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Photo by Ken Crawford

JOEL ROBINSON appears to jump out of the MTV pumpkin while performing at the Halloween Dance held in the Student Center on Oct. 29. Robinson is bass guitarist for the MCC Rock Ensemble, one of four commercial music bands that was featured as entertainment.

SG announces proposal to increase excitement

By JEFF OSBORNE

Increasing student enthusiasm on campus and planning additional activities were discussed during a recent Student Government meeting.

In a special election held on Oct. 23, Sharon Portwood was elected as a SG representative. The purpose of the election was to fill a vacancy left when one member dropped below the required 12 semester hours. Portwood competed with five others to win her position.

Increasing school spirit, especially at athletic events, was one concern expressed during the meeting.

To boost excitement and vocal support during basketball games, it was suggested that MCC either elect or appoint yell-leaders.

Although the administration is opposed to having cheerleaders, they may not be against having yell-leaders, according to Lorie Wills, SG president.

She said the yell-leaders would not come into a conflict of interest with the dance com-

pany because yell-leaders would not perform as traditional cheerleaders.

Greg Clark, director of student activities, said that yell-leaders could be an asset to the school if the idea is done properly. He then referred to the great amount of vocal support and spirit present at Hill Junior College basketball games.

The main concern of the administration, Clark said, is to prevent fights from breaking out between enthusiastic fans from opposing schools.

Wills and Clark both said yell-leaders might have an impact on increasing community support for MCC teams. "They (yell-leaders) could really do a good job on promoting the games and getting students interested," Clark said.

"The Inter-Club Council is already drawing up a proposal to get cheerleaders on campus, but student government's ideas might be totally different," said Scott Perry. Perry serves as both vice president of Student Government and chairman of Inter-Club Council.

Student Government has decided to survey students on the idea of having yell-leaders to see if enough support exists.

"Sometimes the gym seems almost empty during games, so anything we could do to get students more involved would be good," Clark said.

Student Government voted to wait until the spring semester to take any definite action. However, some members expressed their intent to work on the proposal this fall.

Paul Holder, a sponsor of SG, suggested that the proposal be included on the ballot for the spring election.

In other business, SG voted to cancel the spades tournament scheduled for this week. Phyllis Hutyra, chairman of the Games Committee, cited a lack of student interest as the reason.

To replace the spades tournament, a ping-pong tournament will be held next week. Although no plans have yet been finalized, Clark suggested the tournament be doubles

competition only. Since the gameroom has only one ping-pong table, more could participate with doubles competition, he said.

Another suggestion was to allow students to dance during the mini-concerts held during the 10 a.m. activity hour. "Many students have shown an interest in dancing during the concerts," Wills said.

Several ideas for SG's annual gift to the school were mentioned. Among suggestions were another ping-pong table for the gameroom and a new big-screen television set for the Student Center. Other ideas were picnic tables and bench swings.

A proposal for an outdoor eating area was also discussed. The Suggestion Box Committee is currently studying this proposal.

Members of the Student Government will have the opportunity to attend a regional convention at Navarro College in Corsicana on Thursday.

Early registration permits available

Course advising forms and permits to register (registration time stickers) for the spring semester are being issued to students at the registrar's office.

Permits to register will be required during early registration on Nov. 30-Dec. 3 and during designated hours the first

two days of regular registration on Jan. 6-7.

All students should be advised by a counselor, department chairman, or faculty member before registration. Being advised is the best way to be sure that the right

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President search narrows to five

The MCC Board of Trustees met last night in a closed session to narrow the field of candidates for school president.

Five applicants were expected to remain in consideration for the job to replace Dr. Wilbur Ball when he retires in August, 1988.

A search committee consisting of two administrators, three faculty members, two board members, one student and one secretary has been studying the applications since last summer.

The search committee met with the board last night to discuss qualifications of the candidates for the position.

Names of the finalists are expected to be announced later this week after each has been notified.

Sexual decision making discussed at Brown Bag

By DONNA YOUNG & LISA G. ROE

Sexual decision making and types of birth control were discussed at the Oct. 28 Brown Bag Luncheon.

Pam Smallwood, director of education at Planned Parenthood in Waco, spoke to a group of 25 people in the HPE Lecture Hall.

Planned Parenthood of Central Texas is a medical clinic for women, specializing in gynecology. Counseling services are also provided for both men and women in relation to sexual decision making, problems concerning sex and methods of birth control.

Services provided by Planned Parenthood differ from that of a private physician. Since it is a public institution, the clinic is supported in part by the government.

Due to governmental help, the clinic is able to offer its services on a sliding fee scale. On the sliding fee scale system, charges are assessed according to individual income. Teenagers, ages 10 and younger, are assessed according to their individual income rather than that of their parents.

This system offers alternatives for lower income individuals who might not be able to afford a private physician.

Other services that differ from that of a private physician include confidentiality of

records (regardless of age) and a staff of counselors.

Smallwood said that Planned Parenthood informs people of all four options that are available for pregnancy -adoption, single parenthood, marriage, or abortion.

"We try to discourage abortion as a method of birth control," Smallwood said. "We are obligated, however, to inform people of every option legally available," she added.

"We see about 9,000 people a year, and of those people, 40 percent are age 10 and younger," Smallwood said.

"In our society, we're all, regardless of our age, being bombarded by sex-be it from TV, movies, etc. Look at the role models we have on TV, the entertainment media cheapens our outlook on the reality of sex."

Smallwood lectures on this topic to high schools, colleges, and other organizations.

She mentioned that some groups are opposed to teenagers being able to receive birth control without parental consent.

"When President Reagan tried to enact a squeal law in which parents must be notified, we surveyed teenagers who use our services. Ninety-seven percent said they would no longer come to us for birth control, but the same percentage said that they would continue to have sex," Smallwood said.

Smallwood held a question and answer session during the luncheon in which the crowd actively participated. When she questioned the crowd concerning reasons for and against abstaining from sexual activity, a variety of answers were given.

Everyone agreed that the fear of sexually transmitted diseases, prominently AIDS, was a big factor in deciding to abstain from sex. Other answers included the fear of pregnancy and its responsibilities, complication of relationships, fear of sex, moral values and just saying no.

At the other end of the issue, the audience gave several answers as to why a person would have sex. A sense of security, experimentation, peer pressure, fear of rejection, and a false sense of maturity were among the answers given.

Smallwood stressed that one important reason for having sex that the group failed to mention was love.

"The heart of most sexual problems, is the fact that most people cannot discuss sex openly with their partner," she said.

"A lot of people think it's okay to have casual sex without a thought to birth control."

Many teenagers, mostly junior high and high school age, do not use any form of birth control. A major misconception

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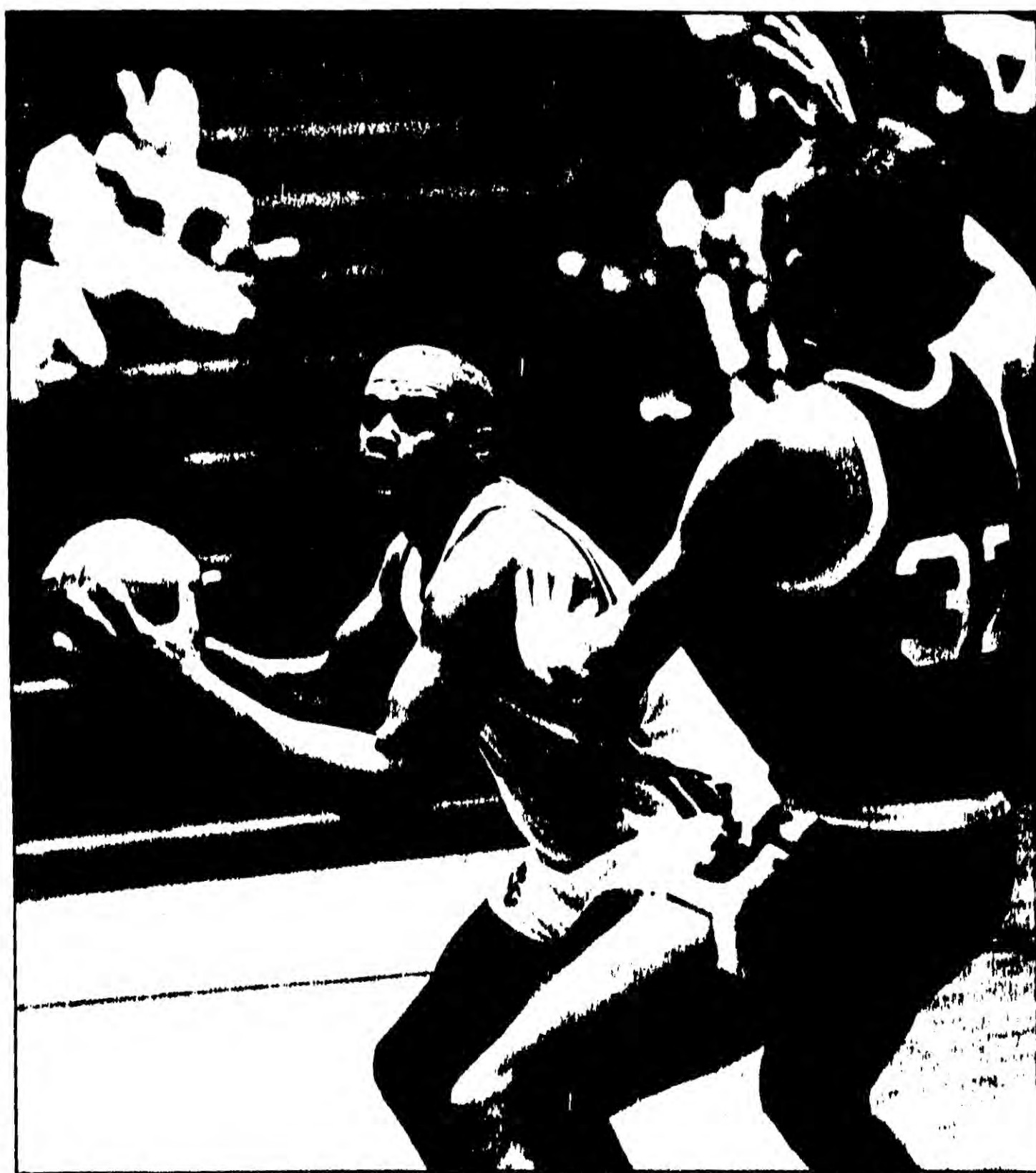


Photo by Ken Crawford

LOOKING FOR '2'...Freddie Williams of MCC prepares to out maneuver James Holcomb of Mary-Hardin Baylor. An aggressive defense and a fast-paced offense led the Highlanders to a 92-70 victory over the crusaders in their opening game last night in the Highlands. Leading scorers for MCC were Shone Wyatt with 17 points, followed by Willie Gilmore, 16, Howard Turner, 16, Rodney Diggs, 14, and Carl Love, 11.

Tribute to veterans' honor



By JEFF OSBORNE

Editor-in-chief

It is a time of year when our thoughts turn from the ghosts of Halloween to visions of Thanksgiving turkey, or even a semi-distant Christmas.

The World Series is over, but the race for football glory is just now heightening. With the flurry of activities swirling around us, it is easy to ignore another important observance: Veteran's Day.

For many people, Veteran's Day is just another reason to watch small town parades, sing patriotic songs, or wave the flag (all of which are fine).

Other people just let the day pass by without even giving a thought to its significance: the sacrifice of men for our country.

Although veterans from other wars have fought in defense of America as well, nothing brings such a storm of controversy as Vietnam.

Only recently have we begun to let the bitter wounds caused by the Vietnam War heal. Finally, veterans of this chaotic war are beginning to receive respect and appreciation.

The last few years have seemed to bring about an increased interest in Vietnam, but this sudden interest has been for wrong reasons as well as right ones.

A barrage of movies dealing with Vietnam have surfaced,

but the themes are often twisted. One example of this is Rambo. It is ridiculous to imagine Rambo blowing away the entire Vietnamese Army, with a squadron of Russians thrown in to make things interesting.

Some people might argue that these are just movies, but these movies are also a reflection on the veterans who fought in the distant jungle which many thought of as hell.

Are the memories of Vietnam so bad that we have to re-fight the war on film? Why, 12 years later, do we ignore the reality of shattered dreams, human need and torn emotions resulting from the conflict?

The Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Washington, D.C., also known as "The Wall," has done a lot to soothe the effects of the war, but something is still missing.

Veterans need to be accepted for what they really are—real people with hopes and dreams, fears and emotions.

Instead, they are portrayed as two-dimensional figures who ride off into the sunset after beating the "bad guys." Even worse, sometimes they are shown to be mentally disturbed manics who go on a rampage and destroy entire towns.

While this may sell tickets for movie theaters, it is no small wonder why many people have trouble seeing through the Hollywood stereotypes and into the real people that veterans are.

Enough of what occurs in life is wrapped in a shroud of uncertainty, without adding the confusion caused by the raging controversy of war.

Veterans came from all types of occupations, and were seized from the comforts of a normal life and thrust into the chaos of conflict. Reasons for this can be either a love for their country, or a reluctant obligation to fulfill their duty by rushing into the hornet's nest of war.

Veterans should be respected for their sacrifice, not condemned for taking part in something many of them would have rather avoided.



Photo by Ken Crawford

KELLY MUNCY PEERS MYSTERIOUSLY behind her veil during the MCC Halloween Dance held in the Student Center Oct. 29.

Prejudice strikes due to ignorance



By DARRYL ADAMSON

Entertainment

to stereotyping—which further leads to bigotry, discrimination and blatant hatred for those who don't fit into our secure world of familiarity.

Weighing the differences between random people and ourselves often leave room for only two choices: "I'm better than" or "I'm in pitiful shape." Usually there is no in-between.

Even when we try not to judge other people based on appearance, our sub-conscience takes over. This is a fault of society because for so many years the majority used pre-judgement as their only means of detecting right from wrong.

It began before America first sought its independence. The first Americans fled their native country because the establishment perceived these people as being "trouble makers" and "evil doers." Not once did they stop to consider that "difference" from oneself does not make it wrong, it only opens the door for expansion of the mind through growth, learning and understanding.

In 1987, we should be well past the point of using pre-judgment to tell whether a person means us harm or not. Especially on a college campus, where a major part of our education is growing socially as well as academically.

Skin color, dress and how a person combs his hair should not be the determining factors on who we choose to interact socially with. We should all make a commitment to see beyond our eyes and our little idiosyncrasies and to pick and choose according to what is inside the person.

Lets all strive to give this campus a reputation of being unified and friendly.

Spirit needs spark

By JEFF OSBORNE

During the recent Highlassie Classic, the games were interesting and entertaining to watch.

Only one vital ingredient seemed to be missing: loud vocal fan support.

MCC has one of the best gyms of any junior college in Texas, the Highlands, which is an enormous recruiting tool, according to any coach or player on campus. Both the men's and women's basketball teams have proven themselves to be consistent winners and conference powerhouses.

What MCC needs something to boost to the enthusiasm of the fans, something similar to programs at other schools where fans realize how important their support really is to the home team.

This need has been voiced by members of the two most active and influential organizations on campus, Student Government and Inter-Club Council.

It has been suggested that MCC increase fan support by once again having students officially lead cheers and ignite excitement during the game.

This idea is long overdue, and would benefit not only the teams playing for MCC, but the school's image as well.

It should be stressed that the students chosen to lead the fans in vocal support would be yell-leaders, not the traditional cheer-leader that would perform at the games.

Yell-leaders would not take away anything from the Dance Company, but add to the student involvement in the game.

It is our opinion that many of the students who either choose not to attend the games or sit quietly during the game, would join in support of their team if only an organized effort was made.

MCC athletic teams and the fan support they receive is a mirror of the school's image and attitude. We can either give a passive and indifferent reflection, or a progressive and exciting image to the school.

One valid concern of the administration is that school spirit might get out of hand and lead to fights during the games. Although it is true that too much of a good thing can be harmful, this should not lead us to decide to do nothing at all.

Involvement and a sense of enthusiasm on campus is up to the student body as a whole; however, it is the responsibility of student leadership to get something started.

Ideas ranging from simply having yell-leaders to having a band play at the games have been suggested. One Student Government member suggested that MCC have a mascot perform during the games.

Whether any further action is taken on the subject depends upon the reaction of students to the idea. It would be useless to waste the time, effort and money the project would cost if students don't even care anyway.

Student's I.D.'s Worth Showing

By LESLIE WILSON

Students should become aware that by using their student identification cards, they might be able to receive discounts from local restaurants and movie theaters.

For example, "Showbiz Pizza, located in the new shopping center at 5000 W. Waco Dr., had a half-price discount on the lunch buffet," said Greg

Clark, director of student activities. However, a student should always ask before expecting he will get a discount.

One tip Clark gives is to gather a group of students and have them all ask the owners of the establishments at the same time. If the owner refuses the discount, the students should leave.

"More than likely, the owner will agree to the discount

rather than lose business, and students will be starting their own price war," he said.

If a student has not received his student I.D., he should go to the business office and have one made. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the I.D. card has been lost, the cost of a re-make is \$3.

SADD plans future activities

By PETE BACON

The MCC chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk is now two weeks old and already the organization is planning to be active on campus while promoting the idea of not driving while intoxicated.

Martie Sauter, a mental health instructor, is the program's director. She says that the group is planning to show films, present speakers, and conduct campaigns that show the consequences of driving drunk.

Three members of S.A.D.D. who led in the organization of the chapter are Barbara Olsen, Richard Evens, and Myra Diuguid. They are encouraging other students to attend the meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of the month of November. The meetings will be at 10 a.m. in room 204 of the Administration and Classroom Building.

Literature concerning drunk driving is available to students free of charge. Anyone interested in S.A.D.D. may contact Mrs. Sauter at extension 287.

Sex decisions

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among this age group is that the withdrawal method is an accepted form of birth control, according to Smallwood.

"Most teenagers are afraid to approach the usage of birth control due to the idea that it promotes the idea of planned sex instead of casual sex," Smallwood said. "Many of our first-time visitors are usually pregnant (usually 4 to 5 months) due to the fact of not practicing birth control."

Smallwood mentioned several types of birth control available, including condoms, birth control pills, spermicidal foams, and sterilization.

The only birth control that is 100 percent effective is to avoid having sex, according to Smallwood.

NAMES in the news...

Loy Lenamon, a MCC student, returned home last week from the hospital after gall bladder surgery and is progressing slowly. "For the first time in my life, food is the last thing I want," she said. "But I don't recommend major surgery as a diet measure." Since her recovery will take 4-6 months, she doesn't believe she will return to MCC any time soon...

Patrick King, former staff member of The Highland Herald, recently had a story "Baptist Retirees Help Construct Buildings for Area Churches" published in the Robinson Neighbor section of the Waco Tribune-Herald...

Bookstore manager John D'Amico won a pizza-eating contest at a local restaurant on Oct. 7.

Discover program assists in student's career search

By MELISSA TRESZOKS

A new, updated career search program was installed this past month in the counseling department.

The "Discover" computer program is a career search module that helps students plan different careers in a step-by-step order. This program has nine different modules ranging from the planning of a career to the career requirements.

When asked why students use this program, counselor John Nobis said, "Students approach the program different-

ly."

The purpose of having this program is "to help the undecided student choose a major and help the adult students who are coming back to school," Nobis said.

The new computer program is more complex than the old one, but the graphics and colors have been improved.

To use the "Discover" program, one should contact the secretary in the counseling office to set up a time with a counselor. The office hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays.

After graduating with a BBA from Baylor University, former MCC student Joe Fellan is attending the University of Texas at Austin for graduate study.

MCC students Billy Geer and Bruce Cummings are planning to publish a comic book starring a cartoon character known as "Ran,Jan Pillsworth."

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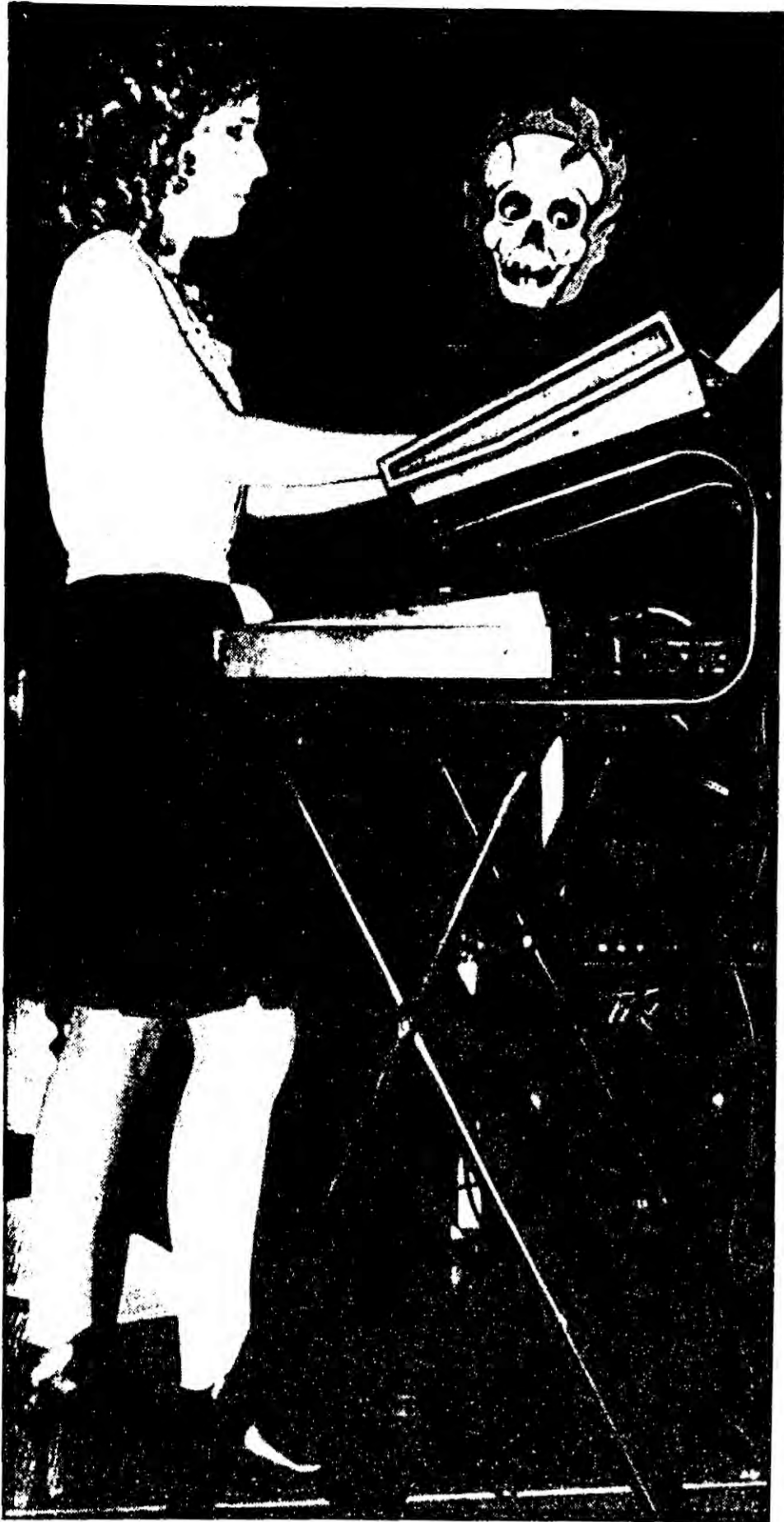


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KIM TWEDDALE STRIKES the keys carefully as a flaming skeleton peers on at the Halloween dance last Thursday night.

New lighting system 'clicks on' at MCC

By **TERI LYN EISMA**

Traditional light switches may soon become a thing of the past as modern technology replaces old lighting methods at MCC.

Devices called "personnel sensors" replace light switches in public areas such as restrooms, snack areas, stairwells, and some offices and classrooms.

MCC began installing personnel sensors around the campus three months ago to test how they will save MCC money and energy in a year's time, according to Herman Betke, vice president of business services.

Dee Toombs, superintendent of MCC's Physical Plant, initiated the idea. He and those who work with him on the maintenance of the college are responsible for installing the sensors.

The system includes three types of personnel sensors. Body heat in the room stimulates a heat sensor to turn on the lights. A movement sensor uses infra-red light to sense any movement in the room. For one type of sensor, anything that breaks the photoelectric eye beam will turn on the lights.

The personnel sensors may be turned off manually for weekends or vacations. Most sensors have an adjustable timer to turn the lights off after the given elapsed time when no one is in the area. The same holds true for outside lights, which use timers and photoelectric eye beams.

The money for the lighting system comes directly out of MCC's operating budget. The system should pay for itself in a year, Betke said, and should afterward make a profit over what MCC has paid on past electric bills.

The personnel sensor system will be used extensively in MCC's new "Old Waco Hg. facility as renovations continue, Betke said.

Another change in the lighting system, Betke said, is the change from 40 to 32 watt fluorescent bulbs in the lights

around campus to further save money and energy.

Student services council

By **DARIN CHRISTIE**

The Student Services Council passed a motion in its last meeting to prompt action toward the installation of a new traffic signal.

The signal would be located at the intersection of Lake Brazos Drive and Lake Shore Drive. It would allow drivers travelling north on Lake Brazos to make a protected left hand turn on Lake Shore.

The motion was the result of several complaints from students who must turn left at the intersection in order to reach MCC. The students said that they normally must wait through several changes of the light before getting a chance to turn left in the morning rush-hour traffic.

Although the same motion was passed last year, city officials failed to install the turn signal, and council members decided to revive the issue.

Another area of student complaints the council discussed was the parking problem. The discussion centered on the practice of some students in parking across the lines and taking up more than one parking space.

The council reported also that the Who's Who Among Junior College Students nominees have all been submitted. Thirty-eight students were nominated but three have been disqualified due to failure to meet all requirements. Evaluation of nominees will take place at the next meeting.

Other topics of discussion for the council were the possibility of new benches on the campus and the construction of a wall near the Student Center to provide better seating during mini-concerts.

Whispering Oaks fire guts student apartment

By **DARIN CHRISTIE**

A fire broke out in Whispering Oaks Apartments at 4400 N. 19 St. late Sunday afternoon destroying one apartment and damaging three others.

Second floor apt. 409 was completely gutted in the blaze. MCC student Teresa Harper, the single occupant of the destroyed apartment, was not home when the fire began.

Apartments below and to each side of the burned apartment had both smoke and water damage.

"The fire could have taken a very tragic turn if the firefighters had not acted so promptly," said manager Bessie Collins.

An elderly couple occupying 309 had already gone to bed before the blaze began and were unaware of the danger. Upon

arriving, firefighters immediately rescued the couple unharmed. No injuries were reported.

The Fire Department's investigation was unable to pinpoint the exact cause. Officials believe the fire was linked to a candle or a cigarette.

"After seeing how high the flames were I was amazed to find out that the fire walls contained it so well," said Collins.

This is the second fire of this size at the complex in the 11 years Collins has been the manager. The other incident was the result of a grease fire.

Collins estimates it will take between 30 and 60 days to make all repairs. Tenants will return to their original apartments at that time.

No cost estimate of damage is available yet.

English department computerizes class for spring semester

By **TAMMY ROSS**

A computerized English 311 class will be available to students next semester.

The class will be team taught by Debra Hull, an English instructor, and David Burgett, CDP program director.

Both Hull and Burgett agree that this will probably be a one-time experiment, although it may become a permanent class depending on student reactions.

The first three to four weeks of the class will be taught by Burgett and will give the student "good grounding" in word processing.

After the first few weeks, Hull will instruct the class in the regular 311 curriculum, except that all papers will be written on the computer.

Hull said she "hopes students will be encouraged to re-write more" since using the computers will make it easier to correct errors."

On the other hand, Hull said she is "hoping students won't be scared off" by the idea of having to use the computers. Burgett added that even though a computer is the "best tool for writing," some people do not like to use them.

Students will receive credit for English 311 and Business 190.

Both Hull and Burgett suggest the student have some typing skills, although Burgett notes that "they don't have to

be speed-demon typists."

However, students do need to type at least 20-30 words per minute or they "won't get anything out of the course," said Burgett.

The computers will also be available to students outside the scheduled class time so students will be able to do out-of-class work, according to Burgett.

Early registration

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courses are taken and that they are taken in proper sequence, according to Dr. Ramon Aleman, coordinator of counseling services.

New students or students on probation must be advised before they may receive a permit to register.

Registration itself will be in three phases—early, regular and late.

Early registration will take place Nov. 30-Dec. 3 between the hours of 3-6 by permit only.

Regular registration will be held Jan. 6-7 p.m. between 10 a.m.-7 p.m. with permits to register required between 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Regular registration continues on Jan. 9 between 8 a.m.-noon (no permit needed).

Late registration occurs Jan. 11-14 from 12:30-2 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. No permit is required for late registration.



Photo by Ken Crawford

DEANNA BROWN AND ANN BAMFORD consult each other at the Halloween dance. The two, dressed in elaborate costumes, compare dollars with one another.

NEWS BRIEFS

Math teleconference Nov. 10

A teleconference on "Computer-Aided Instruction in Mathematics" will be held at MCC for area math teachers on Nov. 10.

The teleconference will be received via satellite from California and will include live demonstrations of four working classroom models using computer-aided instruction. Instructors from De Anza College, Orange Coast College and West Valley College will be teleconference presenters.

Math teachers from area high schools, Baylor University, Paul Quinn College and Texas State Technical Institute have been invited to join MCC instructors for the teleconference and discussion session. Participants at MCC and the other remote sites will be able to call in and ask questions of panel participants.

For more information call MCC extensions 257 or 272.

Driver's education starts Nov. 16

MCC will begin driver education courses Nov. 16 for adults and teenagers with 32 hours of classroom instruction and eight hours of actual driving.

The program for teenagers will be on MCC campus and in Hewitt and will include 12 hours of simulation and four hours of driving. The after-school program can be completed in four to five weeks. Students must be 15 years old by the final class day (Dec. 15) in order to enroll.

MCC also offers defensive driving courses in the evenings and on Saturdays, both on the MCC campus and at Marlin High School. Drivers may take the course to lower their insurance costs, dismiss a traffic ticket or improve their driving.

Driver education courses are \$106 plus a textbook. The registration deadline is Nov. 14. The defensive driving course fee is \$21.

For more information, call MCC Continuing Education at 756-6551, ext. 217.

Psi Beta elects officers

Psi Beta elected Robert Sudbury, president; Derek Nafe, vice president; Sheri Davidson, secretary; Annette Husley, treasurer, and Sue Fuller, reporter; at its Oct. 16 meeting.

The club is a charter chapter of the National Honor Society in Psychology, and during the meeting members unanimously ratified their constitution which plays a part in the development of the NHSP's constitution, according to Fuller.

The group's next meeting will be Nov. 6 in the Highlander Room on the third floor of the Student Center at noon.

Sponsor Juan Mercado noted that at the next meeting they will discuss fund-raisers, the membership drive, and some of last year's activities which might be done again this year.

Phi Theta Kappa to initiate

The initiation ceremony for new Phi Theta Kappa members will be Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall.

A meeting will be held on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. in Room 215 of the Liberal Arts building to make final arrangements.

All members and inductees are asked to be present at both the meeting and ceremony.

Ravan named 'Teacher of Year'

A preschool teacher in the MCC Child Development Center has been chosen "Classroom Teacher of the Year" by the Texas Association for the Education of Young People.

Sherry Ravan received the award at the organization's annual conference on Oct. 18. Out of several nominees, Ravan was the only one to receive this award at the conference in Galveston.

Ravan has a master's degree in religious education with emphasis on early childhood education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ravan taught at the seminary's lab school in Ft. Worth prior to joining the MCC center in 1985.

Five on ballot for Piper Award

The MCC faculty voted last week on its representative in the statewide competition for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award which is given to a select group of outstanding college and university teachers from across the state.

Three weeks ago faculty members were asked to nominate someone they thought was an outstanding faculty member.

Five accepted the nomination: Richard B. Butler, physical education instructor and baseball coach; Ann Harrell, speech and forensic instructor; David Hibbard, program director for the commercial music program; James R. Schwarz, biology instructor, acting department chairman, and departmental coordinator; and Cindy SoRelle, speech and forensic instructor.

The winner of MCC's nomination will be announced soon, and then he or she will be considered for selection as a Piper Fellow, a prestigious award that includes a cash grant.

Health programs presented

As a part of "Wellness Week," MCC will have several activities for students on Nov. 10-11, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. a first aid course will be offered. From 9-10:30 a.m., an audio-visual program on a lifetime of fitness will be presented. At 9:25 a.m., a gymnastics presentation will take place. Aerobic dance and weight training courses will be offered at 10:50. At 12:15 there will be another aerobics presentation as the final program of the day.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. there will be aerobics and weight training. From 10 a.m.-noon the film will be shown again. A one mile "fun run" will be held at the MCC jogging track, followed by a fast walk at 10:30 a.m. Also at 10:30 the MCC Dance Company will perform a routine. A social dance presentation and weight training program will be offered at 11:10 a.m. At 12:15 p.m. the program will conclude an aerobic dance training presentation.

Members of the American Heart Association, The Cancer Society, and the Optical Society will be handing out health information. Organizer of the event, James Burroughs, said he hopes to have members of the nursing staff on hand to do blood tests.

Highlassies go 2-1 in opening tourney



Photo by Ken Crawford

HIGHLASSIE SANDRA JONES (43) maneuvers for position against defenders while teammate Carolyn Bennet (35) looks to assist during the Highlassies' game against Howard College. The Highlassies went on to defeat Howard 63-56 last Thursday for their second win of the season during the Highlassie Classic Basketball Tournament held in The Highlands.

Highlassies take opener

By **BRUCE CUMMINGS**
& **JOE D. JIMENEZ**

The 1987-88 MCC basketball season opened with the annual Highlassie Classic as the women's team defeated Wharton County Junior College 64-50.

"During the first five minutes, the intensity level was as good as I have seen in any game. After the first five minutes, the intensity level dropped," Wendell Hudson, head basketball coach, said.

"Intensity is contagious, in the second half the intensity level was up and stayed there. I believe that was the difference in the ball game," he said.

Gwen Thomas ended the game with double figures in scoring and rebounding as she had 12 points and 13 rebounds. Both totals led the Highlassies. With 10 points, Glenda Lott also reached the double figure mark in scoring.

The game remained scoreless during the first two minutes and 15 seconds before Terri Porter gave the Highlassies a 2-0 lead. The Highlassies then raced to a 9-0 lead before the Pioneers scored their first points.

The Highlassies extended their lead to 11 points, but midway through the first half the lead had been reduced to eight. The Highlassies continued to exchange baskets with the Pioneers before the half ended 23-17.

The scoring in the second half began sooner than in the first as Porter scored within the first 30 seconds. The teams then exchanged baskets before the Highlassies scored seven unanswered points to increase the lead score to 33-21.

For the next three minutes, the point spread moved only a couple of points in either direction before the Highlassies ran

off nine unanswered points. This series of points gave the Highlassies their largest lead of the game, with the score 52-31 and nine minutes to play in the game.

The closest the Pioneers came to catching the Highlassies in the closing minutes was at 62-50, but there were only 12 seconds left to play.

During the game, Porter and Lana Larson each hit a three-point shot from the floor as they utilized the newly installed rule for women's basketball. This rule allows a shot made beyond the 19-foot 9-inch line to count for three points.

"Winning the first game of the season is real important, not because of the win, but because it allowed the players to compete. It's hard for the intensity level to stay up during the first game of the year," Hudson said.

MCC cruises past Howard

By **JOE D. JIMENEZ**

The Highlassies remained undefeated as they eased by Howard College 63-56 in the second evening of the Highlassie Classic Basketball Tournament.

During Thursday's action, Glenda Lott contributed a game high 12 points while Gwen Thomas scored 11. Thomas led the team in rebounds with 13.

"When the game was still in question, this group played very well. When it looked like Howard was going to make a comeback toward the end of the game, our players stepped up and made the big shots," Coach Wendell Hudson said.

For the first 10 minutes, the Highlassies held a two point lead before Howard cameback to even the score at 12-12. At the beginning of the second 10 minutes, the Highlassies opened the lead to five points after Lana Larson hit a shot

from beyond the three-point line.

With 1:47 left to play in the first half, the score was 31-17 after the Highlassies ran off eight unanswered points. During the scoring spree, Glenda Lott scored six points, with four of them coming after stealing the ball. Time then expired with the Highlassies leading 33-20.

The second half began with the teams exchanging baskets before the Highlassies reeled off nine unanswered points to increase the score to 44-22.

The largest lead of the game came after Julie Jackson stole the ball and raced down the court for the layup. The score was then 46-23 with 14:52 left in the game.

Howard started chipping away and with 9:10 left they narrowed the lead to 14 points after hitting a three-point shot. During the next six minutes and 30 seconds, Howard scored 10 points to the Highlassies'

four to update the score to 56-48.

With 2:31 left to play, Howard hit a basket to bring the game within six points. After an exchange of points, the score was then narrowed to 61-56 after Howard hit another three-point shot with 25 seconds left in the game.

The Highlassies then brought the score to 63-56 when Thomas hit a basket with :09 on the clock.

"With an 18 point lead and 15 minutes to play, it's hard to keep your intensity level up. This is especially true of young players," Hudson commented when asked about the Howard comeback late in the second quarter.

"It's also difficult keeping your intensity level high when players are changing positions due to substitutions. The substitution part is my fault," he added.

Highlanders post victory

By **KEN CRAWFORD**

The Highlanders showed how prepared they are for the start of the basketball season by defeating the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Monday.

"In college basketball anybody can beat anybody else and we are prepared to play," Head Coach Ken DeWeese said last week.

And his players proved him right.

The Highlanders will have even more opportunities to prove their readiness when they take on St. Edward's University Saturday in Austin, U.M.H.B. in Belton Monday, Lon Morris College at 8 p.m. in the Highlands Nov. 11, and Navarro College Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Highlands.

The practices have been going well and the players working hard, said assistant coach Richard Kilgore, who called the team "a good group of guys."

The concentration level in

practice has been good, according to DeWeese.

In the past individuals have stood out but this team is a good mixture, DeWeese said. "We do not have any serious stationary starters."

"This team fits our defensive philosophy well. They have good quickness, team speed and the majority listen and are coachable," said DeWeese.

"We have established a tradition of winning our conference. We certainly hope we can. Sincerely, if they give their best and we are close to the top I will be satisfied," DeWeese said.

In the 19 years MCC has had a basketball team the Highlanders have won the conference 16 times. They have also won 21 or more games for the last 18 years.

This year the conference will be tough with the seven other teams up and not one of them down, according to DeWeese. MCC's first conference game is Jan. 13.

Emphasizing the advantage of playing in the Highlands, DeWeese said, "The more support the better home advantage. We would like to have more people come out and watch us. We think we are an exciting bunch to watch."

"The people that have been there have been great. We would just like to have more of them," DeWeese said.

Intramural volleyball underway

By **JOE D. JIMENEZ**

Two teams began the intramural volleyball season with victories after the first week of action.

In the inaugural game, The Guzzlers took a 1-0 match lead as they defeated Never Say Die 15-13 in the first set.

Never Say Die did just that as they held off The Guzzlers to capture the second set 15-8. This evened the match at 1-1, forcing the contest into a tie-breaking third set.

Never Say Die's momentum carried over into the third set as they raced to an early lead. This lead was never relinquished as they held on to win the set 15-11 and win the match 2-1.

Friday's action pitted Student Government I against The Fellowship.

In the first set, The Fellowship took a 3-0 lead as they held on for a 15-4 win. Midway through the second set, The Fellowship had connected for seven consecutive points when Brian Wallace was serving.

The Fellowship continued to roll as it won the set 15-8 and won the match 2-0.

Schedules for the intramural volleyball season can be obtained in room 112 of the Health and Physical Education Building.

Rangerettes outgun 'Lassies

By **JOE D. JIMENEZ**

From the opening tip-off to the final buzzer, the Kilgore Rangerettes had the accelerator pressed to the floor as they powered by the Highlassies 99-81.

"Our basketball team did a lot of growing-up tonight. This game will give us a good chance at being a good basketball team," Coach Wendell Hudson said.

Aggressive play by the Rangerettes helped them dominate the game. They opened the scoring by sinking a free throw and then increased the margin to 5-0.

The Highlassies' offense answered with Gwen Thomas as she accounted for 10 of the 16 points when they tied the score at 16-16. Thomas also added the next two buckets as the Highlassies fell behind 28-22 with 7:57 left to play in the first half.

With a stingy defense and an aggressive offense, the Rangerettes reel-off the next 10 points. The largest lead in the first half occurred with 1:07 left in the half. After scoring two consecutive baskets, the Rangerettes led by 23 when the score was 53-20. Time expired in the half with the Rangerettes leading 55-32.

With the first half concluded, 50 percent of the Highlassies' 32 were contributed by Thomas as she scored 16 points. She had also captured six rebounds.

The Rangerettes' momentum continued to grow in the second half as they steadily increased their lead. With 12:50 left in the game, the Rangerettes had out-scored the Highlassies 16-6, which brought the score to 71-38. This 33 point spread was the largest lead of the game.

From this point, the Highlassies reduced the margin to 26 points when Terri Porter hit a

three-point shot with 10:06 to go. The lead was once again increased into the 30s after the Rangerettes hit a couple of baskets which brought the score to

88-56. The Highlassies started showing a more aggressive style of offense and defense

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Injuries hamper tennis

By **ROBERT DARIN BROCK**

Even though the men's and women's tennis teams have been plagued with injuries, MCC tennis Coach Carmack Berryman said he has high hopes for both teams.

Berryman said the men's team has struggled with injuries throughout the fall semester. He also said some of the injuries were serious enough that players had to leave school to have surgery. As a result, the team has had no set line-up and has not had any real depth.

Though the injuries have caused some disruptions, Berryman said the team is doing relatively well. The team finished first in the tournament they hosted and also took first in the invitational tournament held in Temple. The team placed third in the Odessa tournament, finishing behind two of the projected top-ranked teams

in the nation.

National rankings will be released soon, and he is expecting a high ranking for the team.

The women's team has also had its share of injuries, Berryman said, pointing out that he has never had a complete team this fall.

"It's hard to achieve continuity," with all the injuries, he said. He also mentioned the team was young but is coming along quite well.

The women's team recently placed fifth in a tournament, a tournament that featured four of the projected top teams in the nation. Berryman said he expects a top 15 ranking for the women's team.

The final matches of the fall semester will come in a dual match against Temple Junior College on Nov. 3. Following this match, the teams will go indoors and workout in the off-season program with the baseball team.



Photo by Ken Crawford

MCC'S LANA LARSON (background) passes the ball over a Wharton County Junior College defender during fastbreak action. The game was the Highlassies season opener as they emerged victorious last Wednesday 65-50.

Video technology highlights Brown Bag supper program

By LISA ROE
& DONNA YOUNG

The latest in video camera technology and entertainment was presented at a Brown Bag Supper program held Oct. 28.

Ronnie Marroquin, president of Highland Camera and Video, demonstrated various types of camcorders on the market.

Marroquin, a former MCC student, spoke to a group of 15 people in the Lecture Hall.

In the old days diaries and film pictures were used to capture memories. Today, camcorders capture the sound as well as the total picture of the event, according to Marroquin.

Three types of camcorders were demonstrated by Marroquin—the VHS camcorder, the VHS-Compact camcorder and the 8mm camcorder.

The VHS camcorders have been out on the market for four years and are \$300-\$400 less expensive this Christmas than the previous year. The price of a basic camcorder ranges from \$649 and up.

The options offered in this model include VCR capability,

instant playback (in the built-in monitor or your regular TV set), omni-directional microphone and autofocus.

The battery that powers this camcorder has a 90 minute capacity and is rechargeable. A T120 tape which provides two hours of recording time and the T160 tape which provides two hours and 40 minutes of recording can be used by this model.

Additional features used by this model are macro-focus, fade, zoom lens, a wall-socket adapter, as well as a high speed shutter (slow motion).

The VHS-compact camcorder was the next model demonstrated by Marroquin. This model has the same features of the VHS Camcorder but is compact and light weight. It uses a smaller tape which lasts 20 minutes to an hour and can be played in a standard VCR, with the aid of the provided cassette adapter.

According to Marroquin, if a person records for 20 minutes the recording will be "superb," and the quality will remain "very good" for up to an hour. "Of course, there is a big differ-

ence in quality between very good and superb," he added.

In addition to the lightweight features, the compact camcorder can also be plugged into a car cigarette lighter with the aid of a car cord adapter.

The compact camcorder ranges in price from \$649-\$999 depending upon additional features.

The final demonstration by Marroquin was the 8mm camcorder. The smallest of the three, the camcorder uses a tape similar in size to that of a music cassette.

It also has all the features of the others with the exception of "being the only one able to playback instantly on the camcorder itself," Marroquin said.

This model has been on the market for four years and ranges in price from \$949 and up. The fall 1988 model, available soon on the market, will start at \$1,474 due to its high technology.

The 8mm camcorder, weighing only 2.4 pounds, also has a high speed shutter with slow-motion playback, a moveable viewfinder, a two hour battery,

and the ability to dub onto a VHS playback.

The 8mm tapes are \$8.95 each and are only available in high-grade tapes.

All camcorders have a dew-light indicator which will lock-up to protect themselves from moisture automatically. When this does happen, lock the camcorder in a dry room and freeze the room temperature to evaporate the moisture, Marroquin said.

"The camcorders are very durable," Marroquin said. "We had one customer drive off with his camcorder sitting on the hood of his car. The camcorder survived with only minimal damage to the viewfinder and a couple of scratches to the exterior. It worked perfectly."

Cases ranging from the hard cover to soft bags as well as tripods and monopod are among the various accessories available for the camcorders.

Marroquin stressed that people often buy cheaper equipment and accessories to save money, but "for a few extra bucks, you can get better quality."



Photo by Ken Crawford

ALICIA McMAHEN'S excitement shows on her face during an MCC Dance Company performance in the Student Center cafeteria Oct. 30.

Dance Co. highlights several performances

By SHARON GIBBS

The MCC Dance Company has been working hard lately getting routines together for the basketball season and various other performances.

The Dance Company will be performing at all the home basketball games in the Highlands.

The first game performance was at the Highlassie Classic Friday where the group glided through a Halloween Dance routine. This dance was also performed last night at the first men's home game.

The Dance Company has also been asked to perform for

the Optimist Club tournament which will be held Dec. 10-12 in the Highlands. Members will also be selling programs in order to raise money for a Christmas party.

Having been invited to many other productions and competitions, the Dance Company will be busy preparing new and original routines well into next semester.

The next performances of the Dance Company will be Nov. 11 and 14 at the men's basketball games, and Nov. 16 at the women's basketball game, all in the Highlands.

Highlassie basketball

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with 2:41 left to play. From this point to the final buzzer, the point spread steadily declined.

Hitting three-point shots three times during this series helped cut the lead. Two of the these shots were made by Porter, while the other was made by Joni Williams. Lana Larson also had a three-point shot during the game.

"Substituting was the major

factor in this game. They substituted a lot while we had players who played for a long time," Hudson explained.

The Highlassies will next travel to Kilgore on Nov. 7 to take on the Rangerettes once again. The Highlassies next home game will be against Fort Hood on Nov. 16 in the Highlands.

Veterans assistance office moves to different location

By KEN COPELAND

The veterans assistance office is in a new location this semester.

Rather than being located in the placement section across from the registrars office, as it previously was, the veterans assistance office is located with financial aid on the third floor of the Student Center.

"This will probably be a permanent location, because we are more of a financial aid service than a placement service," Jane Borron of veterans assistance said.

"Our main purpose," said Borron, "is to serve as a link between the veterans and the V.A. by helping the veterans fill out the necessary paper work to receive their financial aid."

The first time a veteran applies for financial aid there is a considerable amount of paper work, but once in the system, all that is needed is a degree plan for each semester.

The degree plan is the basis on which the V.A. pays for veterans' tuition.

To receive 100 percent of his benefits, veterans must keep a full time schedule of classes on the degree plan. If they wish to take other unrelated classes

they will have to pay for the class themselves. The additional classes do not count towards a veteran's full time status.

Other basic requirements for receiving financial aid are completing a full tour of duty and not having a dishonorable discharge.

The amount of benefits depends on which program the person enlisted under, how long they were in the service, and whether they are going to school full time or part time.

As of July 1, 1985, a new G.I. Bill was put into effect, initiating nine different programs.

A major change in 1985 was allowing National Guard and Reserve people to be eligible for financial assistance for education, for which they were previously ineligible.

The amount of money a veteran could receive decreased, but the benefits were available to more people.

"We have not yet been affected by the new G.I. Bill because most of the people affected by the bill are still in the service, but we are expecting an increase," Borron said.

Between 150-175 veterans attend MCC.

Zoology students do research at sea

By BRUCE CUMMINGS

It is not often that people are given the opportunity to view a world outside of their own. However, recently a group of MCC students was able to observe the variety of organisms present in the Gulf of Mexico.

Twenty-two zoology students accompanied instructors Pat Norton and Gary Fultz to the University of Texas Marine Science Institute at Port Aransas. On its site beside the ship channel, the institute is ideally located for studying the many marine life forms inhabiting the Gulf and bays.

Aboard the Katy, a 40-ton research vessel owned by the university, students were able to conduct a variety of experiments.

Under the guidance of Rick Tinnin, an instructor at the Institute, the group worked two trawls as well as a plankton grab and a mud grab in the Red Fish Bay area. A myriad of marine organisms were collected during the two trawls, in-

cluding several squids, infant barracuda, flounder, and a stingray.

Additionally, students were able to observe a trio of dolphins riding the bow waves of the Katy.

Further observations of marine life came during an excursion to a jetty near the institute. While on the jetty students were able to collect sea urchins, anemones, and sea cucumbers.

Encounters with the rock crabs inhabiting the jetty proved to be a bit painful. Specimens from both the boat trip and the jetty were brought back to MCC for future study and use.

The final evening of the trip was spent beside a fire on the beach. Students were able to enjoy some free time and dine on boiled shrimp prepared by the instructors. Also, a young shark was donated by a local fisherman and cooked by Gary Fultz, but few students desired such fare.

Off-season program begins

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Having completed the fall scrimmaging aspect of the baseball off-season program, the players have settled into the part of the program that concentrates on weight training and running.

"This is a time when the team and individuals can set goals that they strive to attain throughout the semester. One of the individual goals of the players is to capture the prestigious black shirt.

To begin the season, each player was given a white workout jersey and a gray workout jersey. To be awarded the black shirt, players must complete the minimum required repetitions at 18 designated workout stations. With two weeks completed, the players have only six more weeks to reach this goal.

Weight training

Workouts begin precisely at 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with players participating at different stations. Each station has an exercise which may be weights, stretching, rope jumping, but swinging, pullups or squat-thrust and jump.

In all, there are 45 different stations the players must complete. Some of the stations end

for a series of timed repetitions with rest periods included, while others require continuous work throughout the allotted time. The total time spent at each station is about one minute and 15 seconds.

When asked which station seems to be the most difficult, Assistant Coach Greg Dennis quickly replied, "The squat-thrust and jump station."

This exercise begins in a standing position. The person then bends and puts his hands on the ground while extending his legs in a push-up position. He then pulls his legs back and jumps in the air while shouting the number of repetitions completed. This is one of the stations which is continuous work. When the time has expired for a station, the participants move to the next one.

"Each player is required to be at his station when the repetitions begin. If a player is not at his station after a station change or after getting some water, every player must move back one station. So when a player goes for some water, he better make pretty darn sure that he can be back to his station on time," Dennis said.

Distance running

After the stations part of the workout is completed, the players prepare for the next

part, which is running one, two or three miles.

Before the run, Butler instructs the players on the distance, the route and the time allotted to finish. "To keep the players from being bored, we've mapped out at least two different routes for each distance," Butler said.

If one runner does not finish under the time required, every player must run the same distance again. The coaches watch for the last finishing runner because everyone who plays that same position must do some extra work. Runners are classified as outfielders, infielders, pitchers and catchers.

The closest the team has come to rerunning the distance was when a player crossed the two-mile finish line at 17:20.6 minutes when the allotted time was 17:30 minutes.

Every aspect of the off-season program is geared toward the first official baseball game, which will be Feb. 5. On that day, the Highlanders will play Seminole Junior College of Oklahoma. Seminole finished last year ranked second in the nation, losing in the championship game of the junior college world series to three-time national champion San Jacinto Junior College-North Campus.

Of the 20 players participat-

ing in the off-season program, only 25 or 26 will make the team roster. Those participating in the program include second-year players Jimmy Barber from Conroe, Kevin Berry from Louisiana, Hunter Brewton from Navasota, Phil Essex from San Antonio Churchill, Ricky Levens from Lufkin, Todd Shelton from Conroe, Craig Shirley from Humble, J. J. Villarreal from Temple and Brian Welch from McAllen.

First-year players include Billy Blanton from Waco Midway, Rick Cortez from McAllen Memorial, Kelly Dickinson from Lufkin, Russell Ferrell from Conroe, Scott Gage from Irving MacArthur, Tim Golden from Willis, Louis Gomez from Dallas W. T. White, Carl Hammond from Sharpstown and Brian Harrelson from Waco Midway.

Also, Joey Herring from Austin Lanier, Arthur Hines from Waco Connally, Brett Lowry from Moxia, Karl Ludoko from Dallas, Eddie Nocker from San Antonio McArthur, Frank Oville from Galveston Ball, Lennis Ploeger from Conroe Okridge, Kyle Price from Waco Robinson, Robert Shifflett from Navasota, Vance Vaughn from Waco Midway and Billy Winkler from Lampasas.



Photo by Ken Crawford

DRESSED FOR THE JITTERBUG, Sharon Portwood dances dressed as a 1920s flapper at the Student Government sponsored Halloween dance in the Student Center cafeteria Oct. 28.

First Floor and The Zone highlight Waco music scene

By DARRYL ADAMSON
and KEN COPELAND

First Floor, a rock music band composed of MCC students, has highlighted the Waco music scene for more than a year.

Throughout the fall semester students have had the opportunity to listen to the band. First Floor was also featured at the end-of-school dance held last year at the Suspension Bridge.

First Floor consists of five members who got together while taking music classes at MCC. Members are Paul Richards on keyboards and background vocals, B.Z. Lewis on lead guitar, Paul Brown on bass guitar, Doug Baum on drums and lead vocals and Lynn Ohnheiser, lead vocalist.

First Floor has combined different musical backgrounds of folk, rock, fusion, blues and techno-pop to perform a range from top-40 to the classic music of the 1960s.

First Floor has not only performed at MCC, but also in night clubs from Odessa to Monroe, La.

One of the funny moments that band members Lewis and Baum remember while on the road is when the band spent the night in a windowless room at the Moses Motor Motel. Because there were no windows, they overslept until 4 p.m.

Although collectively First Floor members share the same goal, which is to make money, they have different individual goals for the future, ranging from solo careers to audio technicians.

First Floor will perform on Nov. 11 in the Student Center and has also been booked for the week of Thanksgiving at the Chelsea Street Pub in Waco.

The Zone, a rock-and-roll band of MCC students, has been together three months and already has one original song with others in the making.

Described as a bunch of "music nuts" by lead vocalist

Brent Weise, the group has a gig at a club in Austin in November and can be found playing in clubs in Waco such as Austin's and Water Works.

The band is comprised of four MCC music majors and one MCC graduate including Weise; Tim Womack, guitar and vocals; Steve Fowler, bass; Rob Stiteler, drums; and Robert Cadwallader, keyboards.

Each member likes a variety of music ranging from country to rock and jazz. Each style has an impact on the kind of songs they write.

Currently, The Zone plays cover songs from popular well-known bands, until they can establish a name for themselves. The music they play includes songs from U2, Eddie Money, ZZ Top, and other artists who have had hits in the Top 40.

Waco is just the beginning, band members say. The Zone has recently made a demo tape, and is working with Tough Enough Productions from Austin.



Photo by Ken Crawford

FIRST FLOOR continues to provide lively music such as demonstrated for a school dance last year. Left to right are Paul Richards, Lynn Ohnheiser, Doug Baur, Paul Brown and B.Z. Lewis.



Photo by Ken Crawford

CHUCK "THE WEDGE" FREEBY performs a rendition of Christian New Wave music at a mini-concert last week.

Aggie Bob and fortune teller entertain Halloween dancers

By ELIZABETH DELEON

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls were among the many costumes and characters at the annual Halloween Dance Thursday night in the Student Center.

A number of MCC organizations helped make the annual dance a success, including the Mental Health Club and Students Against Drunk Driving which sponsored the booth with a fortune teller who read palms.

Psi Beta sponsored the "Aggie Bob," in which students bobbed for bananas.

The Phi Theta Alpha sponsored pictures, and the Pan American Club sold nachos.

Approximately 250-300 students attended the dance, breaking the record set at the back-to-school dance last month.

"There seemed to be a lot more enthusiasm and excitement in the students attending the dance this time around," said Jeff Leuschner, treasurer of Student Government.

Four MCC bands performed including two rock bands, one country-rock blues band, and one country-western band.

Prizes were awarded for best male and female costumes, best couple, and for the dance contest as well. An added treat was the prizes awarded to the four children who attended.

The best male costume was won by Joe Rodriguez, and best female was Alicia McElhahn. Best couple was Sharon Gibbs and Matthew Laubert, and the dance contest was won by Lorie Waters and Trent Duffy.

Prizes awarded were gift certificates and free season passes to all MCC Highland Games.

'Oliver' cast chosen for musical production

By TERI LYN EISMA

MCC's production of "Oliver!" includes a cast of 60 young people and adults from MCC and the Waco area.

The cast is preparing to perform Lionel Bart's musical at the MCC Performing Arts Center Dec. 2-6 with the help of theater director John Kelly, musical director Donald Balmos, choreographer Flo Wendorf, technical director David Borron, and stage manager Waylon Wood.

Those with talent and experience received the major roles, Kelly said.

Bernard Ramsey, 12, plays the lead role Oliver. He has performed in two Christmas plays and this is his third play.

Warren Dwyer, 48, plays Fagin. He has had 20 years of Civic Theatre experience.

About 75 people auditioned Oct. 20-21. "We tried to use as many as we could," Kelly said.

Doug Claybrook is the rehearsal accompanist.

Technical director David Borron will soon make crew assignments and musical director Donald Balmos will choose members of the pit orchestra.

The musical includes such numbers as "Food, Glorious Food," "Consider Yourself," and "I'd Do Anything."

Minor characters include Nancy's friend Bet, played by Jo Ann Oliver; Mrs. Corney, played by Belinda Honea; Mr. Brownlow, played by Bob Rigby; Mr. Sowerberry, played by Mike Reininger; Mrs. Sowerberry, played by Laura Sulak; Charlotte, played by Selena Smith; Noah Claypool, played by Walter Cordaro; Dr. Grimwig, played by Darin Brock; Mrs. Bedwin, played by Mina Carpenter; and Old Sally, played by Dena Adams.

Smaller roles of Charley, an old Lady, a watchman, a chairman, and the like will be assigned from the chorus during a rehearsal.

Dancers include Megan Richie, Wesley Janes, Alaina Pool, Mike Cockrell, Holly Arnst, Jessica Jackson, Shana Johnston, Kelli Cohen, Kay Coutret, Beth Cox, Jami Fielding, Lezley Farmer, Tonya Blain, and Mary Barkley.

The children's chorus includes Jami Fielding, Jami Warrens, Kristen Kerthrey, Scott McDaniel, Deirdre Heath, Dee Ann Howard, Alicia Jenkins, Amelia Owen, Kelly Jenkins, Alicia Johnston, Stephanie Paterson, Lara Pecskovszky, Dare Harrell, Cindy Raynor, Leandra Wash, Kris Nobis, and Noah Fletcher.

The adult chorus includes Mary Barkley, Kay Coutret, Teri Lyn Eisma, Darin Brock, Beth Parke, Ricky Williams, Cheryl Williams, Rubicon Toon, Nancy Cochran, Laura Sulak, Vlad Bouma, Amy DuBose,

Vivian Thomas, Catie Sulak, and Lori Eisma.

Lorana Cook, 19, of Clifton, plays the Artful Dodger.

Steve LeMay, 34, plays Bill Sykes.

Alice Rivens plays Nancy Sykes. She has been involved in many operetta productions.

John Ross, 21, plays Mr. Bumble.

"Specific casting was based on appearance, family relationships, size relationships, and voice relationships," Kelly said. "When you put four people on stage who look different but have the same kind of voice and sound the same, it's boring."

Kay Coutret, Teri Lyn Eisma, Beth Parke, and Mike Reininger make up the quartet singing "Who Will Buy?" with Bernard "Oliver" Ramsey.

MCC opera workshop sings through WISD

By DARRYL ADAMSON

The MCC opera workshop will conduct its first touring opera throughout the Waco Independent School District later this month.

The opera workshop will be performing "The Shepherd and the Chimney Sweep" Nov. 17-19 for audiences of elementary students in Waco.

The opera by Julia Smith is based on a story by Hans Christian Anderson. The plot takes place on Christmas Eve and deals with good triumphing over evil.

"Versatility in voice is important for the performers because some of our performances are at 8 o'clock in the morning," said Lise Uhl who is directing the opera.

Members of the cast designed and made their own costumes and will also set up props for each performance.

The cast of the opera is small, consisting of only eight performers. "It's easier for the children to understand a small group," said Uhl.

Jan McCauly from Rosebud will play the shepherd with Francis Peek as her understudy. John Ross will be the chimney sweep and Glen Beals will be his understudy. Chad Hughes will play the Manderin.

In the chorus will be Robert Coe and Bryan Mathis as the two sentinels. Tonja Hankin, Sue Jaspersen, Phil Keltner and Chris Renfro will be the Christmas Whites.

Although no performance has been scheduled at MCC, it may be a possibility, Uhl said.

Songwriter visits

By LESLEY WILSON

"People in the music business cannot succeed if they are taking drugs," according to Jeremy Dalton at the songwriting workshop here Oct. 28.

The Christian artist and songwriter spoke to an audience composed mainly of music students. He informed them of how to start in the industry and of what it takes to become recognized. He also sang some of his songs and took questions from the audience.

Dalton, who also produces records, was discovered by Steve Archer and Chris Christian while singing at the church where his brother preaches. He is best known for his song "Through His Eyes of Love," and for "Safe," which was recorded by Marilyn McCoo.

Touch of magic taught at MCC

By JEFF OSBORNE

A touch of magic will be offered at MCC to students interested in the art of illusion.

Taylor Keen, a magician and owner of two magic shops in Central Texas, will teach the tricks of his trade in a continuing education class entitled "Magic for Fun and Entertainment." Two identical classes will begin today and Thursday, and will meet once a week for six weeks. The class will meet from 7-9 p.m.

Although the class scheduled for tonight is full, another class will begin on Thursday if enough interest arises, according to Warren Johnson, coordinator of avocational and evening services.

People interested in enrolling in the Thursday night class

should stop by the office of continuing education located on the first floor of the Administration Building. Students taking the class need to fill out an application and pay an \$18 registration fee.

A list of supplies and locations where they can be purchased will be provided by Keen during the first class meeting.

"Magic is the kind of thing that fascinates people. If you offer a class in it, you might raise the interest of people who have shown an appreciation for it but never pursued these interests," Johnson said.

A variety of illusions will be taught to the audience. "The demand for the class is steady for every session, and people are always interested in enrolling," Johnson said. This is the

fourth time the class has been offered at MCC.

Students enrolling in the class must be at least 13 years old, and class size will be limited to approximately 13-16 members per class.

The reason for the age limit, according to Johnson, is "some of the illusions are fairly in depth and complicated. The illusions taught will require concentration, and is geared toward adults," he added.

Johnson added that MCC intends to offer a course in magic for children under 13 beginning next summer.

"You won't turn anyone into Harry Houdini in six weeks, but people can be taught a fun and interesting knowledge of the basics of magic," Johnson said.



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KEEPING THE BEAT and kicking their feet are, left to right, Christie Leuck, Rich King and Lynn Ohnheiser who performed in a rock ensemble at the Halloween dance.