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## Rain doesn't dampen review of Arts Fest



Photo by Alice Peper

By FAWN FALETOGO  
Staff reporter

The second annual Open Door Arts Festival, which took place October 18 on the campus of MCC, served as a portal to personal creative expression.

At first glance, the fest appeared to be a flea market for artists with the sonic offerings of MCC Ensemble bands, but a closer look revealed an underlying appreciation for art and an urge to share creative experience.

Hopes to match last year's attendance of 10,000 people were denied as bad weather led to the cancellation of Saturday's agenda. Even though the turn-out was not as high as expected, the Arts Fest did not lose any money, according to public information informant Kim Harrison.

Unfortunately, Harrison points out, the Millennium Wall project, which lets children build concrete tiles in order to create a giant memorial-like wall by the year 2000, was hindered by the rain.

The name of the festival comes from a Waco-native Robert Wilson and his mammoth door sculpture, which is erected in the front of the Art Center. I found myself searching for Robert Wilson in the attempt to find out his impression of this fest, but I was continually distracted by the art displays and performances.

The constant beating of a drum called me from my Wilson-quest, and I soon discovered a man in West



Photo by Alice Peper

CHILDREN ADMIRE Raku pottery by Randy Brodnax at Open Door Arts Fest.

African garb, pounding away.

William Richardson, a trihal drummer from Dallas, seemed hesitant when he asked me to join him.

"These drums are usually not played by women," Richardson said of the Djembe instruments, which are made of mahogany and covered with sheep-skin.

Richardson explained that in Guinea's animistic religion, these drums are said to have been passed down from a deity with the purpose of spiritual healing.

I stopped after my hands got sore, and I asked Richardson if he knew where Robert Wilson was, but my voice was lost in his rhythmic drum thumping.

I made my way to Wilson's bronze door in the hopes of finding him there, but I took yet another detour.

Here, I found a display of human form sculptures by Dallas artist Ruth Hamilton. She was in working progress of another sculpture, this one of a woman raising her hands up to the sky in a Vargas-girl like pose. The quality of her work is impressive and is reflected in the sculpture price tags, the cost ranging from \$700 to \$1,700 each.

Other art activities that caught my attention were the demonstration tents set up for children, including painting with tricycles in Toulouse la Trike, making huge

bubbles in Bubble Science, and mask painting in the Third Dimension.

After paying for a poodle balloon made by a rather depressed-looking clown and poster painting with 6 year olds in the Art Center, I found the door sculpture that served as a culmination of my arts fest experience.

A volunteer nearby informed me that Robert Wilson was "somewhere in Europe," but she easily expressed what Wilson might have said to the question I asked, pointing at the door, "What does it mean?"

She answered my question with a question.

"Is the door opening, or is it closing? What is on the other side of the door?" the volunteer asked. She explained that Wilson's sculpture is only how we perceive it to be. It is what you make of it.

I noticed that the door has no knob. If the door were to close, it would be impossible to open again.

With this in mind, the sculpture stands as a symbol of the Open Door Arts Festival in that it sets the community loose in an open house of artistic expression. Festivals are rare occasions that citizens can interact and keep the doors of communication and sharing of ideas open. Adults do not have many outlets in this fast-food culture to express themselves, and they end up shutting the door to their creativity.

It is a shame this festival only occurs once a year.

## Highland staff wins awards

By WYTEESHA KING  
Staff Reporter

The excitement filled the air as 12 journalism students and their teacher boarded the McLennan Community College van on Oct. 15 at the Community Service Center.

The students and their teacher were on their way to Corpus Christi to attend the annual Texas Community College Journalism Association Convention.

This association is one of the oldest and largest two-year college journalism associations around. It was founded in 1959.

Del Mar College served as the host for the convention this year. Around 20 junior colleges in Texas that participate in the convention. Some of the colleges are San Antonio College, Lee College, Houston Community College, San Jacinto College, and South Plains College.

While the students were enjoying the scenery and the nice hotel they were staying in, they had time to go to sessions on Friday morning and afternoon.

Julian Ramon, a second year student, said, "I thought it was an inspiration to the journalism world and it really extended my thought process."

His colleague, Kyle Davis, had these words to say. "I thought it was a great experience for all of us. I learned the most about sports broadcasting and writing fields."

Jamie Jones, Opinion Editor said, "The convention was a good hands-on experience. Hearing from 'the pros' taught me that I don't last semester the students sent entries to be judged for awards that were given out on Friday night. The 'Highland Herald' didn't leave empty-handed."

They came back to Waco with the following division two awards under their belts:

- Justin Braswell, second place, news photo.
- Justin Braswell, second place, sports photo
- Justin Braswell, third place, column
- Staff, third place, headline writing
- Jason Hoskins, third place, sports news
- Staff, honorable mention, layout and design

The next convention that the journalism students will attend will be sometime in the spring at Kerrville.

RANDY BRODNAX PREPARES to fire another piece of his Raku pottery at the Open Door Arts Fest. Raku originated in 16th century Japan.

## Landers looking for a second trip to nationals

By BRIAN SHELTON  
Staff Reporter

Unlike the NBA teams around the country, the Highlanders have been working feverishly to prepare for their season opener that is almost upon us.

The Highlanders will open at Blinn, 7 p.m. Monday. Coach Steve Shields said he expects a competitive game.

"Blinn has been very good in the past," Shields said. "They've got some guys back from last year's team including Chris Anderson. He's a 6'11 inside guy who's extremely athletic and a good player."

The Highlanders will attempt to combat Blinn in addition to the remainder of its competitors with a

large group of inexperienced players. Head Coach Steve Shields said although the team is talented, to expect instant success would be "unrealistic."

"I like our group and I think we have a chance to be an excellent basketball team in time," Shields said. "We're not there right now and I don't expect to be, but we're making progress and getting better on a daily basis."

Maybe the best example of the team's emerging talent can be found at the point guard position. With the loss of Brandon Manning the team will rely heavily on the play of Nic Wright, David Hudson, Steve Helms and Kendall Garland.

"It's hard to replace a guy like Manning," Shields said. "During my two years here he ran the show for us but, it's not like we're talentless

at that spot."

"Our guard play has a chance to be our biggest strength. Although we're getting accustomed to playing together, we're making too many turnovers. That's a concern of mine but, it's not a fear in my mind."

Shields also said that although the offensive strategies will not change from last year, the new point guards will present a fresh style of play.

"We are going to be a little different offensively," Shields said. "We're going to score more from the point guard position but, we're probably not going to average as many assists from that spot as we have in the last two years."

The team will also undergo some changes on defense in the area of rebounding. In an attempt to improve on this area the team added a

number of big men including 7-2 David Schrag, 6-9 Walter Moore, 6-8 Jason Russell and 6-6 men Marko Krustulovic and Marcus Gradney.

"I think from a defensive standpoint we must get better as a group rebounding the basketball," Shields said. "Right now I feel at times we're a little bit passive in going and getting after the offensive and defensive rebounds."

"We're bigger than we were last year, but we are not as athletic up front. However, the big guys we've got are athletic when they play with some aggressiveness."

This lack of aggressiveness is common with inexperienced players, but Shields said it is necessary for the team's success.

"We've got to gain that hunger factor that we had last year," Shields said. "Just having that strong will

to win is important."

Another factor of adversity the team will have to overcome is a tough schedule. However, Shields said playing strong competitors will benefit the team down the stretch.

"I think it's critical to be good later in the season so, it's important to play good people early," Shields said. "I don't think you gain anything by playing poorly and beating the bad teams."

The meeting at Blinn will be followed by two more games on the road at Eastfield and San Jacinto respectively.

"Our first three games are on the road which was by design," Coach Shields said. "I wanted to get the team in situations where we're going to face adversity and see how we react."



Photo by Justin Braswell

Highlanders prepare for season opener against Blinn.

## Size gives team high hopes

By KEVIN BROCK  
Staff Reporter

This year's women's Basketball team will begin play at the South Plains Tournament in Laveland on Nov. 5, 6 and 7.

The tournament will consist of eight teams with South Plains, Howard, and two Arizona schools heading the tournament.

The women's team will then play its first home game. It will host the Subway Classic on Nov. 13-14. The Subway Classic will consist of four teams including Angelina, Weatherford, Blinn and MCC.

This year's team will return five players: Thorona Tindle, Tara Alexander, Tamica Tally, Tiffany Doneho, and Barbara Simmons.

Coach Hudson said he feels all of them have improved.

"But Tamica Tally and Tiffany Doneho have improved the most," he said.

"Tiffany is playing more under control this year, which is key since she is such a great athlete."

This team will mainly consist of youth though with 10 freshman: Melissa Van Hoose from West Columbia, Megan Moriarty from Killeen, Lora Tomlinson from Fredall, Winter Simmons, Tara Smith from Valley Mills.

Kristen Brashear from Ingleside, Lena Freeman from Robinson, Tamica Keys from Austin, Moriah Johnson from Mesquite Potocet and Danielle Willis of Killeen.

"I went after size, speed, and talent," Hudson said.

Hudson said this may be his finest

recruiting class "mainly due to the size of the class." But he also points out that it is the most inexperienced team he has ever had.

"Kristen Brashear and Winter Simmons, Kristen for her inside presence and Winter for her speed," Hudson said offense he will run a, "passing style offense, but fast paced."

"If we never set up and just play fast paced I'll be happy."

Hudson does not have a set starting five yet.

He says he may have a different line up every game.

"Team goals, he said, are "winning the conference and making the playoffs."

Hudson said he feels this team is better than last year due mainly to having more players, and depth.

## 'Husband' advances

### Student production moves on to five-state regional festival

MCC's production of "An Ideal Husband" was awarded the Regional Committee Choice at the recent Aron I. Texas American College Theater Festival held on this campus Oct. 14-17.

Southwest Texas State University's production of "Turandot" was also nominated to advance to the five-state regional festival.

In addition to MCC's nomination, the production was commended with additional awards

in the following categories -- Kathleen Cochran, Excellence in Costume Design; Richard Leslie, Excellence in Program Design; Brandon McWilliams, Excellence in Millinery Design; Ron Cole, the Irene Ryan Acting Award; David McConnell, the Irene Ryan acting award; Julie Linaud, Excellence in Acting; Leo Trull, Excellence in Critical Writing; and Laura Hubbard, Excellence in Critical Writing.

## Banquet to honor Butler

The college will celebrate the college's outstanding baseball heritage with a banquet Saturday in the Student Center.

One of the chief reasons for celebration will be the induction of Rick Butler into the National Junior College Athletic Association's Baseball Hall of Fame. Also to be honored will be former Highlander and major league pitcher Craig McMurtry along with the 15th anniversary of the college's national championship baseball team.

A number of men who played under Butler during the years 1971-1983 are expected to be on hand. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour and then the banquet and program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Those wishing to get tickets (\$13) should contact Danny Uptmore or Rosa DeLeon at 299-8604.

Get a job with the help of the world wide web see page 2

Inexpensive Halloween costume ideas see page 5

Discover the healing power of animals see page 6

Complete basketball schedules see page 5

NEWS BRIEFS

Governor to visit the Downtown Center

Governor George Bush will visit the Downtown Adult Higher Education Center this Wednesday to observe Matt Rice's GED class. The Governor will also be speaking at the Jubilee Center on Colcord and 15th street at 10 a.m.

Carvers, rev your imaginations

Student Activities will hold it's Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest Friday in the Student Center. The motto for the contest is "We supply the pumpkins; you supply the imagination." Prizes will be awarded to the carver or carvers of the three best jack-o-lanterns. Individuals or teams up to six members may compete. All MCC students, faculty and staff are all welcome to compete. To sign up, contact Amberdawn Moore at 299-8465 by Wednesday Oct. 28.

Student Government treats trustees

The Student Government Association (SGA) will be hosting a Board of Trustees Dinner tonight at 6. This dinner will be held in the Student Center and is by invitation only.

Learn to apply for financial aid

There will be two separate PASS Workshops in the next two weeks. "Applying for Financial Aid" will be held Wednesday at 10:20 a.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m. Next week's PASS Workshop will be "Personal Safety" on Nov. 4 at 10:20 a.m. and Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. The workshops will be held in the Health and Physical Education Building, room 101.

United Way meeting Thursday

The second information session on the United Way Campaign will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Highlander Room. Katherine Calucci and Paul Hoffman, co-chairs for this year's campaign, will be available to answer questions and assist in completing donation cards.

Faculty, staff bowling league forms

The AMF Lake Air Lanes bowling alley is setting up a bowling league for MCC faculty and staff members. To register, please call 299-8465 by this Thursday. The League is limited to only 50 participants, so please call immediately if interested.

Airmen of Note to perform

The U.S. Air Force's Airmen of Note will be in concert at Baylor's Jones Concert Hall Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets are required. For tickets, go to Waco Tribune-Herald at 900 Franklin Avenue. The Waco Tribune-Herald and Baylor are co-sponsors of the event.

Health career films here next month

National Health Information Week is Nov. 1-7. On Nov. 2 and 6, health career students will show films on health careers on the second floor of the Student Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Posters will be displayed throughout the campus with further information.

Crepe sales Friday

L'Esprit de France French Club will be selling crepes in the cafeteria on Friday. Contrary to the information given in the last edition of this paper, the club will not be taking advance orders. The crepes will go on sale at 10 a.m. until the club runs out.

Common transfer bill passed

During the 75th Texas Legislative Session, Senate Bill 150 was passed which required the development of a common application for admission purposes to all Texas public universities. The Common Application for Freshman Admissions and the Common Application for Transfer/Transient/Readmission can be used to apply to any Texas public university. The Common Application for Transfer/Transient/Readmission was developed for transfer students. To make the common transfer applications more available to students, the Coordinating Board shipped a supply of the forms to community colleges. As a service to MCC students, these forms are available at the Office of Career Development Services and the Information Center. This transfer application can be used by MCC students to apply to any Texas public university. For more information, contact Herman Tucker, 299-8660.

Learn to hold major events

A one day seminar on how to stage major events will be held Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waco Convention Center. The seminar will give those attending a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what goes on in planning and arranging special events, tourism, and hospitality through general session presentation, round table discussions, and one-on-one expert sessions. Cost will be \$50 for full day or \$20 for half a day. Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall or at the public information office in MCC's Community Services Center.

New apartments may cut commute and expenses

By SEAN MEDLIN  
Staff Reporter

If college is your game, but finding a place to live is a pain, then here's hope for you. The new Brazos Village Apartments are ready.

The apartments, which are within close proximity to the campus, will see its first tenants move in as soon as this weekend. Located at 2525 Lake Shore Drive, the apartments are conveniently located between MCC and Baylor University.

"With the style and looks of the apartments, they are basically renting themselves," said Delotte Spruill, the leasing manager.

The Brazos Village Apartments are set to be completed by February 1999 with a total of 144 units.

The complexes are a Tax Credit Property, which means it has rent and income restrictions. Those restrictions vary from county to county, meaning the amount of rent

paid is based on the amount of money students make.

Compare Brazos Village Apartments' 2 bedrooms, beginning at \$390 monthly, to a few other apartments. Brazos Park Apartments starts at \$665 per month. Pecan Ridge Apartments begins at \$680 per month, while Boardwalk Apartments at Baylor commands a firm price of \$750 per month.

Brazos Village Apartments also have more floor plans to choose from, ranging from 2, 3, and 4 bedroom apartments, as well as townhouses. Many other local apartments offer only 1 or 2 bedrooms.

The Brazos Village Apartments are available to MCC students with a few restrictions:

- no pets allowed
- only two students per bedroom
- not all tenants can be full time students, at least one of the tenants has to have an income.

If you are interested in a new place to live with an excellent location and fair prices, contact Spruill at 799-6355.

Leadership retreat sparks SGA goal focus to benefit student body

By JACQUELINE HARVEY  
Staff Reporter

The SGA Leadership Retreat was held Oct. 10 and according to SGA Public Relations Officer LaKosha Whitfield it was "a Saturday well spent!"

The members learned leadership skills such as team building through games and role playing. The members also used this as an opportunity to create their goals for the

association, and personal goals for themselves.

The SGA members also delegated members to different committees. These committees concentrate on scholarships, recreation, community leadership, and diversity. Each committee focuses on it's area and create ways to better it, therefore benefiting MCC as a whole. For example, the recreation committee is debating whether or not to have a talent show, a time capsule, or a TSTC/MCC softball game.

Preparing today's students for the demands of tomorrow

By JENNIFER WOKATY  
Campus News / Web Editor

In recent years, concern over the education system's capability to equip students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in their careers has resulted in federal initiatives. These initiatives, like the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act and the School to Work Opportunities Act (STWOA), have implemented specialized programs.

One such product is the Heart of Texas Tech Prep Consortium. Tech Prep programs address these concerns by emphasizing skills, academic achievement, and guidance to its participants with a technical/vocational edge to prepare them for successful careers.

"The purpose of Tech Prep is to prepare the student for career development and a strong technical/vocational background," said Anna Auvenshine, project director of the Heart of Texas Tech Prep Consortium. "This gives students an opportunity to go from their education and training to an actual job with the training to make that job a success."

Like STWOA, Tech Prep reinforces the skills and academic background to help students succeed in

their careers.

In 1990, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act of 1985 was amended to include technical education. The renamed Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act provides for the funding of the program under Title III-E to the states, which then awards grants to educational agencies within it, like the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Close to 1,000 consortia were funded under these grants in 1994, according to the 'Building School to Work on a Tech Prep Foundation' 1996 report.

Since it began in 1992, the Heart of Texas Tech Prep Consortium oversees Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties, including 43 high schools and three colleges.

"We're just one of 25 consortia that is working to cover the whole state with technical/vocational education," said Auvenshine.

Tech Prep students follow a program articulated between their high school and a college, working with curriculum specialists. Programs must be TEA approved, like Associate Degree Nursing and Computer Information Systems, which are both offered at MCC.

The Tech Prep Associates Degree requires a minimum of two years of high school and two years of college. However, the programs at

MCC begin in the ninth grade. These first two years serve to prepare the students for a more demanding course load in their education pursuit. After receiving their degree, students can enter the work force or continue their education at a four-year college or university to receive a bachelor's degree. In addition, students can earn nine hours or more of dual credit toward their degree or certificate.

According to a 1995 report titled "The Emergence of Tech-Prep at the State and Local Levels" over the 1993-1994 school year, an estimated 4 percent of high school students in consortium districts were involved in the program. To these students, Tech Prep offers several advantages to its students.

Besides teaching the basic skills and knowledge to succeed in the work place, students receive guidance in career development, support, and contacts to assist them in the transition from school to work.

"They get more guidance from their counselors. ... Those who have committed themselves to the program will get more attention from counselors and teachers. They'll get the same influence once they're into the community or technical college because they're into a definite program. They're not just guessing. Even though you have a counselor there and an advisor also, you're

still on your own to make your own choices," said Auvenshine.

"Once they're into the program at the community or technical college, they will do such things as not only job shadowing but apprenticeships and internships. They will get actual on-the-job experience.

"Not only that, they will be assisted with placement. Because they have been through this articulated program, they will have better access to the job market and the community/technical colleges will help assist them in being placed into a position," said Auvenshine.

In addition, the consortium on campus awarded over \$100,000 in mini-grants to local educational institutions to fund special interests that exceeded the budget limits.

At the time this article was written, the program was in the process of planning its 1998-1999 mini-grant proposal, as well as participating in a survey for Tech Prep Programs across the state to determine participation.

"It's an opportunity to strengthen the school to work process," said Auvenshine.

"There's an investment in this and we want the student to succeed because that's the only reason we exist. We're funded to build this support system between the public schools and the colleges. And if they don't succeed, we don't succeed."

Expanding the futures of young women

Campus to host "Expanding your Horizons in Math and Science" conference on Oct. 31

By REBECCA SHIVERS  
Staff Reporter

MCC will be serving as a host to the "Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science" conference on Oct. 31 at the Community Service Center.

Seventh and eighth grade girls will have a chance to learn more about careers for women in math or science fields.

The girls will get a chance to

participate in three sessions from 22 overall selections. Some of the sessions are "Tipping the Scales of Justice," "Run, Computer, Run," and "It All Adds Up."

Working women from all over Central Texas will be speaking at these sessions. The diversity of the careers range from director of media relations at Baylor to the owner of Poppa Rollo's Pizza.

The 200 girls attending the conference will get a chance to see a little of everything that the world offers.

This conference will be "an excellent chance for girls to learn more about what careers are available to them and to have fun with other girls their age who are interested in math or science," said Lisette Carpenter, co-chair of the conference. Carpenter truly believes that this program is a definite need in the community.

The Central Texas area highly supports this conference. Many donations were given by Baylor University, Central Texas Women's Alliance, Fidelity Bank of Texas,

Rapoport Foundation, and many more. The conference is sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

The conference is not only for junior high girls. Women from the community are invited to attend as well. Three adult sessions will be offered, which are Gender Equity, Financial Aid for Secondary Education, and Leveling the Playing Field with Hands-on Technology.

The adult sessions are free of cost. It is never too late to learn about opportunities in our community.

Internet Job Lines

Open opportunities for employment to a wide range of people

By JAMIE JONES  
Opinion Editor

For those people looking for jobs, opportunities are available on the Internet.

MCC has a job line, <http://www.mcc.cc.tx.us/pio/jobs>, listing the three current positions available.

The positions include instructor for the Child Development Center, a business management/accounting instructor and a part-time custodian.

"The job line helps recruit people out of state because the types of jobs available can be seen," said Ophelia Bird, personnel technician.

Although no online job applications for the service exists, one can contact the personnel office and have an application mailed.

The Texas Employment Commission (TEC) offers a similar service with more selections handy.

The TEC has an electronic bulletin board entitled hi-TEC.

The hi-TEC service offers job related information that is accessible 24 hours a day, around the state and the service is available at no charge.

Some of the hi-TEC selections are how to apply for a job, governmental job listings, directory of TEC local offices and information about the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

As well as filing for unemployment insurance benefits, current labor market statistics, information on wrongful terminations and how to avoid mistakes, establishing on-site or company-based dependent care options and TEC Appeals Policy and Precedent Manual.

The web address for hi-TEC is <http://www.twc.state.tx.us>.

Throughout a session, simple menus and prompts help guide the user through the information.

For more information, or if assistance accessing hi-TEC is needed, call (512) 463-2217.

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A window seat...

# Apathy is animal cruelty

By JUSTIN BRASWELL  
Editor-in-Chief

Locked away in tiny cells and surrounded by the scent of feces and urine, each day that passes for the undesirables is another day closer to death.

On the day of doom, death comes quickly for the condemned. The dead are then sent away for disposal and the newly damned take their places in recently vacated cells.

This is not a description of mass genocide carried out by some totalitarian regime. This is a daily occurrence at animal shelters nationwide.

This mass extermination of cats and dogs is the humane solution to a problem created by our society's apathy.

On a recent visit to the Waco Humane Society, I witnessed this apathy first hand.

Tags attached to each cage indicate how the animal ended

up at the pound. Although most are listed as strays, many were listed as "animal cruelty" and others were surrendered because their owners were "moving."

I even saw a tag on the cage of a beautiful boxer-mix puppy less than one year of age who was adopted then returned for being too "hyper."

As I made my way past cage after cage, I would stop occasionally to read the personality profiles of some of the animals.

"I am \_ years old, I am great with kids, my favorite toy is \_ , I can sit, and my bad habits are \_" were some of the profile statements included.

Perhaps I am softhearted, but each cat or dog I passed was desperately vying for my attention. Each animal's eyes seemed to realize their impending doom and that I was probably their last hope.

What is wrong with this picture? Apathy is animal cru-

elty. We domesticated these animals and it is our responsibility as pet owners to control animal populations.

Spaying and neutering programs are offered by the Humane Society, pet stores, veterinarians often at reduced rates for students, the elderly, and anyone on a limited income.

Those seeking a responsible relationship with a pet should always start at the pound. Shelter pets are almost always "fixed" and you will be helping alleviate the problem of homeless pets.

Anyone who does not "fix" or has "surrendered" a pet because they are moving or because it is too "hyper" should be forced to witness the animal's execution.

Then, maybe next time, the irresponsibilities and realities of pet ownership will be present when these jerks think they are ready for another "Fido" or "Fluffy."

## Letter-to-Editor

# Student Government retreats

Hello MCC Student Body! I, La Kesha Whitfield, am writing to inform you about how our newly elected SGA (Student Government Association) is progressing. We had an SGA Leadership retreat Oct. 10 from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. and it was a Saturday well spent!

We got to know one another by introducing ourselves to a partner and then by our partner introducing the other to the entire group. We also worked on team building through games and role playing. One strategy game taught us how to work together without hindering each

other.

Our faculty advisor, Amberdawn Moore, also taught us some lessons on short-term and long-term goal setting. She conveyed to us that one is more likely to achieve their goals once they have organized them and written them down. So we all wrote down some short-term and long-term goals for the SGA and for ourselves. Some of the goals we set included building better relations between the SGA and MCC faculty as well as providing more opportunities for student leadership development.

We divided ourselves into

committees to focus on scholarship, community, recreation, leadership, and diversity. Lastly, we learned more about parliamentary procedure to help our meetings run smoothly and to ensure that we represent MCC well when we all attend the TJCSGA Region IV Conference on October 24 at Blinn College in Bryan. To sum it all up, we had a GREAT time at the retreat!

Sincerely,  
La Kesha Whitfield  
SGA Student Public  
Relations Officer

# Unique, varied concert here Thursday

A unique concert featuring music of multiple styles and nationalities will be held Thursday evening in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 P.M.

The concert will open with the MCC percussion ensemble under the direction of Jonathan Kutz. The ensemble will perform selections from around the world featuring Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, and Japanese Kodo Drumming. There is even a piece that features six drum sets playing simultaneously. Next will be an encore perfor-

mance of "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Bird" by Lukas Foss. This work features faculty members Lise Uhl (soprano), Gail Wade (piano), Jonathan Kutz (percussion), and Kristin Powell (flute).

This performance will be a precursor to a performance next month in Norman, Okla., for the annual conference of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

After a brief intermission, the Waco Community Band will per-

form under the direction of Ed Powell. On this program are numbers ranging from traditional to ultra-modern, including "March, Op. 99" by Sergei Prokofieff, "Suite in D" by Arthur Bird (chamber work for 10 winds), "Ghost Train" by Eric Whitacre, "Children's March" by Percy Grainger, and "First Suite in E-Flat" by Gustav Holst.

Faculty members involved are Ed Powell, Donnie Balmos, Gail Wade, Lise Uhl, David Hooten, Jonathan Kutz, Linda Hatchel, and Elizabeth Scheiffly.

## Campus Calendar

**Tuesday, Oct. 27**  
Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m. in the Highlander Room, Student Center.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**  
Jazz Ensemble and Commercial Vocal Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center. Call Rob Page at 299-8240.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**  
"Expanding Your Horizons" conference, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Services Center, located at 4601 North 19th St. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, this half-day conference helps 7th- and 8th-grade girls explore opportunities in math and science careers. Call Lissette Carpenter at 254-840-4428.

**Tuesday, Nov. 3**  
Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. Call the Music Department at 299-8283.

**Friday, Nov. 13**  
• Preregistration and packet pickup for MCC 1-Mile and 5K Run.  
• 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Open area of

the Community Services Center at 4601 N. 19th St. Registration continues at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the Student Services Building. Call Phyllis Tipton at 299-8352.

• Highlassies Basketball v. Blinn, 6 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 2 of the Subway Tip-Off Classic. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

• Highlander Basketball v. Angelina, 8 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 2 of the Subway Tip-Off Classic. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

**Saturday, Nov. 14**  
• MCC 1-Mile and 5K Run, 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m., Student Services Building. Take on the challenging, certified 5K and 1-mile courses on and around the beautiful MCC campus in these annual races. The one-mile course begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K begins at 9 a.m. Cost is \$13 before Nov. 6 and \$15 after that date. All entrants receive a t-shirt; trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in both races. There will also be a wheelchair division. Race benefits the

MCC Kids' College Scholarship fund.

• Highlassies Basketball v. Angelina, 6 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 4 of the Subway Tip-Off Classic. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

• Highlander Basketball v. Blinn, 8 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 4 of the Subway Tip-Off Classic. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**  
Highlander Basketball v. Tyler, 7:30 p.m., Highlands Gym. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**  
• Casa de Café, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Library. Enjoy music, art and poetry by students, faculty and staff in a coffeehouse atmosphere. Call 299-8463.

**Friday, Nov. 20**  
• Highlander Basketball v. Eastfield, 7:30 p.m., Highlands Gym. Game 2 of the MCC Classic. Call the Athletic Department at 299-TEAM.

# "How do you study for major exams?"

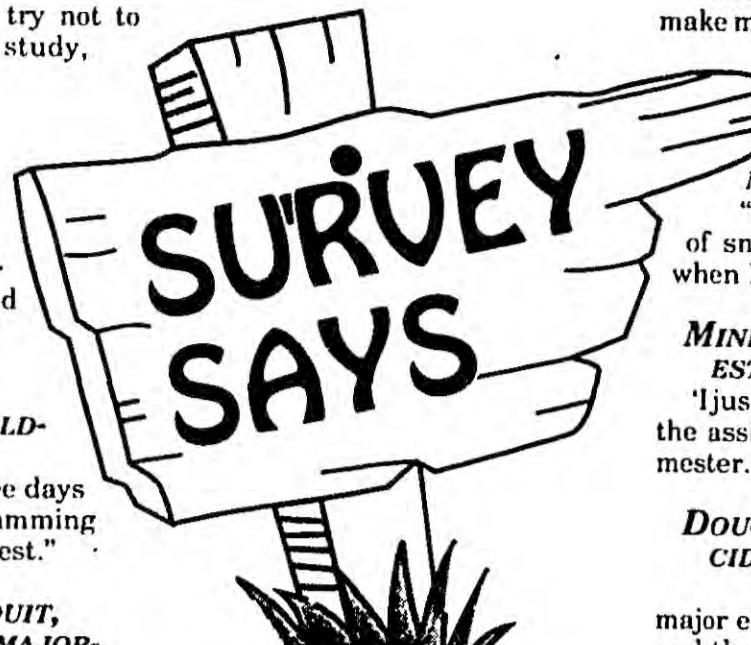
**RAQUEL CORONADO, UNDECIDED MAJOR-**  
"I take off work, try not to procrastinate, and study, study, study!"

**JOHN LEDBETTER AND JEFF FADAL, POLICE ACADEMY- MAJOR-**  
"Group study and mental preparation."

**CHRIS OLIVER, INDUSTRIAL WELDING MAJOR-**  
"Study two or three days before, instead of cramming the night before the test."

**CHRISTINA COLQUIT, COSMETOLOGY MAJOR-**  
"I usually read over material once in the morning and once before bedtime for a few days ahead of the test."

**LAURA RIVARD, NURSING MAJOR-**  
"I look over my notes for a few days before, study heavily the day before, but then the night before, (I) get a good night's sleep



**TION MAJOR-**  
"The way I study for finals is make my boyfriend lick my toes to make me study harder."

**MELANIE GATHER, ASSOCIATE NURSING MAJOR-**  
"I like to get different kinds of snacks and reward myself when I learn the material."

**MINDY MEINKOWSKY, REAL ESTATE MAJOR-**  
"I just read over notes and study the assignments we did that semester."

**DOUGLAS WALKER, UNDECIDED MAJOR-**  
"In order to study for a major exam I read over my notes and then study the chapters the test will be over."

**DEBORAH BROCK, UNDECIDED MAJOR-**  
"I try to take the main points and put them on flashcards, otherwise make an outline."

This compilation of student answers was taken by Crystal Hoyt, publications student.

and wake up to a healthy protein-rich breakfast the day of the exam."  
**JOSH MOHLER, UNDECIDED MAJOR-**  
"Pray for luck."

**DEIDRA EMANUEL-PULLIAM, BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP/SECONDARY EDUCA-**

# Inexpensive Halloween costume ideas

Of course, the holes in the sheet idea to be a spooky ghost or old clothes, a little dirt, and a hat to go dressed as a hobo are easy out costumes for going out Halloween night, but how about a full set of hair curlers, a pink house coat, fuzzy animal slippers, and a mud mask to go as a housewife (a really great get up for guy with a beard to go out as!)

Here are some other unique ideas given from experienced costume knowledgeable students.



**BONNIE ZYLKA, THEATRE MAJOR**  
"Go shop at Goodwill! Go as your boyfriend and have your boyfriend go as you."

**RENEE HOFFMANN, THEATRE MAJOR**  
"Adam and Eve, Go Naked!"

**JEFF ADAMS, THEATRE MAJOR**  
"Tape letters to your body and go as David Letterman. Get your old mums from high school homecoming, run mascara down your face, throw on a tiara and go as the homecoming queen runner-up."

**SARAH COLLINS AND BRITTANI GINN, THEATRE MAJORS**  
"Dark glasses- go incognito! Wrap yourself in plastic wrap or foil and go as plastic wrap or foil! Wear normal clothes and when people ask what you are, answer Duh! Wear green-go as a frog. Wear grey sweats- go as a cinder block."

**AARON MARTIN, THEATRE MAJOR**  
"Tape letters to yourself go as a mailbox. Go as yourself that would scare anybody!"



This is a compilation taken by LoriAnn Loden, Journalism major.

# Happy Halloween



THE STAFF of the Highland Herald show off some of the awards that members won. From top left are Kevin Brock, Jason Hoskins, Brian Shelton, Brian Hall, Elizabeth Meyer, Jamie Jones, Wyteashin King, Tiffany Brower, and Justin Braswell. On the second row are Kyle Davis, Travis Eyers, Jennifer Wokaty, Tom Buckner, Becca Shivers, Veronica Cabarrubia, Denise Amagan, and Julian Ramon. On the front row are Jacqueline Harvey, Chris Reyes, Rhiannon Bailey, L. Ephie Hearn, Amanda Priest, and LoriAnn Loden.

## Corrections

On Pg. 3, Oct. 13 issue, Uwe Carl's name was misspelled on the photo caption. The last name is spelled "Carl."

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# Faculty exhibits art talent

By AMANDA PRIEST  
Staff Reporter

There is a Faculty Art Exhibition beginning held in the Art Gallery at the Community Services Center (CSC). The exhibition features works from the visual art teachers.

Joe Kagle is featuring an acrylic picture called "Architectural Study." He is also featuring some laser study pictures.

Laura Reinovsky is featuring two monoprint pictures. One is titled "Singing in Her Song She Died." The other is titled "Little Other Care."

Barney Fitzpatrick has some

platinum print pictures on show. The title of his pictures are "Gallery of Trees," "A Frame of Mind," "Tulips at Sunrise," "Self Two," and "Self One."

John Chatmas has some oil on paper paintings on show at the exhibition. The title of his paintings are "Curled Branch with Rocks," "Birds, Rock, and Branch,"

"Rabbit with Bees."

Elizabeth Holtry has two modeling paste pieces featured at the show, the works are titled "Independent" and "Bounce."

Trey South has his pottery featured at the show. His works are made of earthenware, stoneware, and porcelain. He also works made from wood and wire. He has different kinds of bowls and platters out to see. Some other works he has out are titled "Urban Agronomy Series: Intellectual Erection Set #3," "Abitibi Worm Ranch," "Rama Lhama," "Abuja Series #5."

The gallery is located in section F of the CSC. The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 31.



"LITTLE OTHER CARE" a monoprint by Laura Reinovsky is one of many artworks displayed in the Faculty Exhibition until Saturday.

## Voice students to compete in conference

By TRAVIS EYERS  
Sr. Assoc. Editor / Production

Ten voice and opera students along with faculty members, will attend the National Association of Teachers of Singers (NATS) - TexOma Region convention at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK on Nov. 5-7.

Students attending are Sarah Collins, Tenisha Freeman, Laura Fry, Misty Garretson, Marcus Howze, Brandon McWilliams,

Kathryn Owens, Sherilyn Reed, Linda Shaw, and Amanda Totty.

Also attending are Lise Uhl, instructor of voice; Karen Albrecht, instructor of piano; Gail Wade, instructor of piano; and Jonathan Kutz, instructor of percussion.

NATS - TexOma Region consist of all colleges and universities in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

The ten student attending the convention will also participate in a competition of about 800 students.

"It's a very tough competition," said Uhl.

The competing students were chosen by voice teachers on faculty.

Students must prepare three songs for the three-round competition: an arts song in a foreign language, an aria, which is a song from an opera, and another arts song in English.

Students will be divided by classification and will only compete against other students of the same class.

In the preliminary round, students will perform all three song in front of three judges who will give them written comments and a numeric score on each piece.

If the total of the three scores equals 90 or above, the student will advance to the semi-finals where they will choose one song to perform before the judges.

Once again, they will receive comments and scores. The top five or six from each classification will then move on to the finals where they will perform one song before the judges.

"We generally do have semi-finalists ever year," said Uhl.

Also, the convention will consist of exhibits on music and voice. Various classes will be offered by those considered masters in their field.

Recitals are also part of the program. Lisa Uhl will perform a modern piece entitled "Thirteen Ways to Look at a Black Bird." She will be accompanied by Gail Wade on the piano, Jonathan Kutz on percussion, and Kristen Powell, wife of Edwin Powell, instructor of music; on the flute.

The group will perform this piece on Oct. 29 at the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. as an opener to the Waco Community Band.

Those attending the convention will also attend an opera performed by the University of Oklahoma Opera Company in which it will perform scenes from American operas.



THIS PUPPY, and many like it, from the Waco Animal Shelter would make a good, therapeutic pet.

## Students learn how animals can heal

By JULIAN L. RAMON  
Staff Reporter

The Animal Assisted Therapy Workshops were held this past weekend at the Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, and MCC had a part.

The workshops were presented by Therapat, a non-profit organization founded by Dr. Kevin Curran and his wife Shari Bernard, an occupational therapist. The organization is based on the use of animals in rehabilitation processes.

Animal assisted therapy has been one of the most successful means of healing, and the purpose of the workshops was to inform the individual on how successful it is and how to go about doing it. This therapy has been proven to heal a large number of individuals with different illnesses, including nursing home and psychiatric facility patients.

The therapy consists of using the animal to assist in the healing process, as opposed to comforting, which is used in pet visitation programs. The process works using animals that have been trained and tested to the point of obedience. The animal helps the healing process along by forming somewhat of a mental bond with the patient instead of just being a shoulder to cry on.

Although only dogs were in attendance at the workshops, the animals used in this particular therapy range from hamsters to horses.

People from all over Texas attended the program, including nursing home administrators, social workers, physical therapy students, and many MCC nursing students and administrators.

"I think this program brings information and attitudes to the Central Texas area administrators in the health and human services department," said Joyce Sims, community health and services coordinator.

"I hope it makes them appreciate the value of animal assisted therapy."



THE GATESVILLE DRIVE-IN is one of the few remaining drive-ins still operating in the country today. Advertisers as the only year-round drive-in in Texas. All other drive-ins are only open in the summer.

## Drive-ins: Fading away or here to stay

By RHIANNON BAILEY  
Staff Reporter

Someone once said "there were drive-ins on the Flintstones and there are drive-ins on the Jetsons." This statement brings hope to many movie-goers that one of our favorite pastimes will not just fade away.

In Gatesville, at one of the few drive-in theaters still in use, a carload of people is \$5 with the advantages of bringing a blanket to relax outdoors and a possible picnic. Compare that to the price of today's theaters with admission price of \$6.50 and \$4 for a large popcorn, not to mention the licorice and chocolate covered peanuts.

When the first drive-in theater was built in Camden, N.J. in 1933, no one ever expected it would turn into the phenomenon it is.

Today the number of drive-in

theaters has diminished to a little under 900 nationwide from an all-time high of 6,000 in 1961. With statistics like that, many people were left wondering why this has happened.

Many believe the reasons drive-ins began to fall is because of the fast growing popularity of air-conditioned, multi-screen theaters with reclining seats. VCRs and cable have also contributed to the break down of our beloved drive-ins.

Many drive-ins were victims of mismanagement and reluctance of the owners to change with the times. Although many did add innovated screens and FM stereo sound the numbers continued to drop. In earlier years, drive-ins only got the B-movies while the indoor theaters showed the first-run movies.

In the 1990s drive-ins are getting the same first-run movies as indoor theaters. Today drive-ins are dropping at a much slower rate than

in the 1980s, so there still may be hope to keep this culture alive.

Drive-ins were once condemned as "passion pits," places young couples would go to make out in the dark. But many would say that is what the drive-ins are there for. The first five rows are for people who want to see the movie. The back rows are for people who want to party or do other things.

The Gatesville drive-in offers a family atmosphere with the opportunity to be reminisce with the entertain-

ment of days gone by, while enjoying modern day movies.

Most drive-ins have playgrounds for the children, so no one has to worry about the movie being interrupted by a noisy child who cannot stay still. Drive-ins reflect a family atmosphere where everyone, young and old, can spend "quality" time together.

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# Tennis team searching for 'identity'

Team finishes fall season looking for team unity

By DENISE AMAGAN  
Staff Reporter

For the Highlassie tennis team, the trip to the University of North Texas ended in unfulfilled expectations after the team returned home with the unusual statistic of winning only nine of 12 singles matches. "Considering we are a young team, we held our own against all Division I teams. We are still searching for a team identity, but slowly we are progressing," head coach Carmack Berryman said. The tournament followed a seven

flight singles and three flight doubles format in which each player was placed into a separate flight. University of North Texas served as host to teams from Stephen F. Austin University, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Sam Houston State University, Centenary College, Southwest Texas State University, as well as MCC. Each of the schools participate in Division I competition except for MCC.

The most successful of the team was Floresita Lopez who took first place in flight seven. In her first match, Lopez outlasted UNT's Kate Ferguson 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. Lopez used the strategy of drawing her opponents to the net and then running them deep for a lob.

In the second round, Lopez maintained her level of play and defeated UNT's Jenny Noblit 6-1, 6-2. In the finals, Lopez handled Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Bridget Holubec 6-1, 6-1 with a patient style of play.

In flight one singles, Kenyan Phyllis Wilunda suffered a 6-3, 6-4 loss to UNT's Dawna Denny in the

first round. While trying to play off of her dominating forehand, Wilunda found trouble in keeping her backhand consistent.

In the second round, Wilunda fell short against Centenary's Reagan Vowell. In the third round, Wilunda, fully relaxed, overpowered SWT's Andrea Jaeger with a 6-3, 6-0 win to place fifth.

In the second flight, Ashley Jensen fell short in a grueling battle against UNT's Meagan Rymer 6-7, 6-7. Jensen was unable to utilize her serve and return of serve effectively.

In the second round, Jensen outlasted Centenary's Kelly Gains 6-7, 7-6 before Gains retired after two and a half hours of play. In the third round, Jensen played consistently but was defeated by SHSU's Lucie Marikova of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-4 to place fourth.

In flight three, Kristin Graif was unable to overcome nerves while playing UNT's Melissa Hodges. She was defeated 6-1, 6-0. In the second round, Graif dominated Centenary's

Mandy Yearwood 6-3, 7-6. She controlled the match with her overpowering forehand return and serve.

In her third match, Graif fell short against Canadian Lindsay Stone of SWT 6-4, 6-4. Graif ended the tournament in fourth place.

In flight four, Denise Amagan suffered a 6-4, 6-2 loss against UNT's Alyssa Brown. During the match, Amagan did not convert crucial points to her favor.

In the second round, Amagan played aggressively to defeat Sarah Everett of Centenary College 7-5, 6-2.

In the third round, Amagan fell short 7-6, 6-3 to SWT's Tiffany Schmidt placing fourth.

In flight five, Highlassie Amanda Schneider rallied with UNT's Missy McDaniel for two hours in the first round. Schneider was defeated 7-5, 6-4.

Schneider then breezed by Centenary's Christine Lavin 6-0, 6-0.

In the third round, she was defeated by SFA's Ashley Cagle 1-6, 6-

4, 6-2 to end up in fourth place.

In doubles action, the duo of Phyllis Wilunda and Amanda Schneider eased through the tournament to win the flight one doubles title. In the first round, the team smashed UNT's Dawna Denny and Melissa Hodges 8-5 before receiving a default from Centenary's first team.

In the finals they stomped Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's team of Yvette Martinez and Kristin Hedger 8-6 through aggressive serve and volley play.

In flight two doubles, the team of Ashley Jensen and Floresita Lopez faced SFA's team of Meredith Watson and Katie Christensen.

The Highlassies were defeated 8-0. While Jensen was trying to recover from two swollen feet of blisters and Lopez coped with a wrist injury, the team faced UNT's Alyssa Brown and Meagan Rymer. The team lost 8-2.

In its third match, the team won a solid match over SWT's Tiffany Schmidt and Lisa Sternberg 8-5 to

end up in fifth place.

In the third flight, the duo of Kristin Graif and Denise Amagan faced a tough match against UNT's Bettina Rettenmaier and Missy McDaniel in the first round. The MCC team fought hard but was defeated 8-3.

In second round action, the duo handled Centenary's Anne Fecht and Tiffany Millard 8-2.

In the third round, the pair rallied past SFA's Amanda Tasbizi and Jenny Friedman to a 8-6 defeat to win third place.

Although the performance of the team was not as good as they had hoped, each member looks at the tournament as a growing experience.

"Even though we did not play to the best of our ability, we now know what we need to work on and we see it as an incentive to do better in the tournaments to come," sophomore Phyllis Wilunda said.

The team travels to the University of Texas-San Antonio for its next tournament.

## Academics, weather keep golf teams in clubhouse

By KYLE DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

Academics and the weather caused an unexpected twist in the schedules for the MCC golf teams.

The women were supposed to play in the University of Mary Hardin Baylor tournament in Temple. Because the team was worried about their academics, they chose not to participate.

"We couldn't afford to miss any more days," said MCC golf coach Stan Mitchell.

The women's team had missed classes on Monday and Tuesday for three consecutive weeks.

**MEN**  
The second round of the men's event at the Tyler Junior College Tournament was washed out due to torrential downpours in the area. They did manage to get in one round of golf at Van Zandt Country Club before the rain hit.

"There were pools of water on the course's greens," said Mitchell.

The team finished the tournament seventh out of 12 teams shoot-

ing a 11-over-par 299. The Paris "A" team, ranked third in the nation, finished with a 6-under-par 282.

"It became a putting tournament," Mitchell said.

The results are compiled by taking the best four scores from each team's five participants.

Curtis Ohrn and Stuart Whicher tied for the best score for the Highlanders, both finishing with a 75. This placed them six strokes behind Paris's Mark Warren.

Other MCC scores were Chris Ohrn with a 75, Danny Graud with a 76, and Paul Garcia with a 78. Mitchell was pleased with the results.

"The kids played real well considering the weather conditions," he said.

The next tournament for the Highlanders will be Oct. 26-27 at the Odessa College Golf Tournament.

"We're doing well and getting better and better all the time! We don't have to be our best until April," Mitchell said.

The women will play next at the Sam Houston State University Golf Tournament in Huntsville.



Close knit group

A Highlander grabs the shirt of team mate in a recent practice at the Highlands.

## The Highlands is a good home for Jaguars

By JASON HOSKINS  
Sports Editor

Ten large cats will be making a home in the Highlands gym this January.

The Southwest basketball league decided to add Waco to its list of teams that brings big time basketball to fans who don't have the money to see an NBA game.

"Waco deserves the same opportunities that Killeen or Dallas gets," said Victor Jones, owner of the team.

The league will bring all of the rules and excitement of the NBA without the high ticket prices and the huge arenas where the affordable seats are usually the worst seats.

"We want to go where a fan can get a good seat anywhere in the place, there's not a bad seat in the house," Jones said.

The Waco Jaguars will join the Austin Cyclones, Dallas Express, Corpus Christi Sharks and the Killeen Bombers in the league with three other teams in the making.

When Jones came to Waco on Dec. 22 to scout the town and find a

home for the Jaguars, he came to the Highlands during basketball practice.

When he left the gym he instantly picked up his cell phone and called the general manager.

"This is awesome. There is no way we can get in here. It sure is nice," Jones said. "It is perfect for the amount of fans we'll have."

"The Jaguars will benefit the college and the college will benefit the team in many ways.

The college benefits the Jaguars by providing them a home and helping them get started in the league.

"We're trying to help a small business get started," Athletic Director Wendell Hudson said.

The Jaguars will pay a minimal rent for use of the Highlands.

"The people at MCC are willing to work with us," Jones said.

Signing former Highlanders and local players should bring large crowds to the Highlands.

Proceeds from the concession stands will benefit the college and if the Jaguars do well in its first season it plans on providing scholarships to students at the college.

The season will start on Jan. 25

it won't compete with football season.

Tickets to the games will run from \$5 to \$20 with discount tickets for students.

"A family of four can come to one of our games for around \$20," Jones said.

Jaguar games will be held on days when Baylor doesn't play at home in order to support Baylor and prevent any separation in the community.

The games will bring a lot of excitement for the fans in attendance. The teams will have a 24 second clock that will keep a fast pace the whole game and the three point line will be pushed back to keep the game around the rim.

Half time will also be exciting for the fans. The first season will feature a car giveaway where a fan has the chance to make a couple of baskets to take home a brand new car.

"All we want to do is have a good time," said Jones.

Each team in the league has a weekly salary cap of \$2000 that pays the players. If the team does well bonuses will be distributed to the players.

Scheduling the games on Thursday and Sunday nights will enable the players to keep regular jobs and still play for the team.

If a player's home is out of town the team will help provide housing and food for the athletes in addition to their salary.

"We're going to take care of our players," General Manager Tom Styer said.

The team will be totally community oriented, giving back to the community as much as they can.

Each player's contract will state that he will serve 30 hours of community service.

Each player will also sign autographs or take pictures with the fans after the games.

Tickets will be given to various organizations in order for the team to be noticed in the community.

"This is Waco's team, if it supports Waco, I'm for it," Jones said.

New jaguars will include former Highlanders Romelle People, 6-5, and Damien McKinney, 6-1, Alvia Jefferson, 6-6, and Torrey Burn (6-3) from Waco and Kirk Brown (6-3) and Dan Rushing (6-10) from Austin.

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11/7	Eastfield	Mesquite	7:00
11/10	San Jacinto	Pasadena	7:00
11/13	Subway Tip-Off Classic	The Highlands	
	Blinn vs Weatherford		4:00
	Angelina vs MCC		8:00
11/14	Weatherford vs Angelina		4:00
	Blinn vs MCC		8:00
11/17	Tyler	The Highlands	7:30
	MCC Classic		
11/20	Navarro vs Hill		5:30
	Eastfield vs MCC		7:30
11/21	Hill vs Eastfield		5:30
	Navarro vs MCC		7:30
	Cowboy Capital Classic	Dodge City KA	
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11/27	TBA	TBA	
11/28	TBA	TBA	
12/2	*Hill	Hill	7:30
	Temple Classic	Temple	
12/4	Lackland Air Force Base		5:30
12/5	Western Oklahoma		5:30
12/10	*Cisco	The Highlands	8:00
1/5	Richland	Dallas	7:00
1/9	*Collin	Plano	8:00
1/13	*Temple-Coca Cola Night	The Highlands	8:00
1/16	*Weatherford	Weatherford	8:00
1/20	*Ranger-Village Green Night	The Highlands	8:00
1/23	*SWCC	The Highlands	8:00
1/30	*Grayson	The Highlands	8:00
2/1	*Hill-Hillcrest Night	The Highlands	8:00
2/3	*Cisco	Cisco	8:00
2/6	*Collin	The Highlands	8:00
2/10	*Temple	The Highlands	8:00
2/13	*Weatherford-Pizza Hut Night	The Highlands	8:00
2/17	Ranger	Ranger	8:00
2/20	*SWCC	The Highlands	8:00
2/25	*Grayson	Sherman	8:00

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
11/5-7	South Plains Tournament	Levelland	TBA
	Subway Classic	The Highlands	
11/13	Angelina vs Weatherford		2:00
	MCC vs Blinn		6:00
11/14	Weatherford vs Blinn		2:00
	MCC vs Angelina		6:00
11/17	Angelina	Lufkin	6:00
11/23	Panola	Carthage	6:00
12/2	*Hill	Hillsboro	5:30
12/5	Blinn	Brenham	6:00
12/7	Panola	Waco	6:00
12/10	*Cisco	The Highlands	6:00
1/4-5	State JUCO Tournament	The Highlands	TBA
1/9	*Collin	Plano	6:00
1/13	*Temple - Coke Cola Night	The Highlands	6:00
1/16	Weatherford	Weatherford	6:00
1/20	*Ranger - Village Green Night	The Highlands	6:00
1/23	*SWCC	Terrell	6:00
1/30	*Grayson	The Highlands	6:00
2/1	*Hill - Hillcrest Night	Waco	6:00
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By BRIAN HALL  
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With the weather turning colder, and the leaves beginning to fall, my weekends are filled with the pleasure of watching and discussing football.

Yet right around the corner is basketball season. The Highlanders should once again have a strong team as they have brought in many new recruits to blend with two of last year's stars, Meochy Sims and Senecca Wall.

Last year the Highlanders returned to the national tournament for the first time in 22 years. Many students do not know what they are missing by not attending MCC basketball games. The Highlanders play an exciting brand of basketball and are competitive night in and night out. However, college basketball is not the only excitement that will be experienced at the Highlands.

This year the Highlanders will be

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home to the Waco Jaguars, a professional basketball team from the Southwest Basketball League. This team should be a nice change from what's going on in the NBA, where there are the overpaid whining pros that are currently in the midst of a lockout by the owners.

Before this now labor dispute the NBA had been the only professional sports league that had never lost a regular season game due to a lockout or strike. This year the first two weeks of the season has been cancelled with more games being considered.

While the owners are the reason for the current work stoppage, they

are not totally to blame. The owners are trying to gain control of the sport before it gets to the point that they cannot control.

The sport is on the verge of losing its only true superstar and key marketing piece in Michael Jordan. With salaries rising and ticket prices becoming outrageous the owners are trying to slow the flow of money and reverse the balance of power in the NBA.

Therefore both sides of the labor dispute are at fault. The owners should have tried to slow this momentum many years ago before they signed their first \$100 million athlete.

The athletes can be faulted for blackmailing the owners until they got their price. Also hold-outs are ridiculous, if one is currently signed to a contract the players must be forced to hold up their end of the agreement. One cannot fault the players because, as any red-blooded American would do, I would try to get the most money I can. Yet some kind of line needs to be drawn.

The owners and players need to wake up and realize what they are doing. They are going to sacrifice a whole season and make the fans angry. The NBA was one of the largest and quickest growing spectator sports in the world. Now all has gone to waste. If the NBA thinks it will just survive and everything will be fine next year, it needs to open its eyes.

Remember what happened to major league baseball. It took one of the greatest seasons in baseball history, and two great men, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, to draw fans back into the sport.

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