a smell will bring you back to MCC in a dash of nasal déjà vu. Let's start with some easy ones.

You smell chlorine. The HPE pool comes to mind.

What about formaldehyde? You flash back to time spent in the downstairs bunker of the Natural Science Building.

You walk into a government building and the smell of dust and processed cellulose send you reeling into the past. Where to? None other than the upstairs book racks of the Library.

Reclining in a quasi-adjustable chair listening to the muted click of scissors, you close your eyes and drift back to another place and time. It may take men a moment but soon they'll be mentally replaying the rooms and corridors of the Community Services Center. For women, the obnoxious odor of perm solution emanating from the cosmetology classrooms is an instant link.

The absolute worst smell will reside in the brains of a select few. The devil-stink lives in the confines of five tight mini-rooms spread across campus. Some are labeled, some mislabeled and some not labeled at all. Give up?

The nose-hair curling unadulterated stench of stop-bath will fling any photography student into a head-long rush through the portals of time to the college darkrooms.



Squirrel, outside AC Building.

"Not enough pecan trees."



# Forensic team chooses six

By ERICA MULLER

Forensics team members for the spring semester have been selected.

The team is selected through a variety of resources. Members were selected through high school recruiting, high school coach recommendations and from speech classes.

The current speech team debaters are Austin Camp and Chad Felderhoff. Reader's theater members are Corey Swinson, Gaius Cameron,

Lawrence Dixon and Jennifer Talbert.

Felderhoff won fifth place in extemporaneous speaking and seventh in overall sweepstakes. He has also received the distinction of being the top extemporaneous speaker among junior colleges.

The team travels to several tournaments in the area. They will be participating in Phi Rho Pi state and national tournaments. The debaters attended the Rice University tournament Feb. 1-2.



DAVE RUDOLF had students rolling in the aisles during one of his two performances on Feb. 1 in the Student Center.

Photo by Sam Allgood

## High school dancers compete here



Photo by Nathan Newsbury

THE DANCE CO., performing at the recent halftime of a Highlander basketball game, shows the skill and precision that continues to win them honors in regional and state competition.

By MICHAEL COLLINS

The Dance Company held its 15th annual Dance Company Clinic-Contest recently in which six local high school drill teams entered.

On contest day drill teams from Abilene-Cooper, Bruceville-Eddy, La Vega, Midway, Reicher and Waco Ninth Grade schools were taught a routine by the Dance Company. Then, each team performed two routines, their home routine and the routine they learned from the Dance Company.

Waco Ninth Grade School, Midway, Reicher and La Vega received a First Division rating for their home routines while Midway and Abilene-Cooper won

First Divisions for the MCC routine. The Sweepstakes trophy went to Midway for being the highest overall ranking team.

Nine competitors were in the solo division of the contest. The first place trophy went to Elizabeth Flood, senior and captain of the Midway Goal Tenders. Second place went to Susan Cannon of the Waco High Ninth Grade Lionettes. Angela Goodnight from La Vega received a medal for her First Division rating in the Solo Competition.

Five dancers were chosen for Best Dancer trophies. Those chosen were Flood from Midway, Cannon from Waco Ninth, Priscilla Castilleja from Reicher, Liz Aylor from La Vega and Misti Walker from Midway.

## War causes trip cancellation

By BECKY NOLAN

MCC's Scottish background was to serve as the setting for a continuing education field trip to Great Britain this summer, but due to the recent developments in the Middle East this trip has been cancelled.

Since the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, tourists have been advised to suspend all overseas travel. The European travel agency MCC was using could not guarantee the safety of the tourists. "Many of the people interested

in the trip were scared off by the threat of terrorism," said Warren Johnson, coordinator of the advocational and business programs.

This was the first year the trip was offered. The significance of scheduling the trip to Scotland this year was to celebrate MCC's 25th anniversary.

Although the trip to Great Britain has been postponed indefinitely, Johnson said he plans to reschedule the tour as soon as possible.

## Who's Who list shows leadership

*Editor's note: To give justice to the accomplishments of these students, the Highland Herald wants to provide adequate space. Therefore, the story is divided into two parts. The second part follows.*

Fourteen students have been selected for the 1991 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, which recognizes national outstanding campus leaders.

They were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Those selected were Sally Young, Valeri K. Summy, Katherine Maler, Joseph C. Long, Mary Frances Kujawa, Sandra Hewitt-Parsons, Tim Heintzelman, Casey L. Glaser, Candice C. Fuller, Virginia S. Elza, Dawn L. Dunham, Charmin Bonner, Patricia Jo Barton, and Sam A. Allgood.

### Sandra Hewitt-Parsons

Already owning two degrees from MCC, an AA in 1988 and an AAB in mental health in 1990, Sandra Hewitt-Parsons has added to the 154 hours she had accumulated at this college and the 13 additional hours from another school as she prepares to attend either the University of Texas at Austin or the University of North Texas next fall.

The former editorial page and copy editor of the Highland Herald was active in helping her late husband start a Veterans Club at MCC. Off campus she works as a volunteer crisis counselor for the Center for Action Against Sexual Assault and as a volunteer with more than 500 hours with Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation. For MH/MR she has worked at a sheltered workshop and done work evaluations for its clients.

Hewitt Parsons has represented the school at student

journalism conventions, including the national Associated Collegiate Press meeting in New Orleans in 1989. She has done some editing and consulting work in communications for businesses in the area.

She is also serving as the head room mother of her youngest daughter's first grade class. That is her seventh child with three of them still at home—ages 12, 9 and 6. For more than one semester she carried a full-time load as an evening student while working full time as a production employee at Spenco Medical Corp. and while six daughters were at home.

"I guess you could say I've been persistent in education," she said.

### Tim Heintzelman

Tim Heintzelman, a law enforcement and police science major, plans to receive his associate degree at MCC. After this semester the Robinson High School graduate is transferring to Sam Houston State University to work toward his bachelor of science, and he plans to continue studies toward a master's degree at either the University of Texas or the University of Houston.

Heintzelman is currently working part-time at Sam's Wholesale Club while maintaining his grades as a student at MCC.

### Casey Glaser

Casey Glaser, a music major, has completed 74 hours and has maintained a 3.5 GPA. In addition, he has been elected president of the Music Educators National Conference. Furthermore, he has been selected to sing at the state convention in February.

Glaser plans on transferring to Baylor next fall to complete his music degree and become a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

### Candace Fuller

Candace Fuller, who is in her final semester of the physical therapist assistant program at MCC, has a 3.6 grade point

average. As a member of the Physical Therapy Club, she has participated in blood drives, fund raisers and the Highland Games.

Her life away from school is also busy. When not working as a cashier at the H.E.B. grocery store in Gatesville, she volunteers at the local hospital and at a summer camp for children with multiple sclerosis. Fuller is a member of the choir at Mountain Baptist Church. She also is currently involved in planning her wedding in March.

Fuller plans to work in the Waco area when she graduates. Eventually she would like to continue her education and specialize in geriatric physical therapy.

### Virginia Elza

Virginia Elza likes to think of herself as the untraditional student.

Elza graduated in 1976 in Mexico from El Instituto Tecnológico Regional de La Paz. She grew up in Mexico but is originally from Los Angeles.

Elza has a 10-year-old son and lives in Hewitt. At MCC she has achieved her associate's degree, made the National Dean's List, and is a Phi Theta Kappa. Her major is now engineering although she originally planned to major in chemistry because her interests changed. When asked about her future plans, she said, "I hope to one day achieve my master's degree and to attend SMU."

### Dawn Dunham

Dawn Dunham is a 20-year-old sophomore majoring in biology and medicine.

The Who's Who honor came as a great surprise to Dunham. "I really didn't know if I had a chance of winning when I filled out the application because I wasn't involved in athletics or all that many organizations," Dunham said.

Dunham's achievements include a scholarship in high school and participation in a leadership camp her senior year

at Waco High. The scholarship and the camp helped Dunham decide on attending MCC before transferring to either Baylor or Texas A&M University.

She attributes part of her interest and success at MCC to James R. Schwarz, her science instructor. "He really helped me by giving me useful information and by helping me choose the courses I needed for my major," Dunham said.

Although Dunham is quite involved with her academics and maintaining her 3.6 grade point average, she also works in a plastic surgeon's office and does volunteer work in the emergency room at Providence Health Center.

### Charmin Bonner

As a member of the Highclass basketball team, Charmin Bonner is maintaining a 3.4 grade point average while taking part in a number of activities both on and off campus.

For instance, she has worked as a service center checker at HEB while attending school, has helped with the college's Day Care Center in the summer, attends prayer training classes at the Church on the Rock, served on one of the college's Self Study committees and as the data processing secretary for the DPMA Club on campus within the past year.

In addition to her intercollegiate basketball practice and games, she has found time to play intramural volleyball, racquetball and aerobics.

### Patricia Barton

A little more than two years ago, Patricia Barton and her husband made the decision to further their educations in pursuit of their dreams of becoming an elementary teacher and lawyer, respectively. Both are achieving that goal with Mr. Barton in law school and with Patricia maintaining a 4.0 GPA through 50 hours of study. She (Continued to page 5)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Self-help workshops continue

A series of mini-workshops continues today during the lunch hour to help the well being of students, faculty, staff and persons in the community. Today's workshop, "Don't Kill Today With Yesterday" is led by Penny Flood, director of education at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. On Feb. 19 Cindy SoRelle, speech and drama instructor, will lead "Have I Reached The Party To Whom I'm Speaking." Future programs are "Where There's a Will There's a Way," by psychologist Bob Thrift on Feb. 26, and "Pursuit of Happiness and Health," with Melanie Burch on March 5. The Tuesday programs are from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. in the Community Services Center.

### Support group meetings continue

Meetings for students with family or friends in the Persian Gulf are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Tartan Room and every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Library. These meetings will continue as long as U.S. troops are in the Gulf. For more details contact Marylea Henderson, ext. 591.

### 'Grove' discussion group Thursday

All faculty, professional staff, and administrators are invited to attend a new "forum for ideas" session named "The Grove" on Thursday from 12:15 to 2 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. The program stems from recent Cajolery Lunch programs and should provide more information and practice on focused discussion groups. Cindy SoRelle will lead the first session on the topic "Core Curriculum: Do We Need It?" Those planning to attend should call ext. 560 by noon tomorrow.

### TASP Test Saturday

The TASP test will be given Saturday. Those registered for this testing date should arrive before 8 a.m. in their assigned building. Late registration is still available by telephone. For more information on the TASP test, visit the counseling offices.

### Wellness activities begin

The Wellness Program centers on the heart this week with the American Heart Association display on view through Friday in the lobby of the Administration Building. A seminar on new technologies and approaches to heart disease and wellness will be given on Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the MCC Student Center, room 301. Mary Ekrut from Providence Cardiac Care Unit will be speaking. The program will come to an end on Saturday, as the American Heart Association sponsors Heart Day at Richland Mall. Free blood pressure checks, literature and videos will be provided, as well as jump rope activities.

### Business seminar Saturday

"The People's Law School," offered by the Small Business Development Center, will be held Saturday from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. Members of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association will speak on the criminal justice system; common legal problems encountered by small businesses; discussion of wills, probates, inheritance and income taxes; and reviews on how the tort system protects individual freedoms. This non-credit seminar, designed for individuals and owners of small businesses, cost \$10. For more information, call 750-3507.

### Editors return for panel

Three former editors-in-chief of the Highland Herald will present a panel discussion on magazine and newsletter writing to Tom Buckner's "Introduction to Mass Communications" class Feb. 19 at 9:25 a.m. Panelist will be Jordan McMorrough, associate editor of Bowling Proprietor Magazine; Kimberly Moore Denman, editor of three health-related newsletters of WRS Group Inc.; and Teri Eisma, editorial assistant of Stevens Publishing Corp.

The founder of Texas Football Magazine, Dave Campbell, will speak to the same class on Feb. 21. Any interested person is invited to either session in room 105 of the Applied Science Building.

The Press Club had a telephone interview Wednesday with Austin Weekly Editor Tony Tucci, twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting at the Cleveland Press.

### Deadline for graduation Feb. 20

The deadline for applying for this year's graduation is Feb. 20. Applications can be filled out in the admissions office from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Students are encouraged to contact their advisors before applying for graduation.

### Student holiday Feb. 22

Classes will not be held on Feb. 22 due to the Texas Junior College Teacher Association Convention.

### Journalism workshop Feb. 27

The long-time director of journalism for the University Interscholastic League (UIL), Bobby Hawthorne, will lead four workshops in news, feature, editorial and headline writing at the Community Service Center on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The free workshops are for area high school students, MCC journalism students and any interested person. They are invited to bring a sack lunch. Hawthorne's workshop held here four years ago attracted more than 100 who were "extremely enthusiastic" about the program, according to journalism instructor Tom Buckner.

### Scholarship deadlines near

The University of Texas at Dallas is accepting applications for the \$2,000 Anson L. Clark/UTD Presidential Scholarship which will go to an entering junior who demonstrates academic excellence. Applicants should have a 3.5 GPA or higher and should write a letter outlining educational goals and qualifications and including three letters of recommendation and a complete transcript. Send to UTD, Box 830688, MS JO 32 Richardson TX 75083-688 before March 1.

Renewable scholarships at UT Austin are available from \$500-4,500. Applications are available in the counseling office. Eligibility is determined by a good scholastic record and above average scores on the ACT or SAT. Applications for admissions to the university are due by March 1, and scholarship applications are due by July 1.

### Organization re-activated

The African-American Student Kindred Organization has been re-activated. Its sponsors will be Joe Portson, ext. 689, and Cherry Boggess, Downtown Center 753-1044. Call one of these people if interested in joining. The organization is open to all students.

### Math lab hours

Tutorial services are available in the HPE building Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and evening hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.



# Highlanders 8-3, Highlassies 7-2 in conference

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

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The women's basketball team defeated Weatherford Junior College 84-64 Saturday.

Tabitha Truesdale led the scoring with 18 points. Sharonda Cyrus had 16 points, Tracy Harding posted 11 points, Sharmon Bonner gave MCC 12 points on the night and Stacy Alexander came away with six points for the Lassies.

The Highlassie basketball team defeated the Southwest Christian Lady Rams 116-58, Feb. 4.

Tabitha Truesdale had a game high with 30 points to lead the team to a 9-7 record (6-1 in conference).

Sharonda Cyrus scored 14 points, Martine Anderson 27 and Tracy Harding had 24.

The 'Lassies used a 68-29 run in the final 20 minutes for the easy rout of the Lady Rams.

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

The Highlanders and Highlassies played against Ranger Junior College on Jan. 30 at Ranger.

The Highlanders lost to Ranger with a final score of 84-82.

Alan Bradley led the Landers in scoring with a total of 21 points. Perry Hill and Hulon Loude both had 16 points. Andre Tucker finished with 11 and Daniel Myers, 8. Alfred Robinson and Mark Roberts

each had five points.

At the halftime score was Ranger 41, MCC 34.

The total team fouls for the Landers was 18, Ranger, 23. MCC led the three pointers with seven. Other scorers for the Landers were Hill, five; Bradley, one; and Roberts, one. Ranger followed with six. MCC had 49 rebounds and Ranger had 54.

The Highlassies edged by the Rangers with a final score of 73-71.

The leading scorer for the 'Lassies was Tabitha Truesdale with 24. Martine Anderson had 18 and Kalen Parkinson follows with 12. Sharonda Cyrus had eight, Tracy Harding, five; Charmin Bonner, four; Kim Mays, two.

At the half the 'Lassies were losing by five. The score was Ranger 35, MCC 30.

The 'Lassies total fouls were 18 and Ranger had 11. Truesdale, also led the team in rebounds with 10.

Tabitha Truesdale, Sophomore, has been named women's player of the week in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. Truesdale has combined for 54 points and 15 rebounds in victories over Ranger and Southwest Christian Colleges. She is 24 of 43 from the field and five of eight in free throws and has a scoring average of 19.9 points per game.



Photo by NATHAN NEWBERRY

SHERONDA CYRUS, a 5'8 guard, shooting a jump shot, while Martine Anderson, a 5'10 guard, prepares to rebound against Weatherford Saturday. The score of the game was 84-64. The Highlassies will be playing tomorrow against Cisco College at 6 p.m. in Cisco.

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The Highlander basketball squad beat the Weatherford Coyotes 92-87 in a physical game Saturday night at the Highlands.

Alan Bradley had a game high 31 points. Andre Tucker helped the squad with 22 points, Mark Roberts added nine, Perry Hill and Daniel Myers each had seven and Alfred Robinson posted five points on the night.

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The Highlander basketball team was in action last week defeating Collin County Junior College 92-78 in Plano.

Perry Hill scored 24 points and Alan Bradley had 20 as the MCC squad raised its record to 18-5 (7-2 in conference).

Hulon Loude scored 15 points and Andre Tucker had 16 for the night to help the Landers with the

MCC roared off to a 10-0 start which frustrated the Coyotes into an intense and physical game. Weatherford only made one of eight shots in the first five minutes of play.

At the half the Landers led 48-34 on their way to the hard fought victory.

With the win, MCC raises its record to 19-6 for the season (8-3 in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.)

victory.

MCC shoots the Rams

A few nights earlier, five players scored in double figures as the men's squad blasted the Southwestern Christian College Rams 95-79 on Feb. 2 at the Highlands.

Daniel Myers led the team with 25 points, Alan Bradley added 16 followed by Hulon Loude and Perry Hill each had 15 and Andre Tucker had 10 points.

## February full of intramurals

By LARRY GLOSSON

MCC will be offering a variety of intramural sport competitions this spring during the 10 o'clock activity hour.

Everything from basketball to pickleball will be played by students participating in intramural sports.

Wendell Hudson, head coach of women's basketball, is in charge of the intramural competitions.

Men's five-man basketball is currently underway, but co-ed basketball was cancelled because not enough people signed up to play, said Hudson.

Volleyball will begin in a week,

and racquetball in March 1.

Later in the spring softball and pickleball will also be offered. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and badminton and is played with a wiffleball using wooden paddles.

Swimming and diving will also be offered and will coincide with the Highland Games.

Students can participate in as many sports as they wish because playing one sport will not interfere with other sports. Every sport played will be offered for both men and women.

Students can sign up for intramurals in the HPE secretary's office or by contacting Greg Clark, director of student activities.

## Netters to play North Texas

By REGGIE BLACK

The tennis team has started its spring workouts to prepare for the upcoming season. Today, the team will be in action against the University of North Texas.

Currently the men's team is ranked fifth while the ladies squad holds at 15th.

"If we finish strong at the region we will have a great chance of winning at the National tournament in Tyler," he said.

## Baseball team starts season with a hit

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The Baseball team opened the 1991 season with impressive victories over Texarkana and Eastfield Colleges Saturday in the Brenham tournament.

MCC defeated Texarkana 4-2 in the first round of play. Sean Lowe was the winning pitcher. Jeff Andrewartha sent one over the fence in helping the Highlanders to the first victory of the season.

MCC slams Eastfield

The second round of the Brenham tournament saw the Highlander baseball squad blow away Eastfield College 17-0.

James Nix was the winning pitcher. Cedric Allen and Kyle Heller both hit home runs in the victory.

MCC raises to 2-0 on the season going into Sunday's final rounds of the tournament.

## Baker wins 2 tourneys

By JENNIFER McMASTER

Accounting major Johnny Baker may soon become known as the new pool shark on campus.

Baker has won the last two pool tournaments. The first was an eight ball tournament played on Jan. 28 and 30. Twenty two students participated. While Baker won first place, Darren Sullivan took second, Mike Wheeler finished third and Craig Maultsby finished fourth.

The last pool tournament was a nine ball tournament with 19 students participating. Baker again reigned as champion while Maultsby came in second, Jason Kleinman finished third and

Clifton Winkleman took fourth.

This is Baker's first semester at MCC and his first time to participate in the pool tournaments. Baker has been playing pool for five years and has become one of his favorite hobbies. His favorite game is nine ball.

For winning the tournament, Baker received a total of 10 hours of free pool.

The Sweetheart Tournament started yesterday. It is an eight-ball mixed doubles tournament. The winners will receive a trophy.

On Thursday, a drawing will be held for six carnations. Everyone who plays pool that day will have a chance to win.

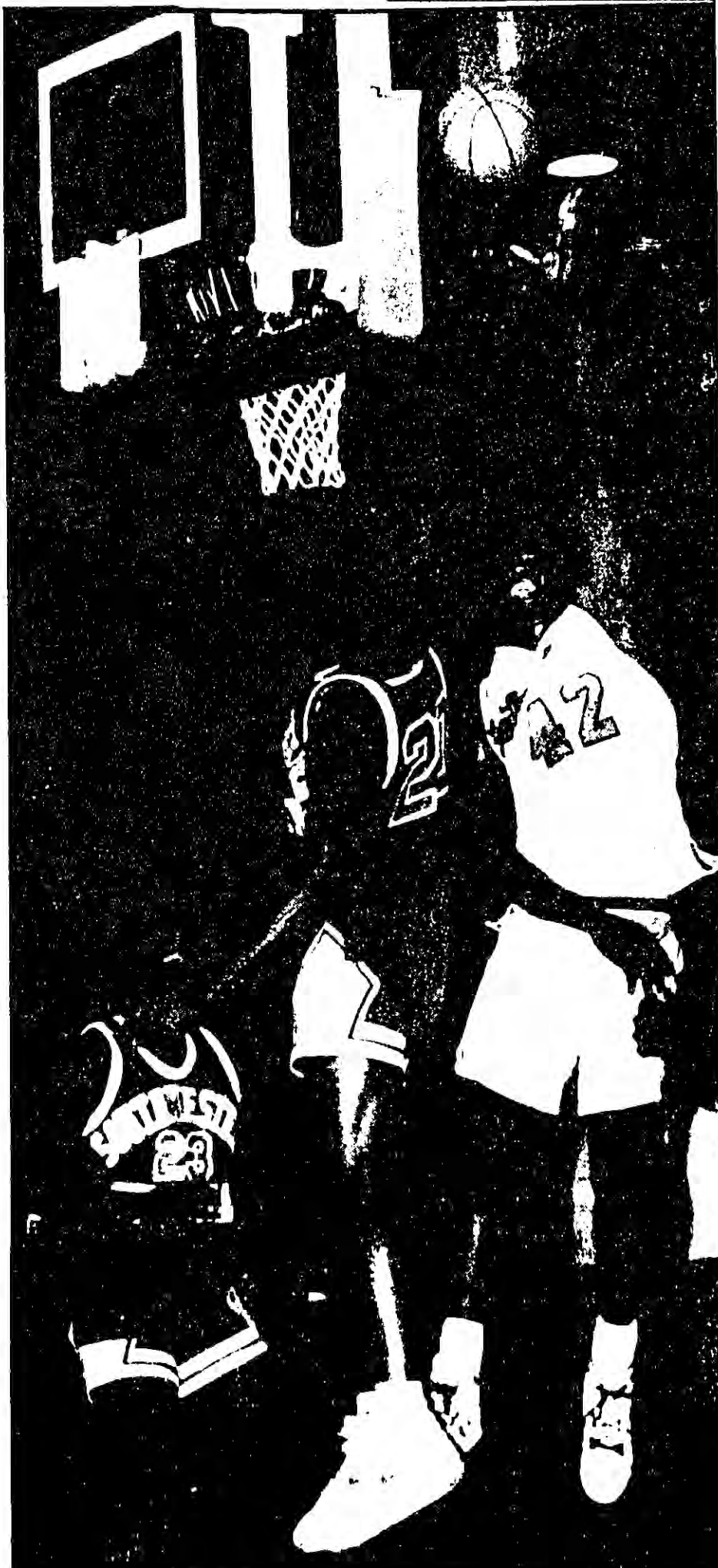


Photo by SAM ALLGOOD

DANIEL MYERS, struggles to make a shot while guarded against a Southwestern Christian College Ram. The final score of the game was 95-79. The Highlanders will be playing Cisco College tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Cisco.



Photo by NATHAN NEWBERRY

CRAIG MAULTSBY, concentrating at taking a shot during the eight-ball tournament, in which, he finished fourth. Maultsby also came in second during the nine ball tournament, while Johnny Baker defeated him. Pool tournaments are held every Monday in the Game Room in the Student Center.



Photo by NATHAN NEWBERRY

KYLE HELLER, gets out to catch a ball during practice in the gym at the CSC Building. Due to bad weather the baseball team makes other arrangements for practice. But, the rain did not affect the team, because of the two wins gained this weekend in the Brenham tourney.



# Minority students on campus receive boost

## New SG head looks to more black support

By SHAWN RISENER

As the characteristic noises of students broke the silence of semester break, freshman Deborah Moore Ritcherson made history at MCC by becoming the first black woman president of Student Government.

Ritcherson was elected to the office of vice president in the fall semester and replaced Scott Beckworth as president when he completed his studies at MCC.

According to Ritcherson, the office of president carries a large responsibility. She said that as the leader of Student Government, she wants to lead in the right direction. "If I lead someone in the wrong direction they're lost."

"I am a leader. I will never be a follower. Following gets you nowhere," Ritcherson said.

Many Student Government representatives said they have already seen a difference in the direction Student Government is going. Ritcherson said she wants every representative in Student Government to be actively involved in representing the student body as a whole since that is what they were elected to do.

Speaking about Student Government members she said, "If you're not ready to accept the responsibility as a representative or an officer of Student Government, I will accept your resignation as soon as you give it to me and that's the bottom line to it."

Responsibility is not something new to Ritcherson. Not only is she president, but she has three children, is a full-time student and still maintains a grade-point average of 4.0 even though she has not been to school in 15 years. Referring to her GPA she said, "If I can do it, somebody else can do it, with no children, no family, no job, just going to school. They just need the desire."

Ritcherson graduated from Herbert High and is originally



DEBRA RITCHERSON says she is ready to take a leading position on campus.

from Beaumont. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore Sr.

She said she receives "concrete" support from her family and believes similar support should be shown to all students on campus. She especially said black students need a support system among themselves. She also said white students already have a support system through their white administration.

However, as a black student on a predominantly white campus, Ritcherson said she feels blacks including both students and faculty should show support for one another.

According to Ritcherson, the faculty as a whole has not shown much support and students feel that lack of support, so the lines of communication are severed and a lack of unity exists. Ritcherson said her goal is to achieve unity and better communication at MCC. She said unity must first be achieved among all students before Student Government can work on any challenges.

She said, "As a student body right now, we're as far from consistency as Hussein is in his right mind."

Ritcherson recently returned from the Southwestern Black

Leadership Conference where she attended a workshop that taught her how to communicate with an all white administration being a black student herself, she said.

She said the workshop also taught her how to remain herself and still keep the lines of communication open. She said, "I can't turn my blackness off. I was born black, I'm 33 and I'm black and when God takes me, I'm going to still be black."

"I think this semester we (Student Government) are going to grow and we're going to stand up and we're going to take care of issues that need to be taken care of."

Ritcherson said she challenges the student body as a whole to unite and to communicate by bringing their ideas to the Student Government.

Her major is mental development and she said she desires to work with teenagers and young adults with alcohol and drug related problems.

With a look of determination and a softer tone in her voice she said, "I'd go to any length to fulfill or complete my dream, which is to finish school and become a professional in society."

## Hooker here to assist the black student

By SHAWN RISENER

The Rev. Eric H. Hooker returned to Waco recently from Washington, D.C. to become MCC's first temporary full-time coordinator of multicultural services.

As coordinator, Hooker will organize programs and activities directed toward the development of a hospitable and positive environment to increase minority student successes. To do this, he must first identify problems that exist for minority students on campus.

Hooker said he is preparing a questionnaire for faculty, staff and students to fill out so that he can determine what problems do exist. Once he identifies the problems, he will be able to assist faculty and staff in meeting the needs of minority students and will begin to promote an understanding and appreciation for multicultural diversities.

He said his main goal is to make it clear that everyone, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin is welcome at MCC. Hooker stated he does not want any student to feel like an "outsider placed in a box."

Hooker most recently worked as a project coordinator for Congressman Marvin Leath in Washington, D.C., but said he missed working directly with students where he can help them to "accentuate the positive."

Hooker is no stranger to the Waco area. He was born here



ERIC HOOKER is prepared to identify minority problems and promote understanding.

and graduated from A.J. Moore High School where he returned in 1957 to teach human relations.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology and education from Huston-Tillotson in Austin in 1950 and then went on to Virginia Union University in 1953 where he received a bachelor's and master's degree in Divinity.

Hooker also received a master's degree in education from Prairie View University in 1975 and received his doctorate of theology from Guadalupe College Theological Seminary.

He said he has served as the first black-American president of the Waco Kiwanis Club and of the Conference of Christian and

Jews. Hooker was also the first black-American serving on the MCC Board of Trustees to be voted in county wide.

Hooker has also worked as the boy's secretary at the Waco YMCA from 1956 to 1958, served as the Dean of Men at Bishop College in Dallas where he also taught religion from 1970 to 1979, he then went to Paul Quinn College here in Waco where he taught sociology from 1963 to 1964.

In all his years around students, Hooker said the thing that inspires him the most is to run into someone he once taught and see what they have made of themselves and hear them say they owe it all to him.

## Time is not right for campus clocks

By LAURIE BURT

"Oh no! I'm late! Where did the time go?"

An easy mistake for any unsuspecting student, for little did they know that the college clock they were looking at has been wrong for two years.

Several of the school's hallway clocks are wrong, a daily dilemma for those who are watchless.

One student, Carla Ekwall, said, "It's about time to fix those clocks."

Others added that the clocks present some confusion until they get used to them being wrong.

There were rumors of the electricity being cut off at night to some of the buildings, causing the clocks to be wrong. But they were false.

When asked, Johnny Kasper, supervisor of central utility, said that

some of the clocks are only eight years old, but were off because of wiring problems.

Every semester some type of remodeling is going on, and our campus is really looking good, hopefully the wiring problem will be corrected soon.

Until then we will have to stock up on these \$5 watches that they sell at the discount stores.

## Business VP McKown encourages education for all

By SARA POWELL

Behind an impressive desk in a room decorated with degrees and house plants sits Johnette McKown, vice-president of business at MCC.

Kind eyes sprinkled with laugh lines began to light up as she talked about her job.

"We handle everything in here. We are the support for the rest of the college. My job is to make sure that the teachers can teach and the administrators can administer. I handle all the nitty gritty things," she said with a chuckle.

McKown said she can handle mail service, paychecks, personnel, grounds work and even air-conditioning problems, all in the same day.

"My work is never boring. This is the most interesting and diverse job I've ever held," she said.

McKown said she thinks Texas is lucky to have so many community colleges. She comes from Louisiana and said there isn't a very strong community college system there. "Community colleges are important because they offer education to people of every age who might not have the opportunity for

higher learning."

McKown came to MCC in 1989 from Paris Junior College. At Paris she earned her associate's degree. "I already had my bachelor's degree, but in keeping with the junior college spirit, I went back and got a two year degree also."

McKown just received her doctorate from East Texas State University. The degree hangs proudly over her desk. However, McKown seems prouder of her work accomplishments than her new degree.

Learning is important to McKown. According to her, the average person changes careers four times in their lifetime. "You need to learn as much as you can about as many different things as you can. Never stop learning and never turn down a job because you think it is above or below your ability," she said.

"I'm very proud of the work we do in here. I expect a lot of myself and the people I work with. I delegate responsibility, encourage people and try to let my people reach their full potential."

According to McKown, a leader has the responsibility of setting the mood in the office area. If she is positive about things it will carry over to her co-workers.

"Leadership is important, but the most important thing is for a person to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Have the spirit of a servant and be willing to serve wherever God sends you."

Behind an impressive desk sits McKown, waiting for her next appointment and making notes on a pad of paper that reads, "Be still God wants you to be."

## Student overcomes language barrier

By ADRIAN VILLEGAS

When freshman Claudia Marticorena graduated from the University of Chile in 1989 with a Special Education degree held firmly in hand, she decided she wanted to get a master's degree—in another language.

"I wanted to teach children who have a disability and are living in Chile but can't speak Spanish. We have a lot of English schools there, and I know they don't have enough teachers for these children. So I thought, 'Well, I should learn English,'" she said.

Then came the realization that after having previously spent three months in English classes at the university, she was still not as fluent with the elusive language as she wanted or needed to be.

"I realized why it was going so slow. That was because I didn't have an opportunity to practice English. So then I thought I should go to some other place," she said.

That "other place" was the United States.

Coming to America

She was no stranger to the United States at that time, having already visited twice before during extensive family vacations. Her first trip to the country had been 11 years ago, and her first impressions of America were larger than life.

"I was 13, so everything was

exciting to me, like a big movie," she said.

"I was with my aunt, so I felt comfortable. She was my translator. I didn't really want to learn English, because I knew I was just on vacation. I didn't care for the language."

Her second visit stateside, in 1983, would be a more profitable and meaningful cultural exchange.

"I learned a little bit more. My English was the basic. All my English was in present tense, and everybody laughed at me. Nobody understood me when I'd say, 'Yesterday I go movie'. They'd think it was funny, but I didn't care," she said.

"I didn't know I'd have to learn English because my language was Spanish. I would just go back to Chile. At that time I didn't realize I'd come back here in a couple of years."

She's leaving home

One month after her college graduation, she moved from Santiago, her hometown, to her brother's home in Florida.

"(My brother) invited me to go there, because I wanted to learn English. So I did it. I took English classes in Florida for six months," she said.

She finally began to grasp the language, but her brother would be moving back to Chile the next fall, after his stint with a com-

puter company was finished.

"I moved here to Waco with my aunt in April of last year. At that time I didn't know what I was going to do with my life or where I was going to study English or anything," she said.

Pressure

Marticorena said that attending college in a new country was a completely new experience.

"It was the first time I was in an American college with an American teacher," she said. "I felt so weird sitting in a classroom with an English teacher, taking notes in English. I felt strange. Everything was so different."

Marticorena's success, however, soon defused her anxiety. "Of course it was English 300, the basic language, but I felt great because I passed," she said.

Her aunt, Pilar Jimenez, said, "After those three months of summer classes, Claudia relaxed and she could communicate better. She became more involved with her classmates."

High definition

Marticorena said American slang still presented a few mystifying hurdles. She laughingly cites one incident in which she asked a female classmate for the meaning of a particular word.

"She told me I had to 'look it up'. I thought, 'look it up'. So I looked up at the ceiling for the word. I

asked, 'Where's the word?' I didn't understand why she told me I had to look at the ceiling to find the word."

"There's many other phrases and idioms, but I'm more familiar with the slang now. You have to learn it because that's the way it is," she said.

Here and now

Her goals finally came into sharp focus when she discovered that MCC had a special associate's degree in interpretive training.

"I said, well, besides English I could take something that was close to my University of Chile special education degree. So I took it."

"Here you can learn from everybody everywhere. You can become more open minded and realize that your reality is not the only one, that there are many."

"My goal right now is to finish this degree and work with the children. Then onto the master's degree," said Marticorena.

"The hardest thing besides the language," she said, "is homesickness."

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## Who's Who

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received the "Outstanding Scholarship in English" award last year, has been cited for her outstanding work in geography and history, has served on the Interview Committee for the math department, and was inducted in Phi Theta Kappa.

Outside of academics, she has found time to serve on the Student Services Council and as a member of the Returning Students Association. She is an active volunteer with her son's elementary school as well as with his sports events ranging from

running chains at football games to being a room mother. One of her special projects is to read to students at South Bosque Elementary School during their library time.

"Reading is the key to knowledge and I cannot think of a better way to touch the lives of our children," she said.

Sam Allgood

Sam Allgood, editor-in-chief of the Highland Herald, is another who has made an impact in academics and in campus activities on his re-entry into college life.

Allgood was born in Waco where he graduated from

University High School in 1973.

Allgood attended MCC from 1973 to 1975. He stayed out of school for a while pursuing other interests like motorcycleing. His last job was working at a night club called Magic Music.

Allgood also enjoys photography and recently attended a journalism convention in Washington D.C. In his duties as editor, he regularly attends and reports on the college's Board of Trustee meetings. His news stories, features, editorials and photographs have been entered in statewide contests and he recently received several staff awards.

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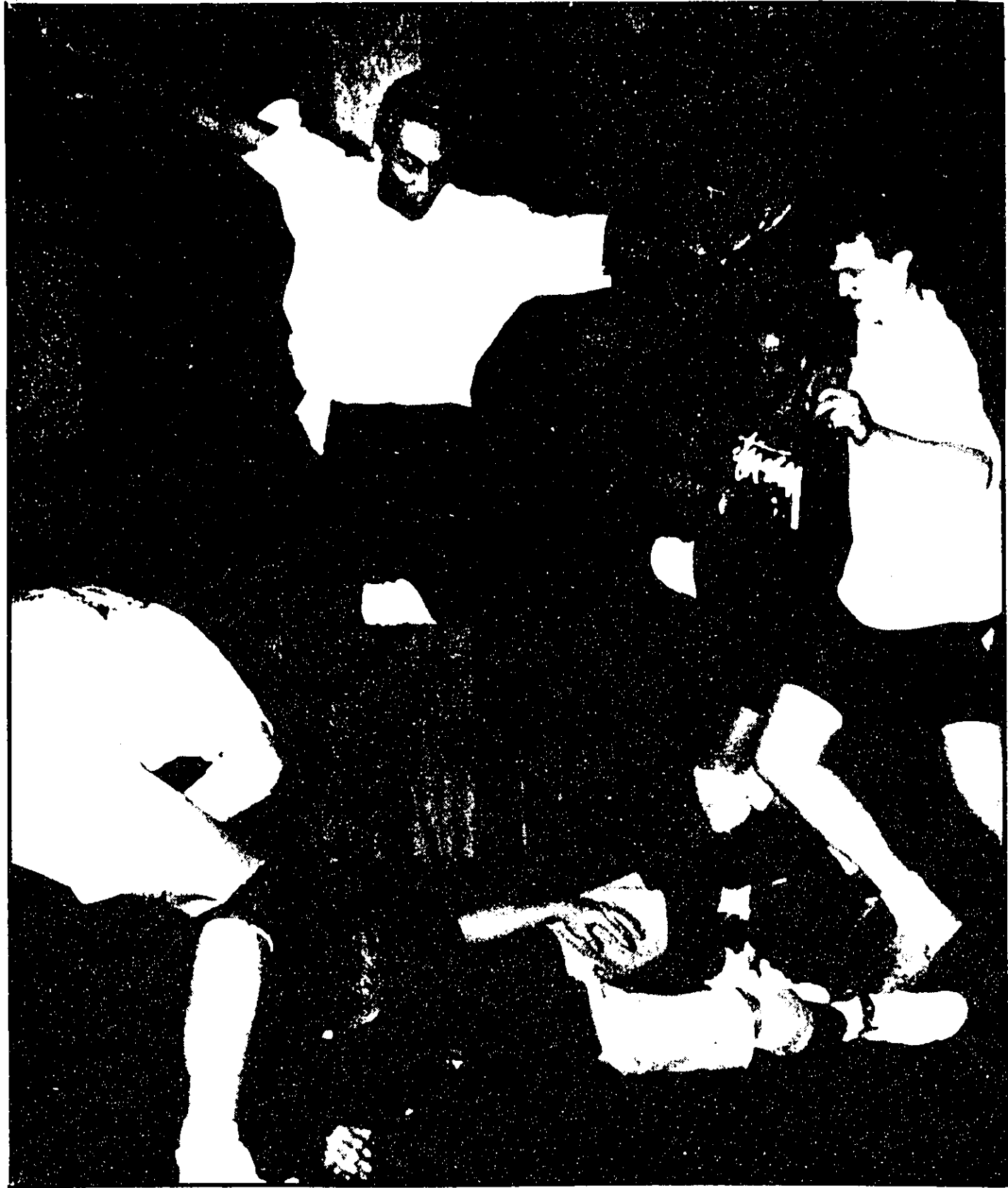
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REHEARSING THE FIGHT SCENE between the "Jets" and the "Sharks" are from left to right, Dave Stanford, Johnny Dimas, Keith Jenkins, Robert Atchley and Len Carrell.

## Exhibition displays narrative art, photography

By MARY KUJAWA

"Telling a story with a moral about the lessons of life is one of mankind's oldest impulses, but 'narrative art' has been out of fashion since modernism did away with the need for plot, storyline and even symbols," said Dan R. Goddard, a San Antonio Express-News Arts Writer.

Currently on display at The Art Center is "The Luanne Stovall and Margaret Hicks Exhibit" featuring Stovall and Hicks. Both artists do well in proving that narrative art is far from being dead.

According to Mary Burke, education coordinator for The Art Center, Stovall tells a story with the use of mythical and religious figures. She also employs parts of other famous paintings in several of her works. Two such works are "Pandora's Box," a 91 X 68 inch oil on canvas and "Pandora's Box," a 30 X 22 inch graphite on paper. Both works feature a replica of the Mona Lisa as the main focus of the work of art.

Another painting, "Aesop's Fables," features Aesop dominating the scene. Aesop seems to be

reposing, eyes closed with a slight smile on his face. In the background, a woman sits with her face turned away from the audience. The famous sculpture, "Winged Victory," is also in the painting. In the background is a Roman arena imposed over a modern-day skyscraper skyline.

In addition to the huge paintings, Stovall also presents several works in the form of collages. She takes images from magazines and juxtaposes them together to present a whole new image. She puts brightness into certain images by erasing parts of the picture and making other parts darker by going over the image with a pencil.

Stovall said her paintings present situations. They do not tell stories. She asks that each individual viewer size up the scene and resolve the "why" of the picture.

"Relationships form between the various elements and the individual viewer. When the significance of even one piece shifts, the shape of the Whole is altered. Relationships never remain constant. Images mean

different things to different people at different times. Therefore, there can be no final or correct interpretation," said Stovall.

Hicks takes another route for her narrative art. She uses the medium of photography for her exhibit, "Marathon, Texas' Frontier." According to Burke, Hicks presents a day in the life of a small town. Marathon is a town of about 800 and serves as a gateway to Big Bend National Park.

Hicks takes simple everyday scenes to project her vision. The "West Texas Type Phone System" photograph features a stretch of barbed wire extending into the distance.

None of the photographs are contrived or manipulated. Hicks uses images to share with those of us who are too busy to stop, look and perceive. With Marathon, Hicks embodies the past and the present on the lonely Texas frontier.

Hicks is the director of the art department at Navarro College while Stovall is an artist from Texas.

The exhibition will run through March 3.

## Fashion show to feature local models, merchants

By BECKY FIKES

Vivid shades of pink and red are setting the stage for The Art Center Associates' fashion show, which should be a Valentine's day fantasy filled with up-scale local fashions in festive style.

The show titled "From T.A.C.A. With Love" should send Cupid's arrow straight to the heart of coming Waco fashions.

"An assault of clothing and music should make this show a sight and sound extravaganza, and guests should be informed that it will be full of surprises," said Edana Croyle, co-chairman of the event.

The show will be held Feb. 14

in the Convention Center at 11 a.m. and will focus solely on fashions, models, volunteers and business people from Waco.

Only area merchants have been invited to display their wares at the fashion show. They include Wanda Fannin, Town & Country, Randall's, My Fair Lady, Leon's, Shellenberger's, Cox's and Kids' Duds.

"The Art Center is supported to a great extent by the local community," said Alyce Beard, president of T.A.C.A. "If we get strength locally, we would like to give it back."

Local models will be modeling the fashions.

"Everett-Asbury's escalated professionalism in the modeling industry has made the quality of modeling in our city at least equivalent to that in Dallas or Houston," said Beard.

Champagne will be served by more than 60 prominent businessmen who have volunteered their time and support to the Art Center. Throughout the show and luncheon, guests may win door prizes or purchase raffle tickets for many of the items in the fashion program.

To attend this fashion fiesta, tickets will cost \$30 and the proceeds will aid the Art Center's programs. Reserve us by calling 757-0615.

## Play opens March 6

By JENNIFER MCMASTER

The drama department will be offering "West Side Story" in a different way here on March 6-9.

"West Side Story" is traditionally set in the 1950s on the upper westside of Manhattan. The story involves two gangs, the "Jets" (Americans) and the "Sharks" (Puerto Ricans).

MCC's production will share not so much in a sense of time and place, as much as the effects of a conflict that a large city creates. MCC's production hopes to play straight to the heart with recognizable humans in recognizable human situations, according to Lou Lindsey of the drama department.

"West Side Story" was written by the American composer Leonard Bernstein. It is loosely based on Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

"Our society today contains a number of predestined victims, and through Tony (played by Mark Stonebarger) and Maria (played by Stacy Still) we see just how victims of society struggle, find love, share compassion and hope for a better life," said Lindsey.

## Art hobby on display

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

The paintings of Dale Hughes, religion instructor, are currently on display at the Casa Art Gallery in the Lake Air Mall.

Hughes' formal training includes several classes at MCC and at Baylor. He has also attended workshops with prominent artists in California.

Hughes said his style is inspired by an art movement of the early 1900s called Fauvism. This movement, led by Henri Matisse, flourished in France from about 1903 to 1907.

Hughes uses extremely bright colors and paints objects in colors much different from their natural ones.

Although Hughes teaches religion, he said his art is not a religious expression but rather a hobby. He added that it has also been quite profitable.

Hughes enjoys traveling to the New Mexico art communities of Taos and Santa Fe.

## A review 'ONE MAN'S OPINION'

BY ADRIAN VILLEGAS

If you have lain eyes on this entertainment page once in the last six months, then you most certainly have also perused, if fleetingly, one of my many film or music reviews.

The popular response to and advice proffered for my reviews, it seems, has thus far consisted of such comments as, "What's with all those big words, man?" or "Hey...what does 'aplbomb' mean? And 'progenitor'? And 'salacious', too?"

What these readers are referring to, of course, is the incessant erudition permeating my critical analyses. That is to say, they're talking about all the big words. Of course, they have every right to complain: it is their prerogative as readers.

This is all to announce that henceforth I, humble critic, am turning over a new tree: I am eschewing the Parka of Pretension and donning the Cap of Colloquialisms.

That is to say, I'm going to be talking normal from now on.

This is the value scale for my critical verdicts on the two films reviewed below:

Yea - "Tis a flick to be reckoned with."

Nay - "See at risk to life and limb."

Maybe - "For the, ah, special of taste."

All verdicts are final and merchandise bought at sale price is non-refundable.

### 'GREEN CARD'

"Green Card" is a romantic comedy directed by Peter Weir, who also did "Witness" and "Dead Poet's Society" in recent years.

The movie stars Andie MacDowell ("Sex, Lies, and Videotape") and the much ballyhooed French actor Gerard Depardieu as two people who marry for convenience's sake rather than love.

She, a prim horticulturist, wants to be approved for a beautiful apartment/greenhouse in a complex that accepts only married or elderly tenants. He, a sloppy French composer, hopes to be granted a working green card. Neither of them intends to be married a moment more than is necessary.

Naturally, the Immigration and Naturalization Service suspects a scam, so the two mismatched strangers are forced to concoct a complete and believable marital history over the weekend. And, of course, "they learn something about each other, themselves, and the True Meaning of Love along the way" (obligatory sigh).

Weir's "Green Card" script could have been written 50 years ago and probably was, but "Green Card" is still very funny and hopelessly sweet. Depardieu and MacDowell are the reasons why. Depardieu is a charming lug, and he is going to be a major star in America by next week or the week after. At the most it'll take two months.

The verdict on "Green Card" is "Yea."

### 'SILENCE OF THE LAMBS'

Jonathan Demme is a colorful, varied director. His films "Something Wild" and "Married to the Mob" were strange in that they had moments of subtle humor, real drama, and even explosive violence without ever seeming to have multiple personalities. Nevertheless, his films have only achieved cult popularity.

Those days are over. In "Silence of the Lambs" Demme is aiming squarely for a mainstream audience, maintaining a consistent tone for the entire film: a tone of creeping doom. The violence remains intact, in fact gorier than ever, along with a twisted psychological suspense and humor of a jet-black streak.

Jodie Foster plays an FBI trainee who is happily commissioned by her superiors to aid in the Bureau's most difficult case: the "Buffalo Bill" serial murders. The killer has been dubbed "Buffalo Bill" for his stubborn habit of skinning his young female victims.

Foster's character, sure enough, gets much more than she bargained for by the time everyone gets to go home.

Except for some pointless childhood flashbacks that obviously worked better in the novel and that come and go early in the movie, "Silence" is fast, lean, and hair-raising. The last 15 minutes will have people crawling under their seats and staying there.

Be warned: "Silence" is not for the squeamish. It has a few extremely well-lit gross-out moments.

The verdict on "Silence" is an enthusiastic "Yea."

"Silence of the Lambs" opens this weekend.



RELIGION INSTRUCTOR Dale Hughes stands before Hughes' paintings are currently on display at the Casa Art Gallery at the Lake Air Mall.

ELVIS GOES TO SAUDI ARABIA

BY JOHN DAVIDSON

FEELING A SUDDEN SURGE OF PATRIOTISM WELL UP IN HIS HEART, ELVIS DECIDES TO RE-ENLIST...

...AND SOON FINDS HIMSELF DEPORTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SAUDI DESERT...

...BUT DISCOVERS THAT HIS ORDERS HAVE BEEN MILDLY ALTERED.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I AM THE KING OF ROCK AND ROLL AND I AM HERE TO ENTERTAIN YOUR MEN!

GLAD TO HEAR IT, BROTHER. NOW PUT THAT GUITAR DOWN AND GET YOUR FAT BUTT IN THAT TANK BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER.

THIS "STORY" IS INTENDED TO ENTERTAIN BY NOT EATING SAND RIGHT NOW.