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SG meets with MCC trustees

Board approves purchase of pianos and mini-bus

By PATRICK KING

New equipment for MCC was approved for purchase at the MCC Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 21.

The board approved the purchase of two Yamaha grand pianos and eight Yamaha upright pianos plus one Steinway grand piano and one Schroeder dolly at a total cost of \$58,714.

The purchase of a 25-passenger mini-bus at a cost of \$45,101 and the purchase of a 15-passenger van at a cost of \$19,759.85 was also approved for the athletic department and for other student and faculty travel.

Trustee members also approved the purchase of a library automated cataloging system at a cost of \$6,210. The

system includes an IBM computer and related equipment plus three-year subscriptions English LC MARC database and to Any Book database, one CD-ROM laser drive, Hatachi, International Standard, one user manual, and one toll-free 800 line for user support.

The board also approved the purchase of one year's supply of computer printout paper at a total cost of \$8,880.27, and the purchase of a Toro Ground-master 62 rotary riding mower for the ground maintenance department at a cost of \$6,489.

The MCC Student Government met with the board members. Following a dinner with the trustees, Student Government President Ronnie Martinez reviewed such SG activities as the back to school dance, the watermelon cut, and the meeting of Region IV student governments.

Martinez also reported on plans for such coming events as the Halloween Dance to be held Oct. 30, the Homecoming pep rally, bonfire, and dance, and the Highland Games next spring where the new officers will be inducted.

In other business, Paul E. Thompson was hired as a counselor for the special services program in the Tutorial Center, Brenda Wilkinson was hired as a counselor for the Upward Bound Program, and Renee Michalski as a part-time coordinator, continuing education (health and human services).

Before adjournment, Nadine Baldwin presented MCC President Wilbur Ball with an orange candle. She also presented the students of MCC with postcards depicting the history of Waco, and presented the board with a gavel to be

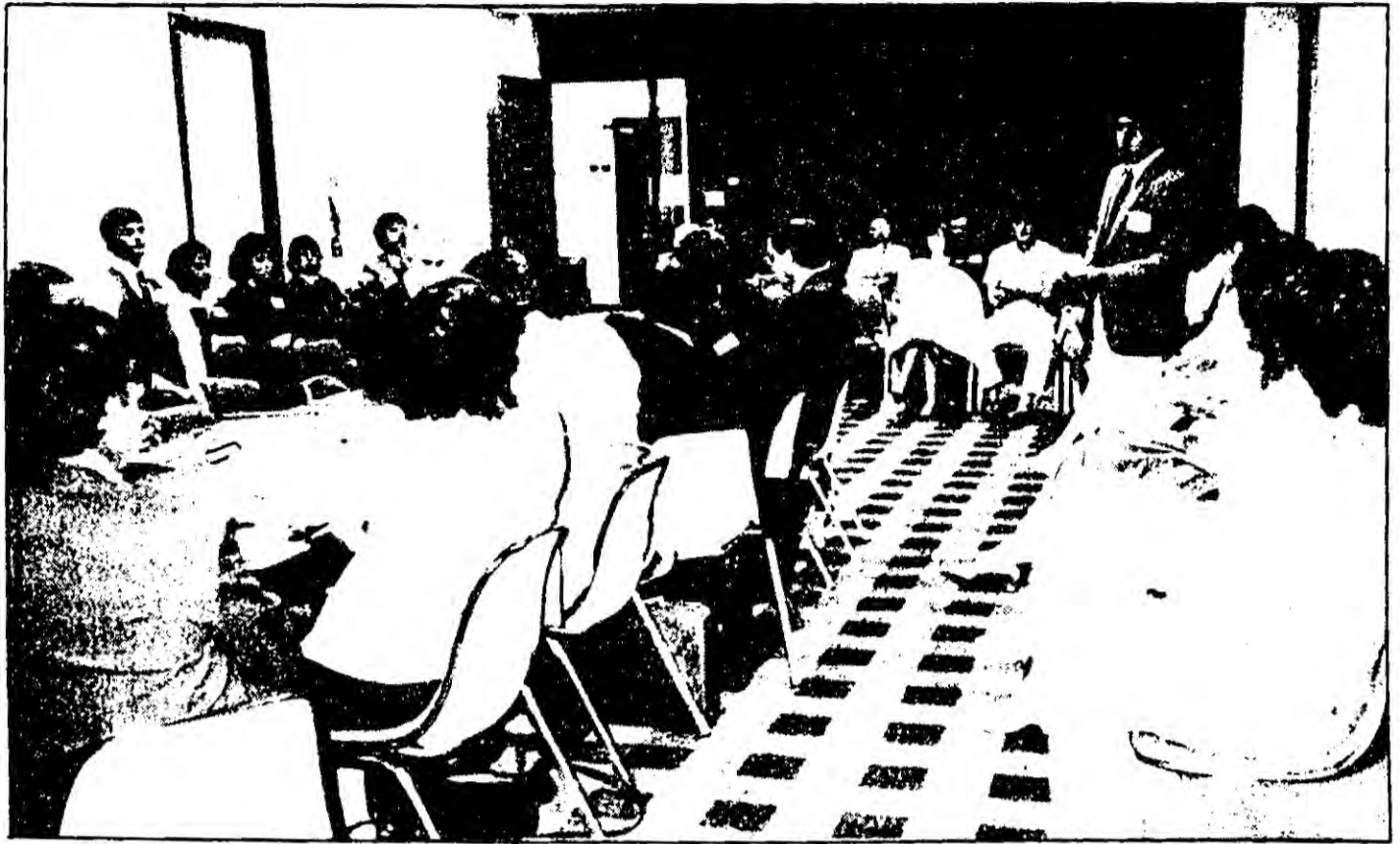


Photo by Renee Jarvis

STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS attend the annual Board of Trustees/SG dinner and meeting to observe firsthand how business at MCC is conducted. During the board meeting

President Ronnie Martinez gave a report on SG sponsored events that have already occurred and those coming up.

used at the board meetings. Trustees discussed the meeting of the National Organization of Community College Trustees in San Diego, attended by C. Ray Perry and Danny Uptmore. Perry said

that it was a good conference. Uptmore said that one of the most exciting things he got out of the meeting was how community colleges are marketing their services. Board members in attendance were C. Ray Perry, James Hardwick, Lawrence Johnson, Pauline Chavez, Danny Uptmore, and the Rev. Eric Hooker, who took over as chairman of the board at the meeting.

SG members attend meetings

By KIMBERLY MOORE

Fourteen members of the MCC Student Government attended the Texas Junior College Student Government Association regional meeting Oct. 16 at Hill Junior College.

Members who attended were Ronnie Martinez, Kimberly Moore, Renee Jarvis, Rocky Deschaine, Montina Williams, Kim Bass, Darrell Ingram, Claude Williams, Robert Russell, Trae Evans, Cheryl

Cummings, Jeff Mink, Daphne Richards, Sonia White, and sponsor Greg Clark.

Items discussed at the meeting included how to encourage student government member involvement, how to delegate powers, techniques of publicity, and the overall purpose of student government in general.

The discussion on involvement began by exploring ways in which commuters to campus could become more involved in campus activities. One of the main publicity ploys for commuters is placing flyers on cars in the parking lots to make them aware of scheduled events. Another is finding out what commuters are interested

in, and then getting them involved.

The next item dealt with delegating powers within the government and motivating members to take an initiative in making events interesting for students.

The discussion centered on ways of advertising and publicizing the activities in an effective way. Ideas of advertising included notifying radio and television stations about the event, and also placing posters around campus.

Following lunch, members discussed resolutions and amendments and decided if

any were important enough to be brought up at the state convention in Tyler next spring. The agenda of the state meeting and the types of recreation

that would be offered at the convention were read so the region would know what to expect.

During one of the "Get To Know One Another" exercises Ronnie Martinez and Trae Evans won containers of caramel popcorn for their efforts of finding people who matched descriptions listed on a sheet of paper distributed to all students who attended.

Halloween Dance this Thursday

By MARK LUCAS

The next MCC school dance will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Student Center.

The Dance will be "costume only" and will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight. Trophies will be awarded to the best male and the best female costumes.

Dance music will be provided by commercial music student bands which have performed in various mini-concerts during the 10 a.m. activity hours in recent weeks.

Refreshments will be provided by Student Government and will include sandwiches, cookies, chips, dips and punch.

The next dance will be the Homecoming dance which will take place on Dec. 4 in the Student Center following the Homecoming game against Cooke College.

Three computers on campus provide aid

By LEANNE LEWIS

Computers are helping MCC students find scholarships, discover job opportunities, and for those who have trouble with

their vision-even read.

Finding Financial Aid

The financial aid office has a disk that allows students to use

a computer to search for scholarships, fellowships, grants, loans, and awards.

The program has more than 300,000 forms of financial aid available and tries to match as

many of these to a student as possible. Eligibility is based on area of occupation, religion, club affiliations, sex, and race.

A student's printout will show scholarships as a coded number. To find out who is giving the scholarship, the student must send a \$25 processing fee to Student Assistance, the company who offers this program. In return, the student will receive a complete list of the names and addresses of the scholarships with which he was matched.

Any student wishing to use this service needs to go by the financial aid office.

Occupation Search

The counseling office offers students two computer programs geared towards occupation selection.

Strong-Campbell, one of the programs, requires the student to answer approximately 325 questions and takes 20-25 minutes to complete. This program directs students into fields that matches their interests and aptitudes.

The other program, Discover, was developed by the same company that developed the

ACT and is even more extensive. The first part of this program, "Learning About Yourself," takes 30-40 minutes to complete. It contains an interest inventory and an ability estimate.

The second part of Discover is a job values search. A student is asked what hours he would like to work, if there can be danger or risk involved in a job, how much travel there can be, and how much salary is desired. This helps narrow down what type of occupation the student may go into.

Career information, the third part of the program, allows students to obtain specific information about an occupation in which they might be interested. Such information as salary, work setting, job opportunities, and amount of schooling required, is available.

The final section of Discover is a college search. This enables students to receive information about any college or junior college in the United States. The cost of the school, number of students attending, male/female ratio, programs offered, and much more information is available.

If interested in learning

more about occupational opportunities, students should go by the counselors office and make an appointment to use the computer. Students will be guided through the program they choose by a counselor and will then have the opportunity to discuss the results with them.

Help in Reading

The campus library, because of House Bill 378 which provides for a reading machine to be placed in every college or university in Texas with at least two blind students enrolled, now has a Kurzweil Reading Machine to aid blind and print-handicapped individuals.

The KRM allows impaired students to gain access to printed information that isn't contained in cassette, braille, or large-print form by translating text into spoken words through the use of an optical scanner.

There are two modes to the machine, reading and calculating.

Students are able to place

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WALDA CRAIN uses the Reading Machine which is located in the campus library to aid blind and print-handicapped individuals. The

computer allows students to gain access to printed information that isn't otherwise available by using an optical scanner.



By KIMBERLY MOORE

College is more than academics

With final exams just about two months away, we as students need to start getting serious about our classes and evaluating the time we spend in activities and study.

Since for some of us school involves much more than just that history class on Tuesday and Thursday morning or that English class three times a week, we need to learn to manage our studying time and start aiming for that "A" now while we still have time.

From personal experience I know that the more active a person becomes in activities, college becomes more than just academics. The more involved a person is, the less time he may have for studying. Putting off studying until the night before will not bring us a good grade on the final.

However, if we have a habit of sliding into our seat just as

the bell rings and racing off to home or work as soon as class ends, we are missing a lot of opportunities to develop interesting talents, meet new people, and have a lot of fun.

Today, school is more than just books, lectures, and tests. Sure, these are important, but the extracurricular opportunities designed to meet students' needs for individual growth, healthy competition, and an active social life are equally important.

The dilemma of the academic and activities question is how do we equal out the two? If we continue to overburden ourselves to the degree that we feel "burned out" or feel a sense of no accomplishment, we begin to slack off in our classes.

At some point we are bound to face a required class that doesn't particularly excite us or in which we do not excel. If we go to class with a sour attitude, then chances are the professor will write us off as a student who is not interested in

learning. If we are having a problem, then teaming up to study with someone who is doing well in the class, or asking the professor if he knows of any tutors, will help a great deal in the long run.

Academics and getting good grades are extremely important and should be taken care of first, but if one looks at activities as a way to develop new skills, and even decide on future career goals, then one will get all the fringe benefits of college.

Spending all our spare time studying and abstaining from scheduled activities is not the answer to getting good grades. Weighing the two and allowing time for both is more rewarding.

The time now is to "buckle down" and plan for both study time and activity time so you get the most from each --and so when that grade report comes out it will give us yet another reason to have an activity -- one of celebration!!!



By MARK LUCAS

Planning the Perfect Halloween Party

The Perfect Halloween Party

The Party Place

There are many venues one can take when choosing a place to hold a party, but one should also keep in mind what the house will probably look like at dawn.

Therefore, I suggest holding the party on property you neither own, nor can be held responsible for financially. In fact, the best thing to do, as far as the party place is concerned, is pretend to make friends with a geek.

The Party Geek

When choosing a geek to handle your party always get a wealthy one. Start off by combing the R.O.T.C. group on campus and choose the best dressed geek of the bunch.

If, by chance, you should catch them on uniform day, choose the one with the best car and go from there. (Take note: the geek who drives a '64 Rambler coupe is probably a bad choice.)

Whatever you do, make sure your geek comes equipped with two things: a major credit card and a firm and extensive grasp of the English language. At least one of these features will come in handy if the police arrive unexpectedly.

Your geek should be left in charge of either renting a place to hold the party (in his name of course), or be able to have it at his place.

The Party Jack-O-Lantern

Send the geek to get the biggest pumpkin he can find. When carving the pumpkin, forget about eyes -- just put a pair of Six Flags' oversized sunglasses on it.

If by chance something goes wrong with the pumpkin, you can always score a ready-made jack-o-lantern. Cruise some of the better neighborhoods in town until you find a good one at someone's house out on the porch, and borrow it. Take the geek's car in case someone sees you and get the license number on the car.

The Party Punchbowl

Check with the geek and see if his family has a punchbowl he could use. If he can't, just take the cups and use them.

Without a punchbowl handy two courses of action open up. You can use a galvanized washtub, but it has to be emptied of punch before anyone bobs for apples to prevent accidental drownings, and accidental intoxication.

If a washtub is out, use a 50 gallon aquarium. This is by far the simplest course of action and requires the least amount of work. Just empty and mix in the punch. Cleaning the aquarium is optional since the punch (if made correctly) should kill just about anything. In fact, if the punch is made right, fish will never be able to live in the aquarium again.

No matter what you do for a punchbowl, you should spice up the party by putting human body parts in the punch, and even in the Jello. If you cannot get body parts and know of no one who works at the hospital, use mannequin parts. They are easier to find (all major department stores carry them), and they don't leave an aftertaste.

The Party Mascot

Don't use the geek! It's degrading and humiliating, and what would your friends think if you were unable to get a real Halloween animal.

The best animals to use for a mascot are black cats and ravens. If you can't find a black cat try cruising the alley behind one of our seafood restaurants, and choose any color cat. After finding a cat splurge a buck-98 on some high gloss black spray paint and be creative.

If you decide to go the raven route, but can't find one, use a parrot and take the geek's shoe polish (take my word, it'll be black), and use it.

The Party Guests

Invite all of your closest friends to the party and then advertise by handing out flyers with detailed instructions on how to find the party.

Don't let the geek hand out flyers! Take time out of your already overloaded schedule and do it yourself, so the right people come to your party.

There will be a few undesirable types who show up, but you can make a profit by charging them a \$5 a person keg fee.

The Party Entertainment

Use the geek's video rental card and get some scary movies and a VCR. Don't rent the psycho boy Jason flicks, go all out and pick up "Night of the Living Dead" and the "Faces of Death" trilogy. These movies will come in handy for Halloween's years from now, and since they're rented in the geek's name you don't have to return them, or the VCR.

Borrow the geek's stereo to play seasonal music. "The Rocky Horror" soundtrack is probably the best to kick off the party with. After that, play something disgusting. Culture club and any number of things by Jermaine Jackson will do just great.

Telling Party Ghost Stories

Only tell ghost stories in the early morning hours if the number of conscious party guests are a minority. If no one can think of a good ghost story, try listening to a taped episode of "The New Lucille Ball Show."

The Party Costumes

You as the host should dress as a cop, so just in case the police show up, you won't be arrested. If any tall statuesque blondes ask your opinion on costumes, suggest they go as a stalker (just to add a college flavor to the party).

Should the cops show up chances are the geek won't be arrested since the Constitution guarantees against cruel and unusual punishment, and they would have to put him in a cell with someone.

If the geek is arrested, bail him out, so he can come up with bail money for all of your friends.

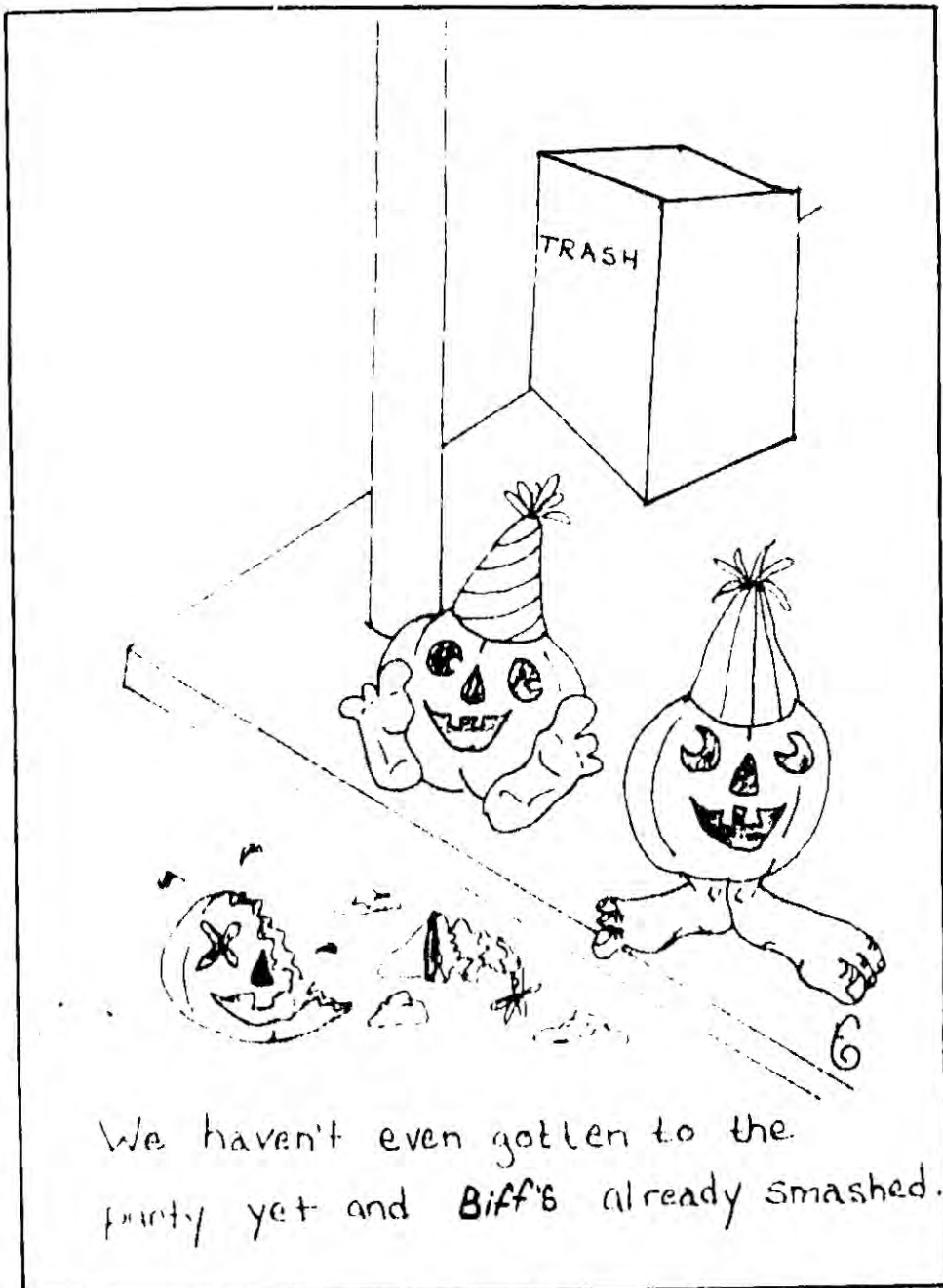
If you follow my advice you should not only have successful Halloween parties, but you should have the perfect Halloween party.

Just the mention of the word Halloween is usually enough to conjure visions of horror within most peoples' heads.

Yes, by horror I am referring to such things as the new season of hack and slash movies cropping up in the theatres. You know the flicks I mean, the ones with the psycho boy Jason lookalikes with their seemingly endless arsenal of garden tools such as hedge clippers, weed eaters, and garden hoses. (Oops! The garden hoses will be in Pia Zadora's movies. My mistake.)

Amidst the movies, black cats, pumpkins, and hoards of trick or treaters, I see something else in Halloween. I see the perfect Halloween party.

For those of you who have never been invited to or have never hosted the perfect Halloween party -- this column is for you.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider lyrics in cafeteria's jukebox music

Fellow students and faculty members,

I believe the time has come for me to address a controversial issue. Today (Oct. 15) I walked into the cafeteria and I saw a note posted on the jukebox. It said that anyone who wants to is invited to suggest records to be installed in the jukebox.

I noticed that the very first selection on the list was a song by a well-known "heavy-metal" rock group whose name I won't disclose. Now I think it was very thoughtful of the vice-president of the Student Government to offer to try to get some different music for us.

However, though everyone is at liberty to listen to their

particular favorite style of music, I do not believe that music which contains blatantly offensive lyrics should be imposed upon patrons who want to enjoy their lunch with their friends, and whose religious beliefs or standards of morality are offended by said lyrics.

It isn't so much that I'm opposed to all rock music. I'm not. I just think that lyrics which speak openly and explicitly of sexual perversion, substance abuse, and which encourage suicide and involvement in occult religions, have no place in a respected learning institution such as ours.

Also, I am fully prepared to receive the insults, name-calling, and (possibly) threats which will almost certainly result from this letter; but I assure you, I'm not alone in my aversion to obscene rock music lyrics.

I represent one of a group over 4,000 people known as the

National Federation for Decency, a fundamentalist Christian media-monitoring organization. The NFD is a strong opponent of the rock-pornography trade, as well as literary obscenity (i.e., Playboy, Penthouse, and Hustler magazines).

I've noticed that there are many non-Christian groups featured on the jukebox currently, but only one Christian artist (Amy Grant).

I put this question to whoever it may apply to -- haven't you persecuted us enough? Why is it that if a student uses the Lord's name in an obscene manner (in college), most instructors would dismiss this as a trivial, petty infraction, but if we Christians start talking about Jesus anywhere other than in BSU, we risk being reprimanded severely?

We need to rethink our values, and we need to do it before it's too late.

Kenneth W. McKown

Likes quality of MCC teachers

Dear Editor,

I am a first semester student here at MCC who wishes to congratulate you on the quality of your teaching staff.

This is something that has been brought to my attention by looking through the student handbook and also by several of the college students -- that MCC has a higher level of education than some of the junior colleges in Texas.

I understand that some of the teachers here have taught at universities such as Baylor and Texas A&M. I am proud to know I am being instructed by teachers who have the ultimate in college education.

Sincerely,

Kris Davis



Venereal disease spreading rapidly

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Sexually transmitted diseases are spreading more rapidly than all other communicable diseases combined, a nurse from Waco's Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic told a standing room crowd at MCC last week.

About 140 attended the lecture by Kerry Arp, RN, on sexually transmitted diseases. The lecture was held at the Lecture Hall in the the HPE Building on Oct. 22.

Arp noted that there are 27 different types of sexually transmitted diseases, with the most common being gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and herpes.

Gonorrhea

"Gonorrhea is the most common disease in the United States today, more so than the common cold," Arp said. Gonorrhea comes on in a man rather quickly, according to Arp, usually one to 14 days after he has come in contact with a female with gonorrhea. When the man has a discharge there is a burning sensation which is painful. This will go away after awhile, even if it is untreated.

The problem with gonorrhea is if it goes away and the person does not treat it, it can scar up the inside of a man's tubes and the reproductive track and

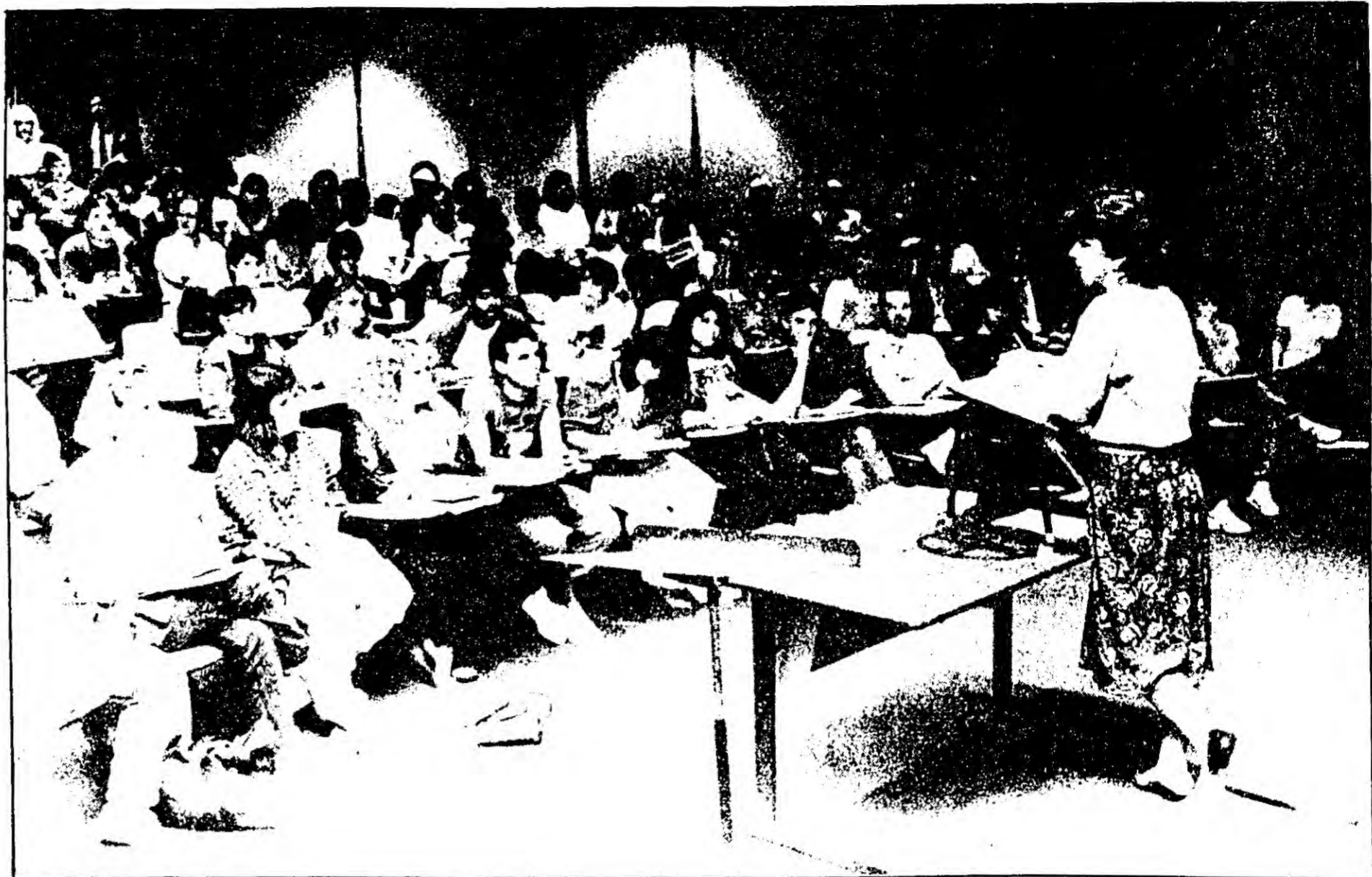
cause infertility. The more times the man gets the infection, the more scarring occurs and the more problems he has.

"In a female, gonorrhea does basically the same thing," Arp noted, "although in a woman, it can take up to 30 days to show up." For this reason most women do not know that they have gonorrhea. If a woman goes without treatment it can get into her tubes and cause an infection which can cause sterility. This is called pelvic inflammatory disease, it is terrible to have and is extremely painful. Because of this disease women can become violently ill.

Arp also noted that 42 cases of PID have been found this year in Waco which means that there are 42 women who will probably have difficulty conceiving when they decide to get pregnant.

Another problem with gonorrhea is it has a high rate of ectopic pregnancies, which is a pregnancy in the Fallopian tubes, which can burst and be fatal.

Babies are the ones who eventually have to pay for gonorrhea, because the women with the disease pass it to their newborns in the way of blindness, Arp said. Although every hospital puts some special type of drops in the newborns eyes, blindness still occurs.



KERRY ARP, a registered nurse from the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic in Waco, talks to MCC students about diseases

such as herpes and AIDS during an MCC Wellness Program lecture held Oct. 22.

Chlamydia

Chlamydia is another sexually transmitted disease which is similar to gonorrhea. It does not come on as suddenly as gonorrhea does in a man although the effects in a man are the same.

In females the effects of chlamydia are also the same as

gonorrhea.

Chlamydia causes blindness and also pneumonia in babies.

Syphilis

Syphilis usually shows up on a person as a sore where ever the sex act occurs. It is just a sore and does not hurt. The sore will usually go away in one

or two weeks. Syphilis gets in the blood stream and comes in stages. The sore will go away and then return a few months later as a rash. The rash will go away leaving the person feeling fine, but will return in a few more months in the form of a stroke, heart problems, or death.

Babies also have to pay for syphilis by way of mental retardation or even death. "Waco has one of the highest

rates in the nation of babies being born with syphilis," Arp stated.

"Herpes is unfortunately getting real prevalent in Waco," Arp mentioned. The problem with herpes is that a person is contagious when he has the herpes blisters or the first couple of days after he has come into contact with the disease, Arp added. "The blisters are very painful. People usually

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Newsbriefs

Band performs Oct. 29

The "Dimensions in Blue" Air Force Band from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio will perform for the Brown Bag lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the Student Center Cafeteria.

The band is made up of an 18 piece jazz ensemble and is led by Master Sergeant Bob Fuller.

The MCC Jazz Ensemble will perform for the evening Brown Bag dinner.

The first 35 students who make reservations for the luncheon and the first 15 students who make reservations for the dinner will receive a free meal.

Club elects officers

The MCC Marketing and Management Club has elected new officers, according to club adviser Kay Moore.

The new officers are Renee Jarvis, president; Audra Daniels, vice president; Lynda Gonzales, secretary; Larry Wermeyer, treasurer; Carl Johnson, parliamentarian and Virginia Padilla, historian.

Jarvis, Gonzales and Corrine Alejandro attended the recent Fall Leadership Conference in Galveston.

The next meeting for the Marketing and Management Club will be Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. in AC301.

Phi Theta Kappa elects officers

Phi Theta Kappa elected new officers at its first meeting Sept. 19.

The elected officers are Brenda Lightfoot, president; Tori Spivey, vice president; and Jami Andrews, historian.

Letters have been sent out to prospective members and the initiation of new members will be Nov. 7. In the meantime, the next meeting to complete plans for the initiation ceremony will be Friday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m.

Club sponsors are Ruby Burns, John Nobis and Karen Norwood.

Students may audition for new play

Auditions for the McLennan Community College Theatre production of "How the Other Half Loves" are continuing through today in the MCC Fine Arts Theatre.

A farce by Alan Ayckbourn, "How the Other Half Loves" requires three men and three women. All roles are adult roles with age ranges from 20 to the mid-40s. Auditions, which are open to the public, will consist of readings from the script. No preparation is required.

"How the Other Half Loves" will rehearse weekday evenings beginning Oct. 30 with performances scheduled for Dec. 4-7. For additional information, contact MCC theatre director John Kelly at 756-0551, ext. 401.

Nutcracker audition

Children who want to portray angels, mice, rabbits, clowns, and soldiers in the Waco Symphony's "The Nutcracker" are invited to audition Nov. 2 in the Waco Civic Ballet Studio located on Austin Avenue.

To be eligible for the audition, children must be 6-12 years old and must have had two years of ballet or gymnastics training.

For more information call the Waco Symphony Association office at 754-0851.

Newcomer's club will return with new ideas

By JEFF OSBORNE

The first semester of the Newcomer's Club has come to a successful close, according to Greg Clark, director of student activities and health services.

"This is the first year anything like this has been tried," he said, and added that its initial success would spark another such program for the spring semester.

The purpose of the club is to introduce new students to MCC and the Waco area. Four meetings were held during the fall semester.

Counselor John Nobis spoke at the first meeting on area shopping centers, local eating establishments, and general attractions in the Heart of Texas.

Harry Tooker, who works for the Texas Parks and Recreation Department, spoke at the second meeting about area parks and the free activities that people can enjoy there. Volleyball, baseball games and an occasional picnic were

recreations that Tooker suggested.

The speaker at the third and fourth meetings was Clark, who discussed how to get involved in leisure time activities in Central Texas.

Clark noted that some of the students who attended the club meetings were returning students who were already familiar with both MCC and the Waco area. Also, many students attended more than one of the meetings, with an average attendance of about 10.

Clark said that the Newcomer's Club would continue for the spring semester, but that different speakers would be invited for students who may wish to return to club meetings.

For the spring, Clark added that at least one outing is being planned, probably a picnic.

For any additional information on the Newcomer's Club, contact the office of student activities and health services at 756-0551, extension 420.

Rape Crisis Center looking for volunteers

The Waco Rape Crisis Center is seeking volunteers to counsel victims of sexual assault and to give emotional support and information immediately following an attack.

Volunteers will also be given the opportunity to help conduct presentations to local schools, church groups, and civic organizations as well as helping with fund raising activities.

A 20-hour training class for volunteer counselors will be held on Nov. 4. Previous counseling experience is not neces-

sary, and no educational requirements are needed.

The center is currently conducting an outreach program and needs volunteers available during the day and with special skills such as signing, speaking Spanish, and previous experience working with the handicapped.

More male volunteers are needed, and all volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Those interested should contact Kathy Rhodes, volunteer coordinator at the Waco Rape Crisis Center. Call 752-0330 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Counseling meeting to be held in Waco

The annual meeting of the Texas Association of Counseling and Development held Oct. 22-25 at the Waco Convention Center had a distinctive MCC flavor.

Hazel Martin, a counselor at MCC, acted as convention coordinator. Plans began five years ago with the bid to make Waco the 1986 convention site.

Martin was assisted in the convention planning by MCC counselors and staff Ruby Burns, Ramon Aleman, Lynn Abernathy, Juan Mercado, John Nobis, Johnnie Talton,

and Marylea Henderson, as well as counselors and psychologists from public and private schools.

Attending the convention were an estimated 4,000

persons involved in testing and measurement and counselors in private practice.

counselors from high schools and colleges, career counselors, mental health workers,

Major speakers were Dr. Robert Garkhoff who spoke on "Helping in the Age of Information," and Dr. Gerald Corey

who spoke on "The Role of the Counselor's Values on the Counseling Process."

vided by three MCC groups: the Faculty Jazz Ensemble, Dave Hibbard's Commercial Music Band, and Bill Haskell's "Sorta Dixie" group.

Tours of the MCC campus were planned for those attending the convention. Music for the various events was pro-

Baptist Student Union gives Christian support

By JEFF OSBORNE

The Baptist Student Union is a group that offers Christians support on campus to cope with the pressures of college.

Students in the small, but close-knit, group discussed the fact that while they are in college, people tend to forget the moral standards taught to them by their parents, and many of those standards are important.

The group also talked about double standards present when people condemn the actions of others, but feel free to commit these same actions themselves.

Jeff DeHay, the group speaker, encouraged students

not to push their beliefs aside on days when they do not attend church. DeHay said that even the most committed Christian can succumb to temptation.

The purpose of the BSU is to provide the students with a fellowship throughout the week.

Faculty sponsors of the BSU are James Burrows and Joe Ingram.

The group meets during the 10-11 a.m. activity hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Monday, the group meets for a Bible study in L.A. room 214. Each Wednesday, the club meets in the Highlander Room of the Student Center for a brunch, and Friday the BSU returns to L.A. 214 for a council meeting.

Registration dates set for spring semester

The advising and registration schedule for the spring 1987 semester was completed recently.

The registrar's office began issuing course advising forms Oct. 20 and will continue doing so through late registration.

Advising for prospective graduates began Monday Oct. 27 and will continue through late registration. Advising for all other students will begin Monday, Nov. 3, and will continue through registration in January.

A student may arrange to be advised by making contact with an advisor, faculty member, counselor, or program director.

Permits to register (registration time stickers) for either early or regular registration will be issued by the office of the registrar from Monday, Nov. 10 through Thursday, Dec. 18.

Early registration is scheduled for 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 1-4. Only students with permits to register will be allowed to register on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 1 and 2.

Regular registration will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 and Thursday, Jan. 8, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10. On Wednesday and Thursday, permits to register will be required of all students except those who plan to register for evening classes only.



'Lassies' host opener against South Plains

By MONTINA WILLIAMS

The women's basketball team will begin its season with a three day tournament starting Wednesday in the Highlands.

The Highlassies first game will be against South Plains Junior College beginning Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Other games to be played Wednesday will be Temple College vs. Howard College at 4 p.m. and Western Texas College vs. San Jacinto College at 6 p.m.

Thursday's action in the Highlands begins at 4 p.m. when South Plains plays San Jacinto. Western Texas will

play Temple at 6 p.m., and MCC will take on Howard Junior College at 8 p.m.

The round-robin tournament concludes Friday with San Jacinto playing Howard at 4 p.m. while South Plains will battle Temple at 6 p.m. and MCC will play Western Texas at 8 p.m.

In preparing for the season opener, the Highlassies scrimmaged Southwest Christian College Oct. 14 in the Highlands and swamped the visitors 54-24 in three 10-minute quarters.

The Highlassies most productive players in that scrimmage were Christi Hill with 10 points and five rebounds, Kim White with eight points and three rebounds, and Kathy Chatham with six points and six rebounds.

"We have a very hard working team. Hard work and effort takes care of the winning and losing," said Coach Hudson.

"The Highlassies have good transition in pushing the ball up and down the floor," added Hudson. "We have a man-to-man defensive team, pressure type."

The team's strength is in showing that the players are willing to work hard, Hudson said, while the team's main weakness is its lack of height.

"The winning tradition of MCC's athletic program makes everybody play extra hard when they play any other team," said Hudson.



Photo by Ken Crawford

THE 1986-87 women's basketball team is ready for its season opener here Wednesday as they serve as hosts for a six-team tournament. On the top row from left to right are Kim Johnson (trainer), Christi Hill, Terri Porter, Jeanne Conde, Kim

White, Felecia Hutchins, and Dana Dieterich. On the bottom row are Lana Larson, Joni Williams, Renee Procter, Gwen Thompson, Kathy Chatham and Martha Estelle.

Highlanders open season Nov. 4 against Navarro

By KEITH HENRY

The MCC men's basketball team opens its season with Navarro Junior College at the Highlands on Nov. 4 at 8 p.m.

The starting line-up is still in unsettled as the team continues to scrimmage preparing for the season. But coach Ken DeWeese projects Anthony Booker and Floyd Macon as probable starters while Billy Newbill and Calvin Moore could also be in the top five along with Nathan McCoy, Carl Love, Howard Turner, Reggie DeGrate, or Ed Johnson.

Other players who could see action are Leonard Perry, Shone Wyatt, Willie Gilmore, Sam Powe, Freddie Williams, and Jim Stigliano.

Anthony Young would be expected to start, but he is on crutches this week with an

ankle injury.

This year's Highlanders are going to fast-break more than in recent years, according to DeWeese, who also expects the team to be able to put a lot more defensive pressure on opposing teams than last year's squad.

Team goals set by the Highlanders this season are to win at least 20 games and the conference championship.

DeWeese said that if the Highlanders do not win the conference championship, the team will be working to at least finish in the top four. Finishing in the top four would get them in the regional playoffs with the winner advancing to Hutchinson, Kansas, for the national tournament.

Getting into the regional playoffs takes on added significance this season, DeWeese

said, since MCC's Highlands will be the site of the regional tournament.

DeWeese said this year's squad reminds him a lot of the MCC teams he coached two and four years ago, especially in the similarities in the bench strength of the three teams.

The 1982-83 and the 1984-85 teams both were regional finalist and had a combined record of 54-11.

DeWeese's teams have never lost an opening game. His experience includes five years as an assistant at the University of Texas at El Paso and his years of coaching high school.

In the last six years as coach at MCC he has a record of 146 wins to only 43 losses, a winning percentage of .772. In those six years, MCC teams have won at least 20 games each season.

Former MCC player returns to be assistant baseball coach

By MONTINA WILLIAMS

Gregory F. Dennis, 24, is now well into his first year as MCC's new assistant baseball coach and health and physical education instructor.

Dennis was born in Dallas, but attended and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, Tenn. He later attended McLennan Community College and finished in 1982-83.

He played on the 1982 and 1983 MCC baseball teams that finished first and third in the national junior college tournaments. He then attended Florida State University where he also played baseball.

Dennis returned to Waco to conclude his collegiate baseball career at Baylor. He then spent a year playing professional baseball in the rookie league with the Toronto Blue Jay organization before entering the

teaching profession.

Dennis served as a volunteer assistant coach for MCC this past year while working on a bachelor of arts degree at Baylor. He received that degree in August.

According to Dennis, the baseball Highlanders have a lot of talent — and they've got a lot of work ahead of them.



Photo by Ken Crawford

JUST OUT OF REACH... Howard Turner from MCC puts up a jump shot just over the outstretched arms of two defenders from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton last week during exhibition season. Turner is expected to see action in the team's season opener next week.

Highlanders send all-stars to College Station

Fall baseball exhibition ends and 'off-season' begins

By SCOT SMART

ALL STARS

The MCC baseball team completed its fall exhibition season, sent four players to the Texas Junior College Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game, and began its grueling off-season weight program last week.

The Highlanders finished their fall exhibition season against TCU after opposing Texas A&M, the Universities of Texas at Austin and Arlington, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Southwestern University and Baylor.

"The pitching did a good job, but the batting was disappointing," said Rick Butler, head coach of the MCC baseball team.

"Some of the batters have a hard time realizing where the strike zone is, and they are not thinking about what they are going to do when they get up to bat," Butler said.

Mike Taylor, Pat Listach, Rick Candelari, and Rodney Downey were all chosen to represent MCC at the eighth annual TJCBCA all-star game in College Station held this past weekend.

Each player agreed that it was "an honor" to play in the game.

Taylor finished last season with a 14-1 record and was one of two freshman to be elected to the All-America team.

Last season Taylor pitched a one-hit shutout against Ranger Junior College and this was the first time that Ranger had ever been shutout. He also pitched a no-hitter against Laredo Junior College in last year's state tournament.

While Taylor is in College Station he said he might also make an informal visit to Texas A&M's campus and look into their baseball program there.

Candelari is the only freshman ever to be elected to the All-America team from MCC.

Candelari earned the honor of being the recipient of the Adirondack Big Stick award. This award means that Candelari finished the season with the highest batting average, .392, in all of district 6 (regions 5 and 14 combined).

Even though Candelari plays right field, he is also familiar with the left field fence from hitting 21 home runs. This was good enough to place him second among the home run leaders on the team. He also drove in the second highest number of runs on the team last season.

Listach had an outstanding year in the field defensively while mounting up a .342 batting average. Listach made the all-star team because of his "defensive prowess — he is the best shortstop in junior college and probably better than most

shortstops in four year colleges," Butler said.

Rodney Downey went undefeated last season with a 6-0 win-loss record along with a 2.33 earned run average. This is a little deceiving because "he pitched in many key games in the regular season and in the playoffs," according to Butler.

The team's strong representation in the All-Star game "reflects the quality of the team last year," Downey said.

Scouts from each of the 20 major league baseball teams, as well as scouts from all over the country representing major four-year universities, crowded the stands at the All-Star contest.

"Two more players should have been added to the all-star list, Rusty Kilgo and Tony Baldwin," Butler said.

Kilgo ended up with a win-loss record of 3-3, with 25 appearances and five crucial

saves.

Only 15 pitchers were allowed to be selected on the team and "it came down to a numbers game," said Butler.

Baldwin had an exceptional year in the outfield and earned third place on the RBI and home run leader list for MCC. "They just didn't take his nomination seriously because he was the sixth nominee," and a team is only allowed five nominations. "Plus there was a lot of outfielders in the running for a position," Butler said.

Results from the All-Star game were not available at press time, but they will be posted in the next edition with all the details.

"OFF SEASON"

Last week the baseball team shifted to the weight room for the most testing leg of the baseball program.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays they will work with a 44 station weight program, including weight machines and free weights. The program will concentrate primarily on flexibility and agility.

Following the weights, the team will run one mile on Monday, two miles on Tuesday, three miles on Thursday, and additional "discipline" running.

"We will find out who goes after it and who doesn't. Whoever doesn't probably won't stay with us. Those who do, will probably be here this spring," said Butler.

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Smegs sweep past Manipulators, 12-0

Intramural flag football ends, volleyball begins

By KIMBERLY MOORE

A team that lost its first three games of the season won the flag football intramural championship Friday as the Smegs defeated the Manipulators, 12-0.

Members of the Smegs are Kevin Woodall, Chuck Woodall, David McGrath, Jeffrey Mink, Ray Javier, Brian Vosek, and Jay Howell. Manipulators players include Rudy Williams, Bobby Bradshaw, Tony Baker, Ray Adkison, Melvin Watkins, Malcolm Estelle, Victor Smith, and Larry Wydermyer, Jr.

The teams we had to beat to take the crown," he added, reflecting back on the Smeg's season.

"... we regrouped, hit our second wind and beat the teams we had to beat to take the crown."

At the end of the first half the score was locked at 0-0. During the second half Vosek ran the ball down the field for an apparent touchdown, but the play was called back and turned over to the Manipulators because of an illegally tied flag belt.

After the turnover and during the first play the Smegs intercepted the ball to again gain possession and make a touchdown putting them in the lead.

Chuck Woodall threw the touchdown pass to his cousin, Kevin Woodall, for the score. The extra point was attempted, but no good.

The second score came when after a penalty gave the Smegs good field position. David McGrath caught the throw for the Smegs to give them a 12-0 lead. The extra point again was no good.

After this final touchdown the Smegs kicked off to the Manipulators and a penalty was called on the next play against the Manipulators for unnecessary roughness. The game was then called and the championship team became the Smegs.

During the semi-final games the Smegs defeated the Bomb Squad and the Manipulators beat the Gamblers to qualify for the championship game.

The season began on Sept. 17 with seven men's teams and five coed teams. The Oddballs won the coed division by forfeit.

"The intramural program is very good for students for the most part. It gives them a chance for more involvement at MCC and something to have fun in," said Wendell Hudson, the intramural director.

"Next year and through the rest of this semester I wish more students could get involved and enjoy it," he added.

The next program coming up in intramurals is volleyball with sign-ups continuing this week. The first games will begin on Nov. 10 in the HPE Building. Intramural volleyball is mixed men and women teams.



THE MANIPULATORS' MALCOLM ESTELLE gains yardage during the championship intramural flag football game Friday. The Smeg's won the title with a 12-0 victory.



KEVIN WOODALL of the Smeg's catches a touchdown pass while the Manipulator's Melvin Watkins tries to block the catch to prevent the scoring.

"We won the championship game even though we had a 0-3 deficit at the beginning of the season," said Mink, who played on last year's winning team, as well as this year's.

"Rarely does a team come from a last place start to win the last seven games consecutively. However, we regrouped, hit our second wind and beat



THE SMEG'S JAY HOWELL jumps to block a pass thrown by the Manipulators while Manipulator player Larry Wydermyer, Jr., and Smeg's Ray Javier run toward the play.



THE WINNING TEAM in intramural flag football, the Smegs, consists of members (left to right, bottom row) Donny Finn (coach), Brian Vosek, and Jay Howell, (back row, left to right) Kevin Woodall, David McGrath, Chuck Woodall, Jeffrey Mink, and Ray Javier.



THE RUNNER UP in the flag football is the Manipulators who are made up of (left to right, bottom row) Rudy Williams, Bobby Bradshaw, Tony Baker, and Ray Adkison, (left to right, back row) Melvin Watkins, Malcolm Estelle, Victor Smith, Larry Wydermyer, Jr., and manager Sabrina Hall.

Reporters attend meeting

By KIMBERLY MOORE

Six members of the Highland Herald staff and their adviser attended the joint meeting of the Texas Community College Journalism Association and the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Oct. 17-18 in Arlington.

On Friday the staff had the opportunity to attend workshops dealing with finding and shooting photographs, advertising, editorial writing, and financial strategies. The workshops

were led by journalists from area Metroplex newspapers as well as professors from universities including Dr. Martin (Red) Gibson from the journalism department of the University of Texas at Austin.

Gibson gave critiques of newspapers of most of the junior colleges in Texas, giving the student editors and reporters ideas on how to improve their publications. He stressed the importance of having strong "lead" stories on every page

and using more quotes "to give stories more life."

In his critique, Gibson commended MCC's Highland Herald as "the best" in the large school division, but he had a number of suggestions to improve the paper, especially in the area of photography.

During the luncheon on Friday the staff heard George Rodrigue, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter from the Dallas Morning News, speak about "Writing the Big Story."

Friday afternoon students and advisers attended other workshops including those on editing, reporting, magazine layout and design, improving

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Reserve officers complete course for graduation

Twenty-two reserve law enforcement officers in the Central Texas area graduated from the Heart of Texas Regional Police Academy advanced police reserve certification course on Oct. 23 at MCC.

Jack Harwell, sheriff of McLennan County, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony which was held in the Health and Physical Education Building.

The officers completed a 124-hour classroom course required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards in Education. These reserve officers are now eligible to take the state license test in Austin to become fully

certified peace officers, according to Dave Keel, director of the Police Academy.

The graduates include Michael E. Cooper, James C. Fischetti, and Kenneth D. Hill, all of Hewitt; Jimmy R. Crumpton of Milford; Philbert W. Hobbs of Lorena; Edward F. Holt, Jr. of Eddy; Mylie L. Hudson of Robinson; and Terry D. Linebaugh of Bruceville.

Also from Waco are Gerald L. Cawthon, Raymond V. deMilliano, Weston R. Edward, Daniel M. Ferguson, Monica M. Ferguson, Donald N. Fisher, Gary D. Foster, John A. Hallford, John M. Oldham, Miguel A. Sanchez, Louis E. Smith, Leonard J. Tusa, Luther B. Tynes, and Jim W. Watson.

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- October 29 Brown Bag Luncheon, Lecture Hall at noon
- October 29 Brown Bag Supper, Lecture Hall at 5:30
- October 29-31 Highlassic Classic in the Highlands
- October 30 Halloween Dance at 8 p.m. in SC
- October 31 Mini-concert at 10 a.m. in SC
- November 3-4-5 Trivia Tournament during 10 o'clock hour
- November 3 Student Government meeting at 10 a.m.
- November 3 "How to make good decisions" LA 212 at 10 a.m.
- November 4 Women's Basketball game in the Highlands at 6 p.m.
- November 4 Men's B-ball at Navarro at 8 p.m.
- November 7 Mini-concert in SC at 10 a.m.
- November 7 Student Worker's Payday
- November 7-8 Women's MCC Basketball Tournament in the Highlands
- November 8 Men's basketball, Temple, 7:30 p.m.
- November 10 Student Government meeting at 10 a.m.
- November 10 Men's basketball, Navarro, 7:30 p.m.
- November 11-12 Physical Fitness Program in SC at 10 a.m.

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KING OF BILLIARDS—Danny Lopez gets ready to "break" in the recent MCC Pool Tournament, an event in which he took two first place plaques in men's singles and doubles. Craig

Cox was his partner in the winning doubles effort. Fifty-four entered the six-day competition on the second floor of the Student Center. Gaynell Davis won the women's singles title.

Photo by Ken Crawford

Lopez, Davis, Cox winners in MCC pool tournament

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Danny Lopez was the big winner as he outlasted 54 other contestants to win in both singles and doubles competition in the recent MCC pool tournament sponsored by the Student Government.

Close behind Lopez in the men's singles division was the runner-up, Tim Hines.

The women's singles title

went to Gaynell Davis and the runner-up was Lisa Williams.

The doubles title went to Craig Cox and Danny Lopez with the runners-up being Robert Paul and Steve Simpson.

"Both finals matches were very close and exciting," said Pete Hjelmstad, a game worker who watched the men's singles final and the doubles final.

"This was a very tough tournament. I didn't think that I

would make it as far as I did," Lopez said after winning both events.

The men's singles division began with 40 entrants, the doubles division began with 10 contestants, and the women's singles division began with four entrants.

The tournament began Oct. 8 and lasted one week.

Trivia tournament slated for three days next week

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

The deadline to sign-up for the Student Government-sponsored Trivia Tournament is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m., with the tournament being held Nov. 3, 5, and 7, in the Student Center during the 10-11 a.m. hour.

A sign-up sheet will be located in the game room and will be divided into specific times for players to sign up. Anyone not showing up on their set time will be disqualified, and no one will be allowed to sign up on the day the tournament begins, or after it has begun.

Competitors will be asked five questions each (a total of 10 questions per game) and if a player is unable to correctly answer, his opponent will have

a chance to answer it. Each correct answer will give a player two points, and each question answered by the opponent will be worth one point.

To determine the player who goes first, each player will roll the dice, with the highest roll going first.

To determine what category the questions will come from, the players will roll the dice with each category being previously assigned a number.

Each player will have one minute to answer the question before the question moves on to the opponent. Student Government officers and members will keep a tally on the points and also judge, with all rulings to be at the discretion of the judges.

In the event of a tie after 10 questions, three more questions

will be asked. (The player to go first will again be determined by a roll of the dice.)

There will be absolutely no outside coaching allowed. The first time a player is helped, another question will be asked. The second time a player is helped, the player will have to forfeit the game.

Tables will be set up in the Student Center with the players on one side of the table and the Student Government members on the other. The area will be chained off and only competitors playing will be allowed inside.

Ribbons will be given out to winners with the first place winner receiving a special prize.

Faculty jazz band keeps on the move

By LEANNE LEWIS

An opportunity to perform challenging material in an organization of skilled professionals is what the faculty jazz ensemble is about, according to David Hibbard, director of MCC's commercial music program.

The faculty members have been keeping busy taking that "opportunity to perform." Last year they played at the Texas Swing Festival, the Brazos River Fest, and for a United Way fund raiser. And just this past week many of the group were in combos who played for the high school counselors convention in Waco (see related story).

The ensemble is planning a three-day tour in February in which the members will perform at various high schools and colleges before they perform at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio.

The group also plays at a

number of Central Texas high schools which allows students to learn about the commercial music department at MCC and gives them a chance to meet the faculty. They also teach potential students a short history of jazz by performing music from Dixieland ragtime to more modern jazz.

They are also planning one or two concerts during the fall and spring semesters on campus.

The ensemble includes Hibbard, trumpet and flugel horn; Richard Gimbel, bass guitar; Bill Haskett, trombone; Bill Howard, synthesizer and keyboards; Ken Frazier and Julian Jones, guitar; Robert Page, saxophones; and Tom Prisk, drums.

Jones and Gimbel are also the lead vocalists with the rest of the group backing them up.

Hibbard said that the ensemble members have fun and enjoy performances. They practice from 4-6 p.m. every Monday.

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Computers help students

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ing mode. The KRM is capable of moving forward or backward, pausing, reading 250 words a minute, spelling words out, punctuating, scanning, marking for later reference, and telling the person operating the machine exactly what function the machine is performing at that moment.

A cassette recorder can be attached to the machine to allow students to record what the machine is reading.

The calculating mode can perform trigonometric, logarithmic, and exponential functions along with regular arithmetic.

The KRM is complex and requires 9-12 hours of training to operate. There are 36 keys on the keyboard which must be memorized in order to control the machine properly.

V.D. spreads more rapidly than all other diseases

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know that they have come in contact with the disease because of this," Arp said.

AIDS

About 2 million people in the United States have the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus. There have been seven cases of AIDS in Waco this year. Of the seven, three have already died, Arp mentioned. All were homosexual males and some were also intravenous (IV) drug abusers. The clinic does test for the AIDS virus. If a person has had contact with someone with the AIDS virus, then he has a chance of it showing up in his blood stream.

"Everyone who has AIDS has the AIDS virus, but not everyone with the AIDS virus has AIDS," Arp explained. If a person has the AIDS virus, he is considered contagious

through his blood products and any body fluids and has a 5 percent chance of getting AIDS.

Of all the people tested for AIDS this year in Waco, the only ones positive for the virus have been male homosexuals, male bi-sexuals, or intravenous drug abusers. Although no females in Waco have tested positive for the virus, statistics do show that females receive the AIDS virus from males and then pass it on to other people.

AIDS is transmitted as easily heterosexually as it is homosexually, but because of the way they have sex, homosexuals contract AIDS easier. Also when intravenous drug abusers pass their needles to the next person, there is always a little blood left in it to pass along the virus.

"The reason male homosexuals have a greater chance of receiving the AIDS virus is because they may have up to two to three thousand different sexual contacts in a lifetime," ac-

ording to Arp, "whereas the heterosexual may only have 50 to 100 or even three to four sexual contacts in a lifetime.

Waco testing

"Of the people we've tested in Waco, only 10 percent of the population that have come in for testing is positive for the virus. In Austin or Dallas, it is like 30 to 40 percent," Arp said. People who come in for testing are not coming in because of paranoia, they are people that think they have come in contact with the disease Arp noted.

Symptoms of AIDS include weight loss, diarrhea, feeling bad, and not being able to fight off infection. AIDS victims suffer from a certain type of skin cancer or a certain type of pneumonia and wear down like a cancer victim. The life expectancy of an AIDS victim with the pneumonia is 18 months and a victim with the cancer is 24 months.

Contrary to popular belief, mosquitos do not transmit AIDS, nor does kissing, Arp emphasized.

The reason sexually transmitted diseases are hard to contain and why the numbers keep growing is because people do not come in for treatment soon enough and are still sexually active, according to Arp. Some people receive the correct treatment but they start having sex before the time is up for them to be cured.

"Before you do anything with anyone, you should at least check to see if the other person has any sores," Arp strongly suggested. She also mentioned that the more people a person has sex with, the better his chance of contracting any of these diseases. For more information on sexually transmitted diseases, call the hotline at 1-800-555-1212.

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the sports page, newsroom management, and working with production.

A workshop led by Gibson dealt with tips on how to edit a story. Gibson said that having extremely long sentences is not as good as having short concise ones that convey the same information.

Another workshop led by the writing coach at the Dallas Morning News, Paula LaRocque, gave new ideas on how reporting is done.

"Reporters should always have some sort of outline to write from because a writer cannot write something unless they know what they are writing about," said LaRocque. She

also advises writers to write a draft, not worrying about grammar, while ideas are fresh on the mind, and then go back later to polish the story.

On Saturday morning members attended workshops that dealt with layout and design, finding and keeping internships and jobs, and cartoons, illustrations, and graphics, while advisers held a business meeting for TCCJA.

Those attending from MCC included Kim Moore, editor; Mark Lucas, senior associate editor; Scot Smart, sports editor; Ronen Brown, cartoonist; reporters Lori Vance and Joe Jimenez, and adviser Tom Buckner.