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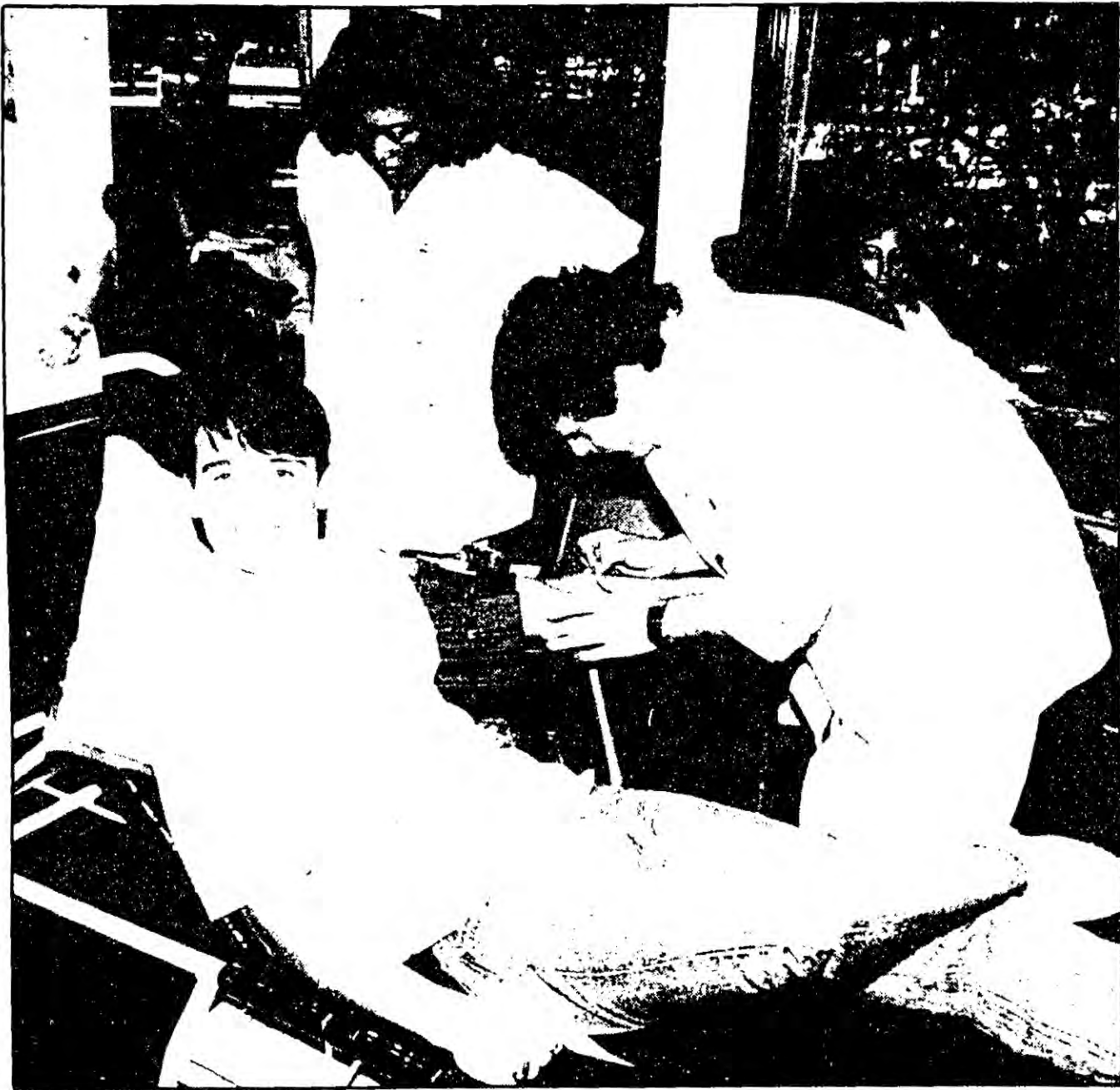


photo by Wade Carpenter

EVERYBODY LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER! Paul Haberl keeps on smiling as he prepares to give blood at the annual blood drive in the Student Center Nov. 8. In this year's successful drive, MCC defeated Navarro College in their annual competition.

College wins blood drive

By SUSAN POLLEY

Over 65 units of blood were donated at last Wednesday's blood drive sponsored by the Ipter Club Council and the American Red Cross.

Phi Theta Alpha, the physical therapy club, won the club competition. Members of the club and those who donated blood in the club's name will be

treated to a free pizza party by the American Red Cross. The date of the party will be announced at a later date.

MCC came out on top this year in the ongoing competition with Navarro Junior College in Corsicana. Navarro will have to present a plaque to MCC at the next basketball game between the two schools. The blood collected last week may

go to earthquake or hurricane victims or Central Texas residents needing blood, according to P.J. Dougan, of the office of student activities and health services.

Dougan said she heard on "Good Morning Central Texas" that 110 units of blood were used over one weekend in Waco.

School considers re-opening gym

By SARA WARTES

Two locked glass doors leading into the HPE building reveal a mystery. Why does a piece of plywood block the stairs? Why are the doors locked?

Asbestos, that's why.

The doors lead to a gymnasium built in 1970 as part of the older section of the HPE building. For 14 years it resounded with shouts and groans

and the squeak of tennis shoes on the basketball floor. Two badminton birdies hang forlornly in the light fixtures, reminders of past intramural games.

Asbestos found in 1984

But in 1984, Derrick Toombs, superintendent of building maintenance, noticed an unusual dust on the floor. Suspicious, he climbed up to the ceiling, put on a glove and scraped a sample of soundproofing into

a canister. Then he turned the glove inside out and dropped canister and glove into a plastic bag and sent them off to the Texas Department of Health.

When the report came back it confirmed his fears. The material was 15-20 percent chrysotile, a brand of asbestos. The soundproofing had been sprayed on the beams when the gym was built to deaden the echo in the ceilingless room. Now it was flaking off and settling through the air of the gym onto the floor and fixtures.

Asbestos was used widely in construction throughout the United States from 1942 until the early 1970s when it was found to cause cancer. The long, sharp fibers cause scarring in the lungs when inhaled. Although many buildings have asbestos, the key is whether it flakes off into the air where it can be breathed.

The rest of the building was inspected, but the acoustical spray had been used only in the gymnasium and the lobby leading to it. Other areas of the building have enclosed ceilings.

Toombs said he encountered some difficulty in tracking down the exact material that had been used by the builders. "The contractors and the architects weren't interested in talking about it," he said.

Gym locked

A company contracted to

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Preparations continuing on new administrative system

By KEITH JENKINS

The college is still in the process of selecting a new administrative computer system.

According to Bill Bane, director of computer service, the system chosen will integrate the four following primary areas on campus—the business office, financial aids, advising and student records including registration and admissions.

"We are looking for an entire system which will do a few more things that we wouldn't be able to do in the future with the current system," said Bane.

The project began last year during the fall when a consultant was hired to develop a questionnaire dealing with what functions were needed in a system. After proposals were

sent out to 25 companies, 10 responded and from those, four were asked to give on campus demonstrations of the services they could provide.

As of now, the selection has been narrowed down to two companies.

Along with reviewing companies, the project has also involved administrators visiting various colleges and their systems such as Odessa College, Texas Lutheran College and Bee County College. The purpose of these trips have involved examining each school's system and any problems which may exist with that system, plus to learn more about how well the computer company works with the college.

"We are most concerned with the functionality of the

software system and what it can do for the campus," Bane said.

Along with administrators, departments like counseling and the registrar's office have contributed in handling some of the responsibility. The bookstore, cafeteria and library have also played a role in the project.

"Many people were involved and the responsibility was spread out," explained Bane. "A goal was to get everyone to have a say and take part in the project."

Final decisions on the system is expected to be made at the Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 28. Afterwards, Bane estimates that the installation process will take close to two years before the entire system will be ready.

Cafeteria worker arrested

By SARA WARTES

Waco police have arrested a cafeteria worker for the Oct. 16 theft of \$175 from the MCC cafeteria.

Joe S. Talbert, who was on parole for a prior conviction for theft, was arrested Oct. 27 and remains in the county jail after failure to post a \$2,000 bond.

Vice President of Business Services Johnette McKown said Talbert was provided to the school through a temporary

employment service, so he was not considered an employee of the college.

Waco Police Sgt. Roy Halsell said Talbert was charged with theft over \$20. He said Talbert had made a statement to the police concerning the alleged theft.

Halsell said the charge was theft instead of burglary since, as a worker, Talbert had a key to the cafeteria.

Talbert had been convicted May 24, 1985, of theft from a

person and sentenced to three years in prison.

McKown said that the temporary employment service which supplied Talbert to the school was responsible for him and had been cooperative in working with the school following the theft. "We were told that the proper background checks had been done. From here on out if we hire from a temporary service we will check the background ourselves," McKown said.

First in a series

Is our air safe to breathe?

By SARA WARTES

They are the goblins that stalk the last decade of the 20th century: acid rain, PCBs, asbestos, ozone, the greenhouse effect.

The deadly legacy of the explosive growth of American productivity earlier in the century, these ghosts of industry past have remained to haunt us. The media warn of these invisible but deadly specters. But are they real?

Walking across the campus on a crisp fall day it's easy to believe they are figments of

somebody's imagination, invented to sell newspapers. How could this fresh Waco air be dangerous to breathe?

Waco air

The good news: it's not dangerous.

Waco has exceptionally clean air. Continuous monitors placed around town to monitor air quality were removed in 1987. Why? Because even on bad days they never recorded levels of pollutants above accepted federal standards.

Eugene Fulton, Region Three director, Texas Air Con-

trol Board, said the monitors were moved to cities where they were needed more. Cities where high levels of pollution constantly threatened air quality.

Texas air

And that's the bad news. Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and the smaller cities along the Texas Gulf Coast regularly churn out high levels of pollution.

Dudley Burton, Ph.D., associate professor at Baylor University and associate direc-

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MCCOPA cooks for student scholarships

By KEITH JENKINS

To continue its efforts in supporting students, the MCC Office Personnel Association (MCCOPA), will have its annual chili luncheon today in the Student Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For the fifth year, the organization is holding the fall luncheon to raise money for student scholarships. "It's our major fund raiser of the entire year," said MCCOPA President Joyce Schroeder.

The association hopes to award two scholarships totalling \$150 each during the fall and spring semesters. MCCOPA urges students to apply through the office of financial aids.

Considerations on selecting the recipients will be based on students meeting the following qualifications: full time status, academic standing (2.5 grade point average), financial need and relationship to MCCOPA members (son, daughter or work-study).

Ticket price is \$3.50 per person. Although only 200 tickets were printed in advance, Schroeder explained that more will be available at the luncheon.

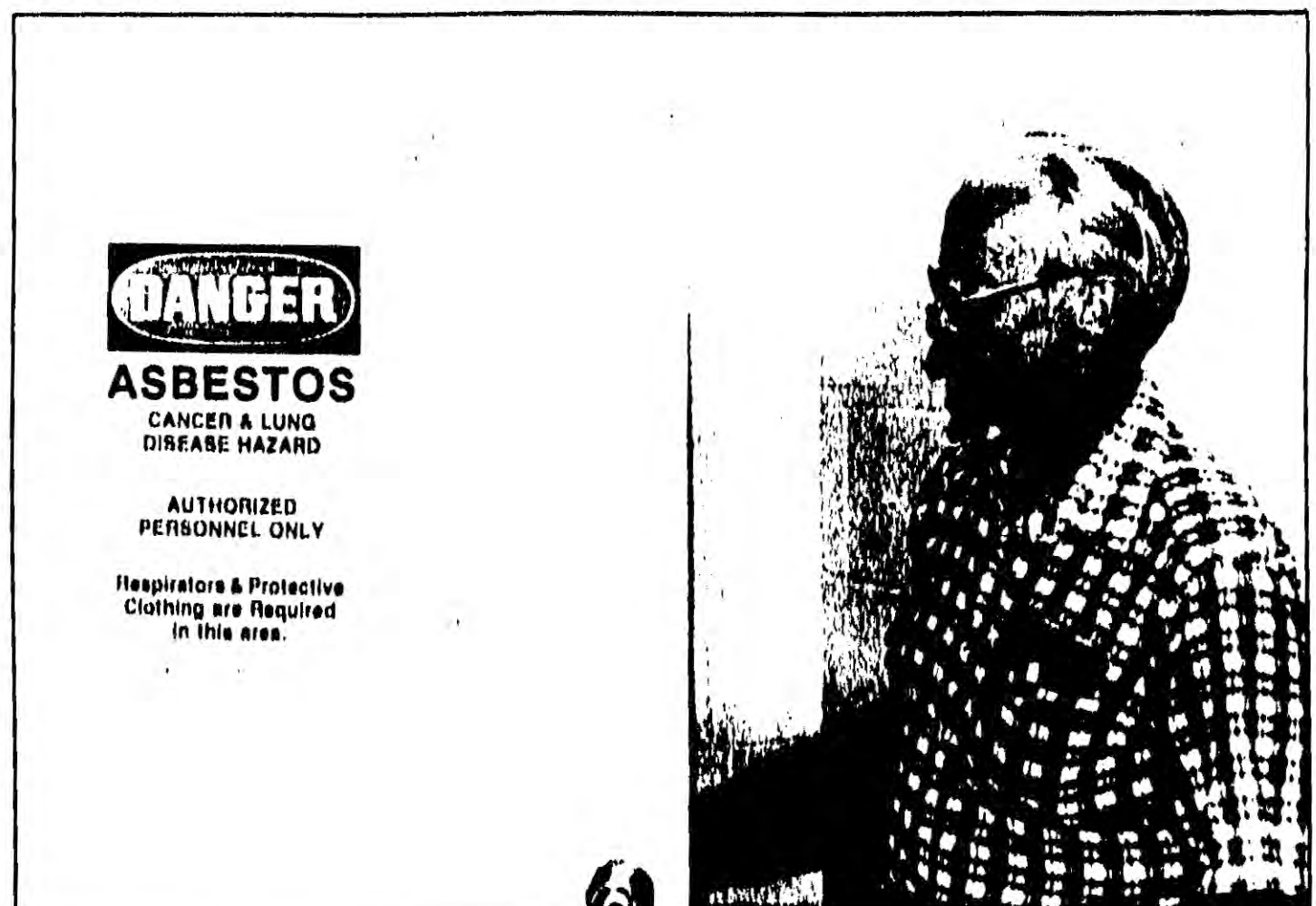


photo by Sara Wartes

REVIEWING A CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD, Derrick Toombs, supervisor of building maintenance, displays the asbestos warning sign on a door to a gymnasium in the

HPE building. The gym has been closed since 1984, when asbestos was found to be flaking from the ceiling. Plans to renovate the space are underway.

Not that you ask...



Where there's no smoke:
progress

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS
Editorial Editor

Exchanging good habits for bad isn't easy, but when others are doing it, somehow it seems easier. Great strides have been made during the past decade in the campaign against smoking.

The Great American Smokeout will take place Thursday and will last for 24-hours. If you are a smoker join the 5.4 million who gave up cigarettes for the event last year.

More and more Americans view smoking as socially unacceptable. These are some statistics from the Surgeon General's 1989 report.

- About 40 percent of all adults in the U.S. smoked in 1965. By 1987 that number had dropped to only 29 percent and is expected to continue its decline with about 22 percent smoking in the year 2000.

- The decline has been the greatest in men, down from 50 percent to 32 percent.

- Half of the smokers who have ever smoked have quit, about 1.3 million a year. (Sadly, about one million teens and young people will start smoking, nearly 3,000 a day.)

- Between 1964 and 1985 about 750,000 smoking-related deaths were prevented as a direct result of decisions to stop smoking or to not start.

- If trends continue by the year 2000 an estimated 2.1 million smoking-related deaths will be prevented.

- While America has about 50 million who still smoke, had the pattern continued as it was in 1964 there would be about 90 million smokers today.

- Not all the news is good. The decline has been slower or even non-existent among blue-collar workers, young women, minorities and the least educated in the United States.

- Smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death in America today, with more than 350,000 deaths annually.

If we could wave our magic wands and all smokers were to quit today, smoking would still continue to be a leading cause of premature death for some time.

Every year it seems more and more people are choosing a smoke-free society and remarkable progress has been made in kicking the smoking habit and reducing the death rate from coronary heart disease (a one-third drop in the last 20-years).

The change began with education on the national scale, then public opinion changed, and with it increased social pressure and finally legislation.

If efforts and campaigns like these against smoking are taken up against drunk driving, driving without seat belts and drug use, maybe there is hope, America.

STUDENT FOCUS



What glory is
there in killing?

BY KEITH JENKINS
Editor-in-Chief

"I was only 20, mom. I hadn't done anything. I hadn't seen anything... I got cheated. They made a speech and played a trumpet and dressed me in a uniform and then they killed me."

As soon as I heard these words, from the play "Bury the Dead," a feeling of deep remorse for all war veterans, especially those who died so young, came over me.

Sitting there in the audience, I began imagining myself in the place of a young kid going off to war and saying goodbye to his mother, or of some soldier, not knowing why he was in a strange land, in combat with only one choice, kill or be killed.

But then I stopped and thought, no imagination or acting comes close to the actuality of experiencing a war. If there was ever a corruption in our society, war is it.

It pains me to think of the young soldiers who lost their lives without ever having the opportunity to finish an education, have a family, or fulfill whatever their dreams were. And for those who became wounded and emotionally unstable, it seems like no cure exists to help them recover from the physical and mental scars of battle.

Many came home expecting a parade, wanting a pat on the back, or just hoping for some kind of approval and understanding from the American public; however, some were denied this honor and became locked in a shell of rejection and tormenting memories.

No, glory doesn't exist in killing another life, but it burns strong in the spirit of those who volunteered to fight and had a purpose in doing so.

To those brave heroes, who once looked death in the face and walked away, and would jump at the opportunity to fight again, my admiration goes out to you.

But as tension continues to increase among world relations, it's time that we seek other alternatives without destroying entire countries or losing lives. We must start fighting battles with our minds, skills and the desire for peace, and not with weapons or ignorance. And with war waiting on the steps of our back doors, how will we react to future threats?

In order for us to preserve this nation's beliefs and principles, America must stop intervening in other countries to the point where our own problems and responsibilities are not ignored.

My generation has been fortunate to live in a time where our lives weren't threatened by bombs and missiles. But we can't stop here and take it for granted.

I wish more could be done to erase the destruction, death and haunting memories left from war. But to those who served your country well, coming from the heart, I thank you.

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Point of View



Here's to the retreads!

A few more laps
around the track

By SARA WARTES
Senior Associate Editor

I think of us as "retreads." You know, that's a tire that has some mileage on it but is still basically in pretty good shape except the tread has worn a little thin. It goes back to the factory for some new tread, and it's good for a few more laps around the old track.

That's how it is with "returning students." It may have been a few years since we last sat in a school desk, but we still have potential. We're back in school to build new skills, gain new information, so we can make more money or generally improve our lives.

My first college experience was at Texas Tech about 25 years ago. That's pretty long between semesters. When I sent off for my transcript a year ago I pictured somebody with a flashlight down in the basement looking through dusty old boxes covered with cobwebs. The transcript arrived the next week, though, with no cobwebs. Tech has evidently brought my class records into the computer age.

Some other things have changed since my first two semesters of college. Girls couldn't wear pants to class in those days (not ladylike) so it got pretty chilly on those brisk winter days.

Another bane of our existence was an infraction called Public Display of Affection. This terrible offense usually involved a girl being seen kissing her boyfriend. Really conservative college officials were known to write people up for just leaning on each other. Too many PDAs could get you booted right out of the dorm.

By the way, the doors of the women's dorms were locked at 10 p.m. on weeknights and 1 a.m. on weekends. If you were caught on the wrong side of the door, your life was over.

I realize I missed a big opportunity because I didn't take history back then. The whole final section we studied last semester hadn't happened yet when I was at Tech. If I had taken it then, I wouldn't have had to study the Vietnam War, space exploration, Watergate, and several presidential elections. Think of the time I would have saved!

Students at MCC have generally allowed me to forget that I'm your basic relic from the past. I was surprised at how easily I fit into a room full of recent high school graduates. Once in a while, though, I'll say something like "Somebody goofed," and the young students will look at each other and whisper, "What did she say?" Or maybe I'm the only one in the class who knows who Nero Wolfe is.

Of course at MCC the student body includes people of all ages. If you look around, you can nearly always find someone from your generation.

Probably the greatest difference between my two college experiences is not in the colleges, but in me. I have discovered over the years just how much I don't know. I still struggle with the process of learning, but I find pleasure in it too.

I've also learned that students really do need to know what they are forced to learn in college. Maybe you don't plan to be a chemist, but you will still be better off if you know some basic things about how this world is put together. I'm taking chemistry this semester, and it has allowed me a little peek into a whole new world inhabited by atoms and molecules.

When I was at Tech I really wanted to study journalism. But I was told that wasn't a "practical" major for a woman. Women were nurses, teachers or secretaries. I decided to hedge my bets and study business education. That way I could be a teacher or a secretary (neither of which really interested me). Then I did what many college girls did. I got married and stayed home with the children. I've never regretted my years at home with the children, but down deep I always wanted to give journalism a try.

So here's my big chance. I'm grateful to my husband for awarding me the "Ron Wartes second chance scholarship." If he ever visits me on campus I might just risk a PDA.



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Your cooperation is appreciated.

The HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

What can we do to enhance school spirit for school functions such as games and other student activities?



RANDALL ROGERS, freshman, mechanical engineer major. "I pretty much just go to school and go to work."



AVERY WILLIAMS, sophomore, physical education. "Have a dance after the game and sell raffle tickets and announce the winners at the end of the dance."



MINA VANDERVEER, freshman, commercial design. "Have a dance after the games and some kind of raffle."



LINA YOUNGBLOOD, sophomore, history major. "They should be publicized more. If you had more warning you could work with it."



KIRK DEMBO, freshman. "Have some kind of pep rally and a live DJ for the dances with contests."



TERRI BAILEY, sophomore, physical therapist assistant. "Have a better variety of music so a better variety of people would attend."



ANGELA LAWS, sophomore, justice. "The one thing that this school needs is a spirit club to boost school spirit and a cheering squad at the student activities."

LETTER to the editor

Color change is 'ridiculousness'

Dear Highland editors and staff,

Thank you for your article informing of the possible addition of Navy blue to our school colors.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could print the course of action of what it would take to stop such ridiculousness. It would also be appreciated if you could print the course of action to take to stop such ridiculous actions from happening in Student Government.

Sincerely,
Valerie Craighead
Sophomore

Sports

'Landers learn 'It's not over til it's over'

By BRIAN SHAW

The MCC Highlanders went to a session of Yogi Berra's philosophy school last Tuesday night.

After leading by as much as 25 points in the second half, they were barely able to hold on for a 94-92 victory over the

relentless Lon Morris Bearcats from Jacksonville, Texas. In so doing, they found out what the renowned baseball philosopher meant when he said "It's not over 'til it's over."

Maurice Gandy's dunk with 7:59 left in the game gave the Highlanders their largest lead of the night, 80-55. To their

credit, the Bearcats, whose only previous game was a 25-point loss to national powerhouse San Jacinto, did not fold. They outscored the Highlanders 37-14 for the remainder of the game, losing only after throwing the ball out of bounds with 10 seconds left. Hitting eight of nine free throws during the last four minutes allowed the Highlanders to escape with the win.

Both teams took turns dominating the game. The Highlanders led 44-38 at halftime but began to break away during the second half. After a three-pointer by Stacy Lawson cut MCC's margin to 54-47 at 16:20, the Bearcats went scoreless for more than five minutes, during which time the Highlanders scored 17 straight points, running their lead to 71-47. A dunk by the Bearcat's Dexter Cambridge at 11:18 ended the drought.

The Highlanders rebounded during their run, continually refusing the Bearcats second shots. During their comeback, the Bearcats attacked the ball, making several key steals and converting them into points.

MCC's largest lead of the first half was 10 points, 44-34, with 37 seconds left. Coach DeWeese replaced starters Don Hutto, Javier Ayala, Michael Ferguson, Gandy and Billy Carlock with 14:31 left "because they weren't getting the job done." Substitutes Darryl Fredrick, Lavon Perrin, Hulon Loudde and Reggie Johnson

brought the team from trailing 14-9 to a tie at 28 with 4:48 left, at which point the starters returned.

Coach DeWeese said he did not expect to win the first four games because "we haven't played an easy game yet." He was impressed with Lon Morris, but attributed the collapse

to a lack of effort on his team's part. "We relaxed and thought the game was over," he said. "It happens a lot in sports. You get a big lead, but you forget what got you there. You quit working hard, but the other team doesn't."

Cambridge of Lon Morris led all scorers with 23 points.

Gandy led MCC with 21. Ayala scored 14, while Ferguson and Carlock chipped in 13 apiece. The Highlanders were 22 for 29 from the free throw line, including a 9 for 13 effort by Gandy, and hit six three-pointers. The next home game will be this Friday night in the MCC-Mr. Gatti's Tournament.

Call 'em like I see 'em

MCC's secret to success

By CLAY LASSETER

Sports Editor



MCC has one of the best junior college athletic programs in the nation. Instead of being a one or two sport school like most junior colleges, MCC stands out in every sport that is featured here year in and year out.

The consistency is startling. Men's and women's basketball, baseball, tennis and the refurbished golf team have advanced to the regional, state or national tournaments every year since the start of each sport.

How does MCC do it every year? Recruiting is the answer. But what is the secret of getting good players to attend MCC?

All the coaches agree that the beautiful landscape of the campus plays a big part. "The first thing I do is send a brochure of the campus to the players to show them how beautiful a campus we have here," said tennis Coach Carmack Berryman.

The location of Waco is also a factor. "We let them know how easy it will be for parents and friends to come watch them play. Central Texas is close to everybody," said baseball Head Coach Paul Miller.

But how does a coach sell Waco, a town that is usually considered a boring place to live? "We tell and show them that Waco is a good place to live and that with two four-year colleges in the same town, Baylor and Paul Quinn, there are advantages. Waco is not a college town, but it is a college small city," said men's basketball Head Coach Ken DeWeese. "People here care and appreciate students. NCAA schools recruit Texas athletes more than any other state," he said.

Along with showcasing the athletic program's success throughout the years, the coaches highlight the school's quality academic program. "We do not recruit athletes, we recruit student-athletes," said Miller.

"We show the players our catalog of the courses that are offered here. This lets them see how high our academic standards are. We offer high-level quality courses here," said Berryman. "MCC has a great reputation, not only in tennis, but academically as well. I am greatly benefitted by this," he said.

But coaches say the most important part of the recruiting is to show the athletes that they care.

"We care about them and their success. Not just their success for the two years they are here, but we care about how successful they are the rest of their lives," said DeWeese.

"We let them know that everyone here cares, the administration, the faculty, the staff, and especially the students."

Those are the ingredients used to recruit the athlete. The secret ingredient is not any one thing by itself, but all of these rolled into a package that is sold to the athlete. This is what has made MCC a national powerhouse among junior colleges.

"Recruiting is a business venture, a sales job. You learn what the player is looking for. It is a financial and academic risk, you just show them what all we have to offer," said DeWeese.

"We show them our academic structure, the beautiful campus, the fine facilities we provide, the fine location and our traditionally strong athletic programs all rolled up into one and we have a very good package to offer," said Miller.

With a package like that, no wonder MCC athletics can do no wrong!



photo by Wade Carpenter

TIME OUT — During the Cen-Tex Tip-Off, basketball coach, Ken DeWeese, takes time out to go over a few pointers with the Highlanders. The men's team went on to win the tournament to open up the basketball season.

Landers sweep Cen-Tex Tourney

By BRIAN SHAW CLAY LASSETER STEVE JEAN

Out-muscling their opponent for the second straight night, the Highlanders defeated the Temple Junior College Leopards, 97-90, on Nov. 4.

Coming off of what Coach Ken DeWeese called "a physical and emotional game on Friday night against Blinn," the Highlanders completed a three-game sweep in the Cen-Tex Tip-Off Tournament.

After defeating Panola on Thursday night and Blinn on Friday night, they beat the Leopards in a tough, physical game. One player fouled out and four more finished with four fouls.

After a foul by Temple's Darrell Barnett, the victory was not secure until guard Don Hutto sank both ends of the one-and-one with six seconds remaining.

Although MCC led by as many as eight points at one time, the Leopards refused to give up. They led 85-78 with 4:20 left in the game following a 10-point run before the Highlanders could finish them off.

Although it was a high-scoring game, it turned on some key defensive plays. Billy Carlock made several rebounds down the stretch which denied the Leopards second shots and allowed the Highlanders to come back from the late deficit. Carlock led all scorers with 23 points, and Maurice Gandy added 22 for MCC. Robert Keno led Temple with 16.

Fouls also played a major role in the game. After Keno narrowed MCC's lead to 93-88 with 1:14 left, the Highlanders were able to control the ball until 0:17, when Temple's Byron Rhodes fouled Carlock, who then hit two free throws. These, along with Hutto's a few seconds later, sealed the victory.

The Highlanders led 54-50 at half time thanks to hitting nine of 13 free throws and shooting 69 percent from the field. The physical play of the teams was evident by half time, as 10 players had two fouls. Both sides protested the calls. The officials called Coach DeWeese for a technical with 8:32 left in the half.

The score could have been worse for Temple at the half if the Leopards had not made several free throws near the end. They were 12 for 18 from the line for the half, and they shot 87 percent from the field, including two for 11 from the three-point line.

MCC led for most of the half,

enjoying their largest lead of the game, 50-42, at 3:01. Temple missed several opportunities to move closer, including a lane violation at 9:47 which cost them two free throws.

Coach DeWeese was pleased to have finished the tournament unbeaten, but said the team still has room for improvement. "We didn't play particularly well, but we played well enough to win. It's nice to be able to win ugly," DeWeese said.

He said that he was impressed with the team's depth. Nine different players scored, five of them in double figures including freshman Reggie Johnson with 15, Don Hutto with 14 and Patrick Fairley with 11. Three players played but did not score, including red-shirt freshman Kelly Henry, who Coach DeWeese said will be asked to play a larger role on the team.

Highlanders outlast Blinn

In the second night of action the Highlanders pulled out an 80-78 victory over Blinn Junior College.

The game was close throughout the whole time as the Highlanders held a 42-40 lead at the half behind the fine defensive play of Javier Ayala.

The Highlanders opened the second half with an offensive explosion led by Maurice Gandy and Patrick Fairley which allowed the Highlanders to hold the lead the rest of the game.

The Highlanders had apparently clinched a victory with an 80-78 lead with :10 left on the clock and MCC's Don David Hutto at the line for a one-and-one. But before the free throw could be shot, MCC's Billy er meenal seconds, Blinn brought the ball down court and pulled up for an easy jumper. But the ball bounced off the rim, and MCC escaped with the two point win.

The Highlanders were led by Maurice Gandy with 21 points, Ayala and Carlock with 13 apiece and Fairley with 10.

Landers go undefeated

The Highlanders won their opening game of the year in the first annual Centex Tip-off over Panola 72-55.

Both teams started the game off very sluggish and somewhat nervous. Panola opened the scoring and had a 11-3 run to take an early lead.

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Intramural volleyball

By BRIAN SHAW

Volleyball, the second major intramurals activity, got underway Nov. 6 as the Bamfs defeated Bump Set Spike 28-16.

In the second game of the day, the Nabs, who also won the flag football championship, defeated Phi Slamma Spike 19-15.

The Bamfs, an all-female team, scored 11 points on Bump Set Spike, an all-male team, before BSS finally broke the drought. The second game was much closer. Phi Slamma Spike led 6-1 at one point before the Nabs rallied. Members of the Bamfs who played were Tricia Kostroun, Cathy Pope, Debbie Hutyra, Patty Eller and Cindy Brutton. The Nabs were Shane Moncus, Lindsay Williams, Drake Paris and David Bolado.

Rather than having a 15-or 21-point limit, the games are played for 20 minutes, divided into two periods of 10 minutes each. They are played in the HPE gym every Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Teams who have registered but are not sure when they play can contact Coach Hudson.

Baseball team ends fall season

By BRIAN SHAW

After having finished the fall exhibition season, MCC baseball Coach Paul Miller believes that he accomplished his goal of evaluating his players.

Miller, in his second season at MCC, was impressed with the players he recruited.

"I don't think any of them are out of their element. I think all our players appear to have made the jump from high school successfully," he said.

Freshman catcher Danny Leigh from Austin hit .400 to lead the team, and also did a good job behind the plate. Miller said that outfielders John Finke and Mark Prather and shortstops James Nix and George Kilford played well. Finke, a sophomore returning from last year, and Nix, a freshman, are from Brenham, while Prather and Kilford are freshmen from Austin.

Miller said that his goal during recruiting was to get more pitchers and shortstops since these were the team's primary needs. "To be a championship team, you need to be strong up the middle," meaning at catcher, pitcher, shortstop, second

base, and center field. He said that players who can play these positions can usually play anywhere.

The team has been playing scrimmages against other schools "to try to find if the people you recruited were as good as you thought they were, and yes, they are." He said that all junior colleges in Texas scrimmage during the fall for this purpose.

The Highlanders have been scrimmaging against such schools as Sam Houston State, Mary Hardin-Baylor, TCU, Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor, Dallas Baptist, Lon Morris, Northwood Institute, Hill, Texarkana, Vernon, and North Lake. These games, however, will not count on the record.

The season begins officially on Feb. 4 at home against North Texas. Miller said that they will be able to play a four-year school since it is playing baseball for the first time.

The Highlanders play in the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, New Mexico Junior College from Hobbs, N.M., will be joining the conference this year. Frank Phillips

College from Borger, which joined last year, will be back, as will traditional conference rivals Ranger, Hill and Howard.

Miller, who was an assistant at San Jacinto before coming to MCC, hopes to get the Highlanders to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Col., a trip he made often at San Jacinto. The Gators have won the national championship four of the last five years and have made six straight trips to Grand Junction.

The Highlanders have not been since 1983, when they won the national championship. To get back there, they will have to win the state tournament, which will be held in either College Station or Brenham in late May. They finished third at last year's tournament in Brenham.

The team is now involved in weight training, individual work and "heavier-than-usual academic work." Miller said that academics are of utmost importance. "We believe our kids to be students first, and talented enough to have the privilege of playing baseball."



photo by Wade Carpenter

AIMING FOR A BASKET, Highlander Patrick Fairley tries to avoid a block from Panola's Stanley Cunningham in the opening game of the Cen-Tex Tip-Off.

Success Story

Former student returns as Advisor

By MON TINA WILLIAMS

Bennie Lambert just can't seem to stay away from his alma maters. The former MCC student government president has returned to serve on the administrative support staff as assistant admissions adviser.

But Lambert was also assistant director of school relations at Baylor, where he received his bachelor's degree after graduating from MCC.

"It's a challenge to be able to work at the same school you've attended. I think that's the most unique thing about me," Lambert said.

Lambert graduated from MCC in 1983 with an associates degree in education administration. He later graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

His enthusiasm for higher education is evident. "I feel

"It's a challenge to be able to work at the same school you've attended."

Lambert

that because of the school environment I've achieved the goals that I have," he said.

Lambert said the school environments at MCC and Baylor increased his self-confidence and ability and have enabled him to succeed thus far.

In addition to his duties at the two schools, Lambert is currently attending Baylor to obtain his masters degree in education administration.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Lambert began his professional career with an administrator internship at Baylor. Later he was given the

position of academic advisor to athletes, and admission counselor.

He has traveled across the country representing Baylor at various informational programs, associations, schools and universities, and has spoken to audiences from many backgrounds around the country. In addition, he delivers speeches and commencement addresses at area high schools and colleges.

Lambert is also strongly involved in community activities. He serves as president of the Heart of Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross. He is also active in the United Way and Waco Leadership, class of 1988-89.

Lambert said he feels that the strong points of his career are college admissions and education motivation.



photo by Wade Carpenter

A FORMER STUDENT AND Student Government president of MCC, Bennie Lambert, now works as an assistant admissions advisor on campus. He has been working here since the beginning of this fall semester.

He has counseled with students and families concerning all aspects of education.

Lambert said he feels MCC

has retained the same spirit to motivate the students, and the instructors of his past still have the determination to teach and motivate the students.

Plans made for veterans memorial

By WADE CARPENTER

A memorial will be placed in memory of the 57 deceased Vietnam Vets from the greater Waco area, with ground breaking and dedication ceremonies to take place on Memorial Day 1990 and Veterans Day 1990, respectively. The "Adopt in Memory Of" effort has been announced by the Waco Citizens For a Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Inc.

Any person, family, church, civic group, school, class, union, association or veterans organization is encouraged to participate by raising \$1,000 for the memorial in the memory of a designated deceased casualty.

The memorial will be placed at the corner of Washington and University Parks Drive across from Indian Spring Park.

Anyone interested in the "Adopt in Memory Of" project may contact Maryann Murphy at 753-5709.

WAR: Sharing reflections and memories

BY KEITH JENKINS

Writer's note: "Platoon," "War and Remembrance" and "Apocalypse Now" are just some of the numerous productions that have dramatized war.

To a certain degree, some aspects of past wars involving our country have been emphasized in movies, books, special programs and seminars, but various unanswered questions still exist, especially concerning Vietnam and its veterans.

In a quest to have a better understanding, based on personal accounts of views and actual experiences from war, we have addressed some questions and misconceptions.

To benefit not only those who were living during these eras but my generation and others to come, we must never forget the horrible events that have taken place during wars and make an effort to prevent them from occurring again.

We can't afford to allow speculation, ignorance or apathy to bury our past.

While America was in the midst of the Vietnam War, Mrs. Schaefer, now a cosmetology student, was at home watching television.

A news bulletin flashed on the screen. Without any warning, Schaefer witnessed the harsh reality of war as a South Vietnamese man executed a prisoner by shooting him in the head as if it were nothing. To this day, that memory is still hard for her to accept. She didn't watch the news any more that day.

Along with Schaefer, several other MCC students and faculty members shared their experiences and opinions regarding the country's involvement in war. Some upsetting and painful, each memory paints a clear and detailed picture of the uncertainty, death, fear and confusion many Americans confronted each day during these historical times.

As the Vietnam war slowly dragged on, Schaefer became more horrified as the possibility of her own children having to go to a distant land to fight came closer with the passing of each year.

"It seems like every generation has to fight in a war," Schaefer remarked. "I was afraid that my kids would be killed way over there in a country which wasn't even fighting."

Like Schaefer, it was fear of the unknown during war that left many people petrified, whether they were fighting against the enemy in combat or keeping informed here at home.

"It seems like every generation has to fight in a war."
Schaefer

"If you've ever been to a scary movie and had something lunge out at you and your heart is pounding, multiply this ten times and that's what Vietnam was like," described Albert Wittschen, a freshman real estate major.

An 80 percent disabled veteran, as a direct result of his service in the war, Wittschen was 19 when he arrived in Vietnam. He served two years during the war with jobs ranging from a maintenance sergeant to flying in aircraft to pick up the wounded and dead; two years that he wouldn't want anyone to have to endure.

Describing a grim land of total chaos, Wittschen explained that "It was like a Fourth of July every night." He believed that a lot of sol-

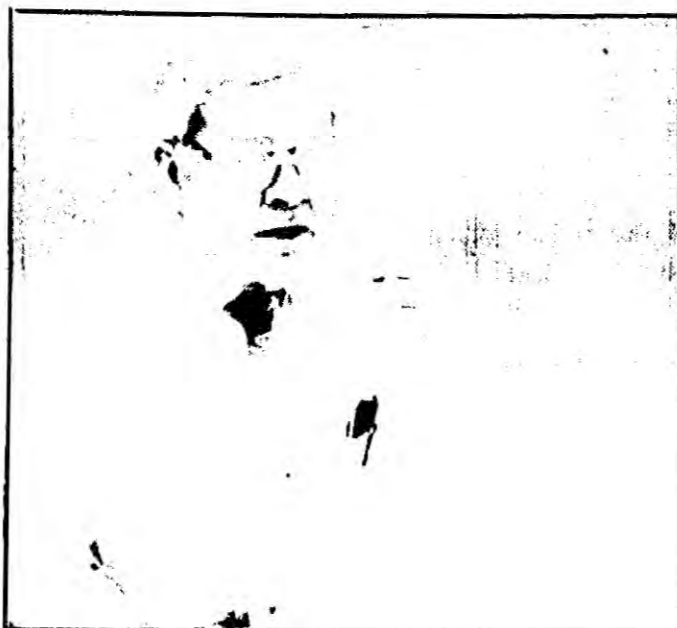


photo by Wade Carpenter

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II, Charles Kennedy, government instructor, talks about his experiences in the military.

diers were thrown into combat with little training, not knowing exactly why they were fighting in a country that didn't want America to be there.

"Anyone with any sense was scared from the minute they arrived in the country to the minute they left," said Wittschen. "You couldn't trust anyone."

With the enemy about to shoot him, Wittschen vividly remembers his close call with death. He was at one landing zone picking up some bodies. He looked up and saw a North Vietnamese aiming a gun at him from behind a tree. As he stood there only thinking of what was about to happen, a shot came from another American soldier. The Vietnamese soldier fell dead. Shaken up, all Wittschen could do was say thank you.

"It was like the Fourth of July every night."
Wittschen

Despite the uncertainty that the war brought on, Larry Parsons knew exactly why he was going and what he was fighting for. A 100 percent disabled veteran of the Marines, who lost a leg in Vietnam, suffered from three heart attacks and is a diabetic, Parsons is now an MCC student.

"I can talk about why I went, but you still have those who still have flashbacks and don't know why they were there," explained Parsons. "I went to fight communism and to help others."

Parson's war experience, which for many would be torture to have to remember and talk about, is graphic in description. He recalled incidents where he saw his own best friends die with nothing he could do to save them.

"You could go to war with a philosophy, but when you saw your best friends get blown away, it became very personal and unexplainable," Parsons said. "Death knew no age or color."

In a near death situation, Parsons risked his life to save another soldier. "At the time, I guess God was on my side," said Parsons. Because of his actions, he was awarded the purple heart, the oldest military honor.

"Death knew no age or color."
Parsons

After wars ended, soldiers have always been greeted with some appreciation from the public, and then America has gone on with life. Until Vietnam. Wittschen believes that too many Americans back home didn't understand exactly what was happening during the Vietnam War and as a result didn't know how to accept the returning soldiers. Overall, he felt many veterans were rejected.

"I find it very depressing that those who weren't in Vietnam don't fully realize what was going on," replied Wittschen. "I'm not trying to take anything away from World War II or Korean veterans, but I was spit on and called a baby killer."

"The public was just ashamed of how the Vietnam situation was handled. I don't think that it was anything held against the veterans. America simply wanted to forget it all," said Schaefer.

Dr. Juan Mercado's views on the Vietnam ordeal are similar to Wittschen's, but he believes that America's change in response to veterans can be traced back to the Korean War.

Retired from service since 1971, serving in both the last two wars, Mercado felt that a major shift in the country's attitude during war occurred after World War II. While in high school, he and the rest of his class anticipated the opportunity to fight for freedom. He said no conflict among Americans over war or questioning the country's involvement existed.

"There was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to go to war," Mercado said. "Americans weren't fighting over the justness of war back then. Our country was at a state of fighting for freedom."

For Mercado, one important factor which stands out from his experience was Korea being the first non-segregated war, where various races fought together on the same side. But this is quickly overshadowed by upsetting moments, in particular, anti-war American demonstrations.

During Vietnam, Mercado worked at the pentagon near Washington, D.C. On many occasions, he couldn't leave from work due to the number of demonstrators, mostly college students, who stormed the area each day. Even today, he still feels a bitter resentment towards those who shouted false implications and labeled him an enemy.

"I was called a chicken and a coward because I accepted my job under the government," remembers Mercado. "I resented the fact that I was identified as an enemy by not only Vietnam, but by college students demonstrating here at home while others were fighting the war."

"I was called a chicken and a coward because I accepted my job under the government."
Mercado

Although not serving in Vietnam, retired veteran and Texas and national government teacher, Charles Kennedy, has many distinct memories from WWII and the Korean War.

Kennedy's experiences go back to Germany and its "millions of displaced people," where he saw people starving, carrying furniture or whatever they had left that wasn't destroyed on their backs. Complete chaos and destruction prevailed in cities that were at the point of collapse.

Because the Vietnam War was the first loss America suffered, Kennedy felt this plus the number of anti-war soldiers who didn't want to fight were primary reasons for America's negative feelings.

"Soldiers from World War II were treated as heroes," Kennedy said. "I didn't perceive that America totally rejected the Vietnam veteran although some were ignored."

"Soldiers from World War II were treated as heroes."
Kennedy

So as 1989 comes to an end, and America faces a new decade looking back on a long comfortable era of peace, the endless ghostly memories still live on. But how long will the nation be able to hold on to this peace, without letting it carelessly vanish away.

According to Parsons, the future boils down to the need for more people to realize how priceless their freedom is. And if given the opportunity, he would definitely fight again for his country.

"Our freedom wasn't won with a handshake. A lot of people died and paid the price for it. More U.S. citizens need to quit taking freedom for granted," said Parsons.

Like Parsons, it seems as though many veterans are driven with an unyielding desire to go and fight again no matter where duty might call.

Schaefer recalls an incident where she met a sergeant who was home for a while from the war. She found out that he didn't have any family and that he seemed anxious to return back to Vietnam. He explained to her that if he didn't return, the kids, referring to her children, would have to go and die the first day they started fighting. She never saw him again.

Wittschen shares the same attitude and feelings, but reflecting on what his past experiences were like, he prays that future generations won't be afflicted with the same destruction, and feels that those who didn't go to Vietnam should be thankful.

"I wouldn't wish what I feel in my heart, see in my eyes, or have in my mind on anyone," said Wittschen. "Combat isn't glory. You either had to fight or get killed."



VIETNAM VETERAN Albert Wittschen.

Thanksgiving

Faculty plans include food, family, fun

Editor's Note: Some of the faculty have generously allowed us a glimpse into their personal plans for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our thanks to them all for giving us permission to reprint their recipes.

The Highland Herald staff would like to wish all our readers a safe and satisfying Thanksgiving.

By AIMEE FARR, SUSAN POLLEY AND SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Richard Drum

Dr. Richard Drum, vice president of instruction, and his family have an unusual Thanksgiving tradition. Steak cooked by Drum on the grill is substituted for the traditional turkey and dressing.

"Some people think that it's almost sacrilegious!" Drum said. When his two girls were small, they preferred steak to turkey so he has been cooking steak for Thanksgiving for the past 13 years.

It is important for everyone to play a role in preparing the meal, Drum said. Every year, his 13 year-old daughter prepares homemade cranberry sauce. "I don't think people get the most out of things they've not put something into," he said.

Drum's family especially enjoys grabbing some time outdoors if the weather permits. "We may try to do the leaf raking all together, something the whole family can take part in."

BROCCOLI AND RICE CASSOROLE

Richard Drum
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 8 oz. pkg. Minute Rice (cooked)
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 pkg. frozen chopped broccoli
1 can mushroom soup
1 small can mushrooms
1 small can condensed milk
1 8 oz. jar Cheese Whiz

Saute celery and onion in 2 T. oil. Add frozen chopped broccoli. Pull apart with fork. Cook until celery and onion are tender. Add cooked rice, soup mushrooms, condensed milk. Stir gently until well mixed. Add cheese and mix again. Pour into greased 9X13 casserole. Bake at 325 degrees for 20-30 minutes.

Paul Holder

In China Spring it will be a three generation Thanksgiving for Paul Holder, government instructor. He said, he and his dad along with son, Jeff will do the "traditional Thanksgiving football game thing."

Holder's wife, Karen will cook the turkey, while his mom makes the cornbread dressing he grew up on as an only child.

Ruby Burns

It's just an old-fashioned Thanksgiving at Ruby Burns' house. They have the traditional turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, ambrosia, ham, pumpkin pie, and the other things usually associated with Thanksgiving in the United States.

At her house it is just the family and a few friends that drop by. There is always plenty of food. Sometimes friends just drop by for dessert. They always begin the meal with a prayer, giving thanks for all they have.

This year will be special because she has invited four foreign students from here on campus "to let them see how a traditional American Thanksgiving is." Three of the students are from Africa, while the other is from Japan.

They did not know about Halloween, Burns said. So she

is not sure if they have Thanksgiving or not. Since they cannot go home, she invited them to her house so they won't spend Thanksgiving alone.

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

Ruby Burns
2 cups flour
1 1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon butter or vanilla extract
1 teaspoon soda
1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple
3 small bananas mashed
1 cup chopped pecans

Mix the first 8 ingredients in large mixing bowl. Add undrained pineapples, mix by hand. Add chopped nuts and bananas. Bake in greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour and 5 minutes. Let cool 1 hour before removing from pan. Ice or glaze as desired.

Lisette Carpenter

Dr. Lisette Carpenter's traditional family Thanksgiving dinner will not be nearly as much fun this year because two of her kids cannot come. Now that one son is living in Florida and a daughter has just moved to East Texas, it is difficult to get the whole family together.

"It was always a big thing for us all to be together," she said. Carpenter said Thanksgiving became particularly special when the kids went off to college. They would all come home for Thanksgiving. Now all four are married and have their own families. Carpenter said she is used to a big noisy family. It is more fun when there are more people there to make noise, she said. "Our Thanksgiving this year will be quiet."

WINTER FRUIT SALAD

Lisette Carpenter
1 large can of pineapple chunks
1 large can of pitted black cherries
1 medium jar of maraschino cherries
1 can of angel flake coconut
1 8 oz. container of sour cream
2 cups of miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup (or more) broken pecans
Drain pineapple and black cherries before emptying into a large bowl. Then put all the rest of ingredients in bowl, including maraschino cherry juice. Mix thoroughly, cover, and store in refrigerator to chill. This easy family favorite is better if it is made at least several hours before you plan to serve it. I usually make mine the evening before Thanksgiving in order to keep my morning cooking time less busy.



photo by Sara Wartes

GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING, Dann and Beverly Walker check out the authentic wood-burning stove which is a part of their otherwise modern kitchen. Walker insists homemade rolls cooked in the stove really do taste better.

Dennis Michaelis

Every year for his family's Thanksgiving meal President Dennis Michaelis makes a rather unusual treat that his mother traditionally prepared.

It's called Peanut Brittle Salad. "Because my mother always made it, it just seems to me that Thanksgiving in my life needs Peanut Brittle Salad," he said.

"The only problem is I'm the only one in my family who will eat it," Michaelis added. The recipe is fairly simple, and amounts vary according to your own particular tastes. "I don't think in terms of amounts-it's a bunch of this and some of that. Besides, my mother was a wonderful cook, she really didn't use written recipes," he said.

PEANUT BRITTLE SALAD

Dennis Michaelis
Crush desired amount peanut brittle with a rolling pin. When desired texture is obtained, combine with cool whip. Add coconut to taste. Chill thoroughly.

Sharon Kenan

Sharon Kenan, reference librarian, always spends Thanksgiving at her mom's house. Her dad always makes the dressing, and her mom makes the gravy, while everyone else always brings their own dish. Kenan said she always takes a green bean casserole.

It is always the same. Everybody wants it to stay that way. "Nobody wants it to change," she said. They always eat at noon and always have the prayer first.

Kenan said it is a special time because they all have so much to be thankful for. In this day and age, with so many problems in families, she said it is really nice to have a family that you are close to. Her parents live out in the country. If it is good weather, they all go out walking after dinner. The kids enjoy sitting back in the kitchen with all the food during dinner. She said they just have a good time back there.

Kenan said both of her parents are great cooks. Her father told her exactly how to make the dressing one year. She tried it, and it was okay, but it just was not the same. Her husband is the cook in her family.

Dann and Beverly Walker

Dann and Beverly Walker, instructors in philosophy/religion and business/office occupations respectively, enjoy having the family over for at least one holiday meal. Thanksgiving dinner at their house is served on their huge antique pool table, covered with a special top which they put on for meals. Dann is designing a new oak top this year.

"We enjoy having meals around one huge table almost more than we enjoy using the table for playing pool," Walker said. Beverly has a recipe for potato rolls that they say taste even better when cooked in their authentic wood-burning stove. They are waiting for a cold enough day to fire up the stove, which is an addition to their otherwise modern kitchen.

POTATO ROLLS

Beverly Walker
1 cup potato water (boiling)
Mash potato and add
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 pkg. yeast
4 cups flour
1 tsp. salt

Don McCauley

Don McCauley, business instructor, said he plans to "do some painting after the Thanksgiving meal...probably cows. I don't watch much television, not the traditional turkey game."

For Thanksgiving McCauley said he will have a standing rib roast. "After all don't you think a beef producer ought to eat beef?" He raises registered cattle.

Dressing will accompany the standing rib along with home-grown vegetables, fresh tomatoes and blackberry cobbler.

Mercado remembers Thanksgiving Puerto Rican style

By SUSAN POLLEY

Although Dr. Juan Mercado has lived in Texas since 1959, he still remembers the Thanksgiving celebrations of his childhood in Puerto Rico.

A typical Puerto Rican-style Thanksgiving meal takes at least two hours, Mercado said. It is a three course meal, and it is easy to eat too much.

The menu usually includes roast pork, pumpkin fritters, boiled or roasted plantains, pumpkin pie, spanish rice (usually made with some kind of meat), pinto beans, or ranch style beans, yams, sweet potato fritters, cold salad, fruit, and a heavy chicken soup called asopao.

Asopao, a heavy chicken soup common to all Puerto Rican party dinners, is typical at Thanksgiving celebrations. It is made with big pieces of chicken, white rice, chopped potatoes, and lots of spices to give it taste.

Pumpkin fritters are made by frying mashed, ripe pumpkin. The salad, which is usually cold, is made with generous portions of lettuce, green & red peppers, tomatoes, boiled eggs and potatoes. Big platter begins with a bed of lettuce, topped with layers of poppers & tomatoes, sliced cold boiled potatoes, cold boiled eggs, green & black olives, radishes, and avocados. Lightly pour olive oil over it all. (Can mix vinegar with olive oil.)

Sometimes they have imported dried cod fish from Spain, Portugal, or Canada. Boil cod fish to get rid of some

The berries and vegetables come from McCauley's garden, and fill two freezers.

McCauley said he will be playing with his "grandkids," a new Thanksgiving tradition McCauley added in recent years, while his wife prepares the meal.

Dianne Feyerherm

Dianne Feyerherm, supervisor of grounds maintenance, said her mother usually cooks Thanksgiving dinner for their family. "My mother is the kind of person who always says, 'Oh you don't have to bring anything.' So I just take something along anyway," Feyerherm said. A favorite dish to take along is Apple Cake, because it's "pretty easy."

FRESH APPLE CAKE

Dianne Feyerherm
Mix in a large bowl:
3 cups flour
2 cups sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking soda
Stir in:
3 medium apples, cored and diced
1 cup chopped nuts
Add: 3 eggs lightly beaten
1 cup oil
2 tps. vanilla
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Blend ingredients by hand, pour batter into a tube pan and bake at 350 degrees approximately 1 hour.

Paul Gonzales

Paul Gonzales, mental health instructor, said his Thanksgiving plans are to "go to Lufkin, to be with in-laws."

He said he will make his "world renown hot sauce," for the occasion. Gonzales said the recipe for his hot sauce is "a state secret."

of the salt. Slice. Put slices on top of lettuce bed, on top of each of the other layers as well. People get portions of the platter. That way, they get a little of everything.

They usually roast a lean pig on a spit. Little cuts are made in the skin of the pig to baste it in spices.

Rum is the traditional drink. In some of the fancy, southwest areas, they drink wine. The idea is not to get drunk, but to enjoy the taste. Coffee and cookies are served after the three course meal.

Typically the whole extended family gets together. This includes around 300 people. It is a picnic style meal in the rural areas. They roast the pig, and then eat in the same area under the open sky.

In urban areas they eat inside or in the court yard, or patio, which is a fenced in extension of the house. It is often paved. It is made of blocks, so when it rains, water goes through the cracks and waters the trees and plants that are planted in circular holes.

None of this happens without music. Somebody with a guitar or a group with a guitar, maraca, and a banjo plays, while some member of the family sings. If no one in the family sings or plays an instrument, someone who can is invited to live on the party.

It is a buffet-style meal, with one small corner for food, and another small corner for the bar. The kids eat first. Then the adults help themselves, without worrying about the children.

