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Student Life

Nobel Laureate Reveals Secrets of DNA, Life

Jonmichael Swetnam
Staff Writer

Co-discoverer of DNA's double-helix structure Dr. James D. Watson passed on the secrets of his success during a lecture on Sept. 21 at the MCC Conference Center.

Watson and his partner, Dr. Francis Crick, managed to accurately model the double-helix arrangement of proteins and nucleotides that comprise DNA. Their discovery formed the basis for modern genetics and simultaneously earned Watson and Crick the 1962 Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine.

Rather than discuss the fine points of DNA or the scientific processes he and his partner used to discover it, Watson passed on the secrets of life.

Some of the lessons were rather general, gleaned during Watson's childhood in 1928 Chicago.

"One of the first things I learned was, never fight bigger boys. Or dogs. It's just not worth getting beaten up over," Watson said.

Other lessons, earned during Watson's years studying genetics at Indiana University, covered methods of getting by in school.

"Always pay attention to your teachers. Your teachers are the ones who sign your recommendations and grade your papers," Watson said.

"I was fascinated, when I taught at Harvard, I would see all of these students who didn't even know their instructor's name," Watson said.

Watson also offered his audience employment advice. "It helps if you work for someone who is a bright individual, because it makes sense that if they were a bright person, they wouldn't keep someone dumb around," Watson said.

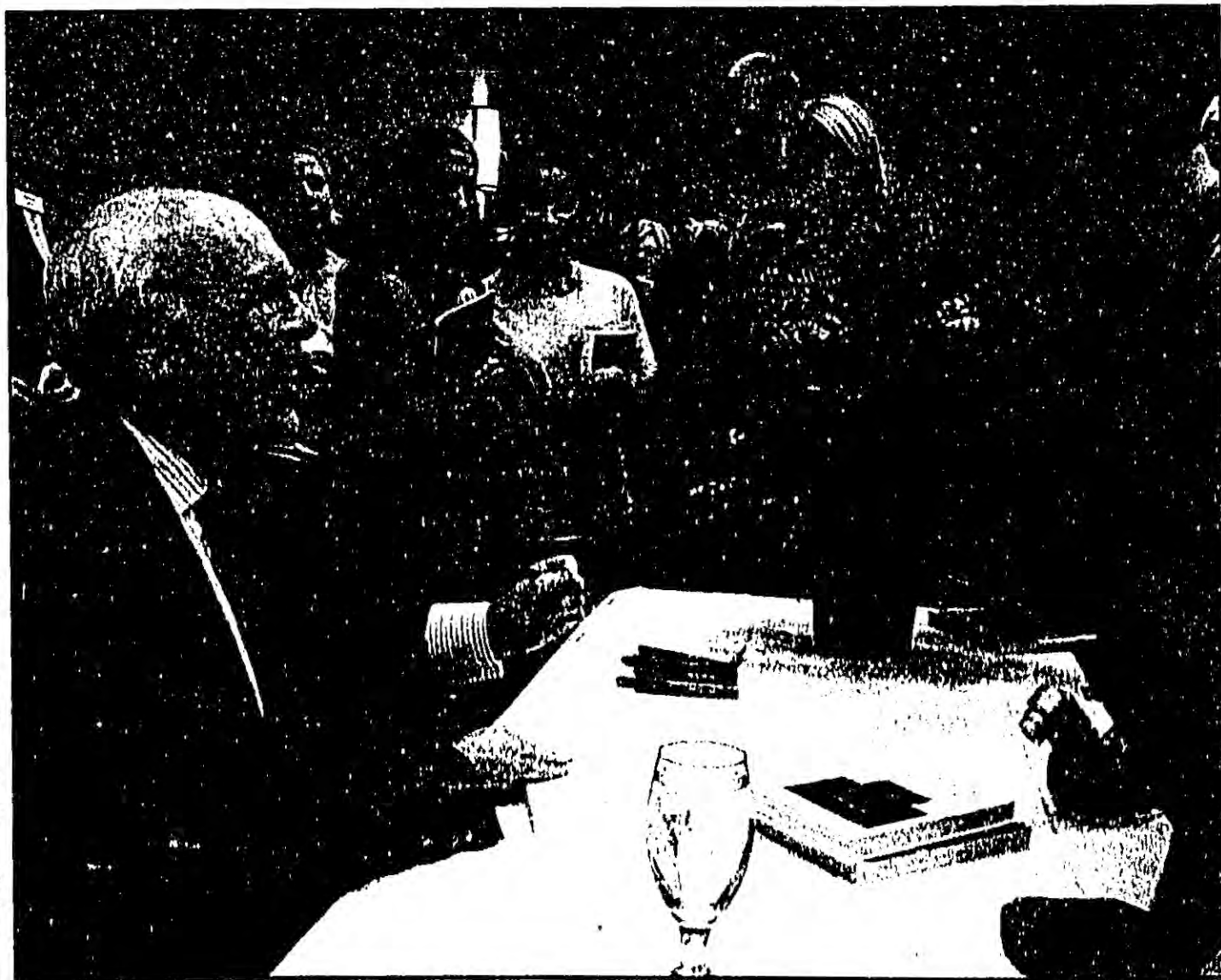
Innovation also matters, Watson said. "I think it is better to work for someone arrogant than someone nice. I find that someone arrogant is usually arrogant because he is saying 'The past isn't working, we need to do something else!' So you should always look for someone arrogant," Watson said, adding "Don't work for anyone over 40. Look for someone doing something new." Intelligence serves its owner well, but too much can be as detrimental as too little, Watson said.

"Never be the brightest person in the room. You know you're in trouble if you can look down on everyone in the room. Because then there's no one you can learn from."

Rather than spend a decade looking for answers in a field swarming with freshly graduated students, tomorrow's scientists should seek more immediate discoveries.

"Look for something you can do today," Watson said. Watson fielded a few questions after the lecture, including his opinion of the theory of intelligent design.

"You ask what I think of intelligent design, the theory of intelligent design, and frankly I don't think it's much of a theory" he said, adding "I imagine if the designer were that intelligent, he would have created a brain less susceptible to depression or schizophrenia. So, if there were a designer, I imagine he was second rate," Watson said.



Dr. James D. Watson signs a copy of his one of his books for a student after a lecture at the MCC Conference Center. Watson passed on knowledge he gained during his search for the structure of DNA.

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MCC Faculty Puts on Show

Christina Taylor
Staff Writer

McLennan Community College music faculty performed works from Mozart and Duke Ellington as well as vocal selections from Arnold Cooke and Gabriel Faure at the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 on Sept. 13.

The performance was open to the general public. Most who came were family members and students of the faculty.

"It was mandatory, but I actually would have come anyways because I enjoy coming to things such as these. It is fun to watch the professors perform," said Addison Roush, an MCC sophomore who attended the play.

This was not the first time MCC faculty has come together to perform.

"We haven't performed as faculty for maybe four years, but individually we have. I would like to see more of these types of performances," said Karen Albrecht professor of voice, diction, and music theater.

The performance included "Sonata II", a piano piece performed by Marsha Green, class piano instructor and Ruth Pitts, music literature and music appreciation professor.

"Three Songs of Innocence" was a combined performance by pianist Gail Wade, music coordinator and chorale teacher, clarinetist David Hooten, music literature instructor and soprano vocalist Lise Uhl who teaches opera and musical theatre.

Soprano vocalist Karen Albrecht performed a French piece "Poeme d'un jour" with pianist Andrew Hudson, music appreciation teacher.

Music Appreciation professor William Haskett on the trombone performed with guitar instructor John Fox "I Let a Song Go out of My Heart".

Upcoming events include "Broadway on the Bosque", a musical performance featuring Elem Eley and Maureen Francis. Upcoming theatre productions include "A Few Stout Individuals" a tale of American president and general of the Union army Ulysses S. Grant.

MCC guitar instructor John Fox plays "I Let a Song Go out of My Heart" at the MCC faculty recital in the Ball Performing Arts Center on Sept. 13.



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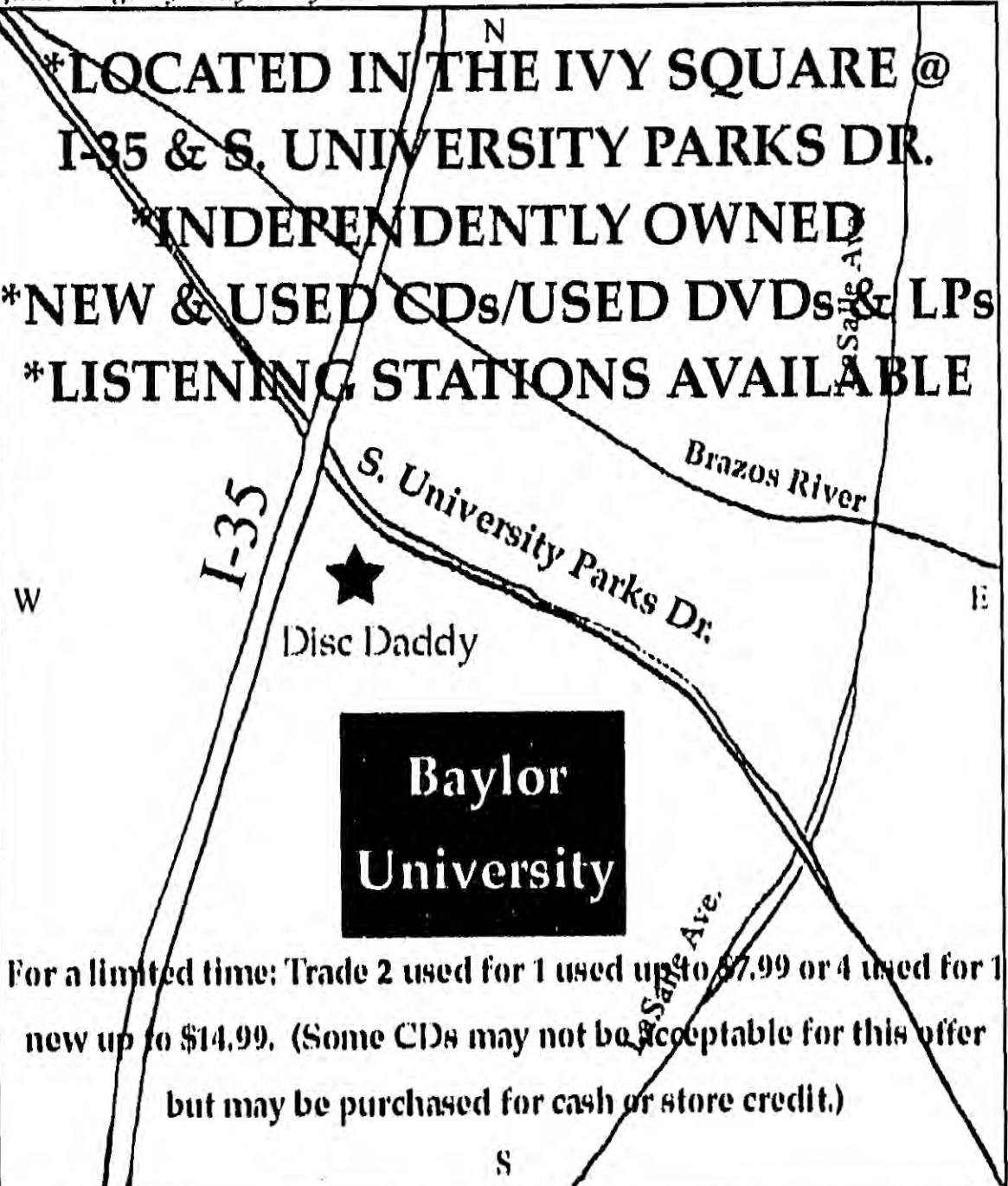
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Highlander One Replaces MAC

Kitty Clark
Staff Writer

At most McLennan Community College building entrances, a 10-by-14-inch poster encourages students to activate the new Highlander One card.

However, the placards do not tell the whole story. According to the "About" section of the website <http://www.higherone.com>, Higher One offers universities financial services which combine financial aid payments with the usual student ID functions.

A brown magnetic strip on the back of the card has the student's account information recorded on three laser-detectable tracks.

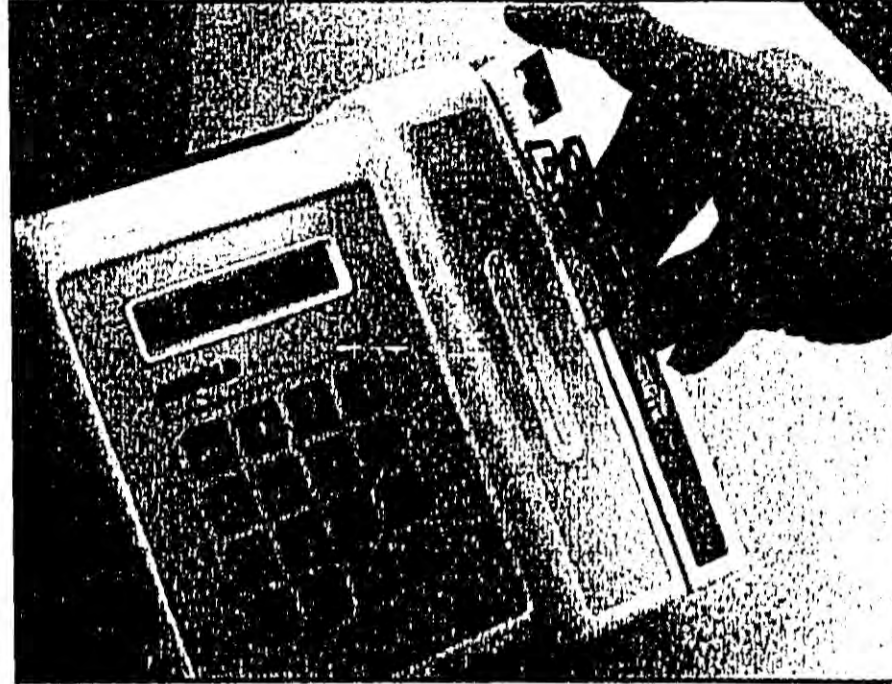
The first track contains the student's financial aid account, said Gary Willis, the MCC Higher One representative.

Students activate the track by opening a "OneAccount" with Higher One and Horizon Capital Bank.

The new card then acts as a debit card, and standard bank fees apply to the student. These include a \$1.50 per transaction if used by non-Highlander One automated teller machines, a \$.50 charge for pin-based transactions, fees for wire transfers and official checks or stop-payment requests, according to http://higherone.com/about/higherone_makesmoney.shtml.

The second track records student deposits and withdrawals, allowing the cards to function like the former MAC card, Willis said.

"Everything the old card did the new card can do," said Terry Lechler, the MCC Director of Financial Services.



Paul Howland swipes Highlander One card to make copies in the library.

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The card-scanning equipment on campus can be used by faculty and students for everything from copiers to vending machines.

"I use the printer (in the LTC) at least three times a week, it seems the scanner works great. I mean, a lot of people use that printer," said Kayla Brown, MCC freshman.

Faculty can use the third track on the card to access copiers and printers, reserved parking, and other restricted areas on campus.

The greater implications of this change are found in the switch from paper financial records to computer-based, electronic ones.

"They (the business office) no longer get paper checks, it's all electronic now," Lechler said.

The switch from MAC cards to Highlander One cards saves paper and filing time, keeps students out of long refund lines, and maximizes financial aid privacy, Lechler said.

But what about identity theft or system failure?

"As with any card, it (identity theft) is a possibility, but as with any banking facility, they're going to have everything secure," Willis said.

Out of thirty-two college campuses serviced by the company, only two cases of identity theft have been reported, and in both cases, the unauthorized spending was reimbursed by Higher One, said Mark Campbell, customer service representative for Higher One.

"Our databases are saved every hour, and if something catastrophic happened, we would upload the last information saved (in the event of system failure)," Campbell said.

"Students don't have to open an account with Higher One, there are other options," said Fred Hills, MCC Computer Information Systems Director.

These options are requesting a third party bank deposit, or a paper check refund.

Though alternative options take longer—one to three days for third party deposits and four to five days for paper check refunds—they assure protection of funds and privacy, Hills said.

Some students seemed indifferent to the change.

"The cards are pretty much the same. The MAC cards were easy, but the One cards work just as well," said Bryce Berry, an MCC nursing major.

Sophomore Samantha Maestas said she only uses her card for computer prints and copies, and opted for the paper check to avoid bank fees because they are "too complicated".

MCC: Too Big for Our Britches???

Brent Losak and Carolyn Chambers
Editor in Chief and Staff Writer

Little Baylor? Now, just you wait—that's Half-a-Baylor to you.

We're living in a shadow that doesn't seem so big anymore.

McLennan Community College's preliminary enrollment for the 2005 Fall semester was 7,746, said Director of Records and Registration Herman Tucker.

That is 9.3 percent more than the 2003 Fall semester and 2.4 percent higher than the 2004 Fall semester.

That is 55.2 percent of 13,975, which is Baylor's Fall 2005 enrollment according to their Office of Institutional Research and Testing.

Several reasons have been suggested for the increasing enrollment at MCC.

"Some of it is due to the classroom structure and tuition cost, which is very low compared to most universities," said MCC Vice President Dr. Jack Schneider. "We remain a pretty good educational bargain when compared to four-

year institutions around the state. Also, as major universities cap their enrollments, which will affect the freshman classes, we have seen and will continue to see students opt to attend a community college and then transfer later at the junior level."

Others have said that the Texas Legislature is responsible for the rapid increase in enrollment, and has not given enough support along the way.

"Historically we have had an erosion of support from the Legislature, so more and more stuff has been dumped on students. Tuition has gone up over the past six or seven years. Local taxpayers have paid more," said Dann Walker, instructor of philosophy. "Basically, the state of Texas has by-and-large copped out on the commitments it had. So our enrollments are going up at a time when the State has been reneging (on its commitments). We have suffered the growth at a time when the State has not been exactly supportive."

More students also means larger class sizes, which some consider to be less comfortable for students.

The classroom structure in community colleges is gen-

erally better compared to universities because of the low number of students in each classroom, Schneider said.

"Our emphasis at MCC is on teaching and we recognize the irreplaceable value of the faculty-student relationship. I think students—particularly those for whom this may be the first college experience—are more comfortable when they have an opportunity to get to know the faculty who are teaching them. Many of our students are the first in their family to attend college, and a smaller, more intimate environment creates a comfort level for them," Schneider said.

Some professors have said that certain things do not work well in larger classes.

"It cuts down on dialogical things that I'd like to do—that I could do in a class of 22 or 32," Walker said.

"When you go to 80 you lose any chance of being able to do more of the dialogical stuff... I'd rather cover less and have more dialogical time," he said.



Student Life

Student and Faculty Forum

MCC's "Constitutional Moment"

Ashley Anderson
Staff Writer

Approximately 30 McLennan Community College students and faculty gathered in the Rotunda (third floor) area of the Learning and Technology Center at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 to discuss the origins, impact and development of the U.S. Constitution in celebration of Constitution Day.

The new holiday, written into the budget for the Educational Department by Senator Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) in December 2004, requires Constitutional lessons for all federally funded schools and agencies "on or around" Sept. 17, commemorating the day the document was signed in 1787.

Lesson plans must include information on the Constitution, but since no specific curriculum or particular interpretation of it can be required, schools are free to develop their own curricula about the historical document, Byrd said.

Members of the Student Government Association served cake on the first floor of the LTC to generate student interest and encourage them to attend the student-faculty forum.

"We (were) not expecting it to be a huge crowd. We (wanted) it to be students truly interested in discussing the aspects of the Constitution. The forum will be discussing the formation of the Constitution as well as the forma-



Mike Campenni, government instructor and Ashley Cruseturner, history instructor speak at Constitution Day.

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tion of the Iraqi constitution and how constitutional it is to force one government to create a constitution," said Alesha Vardeman, Student Activities Specialist.

Mike Campenni, government instructor, and Ashley Cruseturner, history instructor, were featured speakers at the forum. Orlando Bama, government instructor, was

scheduled to be a third speaker, but did not attend because of a "last minute, health-related family emergency," Bama said. "I regretted not being able to get back from Scott and White in Temple in time to participate in the forum... I am grateful that my colleagues handled the forum brilliantly, from everything I have heard."

"I hope that next year, when we do this again we will have even more on the table to discuss regarding the situation in Iraq and the emerging Palestinian state," Bama said.

Cruseturner discussed the United States' "Constitutional moment" in 1787, calling it a "framework for compromise." He outlined the ideals and fears of the men who participating in the creation of the founding document. He suggested that the "art of compromise is a thoroughly American institution."

Campenni traced the foundations of government from the time of Aristotle, the "father of political science," up to the present. Every government arises out of a set of unique circumstances, or a unique "political culture," Campenni said.

Judicial Review, which is not written in the Constitution itself, has nothing to do with political ideologies, Campenni said. Rather, judicial activism and judicial restraint are ways of interpreting how easy or difficult it should be to amend the Constitution.

The floor was opened up to questions and comments from students and faculty after both lectures.

Fall '05 Student Government Election Results

The Student Government Association held elections on Sept. 14, 2005.

On Sept. 21 the winners were inaugurated. They are:

President: Stacey Jones

Vice President: Ariann Hernandez

Pullmentarian: Skyler Herring

Secretary: Amanda Raynor

Treasurer: Whitney Johnson

Historian: Cuyler Ayers

Public Relations: Ashley Brown

Sophomore Representatives: Jonathan Canava, Josh

Comish, Chris Porter, Chad Jones and Allein Lacy.

Freshman Representatives: Cenece Ordones, Kristen

Solms, Katie Feter and Belinda Herem.

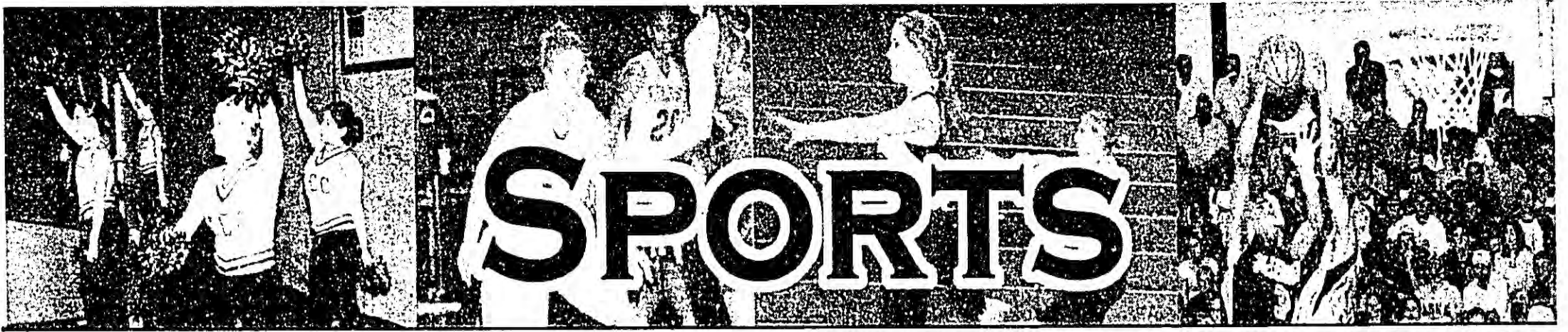
At-Large Representatives with voting privileges: Troy Dodge and DeLeon Harris

Any MCC student can attend the weekly SGA meetings on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Services Building. Those who attend three consecutive meetings can become at-large representatives with voting privileges. All members lose voting privileges if they miss three consecutive meetings.



SGA Advisor Alesha Vardeman and Vice President Ariann Hernandez at the ICC meeting on August 31.

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Team Loses Experience, Maintains Enthusiasm

Daniel Defoe
Staff Writer

The McLennan Community College Women's Basketball team's biggest loss from last season is experienced players.

All the sophomore players have moved on to four-year universities. As freshmen, they reached the Region V Championship; losing to Weatherford by 6 points. Last year, the team reached the Championship and lost to South Plains by 15 points, said MCC Women's Basketball Coach Ricky Rhodes.

The team's inside game needed improvement, so new post players were recruited based on their mobility on the court and their inside game. The team will depend heavily on guard play until the post players catch up, Rhodes said.

"We are excited about all our recruits. We signed the best players available for our style of play. As of right now, the freshmen are really challenging the sophomores for starting jobs. They

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— MCC Women's Basketball Coach Ricky Rhodes

all bring something different to the table. As a coach, you have to love that," Rhodes said.

The team did not pick up any Division One transfers this season.

"We talked to some coaches about D-1 transfers but nothing happened. We are not going to take just anybody; we want to know why they are transferring," Rhodes said.

"In most cases, it's because they need to work on their game, work a little harder in the classroom or just need a fresh start. All D-1 transfers are not good because they bring some baggage with them," Rhodes said.

MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2005-2006

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
1-Nov	PARIS	PARIS	5:30 pm
MCC CLASSIC			
4-Nov	BLINN	WACO	6:00 pm
5-Nov	ANGELINA	WACO	6:00 pm
8-Nov	TYLER	WACO	5:30 pm
11-Nov	LON MORRIS	JACKSONVILLE	5:30pm
14-Nov	ANGELINA	LUFKIN	5:30 pm
19-Nov	KILGORE	KILGORE	4:00 pm
HILL CLASSIC			
25-Nov	BLINN	HILLSBORO	2:00 pm
26-Nov	TYLER	HILLSBORO	2:00 pm
28-Nov	BLINN	BRENHAM	5:30 pm
TEMPLE CLASSIC			
2-Dec	SOUTH PLAIN	STEMPLE	5:30 pm
3-Dec	LON MORRIS	TEMPLE	1:00 pm
HEAD COACH: RICKY RHODES			
ASSISTANT COACH: KATE HENDERSON			
PRESIDENT: DR. DENNIS MICHAELIS			
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: SHAWN TROCHIM			

McLennan Community College Women's Basketball 2005 - 2006

No:	Name:	Class	Position	Hometown
5	Tiara Perkins	So	G	Groesbeck
10	Kim Talley	So	G	Temple
11	Jessica Mack	Fr	G	Dallas
12	Brandi Crouch	So	G	Sulphur Spring
21	Kaylon Hodge	So	G	Hillsboro
22	Kim Heeke	Fr	G	Taylor
23	Sharese Boswell	So	G	McGregor
25	Keisha Greenwood	Fr	G	Corpus Christi
31	Ne'aherla Massey	So	G	Waxahachie
40	Richarda Outley	Fr	F	Waco
43	Brittany Rutherford	Fr	F	Rockwall
44	Rachel Whittle	Fr	F	Hubbard
50	Kim Coena	Fr	P	San Antonio
52	Vivian Nwosu	Fr	P	San Antonio
55	Stephanie Gumell	Fr	P	Katy

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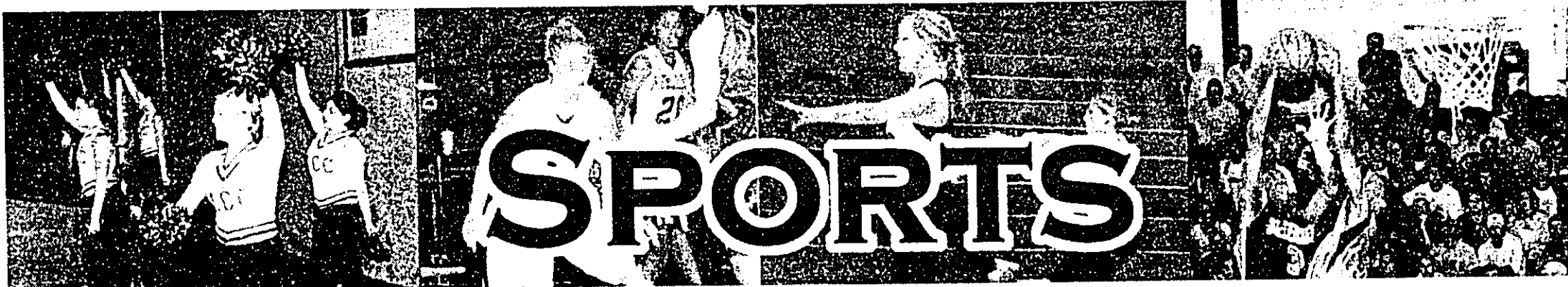
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Gill Fishes Out New Recruits

Daniel Defoe
Staff Writer

When MCC Men's Basketball Coach Kevin T. Gill began recruiting for the Fall 2005 season he was faced with the difficult task of finding replacements for the five starting sophomores that have moved on to four-year universities.

"We lost all our starters off of last year's team.

We really needed some inside players... Our biggest loss from last year is experience," Gill said, "I feel we have a couple of guys that will help in that area."

Sophomore Mark Moore returns with valuable experience.

"6-foot-8-inch Jawan Bailey, 6-foot-6-inch Hector Mukweyi, 6-foot-7-inch Jeremy Jordan, 6-foot-5-inch Chester Moore, 6-foot-4-inch Dominique Dawson, and redshirt freshman 6-foot-8-inch Brian Sublet all should battle for playing time to help the Highlanders," Gill said.

"CJ Richards and Marlon Vincent are shining as freshmen. CJ is a 5-foot-9-inch guard from here in Waco who is becoming a leader and is playing hard on defense. Marlon is a 6-foot-5-inch wing who plays strong and scores once he gets into to the lane," Gill said.

After posting a 23-7 record and finishing in second place last season, the Highlanders have high expectations for this season.

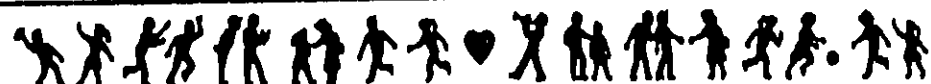
"We expect to get better as the year goes on. By conference time, we want to have a shot at the title. We have a long way to go, but we want to get there," Gill said.

Follow the Landers and Lassies this season in the

Highland Herald

MCC MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2005-2006

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
November			
1 TUE	DALLAS	MESQUITE	7:00
MCC CLASSIC			
4 FRI	RICHLAND	WACO	8:00
5 SAT	ANGELINA	WACO	8:00
9 WED	TRINITY VALLEY	ATHENS	7:00
12 SAT	NAVARRO	CORSICANA	7:00
14 MON	ANGELINA	LUFKIN	7:30
16 WED	TRINITY VALLEY	WACO	7:00
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26 SAT	JACKSONVILLE	WACO	4:00
December			
1 THUR	CEDAR VALLEY	LANCASTER	7:00
3 SAT	NORTHLAKE	IRVING	2:00
5 MON	ABILENE	WACO	6:00
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4 SAT	*GRAYSON	WACO	6:00
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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

WORKSHOP LEADERS – The Recreation Department of Methodist Children's Home is seeking 5 Workshop Leaders to lead a group of students in a topic of interest to adolescents. Any *skateboarders* out there? Or folks who can teach *drama* or "*rhythm-stomp*" steps, or crafts such as *stained glass*, *wood burning*, or *pottery*? These are merely suggestions. If you have a talent or skill you think would be of interest to teenagers, please give us a call!!

2005-2006

MCC Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Pos.	Hometown
1.	Jawan Bailey	6'8"	So	F	San Antonio
3	Marvin Gentry	6'3"	So	G	Ft. Worth
4	Chris Richards	5'9"	Fr	G	Waco
5	Jesse Gonzales	6'1"	Fr	G	San Antonio
10	Allen Coleman	6'0"	So	G	Corpus Christi
11	Ryan Bennett	6'0"	Fr	G	Ft. Worth
12	Jackie Ranson	6'4"	So	F	Bay City
15	Mark Moore	6'4"	So	F	Corpus Christi
24	Marlon Vincent	6'5"	Fr	F	Austin
32	Dominique Dawson	6'4"	So	F	Ft. Worth
33	Hector Mukweyi	6'6"	Fr	F	Mansfield
34	Jonathan Walker	6'2"	Fr	G	Dallas
41	Chris Cooper	6'7"	Fr	F	Arlington
44	Jeremy Jordan	6'7"	Fr	F	Pearland
50	Brian Sublet	6'8"	Fr	C	Mesquite
52	Chester Moore	6'6"	Fr	F	Bensley

Head Coach: Kevin Gill
Asst. Coach: Darren Silver
Managers: Niki Martinez and Curtis Whitfield

Welcome Back Students!

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Students at MCC's Welcome Back
Luau Party On Sept. 1, 2005