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Rhodes succeeds Hudson

By BRIAN SHELTON
Co-Sports Editor

After a successful 25 year coaching career, Wendell Hudson announced Nov. 26 that he will step down from the women's head coaching job at the end of the season. Hudson, who will assume full-time duties as MCC's athletic director, will be succeeded by current assistant men's basketball coach Ricky Rhodes.

"I think the women's basketball job is a full-time job and I think being athletic director is a full-time job," Hudson said. "I realized at the end of October, before basketball season even got started, that there might not be enough time in the day to do them both effectively."

In the past, however, Hudson has been able to manage all of his

responsibilities effectively, leading the Highlassies to the playoffs in 11 of the past 12 seasons. Because of the success of the program Hudson said it was not an easy decision to retire from coaching.

"The decision was very hard and I've been coaching for 25 years which made it even harder," Hudson said. "At this point in my life I think being a part of the athletic administration is something I can get excited about."

"It's basically a new challenge, a new road and some new ideas to learn about and work into. I feel like I understand basketball, so it's about time for some new challenges."

Rhodes will also face new challenges next basketball season, as he will make the transition from assisting the men's team to coaching the women's team.

"First, I have to read my hand-

book," Rhodes said with a chuckle. "It's going to be a different paced game with the guys playing above the rim. You do have some girls who can play close to the rim and are athletic, but it's going to be totally different."

The pressure to continue the Highlassies winning tradition is also likely to be felt by the new head coach. Rhodes said he will depend on support as well as constructive criticism from Hudson.

"I'm nervous because the AD (Hudson) is going to be watching," Rhodes said. "He's going to be like, 'If I was coach I would have done it this way,' but only in his mind would he probably say that."

"I know he's going to give me full support of whatever I decide to do. It's going to be tough trying to take over a program that's been successful, but I have to try and take it and

continue to get better. If the program ever starts to fall a little bit, I think Coach Hudson will let me know."

With all the pressures and obstacles Rhodes will have to overcome, he said the idea of being a head coach still fills him with excitement.

"I'm as happy as a jaybird," Rhodes said. "It's something I really want to do. I just can't wait, but only time will tell how well things turn out."

Hudson, on the other hand, was not so modest.

"I think Coach Rhodes will do an outstanding job," Hudson said. "With Coach Rhodes really concentrating on basketball and with his enthusiasm and work ethic, the women's basketball program is going to be in fine shape."

Student government elections

Spring elections begin tomorrow

The Student Government Association is holding spring elections tomorrow and Thursday from 9 am to noon in the Student Center.

Students are encouraged to participate in choosing leaders to represent the student body. To cast a ballot one must show a current student identification.

The candidates on the ballot are Niel Smith, president; Ryan Daily, vice president; Maureen Foradory, secretary; Michael Ann Acosta, treasurer; Tzu-Lin Kuo, public relations; sophomore representatives Tammara Heard, Jocelyn Moss, Peggy Pilant, and Sireka Clayton; freshmen representatives Jennifer Diggs and Amy Lands.

Thieves steal keys, leave car

Windows smashed in lot H

By JARROD KEININGHAM
Staff Reporter

Two autos were broken into at parking lot H early in the afternoon on January 20.

The two vehicles were a 1994 Ford Ranger and a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am.

The Ford's passenger window was smashed and a CD player was taken from the vehicle.

The theft of the second vehicle took an unusual turn — the owner of the Pontiac had locked her keys into the car and left to get some assistance. When she returned, her car had been broken into through the driver's side window. Her keys,

which had been in the ignition, were stolen along with her wallet, which served as a key chain. Yet her car was not taken.

Police officers were not able to patrol the campus at the time the thefts occurred because they were handling another matter. However, Officer Joe Lopez of the campus police said, "These break-ins do not occur regularly, maybe once or twice a year. It doesn't happen a lot."

When asked what the probability of retrieving stolen goods such as CD players and other related items were, Lopez said, "If the owners of the stolen goods know the serial numbers of the stolen items, we can make a report and call Waco Police Department to access that serial

code information on the computer. In return, the Waco P.D. creates a pawn list to be given to pawn shops so that they can check any items that are pawned that match a code on the list, giving a chance to retrieve the stolen items."

If the information is not known, the likelihood of retrieval is lessened considerably, he said.

At press time the thief or thieves had not been apprehended.

"In my opinion, it's outsiders that committed the theft since MCC students do not want to commit these acts on fellow students. Also, outsiders can steal the items and leave via the woods surrounding the campus and be concealed," Lopez said.

Library changes to come

By JACQUELINE HARVEY
Staff Reporter

Imagine a one-stop research center equipped the latest technology — one building where you can surf the Internet, grab a bite to eat, attend classes, and buy some supplies for your next class — and imagine, 141 new parking spaces.

This fantasy might soon become a reality if the Board of Trustees approves the \$10 million proposal to expand the current Library into a "Learning Technology Center."

At a meeting Jan. 27, the Board of Trustees got its first glimpse of the plans to expand the current fa-

cilities into what Dean Jane Vargas calls a "one-stop research center."

The presentation was presented by the same company that originally constructed the current library building, John Folke, of Ray Bailey Architects Inc., told the board that the center would be largely made of glass and would add 35,000 square feet to the 30,400 square foot building.

The completed facility would house 93,000 books, 120 computers, distance learning classrooms, conference rooms, quiet private study areas, and a retail center and cafe.

Vargas said that the new center would provide a better and more convenient environment for stu-

dents. The center would be one place for students to do all their studying and perhaps run a few errands.

For example, the center would have an outdoor veranda with comfortable chairs. The retail store would carry things like postage and aspirin. And the new center would have more indoor pay phones.

Also included with the structure would be a two story, 141 car parking garage to accommodate the new center's traffic.

The Board of Trustees will meet again to discuss the proposal 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 16. The meeting will be held in the administration building.

Teacher's association convention

By JULIAN L. RAMON
Staff Reporter

The Texas Community College Teachers Association will be having its 52nd annual teachers convention Feb. 18-20 at the Houston Galleria.

No classes will be held at MCC on the Feb. 19.

For the last 51 years, these meetings have been held for the purpose of informing our teachers at Community Colleges all around Texas, as well as having them share new ideas and strategies.

Each discipline of the two-year college will have its own meetings. Aside from teachers, deans and other faculty administrators will be attending.

The three-day convention includes sessions with nationally known speakers, discussing plans for the future and other aspects of teaching.

Everyone from registrars to textbook representatives will be in attendance. The election of state officers occurs at the convention.

Instructor earns doctorate

By AMY JO WILSON
STAFF REPORTER

Judy Walsh, an instructor of medical-surgical nursing at MCC, recently received a doctor's degree in nursing from Texas Women's University in Denton.

Her interest in the medical field began as a young teenager, and the road to a doctorate has been a long one.

Inspired by the movie, "Flight Nurse," at age 13 Walsh developed a long-life kinship with helping others, and the day she viewed that movie was when she made her career decision to become an Air Force nurse. She did just that. Walsh went to school, received her RN degree, and then later joined the Air Force. She served as a nurse at Wilford Hall USAF Hospital in San Antonio.

Part of her work on the doctorate took place from 1991-1993. That

work included travel from her driveway to the parking lot at Texas Women's University, 130 miles one way, and awakening at the crack of dawn to get there on time.

The final requirement for a Ph.D. requires a dissertation (research project). Walsh's research was to study the relationship between nurse job satisfaction and patient satisfaction in the emergency department. Her research showed that when a nurse is happy and satisfied in her job, she will be able to relate more personally with the patient and more satisfaction will be gained. Dr. Walsh's 174-page dissertation is available on file at the Texas Women's University Library. But the learning process continues.

Practical experience is important to her as an educator. Once a month Walsh works in the triage area in the emergency room at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center. She said this keeps her in touch with patients.

Dr. Walsh sees rewards to both teaching at MCC and working in the hospital with patients. Both jobs are inspiring to her.

"Education is a lifelong process in Health Care," Walsh said.

According to Dr. Walsh more students at MCC are coming into the nursing programs with more experience. Individuals at various ages are returning to school to further their education and get an RN Degree. She said they are seeing more men in the nursing profession.

"Nursing is very rewarding," says Walsh, who has been with the college since 1976.

She pointed out that back in the 1980s there was an oversupply of nurses, but today there is a shortage. Now is a good time to get in the nursing programs.

For further information about enrolling or qualifying for the Nursing programs offered at MCC, call The Associate Degree Nursing Program at 254-299-8387.

Tutors to receive certification

NEWS FROM EMAIL REPORT

Student Support Services Tutorial Center has learned that the MCC Tutorial Program has qualified for national certification.

To qualify for this certification, a detailed tutor training curriculum was submitted by Patsy White, who retired at the end of the fall semester.

Tutors who will receive certifi-

cates have completed eight hours of tutor training and have completed 25 hours of actual tutoring of MCC students enrolled in college credit courses.

Counselors Gloria Guardiola and Johnnie Talton also assisted in the training of both new and returning tutors for the 1998-1999 school year.

Of approximately 89 student tutors and lab assistants, 24 have

completed requirements for certification and will be presented certificates in February's Tutor Training. This training will include presentations by instructors from MCC's English, reading, and math departments — Jennifer Black, Gail Herring and Lisa Lindloff.

Upon Dr. White's retirement, Gloria Guardiola has been named coordinator/project director of the support services program.

Baseball season opens Friday

By BRIAN SHELTON
Co-Sports Editor

Last season's regional final loss to Grayson has plagued the minds of the Highlanders baseball team like a virus so great and encompassing, it has become almost unbearable.

Taking a 32-21 record into the regional finals, the Highlanders only found disappointment as they left the bases loaded in the last inning. This resulted in a 6-4 loss and ultimately ended their season.

However, head coach Paul Miller believes this year's team possesses unlimited potential, capable of healing last season's wounds.

"This team has the possibility of being every bit as good as last year's team and possibly better," Miller

said. "We have better pitching depth and possibly a better defense."

Much like other junior colleges, inexperience is the main obstacle the team will have to overcome this season. With only five returning starters, the team will have to rely on players with little or no college experience to fill open spots in the line-up.

"We've got a lot of guys starting to play that have never played college ball before," Miller said. "How they mature as the season progresses will dictate how we do."

The Highlander roster consists of 11 pitchers including sophomores Jason Scobie, Zach Sonnier, and Kevin Outlaw, Baytown Sterling transfer Regan Lechridge and seven freshmen. Miller said he will use the first month of non-conference play to decide on his starting pitching rotation and place the others in

relief and closer roles.

"I'm not afraid to put any of the 11 guys we have out on the field, but it's pretty much up in the air right now," Miller said. "We'll be trying to give everyone the maximum amount of innings during non-conference play and just see what happens."

Although the pitching staff is full of inexperienced players, Miller said he has seen vast improvements over the off-season.

"Our biggest strength would be the number of quality arms we have on the pitching staff," Miller said. "We've got a great deal of arm strength and because of that, we have the possibility of having a good staff."

Miller will also utilize a number of recruits and transfers to complement the strong sophomore quartet of shortstop Ryan Reynolds, second baseman Bryan Kent, first baseman

Brandon Maricle and catcher Tim Meadows. All four, including Scobie, were selected for the junior college all-star game held at Tyler Junior College last year.

"We have the nucleus of our offense coming back from last year in Reynolds, Kent, Maricle and Meadows," Miller said. "We've got those guys plugged in the middle of the line-up just like last season."

Tough conference competition also awaits the Highlanders with Grayson, North Central, Collin County, Hill, Vernon, Brookhaven, Ranger and Temple College standing in the way.

"It's not going to be a conference race where any team runs away and hides from anybody," Miller said. "Whatever team starts out hot and gets everyone else on the defensive is going to have a good chance to win."

Feedback? We welcome your comments and letters to the editors. Talk to us!

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Internet classes expand

Students caught in the web

By CHELSEA JACKSON
Staff Reporter

As students embark on ever changing technology, learning media also changes. This semester, classes offered over the Internet have doubled from last semester.

In the fall 199 students were enrolled in seven courses offered by MCC on the Internet. This semester 422 students are enrolled in 20 such courses.

Randall Schormann, director of extended education services, attributes most of the growth to flex-

ibility. Prime candidates for this media of study are students who have conflicting or changing work schedules, parents who want to be with their children, or high school students who want to earn college credit without interfering with their current school and extra-curricular activity schedule.

Geography also plays a role in the increase of Internet based classes. If a student in West Texas is interested in taking a course in forestry, his means would be limited considering they are located within miles of a desert.

One student who is taking MCC's

Internet course, Introduction to Mass Communication, is located in Orlando, Fla.

Some students enroll in these classes because they are registering late, and a campus-based class is not available. If a student procrastinated to register without a valid reason, this type of class is not highly recommended. Time management and self-motivation are critical skills needed for success in Internet-based study.

The rapid expansion of these courses can also be attributed to the accessibility of computers.

Though Schormann addresses

the fact that computer-based instruction and distance learning are not new, many instructors admit their classes are still considered to be experimental.

Considering the overview and drastic changes of living standards within the past century, computer enhanced learning is relatively new. The past few years have provided enormous expansion within different learning media and education.

Schormann addresses the issue of greater technology expansion in the 21st century quite nicely by saying, "If you think this century was good, you ain't seen nothing yet."

International Spanish classes are enrolling now

By STEPHANIE HALLMAN
Staff Reporter

MCC students can learn a foreign language and earn college credit at the same time while living in a beautiful foreign city this summer.

A study experience in Cuernavaca, Mexico, is now enrolling students. The program will be similar to the popular courses offered in the past by the college.

The course usually lasts for from two-to-four weeks depending on

which course is chosen.

The cost for McLennan County residents is \$910 for the courses Spanish Conversation I and II and Intermediate Spanish I and II. Beginning Spanish II costs \$1,520. Financial Aid can be used for paying for the courses. The cost of airfare, souvenirs, and other entertainment is extra.

The costs include three meals per day, seven days per week, shared accommodations and living arrangements with a host family, selected tours on weekends, tuition for both

MCC and Universal Centro de Lengua (Universal Center of Language).

"On the selected tours, students get the chance to visit museums in Mexico City, see the pyramids of Teotihuacan, and visit the silver mines in Taxco. Sight-seeing is actually what we do on the tours," said Richard Coronado, associate dean of workforce education. Coronado works with Daniel Paniagua, Spanish instructor, to coordinate the trip.

Students are placed with host families where they get to practice

the Spanish that they have learned. This gives students the opportunity to receive first-hand experience on what they learn in the classes.

"Classes usually start around 8 a.m. and end around 1:30 p.m.," said Coronado. At that time students can then return to their host families or participate in extra activities.

For more information contact Richard Coronado at 299-8658 or at rc@mcc.cc.tx.us or Daniel Paniagua at 299-8959 or at dap@mcc.cc.tx.us

First night fire academy graduates 15 cadets

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE

Fifteen fire academy cadets graduated from the third and fourth classes of the McLennan Community College Fire Protection Technology Program Dec. 4 in ceremonies at MCC.

Students in both academies successfully completed an intensive classroom and field training course required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Academy Number 3 was the first night academy offered by the college, requiring cadets to attend classes two nights a week and every third Saturday for 11 months.

The cadets in Academy Number 4 attended day classes for 17 weeks. The graduating cadets took the state

firefighter's certification examination and achieved a 100 percent passing rate. The class average was nine points above the state average for the test.

Academy Director Frank Patterson said that all the cadets are now eligible to become paid firefighters in the State of Texas.

Academy Number 3 graduates include Jim Karnes, Michael Puig, Michael Robertson (valedictorian and top cadet), Kevin Skarpa, Michael Sullwold, and Jay Zimmerman.

Academy Number 4 graduates include Tim Anderson (president and valedictorian), Sam Belcher, Matt Carey, Jay Cunningham, Brent Ewing, Robert Lunberg, James Martin, David Sauer (top cadet), and Brandon Storm.

Hit the road

School sponsors trips to universities

By DIKITA NOBLES
Staff Reporter

It's time to get on the road again as students begin signing up for future university campus tours, including one this Friday to the University of Central Texas in Killeen.

This free service allows students to travel to surrounding universities in Texas. Upon arriving on the campus, the students are able to get hands-on experience with university campus life. Due to the changes in criteria and catalogues, students are able to speak directly with department advisors to assist in making the best decisions for themselves.

Counseling Specialist,

Johnnie Talton is enthusiastic about this service as a way of meeting students' needs. Talton said the service provides students with necessary tools from people and places to assist them in achieving academic success.

Trips schedule thus far this semester include

- Feb. 5 University of Central Texas
- Feb. 19 University of Texas At Austin
- Feb. 26 Tarleton State

Students enrolled at MCC are encouraged to stop by Career Development or Student Support Services to sign up and take advantage of these opportunities. For more information call Kathy Calucci at 299-8494.

"It's all in asking," Talton says.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

Tuesday, Feb. 2 — A Matter of Taste, 6-8 p.m. Master chef Tom Sergeant draws from a variety of cuisines to prepare full-course gourmet meals. Class meets Feb. 2, March 2, and April 6. Call Continuing Education at 299-8547.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 — Highlander Basketball v. Cisco. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game following at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4 — Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. MCC music instructors Ruth Pitts and Doris Scott in recital. Admission free.

Saturday, Feb. 6 — Highlander Basketball v. Collin. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game following at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 — Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Center. Call Amberdawn Moore at 299-8465.

— Highlander Basketball v. Temple. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game following at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13 — Highlander Basketball v. Weatherford. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game following at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 — Highlander Basketball v. Ranger. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game following at 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19 — MCC Closed for Staff Development. No classes held, and offices closed to the public as faculty attends TCC/TA meetings and staff attends professional development seminars.

Saturday, Feb. 20 — Highlander Basketball v. SWCC. Women play at 6 p.m., men's game following at 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22 — MCC Choral Concert 7:30 p.m. Ball Performing Arts Center. Admission free. Call the music department at 299-8283.

Tuesday, Feb. 23 — Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Board Room, Administration/Classroom Building.

Thursday, Feb. 25 — Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30 p.m., Ball Performing Arts Center. Admission free.

Dress for the occasion

Costuming for the spring production
'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'

FAWN FALETOGO
Entertainment Editor

The drama department is preparing for its latest production, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," to take the stage starting March 17.

Under the direction of MCC faculty, the cast members and theater majors are currently in the process of costume and set production.

Kathleen Cochran will overlook the costume portion of this play.

Before moving to Waco and teaching two years of costume designing at MCC, Cochran taught high school English and dance in El Paso.

Cochran explains that coming up with set and costume ideas for a play such as "Whorehouse" can be tricky.

First off, the director, stage manager, light director, and costume designer all sit in a round table discussion.

Then the director will start describing his idea of how the play should be, sometimes making a "vague and esoteric way-out-there statement," according to Cochran.

Cochran says it is the crew's job to then "translate his vision into reality, to what's going on stage."

The next step is researching the background for the play.

For example, to find out the atmosphere of a whorehouse and the look of its employees, Cochran gath-

ered information about The Chicken Ranch once located in La Grange.

The Chicken Ranch, closed down in 1973 with the help of a zealous reporter, became the impetus for the popular Broadway play.

Through interviewing former ranch customers and checking out the Chicken Ranch website on the Internet, Cochran has an idea of how the cast members will be dressed on opening night.

The ladies of the night will most likely wear 1940s and 1950s garb, including prom dresses and bloomers.

"The gowns will be taken apart and velcroed back together again," Cochran said, "so they can rip off easily."

On the other hand, the male actors are not velcroed, but they are in serious need for some clothes.

In light of a restricted budget, there is a shortage in costumes. Donations of cowboy boots, hats, and western shirts are urged. All donations are tax deductible.

Despite the title of the play, Cochran maintains that "there's nothing dirty going on," as one of the songs in the "Whorehouse" musical is titled.

Anticipation for the performance can be summed up with Cochran's description of the play.

"It's sexy, it's snappy, it's raunchy ... but there's no nudity."

Of course not. What are costume designers for?

Prestigious professor to visit campus

By JACQUELINE HARVEY
Campus News Editor

The college is eagerly anticipating the arrival of German professor and lecturer Ewald Weitzdoerfer Feb. 13.

Weitzdoerfer, who will be traveling with his wife, will be visiting MCC for one week on his way to a language conference in Cuba.

The visiting professor is the language department head at Fachhochschule-Kempten University in Bavaria, Germany. Among his many accomplishments, Weitzdoerfer has a master's degree in English and French and a Ph.D. in Spanish.

Dr. Michaelis and other administrators hope that hosting Weitzdoerfer will be the first step in establishing an international exchange student program between the two colleges.

Faculty members will have the opportunity to meet him Feb. 16 at a Cajolery luncheon, and then students and the entire campus community can meet him at an afternoon reception.

The professor will be visiting classrooms throughout the week and will have a luncheon with the international students and Tartan Scholars on Feb. 15.

Weitzdoerfer will be speaking several times throughout the week, including an address he will give to the Baylor Spanish Club regarding his research of Latin literature. He has agreed to speak on such Latin authors as Vargas Llosa and Virgilio Pinera.

While visiting Texas, the professor and his wife also plan to do some sight-seeing in San Antonio.

Looking through rose-colored glasses

Student publishes poetry book

By VERONICA CABARRUBIA
Co-Feature Editor

A 9-year-old determined to express that individuality is okay found writing poetry as her means.

Now 17-year-old Giselle Rose-Lee Hewitt has a poetry book entitled "Through Thine Eyes of the Beholder."

The book is a selected collection of more than 50 poems she has been writing for the past eight years.

Sandolla Graphics, founded by Sandra Hewitt Parson, Hewitt's mother, is responsible for the publishing of the book.

Copies of the book, which costs \$20, will not be found in bookstores. The book is promoted and distributed by word of mouth.

A speech communications and political science major, Hewitt wants to be a civil rights lawyer.

Hewitt, along with her double major, will have a minor in rhetorical speech. She will be graduating May only a year out of high

school. "My poetry is telling everyone that we don't have to conform to society," she said.

"Not a map could save... My Specialist- From where he's going. Blended to a uniform. Matched a color coordinated. No free thinkers in the lines. We think what they think, And they think we shall not anymore."

This excerpt from "The Specialist," a poem found in the book, is describing the lack of individuality in our society.

Hewitt continually writes poetry and plans to publish another book. In November she had the winning poem, "There's a ... behind the door," in the campus-wide Casa de Cafe competition. She also had another poem, "Today I'm Drowning," published in the special Casa de Cafe edition of the *Highland Herald*.

For those interested in a copy of "Through Thine Eyes," call Hewitt at 836-1609.

Instructor named Baylor's

'Outstanding Graduate Student'

By SHELLEY STRINGER
STAFF REPORTER

The college has a teacher who was named "Outstanding Graduate Student" at Baylor University last fall.

Stephanie Litizette is an adjunct faculty member currently teaching her fourth semester of Introduction to Sociology at MCC. She is originally from Kansas City and came to Waco in 1992 to attend Baylor University. With successful completion of the undergraduate program, she entered the Graduate School at Baylor to work on her master's degree in sociology.

In August 1997 she received

a master's degree in sociology and began work on her doctorate. It was as a doctoral student that she received the top honor as a graduate student. The nominees were chosen by the dean of the Graduate School based on students' achievements, academic involvement, research and grades.

Litizette is beginning her seventh year of studying sociology, and she is currently working on her doctorate in applied sociology. She plans to graduate in May 2000 with a Ph.D. from Baylor.

In the future, Litizette said she would like to go to work doing research for a private organization, business, or university.

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We need more parking

It has always been a problem for students to find a parking spot and actually get to class on time.

We all know that teachers don't like tardy students. I'm sure the students don't like to walk into class late and have everyone look at them crazy. Sometimes teachers may count you absent if there are too many tardies. Getting here early seems to make people think they may have a chance of getting a parking spot, but the truth is that it doesn't always happen that way.

The thing that may cross a student's mind is, should we really have over 20 visitor parking spots? Can they really blame students that park as visitors? We make an effort to try and get to class on time. There need to be more parking spaces than students enrolled so people won't have to go crazy looking for a parking spot.

Action leading to a successful solution to this problem will make students feel less stressful. They will not have to worry about fighting for a place to park.

The solution for most students may be riding the shuttle bus or a bike, or maybe even walking. The shuttle bus that is active on campus may get full so that some students are not able to ride. There should be at least 3 shuttle busses running at a time driving around and ready to assist the students. If nothing can be done about the parking at this time, we, as students have to make this work for ourselves.

In a different light

Our world is too violent

By ELIZABETH E. MEYER
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The 1990s could be referred to as the talk show decade. When one stops to consider the millions of lives that revolve around a daily regimen of talk shows it really makes you wonder what our society is coming to.

Just to avoid a hypocritical stance I confess to being intrigued by the bizarre guests and the chaos that makes up the Jerry Springer show. Where I do not be any means condone what occurs on his show, I solemnly admit that I feel it is a reflection of the volatile streak in society that seems to be growing a bit more predominant with each passing day.

In light of the recent carjacking at the Richland Mall and the students' so-called plans of violence which Groesbeck school officials found themselves faced with last week, it seems that violence is knocking at our back doors.

No, I didn't just crawl out from under a rock. I know the world is not a kind and nonviolent place. But as I watched the news the night of the carjacking, and a local station aired an up-close, graphic photo of the bloody aftermath from the shooting, I became disturbingly aware of the extreme measures feeding the fascination to violence, which is blowing up in the face of the human race. I must say I have not watched an episode of Springer since.

I realize we cannot bring an immediate change to the world, but it is time to wake up to what is happening.

If you stop and think 10 years ago an elementary student taking a rifle to school and shooting and murdering other children would have had a massive effect on our entire country. Today it is a common occurrence, and we just ask,

"Where?" or "Who died?" A few days later something else is the top story and long forgotten are those victims of the vicious crimes. Is this disturbing to only me?

It is nothing we can solve with one wave of a wand. It is the small things that make a difference. Work with kids who don't have the perfect home lives or too many friends. Work with the elderly.

There is a local chapter of Big Brothers, Big Sisters where you volunteer your time with a child each week. There are tutoring opportunities as close as the top floor of the Student Center or in the Community Services Center's OPTIONS program. The Meals-on-Wheels program is always in need of volunteers to deliver hot lunches to the elderly who may be unable to do for themselves.

Filling our days with the hair-pulling violence of Springer, the infamous lie-detector and paternity tests of the Sally show, and the half-dressed teen rebels Jenny Jones exploits daily, is not a good thing.

As amusing as it all may seem it is not good to make it acceptable, it is not good to set these as examples for our younger generations.

Step by step we can make a difference. Try doing something that will reward you with a smile or unconditional love like making a difference in the life of a child, rather than withering away each week day in front of a television set and feeding into the idea that if someone does something to you that you dislike you can strike them down or take them on television and humiliate them, as well as yourself.

Go to a park, get some fresh air and exercise, read a book, see a hockey game, or go play laser-tag. Wasting a life glued to a TV watching the gore of the 10 o'clock news or the Springer show is such a waste. I am glad I finally realized that and I am loving the free time I now have.

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Personal column

An interest in environment

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MANDOLIN SHANNON
STAFF REPORTER

Talk of limiting or entirely doing away with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 is again a hot news topic. I can understand why when our entire society will be affected by the outcome of decisions made by Congress concerning this twenty-five year old law. Endangered species protection impacts the lives of every individual on the face of the earth. Therefore, everyone of us should be concerned about this pressing issue.

Recently, an editorial in the Waco Tribune Herald claimed that "the act can be used as a doomsday weapon to kill off economic development and strip property owners of land value." This statement clearly shows that a line has been drawn between the two sides of the issue of species protection.

In a related article titled "Edwards favors changing Endangered Species Act," Nancie Marzulla says that enforcement of the act has "demonized private-property owners as enemies of threatened animals." While this may be partially true, at the same time the other side of this issue has demonized supporters of species protection as enemies of property owners and economic development.

Obviously, we need to seek common ground on this volatile issue. The Tribune Herald editorial cites that "the act protects more than a thousand (species), mostly plants." This should be boast-worthy since half of all prescription and nonprescription drugs are derived from wild plants. One such drug is Taxol, derived from the Pacific Yew Tree. This tree was once considered a trash tree to the Northwestern logging industry. Today, it is being used to successfully treat several types of cancer.

Unfortunately, Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco is not the only

one who "questions the value of protecting animals such as rats and cave-dwelling spiders to the same degree as a bald eagle." In order to protect a species you must protect the ecosystem that supports the species.

Author Daniel D. Chiras explains an ecological theory called "keystone species" — species critical to the survival of, sometimes, entire ecosystems. Chiras goes on to state that "keystone species, in fact, are often unobtrusive, rare, or little-known species. Their survival, however, may ensure the survival of more glamorous and well-known species."

The perception that the Endangered Species Act should only protect regal, attractive and mighty creatures is proven to be greatly flawed in premise. The Endangered Species Act takes the ecological model of keystone species into account by protecting lesser-known species in addition to the more glamorous species like the bald eagle.

Clearly, species protection holds benefits for our society today, and years into the future. The Endangered Species Act did not "mutate into a monster" which "ended up splitting the nation into angry camps", in the Tribune-Herald's phrasing. What has split the nation is making the species protection issue an "us" against "them" war.

Our entire nation will benefit if we aggressively protect our natural heritage. Therefore, our entire nation, with the support of our government, should be part of the system which protects the natural world. We should not be at war with each other over the issue of species protection.

We should come together and find our common ground on this urgent problem. The health, well-being and sustainability of our society and our future depends upon how we handle the issue of species protection.

Endangered species protection should be fair to everyone who is involved. However, it would be a tragedy if the act was weakened simply because of perceived property rights issues.

Shuttle helps relieve parking situation

By CALEB HAGOPIAN
STAFF REPORTER

The start of a new semester would be incomplete without the reoccurring problem of student parking. With limited parking space, and a well spread campus, many students will be facing long walks and frequent tardiness.

Fortunately, the MCC shuttle bus offers some relief.

For the past four years, Alex Lopez has been driving the shuttle bus. Alex, as the students call him, takes his job seriously, and although he has no NASCAR experience, he has never been in a wreck and has never received a traffic ticket while on or off the clock.

No stranger to public service, Alex served 22 years in the Army as an anti-aircraft and logistics specialist, and served 18 years in the Civil Service with the Veterans Administration before joining the MCC family. Alex has become a familiar face on campus, always offering a warm smile, friendly advice, and a convenient ride to any student whom will accept.

"The shuttle enables me to get to class on time, plus Alex has become a good friend," said Laura Green, a first year art major.

The bond between Alex and the students is evident to any passenger on the shuttle. "I enjoy my job very much, especially meeting interesting students from all different countries," Alex said. Students can meet Alex, and take advantage of a helpful service, by using the

shuttle.

As long as MCC parking resembles mall traffic at Christmas time, the shuttle bus will be useful to all students, so wave your hand, or stick out your thumb, because the shuttle is here to give students a lift.

"The shuttle enables me to get to class on time, plus Alex has become a good friend."

The shuttle bus runs from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

First stop of the day is at the Health and Physical Education Building (HPE).

The shuttle then wraps around the East Side of the campus, making stops at these buildings — Fine Arts (FA), Applied Science (AS), Science Building (SB), Health Careers (HC) — and finishes the rotation with stops at the Liberal Arts (LA), Student Center (SC), Health and Physical Education (HPE), and then across College Drive to the Community Services Center (CSC).

And the rotation continues through the same route.

NEWS BRIEFS

Students to play in All-State Band

MCC band members will take part in the Texas Junior College All-State Band this week in San Antonio. The following honorees are Britanni Ginn, Francisca Melendez, Stephani Salazar, Remy Lavadia, Blake Waller, Jack Forbis, and Jaine Brattain. Miriam Luzanaris is an alternate to play in the band. The director of the MCC band is Ed Powell.

Rambo presides at convention

On January 20-24 a group of MCC faculty and students represented the school at the Texas Educational Theatre Association conference in Austin. Drama instructor Jim Rambo serves as president of the state-wide association; Cindy SoRelle, director of liberal arts, is secretary of the association, and theater specialist Richard Leslie will be serving as co-editor of Texas Theatre Notes in March. About 20 theater students from the college also attended the conference.

Vocational nurses 100% pass rate

The college congratulates Leila Clark, the vocational nursing faculty, and their students. They have just received word from the Board of Vocational Nursing Examiners (BVNE) that 100 percent of the college's LVN graduates from the December 1997 and August 1998 classes passed the national licensing exam.

Student Government selling Wizard tickets

The Student Government Association invites students, faculty and staff to join them on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. to watch the Waco Wizards play Arkansas on MCC Night. Tickets cost \$5 (normally, tickets sell for \$7, \$9 and \$11.) Tickets can be purchased at the continuing education registration counter in the Student Services Building. (A portion of the proceeds will benefit the MCC Student Government Association.)

Lost-Found in Student Center

Lost and Found is now located in Career Development Services on the ground floor of the Student Center. If you or someone you know has lost anything on campus please check at that site. We have many valuable items from keys and glasses to textbooks and computer disks. Come by or call 299-8614.

African-American Cultural Expo

The Heart of Texas Black Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Central Texas African-American Cultural Expo at the Waco Convention Center on Feb. 20-21 opening at 10 both mornings and closing at 10 p.m. on Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. The theme is "The Power of Cooperation." The event is free and will offer career opportunities, workshops, musical entertainment, and much more. MCC will participate by having an information booth. Those who can help with the booth should contact Elida Garza at 299-8597. Also the East Waco Community Center has scheduled its Black History Month banquet Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

Free tax preparation offered

Free tax preparations and assistance is being offered for all middle and low income taxpayers primarily age 60 and older. This service is available through the AARP Tax-Aide through April 15. Sites for the services will be at the Harrison Center on 1718 N. 42nd St.; the Sul Ross Center, 1414 Jefferson; South Waco Community Center, 2815 Speight Ave.; and Waco McLennan County Library, 18th and Austin Avenue. These four sites will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.. Electronic Filing will also be provided in the offices of the Area Agency on Aging located in the HOT COG Building at 300 Franklin Avenue. This site will operate on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1-5 p.m. This site is expected to provide faster return processing, greater accuracy, and faster turn around for refunds. Taxpayer are urged to bring with them their last tax return and all tax related documents which apply to 1998. Services are also available for homebound individuals in Waco. The homebound can call John Holland at 772-2115 for an appointment.

Tax forms available in Library

Reminder to everyone that the library has copies of many of the most "popular" tax forms. The Library also has a notebook containing masters for reproducing all the IRS forms and instructions. This notebook is kept at the circulation desk — ask for it there. All of the IRS forms are also available on the Internet. Access the IRS website at <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>. A screen with a large mail box will appear. Click on the picture of the mail box; this will take you to "The Digital Daily." At the bottom of the page click on the words "Forms & Pubs." You'll need to have Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer. If it's not, go to <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html> to download it.

National Endowment grants due

Faculty members should note the National Endowment for the Humanities 23 professional development seminars and institutes for college teachers this summer. Applicants will have until March 1 to apply to seminar directors. Acceptance usually means approximately three to six weeks' free attendance at a seminar or institute at a leading college, university or overseas location, with a stipend ranging from \$2,350 to \$3,700 to cover expenses. For information: NEH Summer seminars, 202/606-8463 or e-mail address: research@neh.fed.us. For complete lists of seminars/institutes and directors for each, see website at www.neh.gov/html/awards/seminar1.html. Contact Nancy Neill if you plan to apply.

Sierra Club to meet

The Sierra Club will hold a "Town Hall meeting" Wednesday regarding utility deregulation and its effect on environment. For more information call Boyce Vardiman at 826-3118

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Basketball teams shoot for playoffs

Highlassies stumble after strong start

By KEVIN BROCK
Co-Sports Editor

Grayson College won their 21st game of the season Saturday night, beating the Highlassies 79-62.

Led by the third leading scorer in the nation, Sheila Lambert at a 22.8 average. Lambert scored a career high 34 points for the Lady Vikings.

Lambert's play, overshadowed a close first half. With the team down 27-11, the Highlassies went on a 11-0 run, cutting the lead to 29-24. Kendra Watson's clutch three pointer with 2:14 left in the half, kept the game close, but the team couldn't stop Lambert, who scored 21 points in the first half and four three-pointers. It was still only a four point game at halftime 32-28.

Grayson took control in the second half and never looked back. The Lady Vikings stay undefeated (21-0), ranked fourth in the latest NJCCA poll and lead the Northern Texas Junior College Conference with a 8-0 record.

Moriah Johnson led the Highlassies with 23 points and Tamica Talley added 10 in the losing effort. The team dropped to 12-7 overall and 5-3 in conference.

The team started the year off with a bang by blowing out San Jacinto and Blinn in the Texas Shootout on Jan. 4-5.

Blinn beaten 83-69

The Highlassies had the game under control from the 15 minute mark on, stretching a six-point half-time lead to double digits in the first five minutes and extended it to more than 20 midway through the second half.

The team was led by sophomore Tamica Talley who had 12 of her game high 20 in the second half.

Freshman Daniella Willis had her third straight double-digit scoring performance with 16 points.

Blinn made some late 3 pointers to make it respectable.

San Jacinto blown out
MCC used runs of 8-0, 10-0, and 17-2 and scored 42 points in the last 15 minutes, to blow out San Jacinto.

Freshman Daniella Willis and Sophomore Tara Alexander combined for 35 points, including 11 apiece in the second half.

Wallops Collin 71-63
With a balanced scoring attack that saw four players score in double figures, MCC beat Collin 71-63, Jan. 9.

It was the seventh win in their last eight games for Coach Hudson's team.

The team was led by Kendra Watson with 15 points, while Moriah Johnson added 14, Tiffany Donehoo 12, and Tamica Talley had 10.

The game wasn't as close as the score indicated. MCC led by 10 points or more for much of the whole game. Missed free throws kept the game from getting out of hand.

The win gave the Highlassies a 10-4 overall record and 3-0 in conference play.

Temple routed 83-56
Three players scored in double figures, led by Moriah Johnson with 16 as MCC routed the Temple Lady Leopards 83-56 on Jan. 16.

With only a 7 point lead at the half, the Highlassies rolled up 50 points in the second half to put the game away.

Kendra Watson added 13 and Daniella Willis 12 for the Highlassies.

Weatherford wins 98-72
Weatherford had three players with 20 or more points to beat MCC 98-72 on Jan. 16.

Tiffany Donehoo hit five three-pointers and scored 18 for MCC.

Donehoo and Tamica Talley's 13 kept the game close, down by 12 at half.

Rebounds over Ranger

Tamica Talley and Theresa Tindle combine for 31 of their 35 points in the second half, as MCC came back from a four-point half time deficit to defeat Ranger 83-76 on Jan. 20.

Talley had 18, Tindle 17 and Kendra Watson 16 for the Highlassies, who improved to 12-5 overall, and 5-1 in conference.

After trailing 35-31 at the half, MCC led by as many as 10 late in the game. But Ranger scored six unanswered points and pulled

within four, 77-73, on a lay-up with 1:49 remaining. The Highlassies made four of six free throws in the last two minutes to seal the win.

SWCC stuns MCC
Southwestern Christian women stunned the Highlassies, 75-69 in overtime on Jan. 23.

The team had a 10 point lead midway through the second half and had a chance to win it in regulation, but after a Lady Ram turnover the Highlassies missed a shot at the buzzer.

Moriah Johnson had 18 and Tamica Talley and Tara Alexander 14 apiece to lead the Highlassies.

'Landers rebound after shaky start

By JULIAN L. RAMON
Co-Opinion Editor

As the season winds down to the intense stretch run of conference games, the Highlanders find themselves still fighting for a winning season.

On Jan. 30, the Highlanders won an important conference game over Grayson, 75 - 70. Demetric Sims and Heath Fusilier of MCC led the way with 19 points apiece. The win was their fourth victory in their last five games, putting them right at .500.

Despite having eleven games in the losing column to this point, the Highlanders are still very much alive in the hunt for a post-season berth. At the beginning of the season, the Highlander coaching staff approached the season with somewhat of a question mark as to how the new-look team would gel. After a bumpy run in the fall, the Highlanders have shown signs of life as of late.

Over the holidays, the team suffered costly defeats, including blowouts to Hill and Richland. On January 9, the Highlanders were defeated in a conference game at Collin County, losing 73 - 53.

Despite their tough losses, MCC

did pull out a few impressive victories, which included a throttling of Western Oklahoma at the Highlands, 83 - 60. The team was also able to win a nailbiter over Navarro, 70 - 67 on the fourth of January.

In recent contests, the Highlanders have managed to pick up important victories within the conference. In late January, the Highlanders defeated conference rivals Temple and Ranger. On Jan. 23, the club won a close one on the road over conference rival Southwestern Christian, 63 - 61.

The Highlanders' resurgence at this point in the season has sported some impressive scoring outputs by the likes of Seneca Wall, who averaged 19 points per game in the stretch of conference games, and Demetric Sims, who was named conference player of the week by Northern Texas Junior College for his performances against Southwest Christian and Ranger during the week of January 17 - 24.

The Highlanders still have plenty of work ahead of them, with more make-or-break conference games to come. The team battled Hill for a second time on Feb. 1.

Look for complete coverage of the Hill game in the next issue.

The Sports Zone

Everything you want to know about sports and then some

By BRIAN SHELTON
Co-Sports Editor

be a place where opponents dread playing.

Moreover, the Highlanders and Highlassies give their full effort every game, and in return deserve our support.

A look at the pros
For some strange reason, I just can't get excited about the upcoming NBA basketball "season." In my opinion, 50 games does not warrant an official season and the fact that it will be played without Michael Jordan only makes it worse. I think I'd rather watch a week-long marathon of "The Magic Hour."

If you ask me, the Minnesota Vikings got what they deserved in their playoff loss to the underrated Atlanta Falcons — a swift kick in the ego. The Vikes are full of talent, but they would be wise to give themselves an attitude check before it destroys their organization, ala the Dallas Cowboys.

If you haven't made it to an MCC basketball game this season, and judging from the average attendance you probably haven't, you've missed an exciting first half.

Although both the Highlanders and Highlassies are in contention for playoff spots and performing well, the Highlands is far from packed come game day.

Nothing is more intimidating to an opposing team than a large and rambunctious home crowd that is capable of disrupting that team's concentration. This facet of the game becomes vital in close contests as it often makes the difference between a win and a loss.

The fans who do attend home games are great, but with more fan support the Highlands would

Team hopes for success in final season

Lassies look for support from youth

By CHRISTOPHER FLUITT
Staff Reporter

field a team of eight girls, and with only two returning they filled the gaps with five freshmen Denise Amagan, Juliette Andrade, Kristen Graif, Floresita Lopez, Amanda Schneider and Ashley Jensen a sophomore transfer from Santa Clara California.

In 23 years they have been invited to the NJCAA national tournament and have finished as champions twice, and the Highlassies finished 2nd in the nation last year.

"Our first goal for this year is to become a team and our second goal is to become National Champs again," Coach Carnack Berryman said.

The team is planning on taking the highroad to the championship in Tucson, Arizona. The season

starts Feb. 2 against the Tyler Apaches. Feb. 19-20 the Highlassies will be hosting a tournament.

This year for the highlassies will be their last as a tennis program. In 1998 the board of trustees approved a movement to replace the successful tennis program with a new softball program.

Berryman is not only set on winning a trophy, but is also interested in the future of his players. The termination of the program directly affects the freshman who were planning on playing another year. Now they are trying to transfer to other schools were they can receive scholarships to play. So far Berryman has helped two of his three freshman to receive scholarships to other schools.

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