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Congress Increases Vets' Benefits

By Cathy Sulak

MCC veterans will receive an extra \$29,160 each month because Congress overrode President Ford's veto of a bill increasing veterans' educational benefits by 22.7 per cent.

Director of Veterans' Affairs Ron Smith said the estimated increase was achieved by figuring that the campus' 468 veterans support an average of one dependent each. Monthly payments for fulltime institutional training for a veteran with one dependent will increase from \$261 to \$321, a \$60-a-month increase.

The bill increases payments for a single veteran from \$220 to \$270 and from \$298 to \$366 for a veteran with two dependents. The rate for each dependent over two was raised from \$18 to \$22.

"To say the veterans are happy would be an understatement," said Smith. "I had come to the conclusion that the President was more interested in draft dodgers and deserters than he was in those who fought for this country."

The 22.7 per cent increase in veterans'

educational benefits is the largest since World War II. President Ford called the bill inflationary, but Congress told him, through its nearly unanimous override of his veto, that the place to start economizing was not with the aid offered veterans who served in the Vietnam conflict, America's most unpopular war.

"It is clear the GI Bill is a very good investment," said Senator Vance Hartke, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. "Economists who have studied expenditures under the bill conclude that the money is paid back quicker and many times over by those who pay more taxes as a result of their education and training putting them in a higher income bracket."

The higher veterans' payments are retroactive to September, and Veterans' Administration (VA) officials said the back payments would probably be in veterans' pockets before Christmas. The first regular check with the increase will go out Jan. 1, they said.

The bill also included an increase in

entitlement for undergraduate study from 36 months to 45 months and a new \$600-a-year loan program for veterans.

Smith said he disagreed with the stipulation included in the nine-month extension that veterans' payments can only be used towards receiving a bachelor's degree.

The loan program will be established in the Treasury as a revolving fund to be administered by the VA. The loans will be available to veterans who cannot get help from other federal programs.

"This bill was as low as it could be," Smith said. "If they hadn't overridden the veto, the next bill would have been a skeleton. The problem is that people don't understand that vets have a hard time getting loans, and the money they get is not enough. It puts them in a bind."

"The MCC Financial Aids Office has been good to the vets, but there is only so much they can do."

Sophomore Larry Payne, president of the campus Veterans' Club, said, "We knew they (Congress) would override the

veto. They had to. There were some anxious moments, though."

The Veterans' Club, which consulted with Congressman Bob Poage about the bill and sent petitions to Congressmen asking them to override the veto, sent telegrams of appreciation to the members of Congress last week.

"Publicity of the bill seems to have encouraged a lot of veterans to go to school," said Brad Underwood, VA representative on campus. "We've been getting a lot more people coming in to see about going to school."

With 468 veterans attending classes, a total of about 600 including veterans and dependents, Underwood said he expects at least 50 more veterans to sign up for the spring semester. MCC serves more veterans than any other college in Waco, said Underwood.

"I am very thankful for the GI Bill," Smith said. "The vets needed it; they needed it very badly. Even though there are still some problems with it, it was manna from heaven."

Concert Band Shows Professional Style

Bill Haskett, music coordinator and instructor, conducted the concert band in a beautiful performance Monday night in the Student Center.

The band began the evening with "Manhattan Beach" by John Phillip Sousa. This was followed by "Scenes from the Louvre" by Norman Dello Jolo. "Scenes from the Louvre" included five movements: "The Portal", a strong and full sounding piece; "Children's Gallery", cute, light-hearted and springy; and "The Kings of France", beautiful, regal, and full of pomp and circumstance.

It also included "The Nativity Paintings", gentle but full; and "Finale", which also gave the picture of all the paintings marching about and displaying themselves.

Next Haskett introduced Donald Kramer, guest trumpet soloist. Kramer is

noted for "Carnival of Venice" by Arban, which he plays as though air and breathing were of no concern.

"William Byrd Suite" including "The Earl of Oxford's Mache", which could make one imagine a fat, pompous man parading down the street; and "John Come Kiss Me Now", transcribed by Gordon Jacob, followed the second Kramer solo. The program was concluded by "Ampartico Roco" by Jaime Texidor.

"Carnival of Venice" was followed by a pretty, enjoyable piece called "Dance for Three" by Rossini. Kramer returned after "Dance for Three" to play "Portrait of a Trumpet" by Sammy Nestico.

After the concert, Kramer was found signing autographs and giving musical advice in the Veterans' office in the Student Center.



DONALD KRAMER solos at concert.

Photo by Jerry Lynn

Final Examination Schedule

FOR CLASSES MEETING:

Monday, Dec. 16

8:00 a.m. MWF
11:10 a.m. MWF
1:10 p.m. MWF

Tuesday, Dec. 17

8:00 a.m. TT
10:50 a.m. TT
1:40 p.m. TT

Wednesday, Dec. 18

9:00 a.m. MWF
12:10 p.m. MWF
2:10 p.m. MWF

Thursday, Dec. 19

8:25 a.m. TT
12:15 p.m. TT

EXAM TIME IS:

8:00-10:15 a.m.
10:45-1:00 p.m.
2:00-4:15 p.m.

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Evening School Classes:

6:30 on regular meeting night during Dec. 16-19.

Registration For Day Classes

January 8-9, 1975 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Health & Physical Education Center, Campus

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Classes Begin Monday, January 13, 1975

Singers Present Handel's 'Messiah'

"Messiah", by Handel, will be performed by the McLennan Singers Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Student Center.

The Singers will be singing only the Christmas portion of the work plus the Hallelujah and Amen choruses with which Handel intended to end the work. The Hallelujah chorus comes at the end of Part II which tells the story of the crucifixion; however it has become traditional to include it in the Christmas portion due to its grandeur.

"To me it's a great spiritual feeling to sing "Glory to God" and I hope the spirit will influence the audience," said sophomore Elizabeth Norwood.

Handel lifted all the text for "Messiah" (he originally did not intend for the article "The" to be included in the title) from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

"'Messiah' is one of Handel's greatest achievements, both musically and inspirationally," said Kenneth Alford, choral director. "He intended the entire composition to depict the whole life span of Jesus."

Handel had only 33 singers and a small orchestra to work with and perform his masterpiece. The Highland Singers include approximately 47 students accompanied by a harpsichord and a piano.

"The students have had a good working session this semester on the choruses. They are extremely sensitive and dedicated young people and have prepared themselves very well for this first 'Messiah' at MCC", said Alford.

Because of the small number of music

and voice majors, most of the chorus is made up of other interested and talented students.

"I think the idea of doing the "Messiah" is fantastic. I think we all enjoy working on it," said Susan Swindle, sophomore. "I like working with Mr. Alford, too."

The performance will feature a number of solos from chorus members. "I'm not used to singing solos, but I'm excited about it," said freshman soloist Leslie Ratham.

"The composition has a baroque, stylistic sound that is bright and clear," said Alford. A contributing factor in the achievement of such quality sound may be the new choral equipment recently purchased by the college.

One addition is the set of acoustical shells which will be arranged in a semi-circle behind the chorus. Each panel is constructed in three, four feet square, fiber panels which are hinged so they can be sloped over the chorus to scoop the sound around to the audience.

Two additional risers have been purchased to provide more elbow room for the singers. In the past year the singers have had to borrow risers from other schools.

The McLennan Singers performed "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Western Heights Baptist Church. The audience stood up during the Hallelujah and Amen Chorus. One singer said this was the first time she had actually felt moved by the composition.

The singers will also perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday for the First Baptist Church of Groesbeck.



Photo by Jerry Lynn

SINGERS—Practicing 'Messiah' are from left to right: Betty Longnecker, sophomore; Bill Nelson, sophomore; Sherri Price, freshman; Beth Shanks, sophomore; David Westerfield, sophomore.

Stage Band Performance Delights Audience

Even though there was dreary rain and drizzle outside, Stage Bands I and II performed before a large and enthusiastic audience Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the Student Center.

Stage Band II, the first to perform, seemed to start out a little shaky; however, once they got warmed up, they played progressively better until they ran away with the audience.

They began with "Night Hunter" by Russ Garcia, featuring freshman flute soloist Elaine Boles, followed by "Opus in Chartreuse" by Roland Nichaus with freshman Bill Neubauer featured on the guitar.

The beat of the music and organization of the band became more snappy with the

third number, "Goin' Out of My Head" by Bobby Weinstein, featuring Annette Raburn, freshman, in a trumpet solo.

This was followed by a big-band sounding song called "Sure Thing", by Neal Hefti.

Marsha Matus, freshman, was featured as saxophone soloist in both "Sure Thing" and "Liberation," (arranged by Carter Hicks, former MCC student). Miss Matus delighted the audience with her saxophone while Dwain Woodliff, sophomore, took off on the drums.

Stage Band I began their performance with a big, full, brassy song called "Theme and Variation" by Bill Holman. Bill Hasket, Stage Band director, termed their second song, "Here Comes That Rainy

Day" by Dee Barton, as "a beautiful ballad which unfortunately fits the weather".

The ballad featured MCC's version of Doc Severenson, sophomore Kerry Thomas on jazz trumpet.

The next number, "No, No, No," was written by last spring's guest soloist, Rich Matteson.

Rusty McNeil, this fall's guest soloist, is a local jazz musician and band director. McNeil was sponsored by Local 306 of the American Federation of Musicians. McNeil was featured on the trumpet with Stage Band I for the remainder of the performance.

"Shell Game" by Frank Wes featured the entire saxophone section, followed by

"Loving" by Dave Zoller and "Going Home" arranged by Bill Velton of McGregor.

Benny Silva, alto saxophone player, performed a fantastic solo during "Crimson Contours" by Bill Cowling.

Johnny Rodriguez, also a saxophone player, played several solos throughout the program, teasing the highest notes out of his horn.

The cutest song of the evening was a coaxing, seductive number by Dave Zoller called "Clown."

Almost everyone in the band was featured in solos during "Big Bad Band" by Ernie Wilkins.

The concert was concluded with a flourish with "Dirty Old Man" by Frank Wes.

Class Piano Method Replaces Private Lessons

The days of student and teacher seated side by side on the piano bench may be far from gone; however, a revolutionary way of teaching piano is rapidly moving in on private lessons.

Class piano is the new method taught by Doris Scott, music instructor. The method involves a classroom and sixteen Wurlitzer pianos. Each piano is equipped

with a set of headphones.

The pianos can be operated in a number of ways. Students can wear the headphones so that no one else can hear their music; or they can communicate with the teacher on the master piano; or they can play as a group. It is also possible to play the pianos out loud.

Next semester four classes of group

piano will be offered. Two of the classes will be beginning and intermediate piano for non-music majors. The other two will be intermediate classes for music majors.

"Teaching beginners as a group saves time in that you can present basic concepts to a group, and much of beginning playing can be done as a group activity," said Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Scott allows the students to play a variety of styles of music. Class assignments usually range from hymns to chording to folk tunes; however, when students are allowed to choose for themselves, they usually pick either popular or classical music.

Piano recitals by both music majors and non-music majors will be given in class as final exams.



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Holiday Spirit Inspires Projects

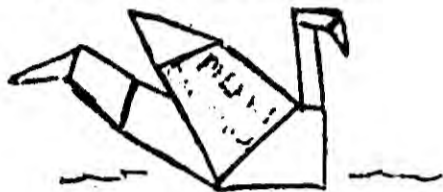
By Francy Richings

At this time of year, when families come together and vacation time is abundant, spirit and necessity seems to breed family projects.

The solution for the chronic vacation what-to-do's is as simple as looking in the nearest drawer, sewing closet and, yes, even the waste basket.

Old wrapping paper is useful. . . don't throw it away.

Papier mache (paper sculpture) and origami (paper folding) are two paper crafts that are used year round, but come in especially handy on Christmas. Books on both of these crafts can be found in the public library. Papier mache makes excellent tree decorations as well as piggy banks, pinatas and party favors.



For an extra surprise with Christmas gifts, write a greeting on origami paper, then fold in a favorite shape and use in place of or with a bow.

To make vases or lamp bases out of empty wine or other narrow-necked bottles, glue small pieces of brightly colored tissue paper to cover the entire bottle. Allow the glue to dry, then pipe black aquarium cement around the edges of each piece of paper for a stained glass effect.

Terrariums and house plants make great gifts to brighten up winter homes. Tiny jars or bottles make cute planters. Soak off the labels and paint the metal covers with enamel. Place a layer of gravel or small stones in the bottom of each jar (colored aquarium gravel to match the top of the jar is nice) then a layer of soil to suit the tiny plants that can be found in backyard gardens and discount stores' garden centers.



Dampen the soil slightly and screw on the lid. These little terrariums don't need water as long as the lid is on tightly; however, they may start to mold if there is too much water to begin with. If this happens, let the jar stand open until some of the moisture evaporates and put a tiny pinch of sulfur on the soil.

For a unique paper weight, glue two varnished pecans on end on a flat, round rock. Add two bead feet, ears from bits of a paper sack, and pipe cleaner tails to each of them for a pair of cute field mice. Dried corn nibs or tiny felt mushrooms may also be added.

Candles are warm and useful gifts. For regular candles, simply melt paraffin or wax (found in most grocery stores) with old broken crayons for color. Packages of color and scent can be bought at hobby shops, but crayons are less expensive. Pour the wax into a mold (milk cartons, smooth cans, cookie cutters, and wells in moist sand) in which a wick, simple cotton string or special wick cord, has been secured.



For variation fill a prepared mold with cracked ice and fill with melted wax. Remove the candle from the mold over a sink after the wax has fully hardened. Allow the candle to drain for a few hours to make sure all the ice is melted. A large mold is best for this process.

Whipped candles are also interesting. Let the melted wax cool in the pan until it becomes syrupy. Pour the wax into a bowl and beat with an electric mixer until it is of the consistency of stiff egg whites. Spoon the wax into a prepared mold, or coat a regular candle with it for a flocked effect.

Scented pillows and pomander balls are favorites all year round. Here leftover laces, ribbons and fabrics come in handy



as well as that closet full of unused spices.

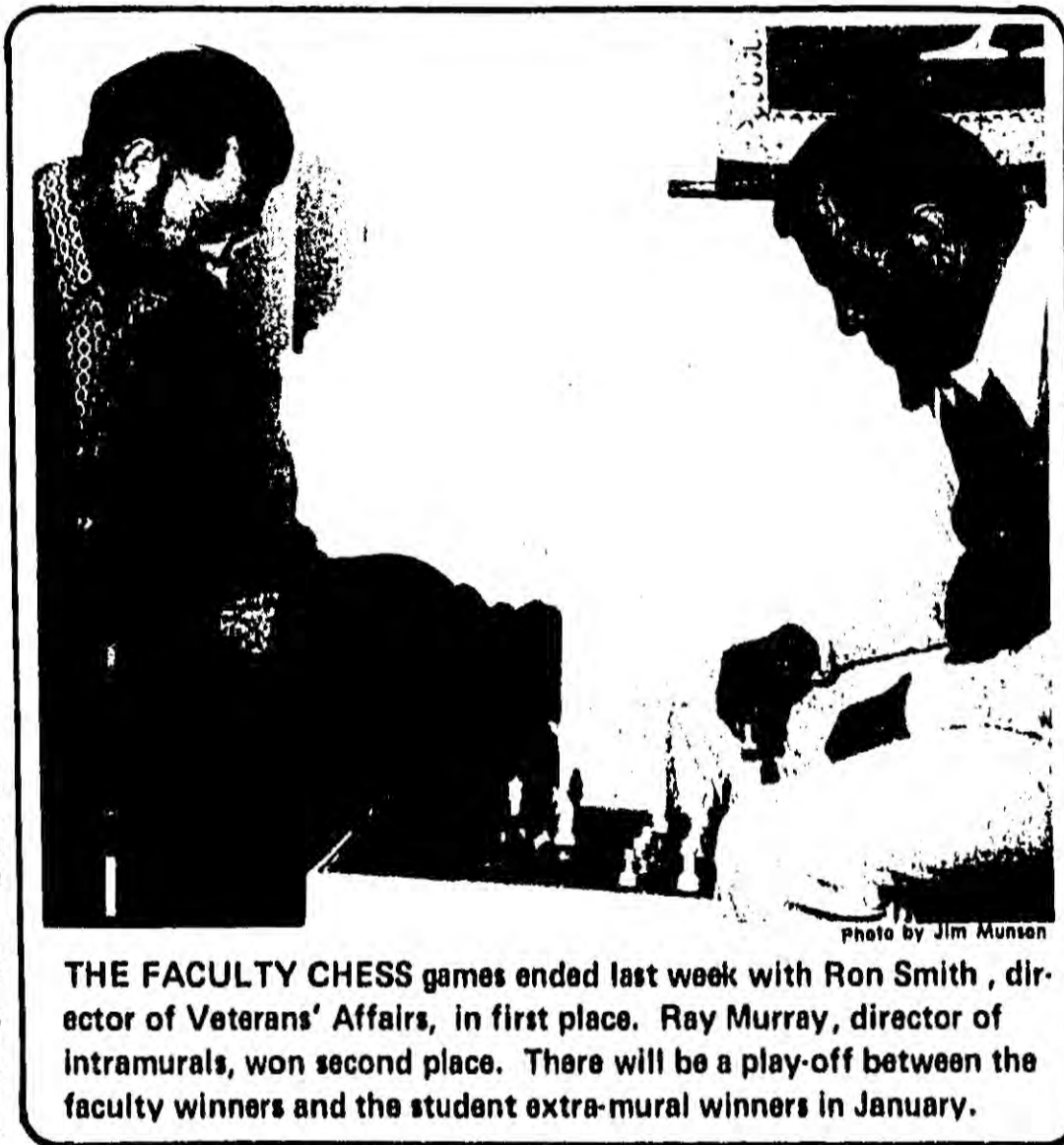
Make tiny pillows from scraps of fabric and trim them with lace or ribbon woven together. Fill these little sachets with whole cloves, allspice, broken cinnamon sticks, or dried mint leaves. If evergreen

needles are available, dry some and crumble them into the sachets also.

Different combinations or single scents may be used. Place the sachets in drawers or hang them in closets. Cotton balls, batting or foam rubber adds fullness to the pillows.

Pomander balls are sometimes made by poking a pattern of holes in an orange or apple with a nut pick and inserting cloves, long end first, in each hole.

Presents for young children can be a problem. Colorfully written and decorated I.O.U.'s for trips to the zoo, afternoons of playtime, bed time stories, and piggy back rides are just as valuable as another dump truck or doll.



THE FACULTY CHESS games ended last week with Ron Smith, director of Veterans' Affairs, in first place. Ray Murray, director of intramurals, won second place. There will be a play-off between the faculty winners and the student extra-mural winners in January.

Pipeline

Who's Who Nominations

The deadline for nominating students to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" is Friday. Completed forms may be submitted to the dean of Student Services' office or to any instructor.

This is the first year students can nominate students for the distinction of "outstanding campus leaders of the year". Previously, only faculty members and clubs were permitted to nominate.

Two nominations per person will be accepted by MCC, and up to 40 nominations from the campus may be accepted by Who's Who.

Only second year students are eligible for Who's Who nomination, and must have at least a 2.0 grade point average. They may be part-time or evening students.

The honor is conferred by more than 500 schools throughout the country. Honorees are presented with an award certificate and receive local and national publicity. Selected students will also have their biographies published in the annual Who's Who edition.

Student Government

Student Government met Monday to discuss two submitted constitutions. The

HPE Majors Club and Astronomy Club have been approved as active status clubs.

An Inter-Club Council meeting followed the Student Government meeting. The date for Basketball Homecoming has been set for Feb. 10. Each club will be represented by a nominee for Basketball Sweetheart.

The Basketball Sweetheart will be announced at halftime. There will not be a dance after the game due to the game being on Monday night.

The Inter-Club Council will sponsor a Spirit Night competition, Feb. 17. The competition will be among all clubs. A trophy will be presented to the most represented clubs.

A car caravan will precede the basketball game against Hill on Jan. 23.

All club scrapbooks will be judged during the spring semester.

New Herald Staff

Starting the spring semester, a new staff will be working on the Highland Herald. Gail Windham has been named the new editor and Louis Hank will be associate editor. Both are sophomores. Miss Windham is currently associate editor and Hank is sports editor.

Cathy Sulak, sophomore, has been editor for two semesters and will continue to

write for the paper this spring. She is doing reporting and layouts part-time for The Dispatch Press in Woodway.

"Cathy has done an outstanding job on the paper, and I want to try to maintain the same quality next semester," said Miss Windham.

"The paper has been received real well this year and I hope that this trend will continue," said Hank.

The Highland Herald staff has regular reporters, but publishes the writings of other students as well.

"Anyone on campus is welcome to submit material, because this is a student publication and should be used to reflect their feelings and ideas," said Miss Windham. "We need their support."

Day Care Center

Children of faculty, staff, full-time students and community residents can attend the Parent-Child Development Center at 1728 Powell Drive while their parents pursue educational interests on campus.

Applications for child care during the spring semester should be submitted as soon as possible, said Dr. Ann Garrett, director of the child care development program and the center. Application

forms are available at the center weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enrollment in the center is on a semester first-come-first-serve basis. Center hours are from 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center provides a curriculum designed to meet the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of children ages two to five.

Randa Fuller and Florine Green, child development associates and supervisors of the center, guide the learning experiences of the children through the use of various materials and indoor and outdoor activities.

Dr. Garrett said the center, which is equipped to house 30 children, served a total of 28 children throughout the fall term. The day center was opened in early September.

The child care center will be open during registration for the spring semester, said Dr. Garrett.

Sailing Regatta

Seven MCC students participated in the Sailing Regatta held at Lake Stillhouse, Nov. 23-24. Doyle Barrett was awarded first place and Beverly Blahowiak, second place.

There were 12 boats entered from Central Texas College, Temple, Killeen, Bolton, Waco and Austin.

Highlanders Have Winning Habit Highlanders Continue to Roll

By Louis Haak

MCC 87 — Temple 85

The Highlanders defeated the Temple Leopards 87-85 Tuesday night in Temple. "Weasel" Johnson sank the winning points for the Highlanders in the last four seconds of the game. The Leopards were leading 85-84 with only eight seconds left in the contest. Johnson took the ball down court and sank one of the most important baskets of his career at MCC. He then was fouled and converted that opportunity into the final point of the game.

The Highlanders were trailing 40-41 at the half. That is the first time this year that they have trailed at the midway point of the game.

The Big Orange trailed by as much as 8 points in the second half.

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MCC was 8 for 14 from the charity line. Temple collected 5 of 8 from the line. Temple was never in a bonus situation during the game. This is a welcome change from the highlander's usually foul-plagued games.

Johnson led the Highlander's scoring with 28 points. He had 8 assists and 2 steals for his night's work.

John Derrick scored 25 points with 16 rebounds. Danny Kaspar scored 10 points to be the only Highlander to score in double figures.

Ivan Gordon had 12 rebounds to place second behind Derrick in the rebounding battle. Gordon also had 8 points to round out the top MCC scorers.

Loddie Manola scored 36 points for the Leopards in his first start of the season to lead all scorers for the game.

The win brings the Highlander's record to 7-1 for the season with their only loss at the hands of Navarro. Temple's record is now 4-5 for the season.

MCC 100 — Wogs 74

The Highlanders defeated the Texas Christian Wogs 100-74 Dec. 2 on the home court.

The Highlanders used their superior height and outside shooting to completely dominate the Wogs. The Highlanders shot 58 per cent from the field and pulled to a 53-37 halftime lead.

John Derrick led the scoring for the Highlanders with 32 points and also led in rebounding with 30. Derrick was dominating with 14 blocked shots in the contest.

"Weasel" Johnson had 23 points and 12 assists for the Highlanders to take second in the scoring leadership for the night.

TCU was able to get only one shot each time down the court because of the Highlanders' overpowering backboard strength. Ivan Gordon pulled down 15 caroms. Craig Smoak pulled down 14. Danny Kaspar corralled 11.

The Highlander's offense began to look like a smooth scoring machine with its third straight over-100-points game.

Kaspar sparked the scoring the second half. He hit seven straight shots from the field many from 20 feet or further. He finished with 17 points.

Smoak scored 12 points with six field goals. Gordon finished the night with 10 points on four field goals and two shots from the charity line.

MCC 110 — Temple 82

Getting to be a habit, and probably not one that Coach Johnny Carter would like to break, the Highlanders defeated the Temple Junior College Leopards 110-82 Dec. 3 on the home court.

Derrick is quickly establishing himself as one of the top postmen in junior college basketball. He led the Highlanders' scoring with 30 points. He pulled down 23 rebounds and blocked 12 shots.

The Highlanders have possibly one of the tallest starting lineups in the Texas junior college circuit. They dominated the backboards with a 66-46 rebounding edge.

"Weasel" Johnson again led the team in assists with 11 and helped destroy the Leopards with his five steals on the press. He scored 19 points with nine field goals and one free throw.

A. C. Kuykendall helped the scoring with 19 points on nine field goals and one point from the free throw line. He hit 12 of these points after coming off the bench with little more than six minutes left in the first half.

Danny Kaspar again biltered the bucket with seven field goals to collect 14 points for the evening. He also pulled down 11 caroms.

Craig Smoak grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 11 points to round out the top rebounders and scorers.

MCC 98 — Lon Morris 84

The Highlanders defeated Lon Morris 98-84 Friday night in the Jacksonville Classic.

The game was about even for the first 15 minutes of play before the Highlanders opened up their scoring to take a 51-36 lead at halftime.

John Derrick captured high-point honors with 30 points. He pulled down 25 rebounds and blocked 12 shots.

"Weasel" Johnson had seven assists and six steals to go with his 14 points.

The Highlanders placed three other players in double figure scoring. Craig Smoak, the second leading scorer, scored 19 on seven field goals and 5 points from the free throw line. Danny Kaspar had 12 points and A. C. Kuykendall gathered in 11, with five field goals and one free throw.

MCC 96 — Jacksonville 78

The Highlanders defeated Jacksonville Saturday night 96-78 to capture the Jacksonville Classic.

The first half was not one of the Highlanders' best, with only a 36-21 lead over the Jaguars after the first 20 minutes of play.

"Weasel" Johnson scored 25 points and had 13 assists to lead the Big Orange.

Johnson's floorplay in the past weeks sparked Coach Johnny Carter to say, "Weasel has improved so much since the first of the season that he is not the same player."

John Derrick scored 17 points, corralled 18 rebounds and blocked eight shots to lead the inside attack of the Highlanders.

Johnson and Derrick were named to the all-tournament team for their fine two-night performance in the classic.

The Highlanders seemed to get their second wind after the half and ran away with the game, scoring 60 points in the final 20 minutes of play.

Danny Kaspar scored 18 points on nine field goals to place second among MCC scorers.

Ivan Gordon scored 16 points on eight field goals and pulled down 16 rebounds to help the Highlanders control the backboards in the second half.

A. C. Kuykendall had 13 points to round out the top scorers.

MCC 75 — Cubs 65

The Highlanders were victorious over the Baylor Cubs 75-65 Monday night before a packed crowd in the gymnasium.

The game was billed as a match up of teams with excellent height and good quickness. It turned into a defensive battle with the two teams looking at times like sleepy giants staggering from one end of the court to the other.

"Weasel" Johnson finished the game as the leading scorer with 20 points. He also contributed with his lightning steals and baffling assist.

Johnson did not have one of his best nights though, with what seemed to be numerous mental mistakes as he was hounded by the Baylor guards. The crowd even joined in the taunting of Johnson with such classics as "He's eating your lunch Weasel."

John Derrick had most of his trouble with one short referee more than with the tall Cub players. He finished the night with

18 points, 19 rebounds and 6 blocked shots. Derrick fouled out in the middle of the second half.

Danny Kaspar was tied with Derrick for the second spot among Highlander scorers with 18. Kaspar sparked this comment from one spectator, "He (Kaspar) may not have much form, but he sure can get the ball through the hoop—and that's all that counts."

The final nail in Baylor's coffin was driven when Jon Coulter fouled out. He had led the Cub defense that had held the Highlanders to their lowest point production this season.

The Highlanders had pulled out to a 46-30, but they seemed to get a fat cat attitude in the second half. They allowed Baylor to get to within 6 points with 2:49 left in the game.

Coach Carter called a timeout and rallied his troops. They went out and began to grind away at the clock. The Highlanders extended the lead to 10 points.

With Derrick sitting on the bench with five fouls, the backboards were left to Craig Smoak and Ivan Gordon. They responded with crucial rebounds and blocked shots. Gordon finished the game with 10 points on five field goals.



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MALCOMB PATTEN catches his breath while a Baylor player prepares to shoot a free throw.



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IVAN GORDON fights for a rebound against Baylor.

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