

Students contribute to community

McLennan outbleeds Navarro

By LISA G. ROE

Volunteers lent the Red Cross a helping hand as well as a helping vein in the blood drive held Mon., Nov. 23 in the Student Center.

Student Government and the Red Cross sponsored the drive. Carol Herring, a donor consultant for the Red Cross coordinated the event.

A record 86 people donated during the six hour period. "We had the best turn-out we've ever had," said Lori Wills, president of Student Government.

"Mrs. Herring was really pleased that we came through for her," Wills said. "MCC provided a major part of the blood needed for the Thanksgiving holiday," Wills added.

MCC won the school competition against Navarro Junior College with its 86 units compared to NJC's 37 units. A plaque will be presented to MCC at the next basketball game between Navarro and MCC.

"MCC provided a major part of the blood needed for the holiday..."

Student Government was the big winner of the interclub competition with the "best turn-out as far as donors" according to Wills. As a result, Student Government will be given a pizza party for its part in the drive.

Although the goal of 100 units was not reached, Wills and Herring were pleased at the way people pushed the blood drive this semester. Wills also said she noticed even more involvement from faculty than ever before.



IS IT OVER YET? Wendy Breland (left) shows that the fear of giving blood can hurt more than the needle itself. Looking on are Red Cross nurse Anna Armond (left) and Darin Dieltcker (right), a Student Government member who

persuaded Breland to donate. MCC had its best turnout ever for the Nov. 23 blood drive, with 86 students and staff members contributing. The Student Government won a pizza party for its effort during the event.

Photo series by Ken Crawford

Farm provides help for hungry people

By DONNA YOUNG

Help for the hungry can be found right in our own backyard.

The World Hunger Relief, Inc., is a non-profit, non-aligned Christian organization devoted to teaching hungry people how to feed themselves and share the gospel.

Established in 1979, WHRI is the only training center of its kind in the United States and is located in Waco.

"Waco's climate is similar to the sub-tropics of Haiti, Mexico, Asia and Africa," Carl Ryther, supervisor of the WHRI Waco Training Center said.

The 40-acre farm is a "filling station for church planters" Ryther added.

Volunteers, missionaries and other Christian ministry personnel are trained in special food production methods to be used in poverty-stricken areas around the world.

A two-year intern program is also offered for college graduates of agriculture for mission work overseas.

The WHRI Backyard Food Production System is designed for the use of simple self-help along with easy duplication to yield a supplement for nutrition and self-sufficiency.

The program is designed to work in any amount of space, ranging from a 11-by-18 foot square (the size of a regular living room) to a 10-acre field.

Simplicity is the key factor and to keep it simple, little or no machinery is used. Few machines are available for use overseas, so most of the work is done by hand.

"We are using methods that my grandfather used in the good old days," Ryther said.

The Backyard Food Production System is unique (as stated in a WHRI brochure) because:

1) It is a food-production system that begins at a survival level.

2) The system can be modified for use by a street dweller in Calcutta, a hut-dweller in Haiti, or a housing project in the United States.

3) Everything can be done by hand with simple tools, available in that particular culture.

4) The emphasis is on the production of nutritious leafy green plants which provide protein, vitamins and minerals to supplement a Third World diet which consists mostly of carbohydrates.

5) The program is simple enough to be done by women and children, thus benefiting the entire family.

6) The system can be duplicated for economic development. Excess plants can be sold or utilized to feed rabbits and goats.

"Once a family has learned how to care for their plants, depending on the environment and economy, they are given rabbits for meat and Nubian goats for milk," Ryther said.

WHRI supplies all the necessary seeds, plants and animals used to begin the Backyard Food Production system.

"It takes a lot of inner strength for an individual to do this kind of work," Ryther added, "We won't send someone overseas who is not qualified."

WHRI also offers intensive training in food production for various groups or individuals for use in their field of ministry.

Technical advice and world hunger awareness programs, as well as training for mission trips to South Texas and Mexico for youth groups and other Christian organizations, are also offered upon request.

Retreat facilities are available for a modest fee for groups and individuals participating in WHRI.

Various organizations and individuals around the Waco area are also welcome to participate in various work projects on a consistent basis.

"Volunteers from the MCC Baptist Student Union, Baylor and TSTI help us every year," Ryther said, "We welcome anyone with a consistent willing hand."

WHRI is funded entirely by gifts from churches, special interest groups, individuals, and other Christian organizations, as well as proceeds from gospel concerts and other hunger awareness programs.

Special programs offered for special populations

By JEFF OSBORNE

"Special populations" which include single parents, displaced homemakers, or the handicapped total 1,167 students on the MCC campus, according to Marylea Henderson, coordinator of the program designed to help such students.

"Services for Displaced Homemakers and the Handicapped" offers "personal counseling, helping a student work through a crisis, budget planning," and assisting students in selecting a major, Henderson said.

Henderson defined a single parent as "anyone who is divorced, separated, or unmarried and has one or more children under the age of 18 in their home."

for the home and family and has diminished marketable skills," according to Henderson.

Henderson mentioned that part of her services include offering people "a program to help them balance their life." This includes "helping people manage depression and anxiety," she added.

A handicapped person is "physically, mentally or emotionally limited," Henderson said.

"We try to encourage people to get stronger in their own way."

She referred to classes as "a positive environment — a type of therapy" for some students.

"They are investing in themselves. Education involves encouragement, goal setting, making choices, and possibly getting in a support group," she added.

Next spring, Services for Displaced Homemakers and the Handicapped will offer a "Discovering Your Potential Series" during the noon hour.

"We need feedback — these programs will make a difference in people managing their lives better," Henderson said.

Although 60 percent of all students questioned did not know a program for displaced homemakers and the handicapped existed, "102 students are receiving services for the handicapped" at MCC, Henderson said.

Henderson noted that the response from the community has been good, but "our new emphasis is to focus inward to students already at MCC."

"It's hard to start over. We attempt to help people so they can help themselves," she said.

Colleges compete in food drive

By DARIN CHRISTIE

Competition between campus clubs and faculty members for the Salvation Army canned food drive is continuing.

The chart, located outside of the office of student activities, shows the Press Club to be in the lead. The Dance Company is running in second place.

The drive which will end Dec. 10 has MCC, Baylor, Paul Quinn, and TSTI competing to contribute as much as possible.

The one MCC group that contributes the most will receive a free pizza party as reward for its efforts.

According to Mary Jaunzemis, a secretary and book-keeper for the Salvation Army, "any non-perishable items — such as cake mixes, macaroni, and baby food" will be collected.

Jaunzemis added that the proceeds from the food drive will be given out to "local families in need of assistance."

Food is distributed to those needy people through the Salvation Army welfare office.

The original idea for a contest involving all four colleges of the Waco area was that of Jim Pett of TSTI, according to Student Government President Lorie Wills.

The book buybacks are back

By LESLEY WILSON

With one semester almost over and another soon to begin, students will start thinking about selling their books to help pay for new ones.

According to John D'Amico, manager of the MCC Book-

store, the official days for students to sell back their used books to the Bookstore are Dec. 17-18. However, if a person has dropped a class, he or she can present the drop slip, and half the original price will be refunded.

Two other circumstances do not apply to the half-price refund. Within the first 12 days a book is purchased, a student can present the receipt for a full refund. If the book is falling apart the student can trade it in for a new one.

Financial aid available

By KEN COPELAND

The Job Training and Partnership Act is one of the many federally funded financial aid programs available at MCC.

Unlike other financial aid programs, the J.T.P.A. pays for all of the students tuition, books, fees, supplies and uniforms if necessary.

"This program," said Dean Pollard, "is to provide training for economically disadvantaged youth and adults."

The J.T.P.A. covers technical and vocational courses or courses with an associate degree in applied science.

The courses are all to be completed in a one or two year period thus enabling students to get out and find a job in their newly trained profession as soon as possible.

The financial guidelines set by the government are much like those for welfare and are likewise adjusted with changes in the economy.

"For many of the applicants it is a last shot to make good of themselves," Pollard said.

Odessa Hunt of the J.T.P.A. office at MCC said, "The average of the applicants range between 30 and 35 and have had a hard time finding a job to support them and often times a family."

"Our greatest reward," said Pollard, "is seeing the success stories and the changes in the students outlook on life."

"My job is to help students on the program with registration, evaluating a career, keeping them in school, and any other problem they might have," Hunt said.

Each student on the program is required to maintain a "C" average, meet attendance requirements, and be a full time student to remain on the program.

TSTI and Hill Junior College also participate with MCC in the J.T.P.A. program in the six county district.

The J.T.P.A. also sponsors on-the-job training with some companies and occupations. For more information on this program, contact Odessa Hunt in the faculty offices.

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The spirit of Christmas

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Editor-in-chief

What started as a flicker of hope has spread its flame across the world — the Spirit of Christmas.

All of us are familiar with the images of Scrooge, or "It's a Wonderful Life." The holiday season is a time when we should recognize our failures and strive to do better, to realize we have an obligation to the world around us.

Too often, people become obsessed with the season's excesses—eating to the point of feeling stuffed, drinking themselves into the twilight zone, or spending until the creditors are ready to repossess the house, the cars, the kids and the family dog.

Only in the crystal clear image of hind sight do we realize that Christmas and New Year's are times to be enjoyed and spent with family and friends, not a time to go hog wild in a selfish frenzy.

Christmas is a time when we look around us and wish for perfection — love, peace, joy and perfect harmony (sounds like an old Coca Cola commercial, doesn't it?). During the holidays, we realize that our dreams of a "perfect world" are impossible.

We can enjoy life and reach our goals with the cooperation of others, a reward not easily earned.

Christmas can be viewed in many different ways: A traditional time of celebration, a time to give to others; or to some people, a time of sadness and disappointment.

The magic of Christmas is being able to share it with others, but for some people, Christmas is just another day without someone with whom to share their dreams and happiness.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live the "good life" can get caught up in the glow of Christmas and forget to share our blessings with others who really need us.

Only when we reach out to someone who has nothing to celebrate Christmas and give them some of our hope can we truly say that we know what Christmas is all about.

The glitter and glow of Christmas still lives on, despite all the attempts of modern day Scrooges to put out the flame of hope.

'Later days MCC' from the outgoing newspaper staff

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Several of our key staff members will be leaving MCC to attend four-year universities next semester. We wanted to give them this opportunity to have a final word with our readers.)



So ... farewell and Gig 'em Aggies!

I would just like to thank everyone who has played a part in my education here at MCC. That covers a lot of people to say the least. I think the hours and experience I have gained at MCC will help me with my future education at Texas A&M. A special goodbye to all of my friends in the journalism department. I've had a great time working on the paper with you all.

Lisa G. Roe



enjoyable, this includes the journalism staff, students I met at MCC, athletic coaches and my instructors. Although I will be attending A&M in the spring, I have to say, "Go Irish!"

Joe D. Jimenez



together, deadlines, interviews, new friends, etc. These few memories will help me through life someday when I am out in the journalism world. Goodbye friends and Go Bears!

Donna D. Young

NAMES in the news

Cathy Cervenka competed in the Miss Texas Farm Bureau State Competition on Nov. 30. To reach the state competition, Cervenka had to win at the county and the district level. She was awarded a \$500 scholarship for winning the district title ...

Donald Harris, a former MCC student who played defensive back for the Texas Tech Red Raiders this season, was recently named by the Associated Press as the "Defensive Newcomer of the Year" in the Southwest Conference. Harris was the subject of a feature story in an earlier edition of The Highland Herald this semester ...

For Spanish students who would like to conversationally practice the Castilian version of the language — a nursing student from Spain has offered to help. Ma "Chique" Jesus Sanchez Perez Escalona Sierra, attending MCC on a scholarship, said she would be glad to visit with such students. Those interested may call 1-486-2500 in Crawford ...

CORRECTION

In last issue's story about the Baptist Student Union, it was incorrectly stated that "Students On The Move For Christ," a BSU chorus, performed at the Park Lake Baptist Church on Nov. 1. It should have been reported that the BSU Choir gave the performance.

Student involvement

By JEFF OSBORNE

Active involvement by MCC students this semester in projects to benefit the community has strengthened the college's commitment to the Waco area.

As a community college, MCC has always had a close bond with Waco and McLennan County, and students need to become even more aware of the importance of their involvement in local affairs.

County tax dollars pay for the major part of student's educational expenses. When we help the community by getting involved in projects to help others, we offer proof that the taxpayers have made a good investment.

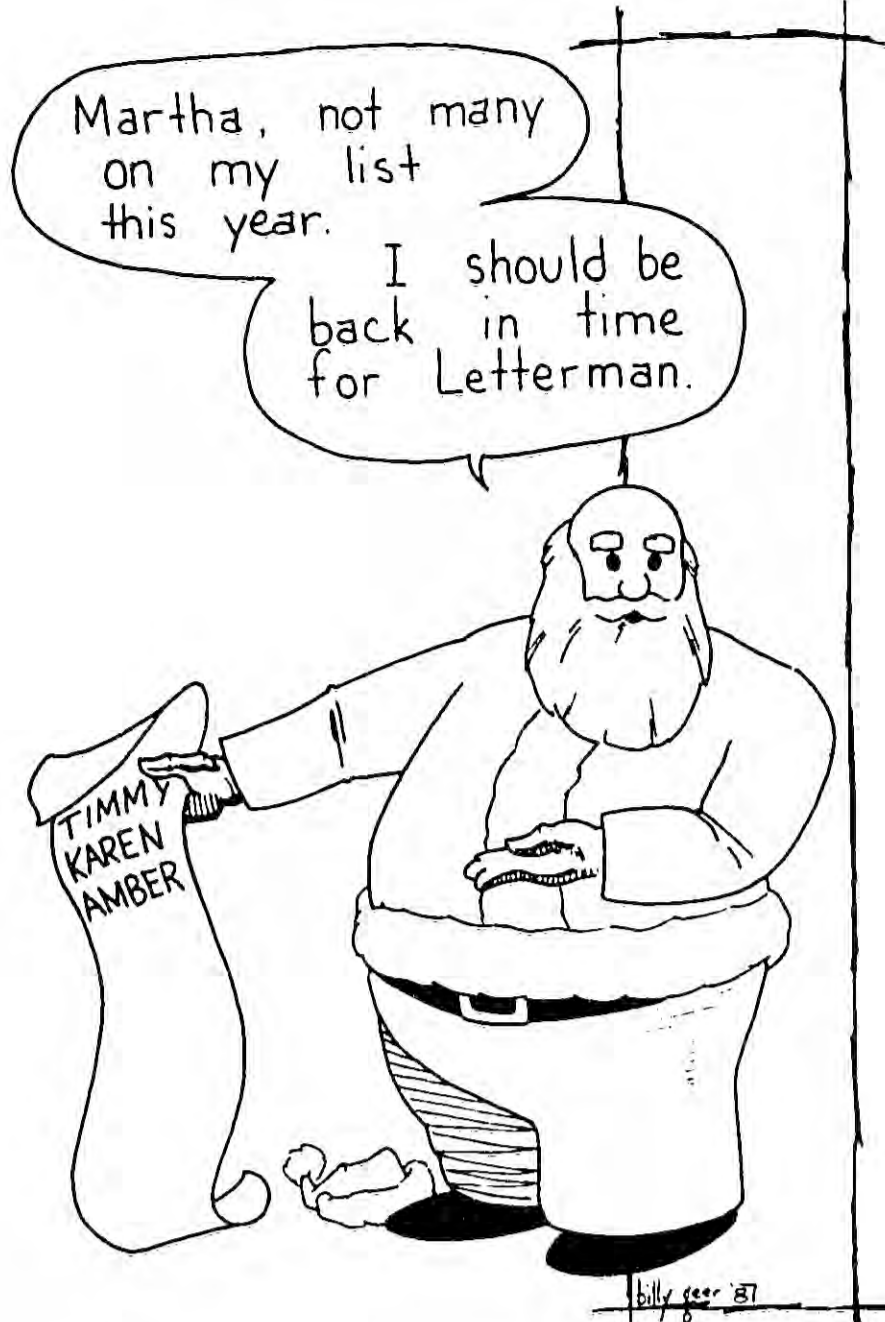
Recent events such as the Red Cross blood drive, the Salvation Army food drive, and the American Heart Association's "Telepledge" are a few of the projects in which students have participated.

The success of the recent blood drive is something we as a school can be proud of because of the impact it had on helping others.

MCC played a crucial role in providing needed blood, and students responded in record numbers. The success of the blood drive is evidence that many students are concerned with meeting the needs of other people.

Students and MCC employees are also involved in another charity benefit — the Salvation Army food drive. Government cutbacks in programs for the poor increases the food drive's importance.

The staff of the Highland Herald congratulates those involved in bringing about the increased awareness and participation in meeting local needs, and we urge you to continue your support and commitment in the future.



for making it interesting and fun.

Chris Bell



I would just like to say good luck and so long to all the people at MCC who have supported me and helped me to grow intellectually: Tom Buckner, Doris Stevens, Clyde Koehne, Kay Eissler, and to the many student friends that I will miss as I further my studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Darryl Adamson

Overcoming stress: Steps to success

By NAHID FATHIMA

Stress is a common feeling in a student's life. I have experienced stress ever since I first entered college. Not only me, but a lot of other college students have experienced stress in one form or another and they all respond to it in their own unique ways.

When Roby breaks out in pimples just before the final exams, or Judy lets out a series of curses at the stop light which just turned red, and my roommate grinds her teeth non-stop in her sleep — I know they are under stress.

Statistics show that 68 percent of modern day illnesses are stress related, for example: heart attacks, stomach ulcers, TMJ dysfunctions, etc.

I do not mean to imply that stress is completely harmful to a human being. Stress is beneficial to a person to a certain extent because every human being needs stimulation, challenge and motivation to keep moving forward and avoid life from becoming stagnant. But when a person lets himself be victimized by stress it becomes more destructive than beneficial.

So here's a list of suggestions that will help you take charge and manage stress rather than be overwhelmed by it and become another stress statistic.

Plan and organize

Learn to plan ahead: Being organized is the key to success! How many times have you heard that before? Well, take it from someone who was disorganized and miserable, it is TRUE. Having too many things to do can make a person confused and forgetful and also sense of being overburdened. So having a flexible planned schedule for everyday is essential.

Set realistic goals

Be realistic in goal-setting: Most of us set unrealistically high goals for ourselves. In other words, we are setting ourselves up for failure. We can never be super human 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. So when we do not accomplish what we set out to do, we end up feeling inadequate. So be realistic and set achievable goals.

Take time for recreation

Make time for play: Everybody needs to get away from the daily humdrum of life and have some fun (by fun, I do not mean watching T.V.). Finding something to do that is absorbing and at the same time enjoyable to you will do wonders for you.

Have a positive outlook

Be a positive person: Find something to admire in everybody around you. Try to see something you can sincerely praise. Focusing upon the good qualities of people around you will not only reduce your stress, it will win you a lot of friends.

Be understanding

Empathize with others: An attempt to understand how the other person feels can make you more accepting of others. It will help you forgive and forget the little annoyances which make a person intolerable and help you become a much happier person.

Avoid "winning at all costs"

Avoid unnecessary competition: Being obsessed with winning all the time in every sphere of life can create excessive tension and anxiety and make us unnecessarily aggressive. So it is better to avoid unwanted competition.

Maintain proper diet

Eat a well-balanced and nutritional meal three times a day. Avoid caffeine drinks and drugs. Caffeine makes you nervous and irritable, and by the time the semester is over you are a nervous wreck.

Exercise

Get regular physical exercise: According to my weight-lifting coach, Bob Ammon, physical exercise is a good method to release stress. So involve yourself in a regular physical exercise program. Make sure you check with a physician before you get started and choose to do something that you will enjoy rather than one that feels like hardwork and drudgery.

Relax

Learn to relax: Learn a systematic drug free method of relaxation like meditation, Yoga or any kind of progressive relaxation. This can be learned from various teachers and licensed psychotherapists.

Discuss your problems

Always talk out your troubles: Find a friend or a counselor or a teacher with whom you can be open about your feelings. Expressing your bottled-up tensions to someone who is not critical of you can be helpful in seeing things in the right perspective.

Avoid negative thinking

Change your thinking: How you feel emotionally often depends on your philosophy of life. Instead of dwelling on stressful situations, it helps to re-examine our values in life and flush out the things that have a negative impact on us.

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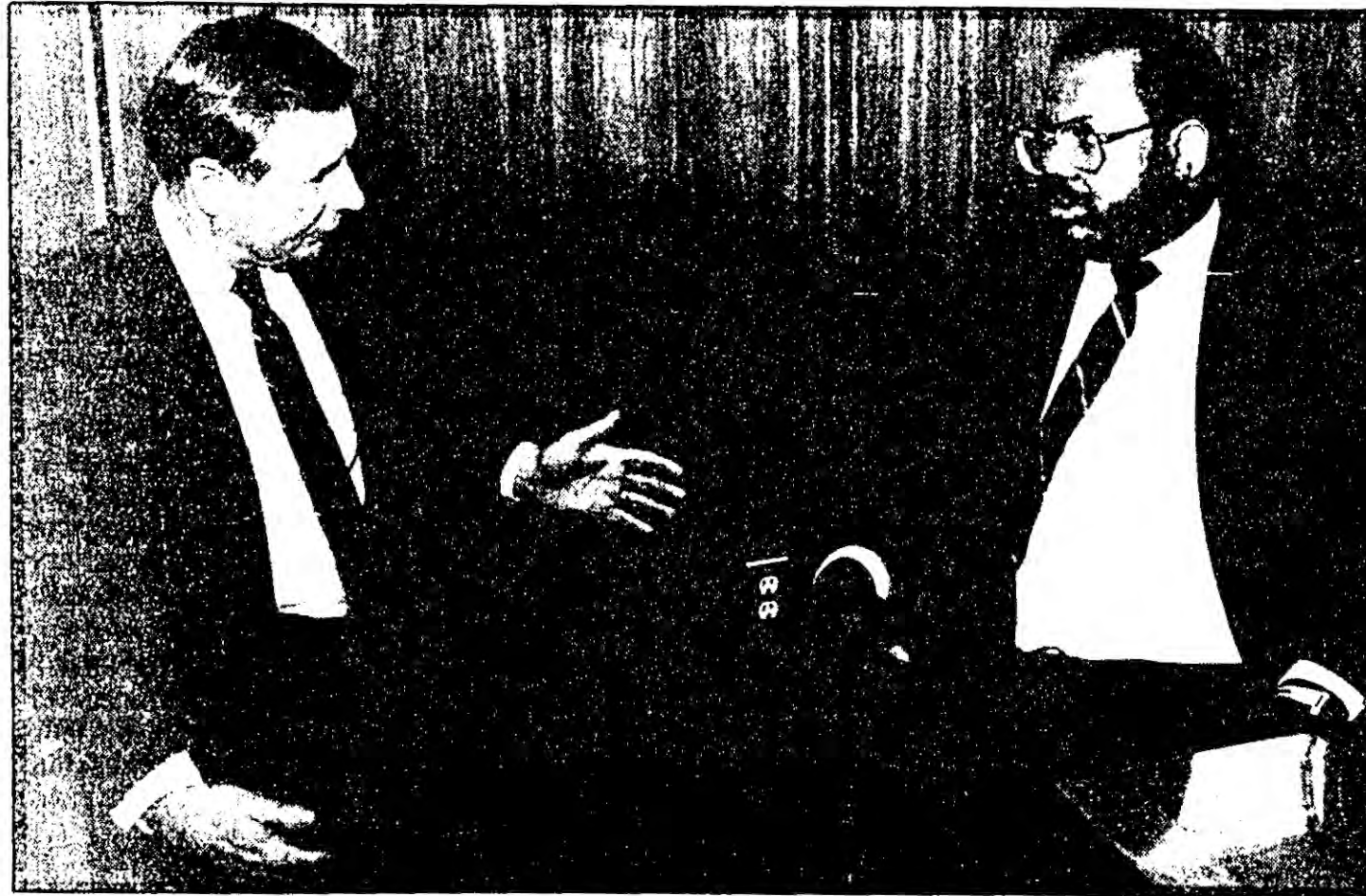
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Presidential candidates tour MCC campus



DR. WADE KIRK (left) with board of trustees chairman the Rev. Eric Hooker (right). Kirk, who is executive vice president and chief

academic officer of Kilgore College (Kilgore, Texas) visited the campus last Monday.



DR. RAYMOND VAN CLEEF (left) visit with board member Lawrence Johnson. Van Cleaf, who serves as vice president of education and

student services of Tyler Junior College (Tyler, Texas) toured MCC Tuesday of last week.



DR. DENNIS MICHAELIS (left) visits with board member James Hardwick. Michaelis, president

of Paris Junior College (Paris, Texas) visited MCC last Friday.

Photos by Ken Crawford

Knowledge of product fashion important

By MELISSA TRESZOKS

"The general trend right now is to have more qualified sales help with a knowledge of the product they are selling," said Kaye Moore, fashion merchandising program director at MCC.

The fashion merchandising department has 60-70 students enrolled this fall. According to Moore this field has good job placement because students often work part time in this field while attending school.

"There is a definite need for trained sales people, buyers, and department managers," Moore said.

The highlight of the semester for the fashion merchandising program was when 40 students, male and female, went to the Woman's Apparel Market in Dallas. They plan to attend this market again next March.

Guest speakers in the fashion merchandising classes this semester included the division manager for Shellenberger's and a buyer of petite and large sizes for Cox's. Each speaker talked about how their stores compared when buying merchandise.

Plans for next semester include having a fashion show

during the brown bag series in March. Students are involved in these fashion shows which are completely student operated.

Possibly during the summer of 1988 they hope to have an extended study tour for three or four days in Dallas. Plans for the spring of 1989 include a trip to New York.

Next semester, the course "Fashion Fundamentals and Trends" (FM.335) will be offered in addition to the classes currently offered. This class will help determine the student's best color and style appropriate for his or her lifestyle.

Art instructor honored

By TERI LYNN EISMA

Barney Fitzpatrick has been singled out in competition for artists from Central Texas.

The MCC art instructor won honorable mention in the Central Texas Biennial 1987 Competition for four works which are on display in The Art Center until Jan. 31.

His "Swing," "Stepping

Stones" and "Slick Slide" are prism-colored black-and-white photographs. "Blue Space-Three Trees" is an acrylic painting.

The Art Center sent all entries to this year's juror Tarrence Corbin, an artist and lecturer on contemporary art and professor at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He was

here to talk with instructors, artists, and students Dec. 3-5 when the exhibition began.

The top two winners, Paul McCoy of Hewitt and Trey South of Waco, share the large gallery in The Art Center.

The honorable mention works of Fitzpatrick and Matt Mitchell of Valley Mills share the smaller gallery.

By JEFF OSBORNE

The search for a new president drew nearer to the end with a visit by all five candidates to the MCC campus last week.

The candidates met with board members, were given a tour of the campus, and also informed on responsibilities, fringe benefits, community, personnel employed by MCC.

During their visit the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4, the presidential hopefuls stayed at the Waco Hilton and dined at Nick's Restaurant.

Board members asked a series of questions relating to challenges facing education,

their long-range and short-term plans and goals for the college, and their qualifications for the presidency.

Tonight, the board will meet in executive session to evaluate the candidates, and narrow the list further.

"They will probably discuss the pros and cons of the candidates, and decide on the one or two campuses they will visit," according to Nancy Cochran, director of public information.

Hooker described the candidates as being "all reputable applicants," and expressed his thanks to the presidential search committee for choosing "the cream of the crop."

"The search has really taken a lot of our time, and made us draw closer. We realize that our selection will be extremely important to the continued success of the college, and we want to choose the best candidate. We think you will be pleased with our decision," said Eric Hooker, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The board is expected to make its decision later this month following an evaluation of the candidates and possible visits to their campus.

The final selection for the office of president is expected to be announced in January.



DR. GERY HOCHANADEL (center) chats with board members Danny Uptmore (right) and Pauline Chavez. Hochanadel, president of

Labette Community College (Parsons, Kansas) came to the college Wednesday.



DR. MONTE BLUE (left) confers with board member C. Ray Perry. Blue, president of San

Jacinto College-Central Campus (Pasadena, Texas) toured the campus last Thursday.

NEWS BRIEFS

Jazzbos play tomorrow night

The Faculty Jazz Ensemble will present a free concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Performing Arts Center.

Among the pieces to be played are "Hot-house" by Todd Dameron, "Famous Door" by Phil Wilson, "For Your Eyes Only" by Rob Page, "Black Suede Shoes" by Bill Howard, and

"The Way You Look Tonight" featuring Julian Jones.

Members of the ensemble, popularly known as the "Jazzbos," are Ken Frazier, Dick Gimble, Bill Haskett, Dave Hibbard, Bill Howard, Julian Jones, Rob Page and Tom Prisk.

The concert is open to the public.

Voter cards in mail

White registration cards to voters this week, and people who believe they are registered but who do not receive a card in the mail should contact the County Elections Department as soon as possible.

The new white cards will replace the old yellow cards which will no longer be valid after Feb. 29.

Voter registration cards are not forwarded, so people whose addresses have changed will not receive a new card. Such persons should send a note to P.O. Box 2450, Waco, TX 76703,

stating their name, date of birth, and new address.

Returned voter cards are the principal means by which the elections department removes the names from the voter list of people who have moved or died since the last card mailing in 1986. Friends or relatives receiving cards mailed to persons no longer living in the household should allow the cards to be returned to the elections department. For more information call 757-5043 or write the above address.

Stage Band to play Thursday

The award-winning MCC Stage Band will present a concert at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Performing Arts Center.

The band will perform big band jazz from the musical libraries of Count Basie, the Dallas

Jazz Orchestra and Les Hooper. Selections will include "How High the Moon," "Skylark," and "Shazbat Boogie" written by MCC guitar instructor Clark Nauert.

The concert is open to the public and is free.

Psi Beta sizzles to chili win

Psi Beta was the unanimous winner of the Interclub Council-sponsored Chili Cook-off Friday outside the Student Center. Student Government's chili chefs captured second place while the Mental Health Club took third.

Judges were chosen at random for the contest included Dee Dee Hickey, Rose Dillard, Lynda Gonzales, Bob Packwood, Eric Carter, Myra Bradley and Joe Jimenez.

Highlanders nip Dolphins at the wire

By BRUCE CUMMINGS

After trailing most of the game, the MCC Highlanders pulled off a last minute victory over the Alvin Dolphins here Friday. Coming from behind in the last 50 seconds the Highlanders defeated the Dolphins 67-62.

With 0:43 left in the game the Highlanders gained their first lead with a basket by Howard Turner setting the score at 63-62. This was followed by a series of time outs called by both teams. Eventually the Highlanders captured a five point lead over the Dolphins with 0:09 left.

During the first half the Highlanders never gained the lead although they did tie the Dolphins five times. The largest deficit the Highlanders had to overcome in this half occurred after a freethrow by Alvin giving the Dolphins a 19-13 lead at 11:10 left to play in the first half.

The second half was marked by the Dolphins twice holding a 10 point lead over the Highlanders. The Highlanders never managed to tie the Dolphins during this half.

Howard Turner and Freddie Williams led the Highlanders in scoring with 20 and 13 points respectively. Carl Love scored the last two points of the game giving the Highlanders their 67-62 victory.

Highlanders stand at 7-4

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Since defeating Navarro College with a last second shot on Nov. 14, the Highlanders have gone 3-3.

MCC traveled to Jacksonville on Nov. 17 where, after falling behind 32-22 at the end of the first half, it lost to Lon Morris College 85-72.

Howard Turner accounted for 17 points as he led the team in scoring. He was followed by Henry Golightly with 14, Carl Love with 12 and Byron Young with 10.

The Highlanders then hosted the MCC-Mr. Gatti's Tournament on Nov. 20-21 where they went undefeated to win the championship.

In the first game, Love racked up 40 points, with the help of six three-point shots, to help MCC cruise by Temple Junior College 113-96. The Highlanders raced to a 63-55 first half lead as Love contributed 21.

Other leading scorers include Willie Gilmore with 27, Rodney Diggs with 12 and Turner with 11.

In the championship game, MCC led 40-29 at the half against Angelina College as it held on to win 82-76.

Love led the team in scoring with 22 points followed by Gilmore with 14, Shone Wyatt with 13, Turner with 11 and Young with 10.

The Highlanders next traveled to Temple where they defeated TJC 104-86 on Nov. 24.

The two teams were tied at 48-48 at the end of the first half as Golightly produced 17 points. In the second half, the Highlanders overtook the Leopards as they increased their record to 7-2.

Golightly led the team in points as he pumped in 22. He was closely followed by Jason Hooten and Gilmore with 19 apiece, as Hooten went 14-14 from the free throw line. Love and Turner also added 17 points apiece.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Golightly was named to the all-tournament team as the Highlanders traveled to Houston where they participated in the San Jacinto Tournament.

In the first game, MCC lost 78-75 to Alvin Community College as ACC hit a last second three-point shot to win.

The Highlanders lost their second game in the tournament 102-98 in double overtime to Western Texas College as they fell to 7-4 on the season.

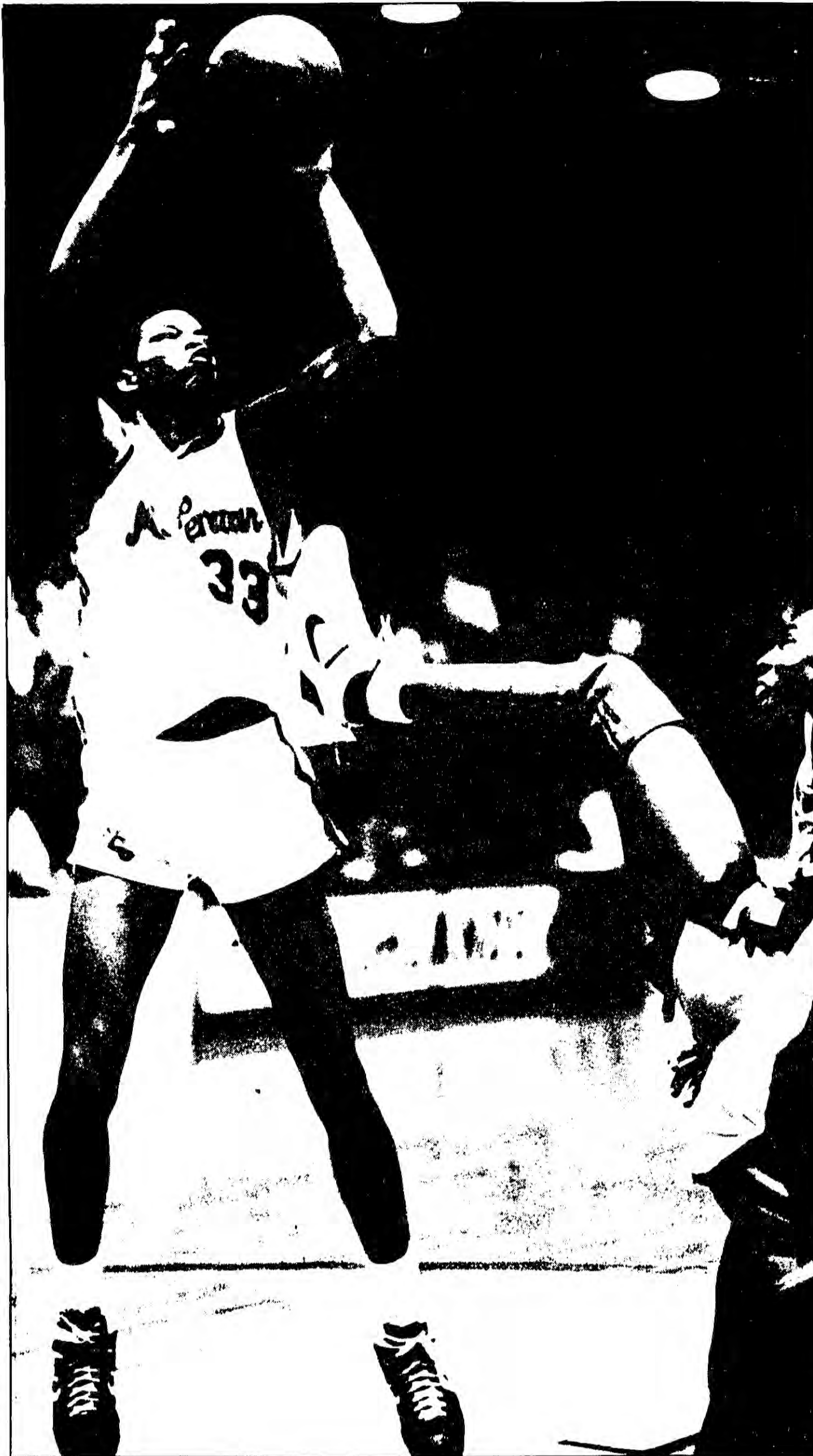


Photo by Ken Crawford

NOT REALLY KARATE — A San Jacinto defender tries to get a leg up on Highlander Rodney Diggs (33) as he attempts a jump shot. After taking a 39-36 halftime lead in Wednesday's game here, the Highlanders were defeated by the Ravens 84-66. Leading scorers for the Highlanders were Carl Love with 20, Willie Gilmore with 17 and Howard Turner with 14.

'Lassies squander lead, fall 75-72

By STEVEN ABERNATHY

The Highlands.

The Highlassies dropped another game last Thursday as the Blinn Lady Bucs crept up from a two-digit deficit to overcome the Highlassies 75-72 at

Blinn College. First half action kept the Lady Bucs clean as MCC jumped to an early lead. Highlassie Gwen Thomas scored 10 points while teammate Renee Proctor added nine by the in-

termission.

After capturing an early 11-2 lead, the Highlassies witnessed a Lady Buc scoring rampage which lifted Blinn to an 18-18 tie. The remainder of the half was dominated by the offenses as a combined 38 points fell through the hoop before the buzzer sounded leaving the Highlassies on top 38-36.

Opening the second half, the Highlassies scored eight unanswered points to increase their lead, only to have the Lady Bucs close the margin by hitting three three-point shots.

With 5:00 remaining in the game, the Highlassies led 64-58, but Blinn capitalized on a three-point shot accompanied by a three-point play to equal the Highlassies at 68-68 with 2:30 left in the game.

At the 1:08 mark, the Lady Bucs took the lead and controlled the remainder of the game as they hit three free throws while MCC missed four. When the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Bucs celebrated a 75-72 victory.

Individual scoring for the Highlassies was led by 5-foot-11 sophomore Gwen Thomas and 6-foot-1 sophomore Renee Proctor with 10 points apiece. Sophomores Christie Hill and Glenda Lott each finished the game with 11. Other scoring included Terri Porter and Sandra Jones with eight points apiece while freshman Mary Stewart scored two.

Highlassie rebounding was led by Proctor with seven. Terri Porter topped the assists list with six while 5-foot-3 freshman Julie Jackson stole the ball four times.



Photo by Ken Crawford

AFTER PICKING UP the loose ball, Sandy Laurie (21) from Blinn College dribbles around teammate Yvonne Hill (24). Although the Highlassies led by 10 points midway through the second half, the Lady Bucs pulled out a 75-72 victory last Thursday in The Highlands.

MCC falls to San Jac

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

11 point advantage.

It is not everyday that an athletic team has a chance to knock-off the top rated team in the nation, but the Highlanders' basketball team had that shot when the No. 1 ranked San Jacinto College-Central Ravens came to town last Wednesday.

When they entered The Highlands, the Ravens had amassed an 11-0 record for the season. As they left, they had improved to 12-0 after a 84-66 victory over the Highlanders.

With 1:45 remaining in the first half, the Highlanders led 39-30 as the Ravens put on a furious full-court press. The press resulted in enough Highlander turnovers to allow the Ravens to cut the lead to only 39-36 as the half ended.

Love's two free throws at the beginning of the second half gave the Highlanders a five point cushion before the Ravens battled back to tie the score at 45-45 with 15:02 left in the game.

"I have never had five losses this early in the season before, but we have played some very good teams so far . . ."

Commenting on the amount of points scored, Highlander head coach Ken DeWeese said, "There were more points scored than I wanted. The first half was okay because we controlled the tempo, but the second half was played too fast."

In the first half, the Ravens took an early 2-0 lead before the Highlanders answered with a basket and two free throws. For the next six minutes, the two teams kept exchanging the lead.

Trailing by one at the 13:39 mark in the first half, Carl Love hit two consecutive three-point shots to give the Highlanders an 18-13 lead. The Highlanders then opened a 34-24 lead after an eight point run that end on Howard Turner's jumper with 4:23 left in the first half.

The Ravens followed with two free throws by Moses Scurry, who had nine points in the first half, before Highlander Jason Hooten hit a three-point shot to give MCC a

The last lead held by the Highlanders came when Willie Gilmore hit a jumper to give them a 49-47 lead with 12:20 left to play.

From this point, the Ravens tied the game and then steadily increased their lead until they led by 18 when the game ended at 84-66.

"San Jac is a better overall team this year than they were last year, even though they no longer have Michael Porter and Boo Harvey who now start for St. Johns (University)," DeWeese said.

With the loss, the Highlanders fall to 8-5 on the season. "I have never had five losses this early in the season before, but we have played some very good teams so far," DeWeese added.

Love led all Highlander scorers as he produced 20 points, which included four three-point shots. He was followed by Gilmore with 17 and Turner with 14.

Before Thanksgiving

'Lassies stand at 6-7

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Before the Thanksgiving holidays, the Highlassies were involved in five other games since defeating Fort Hood on Nov. 16.

In Wharton on Nov. 17, MCC edged Wharton County Junior College 68-66 in overtime to improve its record to 4-5. At the end of the first half, the Highlassies trailed the Pioneer Women 26-19.

With the scored knotted at 60-60, the teams went into overtime where the Highlassies prevailed. Leading scorers for MCC were Gwen Thomas with 20, Shelly Russell with 13 and Christie Hill with 10.

The Highlassies went 1-2 in the Howard College Tournament in Big Spring on Nov. 19-21 as their record dropped to 5-7.

In the first game, MCC trailed Odessa College 41-25 at the end of the first half before losing 101-62. Thomas led the team in scoring as she gathered 21 points, she was followed by Terri Porter who had 16.

After trailing Western Texas College 29-22, the Highlassies

lost 77-66 in their second game of the tournament. With the help of three three-point shots, Porter led the team in scoring with 24 points, followed by Thomas with 17. During the game, Julie Jackson had seven steals.

The Highlassies defeated Howard College 73-72, after leading 48-30 at the half, for their first victory of the tournament. Although Porter had 18 first half points, which included four three-point shots, she ended the game with 20 points. Porter was followed by Glenda Lott and Thomas, with 12 points a piece, and Jackson with 10.

MCC improved its record to 6-7 with an 84-76 victory over Temple Junior College on Nov. 24 in Temple.

The Highlassies outscored the Leopardettes 43-40 in the first half as Thomas had 15 points, which included a three-point shot. The Highlassies held on for the win as Thomas ended the game with 28 points. Other leading scorers include Lott with 20, Porter with 16 and Hill with 12.

Intramural volleyball

Teams remain perfect

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

As the intramural volleyball action continues, four teams still remain undefeated.

The Slammers dropped the first set against the Beachballers on Nov. 10, but bounced back to take sets two out of three as they were victorious in the match, 2-1.

On Nov. 18, Wishbone handed the Student Government II team a 2-1 match defeat after dropping the first set.

In the first set, Barry McDonald connected with six strong serves as the SG II team jumped to an 11-5 lead. SG II then held on for a 15-9 win.

With Wishbone leading 0-4 in the second set, Kevin Heath powered across five straight serves to give his team a 14-4 lead. After SG II lost its serve, Wishbone served for a 15-4 win.

In the third set, Wishbone open with a 6-1 lead before SG II tied the score with Patty Eberspaucher serving. Wishbone answered with three points before Rose Dillard served six consecutive points for Wishbone's 15-6 set win and a 2-1 match victory.

Scotty's Game was awarded a forfeit match victory over SG III on Nov. 20 when SG III did not have enough players to participate.

The No Names defeated Novor Say Die in straight sets on Nov. 23 for a 2-0 match victory.

Leading 3-1 in the first set, Ron Bible served six points for the No Names as they increased the lead to 9-1. The No Names then rolled to a 15-5 set win.

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Success Comes through hard work for General Tire students

By CHRIS BELL

Many of the General Tire people who came to MCC when their employer closed its Waco plant are already succeeding in their new businesses.

Sharon White

Sharon White, who worked at General Tire for more than 21 years, will receive her associates degree in management at the end of this semester.

"I may try management in another area but right now I'm planning to keep the books and do the advertising for my husband's jewelry store," she said.

White's husband, Paul, opened La'Bosia Jewelers in September, 1985, just before the layoffs started.

White said the business, which started as a hobby, is fun because "I like people contact." She said that many people come to their store to get jewelry appraised and repaired because of their reputation for honesty.

"We teach you to identify your diamond with a magnifier so if you get your ring repaired somewhere else, you can make sure the diamond was not switched while your ring was worked on," she said.

"Our honesty will help us make it in this business. Our reputation will pass by word of mouth."

White said her most important study aid was her tape recorder. "Sometimes notes go pretty fast, and this way you

can play them back."

The most important thing that White said she had learned at MCC was "You're never too old to learn." She has a 3.9 grade point average.

John Vigus

John Vigus, who was an instrument technician at General Tire, will finish studying for a management development degree at the end of this semester.

"Management training seemed a wise way to go, especially with the opportunity to go back to school," he said.

Vigus operates a control system business which he has had for about five years. He said he just kind of "dabbled" in the business when he was working at General Tire.

"A control system is something that senses, decides, and acts," he said. His systems are used on dams and other often large devices.

The sensing function measures temperature, water level or whatever and then decides how to adjust to the changing situation. After deciding how to act, the system will operate the necessary devices to achieve the desired results. "The thermostat on an air conditioning system is a good example," he said.

"I would love to get an opportunity to analyze the Lake Brazos dam. I've read about it and I can't understand anyone trying to put that kind of system in there," he said.

Vigus listed three important

things that he learned at MCC. First, "Keep good accurate records because they will save your life." Second, he said he learned how to boldly deliver a sales pitch. "You have got to let people know what you've got if you want to sell them something," he said. Last, he said he learned to write better business letters.

Ruth Scheffer

Ruth Scheffer is a management major who plans to graduate in the fall of 1988.

Besides managing 40 apartment units in Rosebud, Scheffer works at the Texas Employment Commission and also makes quilted front sweat-shirts.

"At my age having computer skills has helped me get a job. A lot of businesses want someone with 20 years of experience that is only 20 years old."

Scheffer, who worked at General Tire for over 23 years, hopes to become an interviewer at the TEC. "Right now I'll have to settle where I can because the job market is so strange."

Computer classes were the most useful classes that Scheffer said she had taken at

MCC. "At my age having computer skills has helped me get a job. A lot of businesses want someone with 20 years of experience that is only 20 years old," she said.

Scheffer also said that she learned a lot about business law and finance from a class that was jointly taught by Stan Mitchell and Don McCauley.

Stanley Glynn

Stanley Glynn said he will finish his business management studies at the end of this semester.

Glynn operates Glynn Enterprises, a company that sells gifts, novelties, toys, watches, and other items. Most of his sales result from direct contact with potential buyers or from classified ads in trade magazines.

Glynn said he wants to send some applications to several local companies to do some marketing work.

"You need real world experience to be able to do anything. Schooling is only part of it," he said.

"Anyone can take a management course but everyone will have a different opinion of how to apply it on the job."

Everyone agreed that going school had given them the motivation to go out and try new things that they otherwise may not have done. However, Glynn pointed out one important thing, "No school can teach you how to be successful. You have to do that on your own."

Early registration over, regular sign-up Jan. 6-7

By ELIZABETH DELEON

With the fall semester drawing to an end, early registration for the spring semester began last week.

Only students with early registration permits were allowed to register at designated times.

The purpose of registering early assures students of their first preference for instructors and class schedules. It also saves the hassles of crowded lines, unwanted preferences, and headaches at regular or late registration.

Permits were obtained in advance from the registrar's and

admission offices, or by appointment through a counselor.

Approximately 500 students, per day, received permits to register early. Those who did not register can still do so during regular and late registration next month.

Regular registration for the spring classes will be held Jan. 6-7 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Permits will be required until 4:30. The final day of regular registration is Saturday, Jan. 9, from 8-12 a. m. A permit is not required on this day.

Late registration begins Jan. 11-14 from 12:30-2 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. Permits are not required. Spring classes begin January 11, 1988.



Photo by Ken Crawford

AT EARLY REGISTRATION — Betty James, business office supervisor, and William McClintock, MCC accountant, discuss computer operations during early registration

Intramural volleyball

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In the second set, the No Names opened another 9-1 lead before putting Never Say Die away at 15-8.

In action on Nov. 25, The Fellowship eased by SG II in straight sets, 15-8 and 15-6.

The Beachballers and The Guzzlers split the first two sets before the Beachballers won the third set for a 2-1 match victory on Nov. 30.

The first set between the Beachballers and The Guzzlers was the first one to go past the regulation 15 points for a win. The Beachballers led 6-1 before being tied at 6-6.

After point exchanges, The Guzzlers took a 14-12 lead before the Beachballers took a 15-14 lead with Stephanie Crumpton serving. The Beachballers then regained the serve as Sherre Whitney served them a 16-14 first set win. The Guzzlers answered the first set loss with a second set 15-5 win.

The Beachballers took a commanding third set lead as Brian Uptmore served for the first eight straight points. They then widened the lead to 12-2 and 14-5 before capturing the set at 15-5 and the match at 2-1.

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Forensic squad seventh out of 35

By DONNA YOUNG

Several members of the MCC speech forensic squad participated in the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Fall Championship Nov. 13-15 and the Stephen F. Austin University Lumberjack Forensic Tournament Nov. 20-22.

The TIPA Fall Championship was held at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Five MCC freshman along with students from 20 other schools attended the competition.

Freshman Waylon Wood placed fifth in improvised duet acting and 13th out of 54 competitors in dramatic interpretation.

The tournament was a new experience in college forensic competition for four of the five freshman.

Eight MCC students attended the Stephen F. Austin tournament capturing, in eight individual events, seven superiors and 17 excellents in various preliminary competition rounds.

Several of these events included poetry, persuasion, extemporaneous speaking, improvised duet acting, dramatic interpretation, dramatic duo and informative speaking.

Freshman Scott Wright won

first place out of 27 teams (54 individuals) with partner Katie Sharp in improvised duet acting. Sharp is from the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Wright ranked seventh out of 16 individual competitors winning event awards.

In overall tournament standings for individual event competition, MCC ranked seventh out of 35 and was second to San Antonio College in junior college rankings.

Nine junior colleges from three states and 35 colleges and universities from five states attended the tournament. Among those states represented included Illinois, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Oklahoma.

The MCC Forensic team will be attending its next tournament Dec. 4-6 at Texas A & M University in College Station.

The MCC Forensic Squad is currently offering tuition scholarships for speech and non-speech majors participating in forensic activities.

Students participating in forensics receive academic credit in addition to competing and winning awards in various two- and four-year college tournaments.

Student entry fees, transpor-

tation, lodging, and some meal expenses are paid by MCC during the tournament circuit.

"It's hard work, but the benefits are worth it," Wright said. "It really helps to be able to speak your mind and have people understand you."

Additional forensic information may be obtained from Ann Harrell or Cindy SoRelle, speech instructors, or come by Room 117 in the Faculty Office Building.

Emergency medical training offered

By PETE BACON

McLennan Community College is once again sponsoring three different emergency medical technician training programs.

The three levels of training are the EMT basic, EMT special skills, and the paramedic program.

The EMT basic is the lowest level of training and consists of 120 hours of training. This course is taught to rural community fire departments such as those at McGregor, Mart, Clifton, Hewitt, Bellmead, West and Marlin.

"Training people in rural ambulance services has been very important to us. We obtain

funds from the Heart of Texas Government Council to train rural volunteers. This training is basically taught to sustain life until the patient can be transferred to a hospital," said Gary Stretcher, dean of continuing education.

The EMT special skills training is an advanced version of the EMT basic program, and 176 hours of training are required to complete this course. EMT special skills consist of more in-depth training in procedures that require a physician's orders such as starting intravenous medications.

The most advanced and important position is the paramedic. This class is taught on weeknights over an eight-

month period. The course includes 608 hours of class time, actual ambulance runs, and time in the emergency room of a hospital. To qualify for the paramedic program one must be a state certified EMT.

Being a paramedic can be a dangerous occupation. Many of the calls that they respond to are automobile wrecks, fires, domestic violence cases and even vertical rescues. However, vertical and rough terrain rescues require more training. Another dangerous situation would be dealing with a patient who may carry the AIDS virus. New safety precautions are being used to avoid contracting the disease.

Cultural contrast highlights trip

Student returns to Denmark for holidays

By JEFF OSBORNE

Most of us staying in Texas for the holidays can only dream of a "White Christmas," but MCC student Lisa Roe can count on one as she returns to visit Denmark.

Roe, a sophomore journalism student, first visited Denmark in the summer of 1985 as an exchange student with ASSIE (American Scandinavian Student Exchange). Her host family invited her stay with them for three weeks in late December and early January.

Cold weather and culture shock

The surprise Roe experienced after arriving in Denmark was the cold weather. "It was really a shock after the Texas heat in June," she said.

Challenges that Roe faced included overcoming culture shock and adjusting to Danish

life. Another obstacle she had to deal with was the language barrier.

"My Danish 'parents' Vibeke and Jorgen, and my 'sister' Charlotte spoke perfect English, but my 'grandparents' could only speak a few English words," Roe said.

"My Danish 'grandfather' and I used a dictionary to learn how to pronounce and translate English and Danish words," she added.

"Danish people drive a lot faster than most Americans because the speed limits are higher. It seemed like my Danish 'mother' was driving 90 miles an hour," she said.

Culture and food

Adjusting to the culture in Denmark was one experience mentioned by Roe. "I thought that I'd be prepared for the differences in our cultures be-

cause I expected them, but it wasn't easy," she said.

Among changes were a seven hour time difference separating Denmark and the United States, and different foods.

"The foods were more bland than in America. We had bread and butter with every meal. The Danish people eat more dairy products and less meat than Americans," Roe said.

"We also had flower tea, which is tea grinds with dried flowers mixed in... That gave the tea a unique flavor," she added.

"After eating Danish food for so long, I was ready for something American," Roe said. She explained how she ordered an "American hamburger" in a restaurant and was disappointed when she was given a ham and cheese sandwich.

"Some things are lost in the

translation," she said.

Government, media and language

Differences in society include a Socialist government, with no sales tax but a heavy personal tax, according to Roe. "All medical expenses were paid for by the government," she explained.

Newspapers are also much more sexually explicit when compared to those in America, Roe said.

"TV is only on from 4 p.m.-midnight. Mostly old movies are shown, like 'The Birds,' by Alfred Hitchcock, and 'The Bridge Over the River Kwai' or re-runs of American programs such as 'MASH,'" Roe said.

"Most older people can't speak English very well, but the younger generation can speak English fluently because they're required to take it in

school every year," according to Roe.

"My host family had a lot of things that most Danish people don't have, such as a TV, VCR, and microwave. Although most Americans take these items for granted, they are very expensive in Denmark," Roe said.

Interesting places, events

While in Denmark in 1985, Roe visited several landmarks and tourist attractions. "We went some place every weekend," she said.

One of the places Roe visited was Legoland, a tribute to the Danish inventor of Legos building blocks.

Highlights of Legoland are a "lifosize" replica of Mt. Rushmore, as well as replicas of the space shuttle Columbia, the Queen's castle, a miniature town, and Copenhagen International Airport, all built of

Legos, Roe said.

"In 'Magasine,' a Danish department store, there is a replica of the Statue of Liberty four or five stories tall built entirely of Legos," she added.

Other places Roe visited included Rebild, a Danish town which celebrates the Fourth of July in honor of immigrants who went to America. Roe also saw the birthplace of writer Hans Christian Anderson, and the Sonderborg Festival, which celebrates the medieval period. "Visiting Denmark gave me a broader outlook on life, and has shown me that although there are a lot of differences in cultures, there are similarities as well. Danish people are not that much different than Americans," Roe said.

Roe's coming trip includes a cruise to England, and she will have the opportunity to celebrate both Christmas and the New Year in Denmark.

behind the scenes

My "Oliver!" experience

By TERI LYN EISMA

My experiences in doing the show? I'm not sure how to answer that.

It was a challenge, to say the least: To wait hours with the rest of the adult chorus until our scenes came up...to figure out where I go when and which foot goes where...to dance energetically and sing clearly at the same time...

To keep from tripping over people when rushing on and off stage...to wear long sweeping skirts while running up and down the platforms and steps in the dark without tripping...to fit in the costumes...

To remember tolerance when 20 youngsters are running around screaming, not to mention my sister. (Her goal is Hollywood. I'll be so happy for both of us, if and when she gets there! That is, if I don't kill her first.)...

To walk in a long skirt and carry a milk-maid's yoke like Atlas' awkward globe on my shoulders and still sing, project, and act (Believe me, I greatly desired to sell that milk, if only to get that \$\$ra.

I don't mean to paint a picture of frustration about the theatre—it's supposed to be hard work, and a lot of fun, too.

It felt great to stretch my vocal chords again; I hadn't sung a show in six years. Rehearsal was fun, especially when someone found a novel way to flounder through forgotten lines.

You should have seen John Kelly, our director, when he had to fill in for Belinda Honea as Widow Corney. He did a fantastic job, but I couldn't stop laughing.

My favorite part of the show was the "Oom-pah-pah" scene at the Three Cripples Tavern. I was the totally blitzed girl down front. I've never been that drunk, so I hope I acted well. But by that time of the show, everyone was tense and tired, so we just let it all out!

I made a lot of new friends on the show and I loved working with them. I was so impressed with how hard the drama majors and team directors worked. I was tired just watching them think.

Whew! Am I glad it's over. The applause lasted all week enough at least until I try out again.

Christmas traditions from foreign lands

By TERI LYN EISMA

Christmas is a touching, special season, all around the world.

A lot of countries have unique customs we nephews and nieces of Uncle Sam may not experience.

In Bethlehem, the community re-enacts the Nativity scene in throngs around the grotto (cave sites) where the original manger may have once stood.

In Italy, Christmas is a solemn family ceremony, with the major gift exchanges on the Jan. 6 Epiphany, celebrating the coming of the Magi.

In Sollesville, France, the whole village celebrates with a children's re-enactment of Jesus' breaking of bread with the apostles. The villagers later act out the story of the manger.

In Austria, Christmas trees are not lit until Christmas Eve and the Austria-originated "Silent Night, Holy Night" is the favorite carol.

In Norway, Christmas is more a combination of pagan winter solstice celebrations and Christian traditions.

England has a perfect example of the Dark Age banquet, with royal patrons and minstrelsy.

In Ecuador, children's shoes rather than stockings are placed in the window for the Christ-child, rather than Santa Claus, to deliver toys while he passes.

The Mexican poinsettia and pinata have contributed greatly to the Christmas season in that country and elsewhere.

Christmas lanterns are a Chinese tradition.

South Africa enjoys a colorful summer Christmas much different from the blinding white snow with which many in this hemisphere associate the holiday.

Although we may not get much of a "white Christmas," we will have a "merry Christmas" and will enjoy our native traditions that have come from all over the world.

Students meet Letterman

By DARIN BROCK

MCC students Brent Shehorn and Jane Stermer have just returned from a trip to New York after accompanying "Gizzard Lady" Ruth Stone to be on network television's Late Night Show with David Letterman.

It all started back in August when Shehorn and his father were in Marlin fixing a house next door to Stone's. Stone offered the two some coffee, which they both accepted. While inside the two noticed several display boxes around the house. These boxes were full of trinkets Stone had found in turkey gizzards while working at a turkey processing plant.

Shehorn recalls being amazed by some of the objects. "When I saw them, I thought it would be something that David Letterman would have on his show."

After contacting Stermer, the two decided to contact the Letterman Show. The two penned a letter about the "Gizzard Lady," which they called Stone, one Monday in August. By that Friday they had already received a response from the show. The "Gizzard Lady" would be on some time in September.

However, the call to confirm the booking never came. Shehorn and Stermer had decided that was the end of things.

On October 26, Shehorn received a call from the Letterman Show. They wanted to use the "Gizzard Lady" for the Nov. 24 show. Mrs. Stone, Shehorn, Stermer, and Shehorn's father left on Sunday, Nov. 22. The show was taped on the 23rd and aired the 24th.

While in New York, the quartet received royal treatment. They were chauffeured around

in a limousine paid for by the show. Shehorn and Stermer took the opportunity to see the sights around town. Shehorn said that they enjoyed driving through the several areas of New York such as the Bronx, Queens and Harlem to name a few.

One highlight Shehorn recalls was seeing "several criminals kissing pavement" in downtown Harlem following a drug raid.

That evening at the taping of the show Shehorn and Stermer had almost a free run of the studio. They spent several hours meeting the crew of the show and walking around on the set. They also got a chance to meet the members of the Late Night Band.

Though Shehorn and Stermer did not appear on the show, Shehorn said is enough to be in the audience. Stermer received a special treat by getting the chance to sit next to Scott Valentine, who plays the

role of Nick on the show "Family Ties."

Coverage of the "Gizzard Lady" was not limited to the Late Night Show, Shehorn said. They received calls from KJNE, from several newspapers around the country including the New York Times, and from United Press International. They also had a spot on the Paul Harvey radio show.

The trip ended in perhaps the best way possible, Shehorn said, when they had a chance encounter with funny man Jay Leno. Shehorn and Stermer were on their way back to the hotel when they ran into Leno walking in the same direction. Leno had also appeared on the show and was staying in the same hotel.

Shehorn said that he and Stermer would not forget the experience for a long time, if ever.

"It was one of the best things that ever happened to me," Shehorn said.



THE GIZZARD LADY — Ruth Stone and MCC students Jane Stermer, left, and Brent Shehorn, right, pose with David Letterman at the taping of his "Late Night" show in New York City.

Jewish community set for Hanukkah

By DARRYL ADAMSON

This is the season of giving thanks and sharing, of eating good food and exchanging gifts.

To the majority, the Christmas holidays are what we call this period of good will. To the Jewish community, it is called Hanukkah.

Hanukkah, or the "feast of lights," began more than 2,000 years ago.

After driving out the Syrians, the Maccabees discovered that their temple had been defiled. After cleaning out their temple, they discovered that there was only a small amount of consecrated oil to burn in the lamps,

but miraculously the oil burned for eight days.

This was the beginning of Hanukkah and every year in December this event is celebrated by lighting one candle every day for eight days.

Just as some children look forward to Christmas because of the gifts they will receive, Jewish children also look forward to receiving gifts during Hanukkah.

"I used to give my children one gift for every night of Hanukkah," said Norma Podet.

According to Podet, they also played games like the Draidel, which is a game played with nuts and a spinning top with Hebrew letters on it.

Just as Christmas has its traditional foods of egg nog, turkey and plum pudding, so does the Jewish Hanukkah. Latkes are one of the traditional foods of Hanukkah, they are similar to potato pancakes.

Although Hanukkah is unlike the celebration of Christmas, the message of good will, giving and family togetherness is the same.

Intramural volleyball

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SG III forfeited its second straight game, which was scheduled for Dec. 2, as the Slammers were awarded the match victory.

After capturing the first set 15-0 and losing the second 6-15, the SG I team rolled past Wishbone 15-0 in the third to hand Wishbone its first match loss of the season.

Falling behind 6-2 in the third set, Kim Kelly helped the SG I team rally as she served for six points to give them an 8-6 lead. Wishbone then tied the set at 9-9 before Jody Webb served SG I to a 13-9 set victory and the 2-1 match win.

The team standings are No Names (3-0), The Fellowship (3-0), Slammers (3-0), Scotty's Game (2-0), Wishbone (2-1), Benchballers (1-2), Never Say Die (1-2), SG I (1-2), SG III (0-3), SG II (0-3) and The Guzzlers (0-3).



Photo by Ken Crawford

NORMA PODET, MCC Board of Trustees member and wife of a Waco Rabbi, illustrates the menorah and the draidel which are used in the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah.

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SALES: shoe store, 15-20 hrs/wk., salary depends on experience.

RECEPTIONIST: good with the public, excellent phone skills, type 40 wpm, 10 key, 4:00-10:00 p.m., flexible days/wk., 4:00/hr.

MONITOR ALARMS: work in control room, check on burglar alarms, 4:00-9:00, days per week vary, Saturdays, \$3.35/hr.

NEED A JOB? Set your own hours and earn top wages as a sales representative for a new Waco business. Call Brian at 829-2172.

COUNTER CLERK: cashier, make rolls, will train, days per week flexible, weekends, \$3.35/hr.

DELIVERY/SORT MAIL: 7:00 - 3:45, Monday - Friday, must be dependable, must have valid Texas driver's license, must have good driving record, \$3.75/hr.

COOK: cook lunch for lady who has been in the hospital, 11:00 - 1:00, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, salary negotiable.

ASSEMBLY WORK: Monday - Friday, 20 hrs./wk., must be at least 18 years old, \$4.00/hr.

DRIVER/GREETER: drive funeral car, greet people, some lifting involved, wear suit or conservative sport coat and slacks, evening hours, Monday - Friday, \$4.00/hr.

AFTERNOON ERRAND RUNNER: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., must furnish own transportation. \$4.00/hr. plus \$2.25 a mile. Call for appointment 776-7302.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER JOBS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF PLACEMENT THIRD FLOOR, STUDENT CENTER.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

DAY SCHEDULE			
Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time	
ME	7:00 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	Friday & Monday Dec. 11 & 14*	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
	8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Monday, Dec. 14	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 16	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Friday, Dec. 11	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 16	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	12:15 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 14	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
	1:15 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 16	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
TT	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Tuesday & Thursday, Dec. 15 & Dec. 17*	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 15	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Thursday, Dec. 17	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 15	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 17	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	1:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 15	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
SATURDAY		Saturday, Dec. 12	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
OTHER DAY CLASSES		Thursday, Dec. 17	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES		TO BE ANNOUNCED - CHECK WITH INSTRUCTOR	

EVENING SCHEDULE

Classes meeting only one night per week	On regular meeting night per week during December 14 - 16
ME Classes 6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:20 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.	M, W, Dec. 14 and 16* Monday, Dec. 14 Wednesday, Dec. 16 6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
TT Classes 6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:20 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.	T, TH, Dec. 15 and 17* Tuesday, Dec. 15 Thursday, Dec. 17 6:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*This schedule precludes the option of an uninterrupted period of 1.50 minutes.

NOTE: GRADE RECORDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO REGISTRAR BY NOON DECEMBER 10.