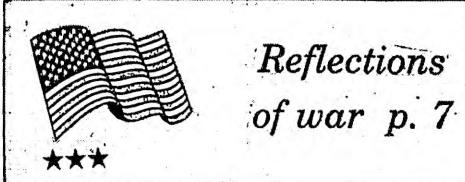


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EVERYBODY LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER! Paul Haberl keeps on smiling as he prepares to give blood at the annual blood drive in the Student Center Nov. 8. In this year's successful drive, MCC defeated Navarro College in their annual competition.

College wins blood drive

By SUSAN POLLEY

donated at last Wednesday's nounced at a later date. blood drive sponsored by the MCC came out on top this Inter Club Council and the year in the ongoing competition American Red Cross.

blood in the club's name will be blood collected last week may Waco.

Over 65 units of blood were date of the party will be an-

with Navarro Junior College in Phi Theta Alpha, the physi- Corsicana. Navarro will have

treated to a free pizza party by go to earthquake or hurricane the American Red Cross. The victims or Central Texas residents needing blood, according to PJ Dougan, of the office of student activities and health services.

Dougan said she heard on cal therapy club, won the club to present a plaque to MCC at "Good Morning Central Texas' competition. Members of the the next basketball game be- that 110 units of blood were club and those who donated tween the two schools. The used over one weekend in

School considers re-opening

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 'ocked?

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 a sample of soundproofing into

dont Joyce Schroeder,

daughter or work-study).

he available at the luncheon.

on the basketball floor. Two badminton birdies hang forlornly in the light fixtures, reminders of past intramural

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

MCCOPA cooks for

student scholarships

By KEITH JENKINS

To continue its offorts in supporting students, the MCC Office Personnel Association (MCCOPA), will have its annual

chill luncheon today in the Student Center from 11:30 a.m.

luncheon to raise money for student scholarships, "It's our major fund raiser of the entire year," said MCCOPA Presi-

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), finan-cial need and relationship to MCCOPA members (son,

Wwore printed in advance, Schroeder explained that more will.

Ticket price is \$3.50 per person. Although only 200 tickets !

For the fifth year, the organization is holding the fall

and the squeak of tennis shoes a cannister. Then he turned the glove inside out and dropped cannister 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 be 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

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 with the functionality of the will be ready.

sponded 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

sent out to 25 companies, 10 re- 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

Cafeteria worker arrested

By SARA WARTES

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

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.

Services Johnette McKown to the cafeteria. said Talbert was provided to the school through a temporary May 24, 1985, of theft from a selves," McKown said.

not considered an employee of years in prison. the college.

theft.

theft instead of burglary since,

employment service, so he was person and sentenced to three

McKown said that the tem-Waco Police Sgt. Roy Halsell porary employment service said Talbert was charged with which supplied Talbert to the theft over \$20. He said Talbert school was responsible for him Joe S. Talbert, who was on had made a statement to the and had been cooperative in police concerning the alleged working with the school following the theft. "We were told Halsell said the charge was that the proper background checks had been done. From Vice President of Business as a worker, Talbert had a key here on out if we hire from a temporary service we will Talbert had been convicted check the background our-

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

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 dan-

gerous.

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 believe they are figments of 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 qual-

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 pollu-

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

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PERSONNEL ONLY

Hespirators & Protective Clothing are Required in this area



REVIEWING A CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD, Derrick Toombs, supervisor of building maintenance, displays the asbestos (continued on pg. 6) 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 celling. Plans to renovate the space are

Opinion

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 it's 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 exists 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 heros, 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 are 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



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.

To Our Readers:

Because you, the reader, is the most important focus of our work, the Highland Herald staff would like to hear your opinions.

We strongly urge you to express your views and suggestions on any aspect of this newspaper.

Please submit your opinions in the Highland Herald mailbox in the Student Center near the gameroom, or contact the Journalism Department at 750-3444.

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?



HANDALL ROGERS, freetimen, mechanical angineer major. "I pretty much just go to school and go to work."



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



faina vandenveen, freehman, commercial design. "Have a dance after the games and some kind of ratite."



LINA YOUNGBLOOD, sophomore, history major.
"They should be publicated 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 con-



TERRI BAILEY, cophomore, physical theraplet assistant. 'Have a better variety of music so a better

variety of people would

attend."



ANGELA LAWS, criminal justice, sophomore
"The one thing that this school needs is a spirit club to boost school spirit and a cheering

equad at the student

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

Campus News

— Newsbriefs

Jobs available for student vets

Veterans enrolled full time may be eligible for a position under the Veterans Administration's work study program. The applicant must be receiving VA benefits to be considered. For more information call Irma Haralson at 757-6774.

Graduate placement files due

Graduate placement files will soon be available from the office of placement. The new service will allow graduates or near graduates the opportunity of completing a comprehensive employment file that will be remain in the office of placement. Assistance will be available in various aspects of employment needs. More information will be forthcoming.

KCTF to air campus topics

KCTF will present a commentary on MCC Nov. 19 at 10:30 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. Topics that will be discussed are financial aid and admissions procedures.

Tips given for early registration

Students who haven't taken the TASP test need to do so as soon as possible before the regular spring registration Jan 10, 11, and 13. Also students who have taken the Pre-Tasp test need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the test given on Mondays at 2 p.m.

Students who wish to go through early registrations Dec. 4-6 should visit their counselor or department adviser prior to registration dates.

Ping pong tourney starts tomorrow

A ping pong tournament will take place tomorrow in the Student Center at 10 a.m.

Bowling tournament Sunday

MCC will be the host of an intercollegiate bowling tournament on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Fair Lanes, Lake Air. Anyone interested in participating can contact Rick Butler at extension 673 or 657.

Weight room open on week days

The weight room will now be open during the following hours: Monday, 12:15-5 p.m.; Tuesday, 12:15-2 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-5 p.m.; Thursday, 12:15-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-7 p.m.

Indoor pool open three days

The pool located in the HPE building is open to all current MCC students Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2-4

Zeta Omega Eta meets Friday

Zeta Omega Eta will meet at 7 p.m. Friday night, Nov. 17, at Linda Beatty's house. Call extension 675 for directions.

Lutefisk in Cranfills Gap Dec. 2

Cranfills Gap will present a night of Scandinavian food and traditions Dec. 2. A meal of "Lutefisk" or turkey and dressing will be served. The Norwegian Society of Texas dancers will perform before the meal is served. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. For more information or tickets send requests along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Barbara Epley, First Security State Bank, P.O. Box 87, Cranfills Gap, Texas 76637.

Data processors sell baked goods

The Data Processing Management Association(DPMA) will have a bake sale every Monday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on the bottom floor of the Applied Science building.

DPMA Thanksgiving banquet Nov. 15

The Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) will hold a Thanksgiving banquet Nov. 15 in the Applied Science building room 112. The banquet will be held from 11:30 a.m. -2 p.m. and a sign up sheet is available in the computer

BSU adds weekly activites

By MICHELLE WILSON

Bible studies, choir practices, and outreach programs are some of the things our Bap-

tist Student Union has to offer. Weekly activities include Bible study meetings which are held Mondays at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Choir practices that are held at 10 a.m. in the HPE lecture hall on Wednesday, and group sessions that are held on Fridays at 10 a.m. to discuss what the BSU will plan for club activities.

Some of the activities that

have taken place have been a retreat to Latham Springs and geared toward black students campus in the holiday spirit. who are members of the BSU.

"We really want more students to notice the BSU so that we can have a stronger following next semester, the more designs can be submitted startpeople the better our BSU ing this week in the student acchapter will be." said Doug tivities office in the Student Nall, a freshman member of Center. the BSU.

Anyone interested in the BSU can contact Jeff Dehay between 1 an 5 p.m. on campus.

Plaid Vest takes two at TIFA

By SANDRA HEWITT-PARSONS

The Plaid Vest brought home two trophies from the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Fall Championship held at the University of Texas at Austin Nov. 2-4.

Freshman Mike Lawhorn took the top novice award and a fifth-place award for extemporaneous speaking. He also made it to the semi-finals in persuasive speaking.

Lawhorn called the competition "really rough...earlier this year you could predict some what who would win, but now everyone has had time to practice and it's not easy to predict the outcome."

Lawerance Dixon, also a freshman and graduate of University High School, made it to the semi-finals in poetry interpretation. He chose three poems to illustrate man's relationship with guns.

Dixon presented guns as recreation, protection and instruments man uses to harm each other.

He said the tournament competition was "very, very trying...competin g with the best, helped me a lot."

Freshman Meredith Cummings, stated "The competition

was tough, but I learned a lot...being up against a lot of great people."

Speech instructor, Ann Harrell said "The competition was very trying," and compared it to being in a continual class from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. for three

days.

dents gained insight into their Neff, Tina Dvorak and Zena performance and got the ad- Ganske. vantage of being critiqued by different instructors at the

competition. Linda Dulin, speech coach, accompanied the students. TIFA competitors are Jason

Harrell said she felt the stu- Stringer, James Bone, Jenny

The Plaid Vests entered the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) plus 10 other events.



photo by Sandra Hewitt-Parsons

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, that's what it takes to win. Lawrence Dixon and Mike Lawhorn both freshmen know, because they are both winners in the TIFA speech tournament. Dixon was semi-finalist in poetry-interpretation and Lawhorn won the top novice award and fifth place in extemporaneous speaking.

MWF 7:00 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. Friday & Monday

8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Monday, December 18

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Friday, December 15

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday, December 18

12:15 p.m. - 1:05 p.m. Friday, December 15

1:15 p.m. - 2:05 p.m. Monday, December 18

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, December 19

TT 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Thursday & Tuesday

SATURDAY

OTHER DAY CLASSES OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES

Classes meeting only one

MCDAPP sponsors DRAW

By DAVID FAULKNER and CYNDI MASSEY

The Drug Resistance Association of Waco (DRAW) will soon have a chapter on campus. The McLennan Community College Drug Abuse Program Prevention (MCCDAPP) met Nov. 7 to discuss plans for the chapter.

DRAW was started by the Waco Police Department in as- them discounts at area stores. sociation with area high schools to further promote the MCC campus is tentatively drug awareness.

"DRAW members will be randomly tested for drugs," the Highland Herald for more said John Porter, sponsor of details. MCCDAPP.

This will give members a "certain advantage in that they can show employers they have been drug free," said Porter.

The sponsors along with the Waco Police Department are attempting to set up a drug free area on Valley Mills Dr. where members can go to socialize.

DRAW members will also carry a card that will give

The first DRAW meeting for scheduled for either Nov. 29 or Dec. 1. Watch the Chanter and

College recognize award scholars

By MARK BUTALA

The annual McLennan Scholars recognition ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Lecture Hall.

The ceremony is held to honor freshmen who received MCC scholarships for graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Each of the 115 students to be honored will receive a Highlander pin in recognition of his or her accomplishments.

Dr. Michaelis will open the proceedings. Vice President of Student Services, Dr. LaVerne Wong, will then present the students with the Highlander pins.

All faculty and students are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Window decor to bring holiday spirit to campus

By MARY EVANS

With Christmas being just around the corner, the college is having a Christmas window a retreat to Dallas which was decorating contest to get the

> Any clubs or groups on campus are encouraged to participate in this fun filled event. Drawings of proposed window

The deadline to turn in drawings for the window decorating will be Nov. 22. At that time a \$20 deposit will be due. The de-

posit is returned to each club after the contest is over and the club has cleaned their decoration off the window.

After paying the deposit and submitting drawings, clubs may begin to draw holiday scenes from Nov. 27, to Dec. 1. The decorations will then be

judged and winners will be announced Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center, Winners will receive various prizes.

"It's a good chance for students who have a good amount of artistic ability and creativity to get everyone geared towards the holiday season," said Richard Kilgore, assistant director of student activities.

H, M, December 13 & 18° 5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Honday, December 18 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hednesday, December 13 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:20 p.m. - 9:35 p.m. TT Classes 5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:20 p.m. - 9:35 p.m. TH, T. December 14 & 19° 5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Thursday, December 14 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 19 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The achedule precludes the option of an uninterrupted period of 135 MINUTES. NOTE: GRADE REPORTS HUST BE SUBMITTED TO REGISTRAR BY NOON December 20. Ambulance brings review

FALL 1989 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

DAY SCHEDULE

December 14 & 19

9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Thursday, December 14 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, December 19 11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14 11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

1:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, December 19 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

On regular meeting night per week

EVENING SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, December 19 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
TO BE ARRANGED--CHECK HITH INSTRUCTOR

of emergency procedure

By CYNDI A MASSEY

Sirens and the appearance of an ambulance on campus early last week caused a number of people to ask for a review of procedures to call for help at MCC.

In case of a medical emergency, call Greg Clark at ext. 574 or Renee Michalski at ext. 512. If neither can be contacted dial 541 (Health Careers) and request assistance.

If that number doesn't answer dial "0" and report the emergency to the operator. If necessary, she will contact campus patrol and/or ambulance service.

For any emergency on campus that occurs after 5 p.m. call the evening services coordinator at ext. 507. After you contact them you'll need to give the exact location and the general description of the emergency. Let the person know the victim's condition and the telephone extension where you can be reached.

Remember, DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL CARE GIVER HAS RECEIVED ALL INFORMA-TION!

When this is completed and you have hung the phone, send someone to the outside entrance to serve as a guide for the care giver and have someone remain with the victim.

To treat a chemical burn flush with large amounts of water. If someone is poisoned, call 753-1412 for instructions.

Something important to remember in an emergency is to REMAIN CALM. Also continue to reassure the victim.

A copy of these procedures

and additional information on emergencies may be obtained in the student activities office.

Double your writing speed in one semester

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Can you read this? You can write faster. Shorthand can be

Speedscript is based on al-

structor.

can use speedscript after only one class and most can get up anybody who needs to take to 60 WPM (words per minute) or better by the end of the semester.

She said speedscript uses few symbols and is easy to asphabotic characters and can in-sociate with long-hand words cent according to Jan Ro- the majority of her students no-credit or for a grade. bertson, office occupations in- are not from office occupations

notes quickly can use it," Robertson said.

Speedscript uses the "Alpha Hand" notetaking textbook and workbook. It is a three-hour, one-semester course with no

tion. The class size is limited to 20 students. The prerequisite for Speed-

"Anybody can learn it and fill up quickly during registra-

script is English 311 or Business-317, business English.

Speedscript (BUS343) will be offered this spring with day crease note taking by 50 per- and phrases. Robertson said lab. It can be taken for credit, classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 8:50 a.m. Robertson said it has been a. The evening classes will meet but come from all areas on popular course offered in both on Tuesday and Thursday from day and evening classes, which 5:20 to 6:40 p.m.

CLERICAL: typing, word processing, erranda (2 positions). CLERICAL: Monday/Wednesday/Friday, a.m. hours, Tuesday/Thurs day 5:30 -8:30 p.m. phone, register, total receipte, book appointments, typing.

COLLEGE WORK-STUDY JOHS

CLERICAL: good phone personality, LIFE QUARDI Tuesday/Friday 2-4. WEIGHT ROOM: Monday 12:00 -7:00, Tuesday/Thurs day 2:00 -5:00. CLERICAL: phone, copying, errands,

DUPLICATING CENTER: stapling, hole

punch, copying.

CLASSIFIED BALES: 8:00 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Friday, typing 46 wpm, CRT experience. FITNESS INSTRUCTOR: evenings and weekends, experience in filness or PE

INFORMATION PERSON: 2-3 times weekly, friendly and outgoing person-

NEED CHRISTMAS MONEY? THE OF-FICE OF PLACEMENT HAS MANY OP-PORTUNITIES FOR BEASONAL RE-TAIL JOBS. FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER JOBS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF PLACEMENT, THIRD FLOOR, STUDENT CENTER.

Robertson said her students campus.

'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

Call 'em like I see 'em

By CLAY LASSETER

Sports Editor

MCC has one of the best junior college athletic programs

The consistency is startling. Men's and women's basket-

How does MCC do it every year? Recruiting is the an-

All the coaches agree that the beautiful landscape of the

in the nation. Instead of being a one or two sport school like

most junior colleges. MCC stands out in every sport that is

ball, baseball, tennis and the refurbished golf team have ad-

vanced to the regional, state or national tournaments every

swer. But what is the secret of getting good players to attend

campus plays a big part. "The first thing I do is send a bro-

chure of the campus to the players to show them how beauti-

ful a campus we have here," said tennis Coach Carmack

how easy it will be for parents and friends to come watch

them play. Central Texas is close to everybody," said base-

The location of Waco is also a factor. "We let them know

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 De-

Weese. "People here care and appreciate students. NCAA schools recruit Texas athletes more than any other state,"

Along with showcasing the athletic program's success

"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,"

But coaches say the most important part of the recruiting

"We care about them and their success. Not just their suc-

"We let them know that everyone here cares, the adminis-

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

what the player is looking for. It is a financial and academic

risk, you just show them what all we have to offer," said De-

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.

"Recruiting is a business venture, a sales job. You learn

"We show them our academic structure, the beautiful

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

cess for the two years they are here, but we care about how

successful they are the rest of their lives," said DeWeese.

tration, the faculty, the staff, and especially the students."

throughout the years, the coaches highlight the school's quality academic program. "We do not recruit athletes, we re-

MCC's secret to success

featured here year in and year out.

year since the start of each sport.

ball Head Coach Paul Miller.

cruit student-athletes," said Miller.

is to show the athletes that they care.

MCC?

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

relentless Lon Morris Bearcats credit, the Bearcats, whose only previous game was a 25point 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 threepointer 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 De-Weese 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

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

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.

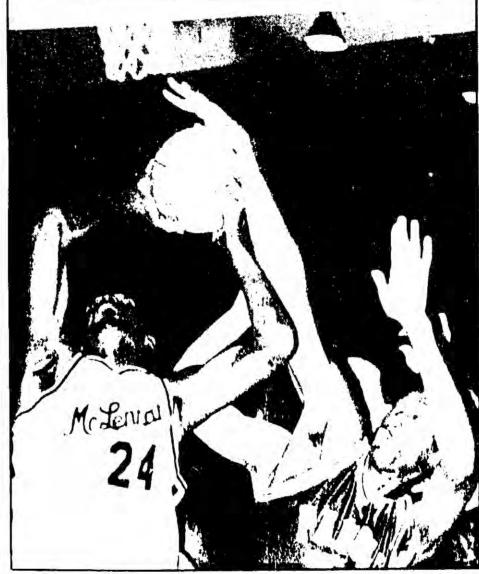
brought the team from trailing to a lack of effort on his team's Gandy led MCC with 21. Ayala scored 14, while Ferguson and Carlock chipped in 13 apiece. The Highlanders were 22 for 29 from the free throw line, including a 9 for 13 effort by Gandy, and hit six three-pointers. The next home game will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



TIME OUT — During the Cen-Tex Tip-Off, basketball coach, Ken De Weese, 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



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

CLAY LASSETER By BRIAN SHAW

Intramural volleyball

Weese.

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-

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 railied. Members of the Bamfs who played were Tricia Kostroun, Cathy Pope, Debbie Hutyra, Patty Eller and Cindy Brutton. The Nabs were Shane Moneus, Lindsey 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 Jahn 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

that players who can play these positions can usually play any-

The team has been playing serimmages 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 schools as Sam Houston State, Mary Hardin-Baylor, TCU, Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor, 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 fouryear school since it is playing baseball for the first time.

base, and center field. He said College from Borger, which joined last year, will be back, as will traditional conference rivals Ranger, Hill and How-

> 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 Junetion, Col., a trip he made often

at San Jacinto. The Gators have won the national championship four of the last five scrimmaging against such years and have made six straight trips to Grand June-

The Highlanders have not Dallas Baptist, Lon Morris, 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 The Highlanders play in the academic work." Miller said these were the team's primary North Texas Junior College that academics are of atmost needs. "To be a championship Athletic Conference, New Mex- importance, "We believe our team, you need to be strong up too Junior College from Hobbs, lods to be students first, and the middle," meaning at catch. N.M., will be joining the confer-talented enough to have the er, pitcher, shortstop, second ence this year. Frank Phillips privilege of playing baseball."

STEVE JEAN

for the second straight night. the game, 50-42, at 3:01. Temple the Highlanders defeated the missed several opportunities to Temple Junior College Leop- move closer, including a lane ards, 97-90, on Nov. 4. violation at 9:47 which cost Coming off of what Coach

Ken DeWeese called "a physical and emotional game on Friday night against Blinn," the Highlanders completed a threegame 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

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 10point 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 victo-

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 67 percent from the field, three-point line.

MCC led for most of the half,

Out-muscling their opponent enjoying their largest lead of

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 redshirt 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 find defensive play of Javier Ayala.

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

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-andone. But before the free throw could be shot, MCC's Billy er meenal seconds, Blinn brought the ball down court and pulled up for and 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 Fairly 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 including two for 11 from the opened the scoring and had a 11-3 run to take an early lead.

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News **Directors seek funds**

Clinic emphasizes health through exercise, attitude



HEALTH CONSCIOUS Diane Packwood demonstrates an exercise on equipment provided for the campus Wellness Program By DAVID FAULKNER

"Wellness does not only promote physical health, but also mental and spiritual health as well," said James Burroughs, chairman of health and physical education.

The Physical Education Department held a Wellness Clinic Nov. 7-8 in the Student Center.

"We will hold some of our classes over there at the time that they normally meet. They will be demonstrating what we do at our classes," said Bur-

Some of the featured presentations were social dance, aerobic dance, and first aid.

Hillcrest Hospital, DePaul Center, and Scott and White Hospital had booths that tested different areas of wellness.

A cancer screening, stress test, and hearing booth were just a few of the tests given.

Wellness can be described like a wheel said Burroughs. Each spoke of the wheel represents a different area of well-

There is a mental, social and emotional, spiritual, and physical spoke. To be a whole and complete person each spoke of the wheel must be given "exercise."

Some ways to strengthen the spokes are by developing a positive attitude, reading educational books, and by setting life goals.

Wellness covers "a broad spectrum, not just exercise.' said Burroughs. Wellness places emphasis on "the things that we can do ourselves."

For those that decide they need to become more involved in their well-being, Burroughs suggests they enroll in spring classes or enroll in continuing education classes.

By Sam Allgood

MCC agents on a fund-finding mission, bearing a heretofore unseen document, will fly to Washington D.C. on Nov. 17.

Gary Stretcher, dean of continuing education, and John Porter, drug abuse prevention program coordinator, will attend the U.S. Department of Education Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education National Conference. It will feature a "host of nationally known speakers at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capital Hill," said Porter.

Funded for two years, MCC's Drug Abuse Prevention Program will run out of money in September 1990, "We will be seeking funding resources to continue the program on campus," said Porter. "The program is sort of tenuous at best.'

They will "talk to F.I.P.S.E. grantees who have carried on programs after two years by

using alternative methods of money finding," he said. "The name of this game is to find out what others are doing that works."

A drug abuse attitude survey form, developed on campus, will be submitted to the National Instrument Revealment Committee. "The purpose of the standardized instrument is for data collection and analysis," said Porter.

F.I.P.S.E. funds 1,100 colleges across the country. Each college compiles different data in different ways. The form will uniformly "collect data that we need to compare attitudes of students among grantees," he

Porter's role in Washington is to sell the idea to other schools, focusing on how you can use it on a small campus.

The conference will lay the foundation for funding. It will be up to our agents to cement the future of MCCDAPP.

Many job opportunities at

Criminal Justice Career Day

By SUSAN POLLEY

Criminal justice students who start looking for a job at the first of the year could have one waiting for them when they graduate in May, Dr. Hugh Belger said after Criminal Justice Career Day was held here Oct. 31.

The number of jobs available is phenomenal, Belger said. However, it takes three to six months for the paperwork to go through public agencies. That is why a student should apply three or four months before graduation.

The Houston Police Departand a half years, according to police officer Jerome Moon, but their work force has decreased considerably.

Moon was here representing the Houston Police Department at the job fair. His department had a wider variety of things to offer a student looking for employment, he said. They have separate narcotics and vice divisions.

Opportunities for employment in specialized areas of the criminal justice system are increasing, Moon said. Civilians are now running the jails and doing the office work, making police officers free to go out on the street. The policemen on the street are just one part of the criminal justice system.

People do not realize federal and state agencies need security. In fact, one criminal justice

Our air:

By JOHN DAVIDSON

Because of a link between

related job could be investigating the counterfeiting and misuse of food stamps, Belger said.

Major corporations are hiring. General Motors is just one example. While perimeter or gate guards protect the outside, more personnel are needed for internal security. The government and public agencies do not have enough manpower, so the corporations have to find their own people.

Belger said that many are using ex-police officers, but would rather employ specifically trained security personnel. A monthly listing of jobs available throughout the counment will be hiring 1,000 people try carries employment ads for in the next three years. They 20 Texas agencies alone. The have not hired in the last three Texas Department of Corrections is looking to hire about 3,000 new people. Most agencies are looking mainly for two-year students, Belger said. They would like to get graduates from four-year programs, but they realize four-year students are looking for better oppor-

> They are looking for employees with a criminal justice background. They do not need them for filing clerks or jailers. "They weren't hired for that," Belger said, "so why use them?" Many of the students are undecided if this is what they want to do, but many opportunities exist for them.

"Opportunities are there," Belger said. "Whether the student takes advantage of them is up to him or her."

According to Belger, the major agencies pay fairly well.

Starting pay is around \$21,000 going up to \$30,000 a year after three to five years. Another \$6,000 in benefits brings the total to around \$36,000 a year.

Many positions are available in this field. "A person who cannot find a job after two years in CJ is not looking," Belger said.

Overall, Belger said Criminal Justice Day went well this year. "Each year it gets a little better," he said. Nineteen agencies attended this year, an increase in past attendance. Agencies came from all over the state. Quite a number of students attended also.

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Two quick baskets by Billy Carlock who led the Highlanders with 19 points and 9 rebounds pulled the team within four midway thru the first half.

The Ponies then extended their lead to 20-10 with 8:12 left in the half before the Highlanders showed any real signs of

The Highlanders went on a

12-2 run to tie the score at 22-22 with 4:00 left in the half. Michael Ferguson's three-pointer was the highlight of the Highlanders sudden surge.

Both teams traded a couple of baskets each to go into the locker rooms tied 26-26 at intermission.

The tone of the second half was set as Maurice Gandy hit a three-pointer to open the scor-

ing for the Highlanders. Tied at 30-30 with 17:15 left in the game the Highlanders went on an 8-0 run which included three-pointers by Javier 'Ayala and Don Hutto to go ahead for good 38-30.

The Highlanders had problems putting the game out of reach as the Ponies fought back time and time again. With 3:31 left to play the Highlanders went on an 12-2 run to put

the game out of reach 72-52. Demetrius Malveaux hit a three-pointer in the closing seconds of the game to make the final score 72-55.

"I would have settled with calling it a draw at halftime. We were shooting good shots but nothing was falling," said coach DeWeese.

"Billy kept us in the game and Patrick Fairley had a couple of key rebounds," said De-

"Our detensive play was very good and a couple of steals early in the second half made a big difference in the game," said DeWeese.

The Highlanders shot 41 percent for the game but shot an incredible 66 percent in the secand half to come out victorious. Panola shot 44 percent for the

"We are very fortunate to win against a very good Panola team. I am tickled to death to get out of this game with a win," said DeWeese.

Peer counseling underway

By BRIAN YATES

Training for the volunteer peer counseling program began Oct. 9 and now, over one month later, John Porter, the program's director and campus drug prevention coordinator, described training as being "Fast and furious--peer counseling is progressing as scheduled."

The program, which has completed half of it's scheduled 10 week time period, consists of 12 students who, according to Porter, come from all walks of life. "We have a very wide range of students this time. We have people from ages 18 to 50 and everything from journalism students to English majors."

Porter also said that he feels that all of the volunteers are learning quickly. "As far as I'm concerned, everyone is right on target."

Porter said that the program is concerned with making it's volunteers "teachers."

"We are teaching them to be peer facilitators, to teach other people to solve their own problems," he said.

The training program will continue in the spring semester, and Porter also said he nopes to have present students involved in teaching next semester's volunteers about the program.

Porter said that, at this point, the program's goal is to keep a constant staff of peer counselors and overcome the loss of volunteers to gradua-

"I want to have a group of students on campus to assist other students with their problems. The hardest part is to establish a base number of students because, due to graduations and dropouts, we have a complete turnover every 2 years."

Porter, however, feels that he may have found the solution. "If I can train 20 students every year, I should be able to maintain 10 to 12." The training itself is fun and easy, but maintaining the group is the hard part,

The fall training program still has about five weeks before it reaches completion, but Porter said that any students interested in becoming volunteer peer counselors for the spring semester may contact him at ext. 514 or my stop by his office at 314 in the Administrative Classroom Building and pick up an application.

Academic honor group to initiate

By JENNIFER HOTZ

The upcoming Phi Theta Kappa initiation will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Lecture Hall.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary academic excellence organization which participates in state and national conventions. Phi Theta Kappa is associated with academic fraternities of four-year universities.

Some activities involved with Phi Theta Kappa are fundraisers such as bake sales and participation in the Highland

To qualify for Phi Theta Kappa a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or greater and must have completed at least 12 hours of credit courses. The sponsors get potential members from a computer list of students with 3.5 or above G.P.A. Members are required to pay national, state, and local fees of \$30.

Those participating in this zicka.

Friday's initiation are Janie Allen, Sherri Atkinson, Patricia Burton, Leighanne Brown, Kerri Bullard, William Cambell Jr., Maria Carlesson, LeAnne Christenson, Derek Clark, Erik Clark, Diana Cueval, Marcia DeSazo, Paul DeWitt, Doris Dixon, Linda Grahagan, Veronica Haas, Sherri Hatfield, Hayworth, Denny Kramer, Doris Little, Richard Martin, Phyllis Middleton, Robert Morgan, and Glen Ru-

Asbestos clean-up bids in college plans

(continued from pg. 1) take more accurate samples of the gym air quality installed "sniffers" around the gym. Asbestos was found, but in relatively low levels, as low as 2 fibers per cubic centimeter in the center of the gym and as high as 7 fibers at one of the

side air intakes. Unlike other hazardous substances, the federal government has not set a minimum level of asbestos which it considers safe. Experts disagree on the extent of the danger, since two people working in the same environment may be affected differently by asbestos.

Toombs said he feels that the school may have been unnecessarily cautious in closing the room. "A person could worry himself silly if he wanted to," he said. Although public schools are required by the government to inspect for ashestos and remove it, junior colleges are not covered by the regulation. The closing of the gym was strictly voluntary.

Conch James Burroughs also recalls that some doubt existed

as to whether there was sufficient asbestos to cause a problem. But he said the decision was made to treat it as dangerous. "We cancelled all activities in there," he said.

Space to be renovated

For five years the gym has remained locked and unused. But according to Johnette McKown, vice president for business services, bids for the renovation of the space have been opened and will be considered by the Board of Trustees at its next meeting. She estimated the cost of renovation at under \$100,000.

Concerning the five-year delay in correcting the problem, McKown said, "The decision of the prior administration was not to act. Dr. Michaelis has decided we needed to do something about it. He wants to be able to use the space."

McKown said a class action lawsuit against the contractor, National Gypsom Company Et Al, has been filed in an attempt to recover the cost of the reno-

Toombs said removal of the

asbestos could begin as early as December. He said a negative pressure area will be established and the air filtered during removal. Workers will wet down the asbestos and remove it in small sections. The light fixtures will be taken down, cleaned and bagged. Backboards will be carefully cleaned in place.

Coach Burroughs said he was excited about the prospect of getting the gym renovated. He has several ideas about how to use the space, such as a new weight room and new racquetball courts. However, he said it hadn't been decided yet how the space will be used.

Workshop

Student Government officers attended a workshop to improve their leadership skills Oct. 25 in the Student Center. One thing they learned at the

workshop was that in order to be a leader one must have self confidence and one must set gonis.

Asbestos and radon

lung cancer and certain industrial and natural air pollutants, recent widespread attention has been directed towards dangerous substances in the air. Two such substances that have been watched closely are asbestos and, more recently, radon gas. The following facts are taken from "Environment, Technology, and Health," by Merril Eisenbud, and an article in the October issue of Consumer Reports.

Ashestos

 Asbestos has been in use since the late 19th century.

 It is primarily used in fireproof roofing and house siding, and as insulating material buildings.

- The first case of nonmalignant lung disease due to inhalation of asbestos dust was re- the open air, but if it seeps into ported in 1899. The disease, known as as-
- bestosis, was observed to dethree to 15 years.
- other rare forms of cancer the lungs.

were attributed to long-term asbestos exposure.

- In 1972 laws were passed restricting the use of asbestos in building materials.
- No 'acceptable' levels of asbestos have been set by the government. (bfRadon(nm/c
- Radon is not a result of industrial pollution, but instead comes from the decomposition of uranium found in the earth's
- An estimate by the Environmental Protection Agency links radon with between 10,000 and 40,000 lung cancer deaths yearly in the United States.
- This makes radon the second leading cause of lung-cancer death (after smoking).
- Radon enters buildings around steel structures in through cracks in foundations, porous cinderblock, and around loose-fitting pipes and floor
 - It will quickly dissipate in a house, it can collect in dangerous concentrations.
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Aussie instructor teaches commercial music

BY GARY LASSETER

Julian Jones, who teaches commercial music, is real "Dinki Di Aussie." He can tell stories:

"My family moved to Australia in 1961, from England, emigrated to Brisbayne, Queensland, which is the northeastern state, with the big gulf at the top of it. It's a big state, about three times as big as Texas. Brisbayne is the capital, with about a million people.

"All the school systems over there are run by the state. Universities are free. A lot of things are different. The economy is not as good over there, it's a smaller population, about east coast, what they call the 'Boomerang' strip, which is Brisbayne, Sydney, and Melbourne. Then there are Adelaide, which has about a million people, and Perth, where they have the America's cup, which has about half a million. The rest of the people just live in small towns.

"About 50 miles to the north and south of Brisbayne are beautiful surfing beaches, particularly to the north, where it's unspoiled. There are secluded beaches that are just really nice. Down south is the tourist area, the 'Gold Coast,' where 'Surfer's Paradise' is.

jority of the people live on the casino's and stuff. Of course there are thousands of miles of beaches all around the continent, but you have got to be careful not to go to ones that aren't patrolled, because there are a lot of sharks... and strange little sea people that do weird things to you, ha. Then there's the great barrier reef, which is off the coast of Queensland. A lot of wealthy Americans go deep sea fishing out there, like Lee Marvin used to do. A lot of people don't realize how diverse Australia is. All they think of is, you know, Crocodile Dundee and the Outback. There are rain forests, and Tasmania, in the south, is

15 million total. The vast ma- It's really built up there, with sort of rolling hills, like Europe, or New England. But most of it is desert.

"I grew up listening to the same music that everybody listened to over here. Rock & Roll was a world wide phenomena. Australia has a healthy rock

"Australia is like a very young version of the U.S. The majority of the population has emigrated there. From 1945 to about 1970 or so, I think about 3 or 4 million emigrants came to Australia from all over Europe. They had a scheme whereby, if you were an English family, like we were, you could emigrate for, like \$20. We moved by ship. It took about six weeks we came over here.

to the U.S. just to work in the sion thing going on down at the music business, because it's Hilton now, on Thursday nights. much bigger over here. And I It's booked definitely now, was attracted to a lot of the through the end of January.

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to get there. They put you in a jazz and soul music. I knew sort of hostile kind of camp, Rob Page, who also teaches until you got settled, and got a here now, because we worked job. It was kind of like the Ellis together in Australia. He was Island thing over here, except an exchange teacher there, you could pick what city you from about 1975 to 1980. We wanted. I remember going to played gigs five or six nights a Australia House, in Manches- week. So, that's how I came to ter, where I lived in England. It Waco, to see Rob. I started was really interesting to go to a working and playing here. One new country, to travel to the thing led to another and I other side of the world, you started teaching. It's been six know, to leave your roots when years now. I free lance also, you're only 10 years old... prob- mostly private stuff. Tonight, ably like that to my kids when (Nov. 3) we're playing at a big science teacher's convention. "Originally I wanted to come They've also got this jam ses-

'GONG SHOW' comes to enthuse campus

By ELIZABETH DELEON

All students, faculty and staff now have the opportunity to show off their "talents" in the first annual Gong Show, which will be held on Nov. 22, at 10 a.m. in the Student Center.

"The idea of a Gong Show came up from a Student Services meeting because ideas such as a talent show or a lipsync contest were brought up. So, we, the Office of Student Activities decided to combine these ideas and make a Gong Show out of them," said Greg Clark, director of Student Activities and Health Services.

Students, staff and faculty will be divided into three separate categories, and will all have two minutes to do their acts. A DJ will be available for those who wish to do acts requiring audio-visual aids.

Any act is acceptable as long as it is in good reasonable

taste. However, bands are not to be submitted as an act because it takes too much time to set up the equipment and speakers for the amount of time allotted for the acts, stated Clark.

Also, anyone who enters the competition must sign a contract stating that he has read the rules and agrees to comply with them. "This is just a safeguard," said Clark.

"I expect a variety of activities including lip-sync, air guitar, comedians, dancing, singing, and maybe even a juggling act or two. Also, people may be used as props," said Clark.

Two faculty and two students will be the panel of judges, and will be picked at random. However, since this is not a real talent competition, people have to realize that they may get gonged if their act is

"This is a different type of activity that we are having, and it is meant to be done all in fun. If someone gets gonged, they should not get their feelings hurt," said Clark.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners in the different categories, with first prize being a free bowling party for eight at Fairlanes Bowling Alley.

Acts can have more than one person, and will be placed according to one of the three categories, (students, faculty, or staff).

The deadline for signing an act up is Nov. 20, and participants must sign up in the Office of Student Activities and Health Services, located in the Student Center.

"I hope that this will be a successful event because if so, not good. The gong will be a then it can become a tradition cymbal from the music depart- for future activities," said

Band in first concert tonight

By ELIZABETH DELEON

The Waco Community Band will be performing its first concert of the season tonight at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

Roger Rush, a music instructor on campus, is the director and founder of the Waco Community Band. "I am proud to say that the band is in its ninth season and doing quite well," he said.

The band consists of 55 members, not only faculty members and area band directors, but also a variety of people including professional business people, students from MCC and area high schools,

and even retirees. The pieces which will be

played will consist of arrangements from the following composers:

"Marche Lorraine," by the French composer Louis Ganne; "Walking Tune," composed by the Australian Pery Grange; and "Suite of Old American Dances," by the American composer Robert Russel Bennett.

Other arrangements incomposer Gordon Jacob; "Ital- other festivals. ian in Algiers," by the Italian composer Gioacchino Rossini; "First Suite in E Flat," by the English composer Gustavholst; and "Canzona," by the American composer Peter Mennin.

The grand finale of the pro-

gram will conclude with a March.

The band not only performs concerts in the PAC, but also serves within the community by visiting those at the Regis Hotel for the elderly, as well as performing at other comclude: "Fantasia on an English munity functions, such as Folk Song," by the English Christmas Tree lightings and

piece by the ever popular John Phillip Sousa, according to Rush. The piece is entitled "Nobles of the Music Shrine

The next seasonal performances of the band will be held. Stu Bowersox joined news anat Waco Hall on Dec. 9 and on Dec. 12, at the Richland Mall. Both of these programs will consist of Christmas arrange-

`Gringo' proves a winner

By PAUL CROSBY

So far, 1989 has offered several movies that could be contenders for movie of the year-"Dead Poets Society," "Parenthood," "When Harry Met Sally," and "Sex, Lies, and Videotape" to name a few.

Another movie has joined the ranks of these highly triumphs--"Old praised Gringo."

According to Webster, gringo means an American among the Spanish. It is a hostile Spanish term that symbolizes the power and dramatic flare of this film. On the surface, "Old Gringo" is a tale of revolution, and love, but beneath the entertainment value of the film lurks a higher theme-the battle between life, death, and the stagnation found in both even if they are event-

Of course, "Old Gringo" does have its downfalls, and the pace is abysmally slow in places. Still, this movie was worth the delay with which Columbia Pictures cursed it.

Columbia planned to release "Old Gringo" as the end-of-theyear holiday picture, but it was pulled from under the cinematic Christmas tree and thrown in the closet until its current release 10 months later. Now the film has fermented and is ready to view, and Jane Fonda can sleep at night because her \$23 million film, produced by Fonda Films, is blessing the screens of Amer-

"Old Gringo" is based on Carlos Fuentes' book "Gringo Viejo" written in 1985 which is searching for death like Peck, based on the eccentric American author Ambrose Bierce who mysteriously disappeared in the Mexican Revolution. Gregory Peck portrays Bierce, known by the nickname Bitter in the film due to his bad dispo-

Peck is the pedestal on which this film stands. Subtract him and this film would belly flop. Melancholic and full of a hateful philosophy toward life, he searches for death in the Mexican Revolution and finds much more, mainly two people who affect his life.

First, Harriet Stowe, played by Fonda, ends up in the Mexican Revolution unintentionally when she leaves her home in Washington, D.C., to work for a is the pinwheel on which the last half of "Old Gringo" swings.

"Old Gringo" has two distinct parts. The first half of the film is a bloody display of the Mexican Revolution, and the last half is a love triangle consisting of Peck, Fonda, and the third main character, General Tomas Arroyo, played by "L.A. Law" star Jimmy Smits.

Smits plays his character forcefully and bundled up in

confusion. These two characteristics form a contradiction about his character that make him realistic and larger-thanlife at the same time. He isn't or a new life like Fonda, he pities himself because he has already found both of these. He is searching for the good parts of his past, and tries to relive them at the expense of an

This view of the Mexican Revolution through the eyes of Peck's old age, Fonda's middle age, and Smits youth are a triumph for director Luis Puenzo, but "Old Gringo" was weak in several places.

The film attempts a plot twist but it backfires because the plot twist doesn't exist. The movie has a plot twist for about 10 minutes, and then the viewer discovers it was just a lie. No plot twist.

"Old Gringo" also failed at family in Mexico. She is search- making a good first impression. ing for a new life in Mexico and This film takes at least 30 minutes of film time to start appreciating, but patience reaps splendor as "Old Gringo" pulls itself from the opening sludge to become exciting and emotionally riveting.

> People who like action, relationships, and uncertainty on screen, or even hate Jane Fonda and think of her as "Hanoi Jane" will find enough satisfaction in "Old Gringo" to put differences aside and enjoy

Live from the PAC: the news

By THOMAS BUTLER

Stu said it here.

Widely known meteorologist chors Pam Harris and Ric Streed and sportscaster Ray Peters when KXXV-TV, channel 25, broadcast the 6 o'clock news from the Ball Performing Arts Center Nov. 1.

Channel 25 is spotlighting area colleges and universities by broadcasting live newscasts from their campuses. Other area locations for KXXV teleeasts are TSTI, Baylor, and Mary Hardin-Baylor,

memorize more because we're not working with the tele- broadcast from remote sites, prompter," she said.

Nancy Cochran, the director of public information for MCC, coordinated the effort with KXXV. "It was great publicity for the college, and it was free," she said.

Members of the news team talked with students after the telecast. Among other things Peters talked football. Bowersox revealed why he came to Waco when he was offered a job in Pennsylvania the same day. "I came to Texas for the climate and the women," he

No other local stations but 6 o'clock news producer Catheryn Scott said she thinks it is worth the extra trouble. "We like to get viewers in-

volved. People like to see themselves and their communities on TV," she said. Anchor Ric Streed said he

likes the on location work. "It makes me feel part of the community."

Pam Harris, who co-produces the 10 p.m. news with Streed, said she likes the challenge of location work, "It's faster. You really have to be on your toes out here. We have to



photo by Wade Carpenier

BROADCASTING LIVE FROM CAMPUS are Pam Harris and Rio Streed of KXXV. Channel 25 chose MCC as their campus of the week on Nov. 1 for the 6 nows. The station is choosing college compuses for live broadcasts to promote more involvement within the community.

Can we keep breathing our air?

(continued from pg. 1) tor of the Institute for Environmental Services, said the industrial areas have created air quality problems in much of the state. "Texas is a large producer of such materials, but they have to do with petrochemicals," he said.

Since Waco isn't involved in the petrochemical industry, pollution levels here have remained low. However, some environmental threats, such as warming of the climate by the greenhouse effect, aren't local

Sulfur dioxide, released as a bi-product of petroleum refining, can mix with rain to form a highly corrosive acid. The resulting acid rain can fall hundreds of miles from the source of pollution. Its effect on humans is not completely known, but damage to vegetation has been confirmed.

The Texas Air Control Board has registered some ozone and hydrocarbons, which drifted down the Balcones fault from the Dallas area.

Fulton said pollutants tend to follow low-lying areas such as the fault, especially during un atmospheric condition known as an inversion. The Dallas emissions which turn up

standards, however, according as insulation in roofs and floors to Fulton. He said one reason is "We are blessed with winds."

These winds also account for the only pollution level that is even slightly elevated in Waco, particulates. Dust from agricultural operations are kept in the air by the winds and register on air monitors along with smoke and automobile fumes.

Air Control Board monitoring

Although the continuous monitors were removed from Waco, Fulton said the Air Control Board still keeps a close watch on local air quality.

Building permits for industry are only issued in areas where emission levels won't be raised above acceptable levels. Emissions inventories of existing industry enable the board to control air quality in a given area.

"We are pro industry, but we also want to protect our health," Fulton said.

Citizens of Waco provide important aid to the board in protecting air quality. Fulton said his office investigates close to 1,000 complaints a year. People who suspect violations of air quality regulations should call 772-0240.

Indoor air

Asbestos, much in the news in Waco don't exceed federal since the early 1970s, was used

from 1942-1972. Evidence surfaced in the 1960s of a relationship between asbestos lung scaring and lung cancer from inhaled airborne asbestos particles. The wonder insulation material of the mid-century had come back to haunt us.

Radon gas, latest buzzword of the media, is not an industrial pollutant. It seeps into buildings from the natural decay of uranium in the earth's crust. Fulton said radon levels here are low due to Waco's geographic location.

Derrick Toombs, superintendent of building maintenance at MCC, said radon testing has not been done on campus, citing the low radon levels in the area. He also said that campus buildings are on slab foundations with a membrane for water proofing, which he said offers additional protection from radon.

Coming articles

In future issues of the Highland Herald, other environmental issues will be explored. Is it safe to drink the water, swim in the lake? What can be done with all that trash? Is noise pollution a growing hazard, especially among the young?

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.

education is evident. "I feel Baylor. Later he was given the

"It's a challenge to be position of academic advisor to 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 His enthusiasm for higher administrator internship at athletes, and admission counse-

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.

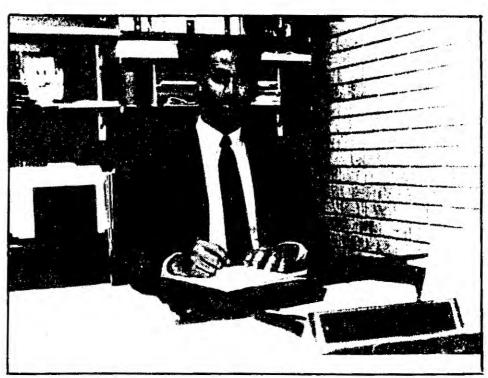


photo by Wade Carpenter

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 Remem-, brance" and "Apocalypse Now" are just some of the numerous productions that have drama-

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

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

"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 Schnefer, 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 over been to a scarcy 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-



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

"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

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 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 demonstra-

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 ghastly 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

"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

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 feelmgs, but reflecting on what his past experiences were like, he prays that future generations won't be inflicted 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 Wiltschen.

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 18 oz. pkg. Minute Rice (cooked)

1/2 eup chopped onion

I pkg. frozen chopped broccoli I can mushroom soup 1 small can mushrooms 1 small can condensed milk 18 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 gentlyuntil 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 mommakes 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 notatoes, ambrosia, ham, pumpkin pie, and the other things usually associated with Thanksgiving in the United

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 ex-

tract 1 teaspoon soda 18 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.

Lissette Carpenter

Dr. Lissette 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 hecame 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 Lissette Carpenter 1 large can of pineapple chunks I large can of pitted black cher-

ries 1 medium jar of maraschino cherries

I can of angel flake coconut 18 oz. container of sour cream 2 cups of miniature marshmal-

1/2 cup (or more) broken

Drain pineapple and black cherries before emptying into a large bowl. Then put all the reat 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. Keenan 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.

Her most memorable Thanksgiving was when she mistakingly put cinnamon in the green bean casserole. She went for the pepper and took out the cinnamon, which was in the same kind of container. Once she realized what she had done, she tried to get it out. She scraped out as much as she could, but of course, she did not get it all out.

After thinking seriously about not taking it, she decided she should because she had already said she would. Besides, it was part of the tradition. She waited until dinner was over and everyone was complementing her on the casserole. Then she told them what was in it.

"That's what floored me," she said. "Everybody loved it." She knows she could never do it again. It's just not the same when you do it intentionally.

DAD'S DRESSING Sharon Kenan 6 pans of cornbread crumbled boil giblets in 1/2 a pan of water, cut in little pieces, save some sauce. Boil 6 eggs, cut up in little pieces.

Sautee onions and celery in 2 sticks of butter, add salt & pepper, plus half of juice from giblets. Mix all together, put in turkey pan. Cook in very hot oven until brown. Is real moist because of all the butter and juice.

Travis Looper

Dr. Travis Looper, English instructor, said he and his wife will probably eat whatever the local cafeteria is serving Thanksgiving day.

He said he would like to go to Houston and spend some time with his daughter and visit the Museum of Modern Art. where the works of the late 19th-century artist Vuillard are showing.

Dick Sydow

"Dodging relatives," is what Dick Sydow, management developement and advertising instructor said he plans to do this Thanksgiving, He said he may go to St. Louis and research a project in the East St. Louis

"I'm probably going to McDonald's to eat. It's fast, and since I'm not into traditional, I'll probably eat there," Sydow said.

Dann and Beverly Walker

Dann and Beverly Walker, instructors in philosphy/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 kitch-

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 homegrown vegetables, fresh tomatoes and blackberry cobbler.

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 tsp. baking soda Stir in: 3 medium apples, cored and diced 1 cup chopped nuts Add: 3 eggs lightly beaten 1 cup oil 2 tsps. 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."

Mercado remembers **Thanksgiving** Puerto Rican style

By SUSAN POLLEY

Although Dr. Juan Mercado has lived in Texas since 1959, he stlll remembers the Thanksgiying celebrations of his child-

hood 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 peppers & tomatoes, sliced cold boiled potatoes, cold boiled eggs, green & black olives, radishes, and avocadoes. 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. Boll cod fish to get rid of some 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 liven up the party.
It is a buffet-style meal, with

one small corner for food, and another small corner for the bar. The kids out first. Then the adults help themselves, without worrying about the children.