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Highland Herald

Our Valentines: Local high school students invited to be drug free

By ELIZABETH DELEON

Kick up your heels, stomp your feet, grab your partner and swing to the beat TONIGHT at the annual Valentine's Day dance.

Through the combined efforts of mental health instructor John Porter, director Greg Clark of student activities/health services and Student Government this event is just one of the many fun-filled activities for students during the month of February.

However, because Waco and University High School juniors and seniors are invited to attend, this year the dance is different.

The two schools are part of MCC's Adopt-a-School program, a community service geared toward motivation, enthusiasm, excellence and success in the high school student, which prepares him for the challenges that he will face in the future.

Inviting these high schools students to participate in MCC's activities lessens the likelihood that

they become involved with or have the time to allow drugs or alcohol take charge because "MCC is a drug free, living environment," according to John Porter, mental health instructor.

This dance provides the opportunity for all students to be alcohol and drug free.

The campus is trying to get across to all students to make it a habit to steer clear of all drugs, alcohol and other substances which alter or influence their way of thinking or perceiving as well as

performing. Through the MCCDAPP program (McLennan Community College Drug Abuse Prevention Program), the Adopt-a-School program and this chemical-free Valentine's Day Dance the campus will prove to students "that you do not need alcohol or drugs to have a good time," Porter said.

The dance begins at 9 p.m. and lasts until midnight in the MCC Student Center.

Chris Clinkscapes of Professional Lighting and Sound will de-

jay the dance, and Student Government will sponsor refreshments. Music and security are compliments of MCCDAPP.

All students are required to bring current MCC, University High or Waco High identification cards to be admitted into the dance. No admission will be charged. Also, personal guests may attend as long as they have their own current school ID on hand when they come to the dance.

Valentine's Day tradition

By SARA WARTES

How are you going to celebrate Valentine's Day?

If you forgot to get your sweetheart something, it's not too late. Flowers and baked goods are on sale today in the Student Center cafeteria. Or you could go to MCC's Valentine's Dance. You could take your sweetheart to a posh restaurant or cook his/her favorite dinner to be served by candlelight. Candy and flowers are popular gifts, and don't forget the special valentine card.

But why are you going to celebrate Valentine's Day?

You can choose from several traditions which may have led to our celebration on Feb. 14. The earliest was a Roman festival called Lupercalia where young men and women drew lots to be paired up for the day. It all had to do with spring planting and fertility.

Not interested in celebrating fertility? Well, another legend is that the holiday is in memory of a popular Christian leader named Valentine who was put in jail for refusing to worship Roman gods. People threw letters of love and encouragement to him through the bars of his cell, beginning the custom of sending love notes. He was beheaded on Feb. 14. Not terribly romantic? Read on.

The most romantic legend of Valentine's Day is the story of a Christian bishop also named Valentine. The Roman king, Claudius II, decided that single men make better soldiers, so he made a law that young men couldn't marry. (This, of course, also made life difficult for young women.) The brave bishop defied the order and performed marriages anyway. Since the word for lovers was 'galantine,' he was known as the saint of lovers.

The best reason for celebrating Valentine's Day, of course, is that you love somebody!



FRIENDLY GESTURE? Shannon Bettlinger and John Machate decorate a friend's car in the parking lot across from the Student Center Thursday. The friend took it in good humor—at least he was seen smiling after emerging from biology lab that afternoon.

Homecoming queen nominations made

By TAMMY RICHARDS

The envelope please. Which lucky girl will be elected as this year's Homecoming Queen? The student body will have to wait until the halftime of the Homecoming basketball game on Feb. 25 to find out, when the winner and the first runner up will be announced.

In order to receive the title of Homecoming Queen, students must first be nominated, according to Michelle Hesse of the student activities office. Each club on campus could nominate one female from among its members or from the student body.

Girls could also be nominated by a petition of 25 students who provided their Social Security numbers for verification.

The only restriction was that each nominee be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours with at least a 2.0 GPA.

After being nominated for this year's contest, each girl obtained a form at the student activities office to be filled out and returned by Friday, Feb. 10. The nominees gave their names, Social Security numbers, class ranks, and photographs of themselves.

On Feb. 13, nominees drew ballot positions in the student activities office. The positions they received for the ballots will also be the positions in which their photographs will be displayed on large poster boards on election day, Feb. 21-22. That's when the student body gets the first glimpses of the nominees. Voting will take place in the Student Center from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on both days.

The candidates will be introduced at the Homecoming Bonfire on Feb. 23. Homecoming Queen rehearsal will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 24 at the Highlands gym.

The candidates and the student body will have to hold their breath until halftime of the Homecoming basketball game.

Representatives, treasurer selected

By LESLEY WILSON

Competition was hardly present in the Student Government elections held almost two weeks ago. Twelve students filled twelve posts; however, students chose a treasurer from three candidates.

During the elections, a survey was taken to find out whether or not students would like the 10 a.m. classes abolished and to find out what items, if any, they would like made available in the bookstore.

About 60 percent of the students said they would like the 10 a.m. hour open so they could participate in various activities. Those who had no activities said they just needed a break time.

The 40 percent who turned down the proposal did so mainly because certain courses are available only at that time; furthermore, they needed the course at that time in order to finish classes early. That would allow them enough time to get to work.

The Student Government will

soon supply the bookstore with a list of the items students want available. The top ten items on that list are as follows: magazines, condoms, film, novels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, tapes, make-up, more over-the-counter medicine and greeting cards.

Since the election, the group has already begun to fulfil the duty of planning events to keep the student body involved with the school.

The organization planned today's Valentines Dance as one of its first official duties. At its recent

meeting, newly elected officers also planned a bonfire for Feb. 23 and a Feb. 25 Homecoming Dance. They also will be holding the Homecoming Queen elections Feb. 21 and 22.

Also at its recent meeting, the group planned activities for the rest of the semester. These activities include their Austin convention, April 7, 8, and 9; a carnival at Indian Springs Park, April 23; and the Highland Games at the end of the semester.

The new representatives of the

Student Government are as follows: Brad Cooper, Marcia DeShazo, Robin Davis, Christopher Taylor, Juanita Walton, Paul Sulak, and Teri Lyn Eisma. Ron Janek, Jimmy Grmela, Jerry Freedman, Terrance P. Ames, and Albert Bridge also were elected.

The new treasurer is Annette Davis.

Since representative Albert Bridges has a class at the 10 a.m. hour, the Student Government will be holding a special election during that of the homecoming queen to replace him.

Plaid vests club makes it to speak at finals

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Making it to the finals in any competition is something to be proud of, however, to make finals your first or second time in a competition is an accomplishment. Two students here know how it feels to do just that.

In the recent Texas Intercol-

legiate Forensic Association spring championship hosted by Angelo State University in San Angelo-Laurel McCormick and Jason Stringer held that distinction.

MCC was the only Texas two-

year college to make it to the finals. The field of competition included 21 other colleges and universities.

McCormick was debating for the first time, and Stringer for the second in college competition.

They dropped a decision to Cameron University, which went on to win the tournament.

Other students who competed in the Feb. 3-5 competition were Robin Debrule, Sherry King, Gwyn Boswell and James Bone.

Homecoming occupies clubs

By LISA HORNE

Several of the campus clubs are participating in the Valentine's Dance and Homecoming activities for the school.

The various clubs have started the preparations for the Valentine's Dance, which will be held tonight from 9 p.m.-midnight in the Student Center.

The clubs are also working hard on the schools upcoming homecoming festivities. The clubs are to participate in building the annual bonfire, which will be held the evening of Feb. 23. On Feb. 25 during halftime at the MCC basketball game, the naming of the school's homecoming queen will be announced.

The clubs on campus are involved in many activities and



HEAVY HIGH CHAIR. Moving Cosmetology supplies from the Applied Sciences Building, Otto Hoelscher (left) and Julian Jimenez lower a boxed chair to a wagon in the Community Services Center.

Winner!

Student wins black heritage essay contest



Photo by Gary Dutschman
Stephana High

The winner of the Black Heritage Essay contest was announced to be Stephana High. Yalonda McCutcheon won 2nd place, and Hattie Wilson won 3rd place. The Black Awareness Committee decided the winners and announced them to the crowd in the Student Center last Monday. None of the winners were present to receive their cash prizes, but were presented them later. The essay contest was part of the campus celebration of Black Awareness Week, February 1-10 of Black Heritage Month.

Attendance policy unfair

If you're still in bed at 7:30 a.m., you don't want to begin scrambling around for your 8 a.m. class.

As each minute ticks by you think to yourself, "I'll just sleep late this morning. I'd only be skipping *just this one time*."

More excuses come to mind. "Besides, I am just too tired to go right now. I stayed up late last night to study for that biology test, and what a killer that's gonna be. I need my rest."

Finally you resort to disbelief. "Who gets up early to attend 8 a.m. classes anyway?"

Sound familiar? Of course it does. Face it. We all experience lack of motivation at some point or another throughout our college careers.

But by now all college students are capable of making their own decisions (or so we hope), and one decision they have to make each day is whether they are prepared to go to class or not.

Much to their disadvantage some instructors still want to treat them as if they are still in high school, incapable of making such a decision. They go overboard underestimating a student's ability to perform when present.

MCC's policy of attendance is that if a student misses 20 percent or three weeks in a row of class or lab without giving the instructor a reason, the instructor may decide to drop the student--unless he

is convinced that the student can complete the course.

But if the instructor drops the student after the last day to withdraw from a class, this may put an "WF" on his transcript.

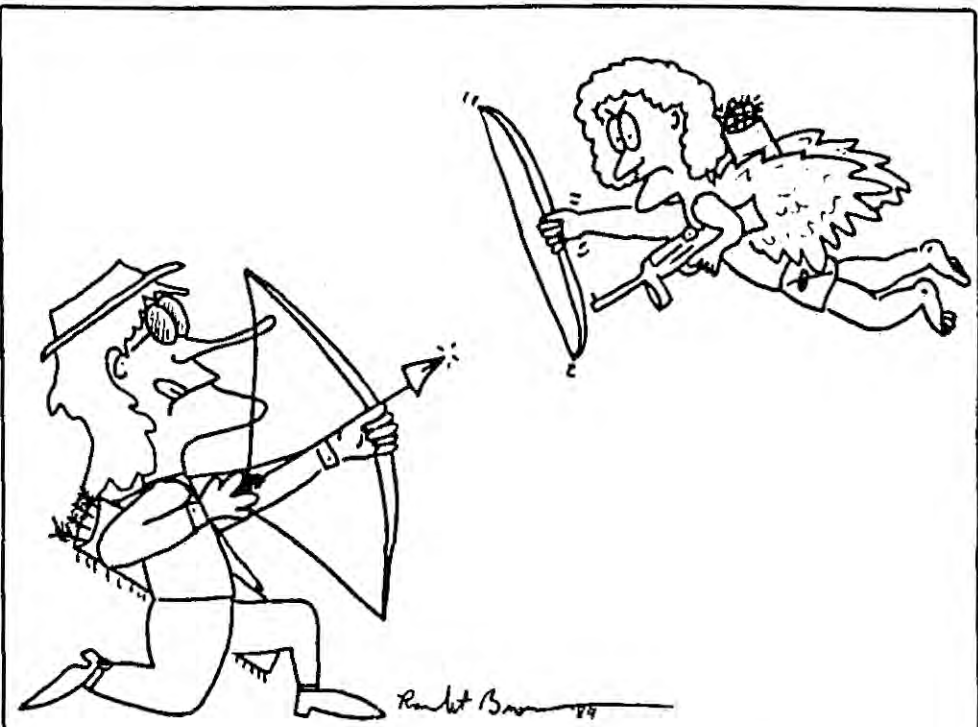
Some students have complained that even though they know the material well and make up the assignments, certain instructors will not give them a grade higher than a "B" if they miss more than the given 20 percent limitation. This applies regardless of their academic capabilities.

We are not saying that class attendance is not important, but that it should not be a factor in determining a student's final average for that grade in a course. Nothing but his learning should determine his grade.

Granted, the student who fails to attend class regularly is only hurting himself. He paid for tuition, fees and largely expensive books, and is only wasting time by not coming to class. He decreases rather than increases the chance that he will learn something from the personal experiences found in class.

If students like these fail the class because they miss too much work and don't catch up, then they can pay the price and come back the next semester.

But if they can make up for time missed and are able to ace the course, more power to them. Those students should be given that chance.



Reginald neglected to buy a Valentine's gift.

Requiem for the Lonely Valentine

By TED MESSICK

February 14--Valentine's Day. As I'm sure everyone knows, Valentine's Day is a day on which love flourishes, a day on which kindness abounds in the form of cards, flowers, and candy. It is a time of year for school dances and other special occasions. It is a day about which a lot of people get excited.

Of course, there are always exceptions. The exceptions in this case are my good friend Johnny Reb and me.

I happen to be the pessimist of the pair. I see Valentine's Day as a ploy by the fairer of the sexes to gain more attention and more material possessions (such as the flowers, candy, jewelry, ...) than they normally do on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, for everyone involved, Johnny Reb is exactly the opposite. For the last four years Johnny has been hopelessly in love with Mary. To complicate everything, Mary lives in New Jersey. Much to my never ending surprise, the relationship has managed to last over the years.

With Valentine's Day upon us, Johnny has been scurrying all around town buying jewelry and wiring the obligatory dozen, long-stemmed, red roses. As with every year, Mary will get her flowers and her presents, and in return she will give Johnny what she always gives him--nothing!

Johnny pretends it doesn't bother him, but I know it hurts him a

great deal. It's the same story with every holiday--Christmas, Valentine's Day, birthdays. She always gets presents; he always gets nothing. No phone calls, no cards, nothing. Maybe he's gotten used to it by now, but I really doubt it.

She loves him dearly; at least she tells him so every time he calls her. Perhaps it's just the cynic in me, but I just don't believe love is meant to be like this. I don't know; I could be wrong. Maybe all relationships are like this, and I'm blind to it all. If it is always like this, it sure shouldn't be like this.

My brief relationships were never like this. One of the many problems I always had was the girls giving me things or doing things for me. I never really liked it, nor did I do anything in return. I guess that's why all my relationships are brief.

Sometimes I wish Johnny would just leave Mary and be done with it. He loves her with every ounce of his soul and would gladly walk through the fires of hell for her. I just get a little tired of seeing him do it.

I hate to preach like this, but I just want everyone to know there are probably a lot of people out there like Johnny. Please don't accuse them of not having feelings or not believing in love if they give you a look of death for having wished them a Happy Valentine's Day.

Hold the onions, please

By SANDRA M. HEWITT--PARSONS

Blind date--some how even those words seem to conjure up all sorts of nightmares or fantasies. I've known of people who met on a blind date and spent their entire lives together, which is great.

I must confess, I've never had a blind date. Although I once fantasized about blind dates while I was waiting in line to get that "all beef, special sauce, lettuce, pickle etc." thing at "golden arches."

From where I stood I saw faces that would stop an eight-day-clock dead in its tracks. Take for example this guy, Howie, who stood in front of me. He had a case of acne so bad that you could play connect the dots for a year.

Ralph, our waiter behind the counter, had a nose like a bloodhound, which appeared both cold and wet. With a nose like that his bumper sticker should read "honk if you own stock in Kleenex."

Ears! Dumbo had ears, but this guy behind me could play ping pong without a paddle, or hang-glide over the Grand Canyon without a glider.

Look at that guy over in the corner, with lips like those he could French-kiss a moose or give a hickie to an elephant.

Standing next to him is "Mr. Macho," you know the type, his pants are so tight you can see his pulse. This guy opens his mouth and you know right away someone is bound to say, "How dumb is he?" Well, he is so dumb that Mr. Magoo could beat him at charades.

I read somewhere that fantasizing about blind dates could cause nightmares, so "hold the onions and pickles, please."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parking fine handler suggests blame mis-aimed at her office

Dear Editor,

As a full time student I am aware of the day-to-day pressures that are leveled on each of us. There are classes to attend, laboratories to complete, papers to research, spreadsheets to transcribe and homework, homework, homework.

Add to this the little annoyance of finding a parking space, (where you want it), and you could be in the position of having to choose between being late to class or parking illegally.

I am also a work-study in the Office of Student Activities and Health Services. Among the various duties that this office handles, we also issue parking permits. When you receive your parking decal you are given a pamphlet on parking procedures. Should you fail to read this pamphlet and receive a ticket for a parking violation, it is to this office that you would return to pay the fine.

Please notice that I did not say that we issue the parking tickets, we only collect the fines imposed

for the violations.

We will take the time to explain your ticket and each fine incurred, if asked. If you believe that the ticket was unjustly issued, there are steps you can take to voice your opposition, and we will be happy to explain those steps to you. We do ask in return that you do not blame us for your violation. We simply ask that you give us the same courtesy that I promise that we will extend to you.

Please be aware that if you do not pay your fine or take one of the other measures open to you, there is the possibility of a "HOLD" being placed on your transcripts until the fine is paid. Also be warned that if the ticket is not handled within 10 class days a late penalty of \$5 will be added.

There can be many pressures that have to be dealt with by the college student, but with forethought and patience this is one hassle that can be avoided.

Thoughtfully,
Cynthia P. Dickinson

Focus of Satanist 'WATCH' should be more on parent-child

I attended the Satanist 'rally' at MCC and was appalled at the way in which the lecture was being conducted. The speakers made me think of the Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages when people were scared into Christianity.

The speakers, which were Christians, openly ridiculed anyone with an opinion that differed from their very own closed minds. The gist of my letter is to say that these people, known as the WATCH network, are going about this Satanism thing the wrong way.

I do believe people should be made aware of the problem of Satanism. I don't think the speakers should have blamed all the problems of modern society on the Satanist. The problem is not the big, red devil but instead it is the parent-child communication breakdown.

A good point was made by the speaker that the average parent-child communication per week averages about 15 minutes. Now

how can you honestly say that Satanism is the big problem? The only power Satanism has is the power you give it. It's just like any other religion. People need to realize the potential of their minds, that is where the true power is.

So where do Satanists get their power?

It appears to be based on the fear concept. Of course tyrannical Christians telling you in so many words that Satan is the ultimate evil and God is the ultimate good, the only right thing to do is be a Christian or burn.

So, the last point I want to make is that just because you listen to music that some people label as "Satanic" does not mean that you are Satanist. I know lots of people, including myself, that listen to music that the speakers labeled as "Satanic" and I am not necessarily speaking of heavy metal. Anyway, I'm not Satanist nor will I ever be. I'm just one of many that have enough intelligence to realize it's just music, the real problem lies closer to home.

Chriss Conits

Chides editorial reference to 'motorcycle mountees'

In regard to your article, "Parking: the Challenge of the '80s," I'd like to say that I enjoyed your article but I can't lie that much.

Fact of the matter is that it was an excellent example of irresponsible journalism. The parking situation on campus is something we are well aware of. Perhaps I am being unfair; you could have just fallen off the turnip truck. If we operate on the premise that no news is good news we have quite a good news item here.

Of course, this is not what I am writing about. I would have simply said, like most of the student body does; it's a stupid paper and let it go at that. The problem is that you have gone beyond stupid to the point of dangerously ignorant.

The crux of the matter is in paragraph four--"some mindless motorcycle mountee had the indecency to take up a whole auto space..."

I can grant poetic license in the term "mindless motorcycle mountee," but the crappola about the indecency to take up a whole auto space...I'd think that an editor would know that an auto means "self" and it is only natural for anything to take up it's own space.

The real matter here though is

the fact that you fail to understand that a motorcycle is a legal licensed motor vehicle. The dangerous part is that you and many, far too many, fail to comprehend this. This is the very reason why so many people are murdered on our streets and highways everyday. Because you and people like you refuse to acknowledge that motorcycles are motor vehicles.

The people who drive them are people. Not mindless motorcycle mountees. I've been riding motorcycles longer than you have been alive and I am not a mindless motorcycle mountee. Fact is that I transferred to MCC with a 4.0 GPA and was just asked to join Phi Theta Kappa.

There is even a faculty member who rides a motorcycle. Motorcycles have been a part of the American tradition since 1903 and they will be around for a long time to come. Consider the practical side of motorcycles; they are very fuel efficient and ecology conscious. If that isn't enough, consider the fact that your off-spring may some day ride a motorcycle. And it is too bad, but they do allow people like you to have children.

Raymond Hulley

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The HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

What is the ultimate Valentine's Day gift?



TRUNDA HARRIS, freshman, elementary education. "I would like a dozen red roses and a box of candy."



ARTHUR CARTWRIGHT, sophomore, electrical engineering. "A balloon bouquet delivered by balloons etc. by nancy."



GUS LINDO, freshman, engineering. "A ticket to Columbia."



MARTHA GRANT, sophomore, business management. "A dozen red roses and a big box of chocolate candy."



JERRY FREEDMAN, sophomore, geology. "To transfer to A&M to be with Lauri."

Cosmetology relocated to CSC building

By LISA HORNE

The cosmetology department relocated its classes to the Community Services Center on North 19th Street.

The move began on Jan. 30 and continued through Feb. 6.

The programs included in the move are day and Tuesday/Thursday evening classes and the high school program. The expanding department can handle as many as 125 day students and 50 evening students. The move will now allow students who would normally be on waiting lists to enter the program.

Ron Robinson says the move should attract more cosmetology students and more customers. The department still offers the same services—64 different treatments for hair, face and nails with prices ranging from 50 cents for an instant hair conditioning to \$25 for a gel or acrylic nail treatment. Senior citizens aged 62 or more receive a 20 percent discount.

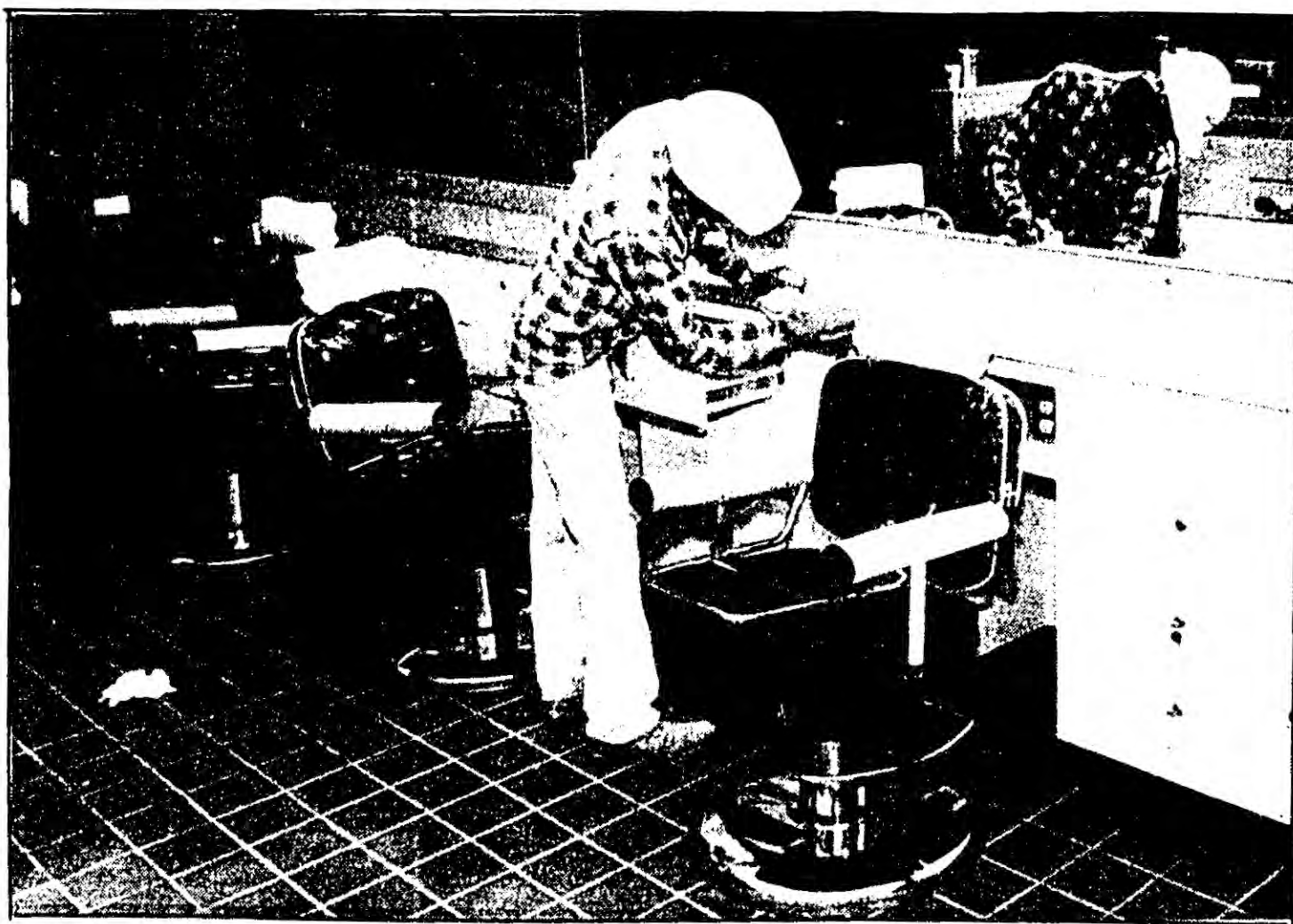


Photo by Ken Crawford

SHINY AND NEW. C. H. Tovar wipes a spot from a counter in the new Cosmetology department, which moved from the Applied Sciences Building to the Community Services Center on 19th Street during the first week of February.

Math test challenges nursing 932 students

By H.J. WILSON

Freshman Nursing students taking the 932 course, need to be aware of the basic math test. It is also a required course and it could mean waiting a whole year to graduate.

No student wants to go through an entire semester of hard studying as well as clinical, and get to the last couple of weeks and because of a math test fail the course.

This is exactly what happened to several 932 Nursing students this semester. The 932 nursing course cost me around \$750 including the books, uniform, and tuition. Not to mention gas to and from the hospital and back to the college

again on clinical days. This was an expensive lesson—one that more careful preparation might have prevented.

In order for anyone to become a nurse, there must be a understanding of basic math. "It is very important to know how to do math correctly," says Alice Meyers, the coordinator of the "freshman team."

Since nurses are working directly with medications, it is essential that they have a understanding of the basic math problems.

The math test covers basic math for the medical student. Students must make 80 percent or more in order to pass the test.

Three phases are involved. First, there is a pretest given to all the incoming freshman students.

"This is to see what each student strength and weaknesses are concerning math," said Meyers.

After the pretest, the students are sent to their advisers to go over the test and if needed given remedial work to get prepared for the second phase.

Then the second test is taken in the next three weeks. If the student doesn't score 80 percent or more, they are reviewed by the adviser who recommends them to a tutor.

The third phase of the math test is the final step. After the student has performed all of the required

phases the last math test is given and if this test is not passed with a 80 percent or more, the entire Nursing 932 course has to be taken over.

Help is given to all students who need it. Mrs. Lanoux, one of the instructors of the course offers students a review packet, "Numbers Made Easy." This is a packet designed to help the student needing basic math skills, a refresher guide to math.

For the incoming freshman who may need help in math, Meyers suggests, "If it has been a while since you've done math before signing up for Nursing 932, take math 300. It is a developmental course to help all students needing a refresher help in math."

Brown Bag Lunch features Postmaster Norm Adamson

By SARA WARTES

"It's unfortunate that I have to be introduced as Waco's first 'black' postmaster," said Norm Adamson. "I live for the day when we no longer have to do that kind of thing."

Adamson was featured speaker Wednesday at February's Brown Bag Lunch as a part of MCC's observance of Black History Month. "I, too, am an American," he said, "and as an American I should be studying American history, not black history or women's history, or Asian-American history."

In his talk, Adamson, a veteran of the civil rights movement, asked hard questions about the significance of past victories for the present and the future.

"What difference does it really make if I now have the right to vote if I don't vote," he asked. "What difference does it make if I can get on the bus, train, or plane if I don't have the money for a ticket?"

Adamson said that the important thing for students to realize is that they control their tomorrow.

"In the '60s we had no control," he said. "The civil rights movement changed that, Adamson stated, but the 'freebies' it gained are being eroded by today's faltering economy. As a result, Adamson said, "Time is running out for black people in America."

"The key, according to Adamson, is for young people to make up their minds what they want to be and go after it with determination. "There is not a student in Waco today who wants to do something

who can't do it. There are funds available."

But Adamson said, "The only person who can motivate you is you."

If you want to get to the top of an oak tree you don't "sit on an acorn and wait for the tree to grow," Adamson said. "If you want to get to the top of an oak tree, you climb it."

Adamson emphasized the importance of avoiding drugs and "having friends who are good people."

"If the only one you know is a drug dealer on the street, who's going to help you?"

A positive attitude is also important, Adamson said. "How high you get on the career ladder, your attitude, isn't always determined by your aptitude but by your attitude," he said.

"There's a popular myth that goes around that you have to pay the price for success. Wrong! Where you really pay the price is for failure. That's where the heavy dues are," Adamson said.

Adamson grew up in Nashville, Ark., attended Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, and Governors State University in Illinois. He began his career with the postal service in Chicago as a customer service representative.

"I was very much a part of the civil rights movement. I marched with Dr. King in Selma and the march on Washington," Adamson said. Now, however, his emphasis is on the present. "The past is gone," he said. "Dr. King died in vain unless we can do something with our lives in the present."

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILD CARE: Sube needed, flexible hours, Monday-Friday, \$3.35/hr.

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER: Working with 2-3 year olds, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10:00-1:30/2:30-5:30, Tuesday/Thursday, 10:00-Noon, 2:30-5:30, salary: negotiable, HIGH SCHOOL GRAD OR GED, CHILD CARE EXPERIENCE.

CHILD CARE: caring for 2 and 4 year old girls, 3 afternoons weekly, MUST BE MCC CHILD DEVELOPMENT MAJOR.

CASHER/CLERK/ASSISTANT MANAGERS: flexible hours, days vary, WILL TRAIN.

CLERICAL: Monday-Friday, 11:00-2:00, phone, filing, approximately 15 hrs, salary: \$3.75/hour.

SALES: days vary, flexible hours, mostly afternoons and evenings, salary: to be discussed, MUST BE ENERGETIC/OUT-GOING.

RECEPTIONIST: Monday-Friday, Noon-5:00 p.m., typing 45 wpm accurately, busy phone, \$4.00/hour.

TELEMARKETING: Monday-Friday, 9:30-5:30 p.m., \$3.75/hour plus bonus.

TELEMARKETING: Monday-Friday, 9:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00-1:00, salary hourly plus commission.

DELIVERY: 3 days only prior to Valentine's Day, flexible hours, contract

work, MUST DRIVE OR HAVE ACCESS: STATION WAGON, VAN OR HATCHBACK CAR.

COUNTER HELP/COOK/WAITRESS: hours vary, days vary, salary: negotiable.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS: Monday-Friday, several hours daily, \$4.50/hour.

SINGING MESSENGER: days/hours vary, \$10.00 per delivery, OUT-GOING PERSONALITY, DEPENDABLE, OWN TRANSPORTATION.

ISLAND ATTENDANTS: days vary, hours flexible, \$3.65/hour, VALID TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

SPORTS WRITER/PHOTOGRAPHER: cover sporting events, other assignments, \$4.00/hour.

DELIVERY: Monday-Friday, Noon-5:00, delivery of merchandise, stocking, \$4.10/hour, MUST HAVE CLEAN DRIVING RECORD AND ABLE TO REPORT TO WORK AT NOON.

HOME CARE ATTENDANT: Monday-Thursday, 9:30-5:00, caring for elderly couple, cook noon meal, light housekeeping.

CHILD CARE: Monday-Friday, 3:00-5:30, pick-up 11-year-old from school, transport 11 and 15-year-old to afternoon activities, \$5.50/hour plus gas, MUST HAVE OWN TRANSPORTATION, GOOD DRIVER.

NEWSBRIEFS

Trustees to consider tuition

The Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. On the agenda for the meeting are:

- A possible revision of tuition and fees for non-credit courses.
- A presentation of the proposed "mission statement" and report on the development of the college's master plan.
- Consideration of bids for vending machine contracts.
- Consideration of employment of a director of institutional research, planning and program development.
- Consideration of a bad debt write-off policy.

Library open next Saturday

The Library will be open on Saturday, Feb. 18, the third such opening this semester. Hours for Saturday will be 9 a.m. to noon.

The purpose of the Saturday openings is to make the Library available to students who have difficulty using its facilities during regular hours. Jane Gamez, director, said if enough interest is shown, Saturday hours might be scheduled regularly in the future.

Cosmetology contest this week

Junior and senior students in the WISD and the cosmetology program at MCC will compete in the mannequin contest this week on the TSTI campus when VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) convenes at its annual district meeting Feb. 17-18.

Journalism speakers on campus

High school journalism students will join those from MCC on Feb. 22 when Bobby Hawthorne, director of journalism for the University Interscholastic League, presents a three-hour program in the Academic-Classroom Building's conference room beginning at 10 a.m. Hawthorne, who presents seminars across the Southwest, will focus on how to prepare for journalistic competition.

Other guest speakers will visit the mass communications class that meets at 9:25 on the third floor of the Student Center. Barbara Elmore, managing editor of the Waco Tribune-Herald, was interviewed in that class Thursday. Former MCC student Margaret Leech, now an editor for Stevens Publishing, will speak on magazine publishing on Feb. 21. Guest speakers are also expected to speak in that class on book publishing on Feb. 23 and on the radio industry on March 2. Visitors are invited to any of these programs.

Bonfire volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help light the Homecoming bonfire on Feb. 23. Students interested in helping should contact Greg Clark or Brian Wallace of the Student Government.

Financial aid hotline set

The Texas Associated Student Aide Administrators will have a toll free number for students and parents to get information on all types of school financial aid on Feb. 18-19. The "hotline" number is 1-800-333-4636 and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The free service is being made available as a part of the observance of School Financial Aid National Awareness Week.

Members of TASAA will be having a regional meeting here Feb. 21 with 70-80 expected.

The financial aids office suggests that since funds are limited in the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), applications for those grants should be filed as soon as parents' or students' tax returns are filed.

Women's scholarship announced

The North Dallas Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is awarding an annual scholarship to college level women "with good scholastic records, who are making contributions to their community, and who are in real financial need." Deadline for application for the scholarship is the end of February. Applications are available in the financial aids office.

Invitation issued to artists

Students interested in displaying their artwork may enter the Annual Student Exhibition to be held in the Performing Arts Center March 29-May 5. Deadline for entering is March 15.

Each student may enter a maximum of three entries from each media. Entries must have been completed within the last two years, ready to hang or install, and not previously exhibited in competition at MCC. Only entries selected by the juror, Marshall Seals, will be exhibited. As much \$200 will be awarded to the winners. Entry forms are available in the Art Department, FA 112, FA 113, or from Brenda Price.

UIL music competition here

Two contests sponsored by the University Interscholastic League for high school musicians will be held at Performing Arts Center this month. The first will be Sunday, Feb. 19, and the second will be held Feb. 25.

The UIL, literary meet for four high school districts will be held here March 28.

Moore seeks state office

Kae Moore, director of the fashion merchandising department, is a candidate for the position of treasurer of the Texas Junior College Management Educators Association. The TJMCEA will convene on Feb. 17-18 in Austin in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.

Chemists meet here Thursday

How business and colleges can cooperate in the education of chemistry will be the topic Thursday as the Heart of Texas section of the American Chemical Society meets on campus.

As many as 40 chemists are expected for the 7:30 p.m. meeting, according to host Rob Ford.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14

--Valentine dance to be held in the Student Center from 9:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. University and Waco High juniors and seniors are welcome as well.

February 15

--10:00 a.m., The Baptist Student Union will meet in the highlander room which is located on the third floor of the Student Center.

--10:00 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous will meet in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.

--Noon, "Good 'n' Angry" seminar in room 301 of the Student Center.

--The men's and women's basketball game against Grayson will be held at Grayson at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

February 17

--TJCTA Convention--NO CLASSES!

February 18

--MCC vs. Ranger basketball game. Women play at 6:00 p.m. The Men will play at 8:00 p.m. The game is here.

February 20

--10:00 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous Group will meet in room 115 in the Fine Arts building.

--10:00 a.m. The Baptist Student Union will meet in the Highlander room of the Student Center.

--10:00 a.m. Student Government will meet in room 301 of the Student Center.

--Noon, "Building A Positive Self Image" workshop will be in room 301 of the Student Center.

February 21

--Homecoming queen and court elections from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Student Center.

February 22

--Homecoming queen and court elections from 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. in the Student Center. This is the last day to vote!

--10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bobby Hawthorne, director of UIL Journalism, on "How to do Well in Journalism." AC conference room, admission free.

--10:00 a.m. Baptist Student union will meet in the Highlander room.

--10:00 a.m. Alcoholics anonymous will meet in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.

--MCC vs. Grayson basketball game will be held at Grayson at 6:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m.

February 23

--Noon, "Job Seeking Techniques/Life Skills" Workshop will be held in the Highlander room of the Student Center.

--Homecoming bonfire will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Intramural fields.

February 24

--10:00 a.m. Emotional Support group will meet in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.

--10:00 a.m. Baptist Student Union meets in room 214 of the Liberal Arts building (not in the Highlander room!).

--10:00 a.m. Homecoming rehearsal will be held in the Highland's gym.

--Noon, Co-dependents Anonymous (CODA) support group will meet in room 301 of the Student Center.

February 25

--Tonight is HOMECOMING!!! The women's basketball game will begin at 6:00 p.m. against SW Christian. The men's game will begin at 8:00 p.m. At 10:00 p.m. The Homecoming dance will take place in the Student Center.

February 27

--10:00 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous will meet in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.

--10:00 a.m. Baptist Student Union will meet in the Highlander room.

--10:00 a.m. Student Government will meet in the Student Center room 301.

Today is the last day to drop a class with an automatic 'W'.

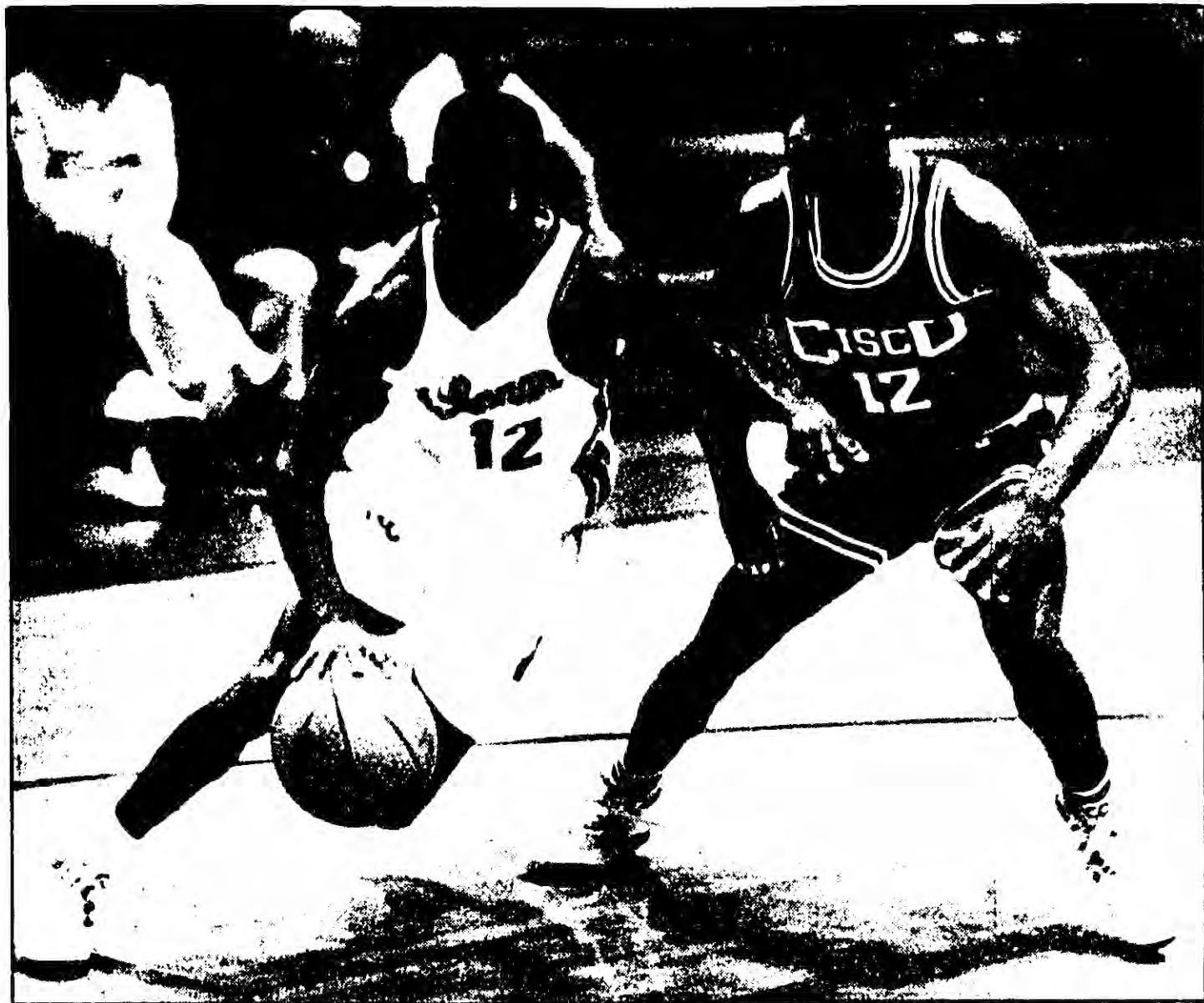


Photo by Ken Crawford

TOO FAST. MCC's Henry Golightly drives by Cisco's Eric Brown in the Highlander's 98-88 victory.

Tennis teams begin play

BY CLAY LASSETER

With the holiday break far gone, the MCC tennis teams are back into action for the busy spring semester.

The Highlassies had a fine showing last week against NAIA Schreiner. The Highlassies defeated Schreiner 7-2. MCC's Jolanda Schreurs defeated Manda Lopez 6-2, 6-2. Janda Lopez defeated MCC's Christine Lopez 6-3, 1-6, 6-0. Maria Carlsson, MCC, defeated Candace Craft 6-1, 6-1. Schreiner's Kelly Massa defeated Angie Cushman 0-6, 7-6, 6-0. MCC's Brenda Haag defeated Jenny Bowerman 6-0, 6-1, and Jennifer Hotz defeated Schreiner's Cathy Sanchez 6-4, 6-3.

The Highlassies swept the doubles action with Schreurs-Carlsson defeating Lopez-Lopez 6-3, 7-5. Hotz-Haag defeated Sanchez-Lackey 6-3, 6-0, and Lopez-Massa defeated Craft-Cushman 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

The Highlanders had a fine showing at the ITCA National Indoor Championships held two weeks ago in Corpus Christi.

In singles action, first round, MCC's Rob Grant defeated San Jacinto's Andrew Beatie 6-2, 6-4. Mike Brown, MCC, defeated Tom Heiting, Midland, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Tyler's Mike Martinez defeated Stefan Cambal 0-6, 7-6, 6-3. Joe Solerno, Tyler, defeated Nick Zeinsmeister 6-7, 7-5, 6-1.

In second round action, Grant defeated Manolo Moure, Anderson, South Carolina, 6-4, 6-0, and Isidro Lledo of Anderson, S.C., defeated

Brown 6-7, 6-1, 7-6.

Grant advanced to the next round, the quarterfinals, but was defeated by Tonny Pietermann of Midland, 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, MCC's Brown-Grant duo and the team of Zeinsmeister-Cambal advanced to the semifinals. Zeinsmeister-Cambal were defeated by Boustani-Pietermann, of Midland, 6-1, 6-7, 6-3, while Grant-Brown advanced to the finals with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Herrera-Peebles of Odessa College. Grant-Brown were defeated 6-2, 6-3 by Boustani-Pietermann in the finals.

According to MCC tennis coach, Carmack Berryman, the team has no major injuries, but just the typical colds and flu that go along with the winter season.

The Highlanders begin the season ranked eighth nationally, and the Highlassies ranked sixteenth. But, MCC's Region 5 has four teams ranked in the top 11 in the country. "Our region is recognized as the strongest region in the nation," said Berryman, "There is lots of competition."

With the top two teams in each region qualifying for the national tournament, some good teams will be left at home.

The Highlanders have players individually ranked as well. Grant is ranked ninth, Cambal is ranked twelfth, and Zeinsmeister is ranked twenty-eighth nationally in singles play.

In doubles, the duo of Grant-Brown are ranked eighth and Zeinsmeister-Cambal are ranked fifteenth in the nation.

Highlassies blow past Cisco 88-74

By CARMEN FRENCH

MCC's Jill Reed and Sandra Jones combined for 37 points, as the Highlassies blew past Cisco 88-74 Wednesday at the Highlands.

The win improves the Highlassies to 4-4 in conference play.

The Highlassies capitalized on three-pointers throughout the game, thus not allowing the Lady Wranglers to get into the game.

The Highlassies capitalized a balanced offensive attack and fine three-point shooting to break the game open early.

Shawn Medlock hit her first of three-pointers, four minutes into the game to put the Highlassies up 9-2.

Behind Jones' inside play the Highlassies built a 23-14 lead midway through the first half when Reed then sank a three-pointer, and the inside tandem of Jones and Medlock gave the Highlassies a 45-31 lead at the half.

Highlanders bomb Cisco 98-88

By JEFF CALAWAY

Not too many things have been even remotely warm in Waco this past week, but in MCC's 98-88 victory over the Cisco Junior College Wranglers, Wednesday at the Highlands, the Highlanders' Jason Hooten was scorching hot.

Hooten hit 7-10 three-point shots all in the second half. Many from pro range along with a follow up to lead the Highlanders with 23 points on the night.

"He has the green light to shoot," said Coach Ken DeWeese about Hooten. "He and about two or three others shoot like that in practice all the time."

After a fast-paced, hot-shooting first half that saw the lead go back and forth between the two teams, only to see the score tied at 56-56, the second half was all Highlanders.

With the score 61-58 in favor of the Highlanders, Hooten took a missed Cisco basket and led what looked to be a fast break only to pull up and shoot a long three-pointer to put the Highlanders up 64-58.

Cisco tried to answer Hooten with a three-pointer of their own, but Hooten could not be denied as he made his fourth and fifth three-pointer consecutively to put the Highlanders up 70-63 with 12:05 remaining.

Hooten was not the only one on the floor as Maurice Gandy had his first of three dunks in the second half on an inbounds pass with 11:35 left to raise the score to 72-63 in favor of MCC.

Javier Ayala tipped in a basket to make the score, 74-68, when Cisco scored five straight points before Hooten hit his sixth three-pointer to pull the Highlanders out in front 77-68 with 8:17 left to play.

Hooten hit his final three-point of the night with 7:45 to play and then followed up a miss shot with a lay up to make the score 82-72 with 6:45 on the clock.

Following a driving lay up by Henry Golightly and a three-point shot by Ayala, the Highlanders went up 87-74 with 5:06 to go.

Cisco tried to battle back as they reeled off eight straight

points to pull themselves within five at 87-82 with 4:03 remaining, but Gandy silenced the Wranglers comeback with his second dunk of the night after a fast break to put MCC up 89-82 with 3:52.

The closest Cisco came the rest of the game was eight points as Gandy put the icing on the cake with his last dunk of the night in the final seconds to bring the Highlanders to their final margin, 98-88.

The Highlanders played the game without Leonard Perry, who has left the team for personal reasons. Perry will continue to go to MCC and transfer to Idaho, next semester.

MCC moved to 13-13 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

The Highlanders were led by Hooten's 23, followed by Gandy who had 19. Ayala had 16 while Golightly and Byron Young each contributed 13.

Cisco was led by Lewis Hicks' 29 points, Eric Brown and Ronald Ateman who both had 21, and Linwood Lambert who added 12.

Support the tradition

Sports Talk



CLAY LASSETER



JEFF CALAWAY

sports editor s

Crack! Another one goes over the fence. The grass is green, the flowers are in bloom and the diamond is ready. Baseball season is upon us.

MCC has one of the best junior college baseball programs in the country.

"The tradition is there. My job is to keep McLennan baseball known nationwide. We're going to be exciting and fun to watch," said head baseball coach Paul Miller, who promises a more upbeat and motivated team.

After winning the 1983 junior college World Series and qualifying for the state play-offs the last four out of five years, the tradition is certainly there.

Although missing the play-offs last year, this year's squad is young, but promising. The 1989 Highlanders feature 14 out of the 25 players who are freshmen, but they are from a talented 1988 high school graduating class. The nine sophomores will surely provide leadership for this young team.

The Highlanders 1989 schedule features 18 home games. We invite the community and the student body to come to the home games

and support the team. Everyone should mark on their calendar April 4. That is the date arch rival San Jacinto comes to town.

San Jacinto is the defending state champion and national runner-up. But, there is a little more twist to this rivalry than meets the eye. Miller, the Highlander skipper, was assistant coach at San Jacinto before taking the realm at MCC. Does Miller expect the rivalry to continue? "Yes. I know there will be a rivalry," said Miller. The Highlanders will play San Jacinto seven times this season.

The free-spirited Highlanders will be turned loose on the bases and hitting will be emphasized, surely providing excitement for Highlander fans.

So with more hitting and the chance to see one of the state's finest pitchers in the state in sophomore Rusty Silcox, why wouldn't anyone who enjoys baseball go out and support the Highlanders.

Junior college baseball provides excitement that can't be found in Waco. With Baylor baseball struggling and Waco not hosting a minor league team, the action and excitement can certainly be found at MCC.

Baseball team opens with wins

By CLAY LASSETER

With the Eastfield tournament rained out this past weekend, the MCC baseball team stayed home this weekend to play a series of games at home.

The Highlanders responded well to the change, resulting in a 3-0 record after the weekend was over.

On Friday, Eastfield College came to town, only to be swept by the Highlanders, 14-4 and 12-1. Both games were stopped by the 10-run rule.

Sophomore Rusty Silcox gave up four hits and eight walks but was backed by a strong hitting attack by Steve Medina and Denny Bowles. The Highlanders accounted for 10 hits, including home runs to blow the game open early.

In the second game, Gary Paul, a sophomore transfer from Arkansas, threw a three-hitter and 10 strike-outs. Paul also was backed by fine hitting, as Medina and Silka spearheaded the offensive attack.

On Saturday, MCC hosted Seminole Junior College, with the Highlanders walking away with an 8-6 victory.

With two outs in the sixth and the score tied 5-5, the Highlanders received three consecutive walks to score the winning runs. Bowles and Miko Mucko sparked the hitting attack, with Bowles having a double, and Mucko adding a solo homerun.

"It was nice to win my first game," said first-year coach Paul Miller. "I was anticipating playing Seminole because they were in the national tournament last year. The kids did not give in. They fought back to win the game."



Photo by Ken Crawford

PERFECT FORM. Highlassies' Jill Reed eyes the basket for two in MCC's 88-74 victory over the Cisco Lady Wranglers.

1989
MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	GAMES	TIME
Feb. 10-11	Fri.-Sat.	Eastfield Tournament	Dallas	TBA	TBA
Feb. 14	Tues.	EASTFIELD COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Feb. 17-19	Fri.-Sun.	San Jacinto Invitational	Houston	TBA	TBA
Feb. 22	Wed.	RICHLAND COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Feb. 24-26	Fri.-Sun.	MCLENNAN INVITATIONAL	Waco	TBA	TBA
Mar. 1	Wed.	NAVARRO COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 3	Fri.	*RANGER JUNIOR COLLEGE	Waco	1-9	2:00
Mar. 4	Sat.	*RANGER JUNIOR COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 8	Wed.	Richland College	Dallas	2-7	1:00
Mar. 10	Fri.	*HILL COUNTY COLLEGE	Waco	1-9	2:00
Mar. 11	Sat.	*HILL COUNTY COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 12	Sun.	ANGELINA COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 14	Tues.	LONGVIEW C.C./KANSAS	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 15	Wed.	Navarro College	Corsicana	2-7	1:00
Mar. 18	Sat.	Lon Morris College	J'sonville	2-7	1:00
Mar. 19	Sun.	Angellina College	Lufkin	2-7	1:00
Mar. 21	Tues.	LON MORRIS COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 24	Fri.	*Frank Phillips College	Borger	1-9	2:00
Mar. 25	Sat.	*Frank Phillips College	Borger	2-7	1:00
Mar. 28	Tues.	BLINN COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Mar. 31	Fri.	*Howard College	Big Spring	1-9	2:00
Apr. 1	Sat.	*Howard College	Big Spring	2-7	1:00
Apr. 4	Tues.	SAN JACINTO COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
Apr. 7	Fri.	*Ranger Junior College	Ranger	1-9	2:00
Apr. 8	Sat.	*Ranger Junior College	Ranger	2-7	1:00
Apr. 11	Tues.	Eastfield College	Dallas	2-7	1:00
Apr. 14	Fri.	*Hill County College	Hillsboro	1-9	2:00
Apr. 15	Sat.	*Hill County College	Hillsboro	2-7	1:00
Apr. 18	Tues.	Blinn College	Brenham	2-7	4:00
Apr. 25	Tues.	San Jacinto College	Houston	2-7	1:00
Apr. 28	Fri.	*FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE	Waco	1-9	2:00
Apr. 29	Sat.	*FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
May 2	Tues.	ALVIN COMM. COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
May 5	Fri.	*HOWARD COLLEGE	Waco	1-9	2:00
May 6	Sat.	*HOWARD COLLEGE	Waco	2-7	1:00
May 12-14	Fri.-Sun.	Region V Playoffs	TBA	TBA	TBA
May 18-21	Thur.-Sun.	State Tournament	TBA	TBA	TBA
May 27-June 3		NJCAA National Tour.	Grand Junction	TBA	TBA

Head Coach: Paul Miller
Asst. Coach: Ed Stacey

Campus is a quiet school at night

By SARA WARTES

When day classes are over and the roar of traffic has died away, a peaceful calm descends at MCC. The campus settles down for an afternoon nap.

Then about sunset, cars quietly began to fill the parking lots again. Lights go on in the classrooms. The campus yawns, stretches and wakes up, ready for night classes to begin.

But the night campus is a different environment -- as different as day and night.

During the day, much of the activity is outdoors. Students lounge on benches, gather in small groups, wait until the last minute to dash into class. Bursts of laughter echo between the buildings. The Student Center pulses with energy, the throb of music felt as much as heard when its doors swing open to discharge groups of students.

At night the campus seems deserted. Though the sidewalks are lined with soft lights, the

benches are empty. The Student Center is a hollow, echoing cavern, the closed bookstore glows with amber security lights. A single cricket chirps relentlessly in a valiant attempt to fill the silence.

Parking lots are almost empty of people--just cars. Students hurry through the dark into the buildings, the light and warmth drawing them quickly inside. For night school, the heart of the campus has moved indoors.

In the classroom, students chat before class in a relaxed atmosphere. They gather around the vending machines for a quick soft drink before class or during breaks. They lean against the corridor walls and chat, or wave their arms in animated discussion.

Sara Rowell used to be a day student. Then she got a full time job in the Adult Probation Office in Marlin and became a night student. "I like night school because it's less formal, more laid back," she said.

Rowell said having class only

once a week gives her more time to study, although she said she sometimes has trouble remembering what she has read from one week to the next. "The thing I liked most in the day was that I could take more classes. There's not as much offered at night," she said.

Another advantage of night classes, according to Rowell, is the variety of people in classes. "There are more people who work, more middle-aged people, not just people in their 20s."

Dr. Daniel Paniagua, who teaches Spanish in both day and night classes, agreed that students in night school tend to be more mature.

"Night students are generally older, more serious, more committed," he said.

Night classes are longer and meet less frequently, therefore students are at something of a disadvantage, according to Paniagua. Additionally, many are tired from having worked all day. But Paniagua said that often night students

do very well despite the drawbacks.

Many students attend both day and night classes. They often have a class at night because of scheduling difficulties. Most enjoy the more informal atmosphere at night.

Though the campus may appear deserted, every effort is made to make it safe. Most areas between buildings are well lighted, and a security guard regularly patrols the entire campus. According to Chief D.L. Chambers, security police, a guard is on duty during all night class hours and is available by beeper and by phone.

Students can receive assistance, such as jumping a dead battery, by contacting the security officer through the continuing education office.

Once night classes are over, the campus settles down for a few hours of peace and quiet before the daytime students fill it with activity again.



Photo by Ken Crawford

ROUGH REBOUND. Vance Vaughn and Michael Ross battle for the ball in intramural competition.

Upcoming intramural events

By SHERRY WILLIAMS

Intramural basketball competition began Jan. 30 with ten teams shooting for the play-offs. Six games per week are played during the activity hour until the play-offs which will begin Feb. 28 and end with the championship game on March 3.

Find a partner today and sign up for racquetball in HPE 113; the deadline is Feb. 21. Intramural coordinator Wendell Hudson said to sign up at level A, B, or C for the open, double-elimination tournament to begin next week. Before each activity hour, Hudson will post the scheduled matches, with each match having 24 hours to

take place.

Sign up now for "Summer in Scotland," a par 3 scramble golf tournament, will be held March 11 at Lake Waco Country Club. A five dollar green fee will be assessed. All faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to participate.

After Spring Break get ready for two days of Volleyball and one day of Pickleball per week. Pickleball is played on a badminton court using wooden racquets to hit a badminton birdie over a tennis net. Coach Hudson hopes to get students interested in this "new" sport that originated from schools in the northern United States. Sign-ups will not begin until next week.

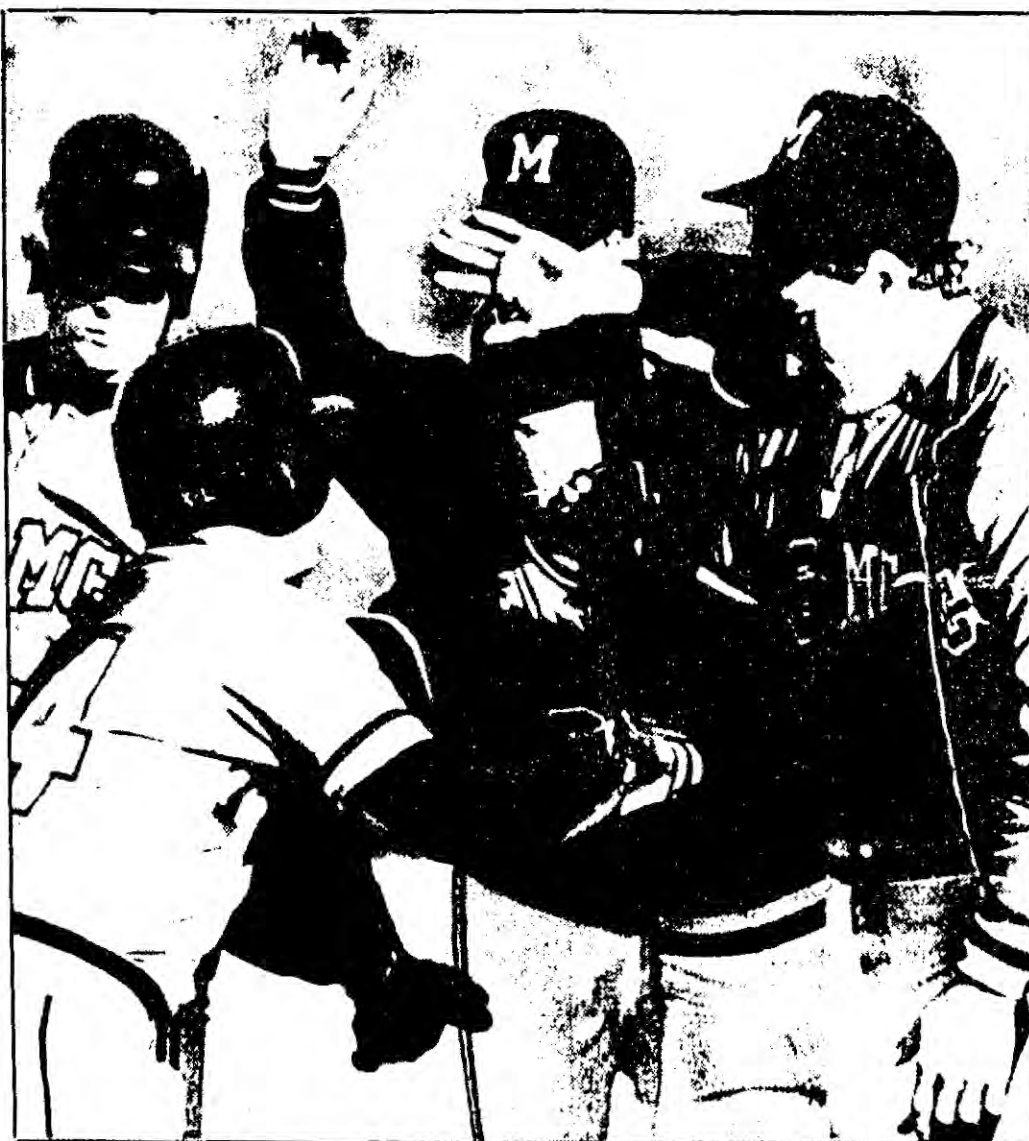


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STEVE MEDINA watches one of his homeruns clear the fence (left), then his teammates give him a grand welcome at home plate (right). MCC won both opening games.

Highlanders beat Tornado, 101-89

By JEFF CALAWAY

The MCC Highlanders took another step in reaching the National Junior College Athletic Association regional tournament after defeating the TSTI Tornado, 101-89, at TSTI on Saturday.

With the victory, the Highlanders moved up to 5-5 in conference play and 14-13 overall.

The victory allowed the Highlanders to be in running along with Hill College for the fourth and final play-off spot given to a representative of the North Texas College Athletic Conference.

Although the young Highlanders have looked rough at times, they have also shown traces of brilliance, against TSTI at times they were spectacular.

The Highlanders blew open the lead, after being tied late in the second half at 58-58.

A loud and boisterous crowd, many of them MCC fans, were sparked by several incredible dunks by Maurice Gandy, who had 15 points on the night. One dunk came from an over the head pass from Jason Hooten that brought the house down.

Henry Golightly was the floor

leader on the night as he led the Highlanders on many fast breaks and with some quick action passes. He also scored 17 points on the night.

Javier Ayala led the Highlanders with 21 points for the night, shooting from all over the floor.

While the Highlanders are tied with Hill for fourth, they are not guaranteed a spot in the play-offs, due to Hill beating the Highlanders twice this year.

If Hill does lose, however, the Highlanders will still have a tough time trying to get in the tournament. Their next game will be

against first place Grayson College at Grayson. The Highlanders last game against Grayson was a closely played contest that the Highlanders could have won.

Their remaining three conference games are against Weatherford College, here, Southwest Christian, at Weatherford, and their final regular will be against against Southwest Christian at the Highlands.

If the Highlanders can squeeze into the tournament, they will have the home court advantage, since the NJCAA tournament will be held at the Highlands, March 2-4.

Local black artist displays work

By KEBANA REED

Chesley Smith, a Waco black artist, has work on exhibit at The Art Center through Feb. 22 in observance of Black Awareness Month.

Smith is showing three collages in "The Harlem Renaissance exhibition. On a trip to India, Smith saw weather worn buildings with tattered posters, graffiti, and bright colors and translated the sights into collages. While there, he visited New Delhi, Banaras Hindu, Ahmadabad, Bangalore, Madras, Calcutta, Varanasi, and Lucknow, as part of a trip sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education.

In 1987, Smith received a Civic

Award from The Waco Chapter of Links, Inc. for outstanding service to the community in the area of the Arts.

He has received awards and honors from the Bias Review Committee/Certificate of Testing Programs, National Evaluation System, Inc. of Amherst, Mass., 1986; Killeen Annual Arts and Crafts Show, 1984; Third Place, Killeen Annual Arts and Crafts Show, 1980; Alpha Kappa Mu Pledge Club, Jarvis College, Hawkins, 1968; Art Awards, Jarvis Christian College, 1967-68.

Smith is a full-time teacher at G. L. Wiley Middle School and a part-time teacher at Paul Quinn College. He teaches art, drawing,

ceramics, art appreciation and lettering and design.

Smith said, "I believe drawing is the basics for all art, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, and architecture. You have to know how to draw to do all of these other things."

Winning first place in a national poster contest for AAA Auto Club at the age of 16 "really set my heels on fire," he said.

Smith, 43, has a Master of Fine Arts Degree from East Texas State University. He has a wife and two sons.

Smith has had his work displayed at the National Museum of Haitian Art in Georgetown,

Guyana and The Afro American Museum of Art and Culture in Dallas and other cities such as St. George, Utah; Oklahoma City; The Veterans Administration Office in Waco and Temple and at Baylor University.

In the last 20 years, Smith has done about 600 paintings including cutting out a piece of metal aluminum to create the "Two Headed Cow."

Smith's collages are part of The Harlem Renaissance And Now art exhibition at The Art Center being held Feb. 3-22 in observance of Black Awareness Month. Additional art of Smith's can be seen in the Student Activities Center.



Photo by Ken Crawford

POWERING THROUGH two defenders from Odessa College, Shawn Medlock not only made this basket but drew a foul. In spite of these heroics, the nationally fifth-ranked Odessa team overwhelmed the Highlanders 85-62 here Friday.

AIDS hotline training set

The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District's AIDS education program is sponsoring a training session for volunteers who will be working with that organizations "AIDS Information Phone Line" and the Speakers Bureau. The workshop will be Feb. 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Health District offices on 225 W. Waco Dr.

Interested individuals can volunteer to do public speaking presentations or be the AIDS trainer for a church or organization. In addition, volunteers can staff the newly developed AIDS information phone line. Everyone is invited to attend the workshop, and no fee will be charged. For additional information, call Cyndy Dunlap at 756-5521.

'Fivovous' hits circuits

By JUDSON BURROUGHS

A rock/pop band, "Fivovous," from the music department has been playing on the Central Texas club circuit for the last few months and having a good time doing it.

"We want to entertain people and have fun while we are doing it," stated Chad Hughes, keyboardist for the group, who went on further to say that they play a variety of music ranging from country, pop and rock. Goals for the band include playing more often on the

club circuit, and the wish for the chance to play at some private parties.

The members of "Fivovous" include: Kenneth Hooper on bass guitar, Chad Hughes on keyboards, Vaughan Jones on guitar and vocals, Jose Galeano on drums, and Drew Womack on guitar and vocals.

"Fivovous" is currently scheduled to play at the Melody Ranch on Feb. 18 at 8:30 p. m. and on March 20 through 25 at Chelsea's Street Pub beginning at 9 p. m. each evening.



Students reflect on America's problem

By KEITH JENKINS
and JEFF CALAWAY

When looking at America's past and present racial problems, various ideas of why our country has experienced so much conflict and violence over such a issue come to mind.

The following feature story is a compilation of personal experiences and opinions dealing with racism.

Keith's story

As I went along the trail near Baylor, it was about 9:30 p.m. when I began thinking to myself why I had chosen such a cold night to take a walk.

Since this was the same path that most students used for walking or running, I wasn't the only one out that night.

Although it was hard trying to battle the elements of nature, I didn't too much mind being out until something unexpected happened.

When I came to the point where the trail curved around another street, I decided to go off the trail and walk to McDonald's off the interstate.

It was no more than five minutes after crossing the street when two white men who looked to be in their early 20s passed by in a car and yelled out to me, "Hey, why don't you go get a job!"

I immediately stopped and just stood there wondering why someone would say that to me. I wasn't too upset about it because it was useless to be angry when they didn't know who I was or whether I did or didn't have a job.

My only concern was what the reason was for their comment. One conclusion that I thought was that maybe they believed I was just some rich student who didn't have anything else better to do but just walk around.

But the other conclusion that stuck in my mind was that the statement was made simply because I'm black. To be honest, I didn't want to keep thinking that was the reason, but I couldn't block it out.

Although I have been fortunate to not have had any harsh experiences involving prejudice that many blacks suffered from before my time, some incidents like the previous one given have occurred in my life that I feel resulted because of my color.

What's been hard for me to understand is why some of the occurrences were caused by those of my own race. I think that it's ridiculous when individuals are faced with criticism and maybe even prejudice from their own race.

Growing up in today's society with all of the problems that exist can be hard for anyone, but when you're also faced with comments and rejection because of your skin color, life can be even more difficult to deal with. You can be constantly faced with jokes, criticism, and maybe even harsh treatment involving violence.

I've concluded that two factors exist that were the main issues in the incidents that I've experienced. Of course the first one was just the fact of me being black, while the other, which may come to a surprise to some, is because of me having light skin.

I remember one time I was sitting down in the cafeteria reading when another black student came up to me and made a few ridiculous statements.

The student said, "I bet you think you're better than us because you don't look black." He went on to say that he thought I was stuck up and he felt that I didn't associate with enough blacks.

I was so furious I was almost at a loss for words to say anything. But I remained calm and simply said that he had no right to make a judgement about my personality and it was my business who I associated with.

Some might have handled that situation differently, but I feel that staying in control as much as possible is the best way to respond to someone's stupidity. Throughout my life, I've heard and read so many negative qualities used to identify black people. It's gotten to the point that many have been accepted as true and that everyone falls into the same category.

To me, "black" is only a name that's been accepted to identify my race. It shouldn't be used to label the personalities or the abilities of people as a whole.

I've also read various articles and have heard comments stating that light skinned blacks are more acceptable by other races. Whether this is true or not, a shade of color does not make a person better than anyone else. It may be appealing to one's eyes, but what's important is going beyond the skin and learning more about that person.

Although other situations have occurred in my life, these two experiences stand out the most because they involve the same problem only from different angles. I just can't understand why color has been such a preoccupation in our country, and why so many have been judgmental of others by looking at the outside instead of knowing the inside of a person?

As I mentioned earlier, I really have not experienced the race relation problems that this country has been faced with. But the names and stereotypes that our society has placed on people has made me more subject to criticism.

When looking at the criticism that I've received, it's important to note that it has not made me bitter or feel inferior towards others. It has made me learn to appreciate who I am on the inside as well as what is seen on the outside.

To this day I still can't understand why color is such a big issue in our country. How can America keep boasting of its racial equality and still allow groups who hate other races continue to destroy the foundation of peace and freedom on which our country stands on.

Even though I'm a firm believer in not dwelling on the past, it still pains me to think of what many blacks had to tolerate in this country.

By all means I haven't forgotten of the great progress that America has made to improve someone's stupidity. Throughout my life, I've heard and read so many negative qualities used to identify black people. It's gotten to the point that many have been accepted as true and that everyone falls into the same category.

"They told me I could find a better life if I followed the rules, which is the 12 step program. It showed me that there were people just like me—thousands of them—that had the disease of addiction."

"God doesn't make junk. If you just surrender and let a higher power take over, the 12 steps of the program just work."

Denial

However, "There are a lot of people still in denial," according to Diuguid. "Nobody wants to be an alcoholic or an addict. Nobody wants to admit that they can't handle a few drinks."

Close friends and family members don't want to admit it either, Diuguid said.

Many people who never experienced alcohol or drug addiction for themselves or from a close friend or family member look on it as "a sin, or a moral defect," said Porter, who is himself a child of an alcoholic.

"But since the disease concept became prevalent it's easier to get the alcoholic into treatment," Porter added.

People began to believe that an alcoholic's or addict's behavior is not his or her fault, but is the influence of chemicals. Proper treatment and support help him or her into a state of recovery.

Support

MCC began its own community of support groups last October, when the MCC Drug Abuse Prevention Program was granted funds toward measures its advisors deemed necessary to prevent students from turning to drugs, according to Porter.

"Ordinarily they would use drugs, but they could go to a (support) group. We see that as prevention."

Through surveys of incoming freshmen last semester, MCCDAPP found "nine percent admitted to using alcohol on a daily basis, 44 percent indicated use within the past week, 63 percent within the last month, and 83 percent at some time in their life," Porter said. Marijuana, amphetamines, cocaine and depressants followed in frequency of use.

MCCDAPP started student support groups because out of 688 re-

Jeff's story

In trying to decide for a lead for this story, I decided to put myself in a black man's shoes for a little while, but then I realized that I couldn't do that because I'm white.

It's impossible for me to realize what it would be like to be black. My ancestors were slave owners, not slaves. My family went to school in the South during the time of Orville Faubus and George Wallace who tried to keep blacks out of school.

My family rode in the front of the bus, drank out of the water fountain of their choice, and ate in restaurants that blacks could not enter. Because of my skin color, people don't lock the doors as I walk by their car and I don't have racial jokes or slurs said behind my back.

Because of my skin color, I don't have to worry about waking up with a cross burning in my yard, or a group of militant skin heads beating me up or killing me.

It is not to say that other groups such as Catholics, Jewish people, and the poor do not experience prejudice, but these are interior prejudices. This prejudice can come only after someone finds out that you are Jewish or Catholic.

But, if you're black or Oriental, the prejudice is exterior, which results in the most basic kind of bigotry, racism.

It seems that every nation has to have some kind of prejudice. Whether it involves religion, eco-

nomics, or racism, prejudice exists in every country in the world.

Unfortunately America, a country that claims to be the home of the free and the great melting pot, is also bound with racism and bigotry.

People should enjoy the different cultures that each ethnic group or race has to offer instead of feeling anger because of something that isn't the "norm" as decided by upper class white America.

The dictionary defines prejudice as being "an opinion, often unfavorable, formed without adequate reasons; bias."

So, how do we deal with people, who for no reason but ignorance, feel hate for others who are different than they are. It's hard to talk to these people because their is no logic for them to feel the way they do. They just know that they don't like blacks or anyone who does.

One can stereotype the bigot as a redneck cowboy or the Archie Bunker type, but that's not the case. Prejudice comes from every shape, form, and fashion.

I know there are many people who have their excuses for being prejudice and even more who don't even realize that they are.

Their excuses such as they can't help it, that's the way they were raised, or they've been around blacks enough to know what their all about. And let's not forget the evil plan the blacks have to take over the world. This

is the best one of all when you consider that the head of almost every major company is white, and realize that the white house is exactly that, with only one black in George Bush's cabinet.

Now, I'm not trying to be all righteous or anything, but this is the way I feel, the United States, should be just that, united. We have enough problems as it is, without wasting our time hating each other because of the way we look or act.

How can we criticize countries such as South Africa for their problems with racial apartheid, when we here in the states suffer from both a racial and social apartheid that allows our government to forget about minorities and the poor.

So as we move into the 1990s and on up to the 21st century, let's let our children grow up not knowing prejudice and fighting for other countries like South Africa.

Well, I've expressed my opinions for this story. Those of you who feel as I do will probably agree with me. For those of you who disagree with me, that's fine too. There's probably nothing I could say or do by now to make you change. All I'm asking is that you at least think about I've written and come up with your own philosophy about this issue and not just go along with the flow because it is your friends or your parents' beliefs.

Meet one "Supermom"

By AIMEE FARR

A petite woman in her early 40s walks to her first class of the day. Little do we know that under that mild-mannered exterior is a woman with extraordinary powers, capable of amazing feats. Meet Carla Hill, Supermom.

What makes Carla special is that she not only has the responsibilities of college but is a full-time wife and mother of three children. She is also active in church, sews, cuts hair, has an Avon route, and enjoys woodworking.

She was once known only as a "domestic engineer," homemaker, but is now well on her way to a nursing degree.

Hill still recalls her first day at MCC. "I was so nervous that I had my oldest daughter, who is herself a student at Texas A&M, walk me to all my classes. I did it for her in kindergarten, so I figured she owed me one. The thing that surprised me the most was that I was so readily accepted here even though I was so much older," she said.

All things concerning college Hill loves, but for her it takes on a special meaning. "It gives me a feeling of achievement. It's rewarding to now that you can still learn new and different things at this stage in my life."

After studying while most are contemplating what TV show to watch, Hill is busy trying to decide whether to clean out the refrigerator, wash the clothes, or do the vacuuming before she falls in bed. This is after she's made her Avon deliveries, shopped for groceries, cooked dinner, and tended to the needs of the two teenage children and her husband.

"The trick is balance"

At 5 a.m. she emerges as Supermom once again busy with her routine.

"You really learn how to budget your time. When it comes to my family—my family comes first. Many times I have to drop what I'm doing to attend to them. However, I still feel that I have the best of both worlds. The trick is balance," Hill said.

Most people would consider having a family a major liability while attending college, but not so Hill. "My children do fuss at me when I spend too much time studying. They seem to think that it's destroying my brain cells."

"The two things you must possess are organization and self-discipline"

She attributes her success to her family. The children each have chores which lessens her load. "My family gives me a great deal of understanding and support. My husband is very proud of me, not to mention patient. Without their support—no way, I wouldn't be here."

Hill is realistic about her accomplishments and goals. She refuses to take on too many classes knowing that even a "Supermom" has her limits. "It's not for everybody, you have to be cut out for it. You must realize what you are capable of. The two things you must possess are organization and self-discipline."

Student Focus

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Saying the three magic words

Year after year, Valentine's Day brings a wonderful time where people express their feelings for that special person through gifts of love.

As relationships begin to develop, one thing that shouldn't be taken for granted is saying those three magic words: "I love you."

How many times have you heard after a person's first date with someone that they have finally found the person right for them or that they are in love?

Another common situation is when you are sitting in a room talking to others, and suddenly this incredible-looking person comes in and attracts your attention. You try, but you just can't keep your eyes off of them. Soon you find yourself saying, "I'm in love."

Whether you believe in "love at first sight" or not, it's important that when you tell someone in a relationship that you love them, you should truly mean it.

Too many times, especially with young people, those few words come easily, but they are said without meaning or without honesty.

Love is special and unique. When you tell someone that you love them, it should be after you have spent enough time to know what that person is really like.

Love involves both sharing with and liking a person. When you care about someone enough that you really enjoy being together, plus being friends, true love then exists.

Too many times, I've seen relationships crumble as a result of a lack of love or a misunderstanding in what the two people assumed about how the other felt.

It can hurt deeply when this happens, and the relationship ends. Many broken hearts could be spared if more people took love and the other person's feelings more seriously.

So the next time you become involved in a relationship, try to take time to find out more about that person to see what their true feelings are.

Saying "I love you" can be easy, but proving and showing that love will determine the true feelings of your heart.