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Elections to Fill Positions

Student Government elections begin tomorrow and will continue Friday in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

With 14 candidates competing for ten executive and representative positions, the election will be the third one this school year conducted to fill empty Student Government places.

Freshmen Jackie Higgs and Randy Beard are candidates for the vice-presidency, which was left open when former vice-president Harold Nolte took over the presidency after the resignation of Clifton Hill, first semester president.

There are 12 students competing for nine Student Government representative positions that were left open after first semester resignations due to lack of time and insufficient grades.

Candidates are Sandy Anderson, Mark Bachik, Bobby Kim Barnes, Ricardo Coronado, Robert Grissom and Alice Hernandez.

Other candidates are Connie Howe, Dale Hughes, Celia Landfried, Louann Leftwich, Linda McKeon and Pam Zahorik.

Present officers in Student Government are Kim Jones, secretary; Gigi Fulbright, treasurer; and Earl McNeil, parliamentarian.

Student representatives are Deann Smith, Rebecca Lane, Cathy Sulak, Elaine Mosley, Janet Adams and Charlotte Vrba.

Also to be voted on at the elections will be the 1974 Homecoming Queen, who will be crowned at the Feb. 9 Highlander basketball game against Cooke County.

This is the first year the queen will be

elected by the student body, following a ruling made by the Inter-club Council.

In the past, the queen has been chosen by the basketball team.

Six contestants have signed up for the election so far, with the deadline for entering being today at noon.

Gigi Fulbright, sophomore special education major, will represent the Student Government. Phi Theta Kappa's nominee is Shirley Hand, a sophomore business education major.

Sophomore Sandy Anderson was nominated by petition. She is a psychology major. Sabrina Buice will represent Sigma Delta Phi as its Homecoming nominee. She is a freshman business major.

Representing the Veterans Club will be Pamela Gambert, a freshman nursing

major. Bonnie Gonner, a freshman legal secretary major, was nominated for Homecoming Queen by the Rodeo Club.

A student may become a contestant for Homecoming Queen either by being nominated by a campus club or by submitting a petition with 26 signatures to the Student Activities Office.

Last year's queen, Phyllis Brooks, escorted by Harold Nolte, Student government president, will crown the new Homecoming Queen.

Student Government is in charge of the ceremony and Sigma Delta Phi and Delta Phi Beta are co-sponsoring the dance afterwards.

Students can vote for both the Student Government positions and the Homecoming Queen by showing their validated ID cards.

Loan Fund Depleted by Students

By Jim Munson

Students refusing to repay loans have depleted the short-term loan fund to such an extent that its existence is threatened.

Willie Hobbs, director of financial aids, makes short-term loans to students in emergencies. The most common loans are for tuition and for veterans whose checks are late. At the beginning, the fund had \$5,400; it now has \$1,800.

"Many of these students drop out and do not pay (the loans) and we have no real means of collecting," said Hobbs.

Most of the time, the student who attempts to repay the loan or renew it does not cause the problem. But measures have been devised for those who ignore the loan deadlines.

At the Student Services Council meeting, Hobbs suggested a policy he felt should be followed in order to collect delinquent loans. It consists of five steps:

1) Send a notice to the student after the payment is past due.

2) 10 days after the first notice is sent an official summons will follow to the student's class, and a copy will go to his parents.

3) After this, if the student still fails to comply, another letter is then sent to the student and to his parents.

4) Thirty days after the letter has been sent, a "hold" is placed on the student's transcript.

5) If the student still fails to answer

within 30 days, after the "hold" is in effect, a letter is sent to the Credit Bureau.

"This is not a get-tough policy, but a sound policy for collecting loans as soon as they are past due," said Hobbs.

Hobbs said that one way to cut down on bad loans is to be more selective in loaning to students. However, he said this violates the philosophy of the college, which is to give everyone the chance to attend.



Photo by Wennie Marraquin

Highlander Don Tyson

drives the baseline against

Hill Junior College in last

Thursday night's game.

(See related story on

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College Recruits to Visit Campus

Senior college representatives from throughout the state will be on campus this semester to recruit students for their respective colleges.

Mrs. Mary Walker, counselor, said that from 10 to 15 colleges a year send representatives to arouse students' interest in their schools.

All of the colleges send information and posters one to two weeks before the representatives arrive.

These and other advertising mediums are displayed in the Student Center and places around the campus.

Announcements are also made in the Student Bulletin.

Mrs. Walker said that these representatives are the best link students have with four-year colleges.

The representatives are able to answer questions on standard information like registration dates and course transfers, or on general information like various social activities available on campus.

"The representatives come as a service to their schools and as a friend and advisor to the students," she said.

A representative of The University of Texas at Austin will be in the Student Center today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

POW — MIA Office to Close

By Cathy Sulak

The POW-MIA (Prisoners of War-Missing in Action) office at Moffet Field Naval Air Base, Calif., is closing because of public apathy and lack of support, yet 1,100 American servicemen are still unaccounted for.

Before most of them were released in the early part of Feb., 1973, the American prisoners of war in Southeast Asia survived mainly in hope—hope that the folks back home would not leave them there to wither away.

Those returning described captivity as "an endless chain of nothingness."

They spent day after day, year after year, in an empty room with a primitive bed made of two-by-fours, a small bucket for waste and a couple of rats.

And there was that uncontrollable torture deep in their guts caused by feverish hunger, unending pain and a terrible longing to scream with pure madness.

Windows were blacked out and barred. The only warmth provided came from a bare light bulb that was never turned off.

Then they came home. People they had

had never met had worn their names on their wrists, others had written songs, poems or stories about them, and many, many others had cried for them.

Their families waited by their telephones, anxiously waiting to hear the voices of their sons, husbands and fathers again, remembering the things they had heard about other returning POWs and praying, "I hope he's all right."

The country's main concern was that the men who had fought so hard for what they believed in were finally coming home.

But not all of them came home. More than 1,100 are still unaccounted for. Some may be barely surviving in those empty rooms where no human being deserves to be sentenced. Others are buried in the swampy rice fields where they fell. None are named by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese officials who know their fate.

Some of those soldiers may never know freedom again; they may never come home, but will sleep forever in the forsaken silence of a land of hatred, forgotten because the folks back home did not care anymore.

Editorial

Students Vie in Popularity Contest for SG

By Sandy Anderson

The third popularity contest of the year will begin tomorrow. It has been advertised as a Student Government election.

Since last spring, Student Government has been setting the wheels of progress turning, but every few months they sputter to a stop.

The student body began the year without a president. No one ran last spring. An election was conducted in September for that position, along with the regular election of representatives. Since the newly elected president had been parliamentarian, another election was needed to fill that post. By January, the

president was ineligible to finish his term because of grades, and the vice-president had to take over.

The election beginning tomorrow will furnish a new vice-president and nine representatives. Only six representatives are still in office. The nine lost near the end of the fall represented the functioning power of the government.

For at least four meetings, a quorum could not be raised. A few meetings were salvaged when members scouted the Student Center snack bar and escorted absent representatives to the meeting. Yet, the enthusiasm of "hustled" mem-

bers was obviously lacking. More willing members were trying to handle four or five committee assignments with watered down results.

All these false starts result from the choices marked on the ballot. Popularity and dedication have no correlation.

With most of the spring semester remaining and at least one major challenge ahead (the State Junior College Government meeting here in March), the Student Government can still pull itself out of the rut it has spun into.

If there is a difference in this election, it will be demonstrated by the discriminate

voter. Students who want to insure keeping some control over their activities and school planning will take the initiative in voting.

Those who know and care little about the candidates will hopefully not care enough to mark a ballot full of names they do not know.

And the candidates who win may determine to be active the 17 or so hours during the semester that the Student Government and its committees are in session.

If not, the students' strongest influence on campus will not be worth a plug nickle.

Scotticism

By Cathy Sulak

This is about a word. Yes, just one, small, overlooked, but very important word.

Only a few of today's present generation of Americans seem to realize it is this word that keeps the United States of America united.

Yet ever since the beginning of time, man has sought the real meaning of this word.

Man has looked for this meaning in

marriage, department stores, bottles of liquor, pen pals, barnyards and even in himself.

However, he won't find it on a gold-plated plaque in the Taj Mahal or in an old amendment of the Constitution.

If he looked hard enough, he could find it on the back of a brown paper bag.

The word can be described like this:
It's as old as man himself, yet as new as this moment or the next.

It's everchanging and somehow ever constant.

It's stronger than any wall ever built. It overcomes politics and national barriers.

It can't be blinded by strange customs or blocked by foreign languages.

It has been written about and analysed by wisemen.
Yet it has never been defined, and never

will be.
You can't see it or touch it, yet it is everywhere.

It survives weakness and neglect, thrives on thoughtfulness

Its possibilities are infinite, its strength limitless.

It's what makes man human, what makes life worth living.
It's friendship.

Movie 'Go Ask Alice' Tells Story of Girls' Drug Abuse, Addiction

Friday, the College Program Committee will sponsor a movie on drug abuse among young adults, "Go Ask Alice."

This movie will be shown at 8, 9 and 10 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. There is

no charge and anyone may attend.

"Go Ask Alice" is a true story, based on the diary of a teenage girl caught in the web of drug addiction. Alice suffers from shyness and a weight problem but desires

to be popular.

Starting in a new school, Alice finds her loneliness unbearable. She is invited to a party and innocently takes drugs. Eventually, Alice and a friend, both high

on uppers and downers, take to the road.

They find a priest (Andy Griffith) who helps Alice get back home

The remainder of the story shows Alice in a constant fight to stay off drugs.

Letter to the Editors

Jan. 25, 1974

To the Editors:

The following letter was sent to the MCC Dean of Student Services, Dr. Larry Gillam, from Dr. Don Stafford, Vice-President for Student Affairs, of Cooke County Junior College, in Gainesville.

This letter makes me proud of MCC and our basketball program. I support the team. I think they're tops. How about you—the student?

I've embarrassed myself at some home games by yelling congratulations too much. The reason was because no one else except the cheerleaders and maybe one or two students were yelling.

Hill Junior College fans out-yelled our fans last Thursday night in our own gym.

How embarrassing! Their team knew who was backing them. Ours may have some doubts.

As of now, we're No. 1 and to stay that way, you're going to have to support the

team by letting them know you do. Student Government is planning a car caravan to the Hill game on Feb. 11. Plan to go and show the team we're behind them.

Don Bynum
Director of Student Services

Jan. 22, 1974

Dr. Larry Gillam
Dean of Students
McLennan Community College

Dear Larry,

Well, your Highlanders got the best of our Lions last night. It was a good ball game anyway—good officiating and good sportsmanship on the part of both teams. It is the latter that prompts me to write this letter.

I could not help but notice the courteousness and mannerliness of all your contingent—cheerleaders, fans, coach and team members. Every time a foul was called on your team members, the one

hand went up quickly and courteously, the coach standing and verbally reminding them.

I have not always seen this kind of sportsmanship on the part of teams we played this year nor teams I have officiated for during the past fourteen years! I hope you let them know that we know

already how we will be treated as visitors. We have not always received such good treatment away from home. I hope your people feel they were courteously treated by our people. If not, let me know.

Cordially,
Don Stafford, Ed. D.
Vice-President for Student Affairs

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Radio Station Helps Fund



KEFC vice-president and general manager Carl Ray gives Mrs. Sandy Anderson a quick lesson on how to be a DJ.

Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

By Larry Payne

New vice president and general manager of KEFC-FM radio, Carl Ray, thinks a radio station should get involved in the community, and he is hard at work proving it.

KEFC has already contributed more than \$300 to the Sandy Anderson Fund, and the basketball-playing DJs are planning a big party and dance with free beer and set-ups, all profits going to the fund for Sandy.

"We had to find another way of raising money for the fund because we aren't physically ready for any more basketball games," said Ken Rush, program director and basketball coach at KEFC.

The station wants to help raise the \$15,000 needed to pay for an operation that may cure Mrs. Anderson's cerebral palsy.

KEFC got started "about 12 years ago" when FM stations were obscure. It was a simul-cast (playing the same program over both stations at the same time) with KAWA-AM.

The format has since come from the top 40 sounds through country music to acid-rock and finally to the progressive, contemporary rock broadcast of today's program.

The station presents an average of 48 minutes of music per hour, with about 12 minutes of commercials and news.

The KEFC radio day begins at midnight with Gary Powers and hard rock sounds, followed by Marc Truelove and a softer tempo.

Ken Rush brings the pace up a little for the harried housewife and then turns it over to Dean Wilson and Doug Thurman until midnight.

"FM is the coming thing in radio; by 1975 all cars factory equipped with radios will have AM-FM radios," Marc Truelove said.

Ray outlined the station's goals. "We at KEFC want to be a part of Waco's future by being an active part of Waco today."

"Besides the Sandy Anderson dance, we are planning a Valentine promotion to give away a corsage every hour; 100 gallons of gas to be given away ten gallons at a time; and 10,000 new KEFC bumper stickers to give away also.

"We want to help people enjoy life and give them good music too."

Guidance Center Offers Community Services

By Doug Garrett

The Waco Career Guidance Center (CGC) is one of the least known parts of the campus.

The CGC is a one-year project being funded by the federal government through the Texas Education Agency. It offers all of its services free to the public.

Tom Harris, director of the CGC, said that the majority of the people the CGC helps are high school students who are trying to decide on what to do when they get out of school, drop outs and adults who are dissatisfied with their present jobs or are just entering the job market.

"We try to meet a person's needs," said Harris. "We try to find out what a person wants from a job; then we help them find out where to get the help they need."

Harris uses a wide variety of tests, as well as just sitting down and talking with

the people he is trying to help. By doing this, Harris helps the person "cement his interests" and select a suitable job classification from one of the twenty-thousand selections.

"A big problem is finding people," said Harris. "A person must make his own decision first, but we often try to help him take the first step," he said.

A vital part of the CGC program is called Project Outreach. In Project Outreach, Harris and his staff talk to civic groups, people studying for their Graduate Equivalency Diploma and call on people who have dropped out of school.

Harris said that because society is changing at such a rapid rate, many people are being forced to make a new career choice later in life.

He said that by the year 2000, 75 per cent

of the American population will be working at jobs that do not even exist now.

Because of this, many adults are being forced to find new jobs. The CGC is designed to help these people find jobs with which they can be happy.

"After all," he said, "if you are miserable eight hours a day, it can make your whole life seem miserable."

Harris said that a person's job related problem can be taken care of only after other problems such as income or child care had been resolved.

It is for this reason that the CGC works in close co-operation with other community "helping groups."

"Referral is an important part of our job," said Harris.

The CGC also works closely with local high school and vocational counselors. Harris said that some 66 per cent of the residents of McLennan County do not have

a high school diploma and could possibly use a hand in picking a vocation they could get job satisfaction from.

"We show no favoritism toward MCC as far as where we send people for their training," said Harris. "I send a lot of the people who come in here out to TSTI," he said.

Business, Nursing Instructors Added to Faculty

Business and nursing students will have new instructors this semester.

Mrs. Hope Ninohuser, a licensed vocational nursing instructor, will help prepare students for nursing careers.

She is a graduate of the Oklahoma State

University School of Nursing where she received her diploma.

Mrs. Ninohuser has had hospital experience teaching students and personnel.

Paul Concillo is now a full-time business instructor. He has taught part-time at

MCC for the past two years.

Concillo received his BA degree in management and economics from Baylor University.

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Fire Heavily Damages Home of Student

A fire severely damaged the upstairs apartment of David Pryor, MCC student, and David Holland, former student, at 1801 Seneca last week. The two were left with little more than the clothes they were wearing.

Pryor's mother, Mrs. H.L. Pryor, said that he had lost most of his clothes in the fire and that Holland had lost all of his clothing. A television set and a stereo stand also burned.

Mrs. Pryor said that donations of clothing articles would be helpful. Pryor wears size 14 1/2 shirts and size 31-31 pants. His shoes are size 10 1/2.

Holland wears 15 1/2 shirt size, and 32-32 pants. A donation box will be set up in the Student Center.

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Clan Tied for NTJCC Lead

By Cathy Sulak, Doug Garrett and Bill Gammage

MCC 94, Hill 89

Fans came to the Highlander-Hill Junior College (HJC) game ready for a battle last Thursday night and they got more than their money's worth.

Using a fast-paced hustling offense, combined with a pressing full-court defense, MCC pulled a close 94-89 win over the HJC Rebels.

The Highlanders struggled in the lead with 4:54 remaining in the game and never lost their footing.

Don Tyson, sophomore wing man for MCC, hit 56 per cent from the floor and scored 25 points to lead the winners.

Tyson connected with two 20-foot jump shots with 8:35 and 7:19 left to give the Highlanders a five-point lead before the Rebels made one final try.

Hill succeeded in narrowing MCC's lead to one point with 2 minutes left in the game, but the Rebels never got that close again. Don Gay brought the ball down court and scored from 17 feet.

Then Tyson and Steve Colwick each hit a pair of free throws. In the final minute, Gay and Mark Lappa hit four more charity shots to ice the game.

The Rebel's downfall was their inability to master MCC's full-court press, which the Highlanders operated with precision.

"This puts us in the driver's seat," said Coach Johnny Carter after the win. "We're gonna win all the way."

Ralph Booker scored 20 points in the game, most of them in the first half. Gay led the Highlanders with 21 points, while Lappa hit 16.

MCC 73, Ranger 77

The Highlanders lost their first game of the season 73-77 to Ranger JC on Jan. 16 in Ranger.

The loss drops the Highlanders into a three-way tie for first place in North Texas Junior College Conference (NTJCC) action with Hill and Weatherford. All three teams stand at 4-1 in conference play.

The Highlanders were hurt early in the contest by fouls. Don Tyson, a Highlander regular, rode the bench most of the game

gathering four fouls.

MCC had four men in double figures. Don Gay led the squad with 27 followed by Steve Colwick with 13. Paul Lamb scored 11 and Mark Lappa 10.

MCC 84, Cisco 67

The Highlanders routed the Cisco Junior College Wranglers 84-67 Monday night in the Gymnasium.

The win threw the Clan into a 3-way tie for first place with Hill and Weatherford in NTJCC competition. All three teams have 5-1 records.

The game started slowly for both teams. Then, with MCC leading 9-8, the Highlanders' press accounted for three quick turnovers shooting them out in front, 15-8.

Steve Colwick and Don Gay began to hit from the outside bringing the Wranglers out of their zone defense, catapulting MCC to a 41-33 halftime lead.

The remainder of the game was no contest.

The Highlanders were 22-28 at the charity stripe, while their defense forced Cisco into 23 turnovers.

Gay led the Highlanders in the scoring column with 24. Ralph Booker hit 18, Colwick 16, Mark Lappa 14 and Don Tyson 10.

Booker led MCC on the boards with 14.

MCC 79, Texas JV 77

The Highlanders used a combination of their very effective full court press and a hot shooting hand in the second half to cop a 79-77 victory over the University of Texas Shorthorns last night in Austin.

The Highlanders came out shooting cold in the first half. They hit only 33 per cent of their shots during this portion of the contest. This lack of scoring punch on the part of the Highlanders allowed the Shorthorns to move to an impressive 12-point lead at one time in the first half.

The Highlanders came out in the second half looking like a different team. Their press was especially effective in the second half as the Highlanders came up with 20 turnovers. This, along with MCC's much improved shooting turned the game



Photo by Larry Payne

Ralph Booker (32) leaps high over two Ram defenders for a bucket during MCC's 109-68 victory against SCC Jan. 17 in the Gymnasium. Also pictured for the Clan is Don Tyson (20).

around. The Highlanders hit 51 per cent of their shots in the second half.

The Highlanders were led by Don Gay who hit for 21, followed by Paul Lamb with 12 and Steve Colwick with 11. Tied at 10 points apiece were Ralph Booker and Don Tyson.

Colwick and Gay each tallied 6 assists. The victory brings the Highlanders

season mark to 15-7 and their conference record to 6-1. This assures the Highlanders of at least a tie for first place in the NTJCC. Final standings won't be known until the results of the Hill and Weatherford games are in.

The Highlanders return to conference action at 7:30, Jan. 31 in the Gymnasium against Grayson.

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