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Exercises to Feature Past, Future

About 300 MCC students will participate in commencement exercises at 8 p.m. May 10 in the Waco Convention Center.

Henry Griffin, Board of Trustees member, will present a brief program on the past history of MCC. Chairman of the steering committee formed in 1965 to create MCC, Griffin was also the first Chairman of the Board.

"Mr. Griffin's talk will be a sort of

perspective on MCC's past and future," said Dean of Student Services Dr. Larry Gilliam about the commencement program. "It kind of makes you proud to step back and see where you've come from and look ahead into the future."

Gilliam said the program was requested by the college's commencement committee in place of the usual commencement speaker.

Some 250 students will be presented with

Associated in Applied Science (AAS) and Associate in Arts (AA) degrees.

AAS degrees will be presented to students who have completed two-year technical education programs, while AA degrees will be awarded to students who have completed the first two years of a program designed to lead to a bachelors degree.

Certificates will be given to about 60 students for completion of one-year

technical programs.

Newly-elected Chairman of the Board Thomas Mooney will present the diplomas to the graduates.

The McLennan Singers will perform at the ceremonies, and some members of the Phi Theta Kappa will serve as ushers.

Other details for the commencement exercises will be confirmed at the commencement committee meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. today.

Students Receive Awards for Achievements

Students were honored for academic, social, sports and service achievements at the Eighth Annual Awards Day Program at 10 a.m. Monday in the Science Lecture Hall.

Nominees for Who's Who in American Junior Colleges were recognized by Dr. Larry Gilliam, dean of student serv

Sophomores Michael Jones and

Villareal were given the 1974 Upper Division Scholarship Awards.

Dean of Instruction Dr. Ronald A. Smith presented departmental awards to outstanding students chosen by faculty members. Students receiving departmental program and subject area awards were Miss Patricia Tillman, sophomore, and Stephen Cook, freshman, art; Gary Johnson, sophomore, biology; Steve Lowry, sophomore, chemistry; and Miss Darlene Ellison, sophomore, English.

Others receiving awards were Mrs. Margie Nay, sophomore, government; Roy Johnson, sophomore, HPE; Mrs. Joyce Petter, freshman, history; Michael Vinzant, sophomore, mathematics; Mark Nalley, sophomore, music; Miss Lisa Greene, sophomore, Behavioral Sciences; and Miss Patsy Patterson, sophomore, Spanish.

Also receiving recognition were Miss Gayle Vianco, sophomore, French; Miss Jackie Higgs, freshman, speech; Miss Paula Hatfield, sophomore, A.D. Nursing; Miss Marsha Cruthirds, freshman, Business Office Education; Miss Debra Fisher, sophomore, Child Care; Mrs. Janie Neoper, sophomore, cosmetology; Dennis Fink and Michael Dragoo, sophomores, Data Processing; Herbert Kelley, sophomore, management development; Tommy Arp, sophomore, Law Enforcement; Miss Janet Patrick, sophomore, Vocational Nursing; Miss Brenda Gorham, sophomore, Radiologic Technology; Allen Dichard, freshman, Instructional Media; and Miss Phyllis Connor, sophomore, Mental Health.

Freshman Jerry Lynn received the Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award.

The newly elected Student Government Officers for 1974-75 were sworn into office by sophomore Johnny Montez, chief justice of the student supreme court.

The new officers are Harold Nolte, president; Miss Celia Landfried, secretary; Randy Beard, treasurer; and Dale Hughes, parliamentarian.

Students winning certificates of appreciation for service in campus clubs and organizations were Miss Sandra Bishop, sophomore, Alpha Sigma Phi; Don Smith, freshman, Baptist Student Union; Miss Candy Bordas, sophomore, Chicanos Unidos; Dennis Fink, sophomore, Epsilon Delta Pi; and Miss Pat Rendon, freshman, Delta Phi Beta.

Others awarded certificates of appreciation were Miss Betty Longnecker, sophomore, McLennan Singers; Miss Linda McKeon, sophomore, Nursing Students Association; Miss Gail Urbanovsky, sophomore, Phi Theta Kappa; H. R. Thornton, sophomore, Rodeo Club; Terry Storer, sophomore, Sigma Delta Phi; David Wright, sophomore, Veterans Club; and Miss Cathy Sulak, freshman, Student Government.

The Veterans Club won the MCC Spirit Award and Delta Phi Beta, women's social and service club, won first place in the scrapbook competition.

Intramural awards were given by Ray Murray, director of intramurals, and intercollegiate athletes were recognized by the coaches of the various sports.



Photo by Jerry Lynn

BATTLE OF THE SEXES---Tug-of-War at the Highland Games. (See related story, page 3)

Exam Schedule

CLASSES:

MWF
8 a.m.
11:10 a.m.
1:10 p.m.

TT
8 a.m.
10:50 a.m.
1:40 p.m.

EXAM TIME:

Monday, May 6
8 to 10:15 a.m.
10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 to 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7
8 to 10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 to 4:15 p.m.

CLASSES:

MWF
9 a.m.
12:10 p.m.
2:10 p.m.

TT
9:25 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
Other Day Classes
Not Scheduled Above

EXAM TIME:

Wednesday, May 8
8 to 10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 to 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 9
8 to 10:45 a.m.
10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 to 4:15 p.m.

EVENING SCHOOL CLASSES:

Only one night per week

6:30 to 7:45 p.m. MW
6:30 to 7:45 p.m. TT
8:05 to 9:25 p.m. MW
8:05 to 9:25 p.m. TT

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6:30 to 8:45 p.m., May 6
6:30 to 8:45 p.m., May 7
6:30 to 8:45 p.m., May 8
6:30 to 8:45 p.m., May 9

Editorial

Texas Needs Governor, Leader

By Doug Garrett

This year the voters of Texas are faced with a decision the likes of which we probably will not see again for a long time. The decision is: who will be the next governor of Texas?

Two candidates have taken charge of the field this year, just as they did two years ago. These two candidates represent two divergent philosophies in politics.

One philosophy holds that government by the big money and for the big money is the best way to run a state.

The other camp says that it is the

inherent right of a people to rule themselves and to exercise as much control over their own destinies as they can.

This first group has held the reins power in Texas for as long as there has been a Texas. As a result of this monopolization of government by big money interests, we have lagged behind other states in many areas.

The big money is afraid of changing the present inequitable school taxing methods because it might mean higher property taxes. Result—Texas' schools are rated in the bottom third in the country.

Since most of the people on the state insurance board have large investments in insurance companies, Texans pay some of the highest insurance rates in the country.

These are just a few examples of how private government robs you of your money and your right to guide your future.

Texas has a chance to elect a governor who doesn't have a big flashy campaign with lots of ads and hoopla. The reason is simple—she hasn't the money because the money-people don't see things her way.

The candidate is Mrs. Frances "Sissy" Farenthold. Mrs. Farenthold gained fame

as the leader of the group of legislators known as the "Dirty Thirty" who fought for reforms in Texas government.

Mrs. Farenthold has proposed a package of reform legislation this year similar to the one she proposed in '72. The reason for this is simple—Briscoe has shown little if any initiative toward changing anything in Texas.

I believe that it is time for a change in Texas government. I believe that the people of Texas owe it to their children and themselves to elect Mrs. Frances "Sissy" Farenthold Governor of Texas.

Student Wages Little Affected

Minimum Wage Up For Workers

By Christine Casper

The minimum wage bill, signed into law by President Nixon April 8, becomes effective today. Some employees, however, do not receive full wage increases from the hike; among the employees not included are college students.

Under this bill, the wage base is raised to \$1.90 today. The bill provides for the incremental raising of the base pay scale to \$2.30 an hour by 1977.

"According to provisions of the legislature, an institute of higher learning may pay student employees 85 per cent of the minimum wage," said Willie Hobbs, registrar.

"And 85 per cent of \$1.90 per hour would be \$1.61½," he said.

The provision also limits a student employee's work week to 20 hours or less.

"We have not made a decision as to the rate we will pay students," said Hobbs. He added that more study was needed before a recommendation could be made to the administration.

"As it stands now, we probably will not recommend any more than \$1.70 per hour," he said, but added that the administration could decide on a lesser figure, "probably ...\$1.65."

Presently, about 100 students are employed by the work-study program. Eighty per cent of the funding is from federal sources.

"We are allocated funds on the basis of a formula used in distributing money to the state in addition to student population and the number of students who attend institutions that have demonstrated a financial need," said Hobbs.

Thus, financial aids and the work-study program are funded from the same source, so that one particular program cannot make use of most of the funds. If, for example, salaries were raised to \$3.50, there would be no funds available for other programs.

Other arguments against a significant wage increase are that only a few students would benefit from work-study, and that prevailing wages in this area are com-

paratively low on a nationwide scale, so students are not receiving an unfair salary when compared to average earnings in the community.

"I want to be fair to students. I want to pay them as much as we can and still be in line with what prevailing rates of the community are," Hobbs said.

All students who are interested in work-study for the summer should contact the Financial Aids Office now. This applies to students who are presently working under the work-study program.

Hobbs said that as soon as the pay scale is made official, this information will be available to students.

Denton Says State College Funding Unfair

State Representative Lane Denton spoke to the faculty and staff at a meeting at 4 p.m. Monday in the Science Lecture Hall. The 25-minute speech was followed by a question and answer period and the presentation of an award of appreciation to Denton.

Denton spoke of the Constitutional Revision Commission overall as "a hardworking group." He said that the

proposed administrative article has a good chance of being passed.

Denton does approve of the education article in the Constitution. He said that through the permanent University Fund Program, the University of Texas System and the Texas A&M System receive more funds than the other school systems.

Denton said that funds were unfairly divided among the Texas universities. He

said that a new emphasis exists on the total education of the people in or near their hometowns. As a result, all universities need funds.

Denton said that voters should wait before making a decision on the revised Constitution.

"Wait until we complete the final documents and weigh the good sides with the bad," he said.

After Denton's speech, one of the counselors announced and presented the Texas Junior College Teacher's Association Award to Denton. The presentation was not announced prior to the meeting and Denton was not expecting to receive the award.

Denton was selected by the TJCTA from several other nominated persons to receive the award.

Continuing Ed Expands Golf, Swimming, Tennis

Non-credit Continuing Education classes have been expanded in anticipation of greater sport activity for the spring and summer. Ken Willis, dean of continuing education, said.

Golf, tennis, and swimming classes are affected now. Golf classes will be offered Monday and Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m. beginning May 6. Evening courses will also be offered. Classes are open to elementary and secondary school students.

A learn-to-swim program called "Operation Waterproof" will be offered for the first time at MCC. It has been offered previously through the county safety council. Many classes will operate through local school systems, with the enrolled children being transported from their schools to MCC by bus.

Registration for these courses is currently underway in the Continuing Education Office.

Morning golf classes begin May 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. Twelve other golf courses are being offered for evening hours in May from 6-7:30 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. Tuition for the classes is \$6 for 12 hours of instruction.

MCC will organize golf classes for a minimum of 10 students at a time designated by the group.

Eight tennis classes are currently being

offered from 6-8 p.m. Sessions last three weeks. Cost for 12 hours of instruction is \$8.

Other courses will be organized when 10 or more persons register.

Further information and class schedules are available at the Continuing Education Office in the Administration Building from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Letter to the Editors

To the Faculty, Staff & Students:

Friends, "thank you" is always inappropriate at times like these, but "thank you" is all I can say to all of you who have contributed to the Sandy Anderson Fund in one way or another. There are many people I need to thank, but there is not enough space in this paper. First I would like to thank the McLennan Singers and Ensemble for all the confidence they have instilled in me.

Second, thanks to the entire staff of The Highland Herald who worked on my behalf, sometimes at the expense of their jobs on the paper. To Bill Gammage, who

worked his tail to the bone; to H. R. Thornton without whose help the benefit rodeo would not have been the success that it was--thank you both.

But most of all, thanks to Carolyn Jackson who found the 25th hour in the day for me. She had no time to start with but she did a beautiful job. And I thank her bunches.

Your friend,
Sandy Anderson

H. If you are among the few people who do not know me consider yourself lucky.

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Fun and Games

Students Play Along

By Rodney Smithey

The MCC Highland Games began Friday at noon with plenty of food and games and ended with the caber tossing contest.

The games began with the egg-throwing contest. Sophomores Henry Cruz and Cliff Hill made up the only team out of nearly thirty participants to finish the contest with a whole egg. James Herring, sophomore, and his partner won the three-legged race. The pie-eating contest was won by Miss Gigi Fullbright, sophomore.

Don Tyson, sophomore, won the frisbee throw for accuracy. Lawrence Gregory, freshman, won the frisbee throw for distance. The frog-jumping contest was won by sophomore Terry Storer's frog with a jump of eight feet and eight inches. The balloon-tossing contest was also won by Gregory.

Although the men were outnumbered two to one, the 16 men pulled off a win against the 32 women in the tug-of-war contest. Hal Shelby, sophomore, won the caber toss contest.

The Spring Fling followed the Highland Games at 8 p.m. At the Fling, the Heather King and Queen were announced, as well as the Student Government election results.

Sophomore Terry Storer was named Heather King, and Miss Karen Johnson, sophomore, was named Heather Queen.

In the Student Government elections, Harold Nolte, freshman, was named president; Dale Hughes, freshman, was named parliamentarian; and Randy Beard, freshman, was named treasurer. Miss Celia Landfried, freshman, was named secretary.



The Females Lost!

Photo by Jerry Lynn

MCC Instructor Leaves to Teach in France Next Fall

By Gail Windham

After years of pursuing his goal, John M. Donohue, English and French instructor, has obtained a grant to teach in France.

"It will be a tremendous undertaking," said Donohue.

He will continue to teach at MCC during the summer and then move his family across the ocean to an unknown destination in France.

Donohue plans to leave in mid-September. Most of his family will join him in October.

"We aren't taking anything but our

clothes," said Mrs. Rebecca Donohue. "Our transportation will be by train and possibly bicycle."

"The way I understand it, they don't have any freezers for food and there are no paper bags for groceries," said Mrs. Donohue. "The strangeness takes away some of the excitement, but we will probably be excited after we get there."

This is the Donohue's first trip to France. Although he is fluent in the language, his wife is not. She does speak some French, however.

Donohue plans to spend a minimum of nine months in France, but says it could last longer.

"I can remain in France for five years without losing my citizenship here, but I just don't know right now. There will definitely be hardships," said Donohue.

Donohue will be teaching Conversational English and American Civilization in a "college" or "lycee". These are French schools run by the state or federal government.

Although the ages of his students will be

between 13-18 years, the courses he will teach are equivalent to America's college level courses.

He started applying for grants years ago but never received any replies. Now the Institute of International Education in New York has responded. He will be employed by the French government, but does not yet know where in France he will be teaching.

After Donohue leaves MCC, the French course he is now teaching will be discontinued. The only foreign language offered will be Spanish.

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Concert Band

The Concert Band will give its fifth concert of the year at 10 a.m. today in the Fine Arts Theater, featuring excerpts from "Man of La Mancha" and other short selections.

Selections to be played at the performance are "Concertino for Tuba and Band" by Frank Beniciscutto, "Sol Y Sombra" by George Gatos, "Drammatico" by Francis McBeth and selections from Offenbach's Ballet Parisien.

David Hooten is director of the Concert Band. Admissior: is free.

PTK Barbeque

Phi Theta Kappa, the campus honorary organization, will sponsor a barbeque and roast Saturday in Cameron Park at Lover's Leap.

All members are invited and are asked to contact sophomores Ricky Lowe, Dale Buro, Mark Jones or Miss Gail Urbanovsky or freshman Joe Dujka before Friday if they plan to attend.

Members are welcome to bring guests. The barbeque will begin at noon. Cost is \$1 per person.

During the barbeque, a "roasting" of the outgoing officers will be presented by different club members.

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Sports Capsules



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In the sailboat competition Troy Gaydan, freshman, placed first. Randy Scherer, freshman, placed a close second. Chuck Geib, freshman, placed third.

The tennis team swept to victory in the Northern Junior College Athletic Conference tennis tournament April 27 at the MCC courts.

Julius Dunlap captured first place in men's singles defeating teammate Dennis Dougherty 6-1, 4-6, 6-0 for the title.

Dunlap and Dougherty also took the men's doubles crown. Highlanders Bob Cervenka and Robert Isenburger also competed in the doubles division, winning in the first round but losing in the second.

MCC won the championship with nine points followed by Grayson County with six.

Dunlap and Dougherty advance to the regional tournament May 9-10 in Kilgore.

"The regional tournament will be tough," Coach Tatum said.

The Clan's competition includes several top-notch teams including Odessa, Scheiner Institute and Amarillo.

The squad closed regular season match play with a 5-3 record.

The Highlanders split a doubleheader with Grayson County on the MCC field. The Highlanders won the first game 11-4 but lost the second 5-3. The Highlanders' record in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference is 7-15 and 11-31 on the season.

Ralph Doelling evened his season record at 4-4 with a seven hitter in the first game. He had relief help from Greg Angelo in the fifth.

Roger Duncan and Jim Miller slammed homers in the first game, with the Highlanders scoring six runs in the first inning. Barry Nottingham had two hits for the game. Ray Casares was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI, Steve Harriman had three hits, Glenn Jones two hits. Mark Dickenson and Glen Gibson had singles.

In the second game Leo Benevides was tagged with a 5-3 loss. This brings his season record to 2-8. The Highlanders were tied in the last inning after scoring three runs in the sixth inning, but gave up two runs in the seventh to lose.

In the second game, Casares was 2-3 with two RBI on a homer. Duncan and Harriman each had a double, with Duncan getting an RBI.

The intramural badminton finals have been completed with the winners of the four divisions being named champion in their respective area. In men's singles-1st place Mike Vinzant, freshman; 2nd place Bob Cervenka freshman. In mixed doubles-1st Vinzant and Miss Barbra Lee freshman; 2nd place-Cervenka and Miss Susan Kidwell freshman. In women's singles-1st place Miss Lee, 2nd place Miss Irene Rosas, freshman. In men's doubles-1st place Vinzant, Mike Westerfield, freshman; 2nd place Terry Arp, sophomore, Cervenka.

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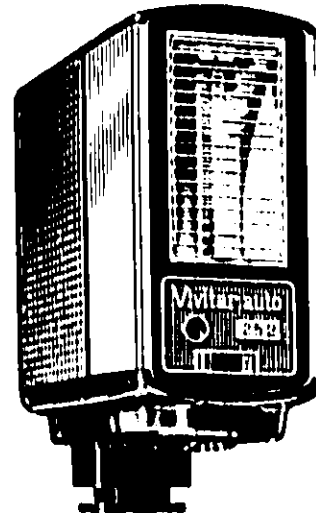
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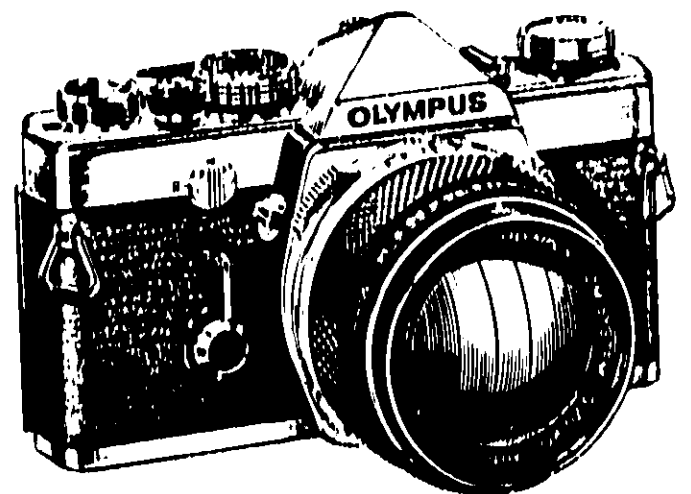
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