

Highland Herald

SGA calls for a re-election

Trinda Martin
 Staff Writer

Student Government Association elections were nullified and rescheduled due to voter fraud.

During a closed judicial meeting that violated its own charter, SGA members said they determined that the ballot box was "stuffed" during the Sept. 24-25 election.

"Someone picked up a bunch of ballots and was walking around passing them out. We have no idea who filled them out, who wrote the names in, who the candidates were, or whether they (the candidates) were eligible or not. So we are unable to separate those invalid ballots from those that are valid," McKeown said.

"The judicial committee voted to invalidate the election and they're going to hold another election. There will be notice to the students and the candidates," McKeown said.

He said that during the closed session they also discussed the dismissal of at least one SGA member but took no action.

The SGA constitution states that all its meetings will be open.

The Texas Open Meetings

Act states that governmental organizations may meet in private to discuss personnel, acquire property or meet with an attorney to discuss pending litigation.

The re-election will be held Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the results will be posted outside the Student Government office on the second floor of the Student Center by 5 p.m. the same day, McKeown said.

McKeown said in the five years that he has been a student government advisor they've never had this kind of problem with an election.

McKeown said the voting procedure was for students to take a ballot, fill it out anywhere they wanted, and then return it to the ballot box, as opposed to everyone voting in a designated area during a particular time.

"New guidelines have been established for running the next election," McKeown said.

The new procedure will require students to sign-in with their student id number and show their student id, McKeown said.

After signing-in, voters will be given a single ballot to fill out at a nearby table, and then that ballot will be placed into the ballot box.

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- Jim McKeown

"We have no problems with the people who were elected, but we do have a problem with how it was done and we just want to make sure the election is fair," McKeown said.

Aside from election troubles, there are also some issues about the possibility of a new student organization.

MCC student, Robbie Hetland proposed the establishment of an Antioch organization on campus.

Similar to the already existing Baptist Student Ministries (BSM), this organization would be geared towards Christian students or students that may be interested in Christianity, said Hetland.

Hetland said that MCC needs another Christian organization because the Antioch organization will provide a non-denominational

alternative for Christian fellowship for those that may not be Baptists.

Hetland said the organization's intentions would be to provide Christian fellowship, help for others, and provide an official way for students to meet once a month on campus.

"We're all working together for the same cause," Hetland said.

"It (an Antioch organization) may cause problems for the reputation of MCC," said McKeown.

McKeown's said his concern is that the organization may influence students to travel as missionaries.

Hetland said the organization does not intend to recruit missionaries for Antioch Community Church, but there is a chance that students may be exposed to the opportunities of becoming involved in missions, either

through Antioch, or by other means.

"If we can have the BSM, the Gay Straight Alliance, and the Black Student Association, the idea of not allowing Antioch to start an organization seems pretty discriminatory," said Lisa Shoemaker, MCC student.

In order for this organization to become official, the student government must pass it, and as of now, the student government is divided.

While some see the Antioch Campus Ministries as a bad influence, others see it as just another avenue for college students to come together in an organized way, and be exposed to different ideas and opportunities, Hetland said.

The issue will be discussed further during the next SGA meeting, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

On Oct. 6 SGA discussed upcoming events, conferences and confidence in Student Body President.

"I am very open to any complaints and criticism, if someone feels that something is not being done properly. If you guys are in favor of someone else possibly taking over later on I would be more than willing

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Trustees meet in new CSC Center

The MCC Board of Trustees celebrated the completion of remodeling on the CSC building at September's meeting after addressing the issues of tax abatements from L-3 Communications and approving new athletic directors.

On Tuesday September 30, the board announced the completion of the Conference Center in the CSC Building.

"MCC purchased this building in the 1980's, and we have spent most of the last 15 years renovating it," said Dr. Michaelis, MCC president.

"I am please to finally be able to say that it's finished," Michaelis said.

The board convened to the new conference center to celebrate with a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" reception.

The conference center will provide space for meeting, seminars, receptions and instructional uses.

The conference center was the final project of the capital improvement projects funded by the approved tax bond, Michaelis said.

The Learning Technology Center; LTC Plaza; lighting, electrical and HVAC renovations on campus; the Child Development Center covered driveway; and classroom renovations to CSC areas A, C and D were also funded by the tax bond.

The board approved a request for tax abatement from L-3 Communications.

L-3 Communications employs 1,400 people and is the largest defense contractor in McLennan County, Michaelis said.

MCC plays an important role in economic development by assisting companies with expansion by allowing tax abatements, Michaelis said.

The Board also approved the appointments of Jamie Sue Tucker as Radiological Technology Program Director.

New Athletic Directors accepted by MCC Board

Tonya Farmer
 Sports Writer

MCC President, Dr. Dennis Michaelis and the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of

Highlassie's golf coach Stan Mitchell for the position of Interim Athletic Director and 'Lassie's basketball coach, Shawn Trochim, for the position of assistant Athletic Director on Sept. 30.

Mitchell will be the Athletic Director until Trochim decides whether she will accept the position of Athletic Director in a trial run, Trochim said.

"I will finish up the season as assistant basketball coach and assistant director. Then I will make the decision as early as April and as late as August whether this is the career jump that I want to do," Trochim said.

Trochim has been an assistant coach for the 'Lassies since 1995, which includes coaching four years

as an assistant coach for Wendell Hudson, and four years with the current coach Ricky Rhodes

"I've worked with Coach Hudson for some time. I know how he operates and feel for what he was trying to get done. The athletic department has moved in a terrific direction. My job would be to keep it that way," Trochim said.

Mitchell was once athletic director from 1996 to 1999 until he decided to step down due to family obligations.

Mitchell will assist in showing Trochim the ropes as athletic director.

"Since I've done it before, as far as in terms of what needs to be done and on what direction, Shawn and I can work together and get her ready. The job consists of overseeing all of the men and women's sports," Mitchell said.

Trochim is expected to make her decision on the open position by Sept. 1, 2004.



Shawn Trochim



MCC Police Chief Larry Radke supervises evacuation after a bomb threat on Oct 8. Police said the caller reached Financial Aid and said there were bombs on campus. Fort Hood bomb sniffing dogs were brought in, but officers said nothing was found. A second bomb threat was called in to the MCC Bookstore on Oct 9 at 5:38 p.m.

Donnie Hagan regaining strength after accident

Magen Rigdon
 Entertainment Editor

Donnie Hagan, Dean of Workforce Education, is gaining strength to increase his workload after he was involved in an automobile accident Feb. 14, 2003.

As Dean of Workforce Education, Hagan is in charge of a little less than half of the student population, which includes programs such as: Health Sciences, Fire Protection Technology, Long Term Care Administration and Veterinary Education, Hagan said.

He returned to work July 14, working for two hours a day and gradually increasing his hours, Hagan said.

He said he looked forward to getting back to work with doctor supervision and approval.

Gradually over the past months, he has stepped up his work hours to 25 to 30 hours a week, he said.

He said he hopes to be working

full-time at the end of the Fall; but even if that doesn't happen, he feels sure he will be in the Spring.

"My biggest challenge has been rehabilitating the back. I had back surgery, and that's been the main thing that I've had to work so much at...getting it back to where I can go a full day," Hagan said.

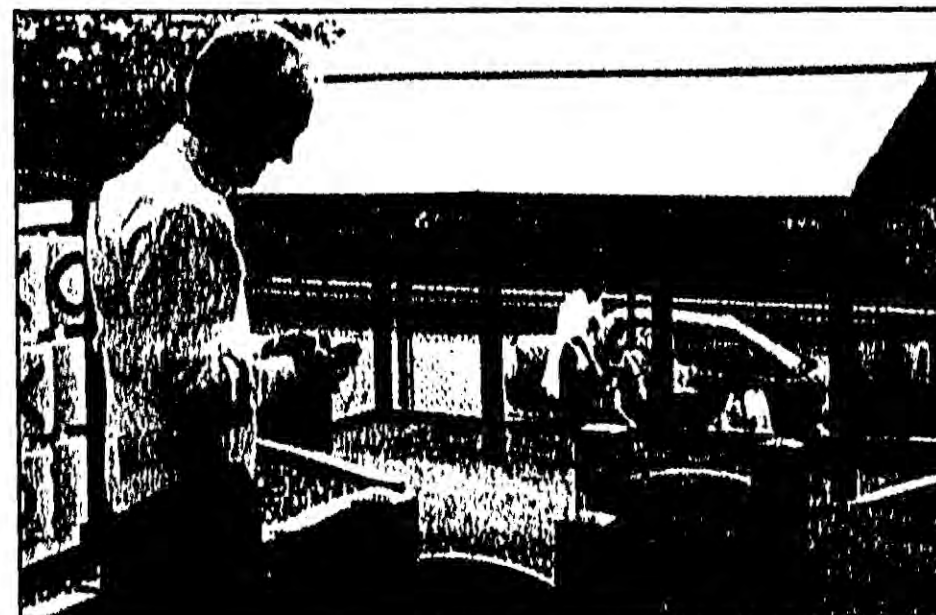
"I still have quite a bit of pain and am still on pain medicine, but that too is getting better," he said.

Hagan said he didn't believe the doctors when they told him it would take a year before he could work full-time again, which he now understands.

Before the accident he worked 50 to 60 hours a week, he said.

Hagan said that after getting out of the hospital, he had to deal with emotional scars, and it was a very difficult time.

He said work has been therapeutic by helping take his mind away from the trauma of the accident.



Donnie Hagan calls parents and cares for children until parents came for them after the bomb threat on Oct 8.

The staff has been very caring, he said.

He said he is appreciative that his job was in capable hands and being taken care of while he was in the

hospital for a full month and many months of physical therapy.

Phi Theta Kappa held a blood drive in his honor.

He never imagined such a thing

being done in his honor, he said.

PTK continually checked up on him, and he was deeply touched by that, he said.

The Human Services Department invited him to a department meeting and presented him with a giant "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" action figure customized to resemble him, he said.

He said the story behind the action figure is that he wore a back brace daily, and everyone in his office said he looked like a ninja turtle. So Human Services customized "Donnetello" to include gold glasses, white hair and renamed the action figure "Donnetello".

"My wife has just been an angel," Hagan said.

Cathy Hagan also works on campus as a senior research and evaluation specialist with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning.

She is caring and supportive of his

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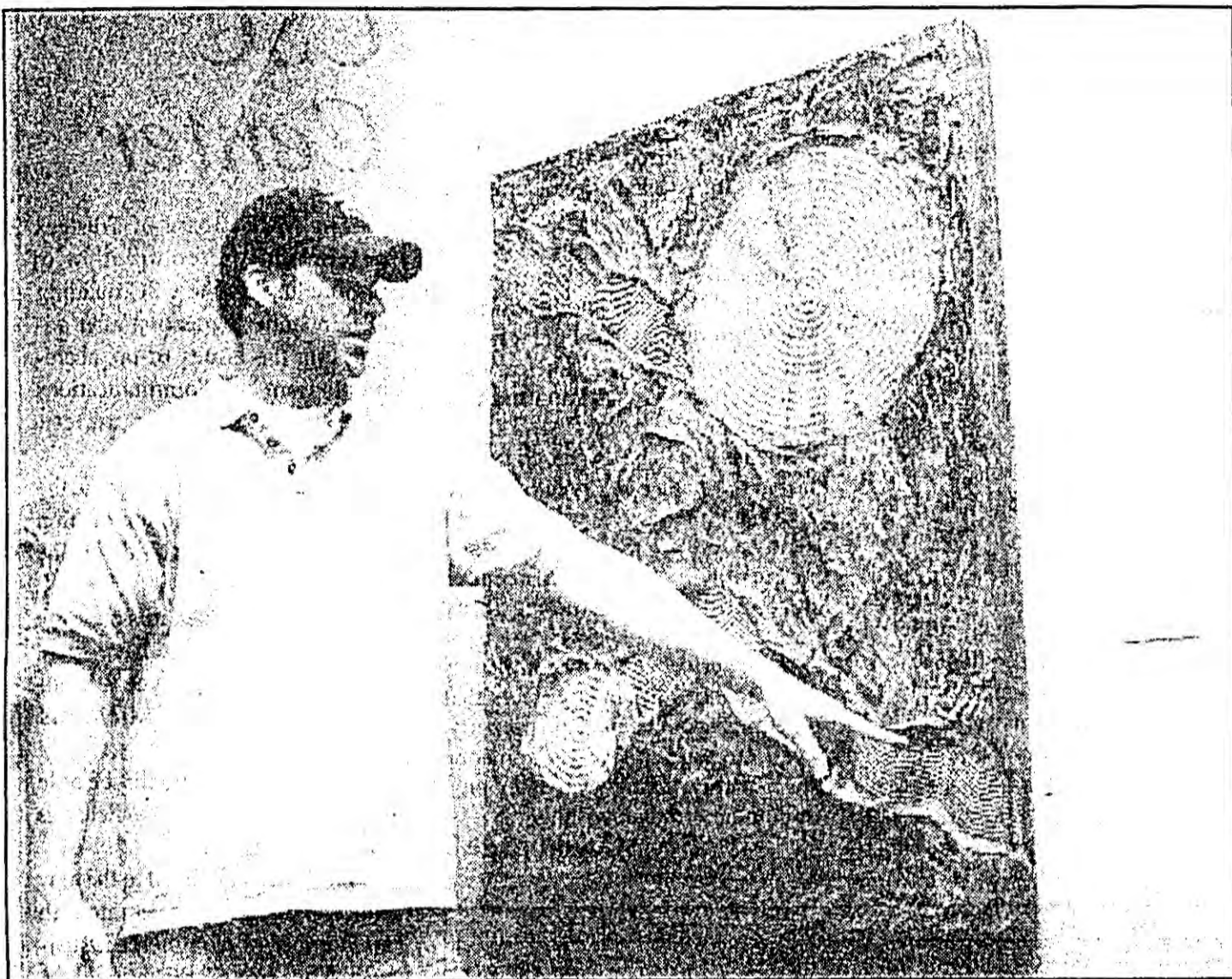
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“New Stuff” on campus

Exhibition displayed in the CSC art gallery



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Maguire shows his plaster painting titled “Passing in the Night” in an exhibition of his art

Erica Sanchez
Managing Editor

Michael Maguire, an adjunct art instructor combines art and his passion for assembling things, in an exhibition titled “New Stuff”, displayed in the CSC art gallery in building F. It is presently open until Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday. “I was always more interested in woodwork and rebuilding engines and those types of things,” he said. During his college years, he said he finally ended up majoring in sculpt-

ing, after being undecided. Sculpting took him back to working with wood and metal again he said. In his exhibit, there are different sculptural works combining wood, steel, clay and chrome, as well as ceramic pottery and paintings. “The paintings are made out of a plywood box and a dry wall compound, plaster, and paint,” Maguire said. He applies textures to his paintings with a trowel, which is a tool used for tile work he said. His plaster and plywood box paint-

ings were an affordable way to paint as a college student as opposed to buying expensive canvases, oil paints, and brushes Maguire said. His pottery inspiration came from what he learned in ceramics Maguire said. “I like building things rather than spinning them on the wheel,” he said. His sculptures made out of wood, clay, and metal have figurative meaning he said. The clay sculptures are cutouts of symbols. “Being in graphic design you deal with a lot of graphic symbols, so I’ll

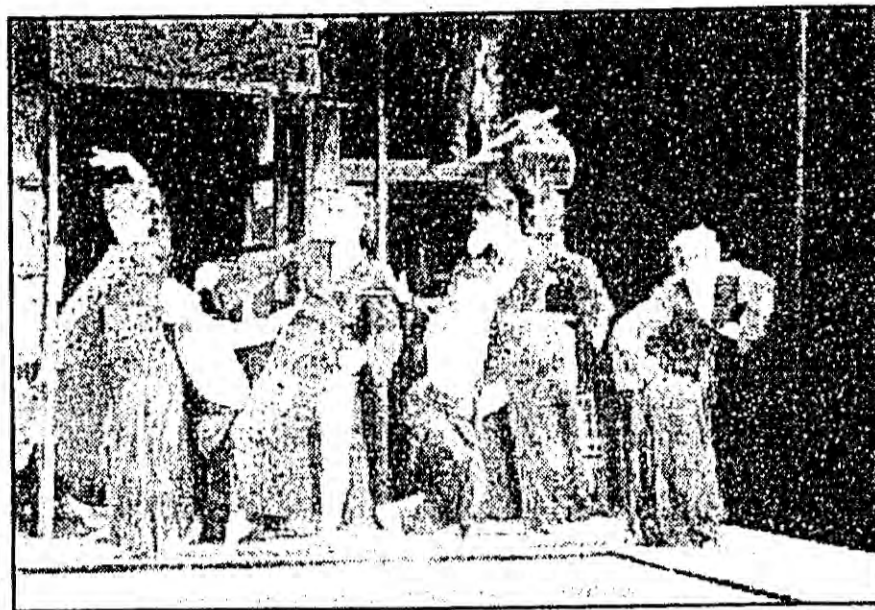
search through ancient languages and find certain symbols that look interesting to me and I’ll cut them out into shapes,” Maguire said. The sculptures currently on display represent certain letters he said. Maguire has exhibited in galleries and museums in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. “Most of the time I’ll usually get invited to shows, a lot of times the jury shows I do I won’t get accepted, that’s ok though, everybody has their own kind of taste,” Maguire said. “It’s more important that I like it (my art) than other people like it,” he said. “And so I like to collect things, assemble things into a form of some type that looks interesting to me,” Maguire said.

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to step down,” Chris Cochran, SGA President said. There have not been any complaints but Cochran wanted student government to know he is open to criticism Cochran said. SGA voted unanimously in their confidence for Cochran.

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Metamorphoses



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MCC Theatre Dept. performs “Metamorphoses”

Arthur Fisher
Staff Writer

What is the nature of change? That question is posed by Mary Zimmerman’s “Metamorphoses”, performed Oct. 2-5 by McLennan Community College’s Theatre Department and based on the myths of Ovid.

Ovid wrote an epic poem that narrates the history of the universe from creation to the death of Julius Caesar.

Mary Zimmerman adapted Ovid’s work for the stage when she saw that many themes of the ancient Roman’s could be identifiable by a modern audience.

The stage was filled with a rectangular pool with a walkway around it.

Most of the action in the play takes place in the pool or around it.

While the pool is only a few inches deep, it swallows up actors, destroys ships and is given the illusion of depth by the cast.

The cast is an ensemble, with each actor playing assorted roles.

The actors change from comic

to tragic characters with smooth, seamless transition.

Many of the scenes in “Metamorphoses” are also taken from the poems of German poet Rainer Maria Rilke, but are given a modern edge.

Such as the tale of King Midas, played by Oliver Lubach, as a capitalist who can do no wrong, or Phaeton, played by Derrick Davis, who complains about his strained relationship with his father Apollo, played by Jon-Michael Hamman, and the tragedy that ensues when Phaeton takes his father’s chariot out for a spin.

The most powerful of the scenes is between Orpheus, played by Anson Veach, and Eurydice, played by Shannon Walsh, in which Orpheus must escape the underworld but can no longer be certain his fiancée is behind him.

Zimmerman said she believed a modern audience could relate to “an irredeemable moment” in which change is necessary.

The production was colorful and vibrant with a talented cast and beautiful set design.

The story is both moving and humorous.

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So, tell me about this book.

Well she finds this crazy wife living in the attic, but everything goes out in the end and they all live happily ever after.

Thanks. That’s all I needed.

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I have a book report to write.

How was your date?

She was just using me for my brain.

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Sports

He said what everyone else is afraid to say

Davis L. Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, defending Rush Limbaugh would have been on my priority list somewhere between licking the floor of a public restroom and smoking a filtered cigarette backwards, but, reluctantly, I find myself doing just that.

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well. They're interested in black coaches and black quarterbacks doing well... McNabb got a lot of the credit for the performance of the team that he really didn't deserve," Rush Limbaugh said.

This statement, said on ESPN Sunday Countdown, landed Rush in hot water because many people felt there was a racist connotation involved, though Michael Irvin and Tom Jackson, two African-Americans on the panel said they felt that Limbaugh's comments weren't out of line.

Rush said what many people only thought. "Limbaugh lost his job for saying in public what many football fans and analysts have been saying privately for the past couple of seasons," said Allen Barra, sportswriter for Slate.com.

Many sports fans seem to be of the same opinion on this matter. *E.ThePeople*, an on-line polling site, asked if Limbaugh's comment on McNabb was a racist remark. 73% of the people responded 'NO'.

Overtaxed quarterbacks come in all colors, if you don't believe me ask Ryan Leaf, the second pick of the first round in 1998 who now plays... well I'm sure someone knows what he's doing now.

Rush called the ex-players on the show for going too easy on Jets QB Vinny Testaverde because they like him personally. I'm going to take a wild guess here and say that Testaverde isn't colored.

Statistically, McNabb will have trouble arguing his own case. If you picked McNabb as quarterback in your fantasy football league, you've been robbed. There are 30 quarterbacks currently outperforming him, including the well-known Marc Bulger.

Dallas' own Quincy Carter is a good quarterback, not a great one. When matched up against McNabb's numbers this season he looks a little better.

For instance, as of press time, Carter has 367 more passing yards on the same amount of completions. Carter has 4 passing TD's, 1 rushing TD, and a QB rating of 80.5. While McNabb, has 1 TD, and a QB rating of 51.3. The only thing McNabb has more of is rushing yards (174) and fumbles lost (2).

Limbaugh was hired by ESPN to shake-up their pregame show, making his debut on Sept. 7th.

"His acute sense of what's on the minds of his listeners combined with his ability to entertain and serve as a lightning rod for lively discussion makes him the perfect fit for this new role," said Mark Shapiro, ESPN's executive vice president of programming and production.

Rush has a point that he should be entitled to make. Sports should be color-blind, not completely blind.

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NFL Picks

Philadelphia at Dallas
Carolina at Indianapolis
Houston at Tennessee
Kansas City at Green Bay
Pittsburgh at Denver
Miami at Jacksonville
Tampa Bay at Washington
San Francisco at Seattle
Chicago at New Orleans

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Texas vs. Oklahoma
Baylor at Texas A&M
Kansas State at Oklahoma State
Oregon at Arizona State
Iowa St. at Texas Tech
Miami at Florida St.
Penn State at Purdue

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Oregon
Texas Tech
Miami
Purdue



MCC Dance team takes over HOT Fair

Davis Gonzalez
Staff Writer

The MCC Dance team will be performing a variety show Saturday night at the Heart of Texas.

The Dance team helped kick off the celebrations by participating in the HOT fair parade, one of their many the community entertainment projects.

Director Sandy Hinton will have her team performing a variety of dances on the Pepsi stage, including

Pom and Jazz, starting at 9 pm.

It will be their third and last appearance at the fair grounds.

This year's squad features dedicated dancers from Oklahoma and Louisiana and cities like Arlington, Euless, Brownwood and Pearland.

This summer the MCC Dance team won three awards; two first place awards, one in Team Dance, the other in Style Dance.

The third award was for "Best All Around Team".

Director Hinton scouts her talent

during Collegiate auditions held in Houston, usually during January. Then letters are sent out inviting a selected few to try-out for the team. The Dancers are already well trained upon entering MCC's Dance team.

"I look at technique, flexibility, energy, projection, style, they got to have wonderful turns, fouette, triple pirouette turns, switch leaps, and toe touches", said Hinton.

All in-coming dancers are expected to know these moves before try-outs. Hinton manages to find all this tal-

ent with the aid of little more than a web-site she runs, a few letters to the dancers and the desire of highschool kids who want to perform.

Captain Haley Hinton, Lt. T.J. Maple and Rachelle Alderson lead the Dance team. Other members of MCC's Dance team are sophomores Sherry Blair, Sonia Riley, and Emily Smith. Freshman are Andrea Billingsly, Kati Black, Laurie Bowden, Samatha Cicirello, Sarah Drolet, McKeenzie Gillian, Shiree King, Megan Mayo, Mallory McQuary and Courtney Restivo.

MCC Foundation Invitational a success

Tonya Farmer
Sports Writer

For one day, local players could escape reality and pretend to be Tiger Woods.

For one day, that is.

The MCC athletic department hosted the 16th Annual MCC Foundation Invitational at Bear Ridge Golf Course Friday October 3.

It is an major fund-raising event for the athletic department, generating money for scholarships, equipment, supplies and facility improvements.

Both the men and women's sports teams hosted the event with each athlete positioned in a spot to oversee and assist the players if needed.

Coaches and other faculty members also walked around to keep everything in order and make sure everything ran smoothly.

The tournament started out with the traditional dancing of the MCC dance team with coach Sandy Hinton announcing the team's routines dedicated to former athletic director Wendell Hidaon.

Followed with lots of spins, twirls, kloks, and twirls. There was an unexpected excitement from the crowd and everyone seemed to find it entertaining.

Supporters of MCC purchased \$100.00 player fees, which included green and cart fees, gifts, lunch, snacks and beverages.

Participants had choice between morning flight and afternoon. Tee times for the morning flight was at 8am-1pm and included optional continental breakfast was provided at 7am.

In the afternoon lunch was also provided and the flight started around 2pm.

As the players signed in they each received a gift, which consists of a cooler, umbrella, visor, and skittles to snack on while competing in the tournament.

The tables inside of the clubhouse were decorated with glass vases filled with water and lighted floating candles. Surrounding the vases on the tables was an arrangement of golf tees to set the mood.

The tournament ended with the victors receiving trophies and other odds and ends.

There was also a silent auction present with pictures of Tiger Woods, legendary Don Hogan and other types of memoriam being auctioned off.

People stood around in awe as they looked at the display and decided whether or not they really

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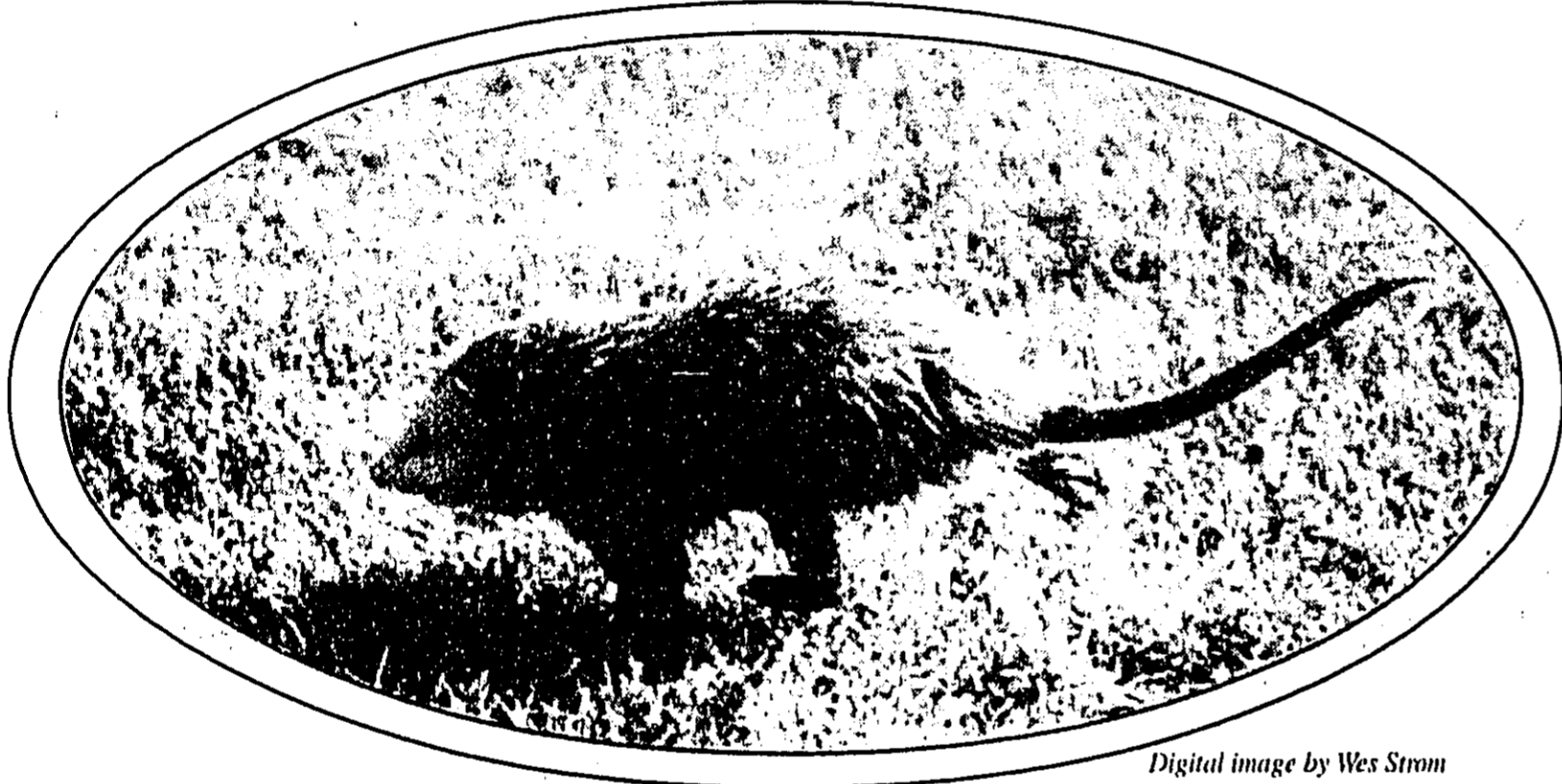
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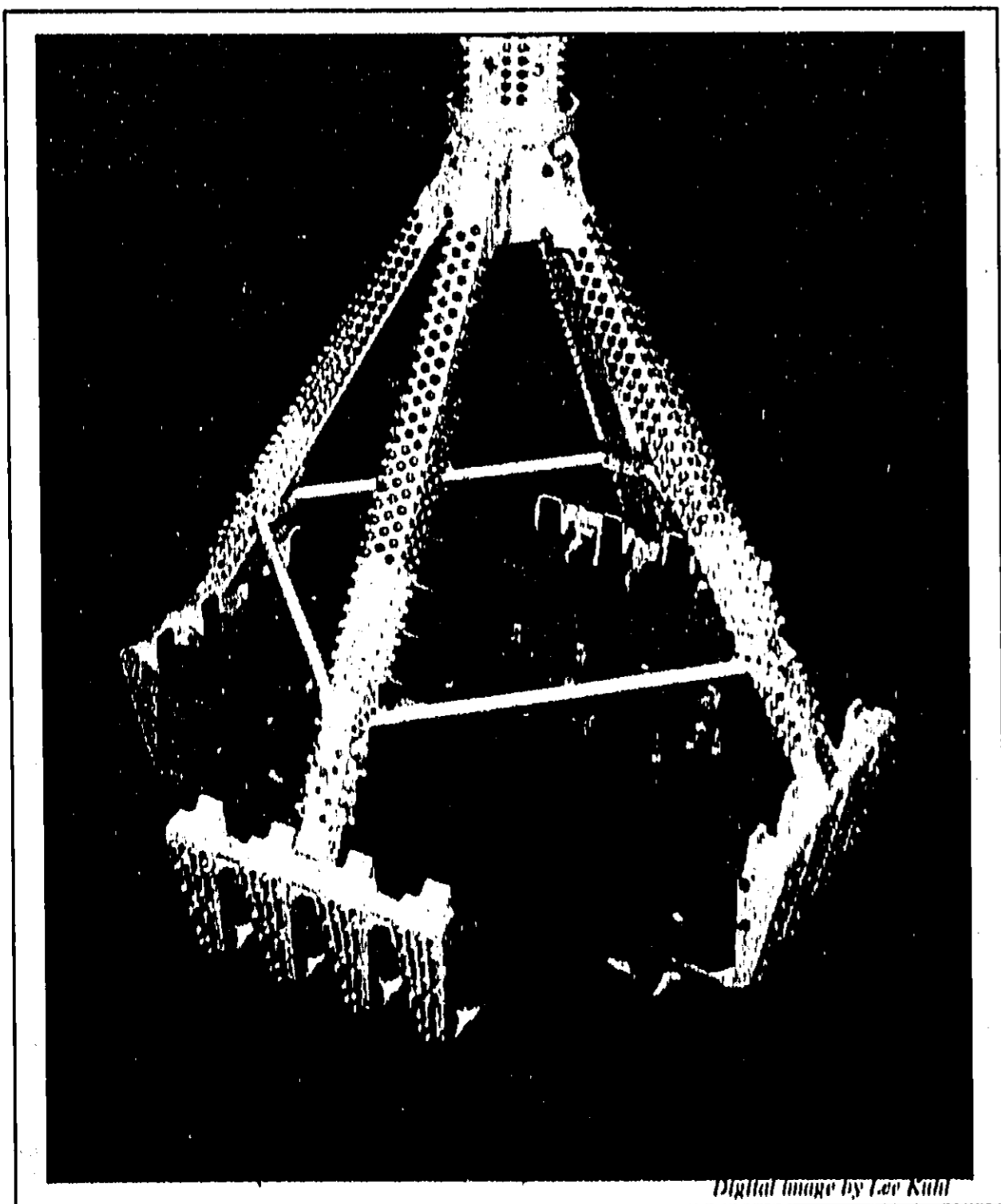


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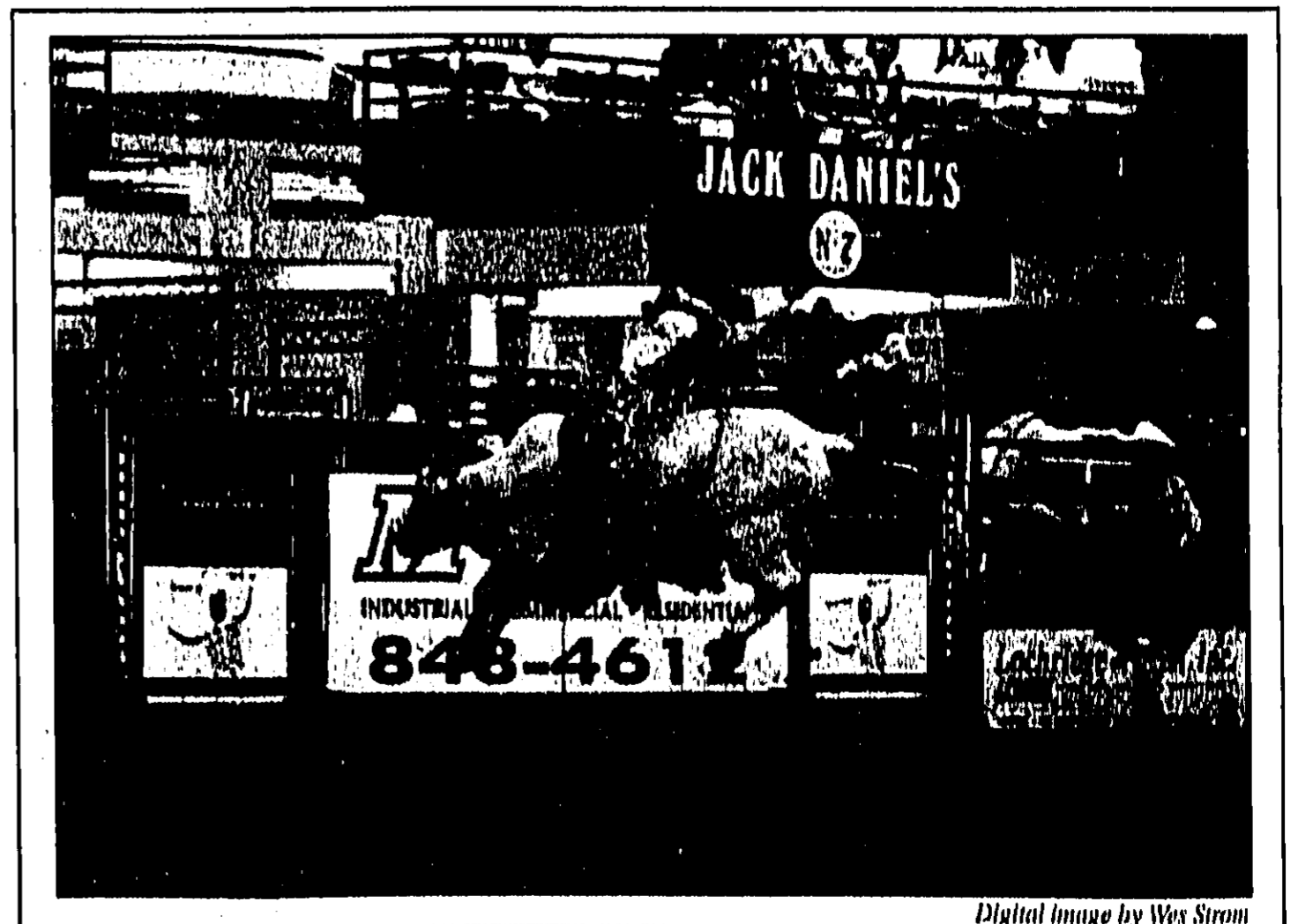
Once again the Highland Herald photographers have been pounding the pavement to bring you the news. Photo editor Lee Kuhl attended the fair to check on the midway rides. Erin Prueitt took the time to visit some friends in the Music Department. Wes Strom caught a small visitor on campus that had a little trouble with the trash cans.



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