

Library installs book spy

In an effort to keep library materials from "walking" out of the library, a \$10,360 electronic book detection system has been installed at the library check-out desk.

An inventory report in 1974 showed that the library had lost 300 books. Library Services Director Victor Jeffries hopes the detection system will cut down on the number of books from being stolen or misplaced.

The library's whole collection of chess books has been "completely wiped out," said Jeffries, who also notes a "high loss" of sports books.

A few volumes of bound magazines have also been lost. "That runs into money," Jeffries said. "We have to replace individual copies at about \$3 each, and some volumes may have as many as 12 copies per volume."

Students have been frustrated at not being able to find books that have been improperly checked out, said Jeffries.

"A large percentage of these materials are eventually returned, but many never are," he said. "A lot of times students aren't trying to steal the book; they just get in a hurry and walk out with it."

But the 3-M Tattle-Tape Book Detection System that became operational this week will prevent library patrons from leaving the building with materials they may have forgotten to check out.

The system resembles detection units used in airports and some department stores. Persons must walk through the unit to leave the library. An electronic eye is set to scan library patrons and their briefcases for materials not

checked out. When a book is checked out, it is processed so that the alarm will not be triggered.

If anyone tries to leave the library without first checking out his materials, the system will beep several times, and its exit gate will lock.

Jeffries said the system may sound several "false alarms" during its initial operation. Though library personnel have been sensitizing materials to the system since September, some books checked out before the system's installation have not been processed and will trigger the alarm.

Jeffries expects the system to "pay for itself" in about three years. "It will go a long way in solving the student's problem in looking for a book he can't find. We'll know the book will either be on the shelf, misplaced (within the library) or checked out," he said.



THE 3-M TATTLE-TAPE Book Detection system became operational this week in the library as part of an effort to reduce the number of stolen and misplaced books.

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Student government actions 'can' cafeteria

by Terry Tacker

The Student Government held their final meeting of the fall semester Monday in the Tartan Room.

The meeting was highlighted by the reading of a letter written by Dr. LaVerne Wong, Dean of Student Services, commending the Student Government on their actions with regard to the cafeteria clean-up campaign.

On different occasions, members of the Student Government have helped clean up the cafeteria. Also, the Student Government is in the process of purchasing three "Glutton" (56-gallon) trash cans for the cafeteria. The trash cans will be orange and white in color with the Highlander design on the front.

"One Step Higher" will perform two mini-concerts in the Student Center. The disco-rock group will exhibit their skills Friday and Jan. 20 at 10 a.m.

In other business, the cashing committee reported that students will be able to cash small amount checks next

semester in the campus bookstore. The Student Government also recognized the winners of the intramurals spades tournament.

In the search for a MCC fight song, the fight song committee revealed one tune that is being taken into consideration. No official decision was reached.

In new business, members voted to purchase a banner for the 1968-69 men's basketball team which advanced to the final game of the Texas Junior College Championship. At that time, Texas was divided into two zones, the North and South. MCC won the north zone while San Jacinto won the south. San Jacinto defeated MCC to receive a berth in the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. The 1968-69 team will be honored during the Homecoming game slated for Feb. 4.

President Mike Kelley explained that the Student Government has had a very worthwhile fall semester and each member should be commended for their work.

"We think we had a very successful semester with a lot of work getting done. Last semester we had not begun to work on a scrapbook or reports for the state conventions and we

have already started that. This spring semester is when you really get things done because everyone knows each other and can expect certain things from other members," said Kelley. Kelley believed the Leadership Retreat held at the Cameron Park Clubhouse was among the most successful projects held during the fall.

"At that meeting we set our priorities and what we should and shouldn't do. We also scheduled that each project should be finished by. The Board of Trustees supper that we hosted in the Student Center was also success because each board member met us and found out how we think and what we plan to do," said Kelley.

The Student Government has already several projects that they plan to focus their attention on in the spring.

"First, we have election of new members and we hope to have another Leadership Retreat for new members. We plan to attend the regional Texas Junior College Student Government Association meeting at Hillsboro. We are also planning to have our annual Corrigan Weekend and maybe a Homecoming dance," stated Kelley.

The first spring meeting is Jan. 16.



WACO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION must sell the Baptist Student Union house because the cost of upkeep is too expensive. BSU members are presently meeting in the Liberal Arts building.

Editorial

Drivers ignore right-of-way

Now that so much emphasis has been placed on parking rules and regulations here, it's about time someone spoke out for the pedestrian.

Drivers have been warned about parking the wrong way, speeding, and parking in no parking zones, but what about yielding the right of way to pedestrians? Crosswalks were placed in the streets to aid the pedestrian in crossing the street. They might as well be removed for all the good they do. Drivers slow down for speed-breakers at the crosswalks but pay little or no attention to students who want to cross the street.

Everyone, at one time or another, is a pedestrian. It would seem then that everyone would want some protection from being mowed-over, honked at, or subjected to pause-run-pause-run tactics used at the crosswalks.

Granted some people do yield the right of way to those on foot. Those who do not need to heed the signs, slow down at the crosswalks, and be prepared to stop.

In some instances, a student may be making his last attempt at arriving on time to English class. Let's give him the benefit of the doubt and make sure he does indeed arrive and in one piece.

Viewpoint

No book? - Try Baylor

by Bob Pruitt

It's late in the semester when suddenly you realize, "God, I've got a book report due next Wednesday."

Frantically, you drop your hamburger, spill your coke, and trip over three people as you make a mad rush from the Student Center cafeteria with three angry people shouting profanities at you.

Once out the door, you think to yourself, "What's the rush? It's still over a week until the report is due."

So you compose yourself and saunter into the bookstore to find that book about which you were so frantic a few moments earlier.

You walk to the section entitled history and start looking for the title-nothing.

Plenty of related books are there, but not the one you need.

The assistant, seeing the look of desperation on your face, comes over and asks if she may be of some help.

"Sure, do you have -----, by -----?"

"Sorry, but we sold out last week and it will take at least two weeks to order it. Have you tried Baylor or the Book Nook?"

Dejectedly, you say no and walk away.

Question - Are we Baylor students? Is MCC a separate and independent facility of learning, or are we part of the long arm of some major university?

Sure, Baylor is just across town, but I go to MCC, and I

UT offers monetary assistance

Minority or disadvantaged students who plan to transfer to the University of Texas at Austin are eligible for scholarship assistance.

A one year scholarship of \$500 is provided by the Minority Transfer Opportunity Grant to qualified transfer students from Texas colleges.

Upon successful completion of the first college year, the scholarship can be renewed for a second year.

Students applying for the scholarship must satisfy admission criteria and demonstrate financial need.

Deadline for applying is March 1, 1978.

More information can be obtained by contacting Financial Aids in the Student Center.

pipeline

Application deadline nears

Applications for graduation must be filed with the Registrar's Office before Dec. 15, 1977.

MCC closes for holidays

The college will close on Dec. 16 at 5:00 p.m. Administrators and their staff will return on Jan. 3. The faculty reports back on Jan. 9.

Financial aids needs names

The Office of Financial Aids needs names of students who will receive institutional Scholarships. Students receiving scholarships for the first time must submit applications. Send the names and applications to the Office of Financial Aids no later than Dec. 12.

Club to host speaker

Friday the Food and Fiber Club will host guest speaker Dr. Dwayne Suter, dean of Resident Instruction at Texas A&M University. The address will begin at 10 a.m. in the Science Building, Room 109.

Walter Kruse, agriculture instructor, encourages all students interested in transferring to Texas A&M to attend. Those majoring in any phase of agriculture or engineering are also encouraged to attend.

Basic Grant checks ready

Basic Educational Opportunity Grant checks for the Nov. 23 disbursement have been received by the Office of Financial Aids. Students who are due money from this program should pick up their checks as soon as possible.

Speech squad completes year

Plaid Vest Speech Squad members participated in their last speech tournament of the semester Saturday at Midwestern University's "Fantasy of Lights" competition in Wichita Falls.

Instructor Ann Harrell said that her students have attended more tournaments this semester than any other in the past.

Sophomore Mary Lyons placed 6th in the finals with her presentation of "The Five Dreams and Last Testament of Jennifer Snow," by Diane Wakowski.

Miscellaneous

The Bookstore will buy back books Dec. 13 through 15.

Orientation modules and degree plans are due Dec. 9.

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Who's Who names 19

Nineteen students have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Students, faculty and administrators nominated students whose names were then submitted to the Student Services Council.

The nineteen students receiving the award were chosen from 26 students who qualified for nomination.

From Waco are: Timothy Bittenbinder, Majorie Fried,

Deborah Goodrich, Donald Head, Carol Keggin, Martha

McConnell, Randy McLaughlin, Kathryn Miller, Maria Ramirez, Bernard Rohde, Charles Sharpless and Barbara VanEllen.

Also selected were Cindy Burt from China Springs, Donna Garrett from Marlin, Richard Glomb from West, Michael Kelley from McGregor, Sara McCauley from Lorena, Nancy Pavias from Abbott and Vicki Peden from Hewitt.

To have been eligible for nominations a student must have completed 30 hours of college work with a minimum of 15 hours completed at MCC, with a 2.5 grade point average.

Also a student must be outstanding in one or more of the following: 1) scholarship ability, 2) participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, 3) citizenship and service to the college or 4) potential for future achievement.

Biology instructor polishes English riding

by Julie Richter

The horse, an integral unit of the rodeo, is often typecast as the sidekick of rough-riding cowboys.

But a biology instructor here has found that, in the sport of English riding, the horse and rider establish a new relationship—a relationship that puts the two in direct communication with each other.

Calling herself a "green rider", Janis Jackson is

learning the basics of the strict English riding style at Cedarwood Horse Farm near Chalk Bluff.

While the sport is divided into the two classes of hunting and jumping, Jackson is concentrating on the hunting aspect. In doing so, she is learning to direct her horse over natural barriers that would confront a rider in a real fox chase. Working with an experienced pony, Jackson

encounters fallen trees, rows of fences, elevated dirt mounds and bodies of water.

"It's very exciting to go over a jump with a horse," she said. "The highest obstacle I've jumped is about three feet."

Jackson said she is not prepared to enter the jumping aspect of the sport in which the horse can clear six-foot jumps.

"I know if I'm going to go over any six-foot jump I'm going to break some bones," she

said.

Jackson said the hunting aspect emphasizes form rather than height.

Though she has not participated in an actual fox hunt, there are clubs in Dallas that conduct such events, said Jackson.

"In a real hunt you don't want the horse extending too much energy so you try to get as close to the jumps as possible," she said.

To achieve the proper jumping position in which no weight is on the horse's back the English rider uses several techniques, distinctly different from western style riding.

By using a forward jumping saddle, the rider can gain a position over the neck of the horse as it jumps an obstacle. This type saddle lacks the western saddle's horn which riders may hold onto.

The two styles of riding also differ in the technique of communication. In western riding, the rider pulls the horse's reins to indicate the direction he wishes to go. In contrast, the English rider uses subtle movements, merely touching the reins to the horse's

neck to indicate direction changes.

"One style is not any better than the other," said Jackson, who has ridden western style all her life. "They're just different in style and controlling the horse."

Jackson, who practices about five hours every week, said the English riding costume plays an important role in the sport.

English riders wear jodhpurs, or tight breeches, so they can feel the motion of the horse. Boots worn have no zipper to prevent interference in communication between horse and rider.

"Every sport has its own costume that has a special function," she said.

Having entered two previous horse shows without winning a ribbon, she plans to compete in a third match in March. She will be judged on form over the jump, position of feet and position of reins.

Jackson said she has learned the horsemanship she missed as a youngster as well as the proper care of the horse.

"After riding for two hours, cleaning the horse's stall is really relaxing," she said.

Students submit recordings for Junior College Honor Band

Thirteen music students have submitted tape recordings for the 1978 Texas Junior College Honor Band.

The honor band, composed of junior college players throughout Texas, will present a concert at the Texas Junior College Teachers' Association (TJCTA) convention in Houston, Feb. 16-18. Guest conductor will be Roger Winslow, director of the North Texas State University Bands.

Those auditioning for the band are: Karrell Odom, flute; Debbie Downs and Kim Reinking, clarinet; Rick Wallis, oboe; Mark Recek and Rick Dunlap, trumpet; Jeff Feyerherm, horn; Mike Makowski, alto saxophone; Steve Trzynski and Andy Makowski, trombone; Mike Archer and Loretta Johnson, baritone; and Mike Recek, tuba.

Odom, A. Makowski and Trzynski have also entered

tapes of solos. From these tapes, one student will be chosen to perform his solo at the TJCTA convention.

Bill Haskett, concert band director here, said the usual method of choosing honor band members was not good and has been changed in the past two years.

"In the past, the band's enrollment was sent to a committee that figured the

percent of students that we could send," said Haskett. "We then picked the better players who we felt were most deserving and wrote resumes for them. Then a committee selected the members."

Now students are required to submit a tape of prepared music for their selected instrument. Judges listen to the tapes to determine honor band participants.

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Speaker considers laser beam

The laser beam does have uses other than that of a "Star Wars" deadly weapon some students discovered recently when Wayne Ingram, TSTI associate professor of applied physics presented a lecture on "Lasers in Medicine."

Lasers can be used for drilling holes, alignment in construction, and measurement of distance. In construction, for example, a laser is transmitted at the desired position and the beam is then aligned with the light.

In medicine, the laser can be used to lift a birthmark, to remove a tattoo, to repair a torn retina in the eye, and to prevent cavities and seal cracks in the teeth.

Hazards associated with laser beams can be minimized, Ingram said. The hazards are dependent on four factors: power density, absorption of tissues, time, and the effects of circulation, he said. Protective goggles and equipment control the hazards.

Financial need criterion

New jobs created for workstudy students

About 10 new job openings are being created in an effort to provide more students with workstudy employment next semester, said the Director of placement, Cathy Dominguez. She said her office now has an excess of about 50 applications. These students, the director said, would be considered for these new jobs before any other applicant. The office operates on a first come first served principle, she said.

Financial need is the criterion for giving workstudy jobs, Dominguez said.

There is still time for interested students to apply for campus employment after Dec. 12, the closing date for all applications, the director emphasized that no more applications would be accepted.

One of the areas where a new opening has been created is photo darkroom, she said. Any student with the knowledge of

darkroom work stands a good chance since nobody has applied for this post, Dominguez said.

Another area where a post has been created is the mail room located in the physical plant.

The large number of applications should not stop any student from forwarding an application, the director said, as the availability of adequate

manpower for a specific job sometimes nullifies the first come first served principle.

Explaining, Dominguez cited the darkroom case and said that applicants in this area would get work before most other applicants.

Although only 10 openings are available now, she predicted there will be more openings in the spring. Students might transfer to some other colleges,

many will be graduating and some might decide to quit their jobs, she said.

Among areas with new job openings is the intramural program Dominguez said. A life guard will also be needed in physical education.

In the bookstore, permanent work will be available, and the English department will need a temporary worker during student registration.



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Students may earn credit hours by CLEP, departmental exams

by Bobbie Hall

Students can earn up to 16 hours semester credit through college level examination program (CLEP) and departmental examination.

Persons who have received notice of admission may also earn hours by examination.

CLEP exams are given Monday of the third week of September, October, November, February, March and June.

However, the primary testing center, Paul Quinn College, gives the exams every month said counselor Keith Geisler.

Students can take exams at Paul Quinn, Geisler said, and transfer the hours to MCC.

Departmental exam times and dates are decided by teachers giving the test.

Cost for one CLEP exam is \$20, for two - \$30, and for three to five - \$40. Departmental

exams cost \$5 per semester hour.

Money will not be refunded. CLEP exams may be taken in computer science, English, math, history, business, biology, psychology, sociology, and economics. More students place out of first semester English and history than any other course, Geisler said.

Because of state law, students can not place out of both semesters of history and government, he said.

Examinations are not available in English 303, 304, 312; Math 300, 302; Psychology 300; reading, orientation and internship courses.

Departmental exams are given by teachers designated by the departmental chairman. Departmental exams are similar to a final exam, he said.

Students have to score at least a "C" to receive credit for the exam and can only take the departmental test once, said Geisler. CLEP tests can be repeated said Geisler, "by special permission of the program."

If students fail the test, no entry will be made on the student's transcript, said Geisler.

Students passing the test will receive a grade of "CR" on their transcript after they have passed an equivalent number of regular classroom hours. Students do not receive a letter grade, he said.

The CLEP committee, directed by Alice Myer of the nursing department, is "looking into possibility of expanding and developing CLEP," said Geisler.

FALL EXAM SCHEDULE

EXAM DATE	CLASSES	EXAM TIME
Monday, December 12	MWF 8:00-8:50	8:00-10:15
	MWF 10:10-11:00	10:45-1:00
	MWF 12:00-1:00	2:00-4:15
Tuesday, December 13	TT 8:00-9:15	8:00-10:15
	TT 10:50-12:05	10:45-1:00
	TT 1:40-2:55	2:00-4:15
Wednesday, December 14	MWF 9:00-9:50	8:00-10:15
	MWF 11:10-12:00	10:45-1:00
	MWF 1:10-2:00	2:00-4:15
Thursday, December 15	TT 9:25-10:40	8:00-10:15
	TT 12:15-1:30	10:45-1:00
All other day classes		2:00-4:15
Classes meeting only one night per week:	6:30 - 8:45 on regular meeting night during	
Monday, December 12	MW 6:30-7:45	6:30-8:45
Tuesday, December 13	MW 6:30-7:45	6:30-8:45
Wednesday, December 14	MW 8:05-9:20	6:30-8:45
Thursday, December 15	MW 8:05-9:20	6:30-8:45

Record Review

'Thin Lizzy' faces acclaim with LP

Thin Lizzy
Bad Reputation

It appears that Thin Lizzy may be ripe for the mass acclaim that has caught up with every other decade-seasoned group from Fleetwood Mac to Bob Seger.

Responding to this promising moment, Thin Lizzy has produced "Bad Reputation," their best and strongest record to date.

Despite lead guitarist Brian Robertson's continuous jumping out of and back into recording sessions while trying to decide whether to stay with the group or try a solo flight of his own, the group's newest album remains their best.

Phil Lynott bassist, and Scott Gorham, drummer, provide a strong nucleus for the group. Lynott combines a working knowledge of soul music with his United Kingdom sophistication.

"Opium Trail," one of the best cuts on the album, is a story of the Fabled East with a chill that provides a telling counterpoint to Crosby, Stills, and Nash's bubblegummy "Marrakesh Express."

"Soldier of Fortune" was apparently inspired by the continuing strife in Lynott's home country of Ireland. This song inspires visions of the Animals doing "Sky Pilot", and brings back memories of the old anti-war songs from the 1960's.

Lynott's bass is as aggressive and adept as any lead guitar at carrying melodies, and on the title track, "Killer Without a Cause", he gets the chance to really display his talents.

Bad Reputation is a rewarding album that holds up well throughout. It just might be Thin Lizzy's meat ticket into an American market fixated on lyrical rock and roll.

Swine Country Safari just Possum Trot away

by Bryan Davis

Students living within Waco city limits are not only afforded the luxury of rolling out of bed 30 minutes before classes, zipping home for lunch, and grabbing a siesta between classes, but even more advantageous is not having to travel through the untamed wilderness northeast of Waco, otherwise known by those of us who travel it as "Swine Country Safari."

On her trip down the yellow brick road, Dorothy may have had troubles with lions, tigers and bears. But those beasts are nothing compared to ones confronted by students commuting to school on the farm to market road from Valley Mills to campus.

Most Wacoans are familiar with the winding little stream near Valley Mills known as

Hogg Creek. No one is sure how the creek was named, but a good bet is that the group of suicidal pigs near the creek bank that we motorists call "pig hollow" figured prominently. (Nearby communities of Possum Trot and Coyote were similarly named.)

These pigs with a death wish are pros at their craft. Lurking quietly in the tall Johnson grass along the roadside, they wait for my silver Monza, then snorting and oinking en masse, they dive in front of the car.

Luckily, having learned their strategy, I have developed a respect for the pigs. Others have not been so fortunate.

Rumor has it that an unfortunate Clifton girl no longer has to worry about the price of bacon.

Surely, if the Texas Highway

Department can spend thousands of dollars on "cattle crossing" signs, it could invest a little in a few "pig crossing" signs.

Having spent the last several weeks in the zoology lab dissecting fetal pigs, I would be more than happy to donate a couple of adult specimens to the lab.

In the name of Science of course.

Waco motorists who dodge dogs and cats would be shocked at the animals we country folks must dodge every day in our quest for higher education.

As if the deer, cows, goats, chickens, rattlesnakes, horses, coyotes, foxes, and skunks were not enough, added are those demons of the sky.

The demons referred to are none other than that

unglamorous fowl known as the buzzard.

True, a buzzard's role is important. Their chore is that of ridding the highways of those unfortunate animals who meet their demise on our equivalent to the Chisom Trail. Besides, for minimum wage, who else would take the messy job.

My complaint is that even buzzards are getting lazy.

Gone are the days when buzzards respected the motorist and kindly flew from their delicacy on the road to allow the motorist to pass in safety. Today it seems buzzards have minds of their own. Now they simply sit in the middle of the road as if saying, "Listen, it's going to hurt you more than me." The buzzard usually wins and the motorist is forced to detour.

If buzzards across the land start behaving like those on this country road, the result could make Hitchcock's "The Birds" look like a sparrow convention.

More deadly than the birds that refuse to move at all are the ones that make a graceful departure, only to return in a swan dive aimed at the nearest windshield. Not only can this fowl play become quite messy, but dangerous as well.

This is not to say that one should not travel this long and picturesque road. Quite the contrary, city folk might enjoy a scenic journey into the past.

But beware!

After the confrontations I have experienced on this 20-mile stretch, I find myself believing the city of Oz may be just around the corner.

Record Review

Ronstadt creates best work to date

by Bryan Davis

Linda Ronstadt reaches new heights of excellence with her latest LP, "Simple Dreams." The album is a celebration of music, as well as a personal triumph for Ronstadt.

Fans who believe Ronstadt can do no wrong will have their beliefs confirmed in her new album.

Even back to her days with the Stone Poneys it was clear that Ronstadt had talent. But it was never so evident as in the landmark release of "Heart Like A Wheel," the Grammy-winning album of 1974.

With each additional album, Ronstadt continues to polish her form and increase her stature, as well as her following in the music field. The trend is evident from "Prisoner in Disguise," to "Hasten Down the Wind," and now in her brilliant ballad "Simple Dreams." Ronstadt's finest work to date.

What distinguishes Ronstadt from other modern day artists is her ability to reach into the listeners' souls and let them experience the lyrics of her songs.

This distinction has made Ronstadt the only female pop music superstar of the '70s.

Unlike her contemporaries, Carly Simon and Joan Baez, Ronstadt seldom records her own material and is not known for her writing. This is difficult to believe while listening to Ronstadt because each word is sung as if it were experienced by Ronstadt herself.

Ronstadt demonstrates this talent on "It's So Easy," the first song of the album. She makes this Buddy Holly tune seem like it was just written. The guttural notes she hits throughout the song sound as if she is damaging her throat.

Ronstadt is at her best with Warren Zevon's "Carmalita," a

bluesy, sad tune about a heroin addict meeting her dealer.

...Well I'm sittin' here playin' solitaire,

With my pearl handled deck,
The county won't give me no more methadone,

And they cut off your welfare check...

"Simple Man, Simple Dream," is a soul-searcher written by Ronstadt's former husband J. D. Souther, who also penned her classic, "Faithless Love."

Ronstadt's current contribution to "top 40" is her smash hit "Blue Bayou." Ronstadt renders this stunning ballad with such effectiveness it sends chills up the spine.

A pleaful cry for home, "Blue Bayou" is one of Ronstadt's finest songs in years.

Ronstadt teams with close friend Dolly Parton on "I Will Never Marry." The two combine to make this beautiful ballad the most touching of the album.

Contrasting the earlier tune, "It's So Easy," "I Will Never Marry" probably comes closest to Ronstadt's woman-child image.

...I will never marry,
I'll be no mans wife,
I expect to live single,
All the days of my life...

Ronstadt has always been a singer of great range and contrast, as she demonstrates so well with her hardest rocker to date, "Poor, Pitiful Me." Another Zevon tune which gives the only taste of rock on the album, it leaves one hungry for more.

"Maybe I'm Right" features expert guitar picking and brings to mind Ronstadt's fine choice of musicians.

Ronstadt's talented band members (which have included the Eagles and Andrew Gold)

suit her voice perfectly, yet never upstage her.

Ronstadt has been known to say that she will not "do

rock'n'roll forever." Instead, she says she wants to grow old with "grace and dignity." She would prefer something "chanteuse, something

timeless."

Albums such as "Simple Dreams" should keep Ronstadt "timeless without changing her style.



LINDA RONSTADT reaches into listener's soul with latest LP, "Simple Dreams."

Faculty Council considers teacher ranking

by Emeka Agu

Plans for ranking instructors opposed in 1975 by the majority of the Faculty Council members have been reintroduced in the council for consideration.

A seven-member committee has been named to investigate the status of academic rank among other community colleges. It will also determine through questionnaires how faculty members here feel about academic ranking.

The findings will be used to set up the basis for ranking. The committee is expected to meet as soon as school reopens next semester.

Academic ranking is the classification of instructors in institutions of higher learning into various designations such as professors, assistant professors and associate professors.

Instructors are already expressing different opinions toward the proposition.

Religion instructor, Dr. Dale Hughes, a member of the committee who pronounced the plan in the Faculty Council meeting, is in favor of the system. "It would aid in acquiring grants for research projects and open avenues of communication between community college instructors and university professors," said Hughes.

Ranking will not enhance economic status, he said, because salaries will continue to be determined on the basis of education and experience.

The only way it could be profitable, he explained, would be through reputation. "It might enhance prestige and reputation and at the same time

open doors to university positions," Hughes said.

On the other side of the issue, Don McCauley, instructor of business law and economics fears ranking will establish class conflict among faculty. In addition, it might serve to separate the faculty from the students McCauley said.

"Instructors with rank are usually the ones with the highest degrees and as a result good teachers are sometimes slighted," he said. "This is not always the case, but these things happen."

"Our concern in the community college must be the student," said he, "and not whether we have rank which would tend to elevate our status."

However he said it is true that

instructors without rank are sometimes denied scholarships and awards. For example, when one applies for either National Science Foundation scholarships or Moody Foundation awards, the foundations invariably ask about rank, McCauley said. This is not, however, the only determining factor. Experience is also considered, he said.

Like Hughes, McCauley pointed out that rank gives prestige and recognition rather than money. "Salary will not be based on rank," said he, "but whatever the basis for ranking, which is exclusively left to the

committee to determine, a few heads will roll."

"The rank will separate the faculty into conflicting groups," said McCauley. "It's just the nature of people."

There are few two-year colleges in the South, he said, and ranking systems are not used in most of them.

Some instructor-members of the council remain neutral. Spanish instructor Daniel Paniagua is one of those. "I am neither for nor against the plan at this stage," he said, "and until it comes up before the council meeting for discussion I cannot take sides."

Virus highly contagious

Hepatitis arrives with Fall

Autumn is the time of year when there is an increase in the number of cases of hepatitis. Two MCC students have already been diagnosed as having the disease. There are two kinds of hepatitis, both caused by a virus. Type A is the type of hepatitis that a student is more likely to contract.

Nurse Carolyn Rodabough said the primary concern with hepatitis on a college campus is with the ease of transmission. Type A is highly contagious and can be caught through close contact with a person infected with the virus.

The virus is transmitted through the body fluids. It can be passed during kissing; eating and drinking after one another; or intimate contact. The virus is most contagious before symptoms appear.

Symptoms are fatigue, loss of appetite, distaste for cigarettes, headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and jaundice. The most common symptom is the jaundice, a yellowing of the skin. Some or all of the

symptoms may be present.

The disease could cause a student to miss from four to six weeks of school.

There is no specific cure for hepatitis. Bed rest, restricted physical activity, and a nutritious diet supplemented with vitamins is the treatment most recommended.

Rodabough said a person who has had hepatitis should refrain

from drinking alcoholic beverages for at least six months. Hepatitis affects the liver and alcohol could cause even further damage.

Anyone who believes he might have hepatitis or may have been in contact with someone who has it should contact a doctor immediately. An injection of gamma globulin may prevent development of the disease.

Work study hourly pay to increase 30 cents

Work study students will be a little richer next semester.

Effective Jan. 1, work study funds will be increased to \$2.50 an hour. The present rate is \$2.20 per hour.

Dean of Student Services LaVerne Wong said the wages were increased basically because of the increase in the minimum wage.

A student wages committee composed of Wong, Charles Burney, director of

Administrative Services, and Ronald Smith, dean of Instruction, recommended the increase to the board of trustees.

The increase will affect some 175-200 students said Steven Crump, director of Financial Aids.

"With the cost of inflation, I feel the increase is justified," said Crump. "It should help the students out a whole lot."

Saturday College to introduce five new courses this spring

Five new courses will be offered this spring through the Saturday College in an attempt to boost falling enrollment, Dr. Ron Smith, dean of Instruction said.

"Although the enrollment decline gave the appearance that people were not interested in Saturday classes, it may be that we just weren't offering enough," said Smith.

Saturday classes were first offered in the fall of 1975 with 249 students enrolled in 11 classes. In the fall of 1976 seven classes were offered with 116

students enrolled. The enrollment dropped to 62 students this fall, with only four classes being offered.

Smith said the Saturday College is a worthwhile program for people who do not find it convenient to come to classes on regular school days.

A survey of students in Saturday classes showed that more than half of those enrolled would not have been able to take the class during regular school hours. Sixty-six percent said

they could not have taken the class during the day and 56 percent said they could not have taken it as an evening class.

Classes to be offered this spring on Saturdays include business, child care, mathematics, mental health and sociology.

Non-credit classes in business machinery, keypunch, typing, shorthand, tennis, golf, bird identification, photography and reading improvement will be offered on Saturdays through Continuing Education.



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COMMON SCENE — Trash left by cafeteria patrons decorate Student Center.

President starts action on Center clean-up

President Dr. Wilbur Ball is picking up on the trash problem in the Student Center dining room.

He has appointed a committee to make recommendations as to what can be done to get the trash out of the Student Center.

Committee members are Chairman Dr. La Verne Wong, dean of Student Services; Charles Burney, director of Administrative Services and liaison between MCC and Automatic Chef Co. (caterer for MCC food services); and Mike Kelley, Mike Beal and Judy Ladd, student members of the Student Services Council.

The committee will make its clean-up recommendations to Ball shortly after the spring semester begins. The committee's first meeting will

be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Board Room in the Administration Building.

"We hope that people will become interested in having the campus have a good appearance and will pick something up rather than throw something down," Ball said.

The problem in the dining area is manifested in several ways, such as cigarette butt stomped out on the floor and people walking through spilled drinks, he said.

"It's not just a matter of sloppiness per se, but some of it damages the furniture," he said. "The problem is not all with the students. They look to the people responsible for the college to set standards, and by allowing it (the trashiness) to happen, we've encouraged it to happen."

sports

Highlanders, Highlassies collect victories

by Terry Tacker

Both the Highlanders and Highlassies recorded impressive wins over Henderson Jr. College last night in the Highlands.

The Highlassies rode the one-two punch of Jackie Swaim and Deb Davis to rout the visiting Chicks 99-58. Swaim led all scorers with 41 points, while Gatesville freshman Davis finished with 20 points.

The women's contest was a carbon copy of the first game between the two schools. The outlasted Chicks could only come close to capturing the lead once in the entire game, 19-15 with 9:54 left in the first half. Two Davis baskets gave the Highlassies an eight point lead, and the rout was on.

Sophomore guard Kathy Jarvis earned her first starting assignment of the season, and the 5'2" Groesbeck-ex responded well by running the MCC offense efficiently from her point guard position.

Every Highlassie with the exception of Sally Sandlin scored in the contest. Debbie Staudt scored 12 important points in the first half, 14 overall to post an impressive performance. Other MCC scoring showed Linda Linam with two points, Ellen Lindemann-two, Kathy Westerfield-ten, Sharon Whitney-two, Jarvis-four, Jan

Rogers-three, and Carolyn Johnson with one point.

Exhibiting a balanced attack that featured five men scoring in double figures, the Highlanders gathered revenge by defeating the Cardinals 88 to 82.

Henderson County defeated MCC earlier in the season at Athens. The win raised the Highlanders record to 9-2, while Coach Leon Spencer's forces slip to 9-2.

MCC used their balanced attack and full court pressure defense to mount a 70 to 59 lead with 9:48. At that point, the Highlanders disguised themselves as Santa Claus by trying to give the game to the Cardinals. But the nearest Cards could come to overtaking the Highlanders was 82-77 with 3:58 left in the game. MCC used their effective four corner offense to eat some time up off the clock and capture the win.

The super quick Cardinals led by post Alex Middleton last led the Highlanders 21-20 with 10:18. Substitute Goldie Suber gave the Highlanders a very needed lift in the closing minutes of the first half with four consecutive baskets. Suber carried his hot hand throughout the game and finished with 12 scores.

Highlander fouls kept

Henderson close throughout the game. The Cardinals finished with 20 points via the free throw route while MCC could muster a mere eight points.

Sam Worthen, who played every position possible for the Highlanders, led the Highlander scoring with 26 points. Charles Burley finished with ten points, despite having to sit out most of the second half due to foul trouble. Johnnie Dawson tallied 12 points, Abe Davis 14, Jim Soukup four, and Roy Watson 10.

'Lassies take 4th in tournament

Coach Pam Davis' Highlassies captured fourth place in the weekend Houston Jr. College Basketball Tournament for women.

Jackie Swaim scored 54 to lead MCC to a 97-43 first round win over the San Jacinto Ravenettes.

The defending national champion Panola Jr. College defeated the Highlassies 77-62 to send MCC against South Plains for the third place battle.

The Texans beat the Highlassies 66-60 to claim third place.

Panola defeated Temple Jr. College for first place honors.



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HIGHLASSIE Jackie Swaim fights for a rebound during MCC-Henderson clash last night in the Highlands. Highlassie Sharon Whitney aids Swaim in her attempt to gain possession for MCC

Cagers defeat St. Phillips to win tourney

The Highlanders captured first place in the Temple Leopard Tournament held Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Temple.

MCC defeated Wharton 86-73 in their first round game. Sophomore Sam Worthen led the Highlander scoring with 19 points. Abe Davis finished with 12 scores, Jim Soukup nine, Johnnie Dawson nine, Angelo Grimes three, Charles Burley eight, Goldie Suber eight, Roy Watson six, Mike Cuellar four, Keith Godfrey six and Kenneth Lenart two.

The Highlanders beat Blinn 76-59 in second-round action. Worthen again led the scoring barrage with 28 points. Grimes finished with one point, Soukup

four, Davis 13, Suber two, Dawson 16, Watson four and Godfrey eight.

Coach Johnny Carter's crew won the championship trophy by routing St. Phillip's College 97-78. Highlander scoring read Grimes with five points, Soukup two, Worthen 29, Burley 14, Davis 23, Suber six, Dawson two, Watson five, Cuellar five, Godfrey four and Lenart two.

Worthen, Davis and Godfrey were selected to the all-tournament team.

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SAM WORTHEN looks for help from a teammate during first half action on of the MCC-Henderson game played last night in the Highlands. The Highlanders won 88-82

Ice melts the Force

Ice at 100 Degrees Centigrade nosed the Force 12-10 in overtime of the third set to capture first place in the 18-team-coed intramural volleyball tournament.

Both teams had defeated each other at one time in the tournament. Mondays championship game brought a successful end to a successful tournament.

"The championship game was really a good game with both teams playing some of the best volleyball ever in our tournaments," said intramural supervisor Ray Murray.

Members of the Ice at 100 Degrees Centigrade team were Duff Burkes, David Holland, Lisa Lechler, Lisa Lechler, Robin Ross, Pam Pollard, Carolyn Kennedy, Carolyn Bunnstle, Steve Morgan, Margie Veselka and Bill Broach.

The Force is made up of Kent Ringo, Judy Zahorik, Lisa Cotharn, Galen Harry, Steve Rowell, Brenda Chappell, Shelly Chatham and Terry Tacker.

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Swaim continuing All-America play

by Terry Tacker

Friday night during first round action of the Houston Chamber of Commerce Women's Invitational Basketball Tournament, Highlassie Jackie Swaim exhibited a near-perfect offensive outing.

Against San Jacinto, Swaim, 6' sophomore from Azle, converted on 25 of 26 shots from the field and 4 of 4 free throw attempts for a grand total of 54 points. The 54-point total established a new school record for a woman performer. By the way, MCC won 97-43.

But doing the miraculous has become Swaim's trademark since she arrived on campus.

For her efforts during the 1976-77 season (in which she finished the region's number one scorer and rebounder) Swaim won All-Conference and All-America honors. Her immediate success surprises no individual more than Jackie herself.

"When I started here at MCC I was really worried about just getting on the team. We had recruited a real good tall girl (Vanessa Anderson) who was supposed to be really good so I had to work especially hard. But I never thought it would turn out the way it has," said Swaim.

The 54-point total scored against the Ravenettes was the most points that the law enforcement major has ever made in a single game.

"I really felt good that night. They had a girl shorter than I was guarding me, so it was pretty easy for me to move inside. A lot of my shots were layups," said Swaim.

An All-District selection while at Azle, Swaim was recruited by many schools, some of which were Weatherford, Ranger, Wayland Baptist and Tarleton State. Luckily for MCC, Swaim felt that Highlassie coach Pam Davis wanted her more than the other coaches.

"I was just interested in knowing what schools really wanted me. At some points it was confusing with one coach offering a full scholarship then the next not. But I got use to it and it looks like I will go through the same thing with major colleges," explained

Swaim.

It is no secret that the Highlassie team depends immensely on the talents of Swaim, both on the offensive and defensive ends of the court. Sometimes Swaim feels the heavy pressure.

"It is so important in basketball to work as a team. I shoot a lot and it worries me that some members of the team might think I am a ball hog. But I just do what Davis tells me to do and a lot of times she tells me to shoot," said Swaim.

Swaim, like many of the Highlassies, are really excited about the prospects of the current season.

"We all have things we need to work on, mine is dribbling and driving inside. We had problems at first with some of our personnel, but we are about to get things together. Our outside shooting is coming along real well. We haven't played anyone that we can't beat," explained Swaim.

Followers of Highlassie basketball will see that the relationship between Coach Davis and each player is a close one. This is especially true with Swaim, who is quick to point out that the feeling is mutual.

"Davis is the best coach I have ever had. She treats the players as people, not objects. When one of us is hurt, she makes sure you are all right before she puts you back in the game. As a coach, she really knows what she is talking about. When we cry, Davis cries, and I like that," said Swaim.

Jackie Swaim is one player not confronted with or bothered by the often publicized "sophomore jinx."

Volleyballers display trophies



photo by Mike Kay

ICE AT 100 DEGREES CENTIGRADE — Top Row: Margie Veselka, Carolyn Bunnstyl, Lisa Lechler, Carolyn Kennedy, Steve Torgon, Pam Pollard, Front Row: Robin Ross, Bill Broach, Duff Burkes, David Holland.



photo by Mike Keyes

THE FORCE- Lisa Cotharn, Steve Rowell, Brenda Chappell, Judy Zahorik, Galen Harry, Kent Ringo, Shelly Chatham, Terry Tacker

Swim teams compete here Saturday

Elementary and junior high swim teams will be competing in an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) sanctioned meet Dec. 10-11 at MCC.

Twelve to fourteen Texas swim teams have been invited

to participate in the Heart of Texas Invitational Meet, sponsored by Continuing Education, Waco Parks and Recreation, YWCA and the Waco Flying Dolphins.

Continuing Education also co-sponsors, with Park and Recreation and the Flying Dolphins, the McLennan County Swim League, designed to provide instruction and competition to young swimmers.

Open to students in 3rd grade and over, the swim league consists of about 60 elementary and junior high students. Ken Willis, dean of Continuing Education, said that the class, held Monday through Friday, is divided into teams which compete in dual competitions at

the end of each week.

The league's spring session will begin Monday, Jan. 3. Anyone interested should register through the Continuing Education Department.

Navarro Classic next for MCC

Last night's game against Henderson County was the last game for the Highlassies until Jan. 14 when they take on Mountainview College.

The Highlanders participate in the Navarro Classic Friday and Saturday in Corsicana.

Dec. 15 and 16, the Highlanders host the MCC Christmas Classic in the Highlands. Navarro, Temple and Hill will be the teams participating.

This is the last issue of the Highland Herald this Fall
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