

Let the games begin

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

Get out the old tennis shoes and get ready. It's time again for the traditional "Highland Games."

Tomorrow at 10 a.m. students will gather outside the Student Center to kick off the games with the Highland Run. At 10:30 a.m. the jalapeno eating contest will start. The record to break is 17 jalapenos gulped in one minute last year by Greg Millo.

At 10:45 a.m. the pie eating contest will be underway. In the contest one person will eat and

another will feed. The jalapeno and pie eating contests will be held in the Student Center.

Between 11-12 p.m. there will be a lunch break. Different clubs and organizations will be serving food and drinks. A disc jockey will also be entertaining the crowd outside of the Student Center. The Dance Company will be performing at 12:15 p.m.

The volleyball finals will be held at 12:30 p.m.

The traditional caber toss and stone throw (shot put) will be held at 12:30 p.m.

The co-ed egg toss will follow

at 1 p.m. and at 1:30 p.m. the earth ball relay will be run. With the four foot earth ball a three member team, at least one female, will push the ball through a maze.

At 3 p.m. the three legged race will be held. The teams will consist of a male and female.

The last event will be tug-of-war. Teams will consist of five males and five females. Afterwards the traditional Highlanders vs. the Highlasses tug-of-war battle will be fought. The winner for the few years has been the Highlasses.



Dance Co. national champs

By MICHAEL COLLINS

The MCC Dance Company danced their way to an overall National Championship Silver Cup in the recent American Drill Team School's National Collegiate Dance/Drill Team competition.

MCC also won a Sweepstakes Trophy for receiving a Division I rating for all routines performed. The Dance Company also won the Judges Award for receiving a score of 90 or more from each judge on all routines. In the novelty division a "Special Award," a silver plate, was received for MCC's performance of a Halloween medley.

In the Solo Division Tara Vaughn, Dance Company captain, received a silver platter and medal. A duet performed by Jennifer Cathey and Bonnie Montgomery received a Division I rating. Other recipients of Division I ratings are Tracy Herrington and Kim Woods. "I always got a 2 in the past and it makes me feel good to know that I did good and got a 1," said Woods.



Photo by Sam Allgood

ANGELA COLLIER and Jennifer Sharp stand in front of the teepee set up for the Multi Cultural Fair. The teepee was set up by P.J. Dougan, Dale Foulds, Zack Clark, Ian Cockrell and Greg Clark. The horses belong to P.J. Dougan. The teepee belongs to Steve Williams.

Mountain men meet on campus

By SAM ALLGOOD

A mini mountain man rendezvous on campus gave students a unique look into the past yesterday.

The encampment was sponsored by Greg Clark, director of student activities, in conjunction with MCC's Multi Cultural Fair. Historically, rendezvous were held so that people who lived in remote high-country regions—trappers, traders, explorers and Indians—could mix socially and trade or sell furs and crafts for needed supplies and tools of the trade.

Today's rendezvous are similar but with one major difference—major part of the modern mountain man's philosophy is education. They learn and teach others to become self-sufficient, to survive outdoors, to use the various tools of the trade, to not waste natural resources and to understand the ways of the native American Indians, said Clark.

This is done through public demonstrations and in camp

by teaming up experienced people with beginners to help guide and teach them, he said.

"The whole idea is to have a lot of fun and study the way things used to be."

The lifestyle appeals to a wide range of people, said Clark. "It's not a stereotype. It's for anyone who wants to enjoy the outdoors in a simple fashion." Although the meets used to be mainly for men, groups are promoting rendezvous geared towards the entire family, he added.

Most meets contain 20 to 30 teepees, however in large encampments they can number in the hundreds, he said. An average rendezvous lasts three to four days with one day open to the public to preserve the historic atmosphere.

Clark pointed out that in mountain man organizations which stress historical accuracy, there is little difference between the rendezvous of today and those in 1820. No plastic items are allowed including prescription eyeglasses. Clothes are made of cotton or leather and in the fash-

ion of the period. Cigarettes are hand-rolled. Topics of conversation and everyday expressions are in tune with those of the past.

"It's just like being in that time."

Various competitive events are held during the meets, but one event tests a mountain man's full range of skills—the mountain man run.

The event requires a quarter-mile run through the woods. While running, the person must spot signs (usually a feather) along the trail which designates a general target area. The target must be located and engaged with a muzzleloader (a safely hidden judge scores the shot's accuracy). The person reloads and runs to the next target.

Near the end of the course the tomahawk is thrown followed by the knife. At the end the person builds a fire using flint and steel with an official time given only after it burns through a rawhide strip hung above it.

Students receive awards

By ERICA MULLER

Students were recognized for academic achievement and for their leadership in campus organizations here Wednesday in the annual Awards Assembly.

In a Lecture Hall filled with parents and friends, these were recognized for outstanding service to one of the campus organizations: the African American Student Kindred, Eugene Jackson; Baptist Student Union, Danny Thomas; Cosmo Phi, Delores McGaughy and Verda

Murray; Criminal Justice Society, Michael A. Wills; Data Processing Management Association, Katherine Brigman; International Student Association, Maki Suzuki and the Drug Resistance Association of Waco, Ronald Wiethorn.

Also, the Nursing Student Association, Kathryn Maler; Phi Theta Alpha, Zahna Colvin; Phi Theta Kappa, Tim Heintzelman and Jo Lynne Winkle; Press Club, Shawn Risener; Students for Awareness of Latin Social Aspects (S.A.L.S.A.), Joe Alonso;

Student Government, Deborah Ritcherson and Zeta Omega Eta, Kristi Corbitt.

Department awards for outstanding academic achievement went to these students: accounting, Kristina Denman; agriculture, Robert W. Frost; art, Rueben P. Salazar; biology, Dawn L. Dunham; business management, Rick McKay; chemistry, Virginia Elza; child development, Michelle D. Meister and commercial music, Steven Rosas.

Also, computer operations, See page 2

Instructors, staff members are honored



Photo by Sam Allgood

HONORED FOR 25 YEARS as teachers at MCC are, from the left, Ralph D. Tatum, Mike White, Homer A. Allison, Joe D. Zujilek and Hoyt J. Burnette. Not pictured are Charles S. Adams and Billy V. Dowdy. The seven were on the original faculty of the school when classes began 25 years ago.

By SHANE HAMMONTREE

Fifty-eight instructors and staff members received awards at the 16th Annual Service Awards Banquet Friday.

The awards were presented to 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year employees. Award recipients and other guests were accompanied by their wives or dates.

Five-year award recipients included David Borron, Susan Burgard, Katherine Burnette, Pauline Chavez, P.J. Dougan, Catherine Fleming, Archie Goodman, Donnie Hagan, Stephen Harvey, Wendell Hudson, Julian Jimenez, Darlene Kilgore, Sandra Meier, Renee Preevey, Marie Popp, Brenda Price, Sandra Reyna, Myra Rimlinger, Nancy Silva, Gary Stretcher, Herman Tucker Jr., Barbara Worthen and Nora Willey.

The 10-year award recipients were Robert Ammon, Laura Anderson, Linda Beatty, Gary Brummer, Cyndie Davis, Jonnie Duncan, Kenneth Frazier, Richard Gimble, Helen Hamilton, Lawrence Kirkpatrick, James Kuback, Manuel Mendoza, Juan

Antonio Mercado, Nelda Miller, Robert Page, Ruth Pitts and Linda Snider.

The 15-year award recipients included Carmack Berryman, Marie Cobbs, David Hibbard, John Redrick, Martha Sauter and Judith Walsh.

The 20-year recipients were Barney Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Hail, Allen Hamilton, Billie Ingle and Joe Ingram.

This year an added award was added to the banquet. Since this is MCC's 25th year, a 25-year award was presented to those who have been here since the beginning.

The 25-year recipients included History Instructor Charles Scott Adams, Math Instructor Homer Allison, Biology Instructor Hoyt Burnette and English Instructor Billy Dowdy.

Also Physics Instructor Ralph Tatum, History Instructor Michael White and Chemistry Instructor Joe Zujilek.

A highlight of the evening was the slide presentation featuring the 25-year recipients. Randy Schormann wrote, produced and directed the presentation.

Play 25 years of the games

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

The MCC Highland Games has been a long tradition. The games have taken place every year since the first year of MCC.

The college set aside the last Wednesday prior to May for the festive event.

The first games were held on the present campus property before construction began. During construction, the games were held in Cameron Park.

The caber toss, a Scottish sport once known as "ye casting of the bar," is the traditional contest of the Highland Games. The caber resembles a small telephone pole, is grasped by its thinner end and thrown so the heavier end hits the ground and the thinner end flips to complete a somersault. The MCC caber weighs 80 pounds and is 12 feet long. The record throw set in 1987 by Val Fuller is 36 feet.



EDITORIALS

Letters to the editor

Budget problem must be solved

The Legislature has tossed one budget proposal after another around for state support to services such as education and may decide to make cuts in state support. This money must be replaced somehow to continue with the current level of quality programs and education at our college.

MCC has worked hard throughout the past 25 years to achieve a high level of excellence and quality education. We don't want to lose all we've gained and worked so diligently to achieve.

With budget cuts, additional improvements on campus would be improbable. Programs still need improvements and several departments still need updated or at least reasonable computers. Self-study programs have shown that MCC does have these and other needs such as buildings which need repair and salaries that must be increased to keep up with the standard of living.

We must either accept cutbacks and suffer the losses which could include poorer maintenance, larger classes with part-time instructors and the disappearance of some courses. Or we must accept a tax increase or find other sources for the needed funds.

We can't leave it up to the Legislature alone. We must be a part of the solution.

Reading unlocks a world of benefits

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them," Mark Twain once wrote.

The problem is that citizens of the visual age of television can read, but do not read much for fun and may not read well.

For centuries, books were a major form of entertainment. Then television appeared on the scene, and we entered the visual age. Books were replaced by television, computers, VCRs and video games.

TV has brought us into a world of visual imagery where the imagination is locked into believing what is seen on a 25 inch screen every night. Reading a good book unlocks the imagination, lets it wander free and unrestrained.

Let's compare a 25 inch television set with a copy of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Of the two which would be easier to carry? The book is portable and easily tucked away under the arm. Which of the two will be around longer than you will? The book is permanent and there are a lot less repair bills. A book is durable, how many TV sets can be thrown around? Books are great for killing bugs, perfect for step stools to reach high places. Books are excellent booster chairs and are easily accessible. How many of these can be done with a television?

Reading is more beneficial than the books themselves. You can learn more from reading. Books are still used more often than any other medium, even TV, to educate people.

Reading allows each individual to have his or her own mental picture of what he or she is reading. We've already pointed out that reading unlocks the imagination. It also broadens the reader's background, increases vocabulary and improves communication skills.

Sometimes we do not realize that there are people who cannot read, who cannot enjoy the stories, the freedom. Right now there are at least 35 people on campus who are learning to read. We should applaud these people for their efforts and re-think our situation.

Books are useful tools and should not be forgotten in today's visual age of television.

Read a good book just for fun.

Go to the library and ask the librarian for suggestions or ask a friend.

Read.

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Efforts need to be commended

Dear editor,

Many thanks for your efforts on April 8 to take pictures and produce a front-page story about the MCC Speech Team right at the time of your publication deadline. All of you involved in this news event—Reggie Black, Shane Hammontree and Michael Collins—are to be commended for your fast and impressive work. They really made us feel like news!

I also appreciated Erica Muller's article about our new curriculum for non-competition students who enroll in Forensic Activities-Speech 101.

Finally, let me extend congratulations to the Highland Herald staff for winning 13 awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association last month. Maybe we should advertise that if you want to be a winner, come to MCC!

Ann Harrell

International correspondence available

Dear editor,

I spoke with a member of your staff on the telephone about the International Student Correspondence Project, and I would be grateful if you could please publish this letter in your college newspaper.

The International Student Correspondence Project is made up of students from all parts of Europe and Australia. The project is about friendship, but it goes a little beyond that. It is a challenge to think about the different societies in which we live.

In European countries, one of the prevailing concepts of the United States is that of a society whose quality of life has been compromised by a growing crime rate. So far this has not been our (European) experience. In the British Isles the police force remains unarmed. Where do the differences lie? What works, what doesn't work? Have we lessons to learn from each other? These are just some of the thoughts and ideas that we as students would like to "kick around" with each other.

If anyone would like to get involved in this project please write to me at: Box 7731, Houston TX 77270 7731.

Yours sincerely,
Maryam Bashir

Earth Day not impressive this year

To the editor:

Last year about now, MCC and the rest of the world were caught up in celebrating the 20th anniversary of Earth Day—with a fair amount of passion, as I remember.

One year later we're hearing, seeing and reading very little about this year's Earth Day. Is there any celebration at all, or is the celebration perhaps a quiet one, more focused on and more dedicated to the actual doing of good stewardship of the earth we share?

In an article in the April 1991 issue of *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, some interesting and powerful numbers are given:

1. If all American households recycled newspapers, a million trees could be saved every two weeks.
2. If all the aluminum cans were recycled enough metal would be saved to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet every three months.
3. If all of us kept our tires properly inflated, America could save three supertankers of oil, \$2 million, and 13,000 tons of pollution per day.
4. Installing three compact fluorescent light bulbs in every American home could cut 47 tons of pollution and save \$6 million per day and eliminate 12 power plants.
5. If every home owner in America planted two deciduous trees, those trees when grown would remove 18 million tons of carbon dioxide from the air and save more than \$4 billion in utility bills annually.

Lest we forget to walk lightly on the earth, remember that other species than our own also call the earth home whose dignity and right to be here we need to honor and respect. We trespass on them in many and large ways, not the least of which are destroying their habitats and food sources for our own quick fixes and immediate gratification of what (we think) we want at any given moment.

Have you taken a good look at your values lately? Think about it!

Lois Kerr



TO OUR READERS

Because you, the readers, are the most important focus of our work, the *Highland Herald* staff would like to hear your opinions.

We strongly urge you to express your views and suggestions on any aspect of this newspaper.

Please submit your opinions to the *Highland Herald* Journalism department in the Community Service Center or call 750-3444.

Your readership is appreciated.

Pressing a point . . .

Support your MCC athletic teams

By JOHN PESCAIA

Where are the fans? I am talking about the fans to come see the Highlanders and Highladies play in sporting events. I have gone to several basketball and baseball games this year, and not many people show up.

At the basketball games, most of the people who come and see the Highlanders and Highladies play are grown ups and local high school kids. A few students from MCC come and watch the game but not many. I do not understand why they do not come and support their school because this year, the 'Landers and the 'Ladies both made the playoffs and Waco was the host site. The Highlanders always have a good team and Coach Hudson and the 'Ladies have had some good seasons.

It is the same way in baseball season. I go to the games and watch MCC play opposing teams, and only about 20 people are usually at the games. Like in basketball, most of them are older people with few students. Our baseball team currently is ranked in the top 10 in the nation.

The students should be proud because these guys and girls are giving up a lot of time and doing a lot of hard work as they represent MCC. People cannot complain the games cost too much because they are free to students. More people should go to the games and cheer for your school. Who knows, you might know one of the players on the team or you could meet and make friends with someone just by going to a MCC sporting event.

What's the problem?

Take time to enjoy young life now

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

I was sitting around the house this weekend just listening to the radio when a scary thought popped into my head. What is going to happen when my generation gets older, say 70 or 80?

I can picture myself in the year 2051 sitting around listening to the big hand station on the AM dial thinking of the younger days when I liked to listen and dance to the music. Somehow I feel that M.C. Hammer would be kind of hard to dance to in a wheelchair.

One fear is that I will be one of those senior citizens who likes to travel. You know the kind. The ones that drive 20 mph in a 55 mph zone, the people who take two days to drive from here to Bosqueville.

My greatest fear is that I will have to go shopping, not normal grocery shopping, but shopping for things like laxatives or even undergarments, the kind that let a person feel secure in public. Whoa! That's too heavy even to think about.

We college age students of today take for granted the life that has been dealt us. This so-called carefree life only goes on for so long then the baldness comes. Take time to enjoy the young life. It won't be around forever.

STUDENT AWARDS

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Also, general business, Diane Mach; government, Bradley Leuschner; health and physical education, Kelly Henry; history, Viola Anthony; interpreter training, Suzanne McCue; journalism, Sam Allgood; mathematics, Teri L. Cockrell; medical laboratory technology, Wondra Andrea and mental health, Janie Allen.

Also, nursing/associate degree, Alanda Travillion; nursing home administration, Melton E. Grider; office occupations/information word processing, Terri Moore; legal secretary, Paula Gerik; medical secretary, Michelle Sanders; physical therapy assistant program, Diana Cuevas; physics, Michelle Shelton; psychology, Patricia Jo Barton and radiologic technology, Danetta Moyer-Roberts.

Also, real estate, Patty White; respiratory care, Billy Bob Arnold; Spanish, Maria Friesen; speech, Lawrence Dixon; transfer music major, William Campbell and vocational nursing, Cynthia McCaslin and Connie Montgomery.

Special awards were also given: best overall business, Aimee Hoover; CRC Press Award-Freshman Chemistry, Joyce Douglas; Mallinckrodt Award, Danetta Moyer-Roberts and The Wall Street Journal Award, William D. Jackson.

Students included in this year's editions of "Who's Who in American Community Colleges" who were recognized included Sam A. Allgood, Patricia Jo Barton, Charmin Bonner, Dawn L. Dunham, Virginia S. Elza, Candice C. Fuller, Casey L. Glaser, Tim Heintzelman, Sandra M. Hewitt-Parsons, Mary Frances Kujawa, Joseph C. Long, Katherine Maler, Valerie K. Summy and Sally L. Young.

Highland Herald Poll

By WINDELL POWELL

What is the best thing about campus?



JOSE GOTTSCHILD (Brazil), freshman, business.

"It's different from Brazil. You get to choose your own classes and whether or not to go."



ISABEL LA LOPEZ, sophomore, business.

"Working out in the weight room."



JUAN HERNANDEZ (Philippines), freshman, business management.

"The teachers are nice and helpful."



TRACY HARDING, freshman, elementary education.

"The Highlander Gym."



DONNA WILLIAMS, sophomore, nursing.

"The size of the campus. Everything is conveniently located."




GERALD RICHMOND, sophomore, business management.

"The women."



Volleyball league forming



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MCC host of regional tourney

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

The golf team will be the host of the regional tournament this year.

The tourney will be played at the Lake Waco Golf and Country Club on April 24-25.

On April 8-9 the golf team competed in the 54-hole Texas Junior College Championship in Midland. Of the 19 teams which participated, MCC finished seventh. The team score totaled 930 and individually Gary Clark shot a 223; Mikko Rantanen 231; Dino Mazzola 237; Bob Shoemaker 244 and Terry Nightengale 245.

The Midland "gold" team came out on top with 885; New Mexico Military 916; Florida Community College 918; Odessa 920; Midland "green" 921; Grayson 929 and Weatherford 929.

Clark received All-State All-Tourney recognition as he finished second overall. Andrew Coltart of Midland College finished first with a score of 212.

Clark has also moved up from ninth to fourth in the National Golf Poll that was released on April 11. MCC's team fell from seventh to ninth.



Photo By NATHAN NEWBERRY

PUTTING AWAY -- Gary Clark practices his putting at the Lake Waco Golf and Country Club in preparation for the Regional Golf Tournament tomorrow and Thursday. Clark is currently ranked fourth in the nation.

Baseball team clinches Conference

Highlanders headed for Region V tournament

By JOHN PESCAIA

MCC continues to tear up Region 5 baseball play as the Highlanders have clinched a spot in the regional playoffs which will be played sometime in May at a site to be announced. The Highlanders are 36-13 for the year and 17-1 in conference play. MCC was to play Blinn Junior College in Brenham in a non-conference contest last night.

Rain postponed the Highlanders from starting the second half of conference play against the Cedar Valley Suns on April 12 and 13. MCC and Cedar Valley did get the games played on April 14 and 15 by playing in DeSoto and Lancaster.

In the first game, the Highlanders crushed the Suns 16-4. MCC scored a run in the first, seven runs in the third, two more runs in the fourth and exploded for six more runs in the fifth to put the game out of reach. The winning pitcher in the game was James Nix who went the entire distance to improve to 7-2 for the season.

Leading hitters for MCC were Mark Prather and George Kilford who each had a triple. Home runs for the Highlanders were hit by Kilford and Dax Winslett who had two in the game.

The second game was played on April 14 as MCC continued its hot hitting as they won over Cedar Valley by the score of 11-5. Both teams were tied at 1 after the first inning. MCC took a 2-1 lead after three innings. After the Suns took a 5-4 lead after the fifth inning, MCC blew the game wide open by scoring seven runs to win the game by six runs.

The winning pitcher was Mark Inman who improved to 3-4 for the year. George Kilford hit a double and Kyle Heller hit a home run.

The Highlanders met the Brookhaven Bears on April 19 and easily won the game by an 11-4 count. MCC scored four runs in the second, three more in the third and two in the sixth to take a 9-0 lead. Brookhaven tried to come back by scoring four runs in the top of the eighth, but the Landers answered with two more runs to put the game out of reach.

Sean Lowe was the winning pitcher for MCC as he improves to 7-1 for the year.

Leading hitters for the Highlanders were Cedric Allen 2-5, Jeff



Photo By NATHAN NEWBERRY

Warming up-- Sean Lowe warms up before a game. The Highlander baseball team has clinched the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference title and will advance to the Region V tournament in May.

Andrewartha 2-5, Danny Leigh went 2-3, Greg Merrell 2-3, Mark Prather went 3 for 5, and Sean Wertz went 3 for 4.

MCC won both games over Brookhaven on April 20 by the scores of 5-1 and 4-1. The winning pitchers in the game were Cedric Allen who is 7-0 for the year and had an earned run average of 0.65 going into Saturday's contest. The winning pitcher in the second game was Dax Winslett.

The Highlanders will play ri-

val San Jacinto in a doubleheader non-conference game tomorrow at the MCC field beginning at 1 p.m..

The Highlanders will continue conference play on Friday and Saturday in Waco as they play Eastfield. Eastfield is the only team in the conference that has beaten MCC.

The Highlanders conclude the regular season on May 3 and 4 as they play the Hill Rebels in Hillsboro. The Landers answered with two more runs

Girl Talk...

Safety tips for attacking dogs

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

How many joggers, walkers or bicycle riders have had at least one encounter with a vicious dog and you could have sworn that it was foaming at the mouth and probably was rabid.

According to the April edition of "Glamour," if you wander onto the property that a dog assumes is his, many times it will bark, growl and chase you until you are no longer a threat. The dog growls as a warning that if you continue your action, the dog will bite.

So what should you do, you ask? If you are running, jogging or walking, stop all motion; look away instead of making eye contact. Calmly say "sit," "good dog" or "no", never scream or make high-pitched noises. Slowly turn sideways to lessen the threat to yourself, and when the dog quiets down, edge away from it.

If you are on a bike, make a judgment on how aggressive the dog is. If the dog is just barking, then continue the same pace. Don't try to out-pedal an aggressive dog; one of you could get seriously hurt. If the dog seems overly aggressive, dismount and slowly walk with the bike between you and the dog. When the dog is calm, ride away.

Also, approaching a dog while driving a car can lead to a dangerous situation. Do not slam on your brakes or swerve before checking that you won't cause an accident. Slow your car to avoid hitting the dog. Blowing your horn may distract the dog so you can pull away, but it also may excite or scare the dog so make sure which way it is going to go.

If the same dog annoys you regularly, change your route; if this is impossible, carry a treat and you may make a new friend.

Bowling team wins traveling trophy

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

MCC's Alley Cats won the traveling trophy yesterday at Lake Air Fair Lanes.

One semester out of the year the Central Texas Bowling Proprietors hold a tournament for four area colleges: MCC, Temple Junior College, Central Texas College-Killeen and Baylor.

The teams are made up of students who are currently enrolled or former bowling students. The five-member teams compete for a traveling trophy.

This year was the first year for MCC to win the trophy. In first place, the Alley Cats bowled a 3,356. The team consisted of Khristi Whitson 386; Keith Montgomery 507; Carol Lee Madron 338; Mike Smith 595 and Michael Underwood 537.

MCC's Throw Togethers came in second with a score of 3,300. Players were Joey Pickens 366; Suzy Henne 438; Michael Tucker 440; Jim George 428 and Randy Oxner 497.

Third place went to Killeen's Ko-Japan and MCC's King Pins came in fourth with a score of 3,170.

Others teams for MCC were the Spartimers who finished in 10th, the Past and Present in 14th and the Strikers in 16th place.

Next year's bowling tournament will be held at Action World Bowling Center in Temple in the fall.

'Landers and 'Lassies recruit 11

By JOHN PESCAIA

Coach Ken DeWeese has signed four players to help strengthen the Highlanders basketball team next year.

The first player he signed was Jermaine Smokes, a 6-2 guard from Brooklyn, N.Y. Smokes averaged just under 30 points a game for all four years in high school. He was named All-Brooklyn, and was the fourth leading scorer in New York City history. His freshmen year, Smokes battled for the scoring title with Kenny Anderson. Anderson is the All-American guard from Georgia Tech who is going to play professional basketball next year.

The second player signed was Shannon Brantley from Houston Washington. Brantley, who led his team to a 29-4 record, was

named first team All-District and was named to the Greater Houston area. He is a 6-7 forward.

The other two recruits, both from La Vega High School, have made names for themselves in Central Texas. Chris McKinney, a forward last year for the Pirates who went to the regionals, was named first team all district, Super Centex, and second team all region. His teammate, Damien Williams, was also first team all district, Super Centex, and third team all region.

Assistant Coach Steve Shields said the coaching staff was proud of the recruiting which builds a strong foundation for next year with eight players returning. Shields said the staff hopes to sign a couple of more recruits in the next two weeks.

Coach Wendell Hudson has announced the signing of seven

recruits for the 1991-1992 Highlanders Basketball team.

Coach Hudson has signed Sarah Simpson, 5-9, from China Spring, and Kandy Spross, 6-0, from Midway.

Hudson also signed a pair of players from Robinson High School. One was Bonnie Hoover, a 5-5 guard, and Cherrie Sheppard, 5-10. Hudson concluded his recruiting by signing three players from Snook High School, LaTosha Pool, 6-0; Madelyne Pool, 5-9; and Stephanie Morrison, 5-7.

Hudson also commented that the NJCAA Region V player of the year, Tabitha Truesdale, has signed a letter of intent to play with Mississippi State. Martine Anderson has signed to play with Texas A&I and Stacie Alexander to play for Nevada Reno.

Highland Games begin tomorrow

Photo By NATHAN NEWBERRY



Tennis team to play at regional tournament

By REGGIE BLACK

The men and women tennis teams will be playing Friday and Saturday at the Region 5 tournament held at the Charlie McCleary Tennis Center beginning at 9 a.m.

The men's tennis team currently has a record of 16-1 and they have maintained their No. 5 spot on the Volvo Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association Poll.

The men's team national rankings are 1. Midland (Texas) College, 2. Anderson (S.C.) Junior College, 3. Tyler (Texas) Junior College, 4. Palm Beach (Fla.) Junior College, 5. MCC, 6. Abraham Baldwin College (Ga.) 7. Temple (Texas) Junior College, 8. Odessa (Texas) Junior College, 9. San Jacinto College (Texas)

and 10. Collin County (Texas) Community College.

This regional tournament could be more difficult to win than nationals because seven of the top 10 teams are from in Region 5.

Men beat SWTSU, Schreiner In last week's matches the men defeated Southwest Texas State University 5-1 at San Marcos. In singles Juan Gutierrez, MCC, defeated Brad Hamburg 6-1, 6-2, before Hamburg retired with an injury. Matteo Bares, MCC, defeated Paul Domawski 6-1, 4-0. Johan Godlitschka, MCC, defeated Berwit Cape 7-6, 3-6, 6-4. Ola Wallander, MCC, lost 6-4, 6-4 to Kurt Naumann. Peco Santillan, MCC, defeated Tony Palumbo 6-2, 6-2. Jan Hernandez, MCC, defeated Jeff Bulb 7-

6, 6-7, 6-0.

In other action MCC defeated Schreiner College 5-3 at Austin.

Women beat two universities The women have a record of 8-5 going into regionals. Last week they hosted Howard Payne University and defeated them 8-5. In addition, they defeated Mary Hardin-Baylor 5-3 and lost to Cooke in Gainsville 0-9.

The Highlanders are currently ranked 13th on the ITCA Volvo Women's National Junior/Community College Poll. The team rankings are as follows: 1. Midland College, 2. Tyler Junior College, 3. Cooke College, 4. Palm Beach, 5. Broward (Fla.), 6. Anderson, 7. Santa Fe College (Fla.), 8. Odessa College, 9. Peace College (N.M.), and 10. Florida Junior College.



DEMONSTRATING PROPER FORM, Jeff Murray lets fly with a tomahawk, one of the many skills of the mountain men. A modern-day mountain man, Murray makes his living selling hand-crafted goods at rendezvous.

Photo by Sam Allgood

It's rendezvous time

By SAM ALLGOOD

Like a reverse Rip Van Winkle, Jeff Murray can go to sleep and wake up 150 years in the past.

He describes the feeling of crawling out of a teepee into the peaceful calm of early morning and seeing 300 others stretching to the surrounding woods as just like being at a mountain man rendezvous of the 1840s.

Murray often assists Greg Clark, director of student activities, in setting up mountain man demonstrations at local events. Murray should know how... he's as close to a modern-day mountain man as it gets.

He doesn't watch TV or listen to the radio because "it clutters the mind." Cigarettes and soft drinks don't appeal to him. Everything, from his leather moccasins to his cotton shirt and pants, he made by hand.

Murray describes the current crop of mountain men as, "independent minded... severely independent minded, with good hearts and an interest in other people." Furthermore, most are "regular good old country red-neck folk who run the gamut from 80-years-old to little kids."

Traveling 4,000 to 5,000 miles a year, he sells handcrafted mountain man gear on the "trader's row" of numerous rendezvous. He conducts business firsthand on a trade blanket and from long distance through his mail-order business.

A deer-skin shirt costs \$150 with pants going for \$180. A museum-quality beaded outfit costs around \$1,000 with over a one

year waiting period. Most people begin with cotton shirts and pants of the period and collect pieces over the years, he said.

Passing the high-country traditions on to his son, he allows his 6-year-old to fire a black-powder pistol under supervision. Further, the boy learned the proper way to handle a knife at the age of three, Murray said.

Rendezvous name

After a person goes to two or three encampments he is given a nickname which either fits his description, some personal habit or denotes a special skill in competitive events.

Murray's rendezvous name is "Water Moccasin," which stems from his craft of making the Indian footwear and an afternoon of canoe jousting (opponents try to knock each other over with padded sticks). As tipsy as the narrow canoe he paddled, he fell in to the water several times before reaching his opponent, he said.

Practical jokes

In many recreational organizations new people are occasionally the butt of practical jokes. Mountain men are no different. From Murray's rendezvous experience, two favorites came to mind.

An old hand will spot a beginner with a shiny new knife or "hawk" (tomahawk) and ask if he can throw it (presumably at a target). After receiving the knife, the old hand will promptly toss it into the bushes.

Or, a new guy will ask an experienced muzzle loader if he can fire the man's weapon. Obliging, the man loads the rifle (sans lead ball) and hands it to the novice. He squeezes the trigger and is

rocked by the recoil and muzzle blast. The rifle had been packed with three times the usual amount of black-powder.

Old hands aren't immune to practical jokesters. Murray told of the time-honored tradition of catching people bathing in a stream and hiding their clothes.

Sometimes the jokes are tailored to the individual. He spoke of one man known by his fellow members as being scared to death of "rattlers." One of the members killed a large rattlesnake, coiled it into a striking posture, froze it and then allowed it to dry. After the true-to-life freeze-dried viper was flung on the man, he didn't speak to the pranksters for months.

At large meets (over 300 lodges), he's seen faked funerals and weddings. At the funerals, people gather and give speeches—some good, some bad, some funny—about the "deceased." He spoke of one wedding involving a really big woman with a pseudo preacher in tow. She would hunt out a hapless mountain man and yell, "There's the one." A shotgun wedding would soon ensue.

The big storm

All is not fun and games at a rendezvous. Murray told of being awakened in the middle of the night by a big storm with winds in the 70 to 80 mph range. The poles comprising his lodge (teepee) which were usually planted in the ground unfortunately weren't. He spent the whole night holding onto a pole.

The next day he went to a nearby town and saw a large steel sign pole that had been broken in half.

Winner: 'race with death'

By MARY KUJAWA

Rosemary Stovall has a message to pass on to others. That message is, "You only have one chance at life."

For Stovall that chance was threatened when she discovered that she had colon cancer in September, 1987. At the time she just had enrolled for a class toward her interpreter's training degree at MCC.

"I enrolled the very day I found out. As I went through the line, there was this little thing inside of me going, 'gee, I don't know.' But I had waited until the last day to enroll. It was one of those things where I was late getting over here," said Stovall.

"I went from here to the doctor. So I missed that semester," she said.

Denial

Stovall had lived in a stage of denial for many months before her diagnosis.

"I had bleeding for a long time that I was ignoring," she said.

Stovall explained she had caught the end of a TV program at the time that President Ronald Reagan was undergoing treatment for colon cancer saying that

by the time you've seen blood, it's too late. "So I remembered hearing that. By the time I started having it a year later, I thought, 'well if it's not just something minor, it's too late anyway.'"

She was later to learn that the program was only talking about it being too late for one method of cancer removal.

"Basically that misinformation helped me put it off. I didn't want to go anyway and find out. Trust me, I was definitely trying not to deal with that," she said.

Stovall also took the encouragement of others who told her not to worry about it and used it as part of her denial. "They were trying to encourage me not to worry about going in (the hospital). Instead I used it as 'oh well it's probably not anything bad anyway,'" she said.

Stovall began to change her mind when a friend lived through colon cancer in the summer of 1987. "At that point, I realized what I had thought was not correct," she said.

She went to her family doctor who performed a proctoscopy which is a minor office procedure. Her cancer was immediately diagnosed. After a colonoscopy verified the presence of cancer, a

biopsy was performed to determine if it was malignant.

When it was determined that the cancer was malignant, the doctor gave Stovall two choices: come in and have the surgery tomorrow or go home and think about it.

"My husband and I both said 'we don't want to think about it.' We went right in the next day," said Stovall.

Surgery and recovery

"Actually, my first week, I had tremendous recovery," said Stovall.

However, she developed post-surgical problems. Stovall was again given two choices: either go back to surgery and have a colostomy put in or try to outrun the "race with death."

Stovall had developed an infection throughout her body. The infection was caused by bacterium fluid coming from her colon. "I felt like I was supposed to fight it. I'm grateful to this day that we did," said Stovall. Otherwise, it would have meant a colostomy, an incision of the colon to form an artificial anus.

Stovall still has to go every year to the hospital for a yearly colonoscopy, which she will prob-

ably have to do for always since she has a tendency towards polyps. The colonoscopy is a minor procedure requiring only half a day to complete. "No big deal," she said.

Hope and help

Stovall was recently featured on KWTX-TV's series on colon cancer. She said that she speaks out about her cancer because she wants others to know that it is possible to catch the disease in the early stages thus preventing hospitalization and expensive medical bills.

"I was a person who operated in denial. I wanted people to know if you put it off, it doesn't get better. Cancer can only get worse. At the beginning stages when it progresses is when to catch it," she said.

"I really know how fortunate I was to get in the day I got in, because it wasn't getting any better," Stovall added.

"I guess my message to others would be, don't be afraid to go to the doctor. Today, technology is incredible. They can save people in stages way down the line that

you couldn't even imagine they could save. Putting off is foolish," she said.



ROSEMARY STOVALL

Photo by Nathan Newberry

She added that locally more people are becoming aware of the disease especially since KWTX-TV is doing a program on it every other year.

"The more they have stories of people, the more aware they are that they can survive it in all different stages. The y can see people who say there is life after this. But death stops you from doing everything," she said.

On with life

Stovall recently graduated from MCC with a degree in interpreter training. She has now been accepted into the nursing program and is looking forward to combining her two degrees.

"I got my degree in interpreter training but I've never done it," said Stovall. She said that deaf people are often misunderstood

because a qualified interpreter is not on hand to communicate for them.

"To think that I would be on the grounds of a hospital and someone (deaf) came in, they could call me and ask me to come down and help that person out. It just makes me feel a lot better," she said.

Stovall also plans to go on medical missions to other countries. She has already traveled to Guatemala with the New Life League, a Waco organization with world-wide missions.

"I'm grateful that I'm here to go," she said.

Stovall credits much of her recovery to a positive attitude, her family and the support of friends. "Oddly enough, it's an experience in life I'm not sorry I had. I learned a lot. I grew a lot."

Desert Storm veteran speaks from experience

By SHAWN RISENER

Army SPC Paul Scott Thronburg spoke to Charles Scott Adams' 9 o'clock history class about his experiences in the Persian Gulf War recently.

Adams called Thronburg "a bit of living history."

Thronburg is a specialist helicopter crew chief on the OH-58 scout helicopter and is in the 227th Aviation Regiment 3rd Armored Division.

He was stationed in Germany when he received his call and he left for Saudi Arabia on Dec. 18.

Thronburg surprised his family when he returned home for Easter on leave, his sister Carole Thronburg said.

Carole, a physical therapy major, was the one responsible for bringing her brother to class.

Thronburg said he saw little combat himself since he was in a

support crew which worked on equipment and moved in after combat.

He gave each member of the class a choice of Iraqi ID cards he had collected at an overtaken Iraqi camp.

The class applauded his accomplishments loudly.

Thronburg's father said, "We're all proud of him."

He said one of the most devastating things Thronburg told about was the burning oil wells. "He said it looked like the sun had risen at 2 in the morning."

Thronburg said when he first arrived, he thought the Iraqis were about to attack when in reality it was a herd of camels bobbing their heads up and down in the distance.

Thronburg returned to Germany on April 4 and is expected home sometime in August or September. His father said, "Just in time for Christmas."



THE PAINTED DESIGN on this cow skull is much like the name on a mail box for the American Indian.

Photo by Sam Allgood

Hispanic Club

SALSA renewed

By SHAWN RISENER

Student Awareness of Latin Social Aspects was organized to re-activate a Hispanic Club on campus this semester.

Student Government unanimously decided to re-activate the organization after representatives Eugene Jackson and Jennifer Barrett made the motions needed to vote.

SALSA elected officers at a recent meeting. The results were Joe Alonso, president; Evonne Carrizaleo, vice president; Laura Beilanga, secretary; Frank Gonzalez, treasurer and Thomas Brown, parliamentarian.

Alonso, fashion design and social work major, coordinated the re-activation of the organization which is open to any student.

Alonso said Deborah Ritcherson, SCJ president, came to him with the idea. "Deborah really pushed that we obtain an organization. I was now. I thought there was a Hispanic organization. Little did I know, it had died out, so we re-activated," he said.

According to Alonso, a handful of eight students have attended

SALSA meetings so far. He said other students do want to be a part of the organization but have classes at the current meeting time.

The success and longevity of SALSA depends on student involvement, he said.

Alonso attributes the organization's disappearance to a lack of interest. "There was not enough 'umph' in the organization and no one to lead the organization to newer aspects," he said.

Alonso said SALSA set four major goals to accomplish.

1. To get all ethnic groups to join, so they can work together as one.

2. To better inform Hispanics as well as others about Hispanic heritage.

3. To aid in campus activities and motivate others to do the same.

4. To let others know SALSA members are by doing things like attending schools and tutoring students if possible.

Students interested in joining SALSA should contact Alonso through the Student Activities office, Emmitt Flores, ext. 626.

REVIEW: 'Cosi Fan Tutte' an excellent show

By SAM ALLGOOD

Although the "fat lady has sung," the vibrant performances of the two casts last week of the comic opera "Cosi fan tutte" will be remembered by enthusiastic campus audiences.

For one unaccustomed to opera, the experience of heretofore "regular" students unleashing powerful voices in exquisite period costumes was awe-inspiring.

The first-class production featured a simple yet elegant multi-level set of graceful arches and ivy bedecked lattice. In a world teeming with recorded music, the fresh sound of a live orchestra was a rare treat.

Penning by Wolfgang Mozart in 1789, "Cosi fan tutte" (Women are like that) is an opera of intrigue and humor. It revolves around the inter-play between two couples and the influence upon them by a cynical old philosopher and a mischievous housemaid. Disguise and double-cross are the rule of the day.

The twists and turns of the story line offered ample opportunities for laughs and mayhem. These were exploited best by the animated antics of Zana Gibson as the irrepressible housemaid Despina. In her disguises as a healer and notary, she was hilarious in voice, mannerism and moustache. Look "Gibson" up in a Funk & Wagnall's and you'll find the word "charisma."

Eric Harris, as Don Alfonso, had a commanding yet affable presence. His rich resonant baritone was soothing to the ear unaccustomed to the higher ranges of opera singing. His considerable stature, sweeping gestures and sure delivery added a flair to the production.

Tina Bingham, performing as

Fiordiligi, wore her heart on her sleeve during solo numbers.

Bingham, her face aflame with emotion — her voice clear and intense — demanded and achieved the audience's undivided attention.

Lisa Renfro, with flowing raven hair and a tight bodice, looked as if she stepped off the cover of a romance novel. Portraying Dorabella, the less inhibited of the two sisters, she brought a sensuousness in voice and manner to her role that quickened the heart.

As the soldier Guglielmo, Kenneth Mott cut a dashing figure. In disguise, he seemed to become the devious eye-brow raising "Snidely Whiplash" of Saturday morning fare. Mott could communicate more with a sideways glance than most people could with a lengthy explanation. Any resemblance to "Snidely" vanished in his strong solo numbers.

As Ferrando, Guglielmo's partner in arms, Sloan Standridge was debonair. In turban, flowing robe and handlebar moustache, he was hilarious. Standridge shown especially bright when declaring his "advantage" after evening the "score."

With one exception, the opera was double cast. The Highland Herald regrets that it could review only one cast's performance. As several of both cast's rehearsals were covered by the newspaper, no doubt exists as to the excellence of the following cast. Members include Leslie Whitely as Fiordiligi, Deborah Price as Dorabella, Casey Glaser as Ferrando, Monica Parrett as Despina, and William Campbell as Don Alfonso.

The hard work and attention



Photo by Sam Allgood

SOME IMPRESSIVE VOICES are raised on the stage of "Cosi Fan Tutte" in its recent Opera Workshop production. From the left are Sloan Standridge in the role of Ferrando, Tina Bingham as Fiordiligi, Zana Gibson as Despina, Eric Harris as Don Alfonso, and Kenneth Mott in the role of Guglielmo. This was one of two casts for the play (see related story). Mozart's opera drew some rave notices from the audience.

to detail by director Lise Landsfeld were apparent through the quality of individual and group performances.

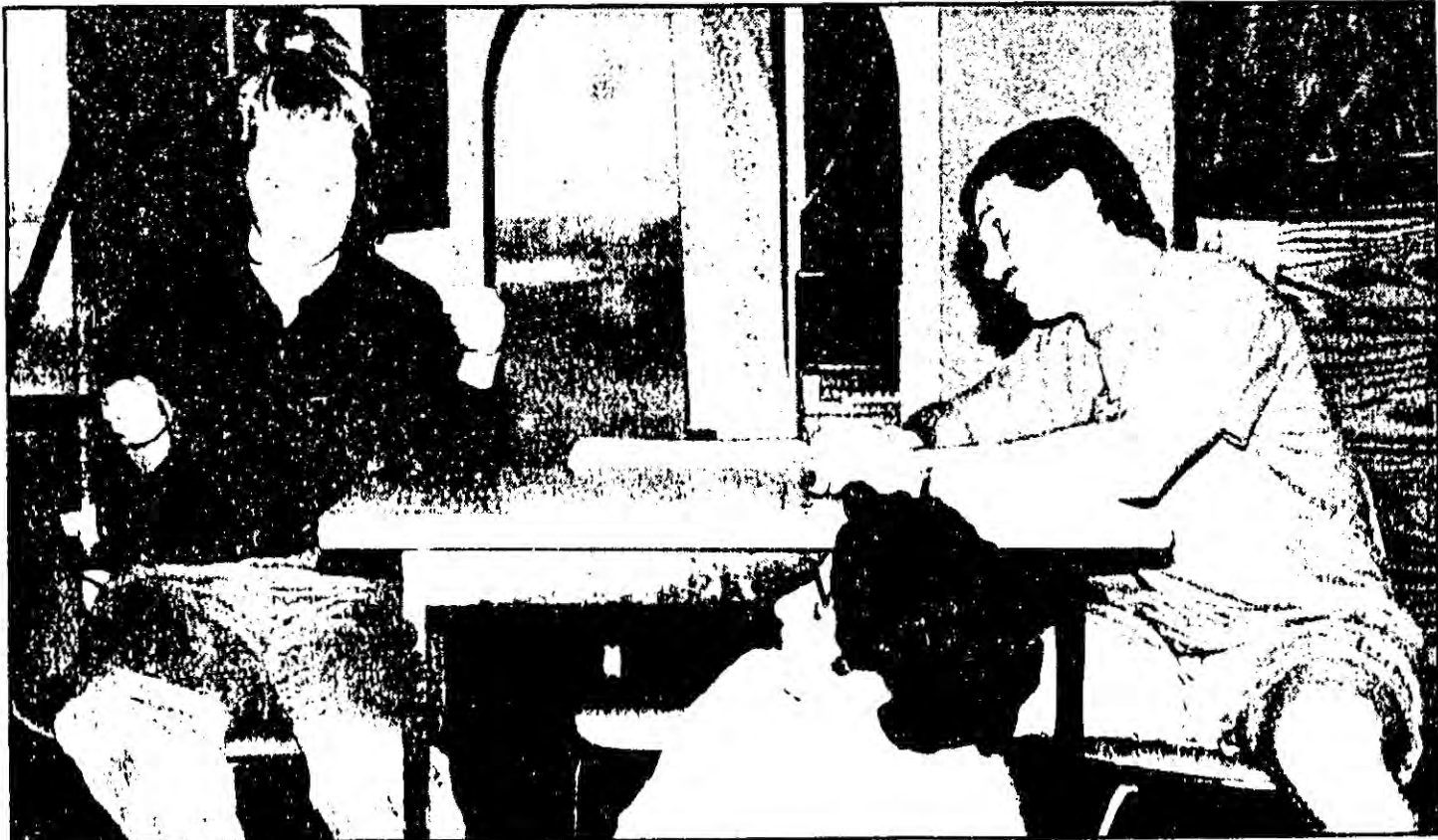


Photo by Sam Allgood

REHEARSING for "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" are, from the left, Amy Barber, Chris Navarro and Jacob Lowe. Barber has just been handed a "pro-

tend" picture of Rudolph Valentino. The drama, labeled a dark comedy by director Dave Borron, runs May 1-4.

Carpenter observes education program

By MICHAEL COLLINS

Lisette Carpenter recently visited Brunswick College in Georgia as part of a special team sent there to observe its educational program.

Carpenter, chairman of the language arts department, was on a 12-man team organized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, SACS. Her duties included interviewing

students and faculty members, checking records and observing the library and other special facilities to affirm the credibility of the college. These meetings are important to the college because it helps them to work harder to keep the educational level high, Carpenter said.

SACS sends these teams yearly to different colleges to evaluate their educational programs and report on what may

need to be improved. "It was a really worthwhile experience and being on the MCC team has made me a better chairman and instructor," Carpenter said.

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DAY SCHEDULE

CLASSES	EXAM DAY	EXAM TIME
Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes		
7:00 - 7:50 am	Mon., May 13 & Wed., May 15	*7:00 - 8:10 am
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8:00 - 8:50 am	Mon., May 13	8:25 - 10:45 am
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10:00 - 10:50 am	Mon., May 13	11:00 - 1:20 pm
11:10 - 12:00 pm	Wed., May 15	10:35 - 12:55 pm
12:15 - 1:05 pm	Mon., May 13	1:35 - 3:55 pm
1:10 - 2:50 pm	Wed., May 15	1:10 - 3:30 pm

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9:25 - 10:40 am	Tues., May 14	8:00 - 10:20 am
10:50 - 12:05 pm	Thurs., May 9	10:35 - 12:55 pm
12:15 - 1:30 pm	Tues., May 14	10:35 - 12:55 pm
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ELVIS GOES TO COLLEGE

BY J.D. DAVIDSON

MY, IT'S BEEN A LONG YEAR FOR ELVIS. HAVN'T IT? HERE WE FIND THE OLD BOY REFLECTING ON HIS MANY EXCITING ADVENTURES...



...LIKE WHEN HE PLANTED HITLER'S BRAIN INTO WAIT DISNEY'S BODY... AND WHEN HE LATER DISCOVERED DISNEY HAD DECLARED HIMSELF DICTATOR OF IRAQ...



...AH, YES... THE MEMORIES COME FLOODING BACK IN ALL AT ONCE, AS THE REALIZATION OF ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED WITH HIM LIKE A SATAN-POSSESSED 18-WHEELER...



...UNFORTUNATELY CAUSING ELVIS' HEAD TO HOWL LIKE AN APE.

