

# Highland Herald

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## Uncovering Earth

### Groundbreaking heralds beginning of construction

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Staff Writer

Dr. Dennis Michaelis turned the first shovel of earth on the campus's new multimillion-dollar Learning Technology Center at a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 26.

Also, the elected officials of the board were vital. Without their will to say 'yes,' this project would never have started."

"We believe we have a state of the art building design," Michaelis said.

The facility will offer more

than 120 computers, full internet access for the entire building, a food court, distance learning services, Academic Success services, study areas and traditional library services.

Students will be able to check e-mail, research on-line, use services such as the Flex program, on-line registration or just sit and study in one of the studios provided.

The food court will also provide a place for students to take a break from their usual routine.

"The key benefit is technology," board member James A. Lewis said. "More technology

is now available to the students, concentrated in one facility that will have better hours."

Michaelis said the comprehensive facility will serve the students' needs beyond providing traditional library services. It will bring together several different educational resources and serve the needs of students, faculty and staff in one place, he said.

"It will fit more closely the life-style of today's students," Michaelis said.

The building will contain a high degree of technology and is definitely a 21st Century fa-

cility Dr. Jay Box, Vice-President for Instruction said.

"This facility will provide a lot for the students that traditional facilities cannot provide. As MCC is also in the business of providing for nontraditional students, any step in this direction is welcome," board member Don Hay said.

"A lot of people now work nontraditional hours, night-shifts, that sort of thing and traditional facilities have always had a difficult time providing for these individuals. This fa-

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Digital image by Marcos Garcia

Members of the Board of Trustees dig up some dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Learning Technology Center.

## Library seeks better hours

Jana Vaculik  
Staff Writer

Library services is asking for feedback from students about the library hours for the Learning Technology Center.

MCC will have a state of the art learning facility in fall 2001 with plenty of room for students to study and utilize the latest technology, said Associate Dean of Library and Academic Support Jane Vargas.

"We want to be sure we are on target for hours and services," Vargas said. "We need feedback from students. The whole building was decided for them."

The library is currently lo-

cated in the Community Service Center (CSC) in Section A. The library electronic resources and ready reference is on the main campus on the second floor of the Student Center.

"Normally librarians do not work weekends, but we have hired a librarian to work evenings and weekends," Vargas said.

Library Services would like to know from students what kinds of hours they would want the new Learning Technology Center to be open.

"Do we need to be open till 3 a.m. everyday like Baylor and if we need to be open 24

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## Colleges recruit MCC students

Leah C. Turner  
Managing Editor

The student center was flooded with potential transfer students Oct. 30 as 30 Texas universities searched for as many prospective applicants as they could toss forms at during the 2000 College Transfer Fair.

Representatives from Texas A&M University, Sam Houston State University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Tarleton State University as well as the United States Armed Forces and a loan agency were among the many scrambling to push vital information into the hands of interested students.

"The transfer fair was a wonderful opportunity for students to compare several universities at one time," said Robyn Mosley, Career and Guidance Specialist.

The event was open access to all MCC students and the surrounding community. Students could come and go as they pleased to comply with their class schedules.

"The fair was also a good resource to spark students who are unsure of what they want to do and possibly open new doors for career and education," Mosley said.

Questions ranged from application deadlines to financial aid to inquiries about specific majors and programs.

"I feel the fair will prove valuable to students and I am glad we could help sponsor it," Kathleen Garret, Transfer Advisor for Student Support Services said.

The next transfer fair is tentatively planned for October or early November of fall 2001.



Digital image by Aaron Smith

Patrick Mitchell terrorizes the Blinn Buccaneers' defense during the opening game of the MCC Classic November 3 at the Highlands. The Highlanders dominated the Buccaneers en route to a 118 - 93 victory.

## Increases head Board of Trustees agenda

Clay Zachery  
Staff Writer

MCC enrollment increased 2.5% from last year, while the total hours accumulated rose 60%.

Those numbers headed the agenda when the Board of Trustees met October 26. Renovations to the amphitheater, completion of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), and recognition of college areas commended by

the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board also got board attention.

Registration numbers fluctuated across the board, according to Herman Tucker, director of student enrollment services.

Tucker focused on student age demographics.

The 17-22 age group saw the largest increase with 3.8%, while the 41 and older age range saw the biggest decline with a percentage drop of 5.6% since 1999.

Tucker described recruitment efforts and said the college website and flyers have been the most effective means of recruitment thus far.

The board hired Barsh Construction Company to complete the amphitheater renovations for no more than \$897,000. Construction was approved and is on a six-month completion plan.

The facility will be renovated from the inside out. New lights, stone columns, and

handicap lifts will be part of construction. The surrounding area will also be irrigated and landscaped before the project is complete.

The board voted unanimously to complete work on the HVAC community service center. Waco Systems will head up the construction, with a cost of \$81,507.

The board recognized award winners acknowledged by the

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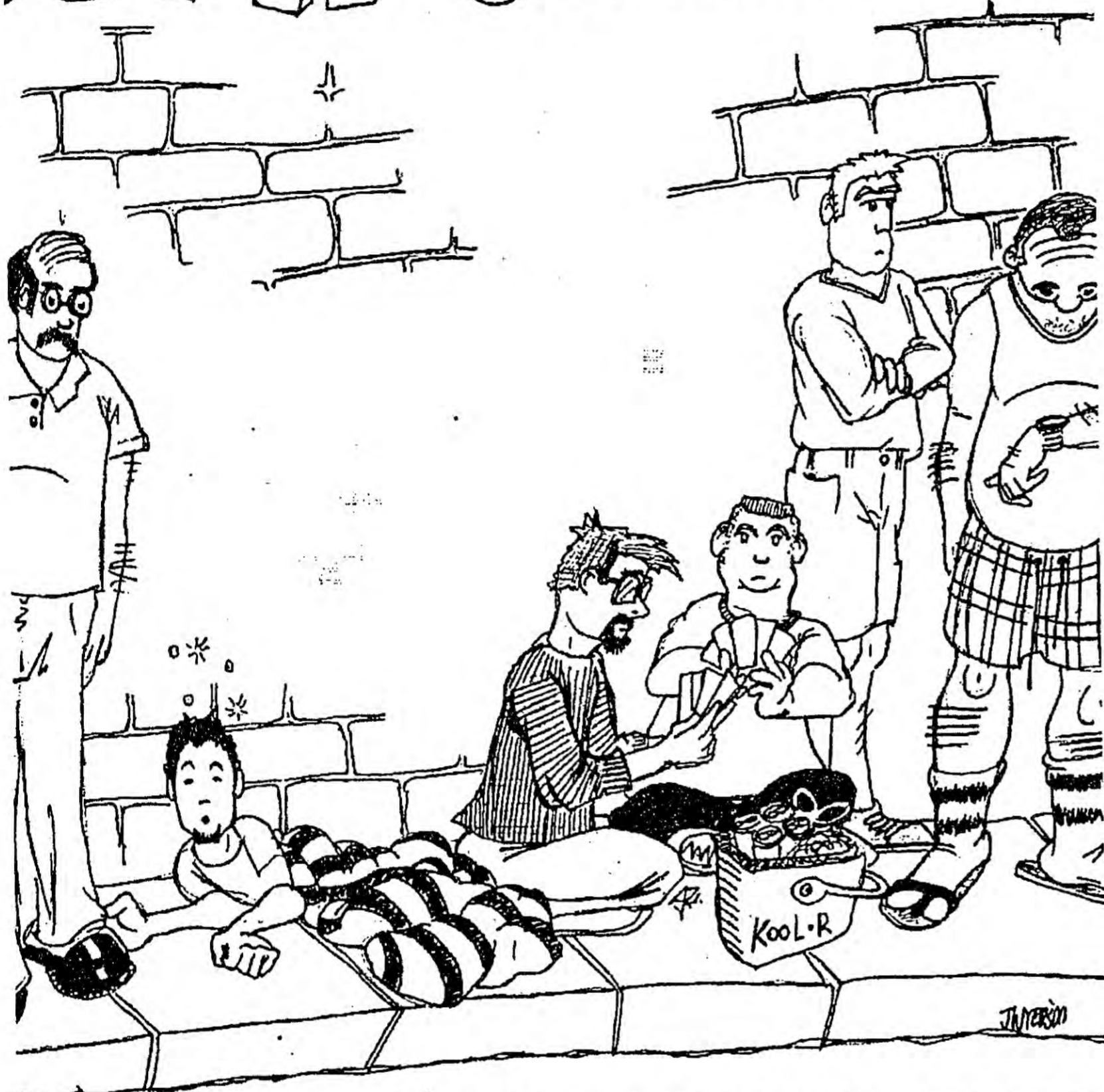


# Editorial

## Virtual Violence

Playstation 2: Better picture, sound, and bloodshed

# COMPUTERLAL



Michelle Gold  
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der to our most base, violent instincts.

What is this need to allow easily accessible virtual violence in our homes?



Some people blame it on a stimulus addiction. When the player perfects his skill at numerous violent video games, he or she needs more powerful graphics in order to keep interest in the game. And it doesn't just apply to violent video games; the nonviolent ones can also be addictive. But the violent games create the need to *destroy*.

Now, I am not saying the video games are the direct cause of the escalating violence among young people. The video game companies are only

providing the public with what it wants. Children have access to violence from almost any media source, including television and movies. Video games, however, place the choice in the child's hands. The child decides when and where they play. And with this type of control over video games, it seems that we need better graphics, higher resolutions and more violence.

But are we really more violent today than the people of the sixties, when the violence of the civil rights movement was beginning to take hold; or people centuries ago when the barbarians of Northern Europe toppled the Roman Empire? Have better graphics wetted our appetites for more violence?

Video games have immersed the everyday person in a fantasy world where problems are

solved instinctively rather with personal decisions, situations can be solved quickly, and the best way to end the problem is to just get rid of the source, usually by death, explosives, guns and blood. But life's problems are not like that, and situations can not be solved that easily.

Maybe in today's world, where there are always challenges to the rules, no situations are clear cut, and almost all obstacles are overcome through problem-solving, video games allow us to escape to a place where we have the ability to completely control the situation. And if that fails, all we have to do is press the reset button, and re-live the whole situation, using different strategies.

## Where's the beef? Not in this editorial

Dylan Newhouse  
Web Editor

The main ingredient in any editorial is beef.

Not the dead cow kind of beef, rather the kind of beef that entails holding a grudge.

Take, for example, my piece from last issue about politics. I came off as a whiny little brat. I complained about crooked politicians and bemoaned the state of our government for several columns.

Hey, I even threw in a mean-spirited political cartoon. That's just the way editorials are.

I had no choice. But this time, I'm going to try to set the ol' karma spinning in a different

direction. I'm going to write about things I have no beef with. The proverbial beef shall be dropped for the duration of this article.

So, by definition, you are not reading an editorial.

First of all, everyone with a fully functional brain should be watching the new season of Saturday Night Live. Suddenly, the show is as topical and clever as it was circa 1977. Their political satire is a bit more harsh, and they aren't afraid to make references most of their audience won't understand.

Also, I like the two anchor Weekend Update team of Jimmy Fallon and Tina Fey. Very funny, and reminiscent of

the classic Chevy Chase/ Jane Curtin era.

So, there's one cool thing going on. Another is this new candy called Oompas, from the Willy Wonka company. Words fail. Just try some. Do yourself a favor and rent the Gene Wilder movie, too.

And, in summation, I have to make a concession that will make me seem like the biggest goody-two-shoes on the campus, or the planet, for that matter.

MCC is pretty swell. Really, it's the most digable community college I've ever attended.

The instructors are generally likeable and knowledgeable, the facilities are very good, and

the higher-ups really seem to care and to be taking a lot of steps to make things even better.

So drop any beef you have with MCC. Be true to your school.

Thus ends the anti-editorial. It may not have been the most poignant thing ever written, but it beat hearing me decry Bush's silly, silly views on abortion.

Also, I wish I could have gone the whole column without using the phrase 'goody-two-shoes.' But all is well that ends well.

Having said that, be sure and check this space next issue. If George W' should win the election, the beef will most definitely be raised once more.

## Color bars in prime time

Clay Zachery  
Staff Writer

When I turn on the television I want to be entertained.

I want to see someone that I can relate to. I am sure that I am not the only person in the world that thinks TV is more entertaining when there is a character based on some kind of familiarity.

My problem is that being an African-American male makes it virtually impossible for me to find such a show. Dr. Peter Benton is not a good representative of anyone. Not many people can relate to the life of a doctor, African-American or otherwise.



Why is it that there are no African-American based shows on the three major networks? ABC, NBC, and CBS all released their primetime lineups this fall and... Surprise! Surprise! Yet again there were no shows directed at African-American audiences.

I have to admit I like *Friends*, *Frasier*, and even *Will and Grace*. I know funny when I see it, but I still can't relate to a show that has no one with my ethnic background on the cast.

Why is it that NBC has not had a show with a predominantly African-American cast since *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*? It has been four years since that show went off the air, and there has yet to be another African-American cast since.

ABC and CBS are no better. *The Hughley's* was the top rated show for its time slot last fall on

ABC. Why, then, was the show cancelled and sent over to the upstart UPN network before the new season began?

It makes no sense to me, if the whole idea for a network is to get ratings, why would you cancel the number one show in your Friday night lineup?

CBS did have *Cosby*. However, that show appeals to an older audience, and it was just one show.

In 1997 Fox canceled *Living Single*, the number one show on the network in Black homes. The same can be said for *New York Undercover*, which was ranked number two.

I suppose that maybe after four years they could have worn out their welcomes, but how is it that we saw the cast of *Beverly Hills 90210* go from collecting Girl Scout cookies to collecting Social Security?

Now I could deal with those moves, but what has happened on the WB has completely blown my mind. Why is it that the *The Steve Harvey Show*, *The Jamie Fox Show*, and the *Wayans Brothers* were all canceled as soon as *Dawson's Creek* and *Felicity* came on to the scene? All of these were proven shows; why did newcomers with "potential" boot them out without proving anything?

African-American audiences now have to tune in to the UPN network to find a show that has more than two African-American faces on screen at a time.

How long is it going to be before *Mo'Nisha*, *The Parkers*, and *The Hughley's* get booted off of this network and on to another, just like they got moved to this one?

## Letters to the editor

Two weeks ago I lost my wallet. I searched everywhere; I traced my steps from the last time I remembered having it to no avail. Last week when I went to school, someone stopped me on campus and asked my name. I told her and she said that my wallet had been found. I could not believe it, everything was intact, even down to the money. Nothing had been touched.

I would like to thank the young lady who approached me as well as the person who turned in my wallet. I do not have any names, but they need to know how much I appreciated all that they did for me. I always knew Waco was a nice place to live and MCC a great school. This event only made me appreciate it more.

Joseph Lopez

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# Sports

"Our bench played well, especially on defense, Rhodes said. "I was really pleased with the spark Laura provided for us and I think that was the key to victory for us tonight."

-- Ricky Rhodes, Highlassie Head Coach

## Highlanders, Highlassies start season on positive note

Clay Zachery  
Sports Writer

### Blinn

Sophomore Cedric Palmer had 19 points as the Highlanders opened the 2000 season with an impressive 25 point win over conference rival Blinn College Nov 3 in the MCC Classic.

This was also the first game under new head coach Ray Farrell, who began his tenure at MCC in impressive fashion.

"This was a nice way to get it started" Farrell said. Both teams were showing a little rust, but MCC was able to overcome it, as they forced 12 turnovers in the win.

The game was still in doubt at the half as the Highlanders took a 55-48 lead into intermission. MCC then took over the game in the second half with an 11-5 run that gave them a lead that they would not relinquish. Strong post play by Palmer helped open up the game for other players. "Cedric's experience and leadership opened up the game for others to get open shots," Farrell said.

Randy Johnson led all scorers with 20 points while shooting 2 for 2 from behind the arc. Freshman guard Don Hooks was a defensive catalyst as he

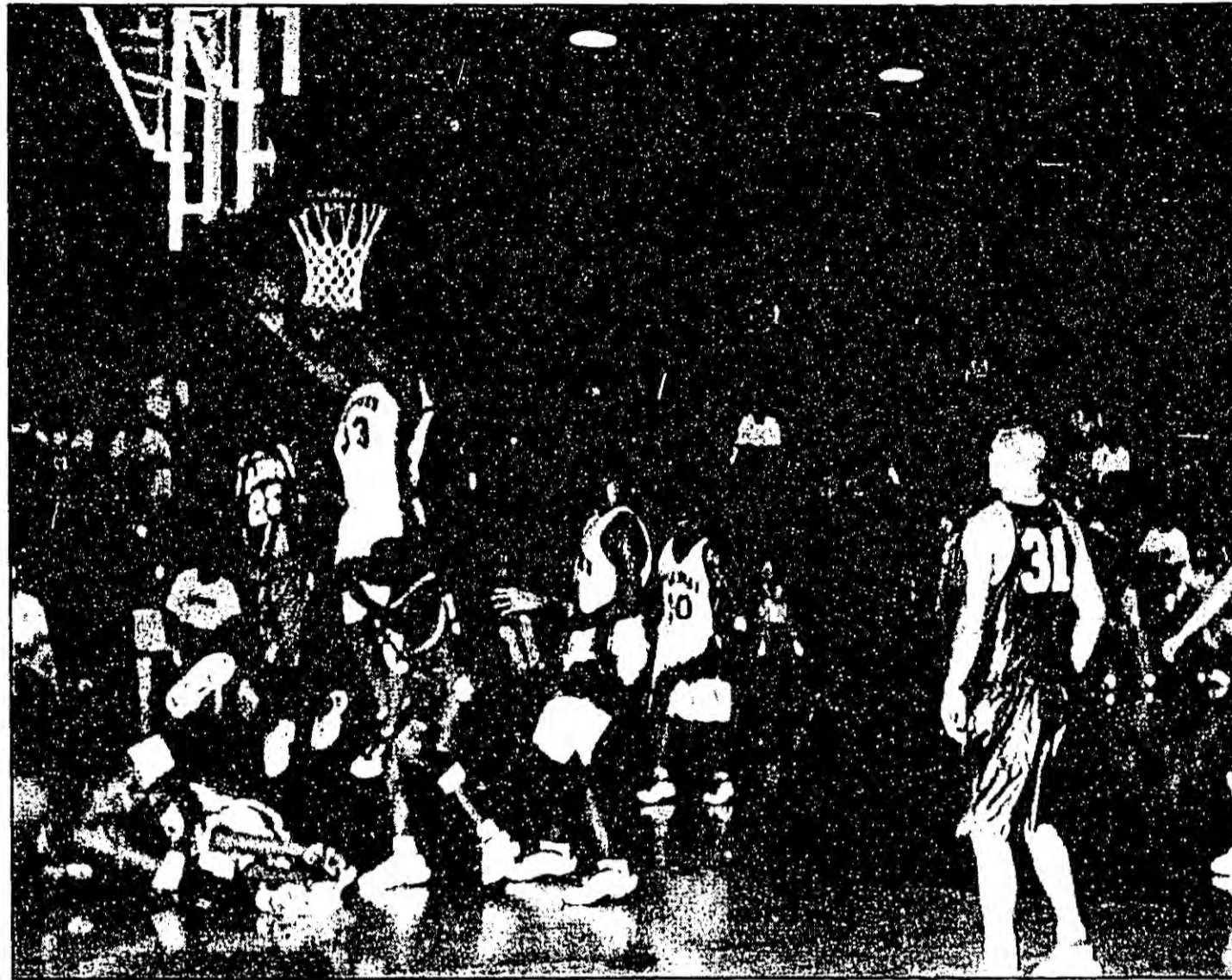
led the team with four steals and five deflections in limited playing time.

Late in the second half Palmer left the game with a cut over his eye. He was not able to return as eight stitches were required to repair the damage. In his absence Roderick Nealy and Bruce Jolly stepped it up with 18 and 11 points respectively. The team rallied after losing their leader and put the game away for good with excellent guard play and great defense.

### Navarro

Freshmen Roderick Nealy had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Highlanders remained unbeaten with a 84-70 win over Navarro November 4 at the Highlands.

Starting center Cedric Palmer, who had 19 points in a 118-93 win over Blinn College the previous night missed the game after taking eight stitches over his right eye. In his absence former LaVega standout Don Hooks and Mike Jones came off the bench to score 12 and 11 points, respectively, as the Highlanders improved to 2-0 on the season and will play in the Hill Classic November 10-11 and begin conference play Temple College December 6 at the Highlands.



Digital Image by Aaron Smith

Scoring two of his game high 20 points is Randy Johnson as the Highlanders destroyed Blinn College 118-93 November 3 at the Highlands.

Aaron Smith  
Sports Editor

### Claredon

The Highlassies started the year off with a bang in the opening game of the MCC Classic Nov 3, defeating Claredon Junior College 73-67.

Like many opening games the win was not a pretty one as both teams showed signs of rust but the Highlassies made the key plays it takes to win. The Highlassies defense was strong early forcing eight turnovers in the first nine minutes of the game in jumping out to an early 11-7 lead.

But things looked bad early when last year's team leader in scoring Julie Weise picked up two early fouls and was forced to watch most of the first half from the bench.

"Julie really hurt when she picked up those two early fouls," Ricky Rhodes said. "I told her at half time that she has to stop tak-

ing herself out of the game by committing silly fouls and she came back and really responded in the second half."

Despite foul trouble and

sloppy play, the Highlassies still managed to go into half time with a 30-25 lead thanks in large part to the contributions of the bench as Laura Claggett,



Digital Image by Aaron Smith

Showing his emotion is Donald Hooks. Hooks scored 12 points in the Highlanders 84-70 victory over Navarro Nov 4.

Michelle DeGrate, and former University High standout Renita Crutchfield.

"Our bench played well especially on defense, Rhodes said. "I was really pleased with the spark Laura provided for us and I think that was the key to victory for us tonight."

In the second half the Highlassies pulled away as they stretched their lead to 52-35 their biggest lead of the game. Claredon then made the game interesting finishing the game with a 32-21 run in making the Lassies earn a hard fought 73-67 victory. Leading the Highlassies in scoring was Julie Weise who put up 18 points in the winning effort.

### Angelina

After opening with a 73-67 win over Claredon, the Highlassies lost a nailbiter to Angelina, 70-69 November 4 at the Highlands. Leading the Highlassies in scoring was Vershonda Williams who put up 20 points and 14 rebounds, chipping in were guards Latoya Prudhomme with 14 points and Julie Weise with 12 points in the losing effort with the loss the Highlassies fell to 1-1 on the young season.

The Highlassies will also play in the Hill Classic Nov 10-11 and start conference play Dec 6 hosting their conference rivals the Temple College Lady Leopards.

### MCC MEN'S BOXSCORES

#### MCC 118, BLINN 93

MCC: Mitchell 3 1 1-2 4 8, Jones 4 1 0 0 2 9, Hooks 0 0 1-2 3 1, Kemp 2 2 0-0 0 6, Johnson 8 2 2-3 1 20, Jolly 4 0 3-5 2 11, Mack 2 1 0-0 0 5, Horton 2 1 0-0 3 5, Davis 2 0 5-6 1 9, Sanchez 0 0-0 2 0, Nealy 6 1 5-5 3 18, Konontsuk 2 0 1-1 3 5, Palmer 8 0 3-7 3 19, Lazarus 1 0 0-2 0 2, Totals, 44 9 21-33 27 118.

Halftime- MCC 55, Blinn 48. Total Fouls- MCC 27, Blinn 27. Fouled Out none 3-pointers (Kemp 2, Johnson 2, Mitchell, Jones, Mack, Horton, Nealy) Records MCC: 1-0; B; 0-1

## Playoffs or bust for the Mavericks.

### Commentary

Aaron Smith  
Sports Editor

On paper, they all say, this is, without a doubt, the best Maverick's team in at least a decade.

And here is Mark Cuban with this reputation as the innovative new owner who has changed everything: the roster, the locker room perks, the perception of the team, the level of excitement around the Mavericks. And now, perhaps, if it all works according to plan, he will change that 10-year playoff drought, too, the longest current streak in the NBA and the one fact that haunts the Mavericks daily.



At least that's the plan.

The nucleus of the team is stronger than any Mavericks team in recent memory with Michael Finley leading the charge coming off a season where he averaged career highs in points (22.6), rebounds (6.3), and assists (5.3).

To go along with Finley the Mavs have added veterans Loy Vaught, Christian Lattener, and Howard Eisley. Lattener is expected to start at Center for the Mavs and with the additions of Eisley and Vaught you have two of the best role players in the game.

To go along with the veteran pick-ups the Mavs may have hit it big in the draft by drafting Eduardo Najera, Donnell Harvey, Eitan Thomas, and Courtney Alexander which should all contribute to perhaps the deepest bench in the NBA.

Then joining Lattener and Finley in the starting lineup will be Dirk Nowitzki who averaged a career high (17.5) points per game last season and was second behind team leader Michael Finley in scoring. Running the point for the Mavs will be the Canadian sensation Steve Nash and rounding out the starting lineup once he is taken off the injured list will be a trimmed down Gary Trent who lost 40 pounds in the off-season.

But what if there is all this, all these changes, all this optimism, and then the Mavericks ... fail? What if they falter early in the season, as they have in each of the previous two, and can't recover? What if the injury curse hits with such force, again, that not even a deep roster can counter it?

What if, heaven forbid, the Mavericks *don't* make the playoffs? Easier said than done. Truth is, everything has been so geared toward this season, toward shining the spotlight on these Mavericks brighter than before, toward making that push to win in a tougher-than-ever Western Conference, that anything less than a playoff berth that will finally end that streak might just result in mass chaos.

## Iron Mike Tyson's not going anywhere for the time being: Hide your children

Cedric Iglehart  
Assistant Sports Editor

Rants, raves and what-nots....

The latest heavyweight bout between Mike Tyson and Andrew Golota proved that the Iron One hasn't lost the savagery that made him the most feared boxer on the planet. Before the fight he announced that he would retire in order to pursue other interests (hopefully all legal), only to later recant stating the outcome of the match left him "unfulfilled". The outcome of the match left Golota with a concussion, fractured bone around his left eye and bleeding on the brain after two rounds of fighting. I guess Mike was disappointed because he didn't get to eat any of Andy's children.

The clouded Heisman picture became a little more clear after the showdown between Nebraska and Oklahoma on Oct. 28. The Huskers were the top-ranked team in the country led by the versatile QB Eric Crouch, when they stormed into Norman to face the third-ranked Sooners, led by

another fine signal-caller in Josh Heupel.

When the smoke cleared Oklahoma had pulled off the upset, beating Nebraska 31-14 largely due to Heupel's performance. He completed 20 of his 34 passes for a total of 300 yards and in addition to his precision passing, he also rushed eight times for 46 yards.

Crouch started the game 5 of 5 for 77 yards and a TD, but the Sooners defense stifled him in the second half as he only managed to go 7 of 22 with no TDs in the final two quarters.

Oklahoma has beaten Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska (the Big 12 Conference's top teams) by a combined score of 135-59 and are well on their way to an appearance in this year's national title game at the Orange Bowl.

NBA Commissioner David Stern handed out the equivalent of the NCAA "death penalty" to the Minnesota Timberwolves for signing Forward Joe Smith to five se-



cret contracts believed to be worth between \$40 and \$86 million over seven years.

Stern contends that the signing of the contracts at one time violates the current collective bargaining agreement and stripped the Timberwolves of five first round picks and made Smith a free agent.

This is very costly to a franchise that has improved every season since the arrival of Kevin Garnett and seemed ready to contend with Portland, Phoenix and the Lakers for the West title. What boggles my mind is the fact that Minnesota would risk their future for a player of Smith's caliber. His numbers have gone down during his two seasons with the team from 16.2 points, 7.7 rebounds and 34.2 minutes per game to his current 11.3 points, 6.9 rebounds and 28.0 minutes. Smith is also known for being the number one pick in a draft that included Rasheed Wallace, Michael Finley, Antonio McDyess and Jerry Stackhouse (all players who have blossomed into All-Stars).

# Coaches' expectations revealed at Waco event

**Cedric Iglehart**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Barbecue, basketball and best wishes seemed to be the theme for the fifth annual Waco Chamber of Commerce Tipoff Luncheon held at the Waco Convention Center on Nov. 7.

The event is normally an opportunity for Baylor University and McLennan Community College basketball coaches to present an outlook of the upcoming season to the community.

However with this year's addition of new Baylor women's coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson and new MCC men's coach Ray Farrell, the event had more of an introductory feel to it.

Farrell and Mulkey-Robertson

were featured speakers along with MCC assistant women's coach Shawn Trochim, Baylor men's coach Dave Bliss and Big 12 Conference commissioner Kevin Weiberg.

Trochim, who was standing in for MCC women's head coach Ricky Rhodes, provided a brief analysis of the Highlassie team for this season and also spoke about the importance of playing a tough non-conference schedule.

"Playing tough teams on the road during non-conference makes us a better team down the line," Trochim said.

Farrell spoke with enthusiasm as he told the capacity crowd of over 700, about the versatility the Highlanders showed during their first two games of the season.

"As a player, it makes it hard having somebody different step up every night," Farrell said. "But as a coach, it's a problem you love to have. We scored 100 points the other night (in a 118-93 victory over Blinn) so we obviously have been doing something right."

Mulkey-Robertson was essentially making her first public appearance in Waco since the press conference announcing her hiring as the new women's basketball coach.

She led Louisiana Tech to a Final Four berth in each of her four seasons as a starter and was the only female named to the State of Louisiana's 20 Greatest Athletes of All-Time list.

She stressed the fact that al-

though she does expect a lot from the Lady Bears this year, the team is still in a rebuilding process.

"Are we going to win a lot of games this year? Heavens no," Mulkey-Robertson said. "But if you come to the games you will see basketball played the way it should be."

Bliss is entering his second season with Baylor after coaching the Bears to their first win in the Big 12 Postseason Tournament.

Salvaging programs in disarray is what college basketball fans have come to expect from Bliss, who previously took Southern Methodist, Oklahoma and New Mexico to the NCAA Tournament.

The Bears didn't quite match that last year but they did boast

the 10th best turnaround in the nation.

Bliss expects the Bears to show even more improvement this year after finishing eighth in the Big 12 after his inaugural season.

"I consider this conference to be the second toughest in the country," Bliss said. "There are 11 well coached teams in this conference so we still have our work cut out for us."

The master of ceremonies was former Baylor University men's coach Jim Haller, who was visibly shaken and almost moved to tears upon learning that he was the recipient of the 2000 Frank Fallon Sportsmanship Award.

"This is indeed a shock. I can't say how much it means to have something given to me with Frank

Fallon's name on it," Haller said. "Being associated with people like Frank Fallon is incredible."

The award is named after the longtime Baylor sports broadcasting legend and is given to an individual who shows sportsmanship among players, coaches and officials for the betterment of Central Texas basketball.

Before coaching at Baylor, Haller was both athletic director and head coach at MCC. He recruited the two best players in Baylor history (Terry Teagle and Vinnie Johnson) after leading the Highlanders to a Final Four berth in the National Junior College Tournament during the mid 1970's.

## Golf programs on course

### MCC golfers continue to swing toward the National Tournament

**Aaron Smith**  
**Clay Zachery**  
Sports Writers

The 19th ranked Highlanders keep rolling along as they won their third straight tournament. The Tyler Fall Invitational November 6-7 at Eagles Bluff Country Club by one stroke over Paris Junior College, shooting a team total 549 for the tournament.

Leading the charge for the Highlanders were Tournament Medalist Kasper Jorgensen, who shot a tournament low 146 for the tournament (74-72) and Clint Sherman, who tied a course record by shooting 69 on Tuesday leading the Highlanders to victory in their final tournament of the fall.

"We're making the progress we need to be making at this point of the season," Head Coach Rick Butler said. "I'm really pleased with our play thus far but there's still room for improvement and that's the part that has me excited about this year's team."

The Highlanders fell seven spots in the rankings despite outshooting two of the teams ranked ahead of them in the latest national poll (San Jacinto and Paris Junior College) en route to their third straight victory.

McLennan has beaten each of the other Texas schools at least once in tournaments where they all fielded teams.

When asked about the perceived slight by the voters, Butler said "We'll just talk with our clubs."

One reason for the success is Butler's coaching methods which bring out the best in competition for the Highlanders. He has a system where you have to finish in the top four in your group to even make the tournament.

"I feel by doing this it creates a healthy competition which in return brings the best out of our guys," Butler said. "If you're always put in a situation where you have to be at the top of your game, chances are you will be better off in the long run."

Improvement week in and week out is also going to be key for the Highlassies success this season.

Having already placed second in the Midland Invitational, there is only one way to improve and that is to win.

Coach Stan Mitchell believes that the trip to Midland was a valuable teaching tool.

"It was disappointing placing second to Midland. It was a learning experience for us," Mitchell said.



The Highlander golf team poses with the hardware they've won thus far this season. Pictured from left to right are: (front row) Stephen Spence, Clint Sherman, Garry Autunes, Craig Baxter and Kasper Jorgensen. (back row) Aaron Loyd, Scott Eskew, Clay Kersh, Phil Adamecik and Shane Smith.

The Highlassies shot a team score of 312 on the first day and 316 on the second only to fall short of Midland by 7 and 11 strokes respectively.

"It was wet and rainy and a little different weather than we were used to," Mitchell said.

Ashlie Simmons and Kelli McKandless were standouts for MCC. Simmons shot a 75 on the first day and an 80 on the second, good enough to place fourth overall. McKandless had scores of 80 and 77 to finish in a tie for fifth place.

"This was a typical fall tournament, go out and learn something," Mitchell said.

Two teams from MCC were allowed to play in the tourney and it gave Mitchell an opportunity to see everyone and where they stand as a whole. According to

Mitchell, the tournament showed a lot of promise.

The final test of the season will be Nov. 12 at Connally Golf Course against Tyler. It will be a one day, 18-hole tournament.

"This will be kind of like a scrimmage. We will get to see everyone play," Mitchell said.

*Highland Herald* Sports Staff football predictions. Games chosen were the NCAA Top Ten, key Big 12 Matchups and NFL games with possible playoff implications

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## What's Happening

### UTA offers scholarships for MCC students

The University of Texas at Arlington has announced the creation of special scholarships for McLennan Community College graduates enrolling in UTA's upper-level classes through MCC's new University Center.

The Associate Recognition Scholarship is open to students who have completed an MCC associate's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. The scholarship provides \$250 per semester to students taking two, three-hour UTA courses. Students earning a 2.5 GPA in their UTA courses may apply for an additional year's scholarship for a lifetime maximum scholarship of \$2000.

Beginning in January, UTA will offer junior- and senior-level courses leading to a Bachelors in Business Administration/Management or a Bachelors in Criminology/Criminal Justice, with classes meeting on the MCC campus. In most cases, a student who enters the program with an associate's degree and takes two UTA courses each semester will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in three years.

UTA classes meeting at MCC for the Spring 2001 semester include CRCJ 3370, Introduction to Security (Saturday mornings) and CRCJ 4380, Comparative Justice Systems (on line, via Internet) in the Criminology/Criminal Justice Program. Courses from the College of Business/Management include INSU 4329, Property and Casualty Risk Management, and one other course to be named later. The courses will be taught by UTA professors who will travel to Waco to teach each week or by Internet instruction. UTA will offer two courses each semester, including summer terms, and is committed to providing a track that will provide students a full bachelor's degree.

For more information about the Associate Recognition Scholarship, call the MCC Information Center at 299-8622 or pick up an application in the Student Services Building on the MCC campus

#### Nov. 11

Phi Theta Kappa service project from Habitat for Humanity. All students are invited to attend. Starts at 7:30 a.m. at 925 Holt Avenue.

#### Nov. 13

Waco Area Youth Wind Ensemble to perform in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30.

#### Nov. 14

Phi Theta Kappa honors topic lecture at 7:00 p.m. called "Water and your Health" with guest speaker Tom Justice.

#### Nov. 15

Casa de Cafe will take place in the MCC cafeteria and feature art displays and musical performances by MCC students and faculty.

#### Nov. 17

Phi Theta Kappa Food and Fellowship in the Faculty/Staff Dining from 11:00 to 1:00 following with a tour at 1:30 of the Waco Water Treatment Plant. Meet at the Student Center.

#### Nov. 18

Phi Theta Kappa presents a Scholarship Workshop. A free service where students can learn how to present yourself for a scholarship committee. The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Kids Clinic from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Highlands Gym. The MCC Dance Company will host a dance clinic for kids.

#### Nov. 27

Free Guitar Ensemble concert in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

#### Dec. 4

Free Rock Concert in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

#### Dec. 5

Commercial Music Vocal Ensemble in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

#### Dec. 6

Spotlight Musical Theatre Ensemble to perform at 7:30 in the Ball Performing Arts Center.

#### Dec. 7

Wind Symphony and Chorale Concert in the Ball Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

#### Dec. 11

Final exams begin.

#### Dec. 15

Open House at the MCC cafeteria.

# Pavlenko studies abroad

**Andréa Garza**  
Staff Writer

Seven years ago when Russian student Anatoly Pavlenko had the chance to be an exchange student at Midway High School for a month, he and his mother both jumped at the opportunity.

"My mom's desire was for me to get educated somewhere else," Pavlenko said.

After one month at Midway, a seven-year journey back and forth began.

Pavlenko, originally from a city about 3000 miles east of Moscow called Ulan-ude, a city near Lake Baikal, attended high school in Vermont for six months, graduated from his high school in Russia and then attended a university in Russia for a year and a half.

Finally Pavlenko came back to Waco to attend MCC. He said he initially came to the U.S. to honor his mother's

wishes, but after his comings and goings he decided that the United States would be a good place to receive an education.

He said he decided to come back to Waco because he knew he would have help from people that he met during his original one month stay, and because MCC was comparatively inexpensive. He has been here at MCC for six years.

Pavlenko is a full-time student and a member of the work study program as a part-time webmaster at MCC.

Time attitude is the greatest difference he has noticed between Russia and the U.S.

"Time management is very important for the Americans. They say 'Time is money,'" Pavlenko said.

Another noticeable difference is the weather.

"I come from an area where we have four distinct seasons," Pavlenko said. Temperatures in Russia can go from 110 below

zero to above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. He said that he does miss the snow in Russia, but not the cold, blistering winds.

The humidity here in Texas is what kills him, Pavlenko said.

"That's the only thing I don't like about Texas," he said.

"I didn't have a culture shock. It was not as drastic as some other people have told me of," Pavlenko said.

Another thing that he noticed is that many people here have their own cars. Russian society relies heavily on buses, trams, and trolleys, especially in the winter because of the bad driving conditions.

He has also noticed how Americans rely greatly on fast food.

"I miss my family the most, and I miss the food," Pavlenko said.

He said that his family likes to hear about what he does here,

what he sees, and about the different experiences he has here. Sometimes they send him magazines and recordings of news channels so that he can have a sense of what is going on back home.

He said that his family is very proud and encourages him to continue with his education and career.

"It is special for them to have a son studying in the US," Pavlenko said.

Pavlenko has already completed his business degree, has a degree in computer programming, and is a data base specialist. He still wishes to stay here to continue his education to work towards his bachelor's degree.

"I would like to stick around. I haven't made up my mind, yet," Pavlenko said.

Staff writer *Jana Vaculik* contributed to this story.

## Qualifications exceed gender bias

**Jana Vaculik**  
Staff Writer

When people really need help, they are grateful to whomever comes to the rescue, whether it is a man or woman.

Fire and accident victims want someone who is qualified in medical and rescue procedures, an unbiased need that attracted Sherry Garrett, a woman cadet to MCC's fire academy.

Firefighting is traditionally considered a man's job, but now more women are choosing firefighting as a career.

MCC's Fire Academy is currently training cadets to become the next wave of firefighters.

Since 1997 fire academy instructor Steve Cook has had only two to three female cadets.

This year, out of 23 cadets, only one is a woman.

Garret said it was a personal decision to enter the fire academy.

"I chose firefighting to help

people and because the job is looked upon favorably by people," she said.

People might think it is hard for women to be firefighters, Garret said, but it isn't.

"Peoples' opinions are changing, so I think it is easier. The public just wants someone to help them."

Garret said she would advise other women wanting to get into firefighting that it is a challenge.

"Work hard and stick with it. You will gain perseverance and self-confidence. You would be surprised at what you can do," she said.

"I do not have male or female cadets. I have cadets. The standards are exactly the same," Cook said. "I judge if the individual meets the standards."

When Cook was working in Austin half the crew was female.

"I thought of them more as coworkers than women. I just could not get use to panty hose in the locker rooms," Cook said.

Firefighters develop a special bond between each other because sometimes they live together 24 hours.

"You see each other hurting and depend on each other," said Cook. "They see their part as a team instead of an individual."

However, female firefighters do have certain advantages over their male counterparts.

"We can fit through small places," Garret said. "Everyone has their own weaknesses and strengths so it balances out."

Firefighters must sometimes live 24 hours with their fellow cadets, but there is no tension between Garret and the other cadets. Other students "treat me as one of the guys," she said.

#### Did you know...

The City of Waco recently hired 17 firefighters. Sixteen of them came from the MCC Fire Academy.

Fire Academies such as MCC's provide cadets with standardized training that allows them to change departments easily.

Of all the calls coming into a fire department only 11 percent of them will be fires.

Firefighters respond to cave-ins, trench rescue, car accidents and medical emergencies as well.

For more information on the MCC Fire Academy contact Cook at 299-8755.

## Ceremony heralds LTC

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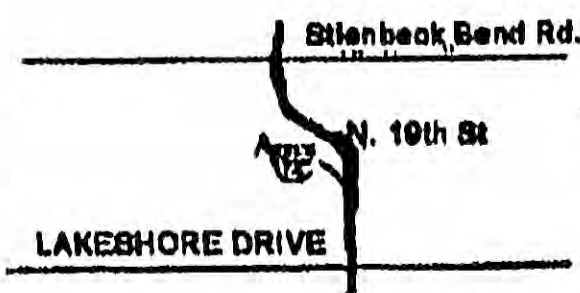
cility, however, can," Lewis said.

Designed by Raso, Bailey, Dudley, and Rose Inc. and under construction by Waco Construction Company, the facility is slated for completion by Fall of 2001, Michaelis said. He said he hopes that the building will be fully operational by that time, and students will be able to begin using it immediately after its completion.

"We are pleased to have Waco Construction working to build the facility, and proud of the job done to this point. The progress has been remarkable," Dr. Michaelis said.

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# Entertainment

## 'Angels' leave audiences with smiles

### Movie Review

### CHARLIE'S ANGELS

★★★

Starring

Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu,

Bill Murray, Tim Curry

Directed by McG

Five star rating



Michelle Gold  
Entertainment Editor

Silly? Yes. Corny? Definitely.

Cheesy? Oh yeah. Did I like it? Yes!

*Charlie's Angels*, which opened November 3, proved with its cast, effects and writing to be an all around fun movie. I actually left the movie theater with a big smile and feeling like I could kick some bad guy's butt, even with high heels on.

The "Angels" consisted of the red headed Dylan (Drew Barrymore), determined Alex (Lucy Liu), and bubbly Natalie (Cameron Diaz) who work for a philanthropist millionaire named Charlie through Bosley, played by Bill Murray.

While the script and some of the effects were a bit flaky, the underlying tone of pure fun carried the movie through.

There is somewhat of a plot; their mission is to save a computer genius, whose mind has created a new kind of voice identification software. When

he is kidnapped, his rival, Roger Corwin (Tim Curry) is automatically suspected. Eventually, they rescue the genius only to find that an unsuspecting bad guy is now after the Angels themselves.

Either way, the three girls kick butt with *Matrix* style moves, never with a weapon, except maybe by each other, and seductive hair tosses that entrance the opposite sex.

One absolute pure delight, aside from just her smile, is Diaz. The adventurous, slender, and somewhat ditzzy Diaz just seems to ooze charisma and joy in every part of the movie.

Fulfilling her dream of being a disco dancer, in one scene she manages to transform a hip-hop crowd to groove disco style with her on an episode of *Soul Train*. And who else, for instance, can talk to a cute, prospective boyfriend (Scott Wilson) on a cell phone, while

"takin' out" two very large guys' and the main villain as well? Oh, did I mention all in high heels?

Drew Barrymore plays Dylan, who never fully abandons her cute little girl act and proves she can pull off being the bad temptress very well. Also, as the main villain finds out, never play with an Angel's emotions; let's just say, Dylan got her revenge.

The best and almost super-human moment will have to go to the scene where she takes down five very mean and large guys while tied to a chair, and moonwalks out of the room saying, "And that is kicking your ass."

Lucy Liu portrays Alex, the expert in explosives and computers, and shows off her martial arts skills with high flying kicks. But let's not forget her shining moment when she is disguised as a CEO efficiency

expert who hypnotizes an entire office of engineers with her dominatrix and leather wearing style. According to her boyfriend (Matt LeBlanc), though, Liu is just an innocent bikini waxer who responds to telephone calls from a person named Charlie.

Bill Murray does an excellent job with his awkward style of humor as the go-between man from the girls to Charlie. He also goes undercover where he is submitted to torture such as Sumo wrestling with the suspected bad guy. He steals almost every scene in the movie with his subtle expressions and, well, just by being Bill Murray.

The great parts, however, are the small things, such as a soap gun or the reference to *The Great Escape* with a baseball and a glove that Murray uses while being held captive.

Be sure to look for some cameo appearances from celebrities you would never suspect such as Tom Greene, whose eccentricity makes you wonder, what role (if any) is he playing in this movie?

In the movie, Green and Barrymore have a slight fling, while they are officially a couple off screen.

This is the director's, known as McG, first movie directorial



Angels left to right, Alex (Lucy Liu), Natalie (Cameron Diaz), Dylan (Drew Barrymore) prepare to combat the forces of evil.

debut after making a switch from directing music videos. He does well keeping the mood light and having his fight scenes choreographed by Cheung-Yan Yeun, a well known martial arts choreographer. The stunts and fighting, in most of the scenes, are actually done by the Angels. With exceptions of the special effects added resembling *The Matrix* moves. And you have got to love the explosion scenes where the girls walk away with barely a scratch.

But that is the point. The cast, the script, the director, everybody involved doesn't take the movie seriously, and that is what is so lovable about it. Upon seeing this movie (and as if you couldn't tell by now, I

am suggesting that you do) one has to take away all the great expectations of the movie being even remotely serious.

Beware you criticizing serious folks who expect every movie to carry some deep meaning of life portrayed by some bag blowing in the wind; this movie is full of energetic fun with lots of smiles, girls beating up bad guys and really cool clothes. There is no secret philosophy hidden in the script. If anything, there almost is no script, unless you count the sexual innuendos and goofy dialogue. But that is the point, it is supposed to be goofy to make you walk out of the theatre with a big smile on your face.

## Next production *Medea*

Michelle Gold  
Entertainment Editor

Cast and crew members of the MCC Theatre Department's upcoming play *Medea* have put in long and numerous hours in preparing for the show's opening.

*Medea* is a classic Greek tragedy involving deception, murder, and jealousy; the The-

atre Department is planning to portray this woeful tale through a dance adaptation.

The choreographer of the show is Jerry MacLaughlin. Acting director is Jim Rambo. Kathleen Cochran designed the costumes and Tim Poertner designed the set. The script was adapted by Rex Warner.

*Medea*, the tale of a woman

who sacrifices everything for the man she loves, Jason, only to be pushed aside by him, is torn between the emotions of motherhood and revenge.

The cast will be dancing to the sounds of the MCC Percussion Ensemble and Japanese drums called Kodo as they describe the tragic love story between Jason and Medea.

### Medea Cast:

**Older Jason/Medea**  
Daniel Hronek  
Sarah Beth O'Donnell

**Young Jason/Medea**  
Daryl Embry  
Raina Krause

**The Kids**  
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Todd Deaver

**Tutor**  
Scott Morales

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# Library

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hours during dead week for finals," Vargas said.

One of the questions asked in an informal student survey is: Is it important to have librarian, tutorial and computer assistance during weekend and evening hours?

According to the plans for the Learning Technology Center, there will be plenty of study and lounge areas for students.

The first floor will be Network Services, but the second floor will provide two to four person tables for a cozy atmosphere with seat-

ing for 120-140 people.

Also available will be an information desk, TV lounge, and computers for e-mail and classrooms. Telephones, student lockers and a conference room will be available to rent for meetings.

An art gallery, an outside courtyard, the Center of Instructional Innovation, and two distance classrooms will also be on the second floor.

"The courtyard on the second floor will be for students to sit outside on a nice day," Vargas said.

The third floor will be comprised of the Academic Success

Center with over 120 computers. Students can find reference materials and electronic information there, Vargas said.

Six study rooms, another conference room, and books will also be located on the third floor along with more quiet space.

Stairs and a glass elevator will be used to get from one floor to another.

"In the glass elevator, library users will be able to see outside while going up to the second floor," Vargas said.

If there is enough interest, the new library will be open for minimester students during the

Christmas holidays.

One of the advantages to the Learning Technology Center is the new Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system.

"In the old library when we wanted to open on weekends we had to heat up two to three buildings in order to heat the library," Vargas said. "The new building will have a HVAC system so it has its own cooling and heating. It saves a lot of energy."

The survey is published in the Highland Herald and the deadline to turn it in is November 27. Students can drop it off at the library.

Dear Student-

I would like your input on library hours at the new Learning Technology Center. The Center will be a three story facility containing classrooms, offices, a "food court," ample seating for studying & socializing, PC's for research and email, the Library, Academic Success Center (ASC) and many other features.

The library and ASC staffs are interested in receiving suggestions for hours of operation. Please give us your honest opinion. Please make as many comments as possible. Your comments are important to us. Please return your survey to:

Jane Vargas MCC Library (CSC Building)

1. During the Fall and Spring semesters, I would like to see the Library/ASC open from: (Place time in blanks)

- \_\_\_\_\_ am to \_\_\_\_\_ pm Monday
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- \_\_\_\_\_ am to \_\_\_\_\_ pm Saturday
- \_\_\_\_\_ am to \_\_\_\_\_ pm Sunday

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I would like special extended hours (24 hrs/day) during:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mid-terms
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not interested in extended hours

3. How important is fresh food/drink availability during evening and weekend hours?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Very important
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not that important
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vending machines are okay
- \_\_\_\_\_ No opinion

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How important is it to have a librarian available to assist in research during the evening and weekends?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Very important
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not that important

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How important it is to have computer technical assistance during evenings and weekends?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Very important
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not that important

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

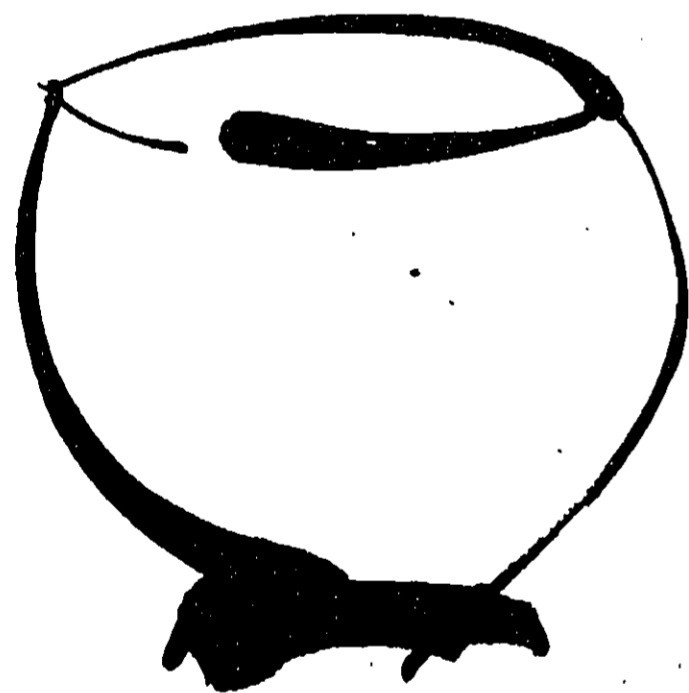
6. How important is it to have math, reading, and/or writing assistance during evenings and weekends?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Very important
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not that important

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Spring Clay at MCC

This spring, MCC will offer pottery courses for both beginning and advanced students. The beginning student will have an opportunity to learn techniques including working with coils, slabs, and numerous other hand-building processes with a great deal of time spent mastering the potter's wheel. Advanced students will be encouraged to develop their own course plans. There are even sections for non-Art majors and Continuing Education students.



Early registration is strongly advised as enrollment is limited, and classes will fill quickly.

For more information, contact Trey South at (254) 299-8791 or 836-1330, or e-mail at [tsouth@eramp.net](mailto:tsouth@eramp.net).

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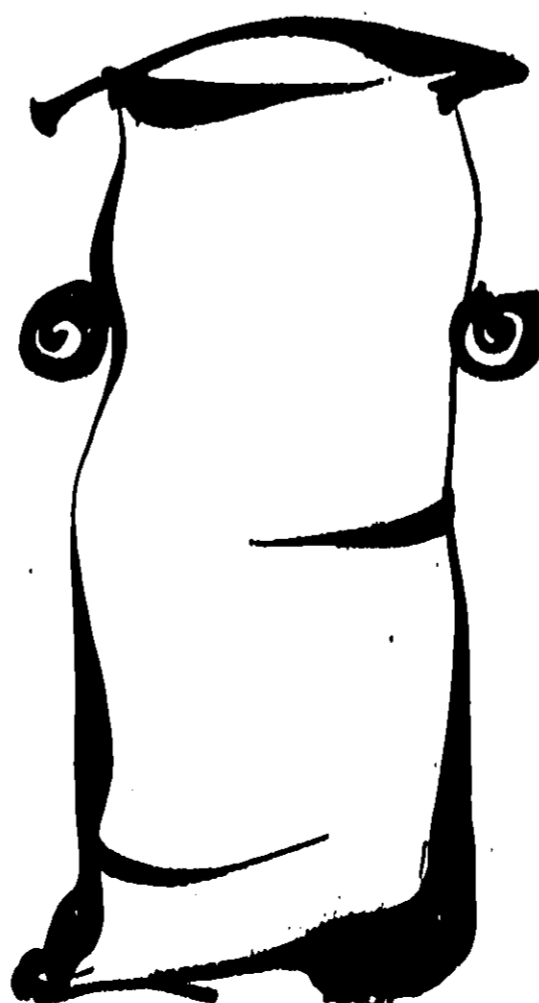
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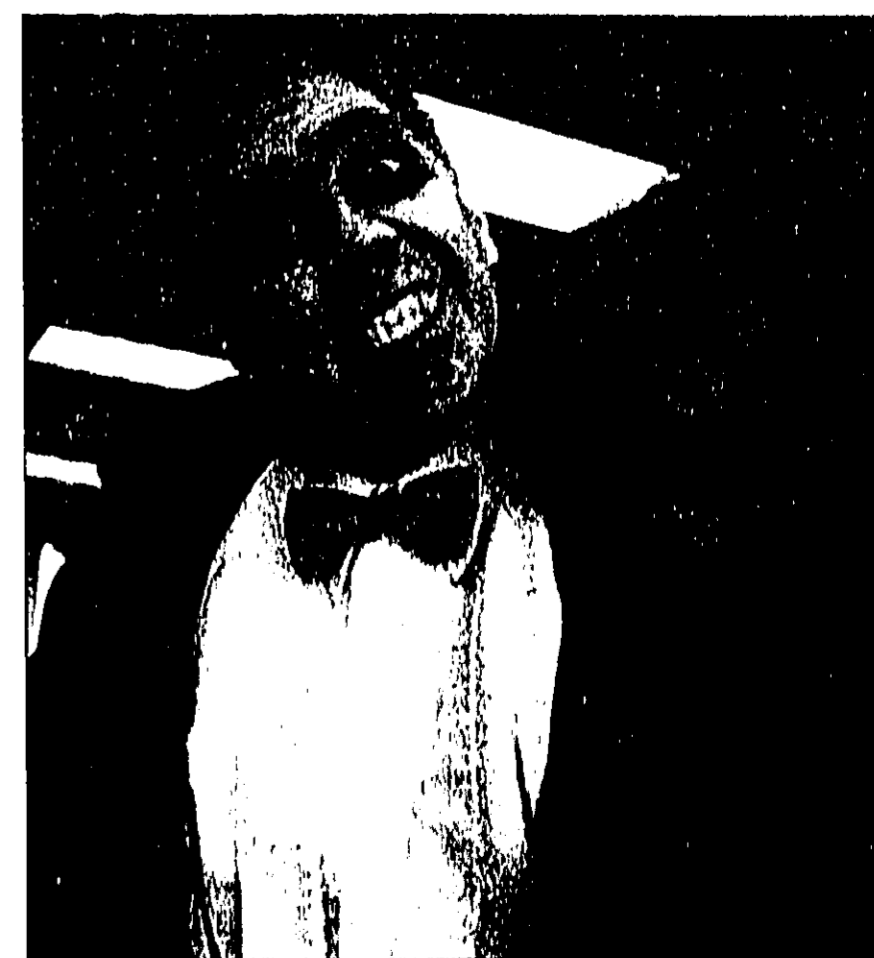
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**ARTS 2377 Problems in Clay**  
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### Box the bat visits blood drive



Dr. Jay Box, Vice President of Instruction, a.k.a Dracula, helps drain a little blood for the Phi Theta Kappa annual blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross of Waco on October 31, 2000.