

Student Life

PTK hosts musical event

LaSonya Darby
Staff writer

An eclectic mix of musical styles drew crowds together to fight cancer at a variety show entitled "An Enchanted Evening".

The show featured country and western music, classical piano, ragtime, and a barbershop and gospel quartet.

The show was hosted by the McLennan Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Society.

The show helped raise money for the American Cancer Society, and took place at Central United Methodist Church on Oct. 26.

Bill Mears, president of Phi Theta Kappa, said it is one of many fundraisers that the organization will host over the next two years.

With community service being a big part of what Phi Theta Kappa stands for, helping out the American Cancer Society is not a big deal, Mears said.

Mears said he came up with the idea of having the concert at Central United Methodist Church because it is the church he attends.

Mears said all the performers were of professional quality.



Digital Image by Wes Strom

A barbershop quartet joined the fight against cancer at PTK's Enchanted Evening Variety show.

Phi Theta Kappa started recruiting groups from outside the church also, with a few teachers from MCC participating in the musical.

"Originally it was just going to be Mike and our church piano player, but it just bloomed into a really nice program with a lot of people involved,"

Mears said.

Phi Theta Kappa representatives said they will consider making the concert an annual event.

When MCC's Student Government Association held its annual back to school party, a donated mountain bike was raffled off and the money from

that also went to the American Cancer Society.

Phi Theta Kappa is considering having a health fair geared towards the American Cancer Society. This fair will inform people about all types of cancer and even give some helpful nutritional facts.

MCC makes room for mature students

Erica Sanchez
Staff writer

There are a large number of MCC students who are not fresh out of high school, but who are considered nontraditional.

During the Fall semester of 2001, 909 recent high school graduates attended MCC out of a total of 6,133 students that semester. These high school graduates had just graduated in May 2001.

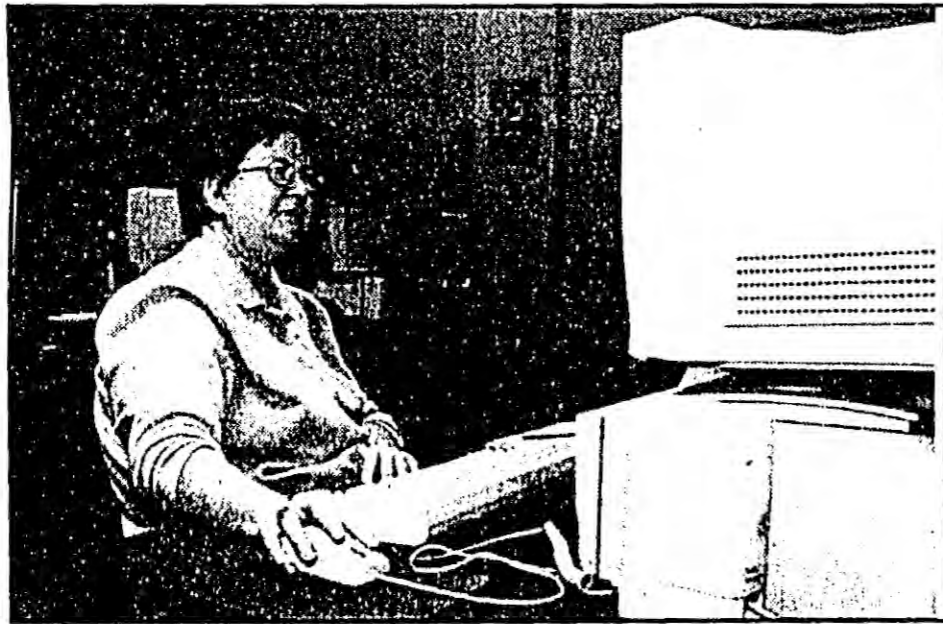
This semester 43.5% of the students enrolled at MCC were 18 to 24 years old compared to the 36% who were 25 or older.

Nontraditional students are college students who are not only older, but who work, have children, are married, attend school part-time, or are single parents. A nontraditional student can fit into one or more of these categories.

Nontraditional students tend to have different experiences in college, than the traditional student, Mike Campenni, faculty advisor for the association, said.

In order to support and aid nontraditional students at MCC, a nontraditional student organization has been formed.

"Nontraditional student associations are a very frequent organization on most college campuses because today the traditional mix of



Digital Image by Wes Strom

Non traditional students are forming an organization at MCC. Students usually come directly out of high school and go to college, that's changing, especially at the community college level," Campenni said.

Two meetings for the organization have passed, but more follow. A more convenient time for students to attend is being arranged.

Currently there are about eight or nine official members. About 20 or 25 students have said they want to join, but there are time conflicts, Campenni said.

Ideas are forming and a constitution is being developed.

"They want to organize a series of seminars that would fit particular needs of nontraditional students such as

getting a financial aid office speaker. Many of these folks didn't even know they were eligible for any type of financial aid and many of them were struggling to come back to school," Campenni said.

They talked about expansion of MCC's childcare facility and want to set up a babysitting co-op. An example of a babysitting co-op would be when a student who is taking a night class on Monday is connected with a parent who is taking a night class on Tuesday. They swap childcare duties, Campenni said.

Social events such as dinner/theatre outings and dances are ideas. As in other organizations, it is good support to know each other. This is also a plan

to involve the spouses.

Stress management and computer courses also came up.

"Many returning students have considerably less computer skills than a traditional student," Campenni said.

Once, many years ago there was a nontraditional student organization, but for unknown reasons it didn't last. Campenni said that maybe all the members graduated at once or the advisor left and nobody kept it going. But Campenni says he will be the ongoing link for this organization if members graduate.

Programs for nontraditional students, like childcare and transportation assistance are offered by student support services on campus. The student organization doesn't really expand their services, but it will make students aware.

"Many nontraditional students aren't aware of what resources are available, just like the college itself may not be perfectly aware of what the nontraditional students need," Campenni said.

Everyone is invited to join, nontraditional or not. Spouses and children are welcome to attend, as well. Posters will be hung around campus for the next meeting and faculty will announce it.

Ceremony location still under debate

William Chad Brown
Staff writer

Graduating students may be attending commencement at a new location this year.

The MCC Student Government Association is requesting opinions from students about a proposed change to the spring commencement ceremony.

Dr. Dennis Michealis, President of MCC, has proposed holding the commencement ceremony in the Highlands Gym.

Traditionally, the ceremony has taken place in the downtown convention center.

However, this proposed change presents a seating problem.

The Highland Gym seats about 2400-2500 people, and last year 2800 seats were needed for the ceremony.

Two options have been proposed by the Student Government to deal with the seating issue.

The first option is to limit the number of guests a graduating student would be able to invite to the ceremony. Students would receive a limited number of passes or tickets for guests. A large video monitor would be set up so those without passes

could watch.

The second option is to hold two separate commencements on the same evening. Students would be divided into two groups, either alphabetically or by department, and there would be no limit to the number of guests a student could invite.

Bill Mears, Student Government President, has asked students to contact him regarding this issue. Mears can be contacted by phone at 299-8446 or by e-mail at william.mears@ptk.net.

Student Government meets every Monday at 2:30 p.m. in room 205 of the administration building.

Student Government is also dealing with allegations of computer misuse.

A computer which has been earmarked for official SGA business was used to view an adult website, Mears said. It has also been used to visit sports, music and wrestling websites.

Student Government members will be attending a conference Oct. 31 through Nov. 1 at the University of Houston, Clear Lake. The conference will feature 30 separate seminars and give SGA members an opportunity to discuss leadership issues.

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The genesis of genocide

Ever-growing debate on whether we should be celebrating Columbus Day or mourning it

Dylan Smith
Staff writer

As the nation commemorates the 510 anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the New World, a growing number of people believe it would be more appropriate to protest than to celebrate.

Kim Roppolo, Professor of Native American Literature at MCC, is one of them.

(Columbus Day) represents to me the beginning of genocide—over 100 million people killed through disease and outright slaughter," Kim Roppolo, Professor of Native American Literature, said.

Columbus described the people he encountered in his log as, "They have no iron or steel or weapons, nor are they capable of using them, although they are well-built people of handsome stature, because they

are wondrous timid... (T)hey are so artless and free with all they possess, that no one would believe it without having seen it. Of anything they have, if you ask them for it, they never say no; rather they invite the person to share it, and show us much love as if they were giving their hearts; and whether the thing be of value or of small price, at once they are content with whatever little thing of whatever kind may be given to them."

Despite the welcoming attitude of the Native Americans, the Spanish explorers did not reciprocate.

The following is a statement that was read to the Natives they encountered: "I certify to you that, with the help of God, we shall powerfully enter into your country and shall make war against you in all ways and manners that we can, and shall subject you to the yoke and obedience of the Church and of Their Highnesses.

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These facts are not taught in school or remembered on Columbus Day, according to Roppolo.

"Columbus and his men did things like smash babies' heads on rocks in front of their mothers. These weren't nice guys by any means," she said.

"This sort of behavior is still going on in this hemisphere. Native American women are twice as likely as black men to be murdered. Most of those crimes are hate crimes, and most aren't ever prosecuted.

"In other countries, Argentina, for

instance, Indian extermination is still actively and openly carried out by the government," Roppolo said.

"Murdering innocent people, even when the Pope condoned it as these were non-Christians and weren't even considered human by Europeans, is wrong," Roppolo said.

Many Americans with Italian heritage celebrate Columbus with special pride because he was an Italian.

"Italian Americans have more to be ashamed of than proud of in regard to Columbus. If we taught the real history of this country, people would know that," she said.

"My husband, and thus, my kids, are part Sicilian. But ethnicity has nothing to do with morality," Roppolo said.

Replacing Columbus Day with a Native American Day, "Should have been done a long time ago,"

Roppolo said.

Art from Page 1

The Flying Code by Huei-Chi Chuang allowed the viewer to be a part of the artwork. It covered the walls and floor of a small room. A sign outside the room read, "Please remove shoes before entering".

Three videos were featured in the competition. 'Allegro' by Anita Allyn, 'Searching Down the Wires' by Barry Anderson, and 'Perfect' by Claudia Joskowicz.

"We weren't really set up as well as we liked to be to exhibit videos. Hopefully by next year our video entries will have a little more dignified treatment than just a TV and a VCR," Tullos said.

"There's just so many different pieces and the subject and the media are just from one extreme to another. It's very overwhelming," Anne Garrett, Manager of Studio Classes, said. Garrett said that people can take multiple visits, but each time you will see something different or see the same thing in a different way.

Barbara Holl and her three daughters came from Nacogdoches, Texas to view the exhibit. Holl said her favorite piece was Icon by Karl Godber. She said it had a soothing effect. It is a 24-color screen print. The many colored pieces on the print are actually field clover leaves.

"What is most important to me is the feeling that the pieces take on a 'life of their own' and that they engage and challenge the viewer to question, to interpret and ultimately to define the image personally," Godber says in his perspective of Icon.

Michelle Holl said she liked 'Early Morning Pisa' an optical illusion piece by Tom Hollenbeck. Hollenbeck said

'Early Morning Pisa' is an exploration of how images are perceived. The piece has four mirrors arranged to present the viewer with the illusion of a never-ending town on one side; the other side has never-ending vertical lines of color.

The competition attracted artists from all over the nation and internationally. Most of the exhibits at the Art Center feature the work of Central Texas artists, in order to give them exposure, Garrett said. The works of four Waco artists were displayed in the competition. Some countries represented were Belgium, Israel, Japan, France, Canada, and Bulgaria. Most of the artists found out about the competition through the Internet. The Art Center's link was planted on all the websites of artists around the world, Tullos said.

Tullos said that the competition was an important experiment for Art Center Waco, as well as a wonderful opportunity for Central Texans to see new art objects. The Art Center hopes to have the competition each fall, with an increase in entries. Tullos said it could become a flagship event for Central Texas, drawing international attention.

The next exhibition began on October 25, featuring the art of Karl Umlauf. Umlauf's works are mostly large, hanging sculptures, and a few paintings.

The Art Center also hosted its second annual Trick or Treat Trail with a decorated path through the sculpture garden. It took place Oct 31 at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission was \$1.00 per person. Different businesses distributed candy. Face-painting, games, concessions, and other activities were also featured.

Cafe from Page 1

sculpture, and other forms of art are on display in the LTC.

No art was submitted specifically for Casa de Cafe, Instructor Andrew Murad, said. However, Casa de Cafe won't just feature poetry and prose.

It was decided that it would be too difficult to schedule Casa de Cafe right after the student art contest, Murad

said. Instead of hosting a separate competition, the art already on display in the LTC was added to Casa de Cafe.

Additionally, students and faculty from the music department will perform at Casa de Cafe. Following the performance, winning poets will be allowed to read their work before their peers.

Hispanics from Page 1

leaders in the community will be coming to MCC to talk about what MCC needs to do about the expected demographic shift.

"By 2020 something like 80% of the population will be of Hispanic origin," Roppolo said. She said she feels something needs to be done about the issue today before it is too late.

More cultural education can be gained through the spring semester classes that will be taught by Dr. Roppolo and Gilbert Montemayor, a history

instructor. Roppolo will teach Mexican American Literature and Montemayor will teach Mexican American History.

"I think it's important that more than just Mexican American students come in and take those classes. We need to understand each other if we're going to work together. That is what college is about, learning to be with other people and work with other people," Roppolo said.

For more information on AIISA/HSA contact Dr. Roppolo at 299-8937

Green from Page 1

the Earth and our responsibility as its inhabitants to create personal lifestyles based on sufficiency and living lightly.

Future focus - consider the interests of generations yet to come, and make the quality of life, rather than open-ended economic growth, the measure of success.

"(The Green Party is) not morally conservative; we're very tolerant morally and socially. But we're very fiscally conservative, and I believe that most Texans are," Nathalie Paravicini, Green party candidate for the Lieutenant Governor, said.

In Texas, 39 Greens ran for US Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture

Commissioner, Land Commissioner, Comptroller, Railroad Commissioner, and Supreme Court Justice positions among others.

Londos said the "socially and politically conservative" climate of Greater Waco accounts for the Green Party's below-average support. However, the fact that a new Campus Greens chapter has just started at Baylor University may be evidence that support is growing.

Paravicini said that slow growth is to be expected because Greens hope to build the party through grassroots movements and working from the bottom up, not from the top down.

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Sports

'Landers Look Ahead

LaSonya Darby
Staff writer

Consistency is one of the things that head baseball coach David Wrzesinski believes that his players need to work on for the upcoming season.

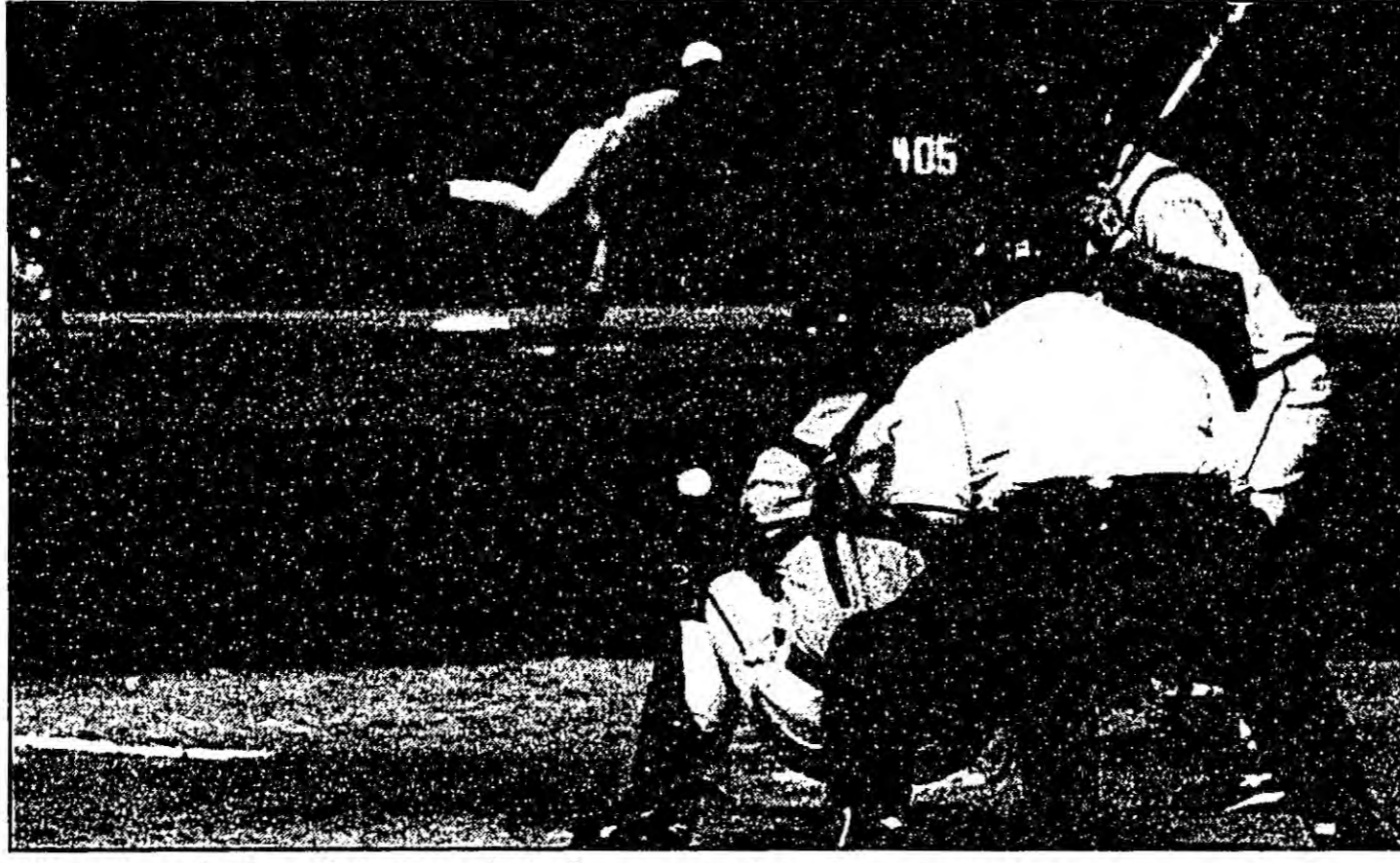
Coach Wrzesinski has plans for the Highlanders to do much better this year than last.

"Our goal is to make it to the regional tournament and to have an opportunity to play for a chance to go to the national tournament," Wrzesinski said.

Practicing since late August, the 'Landers are working hard towards making that goal a reality.

After the loss of approximately twelve sophomores last year, the team has been replaced with incoming freshman and a couple of transfer students.

Having played between 35 to 40 games so far, the fall gives the coaches a chance to look at



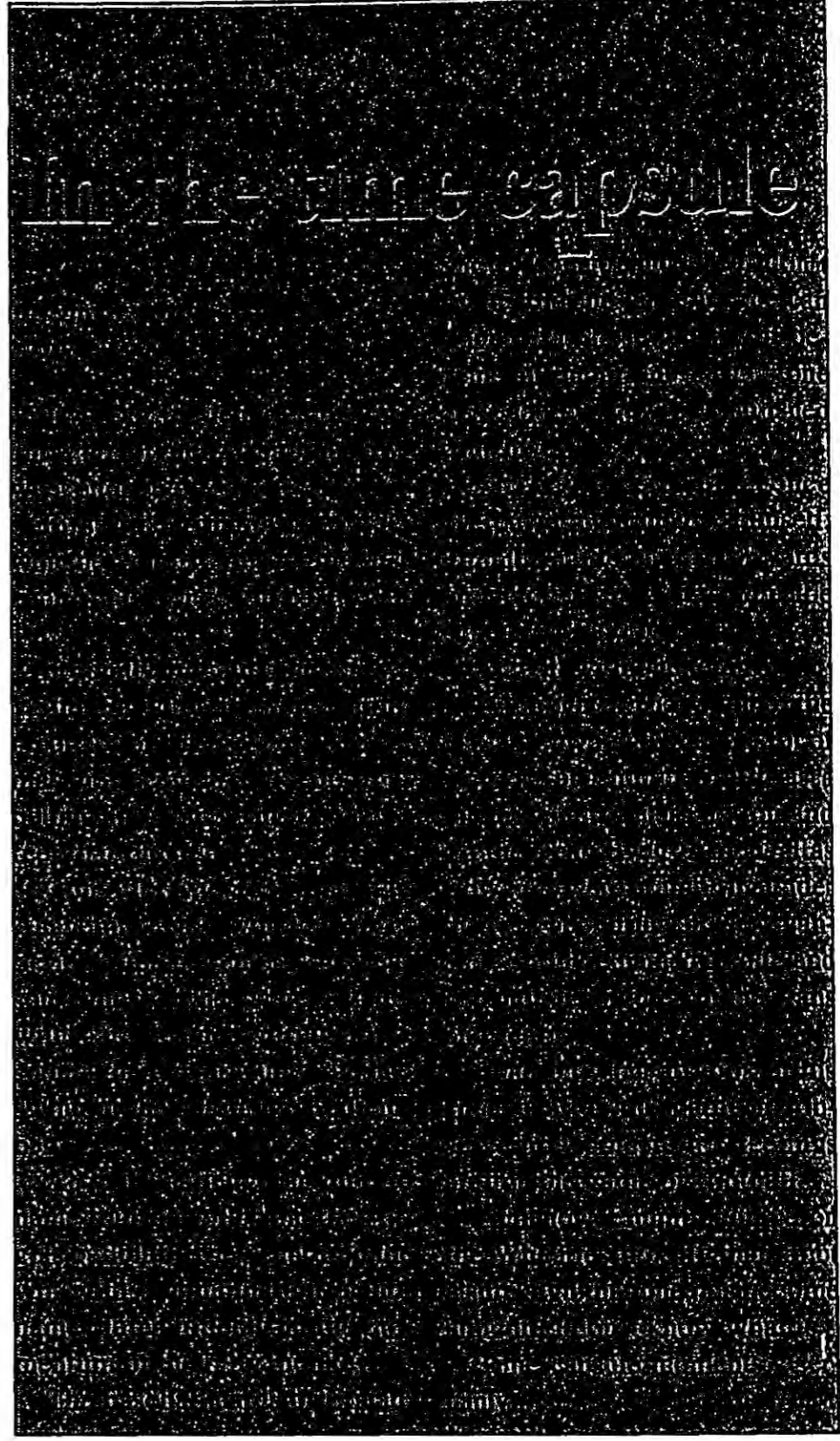
'Landers bring it to the plate in a recent scrimmage game Image by Wes Strom

all players and decide which they will keep and which they will let go. The released players will then have a chance to be recruited by another school.

"We reevaluated the guys that we will keep and the guys we will let go," said Wrzesinski.

"Then we have some guys that may not get that much

playing time and we'll relate that to them and, sometimes, they'll have a chance to play somewhere else in the spring," he said.



Weather Stalls 'Lassies Event

Natalie Kinsey
Sports editor

Due to miserable and wet conditions, the Highlassie's second event of the fall was shortened to just 18 holes at the Lamar Invitational Golf Tournament on October 21 in Beaumont

Before the practice round on Sunday, it had rained just enough to make the course soggy.

The tournament teed off at nine Monday morning.

The MCC girls were paired with Sam Houston and Nicholas State.

Due to heavy rain and lightning, the golfers were able

to play two and a half holes before the horn sounded for everyone to return to the clubhouse.

Play was delayed for about an hour before resuming.

After the 'Lassies had played 15 holes, the greens had accumulated so much water that they were becoming more difficult to putt on.

By the time everyone had completed their 18 holes, the fairways and the greens were covered with water.

The entire tournament was then called because the course was deemed unplayable.

"Due to an administrative decision, the teams needed to

complete 18 holes before anyone went home," head coach Stan Mitchell said.

"If my girls had been paired with Lamar, we would have been finished thirty to forty-five minutes earlier before the greens had gotten so bad," Mitchell said.

Natalie Kinsey shot 88 while Lindsey Hinshaw and Christa Gunn turned in a score of 89. Laura Walker shot a 90.

For the second tournament in a row, Highlassie Heather MacRae held the low score. She turned in a round of 85.

As individuals, Alisa Zulkowski shot a 91 and Jessica Thames turned in a score of 93.

"If my girls had been paired with Lamar, we would have been finished 30 to 45 minutes earlier."

Stan Mitchell, head coach.

The Lassie's next and final tournament will take place in Houston at the Sam Houston Invitational on November

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Men Finish Third In Baylor Tourney

Natalie Kinsey
Sports editor

After being in the lead by three strokes after the first day, the MCC men's golf team placed third in the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor Fall Invitational at Mill Creek Country Club in Salado, Texas.

The rain came into play after everyone had completed their first hole.

"The greens were holding well, but the fairways started to become very soggy," head coach Rick Butler said.

"I was extremely pleased with the men after the first day under the weather conditions," he said.

MCC's team total after the first 18 holes on Monday was 297.

Temple was right behind with 300 and Tyler chipped in a team total of 302.

MCC players Ryan Knoll and Jason Holm turned in coach pleasing rounds of 73.

In addition, Justin Bederka shot 75, Kyle Roberts shot a 76 and Jason Shirey added a 77.

The second day the players were allowed to play the full up one club length due to the conditions of the fairways from

"Every member of the team battled all the way to the end." Rick Butler, head coach.

Monday.

"Bederka got off to a good start," Butler said.

"He played most of the back nine at 3 under par," he said.

On the other hand, Holm got off to a shaky start with two double bogies back to back, but eventually finished strong.

"Every member of the team battled all the way to the end," Butler said.

At the conclusion of the second day, Bederka finished with a round of 69 and won the individual title.

Jason Holm turned in a round of 75 and placed third over all. Knoll shot 78, Roberts 80, and Shirey ended up with a round of 85.

The team total for the second day was 303.

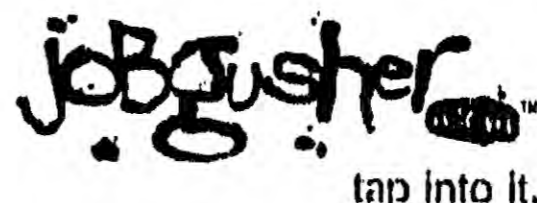
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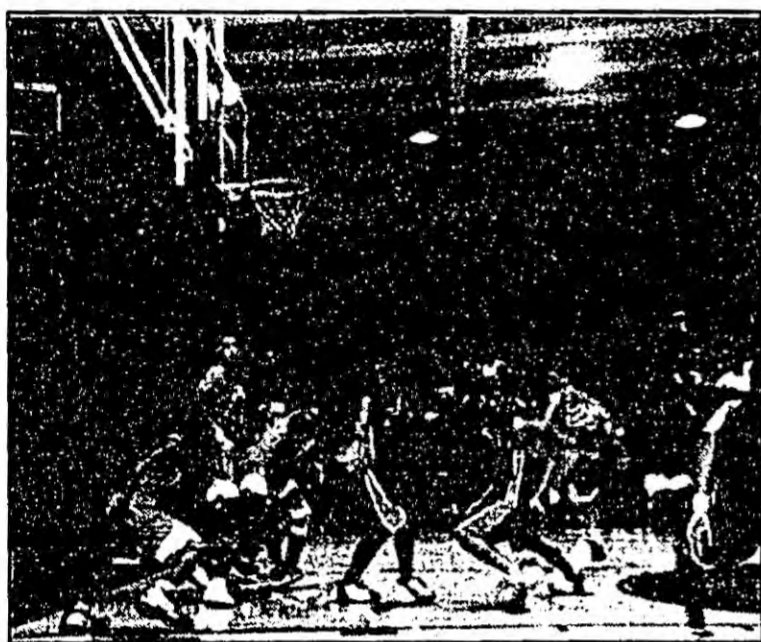
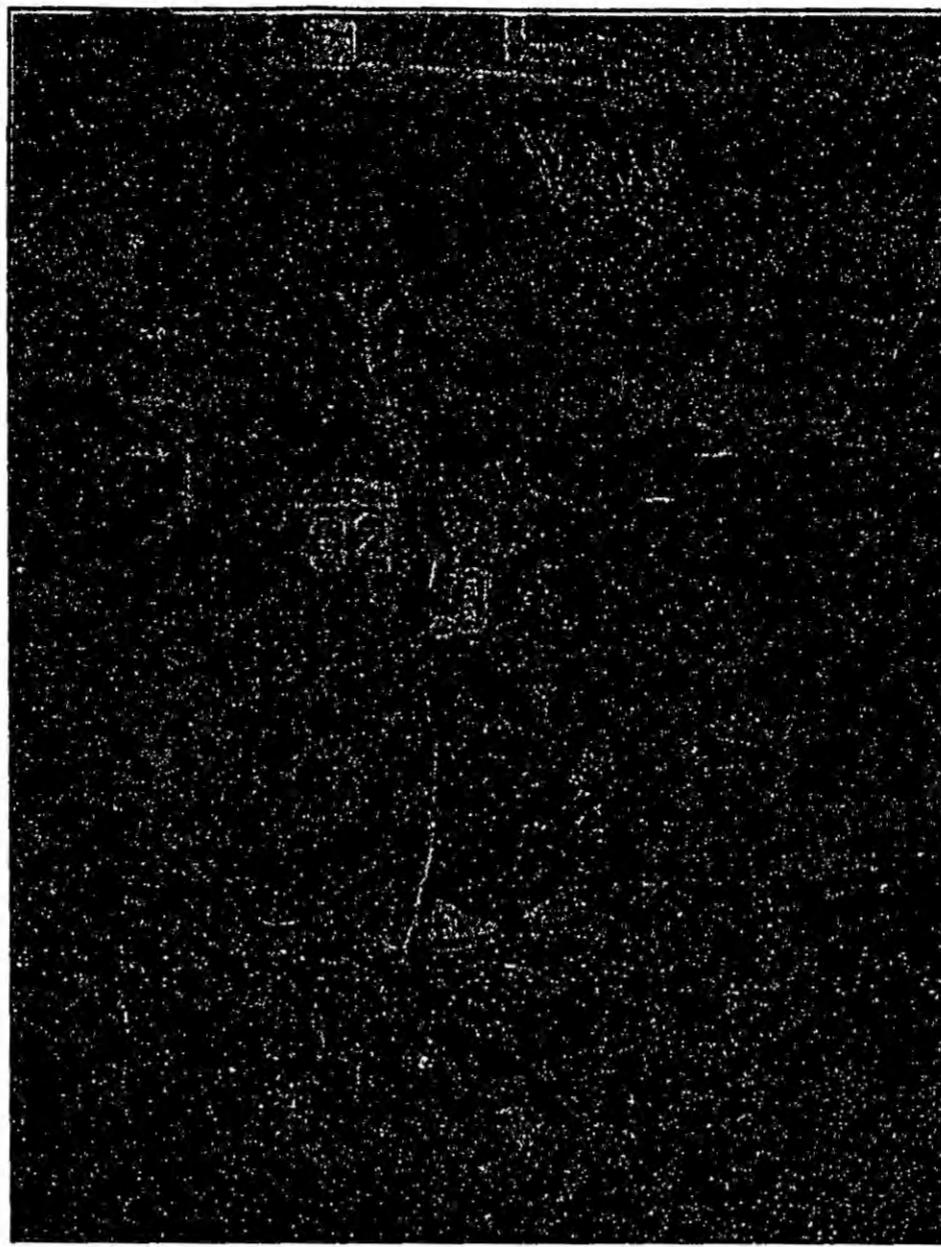
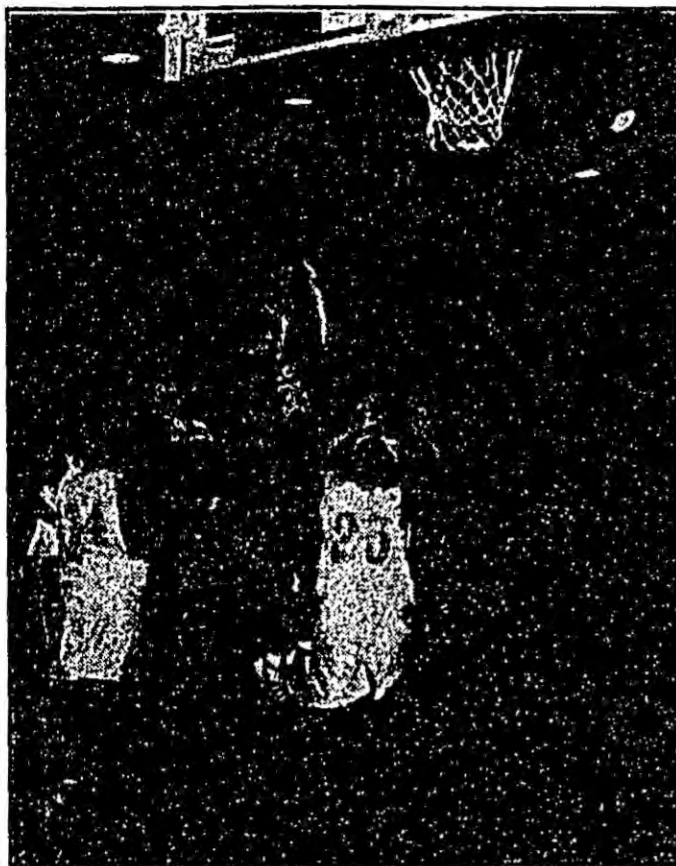
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MCC tips off new season



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'Landers dunk first game

Joseph Baker
Sports editor

If there seems to be a lack of athletic competition around campus, then take heart because the 2002-2003 basketball season tipped off with home games over the weekend.

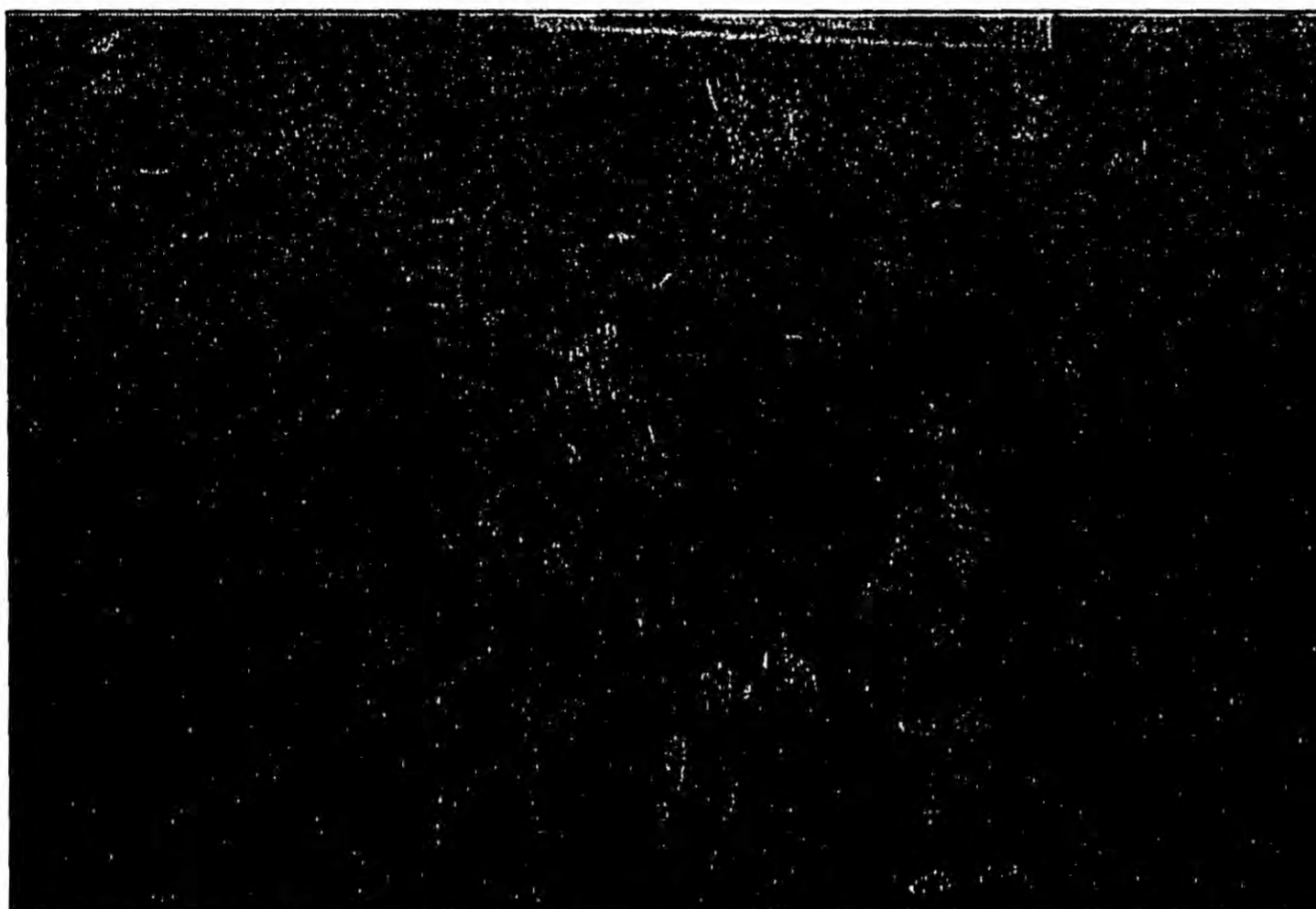
On Friday night, the 'Lassies faced Mountainview College. For head coach Ricky Rhodes, the game marks the fruition of two months worth of hard practice.

"Everything has been going fine. We have to get some players healthy, but I expect us to come out and play with the enthusiasm of it being the first game," Rhodes said.

The 'Lassies ended the 2001-2002 season in the spring with a trip to the regional tournament.

'Landers head coach Kevin Gill explains that the guys are just as enthusiastic to begin their season.

"The intensity (of afternoon practices) is there and the guys are certainly tired of playing each other so they're ready to tip off with some competition



'Landers dunk with authority against Angelina Saturday image by Wes Strom

for a change," Gill said.

The 'Landers opened their season on Friday against South Plains, a team currently ranked eighth in the nation.

They are also a team that poses a challenge to the 'Landers due to the fact they were the ones that knocked the

'Landers out of the regional tournament last season.

But revenge is not what coach Gill is after.

"I know that we're a young team, but I'm sure South Plains has lost some players also," said Gill.

"We just want to go out there

and play hard and take it one game at a time," he said.

The 'Landers next home game at the Highlands is on November 11 against Trinity College. The 'Lassies embark on a six game road trip before returning home to face Trinity on November 30.

South Plains, Angelina fall, Highlander advance 2-0

Natalie Kinsey
Sports editor

MCC vs. South Plains
The MCC men's basketball team edged out South Plains by two points in their season opener Friday night.

The 'Landers only have 3 returning sophomores from the team last year, which are Condell Delancy, Ray Wilson, and Keith Simpson.

The new freshmen are Dawson, Kimbrough, Hinds, Houston, Owens, Scott, Vazquez, Langrum, Jacobs, Compton, Nowlin, and Johnson.

The 'Landers sank baskets early in the game which called for South Plains to call their first two time outs. The 'Landers then stayed on top the entire first half of the game.

At the start of the second half with the 'Landers leading 44-37, the shots weren't falling as easily for them as they were in the first half.

South Plains scored the first 12 points of the second half to put them on top 49-47.

With 1:31 left in the game, the 'Landers came back to within 3 points. Kimbrough sank 2 more for the 'Landers to put them within 1. South Plains then scored on the other end of the court to maintain a three-point lead.

Sophomore Ray Wilson sank a tree point shot to tie the game at 82. Each team scored one more basket, putting the game into overtime with a score of 84-84.

In overtime the 'Landers made the first two points? During the five minutes the score was back and forth. At the end, the 'Landers came out on top 96-94.

For the 'Landers Kimbrough was the high point man sinking 33 points. Wilson chipped in 19, Simpson had 11, Houston and Vazquez each had 8, Nowlin 6, Owens had 5, and Dawson, Delancy, Langrum, and Compton each contributed 2 points each.

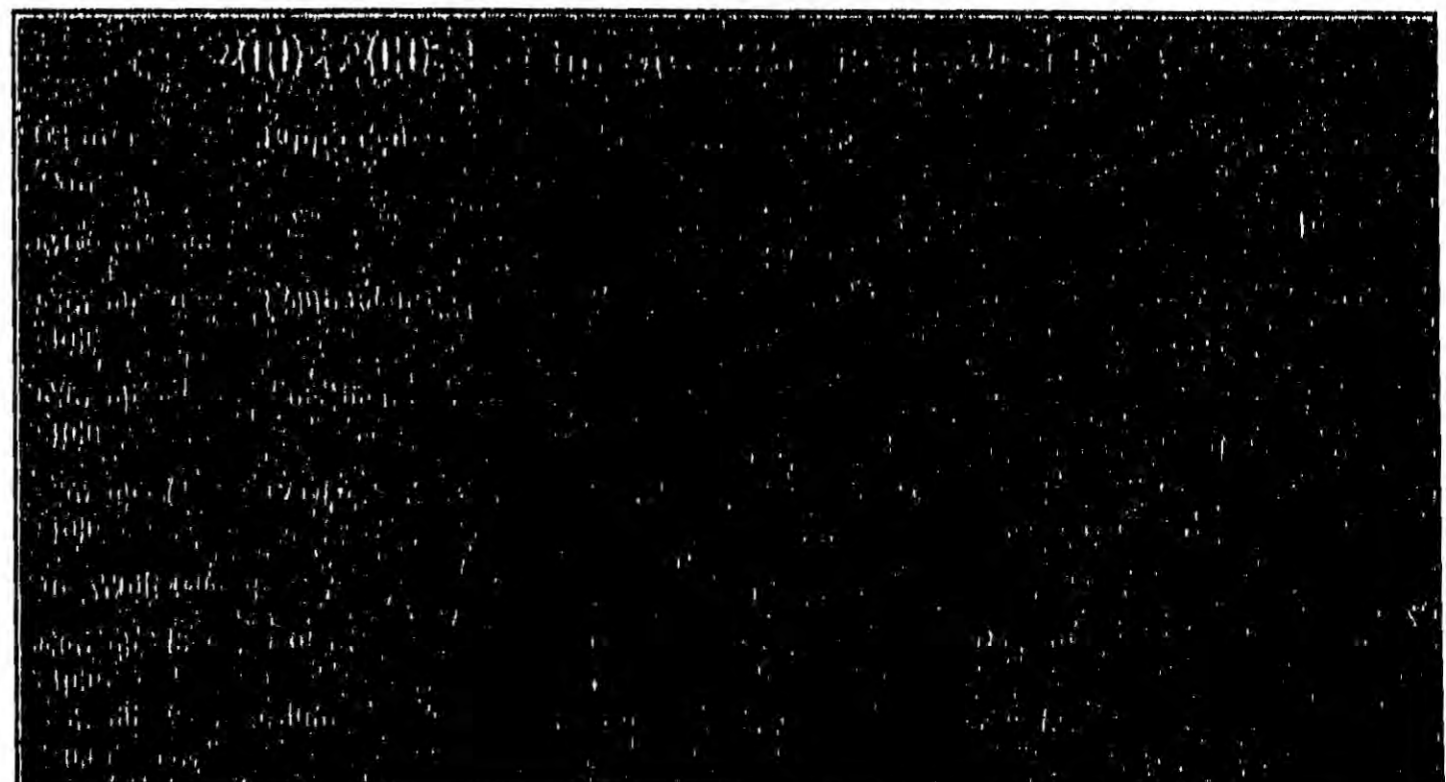
MCC vs. Angelina
Saturday, the 'Landers played their second game of the season against Angelina at the Highlands gym.

The 'Landers were on top the entire game. Starters for the game were Delancy, Kimbrough, Houston, Vazquez, and Simpson. The score at the half was 56-47 with the 'Landers on top.

At the start of the second half, the Roadrunners come within 5 points.

Allen Houston started sinking shots from the perimeter to keep the 'Landers ahead for the rest of the game. The final score was 108-99.

Houston was the high point man sinking 24 points. Kimbrough was right behind him with a total of 22 points. Simpson had 16, Wilson contributed 14, Dawson had 10, Vazquez with 9, Owens had 5, Nowlin with 4 and Delancy, and Langrum each contributed 2 points each. Both wins give the 'Landers a 2-0 start to the season.



Entertainment

“Spotlight!” Rehearsal Underway

Stacy Gatlin
Staff writer

Although the final presentation date is still a month away, rehearsal for the production “SpotLight” is already underway.

Twice a year Dr. Karen Albrecht, the director, makes it possible for the students to display their artistic talent to an audience.

This year they will perform some of Richard Roger’s works in celebration of his 100 birthday, showcasing famous songs from “Oklahoma,” “State Fair,” “Roger and Hermiston,” and many more.

During each rehearsal, they spend countless hours working on each skit, making sure they have everything down perfectly.

Not only do they have to remember the songs and the dances that go with them, but they also have to remember speaking lines.

As Dr. Hudson plays the piano, Dr. Albrecht and the students try to perfect every move through nonstop practice.

Students, such as Steven McDonald, Kristen Trahan, Justin Roberts, and many others work hard on the production, knowing that their effort will pay off in the end.

Three showings of the final production of “SpotLight” are set to take place on December 6th, 2002 in the PAC from 12:30 - 2:30, 3:45 - 7:00, and 7:30 - 9:30.



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Upcoming Events

MCC Events

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County Concert in the PAC
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Rock Concert in the PAC
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Duo accomplishes mission

Bill Chop
Entertainment Editor

Funny guys Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson accomplish their mission for great laughs in the new action comedy “I Spy.”

Alex Scott (Wilson) is a recently promoted special agent for the government’s Bureau of National Security, who is grudgingly paired up with boxing superstar Kelly

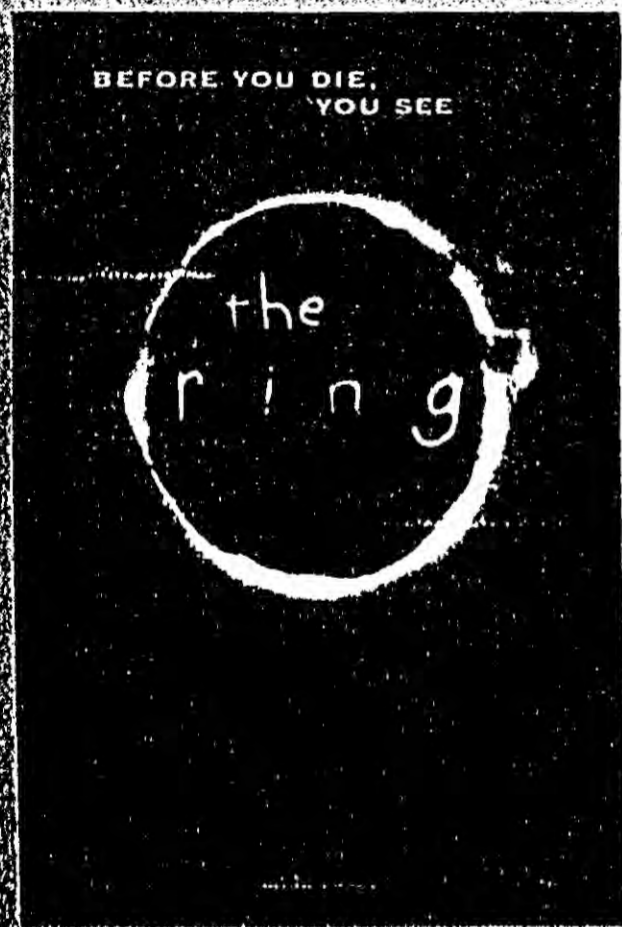
Robinson (Murphy) for a special mission.

The Air Force’s new top secret weapon, the Switchblade—a stealth plane so advanced that radar, infrared vision, and even the naked eye cannot see, has been hijacked, and it’s Scott and Robinson’s job to retrieve it.

Together, along with the help of other select special agents, Scott and Robinson begin their search for the hijackers.

Although the plot itself is somewhat lacking, I can’t say that it affected my opinion of the movie. I didn’t go to see an epic movie, I went to laugh. Sure, the plot and story were mediocre, but who cares? I laughed and had a good time; I think anyone looking for a funny movie will agree.

The conclusion: if you’re just looking for a great laugh at the movies, “I Spy” is definitely the movie for you. If not, you might be better off seeing another movie.



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Ring blows Ghost Ship out of water

Mike Darry
Staff writer

“Ghost Ship” and “The Ring” are this year’s choices for movie goers feeling a seasonal scare.

It’s amazing that it is currently possible to walk into one of the most wonderfully disturbing horror movies this year and then move straight into the bomb of the year.

“Ghost Ship” is a formulaic, old movie starting with its throwbacks to the nineteen fifties in the opening credits.

The most tragic part is that this movie ceases to be scary after the first ten minutes of gruesome spectacles. From there, the best one can hope for is mildly suspenseful.

The only holes throughout the movie made it difficult to follow. Some of the characters were sporadic and didn’t seem to have a role of anything other than to take a character through the movie.

“The Ring” is a horror movie that will lead you to the edge of your seat and then back to the edge of your seat. It’s a movie that will lead you to the edge of your seat and then back to the edge of your seat.

The characters in this movie were difficult to care for as well, partially due to their occupations and lack of any background story.

With no sense of connection to these people, their deaths seem to mean little to nothing. If you don’t care about the characters’ lives, it’s hard to be scared for them.

The ghosts were not evil or scary either in fact most of the ghosts were good guys.

What of all, the ending happened suddenly and without climax.

Most people seemed to be just happy to be able to leave at the end of the film.

In complete contrast, “The Ring” is quite possibly the scariest movie made in recent years.

This movie could manage to make every home with a VCR or DVD player seem like haunted houses, leaving you watching the television out of the corner of your eye for days afterward.

From the very first scene, this movie has you clutching the armrest of your chair.

The few parts of this movie that aren’t scary are filled with meaningful plot information, portrayed by the actors in a way that actually makes the viewer care about their lives.

won’t give away, you get a double win.

Just when you think the movie is finally over and then-BANG! You’re scared all over again.

For once, I actually got to walk out of a theatre shaken up enough not to think about the eight dollars I got ripped for at the box office beforehand.

My favorite part of the movie is that it has a feeling of originality in it, despite the fact that it’s a foreign remake. The idea is new here in America. So that’s close enough for me.

The conclusion? “Ghost Ship” can’t even begin to compare to the scares that “The Ring” dishes out.

“The Ring” has a more intriguing plot, more believable acting, more substantial characters, and a heck of a lot more scares.

That’s not even mentioning the spectacular ending to “The Ring,” something that “Ghost Ship” doesn’t come close to doing at its ending.

The sooner “Ghost Ship” gets cut from the shelves, the better, I hope.

Trust me, it will definitely be worth the time and money.

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Prospective journalists compete in J-1 Summit

Margo Moreno
Managing editor

Approximately 175 Prospective journalists from Central Texas competed in MCC Journalism Department's first annual J-1 Summit.

On October 25, 18 different Texas high schools competed in five different journalistic events.

These events were photography, advertising, news, feature, and editorial writing.

Presenters for the summit were Mike Cox, former Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Spokesman, John Young, Opinion Editor for the Waco Tribune Herald, Ben Sergent, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist for The Austin American Statesman and David Neil, Owner of Dr. Gobbler RX for Soil Compost Company.

The news and photo competition was something different from the usual UIL contest.

Students participating in the news and photo contest covered a mock terrorist attack at MCC.

Members of MCC's theatre department played both terrorists and hostages. The scenario also involved Dave Keel, Coordinator of the Police Academy, Tom Frost, Police Officer and members of the EMS, Police, and Fire academies, as well as officers from the campus police department and Woodway Department of Public Safety.

Hostages were let go, terrorists were taken into custody, and students were given a story.

Feature writers interviewed Ben Sergent and John Young gave editorial writers four opinion choices.

Dr. Gobbler, Trademark of Dr. Gobbler RX for Soil, presented the ad design project to students. The ad was for Dr. Gobbler RX for Soil Compost Company which makes turkey by-products.

Different classes on journalistic writing were given by UIL winning teachers in the afternoon followed by an awards ceremony.

Reicher and Midway tied for first overall.



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