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High winds sweep across MCC campus

By CHRIS BELL

Damage from the fierce thunderstorm that swept through Waco Monday April 13 is still being assessed by MCC faculty and students.

The exact cause of damage on campus is still uncertain. Some faculty and student still blame a tornado for destroying approximately 100 trees and damaging several cars and MCC buildings.

The National Weather Service never confirmed that a tornado in fact struck the Waco area. However, an official at the NWS did report seeing a

"wall cloud" near Lake Shore Drive. He described a wall cloud as "a turbulent cloud, usually on the southwest corner of a severe thunderstorm, that often spawns a tornado."

Most of the damage across campus was to trees. The most heavily damaged area was around the Art Center. About 20 trees were uprooted or stripped to the ground around the Art Center parking lot.

Dee Toombs, maintenance supervisor, said that lights in the parking lot were turned at all different angles and one was twisted 90 degrees from its normal position.

"I don't care what the National Weather Service says, no straight wind would do that," Toombs said.

Ann Harrell, speech instructor, said she watched wind ripples on her pool come from three different directions at the same time. She described the sky at that time as an "extremely dark greenish color."

Behind the house of Cindy SoRelle, also from the speech department, lightning struck a tree and it began to smoke.

The old Waco High School building which was recently bought by MCC had extensive damage to the roof and air conditioning units. Vice President of Fiscal Affairs Herman Betke inspected damage to the building and said, "There was more ceiling tile on the floor than on the ceiling."

Other school property damaged from the storm included:

- Broken windows on the third floor of the Student Center and in the faculty office building.

- The batting cage at the ballfield was blown across the field and into some trees.

- A lamp post was knocked down by a tree branch in the Art Center parking lot and lights attached to trees around the Art Center were broken when the trees fell.

- A new fence on the tennis courts was bent by a fallen tree.

- A fan cover was ripped from the roof of the HPE building.

Several cars in the parking lot at the Art center were also damaged when trees fell on them.

Power was never lost at MCC, according to Toombs. However, he said that the electricity at the physical plant was lost for about two hours.

A final estimate of damage to school property is expected to be completed later this week.

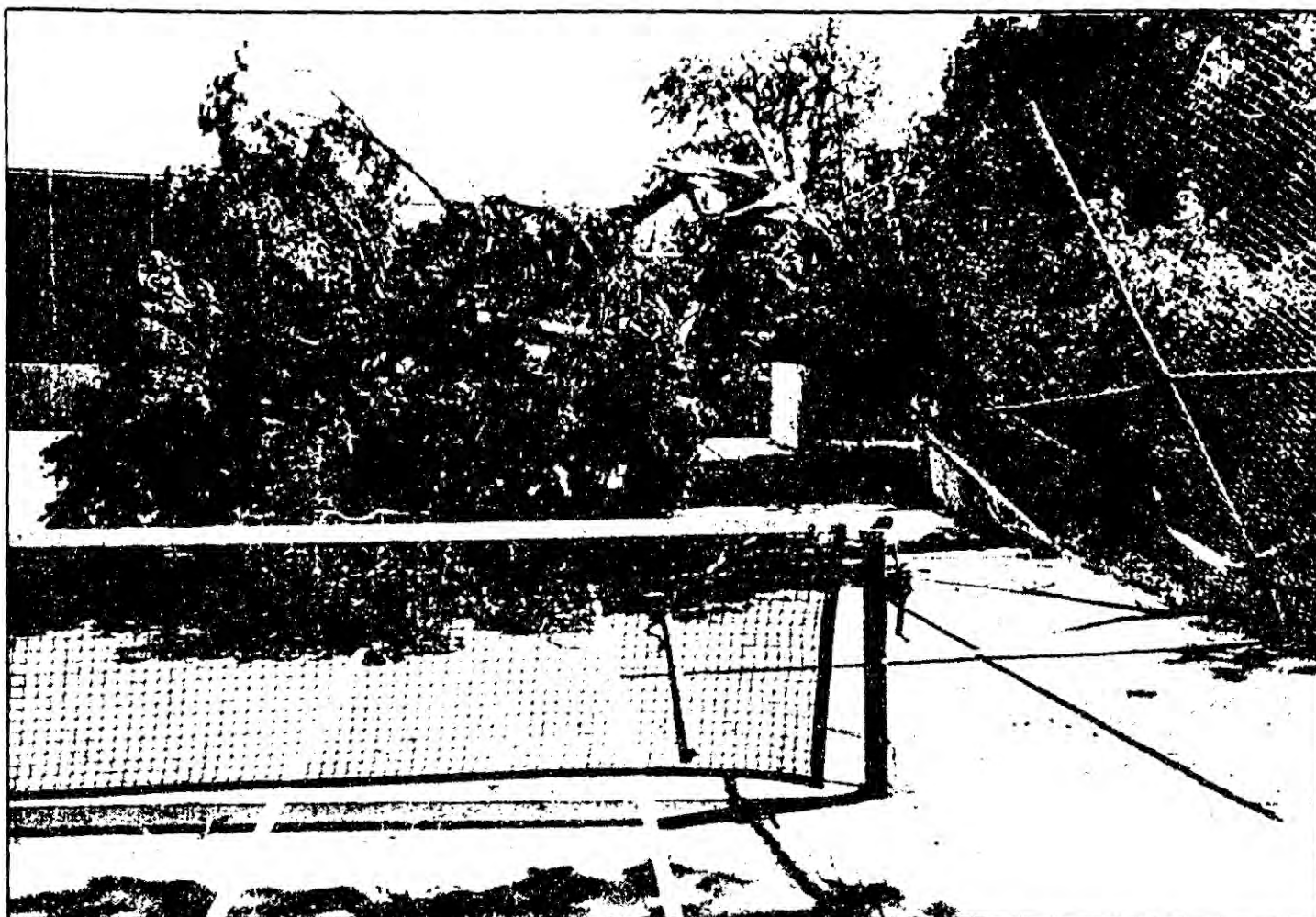


Photo by Ken Crawford

"LEAN ON ME" was taken seriously by many trees on MCC campus as this photograph might suggest. The new fence on the tennis courts was bent by a fallen tree recently due to the high winds that swept across the MCC campus Monday, April 13.

Cruzers mop up points at Highland Games opener

By MARSHA SNOWDON

The Highland Games got its feet wet yesterday with the Cruzers mopping up a total of 13 points from the men's sprint, women's sprint and the relay race.

The Killer Scots (a combination of Student Government and Returning Students Association members) picked up a total of five points.

Points earned from yesterday's event will be combined with additional points earned during Friday's Highland Games (see schedule in this paper).

Taking first place in the men's sprint was Chris Suerig for the Cruzers, second place went to Guy Schlottman, Killer Scots, and third place went to David Strauss for the Killer Scots.

The Cruzers cleaned up in the women's sprint taking first through third place. First place went to Cathy Cervenka followed by Kelley Reynolds and Patty Eberspacher respectively.

The rolling waters surrounding the relay race cleared leaving the first place award to the Cruzers' four-person team comprised of Chris Suerig, Jeff Mink, Amy Mathews, and Tracy Fletcher.

Second place in the relay race went to the Killer Scots' team members Guy Schlottman, Nick Sparks, Cheryl Cummings, and Phyllis Hutya.

Third place Relay winners were once again members of the Cruzers. Swimmers for the third place position were Chuck Woodall, Jamie Johnson, Kathy Reynolds, and Kelley

Reynolds.

Comments from the Cruzers' team captain, Joe Jimenez, included, "I didn't think we were going to do as well as we did because the Killer Scots' members said they had some swimmers with good credentials."

On hand to officiate were Coach Wendall Hudson, intramural director, and Greg Clark, Highland Games director. Timers for the swimming events included Coach Greg Dennis, Lori Wills, and Michael Anderson.

The Highland Games will continue on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Health and Physical Education swimming pool with the "big splash" contest and the two-lap sprint. The remainder of the Highland Games will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 24.

Highland Games discussed at joint SG and ICC meeting

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

Highland Games activities were the main topic at a joint meeting between the Inter-club Council and Student Government.

Activities for the games were described by Greg Clark, director of student activities and health services.

Clark emphasized swimming, events which have been added to this year's games. Swimming events include the four-person relay, one lap sprint, two lap sprint, and the big splash contest.

The swimming events include male and female divisions for both sprints and the big splash contest, while relay teams will consist of at least two females.

The relay and one lap sprint events will be held on April 20 at 10 a.m., while the two lap sprint and the big splash contest will be held April 22, also at 10 a.m. All swimming events will be held at the swimming pool in the Health and Physical Education Building, Clark said.

Discussion of the Highland Games also included the type of booths that each club will operate throughout the day.

The Agriculture Club will have a booth for the sale of watermelon slices, the Press Club will have a Dr. Pepper booth, and the Mental Health Club will have a booth for nachos and popcorn. "Each club is responsible for supplying their own extension cord," Clark stressed.

Marketing and Management Club members said they have discussed having a booth for the sale of stuffed animals.

In other business, the Agriculture Club announced that on

April 10 and 11 they attended the Texas Junior College Agriculture Association Convention held in Stephenville on the Tarleton State University campus.

Clark encouraged members attending the meeting to vote during the Student Government elections held April 15 and 16. He also encouraged members to participate in the "Outstanding Leg Contest" for males which was held along with the SG elections.

Board meets tonight

The MCC Board of Trustees will consider roof replacement bids, the purchase of furnishings and equipment in the former Waco High School, re-employment of faculty and administrators for the 1987-88 school year and a possible tuition increase at its meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the board room.

Also on the agenda are proposals for liability in-

surance for board members, agreements for tax abatement and development, and a presentation by a consultant about the search for a new college president.

Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of the college since it opened in 1960, has announced his retirement effective in August, 1988.

Trustees will also hold an executive session with the presidential search consultant.

Running for SG officer becomes less appealing

By KIMBERLY MOORE

Only five MCC students ran for Student Government officer for the 1987-88 school year with only one position with opposition.

The results from the election held last week will be announced at Highland Games on April 24 and at that time President Jeff Osborne will swear in the officers-elect for the 1987-88 year.

The election was the lowest turnout in recent history.

Students who did run for office were Sonia White for president, Jeff Leuschner and Lynda Gonzales for treasurer, Renee Jarvis for historian, and Daryl Webb for parliamentarian.

"Since a lot of those in Student Government this year found out that being an officer is a whole lot of work, I think most of them are going to wait and run for representative in the fall because it's such a big job being an officer," said SG advisor, Greg Clark.

"I think the lack of participation is because of the time of year...the season," said Daphne Richards, a representative of SG. "In the fall and this spring people ran," she added.

The duties of being president include acting as chairman and presiding officer at all meetings, making sure all actions are carried out, and appointing members to the Supreme Court.

The treasurer will be responsible for maintaining all financial records of SG and will authorize disbursement of funds upon approval. The treasurer will issue a written report at the first official meeting each month.

The parliamentarian is required to maintain order in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order and be familiar with the provisions of the constitution to ensure an orderly meeting.

Any student who wants to be a member of Student Government must have at the time of the election a grade point average of 2.0 or better, must be enrolled in at least 12 semester

hours at the time of the election and during the time serving, maintain a 2.0 grade point average while serving, and have Mondays at 10 a.m. open.

Officers for the fall, 1988, semester were President Ronnie Martinez, Vice President Rocky Doschaine, Secretary Judith Goode, Treasurer Kimberly Moore, Parliamentarian Stacy Scott, and Historian Renee Jarvis.

Present officers are President Jeff Osborne, Secretary Goode, Treasurer Moore, Parliamentarian Scott, and Historian Jarvis.

Also included in the election held last week was a "Prettiest Legs Contest" and the winner will be announced at the Highland Games. The participants

in the contest were Guy Cremonese, Greg Clark, Jeff Mink, Anthony Booker, Jerry Frazier, Carl Love, and Wendell Hudson.



Photo by Melanie Poston

TRACEY ADCOCK casts her vote in the Student Government officer election held on April 15-16 in the Student Center while Jay Lovett looks on. Winners will be announced at Highland Games this Friday.

Depression:

Stand strong through the storm

By JEFF OSBORNE
and KIMBERLY MOORE

One of the most common problems that strikes college students is the dark and hopeless feeling of depression and how to overcome it.

With all the media attention focused on tragedies such as AIDS and drug abuse, the malady of depression, which affects everyone at some time, is often disregarded or downplayed by those associated with people suffering from the disturbance.

According to a June 1985 article published in *Psychology Today*, more than 9 million American adults are severely depressed each year, and 15 percent of this number seriously consider or attempt suicide.

Some signs of depression listed by the National Institute of Mental Health are changes in appetite, shifts in sleeping patterns, fatigue or lack of energy, agitation or increased activity, loss of interest in daily activities, decreased sex drive, inability to concentrate, feelings of sadness, hopelessness, worthlessness, or guilt, and at worst, thoughts of suicide.

Traumatic events hit especially hard on those individuals who have few social supports (such as family and friends) to help the depressed person through trying times.

Depression causes the inability to feel emotion, especially pleasure. Emptiness may be deeply felt and incredibly painful. Often the depressed person's attitude becomes drastic — a person does not try as hard, does not accomplish anything, and because of this the situation may get even worse.

The role of family and friends in helping a person overcome depression is crucially important. Lending a helping hand or expressing interest could make all the difference to a person on the verge of suicide.

A person is likely to experience feelings of depression while in college, a period of adjusting to the ever-changing and seemingly chaotic situations of life.

When students are not active in social events, they may lose self-esteem and lack a sense of belonging and acceptance which is important in maintaining a positive self image. However, when students become involved in too many activities, they may feel overwhelmed, helpless and lost in an endless ocean of responsibility.

Short periods of sadness, and discouragement are a part of normal everyday life; however, depressed moods usually only last a few days and most of the time are not severe enough to interfere with the day-to-day activity of the depressed person.

Ammunition against depression lies in the solution — happiness.

The dictionary defines happiness as "a state of well-being," a feeling of "contentment" with one's life.

To change one's "depressing" feelings, a person first needs to realize that happiness is not a gift or even a right. It must be actively sought out, worked for, and hunted.

A person may find out that to overcome feelings of depression a whole new dimension has to be added to one's life — and this doesn't mean turning to alcohol, drugs, or food.

There are many roads to happiness and each has its own detours. It seems like most people who are "down on life" are convinced that there is only one perfect role for them in life — one perfect job, one perfect mate, one perfect anything.

Failure to attain these self-set goals can be painful, but it shouldn't be fatal to one's happiness. The overall rule is not to give up on life because it is too precious.

For a person considering suicide the person needs to talk to somebody, preferably a trained professional, according to Dr. Ramon Aleman, coordinator of Counseling Services at MCC.

Students at MCC who are experiencing depression should be aware that they have several alternatives to consider. Depending on the circumstance a person may talk to a counselor, instructor, friend, parents, and minister.

Many people experience depression when they reach that "dead end" and seem to turn off the engine. But why? Isn't it much easier to turn around and take a different path than end it all?

A depressed person is not at the end of the road. Life has many outlets to offer. A person just needs to find which one to take through trial and error.

"No situation is hopeless — no matter what the problem or concern there is always an answer for it," said Aleman.

God makes threats?

By CHRIS BELL

Dear Dad,

I need a new white Porsche 911 Turbo with tinted windows, a \$1,200 Alpine stereo system and Pirelli P7 tires. If I don't receive it by the beginning of summer, I will suffer severe status loss and will be banned from attending any university in the United States.

Love,
Your son

I can think of better ways to get what I want.

Yet, this is exactly what Oral Roberts has tried to do to the people who faithfully watch his television broadcasts and send him money.

Roberts announced before a national television audience that God told him to raise \$8 million before April 1, 1987 for the variety of missionaries and services sponsored by Oral Roberts University, or God would take his life.

I can't and don't believe that God would make such a threat. At the same time, I can't believe that Roberts would try something so underhanded.

Don't misunderstand me; I have supported Oral Roberts and what he is doing at ORU for a long time. I still think ORU is a good idea and will continue to support it.

However, I'm not so sure that Roberts is being as objective about his university as he needs to be.

The statement he made on television could have two serious affects. The support the university has enjoyed in the past could be weakened. So could the faith of many people.

A lot of people may begin to question whether a university run by a person who would use such tactics to solicit funds deserves continued support.

When Roberts says "God will bless you if you send a monetary gift" is acceptable to me because I believe it. I don't mean that the money necessarily needs to be sent to his organization, but I do believe in tithing.

But, putting the responsibility of saving his life in the hands of his supporters is undoubtedly unfair. Especially to the people who blindly follow his every word.

The view of God as a threatening god could have a serious affect on new Christians who are not yet strong in their faith. They may begin to doubt their decisions to come to Christianity. Non-Christians may be scared away.

About a month before Roberts' deadline, he was still over \$1 million short. The owner of a dog-racing track in Florida decided to donate the final \$1.2 million needed to complete the goal.

Only a few people know if he donated the money because he believed Roberts would die, or because he wanted to save Roberts from ridicule. Whatever the reason, it worked.

Maybe I should send my dad that letter.

LETTERS TO
THE EDITORSchool spirit
needs boost

Dear Editor:

McLennan Community College has developed one of the best junior college athletic programs in the country. The baseball team is annually ranked among the top teams in the nation, while both the men's and women's basketball teams are constant contenders for the conference championship.

However, there is little support for this (regional) outstanding tournament held at the Highlands. Other than printing the bulletin, there was nothing done to promote this event, even though both the men's and women's basketball teams were competing for a trip to the national tournament on their home court. This situation is crying for help.

The school administration needs to take note of the problem and attempt to improve upon it. It is extremely surprising that a school the size of MCC has no cheerleaders or athletic band. Considering the enrollment here, I have no doubt that there are six to eight girls very well qualified to represent our school as cheerleaders.

With the number of high schools in this area, there must be many girls who have been high school cheerleaders and would be excited by the opportunity to continue leading cheers, especially if the administration would offer at least a partial scholarship for this purpose.

The music department at MCC is outstanding, and it surely could produce an equally outstanding athletic band.

A good athletic program is something that can lead to more school spirit, more excitement on campus, and more overall interest in the school from both students and people

from the community.

I feel certain that better promotion of our teams, and especially the addition of cheerleaders and a band, would lead to more student support at athletic contests, the type of support needed to help push the teams that represent us through tough games, especially tough home games such as the battle with ninth ranked and eventual national runner-up Midland at the region tournament.

It is time for the MCC administration to wake up and take the lead in promoting one of the best athletic programs in the country.

Sincerely,

Darrell McKown

AIDS problem
a moral issueTo the Students
and Faculty of MCC,

I've got something to say about that lecture concerning AIDS that was held here recently (April 15). I found the lecture to very disappointing, as both the speaker and the content of her video presentation completely side-stepped the issue of morality.

It was implied in the video tape by an AIDS patient that "it isn't a moral issue, it's a medical issue." That man couldn't have been more mistaken. It is a moral issue, as well as a medical one.

If people could exercise a little self-control (better yet, a lot of self-control), then, maybe there wouldn't be the high incidence of AIDS infections that we're seeing now.

Homosexuality and all other related sexual deviations are not psychological problems.

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So with an incomplete theory on the meaning of life, I embarked on what will probably be the greatest venture of my philosophical discovery period — *My search for the complete meaning of life as I know it!*

I started with religion, it seemed like a logical place to start what with beginning with man's creation and ending in some kind of after this life experience. I figured that the meaning of life was bound to be in there somewhere.

My Bible Belt heritage did not prepare me for some of the more aesthetic religions like Zen, but nevertheless I am after all a survivor. Yes, I got into meditation, burning incense and sleeping on a bed of nails. Sure it was enlightening, but frankly sitting in that lotus position for a day and a night does not turn me on.

After a fairly cohesive encounter with practically every major religion in the world and most of the minor ones, I realized that perhaps religion and the scholars thereof did not know anymore about the meaning of life than I did, or even the crew of Monty Python and they made the movie.

Religion confused me more than ever and I had to rework my own theory on the meaning of life. I am now fairly certain that God does not punish the wicked by having topless joggers chase them off a cliff into a ready made grave, complete with service.

With my upsetting revelation due to religious studies, I decided to look at the more scientific end of the spectrum — I read a Carl Sagan book and learned absolutely nada. So after rereading *The Restaurant at the End of the Galaxy* I realized it was time to enlist some professional help. I hired a guru.

First of all, you have to find a guru in order to be able to hire one, and believe me they are not listed in the yellow pages. I got lucky in my search by finding a guru that was not only on the level, but also cheap.

That is, when I met the one person who would change my outlook on life by revealing to me the unadulterated meaning of life — my guru Ali Ben Abu Dabbi. (Say that fast three times.)

To be perfectly honest, I knew Ali before he became a guru. His name in the other life, before he made the transition to enlightenment, was really Bob and he used to clean our pool.

He was pretty easy to find because I knew he ran a spiritual enlightenment booth at the flea market on the weekends. (Everything you ever wanted to know about the meaning of life — 3 questions for \$25.)

Unfortunately I only had a 10 spot in my pocket, but I got the old "You used to clean our pool, didn't you?" discount. So I asked my question and was astounded by the answer this so-called professional guru tried to pass off as the meaning of life.

Television! That's it, that's the meaning of life? I don't believe it. All then calmed me down and went on further to explain his position on the whole theory of television and the meaning of life.

Then it all made sense to me, everything came rushing back to me in a flood of memories. Mr. Rogers was right about wanting to be everyone's neighbor and of course this whole television thing made sense to me now. Where else can you sit in a darkened room totally alone and still be surrounded by laughter and voices — in a room with a TV, of course.

Where else can a balding musician and a man with a gap between his front teeth have a hit late night program like *Late Night with David Letterman*. Not on the radio, only on the tube.

Then everything fell into place, without television we would truly be alone in a darkened room without the benefit of laughter and voices. There would be no reason to live. Without television there would be no life and therefore there would be no reason to ask the question — *What is the meaning of life?*



MCC on a hot streak

MCC rolled over Northwood in Cedar Hill as Mike Taylor pitched a five-hitter as the Highlanders whipped Northwood 11-3 Thursday, April 16.

Taylor went the full nine innings allowing only three walks and striking out seven batters. Dave Degelia had a two-run triple in the first inning while Ricky Candelari hit his 13th home run of the season with a two-run blast in the fourth inning.

MCC takes two from Ranger

Rusty Kilgo pitched a two-hitter against Ranger to take

MCC to 35-9 overall and 13-2 in the conference.

MCC took the first game 14-4 in six innings because of the ten run rule. Kilgo chalked up his eighth victory with no losses in the double header against Ranger.

In the first game, Ranger took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but MCC scored once in the bottom of the first and twice in the second to tie the score 3-3.

In the fourth inning, MCC's first three batters walked and then, with two outs, Todd Shelton hit a three-run double to give the Highlanders a 6-3 lead. MCC put the game out of

reach with eight runs in the sixth.

Pat Listach led off with a double and scored on Candelari's triple. J.J. Villarreal reached base on an error, which allowed Candelari to score.

Shelton singled, putting runners at the corners and then David Gruber hit a 2-run homer.

With two outs, Hunter Brewton singled, Craig Shirley hit a double and then Listach drove in both runners with a double. Listach later scored on an error.

Ranger falls to 4-9 in conference play.

Softball Playoffs Underway

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

At the end of two weeks of action, the Silver Bullets remain undefeated going into the elimination round of the intramural men's softball championship.

The first week of competition saw the Silver Bullets defeat the Funky Fresh and the

Hoopsters, with the Hoopsters' score being 24-12.

The Silver Bullets lead the league with a 3-0 mark, followed by the Hoopsters 1-1, Corona Extras 0-1, and the Funky Fresh 0-2.

The second week featured the Silver Bullets edging the Corona Extras 11-10, while the Hoopsters defeated the Funky Fresh.

The elimination round will feature the Silver Bullets against the Funky Fresh while the Hoopsters take on the Corona Extras. Both games will be the best-of-three. The elimination round will begin on April 27 at 10 a.m.

Winners of both series will meet to decide this year's champion.

MCC smashes Alvin

By SCOT SMART

McLennan Community College, ranked fourth in the nation, shutout 10th-ranked Alvin Community College 9-0, Saturday at MCC.

Chris Lapriore, No. 1 singles player led the Highlanders as he defeated Gustavo Esponosa, who was ranked 19th in the world among juniors last year, 6-1, 6-2.

In the singles competition Craig Whitteker of MCC defeated Richard Gauthier, 6-3, 6-4; Martin Tenlan for MCC came back to beat Ronnu Lemvall, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; and Meenakshi Sundaram for MCC won against Raiver Ranawat, 6-1, 7-5.

Mike Castillo for MCC defeated Grant Nowitz, 6-4, 6-0; and Don Van Ramshorst defeated Chris Morales, 6-2, 6-1.

In the doubles competition Van Ramshorst and Whitteker defeated Espinosa and Gauthier, 6-2, 6-3; Castillo and Tenlan defeated Lemvall and Nowitz (default); Cliff Reuter and Keld Kristiansen defeated Morales and Ranawat 6-2, 6-1.

MCC is 19-5 for the year and will be competing in the Region Five tournament on April 25-26 at Sul Ross Tennis Center.



Photo by Ken Crawford

AFTER THE DUST SETTLES ... Freshman Hunter Brewton watches the overthrown ball go down the third base line in the doubleheader sweep of Ranger Junior College.

MCC Hosts All Star game

By SCOT SMART

McLennan Community College will host the 1987 Hall of Fame All-Star basketball game at the Highlands April 24-25.

This will include divisions A through 5A in the North and South regions. Regions five and 14's Junior College all-stars will be included in this cast of stars.

MCC is going to be represented by sophomores Anthony Booker from Temple and Billy Newbill from Sedalia, Mo.

The Region 5 men's junior college team is comprised of Carl Love of TSTI (coach), Richard Hollis from New Mexico Junior College, Darryl Knight of South Plains Junior

College, Todd Duncan of Midland College, Jeff Boutelle of Weatherford College, Mike Knorr of Cisco Junior College, Zack Lawson of Ranger Junior College, Alvin Lee of Western Texas Junior College, Terry Winston of Texas State Technical Institute, Anthony Booker of MCC, and Billy Newbill of MCC.

The Region 14 men's junior college team is comprised of Vernon Harton (coach), Mike Bell of Lon Morris College, James Williams of Blinn College, Trent Edwards of Alvin Community College, Donahue Kinsey of Tyler Junior College, Brian Bolden of Lee College, Greg Harvey of San Jacinto College, John Hudson of San

Jacinto College, Robert Jhokett of Jacksonville Baptist College, Danny Hughes of Trinity Valley College, and Freddie Williams of Angelina College.

The Texas Men's Jr. College All-Star game will be played Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands.

The A-2A-3A Girls All-Star game will be played Saturday at 2:15 p.m. in the Highlands. The 4A-5A Girls All-Star game will be played Saturday at 4:15 p.m. in the Highlands.

The A-2A-3A Boy's All-Star game will be played Saturday at 6:15 p.m. in the Highlands. The Boy's 4A-5A All-Star game will be played Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the Highlands.



Photo by Ken Crawford

KELD KRISTIANSEN smashes a forehand winner as MCC defeated Weatherford Junior College April 8 at the MCC tennis courts.

EDITORIAL

The year of the three point basket

By Chris Suerlig

It's only been three weeks since the final game of the NCAA basketball season was played. Who won? Oh yes, it was Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers. I remember now — they beat UNLV. A close game.

Is this what people will remember most about the 1986-87 season 10 years from now? I doubt it. The basketball fan will most likely say, "Hey, I remember that year. That was the first year of the college three point shot."

It has been a controversial rule to say the least (just like the NFL instant replay rule). Some say the shot is too easy, too close. Others maintain that it adds a new, exciting dimension to the game.

We now come to the part where I'm supposed to make my opinion. Although I agree

the distance may be too short, I believe it's a compromise between the 7-foot-plus players and the man who started it all, Naismith.

When Naismith invented basketball, I don't think he intended for Michael Jordan to leave the ground near the top of the key and "fly" to the rim and slam it through. If Naismith wanted this, I think he probably would have made the height of the rim about eight feet.

I believe Naismith intended for players to shoot from the outside. This was a challenge, and most everyone had an equal chance.

The three point shot is bringing college basketball back to the basics, mainly outside shooting. A few years ago, a team needed a tall, tough, inside player to win a national

championship. Now all you need is an adequate inside game with some great outside shooters.

Indiana had no Ewing; but they did have a Bird by the name of Steve Alford. His offense, mostly his three point shots, aided the Hoosiers magnificently in their successful bid for the national championship. Alford finished second in the nation in three point shot completion average.

Naismith would be proud of this rule, controversy aside, that's bringing basketball closer to what it was invented to become.

And by the way, who says basketball isn't made for Texans? Eric Rhodes, the player who led Alford and the nation in three point shot percentage, is a Lumberjack from Stephen F. Austin.

Highlassie Lori Hardage stretches after tough shot



Photo by Ken Crawford

LORI HARDAGE SHOWS HER DRAMATIC flair as she digs out a drop shot from her opponent in the Highladies home match against Weatherford Junior College April 8.



Students, faculty and staff honored with awards

by JEFFREY C. OSBORNE

Tori J. Spivey and Tronda Springer.

Outstanding students, clubs and advisors were recognized for their achievement and participation in academic and extracurricular events at the annual Awards Assembly on April 15.

Speakers at the assembly were Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC President; Dr. LaVerne Wong, Vice President of student services; Dr. Richard Drum, Vice President of instruction; Greg Burk, director of student activities and health services; and Jeff Osborne, President of Student Government.

The first students recognized at the assembly were those selected to represent MCC in the publication Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1986-87. Those students were Tamara L. Andrews, Joanne R. Barrett, Rita Erdman, Lisa S. Fino, Cruz Nenez III, Kimberly Moore,

Several students were given awards for their accomplishments in the arts and sciences and technical programs. They were Ming Chow, accounting; Michael W. Hanson, agriculture; Alan Shepard, art; Diana Long, biology; and Corbett Bush, chemistry.

Also Rebecca A. Black, child development; David Gauer, commercial music; Susan Lemay, computer operations; Luther Fisher, computer programming; Lawrence Smith, criminal justice; Darlena Smith, cosmetology; and Jo Ann Oliver, drama.

Also Dominic P. Jones, economics; Kezia Ruiz, English; Audra Daniels, fashion merchandising; Laurie Martin, financial institutions; Tina Tomcheson, geology; Donna Davis, general business; and Rick Gauer, government.

Also Dana Dieterich, health and physical education; Rick

Gauer, history; Brenita Carol Clay, interpreter training; Kimberly Moore, journalism/communications; Stacy Scott, management development; and Barney Williams, mathematics.

Also Heather Cantrell, medical laboratory technician program; Betty Marcum, mental health associates; Brad Segal, music transfer; Tronda Springer, nursing program/associate degree; and Linda K. Henderson, nursing home administration.

Also Donna Fouts, office occupations; Monty Sharp, physical therapist assistant; Alicia Hollingsworth, physics; Robert Lee Sudbury III, psychology; Kim Wandless, radiologic technology; and Gilbert Kallus, real estate.

Also Sharon Robinson, religion; John Murphy, small business/entrepreneurship; Scott Bryant, sociology; Deidre Saunders, Spanish; and Shan-

non McKelvey and Steven Loomis, speech.

Special awards went to Jose Watson, freshman chemistry achievement award; Kim Wandless, radiologic technology award from Malleinckrodt Pharmaceutical Company; and Robert J. Mach, Wall Street Journal award from the business department.

Members of Student Government were also honored at the ceremony, with awards given to President Jeff Osborne, Secretary Judith Goode, Treasurer Kimberly Moore, Parliamentarian Stacy Scott, Historian Renee Jarvis, former presidents Ronnie Martinez and Rocky Deschaine, as well as representatives Kim Bass, Trae Evans, Guy Cremonese, Jeff Mink, Daryl Webb, Daniel Garcia, Bonnie Garza, Lynda Gonzales, Darrell Ingram.

Also, Jeff Leuschner, Sonia White, Claude Williams, Beverlon Jones, Highland Games Team Captain Cheryl Cum-

mings, Lorie Wills, Chris Suerig, Randahl Gustafson, Phyllis Hutyra, Juanita Brown, Laurie Carter, Kevin Cude, Robert Russell, Karen Shelton, Halena Shermer, Tori Spivey, Sheila Spratt, Sheila Strickland, Kimberly Tweddle, and Montana Williams.

Students selected to be honored for outstanding service in campus organizations were Vickie Felder, data processing; Lynda Gonzales, Marketing and Management Club; Tami Andrews, MCC Nursing Club; Emily King, Physical Therapy Assistant Club; Stacy Lee, Plaid Vests; Marsha Snowdon,

Press Club; Susan Dianne Ruiz, Psi Beta; Joann Lawless, Returning Student Association; Kimberly Moore, Student Government, and Sonja Voice, Zeta Omega Eta.

College faculty and staff recognized for their volunteer work as advisors to campus organizations were Willie Hobbs,

Afro Student Kindred; Royce Samford, Association of Agriculture Students; Joe Ingram and James Burroughs, Baptist Student Union; Ron Robinson and Alta Washington, Cosmo Phi; and David Burgett, Data Processing Management Club.

Also Brian Konzelman, Iota Tau Kappa; Kae Moore, Marketing and Management Club; Tom Buckner, Press Club; Martha Sauter and John Porter, Mental Health Club; Doris Scott, Music Educators National Convention; Cherry McCormick, Nursing Student Association; John Nobis, Ruby Burns, and Karen Lang, Phi Theta Kappa.

Also Robert Lozano, Physical Therapy Assistant Club; Cindy SoRelle and Ann Harrell, Plaid Vests; Juan Mercado, Psi Beta; Pam Brewer and Keith Geisler, Returning Student Association; Greg Clark and Paul Holder, Student Government; John Kelly, Theta Alpha Phi; and Linda Beaty, Zeta Omega Eta.

AIDS strikes victims without bias

By CHRIS SUERIG

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a fatal disease that does not discriminate between homosexuals, heterosexuals, males, females or children.

AIDS was discussed during the activity period Wednesday at the Lecture Hall by Cassie Stephens, R.N., coordinator of the Health Department's AIDS Testing Center in Waco. Along with Stephens' lecture, she presented a 20 minute video entitled "AIDS, What Everyone Needs to Know."

Contrary to popular belief about the disease, the AIDS virus itself does not kill the person affected but attacks and weakens the body's immunity system, making the victim susceptible to illnesses which are normally not harmful, Stephens said.

When the AIDS virus enters the body it attacks the "T" cells. These cells fall to the virus and start producing more of the AIDS virus instead of producing antibodies.

Once one is infected with the virus, he or she will have it for life. However, an infected person may become a carrier. A carrier is one who can transmit the disease to someone else but is not afflicted with the full AIDS symptoms.

Stephens stated that the most common way to receive the virus is through sexual contact. Drug users that share needles constitute the second most common way to become infected. Blood transfusions and infected pregnant mothers who transfer AIDS to their newborn are the third and fourth most common way to get the dis-

ease.

Once inside the body, AIDS can make itself known from two months to many years. Symptoms of AIDS include the following: fever, night sweats, swollen lymph glands, coated tongue, severe headaches, frequent diarrhea and unexpected weight loss.

The video also pointed out that one cannot get AIDS from air, dirty dishes, water fountains, swimming pools, normal skin contact or being served food from an AIDS patient. There is no danger of getting AIDS by giving blood.

Several groups of people are classified as high-risk groups. They include: persons with multiple sex partners, homosexuals, bisexuals, prostitutes and intravenous drug users.

Stephens continued her lecture after the video with facts about the local aspects of AIDS.

Stephens pointed out that the clinic is giving free AIDS testing. The test does not require you to give your real name, but they do wish that you give them a phone number.

The Red Cross is also asking that anyone who received a blood transfusion between 1978

and 1985 should come in and be tested, according to Stephens.

Stephens also stated that positive testing in Waco is mild compared to the larger cities in the state. Last year the center administered a total of 90 tests with 14 coming out positive. Of the 14 testing positive, all were homosexuals.

So far this year in Waco 163 people have been tested for the disease, and only 10 people have tested positive. Nine of the 10 were either homosexuals, drug users or both. The other one was a straight, non-drug using, heterosexual male, according to Stephens.



Photo by Ken Crawford

CASSIE STEPHENS, R.N., answers questions about AIDS from students. Stephens presented

a video and spoke the AIDS epidemic April 15 in the Lecture Hall.

Letter

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that they are is sexual sin, plain and simple. The idea of sexual "responsibility" or "safe-sex" is not fail-safe. Of course, either is sexual activity between married partners. But, the routes of either abstinence or "saving it" until marriage, in my opinion, the best of options.

Believe me, waiting until you're married won't kill you. In fact, experience has shown that pre-marital chastity can only make the intimate relationship in marriage more fulfilling.

What can kill you is engaging in promiscuity with someone you "think" you can trust, but not only opens the door to AIDS, but for other kinds of diseases that can pretty much ruin your life as well.

To those who say that the greatest expression of love between sex partners is for the man to wear a condom, or for

either or both partners to submit to an AIDS test before engaging in the activity, I say this: You're lying to yourselves. The greatest expression of love between sex partners is that ring on our wife's (or husband's) finger and that marriage license, packed away somewhere in a closet. I'm talking about commitment—real commitment. That's what love is folks. The one-night stand never made anybody feel that they are truly loved — just used and abused.

Someone's probably reading this and saying to themselves, "but I'm just dying for some 'action'." What if that wasn't just a figure of speech? My message to you all is, simply, don't die for sex. It's just not worth it.

Very sincerely,

Ken W. McKown

Instructors selected for city workshop

By DARRYL ADAMSON

Six MCC faculty members have been chosen to participate in the fifth annual Great Teacher Workshop.

Through faculty nomination, Alice Myers, Faith Kopplin, Doris Stevens, Buddy Powell, Javel Bell and Al Pollard have been chosen to participate in the workshop which focuses on the positive side of teaching.

The workshop identifies five outstanding teachers and one non-teaching administrator from the four post secondary schools in Waco. The seminar will explore the successes, opportunities and problems that befall educators struggling for success.

Randy Schormann and Lisette Carpenter of MCC will participate as resource leaders in the workshop.

"A successful teacher is one who can see the students as in-

dividuals and help them reach their goals," Carpenter said.

The workshop not only recognizes the successful educators of Waco's post secondary schools, but also gives these instructors the opportunity to share the secrets of that success and to discuss ways of improving the students education as well.

Schormann, coordinator of the workshop, said, "In spite of the negative publicity that surrounds the teaching profession, a lot of good is going on in the classrooms and the teachers involved in the workshop are causing these great things to happen."

He emphasized that Waco consists of diversified institutions of higher learning, such as MCC, TSTI, Baylor and Paul Quinn College.

The workshop is scheduled for April 23-24 at Paul Quinn College.

OPINION

Reaper lurks in shadows

By JEFF OSBORNE

Not since the devastating bubonic plague of the Dark Ages or the severe flu epidemic of 1917 has such a reign of terror rampaged throughout the consciousness of the world as has the AIDS epidemic.

Although much has been brought to light about the deadly disease, little information is truly understood by the public and medical profession as well.

The images conjured by the AIDS epidemic frightens not only those in high risk categories (such as homosexual males and intravenous drug users), but everyone susceptible to the disease because it does not discriminate on basis of classification of the person.

Once considered a disease that should only concern the homosexual community, the nightmarish facts should now be a concern to everyone in any aspect of life.

Many who first spoke of AIDS as a curse from God would not dare speak so callously of victims today. Innocent children have suffered and died from the disease as surely as have those responsible for their actions which put them at risk.

The new plague looms before us like a seemingly invincible reaper, which cuts down all who cross its path, young and old, the newborn children as well as those in their prime of life.

Can the deluge of AIDS be wiped off the face of the Earth? How long will people continue to die of the disease, unnoticed except by those remaining close to the victims? Will we get to the point when we will just have one mass grave, tucked away in a corner of the cemetery with the chilling and sobering epitaph, "AIDS?"

Let it be known that until a cure is found for the slowly lethal death caused by AIDS, a lingering image of doom shall torment victims and potential victims.

Although the preceding statement may seem to be overblown to many readers, only when the public is awakened to the truth and a decision is made to take action against the disease (donating time or money to health organizations dealing with the AIDS research) can people view the situation with any type of complacency.

NEWS BRIEFS

Classes in language skills offered

As a community service, the Adult Education-Heart of Texas Co-op teaches a class of English as a Second Language (ESL) and a class for non-readers or low-level readers on the campus of McLennan Community College.

Those classes meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Classes are free and open to adults who are 18 years of age or older who are officially withdrawn from public school.

The ESL classes accent communication skills, written skills, and reading skills. Citizenship skills are also taught by the instructor, Rod Moreno. Reading classes are taught in Room 110 of the Liberal Arts Building by Mrs. Joan Kneipp. Tutors are available for a one-on-one situation.

The classes are individualized to meet the needs of the student. Both classes continue year-round with time out for MCC holidays.

For additional information call Shirley Crockett at 772-3103.

Clubs respond in food drive

The Inter-Club Council recently sponsored a canned food drive to collect donations for Caritas Relief Agency, which will distribute the proceeds to families in the Waco area.

The Mental Health Club, a new club on campus, won the Spirit Award for donating more canned goods than any other club. Other organizations participating in the food drive were the Returning Student Association and Student Government.

The drive ended on April 14 so that proceeds could be given out for the Easter holiday.



The road to knowledge travels down Highway 6

By DONNA YOUNG

MCC English instructor Susan Smith, chair of the language arts department, will be receiving her doctorate in English from Texas A&M University on May 8.

Smith, along with Lissette Carpenter, Cheryl Bohde and Randy Waller, have been taking classes at A&M in addition to holding down full-time teaching positions.

A graduate of Baylor University, with a bachelor's degree in 1972 and a master's degree in 1974, both in English, Smith accepted a position in the MCC English department in 1976.

It was not until 1980 that an opportunity to do graduate work at the University of Leicester in England, along with the help of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship scholarship, allowed Smith to be granted a leave of absence from teaching resulting in earning her master's in Victorian Studies.

Education for everybody

"It opened my eyes to the fact that education needs to be for everybody," Smith said.

"Only a small percentage of the English population go to universities in England."

She also said that studying in English schools was good training and helped prepare for her doctorate in psychology work. She said it also helped her with her teaching techniques—especially her literature classes.

Carpenter was partially responsible for Smith taking classes at A&M. Bohde, Carpenter and Smith all took a class together at A&M in the fall of 1983.

"The Highway 6 Girls," as they were dubbed, soon wore a beaten path between MCC and A&M in their pursuit of doctorates. "We really kept each other going," Smith stated.

The hardest part, Smith commented, was to fit the schoolwork in with the career work. She even received tips from her students on time management.

"Going to school made all of us more sensitive to our students," Smith added. "We know exactly how our students feel... good and bad. We've been learners ourselves."

In order to fulfill the residency requirements, Smith again took a leave of absence for a year, 1984-85, to live in an apartment on the A&M campus. While taking a full load of courses, Smith found that two languages were required for her degree.

She had already accomplished one language, so she decided to enroll in a freshman Latin class. To her surprise, one of her former MCC students was in her class. While taking courses in literature and writing, Smith found the topic for her dissertation.

Dissertation topic

Under the direction of her favorite teacher, Jerome Loving, professor of American Literature at A&M, Smith had to write an essay on Margaret Fuller and Emily Dickinson for one of his classes — thus the topic idea was born.

Her article went on to be published, and her idea grew into "The Extension of Self-Culture: Margaret Fuller and Emily Dickinson," a study of the context of the Transcen-

dentalism Movement with a focus on women writers.

In addition to the research work, the dissertation took Smith one year to write. Two chapters of the dissertation have already been accepted for future publication, and Smith hopes that one day the total work will be published.

Regarding her time spent at A&M, Smith's most fond memories include the night "The Highway 6 Girls" had to drive through dense fog to get to school, the summer she and her husband were staying in an apartment at A&M, the emergency action they had to administer to get Randy Waller to the health center for treatment of a swollen insect bite on his ankle, and the horrified expression on Waller's and Bohde's face at the bareness of her apartment when they came for their weekly visits.

"It has meant so much to me to be able to go to school with my colleagues," Smith said. "Other MCC faculty have helped with their support. People here in the language arts department helped make things easier for us going to school."

Smith's future goals include writing and attending various seminars. Her most recent change will be in July when she will leave her position at MCC to become director of composition and assistant professor of English at Allegheny College, a four-year liberal arts college near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Carpenter passes 'prelims'

Lissette Carpenter also hopes to earn her doctorate in English rhetoric and composi-

tion at A&M. In October she took her preliminary exams for the degree and is looking forward to graduating in May, 1989.

Carpenter is also going to England this summer to study and research her dissertation. She chose the study of the 1700s, particularly the works of Sarah Fielding and her part of the feminist movement.

Thus far, Carpenter's favorite course has been taught by Dr. Gong, and English instructor at A&M. She says that what she and her comrades learned at A&M has had a major impact on their teaching and MCC's English department.

"It gives us a refreshing insight from the student's side of the desk," Carpenter said.

Her worst memory of "The Highway 6 Girls," she said, was the night she had to drive through a flood to get everyone to class on time.

Her future includes her appointment to the chairmanship of the English department at MCC.

Bohde published

Cheryl Bohde joined the group three years ago when she realized that A&M offered the well-rounded program she needed.

She said she was impressed with how the A&M professors "treated us as colleagues instead of mere students."

She received her bachelor of library science and master of English at Ball State University in Indiana.

At this point, Bohde has two favorite professors. Dr. Richard Costa, with his way of bringing out the best in each student, as well as being knowledgeable. She says his knowledge was an inspiration for her.

Also Paul Meyer, professor of rhetoric and composition, who has impressed her with his casual, informal attitude and his willingness to admit the limits of his own knowledge.

Both professors, she said, treated students and themselves as if they were all in a quest for knowledge.

One of Bohde's favorite memories of the group stems back to the time she, Carpenter and Smith took a class together, and all the talking and sharing that was exchanged.

"We're really each other's support group," Bohde said. "I'm always drawing on my own college experiences with my students."

Bohde has had several articles, a book review, a critical article, and 10 freelance articles published by the Waco Tribune Herald. She also is the newly appointed writing laboratory coordinator.

Her future goals include more freelance work as well as writing a textbook.

Waller causes change

Randy Waller is the "new guy" of the group. The name had to be changed to "The Highway 6 Crowd" when he joined.

Being a Texas Tech graduate, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in history, he "checked out" the rival school before he committed himself to the doctorate program. He says that he liked their emphasis on

their writing program as well as their interest in the "working" graduate student.

One of his favorite instructors, Forrest Burt, director of the graduate program, also influenced him to enroll at A&M. Burt has also published several books and is a fellow Tech graduate. Waller said that he admired Burt's professionalism a great deal.

Costa is another favorite professor of Waller's. He was one of Waller's first professors at A&M and has worked more closely with him than any other A&M professor.

Waller hopes to graduate in the next two and a half years with a doctorate emphasizing both rhetoric and literature.

Being a student himself, Waller said, provides an insight into the student's problems and the fears a student faces both inside and outside of the classroom.

His main goal includes deepening his knowledge of the subject areas that he teaches and staying current with the many changes taking place in the textbook field.

"The Ph.D.," Waller said, "develops the academic discipline as well as self discipline in a person."

Future career goals include finishing his doctorate, taking additional classes and publishing in both literature and rhetoric.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Other faculty members in other departments are also working on doctorates in various fields and at other universities. This story is only a sample of the continuing academic growth of MCC's faculty.

Profile of abuse victims reveals common myths

By MARSHA SNOWDON

Tuesday morning I lay awake last night thinking about Jerry and Nancy and all of us. I was thinking about all those stereotypes about women. I remember the old comics with Maggie and Jiggs, the shrewish wife and the helpless husband, where the message was so clear: Maggie deserves a poke in the jaw. And the old movies where the hero "had" to slap a woman to bring her out of a fit of hysterics. Or that subtle hint that women love to be dominated by men, maybe even pushed around a little; it's not far from the Rolling Stones song "Under My Thumb" to out-and-out battering.

Such conclusions might be reached merely from reading the statistics that pertain to the numbers of family abuse victims. Out of 163 new clients to the MCC office of Displaced Homemakers, an estimate of 63 persons were victims of emotional, mental, or physical abuse, said Johnnie Talton, supportive services specialist.

Such alarming statistics coincide with other nation-wide agencies that deal with these victims. Estimates provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that "one out of two women will be physically abused at some point in their lives by men with whom they live."

An information pamphlet distributed by the Family Abuse Center in Waco states, "Conservative estimates are that over 100,000 Texans are subject to spouse abuse on at least a weekly basis."

Who is abused and why?

Although the reasons for family abuse vary from situation to situation, there are some common misconceptions that need to be cleared up, explained Marsha Brown with the Outreach Program at the Waco Family Abuse Center.

One prevalent myth about abuse is that "some women ask for it." Brown discounted this idea by stating that it is possible to provoke anger, but violence (as written on various abuse publications) is the "responsibility of the violent person."

This reasoning was also expressed by Talton when she said, "We as individuals can't control others. We have to learn we cannot control others."

A second myth, Brown said, deals with the preconceived ideas community members have about their neighborhood. "This is a good community. It (family abuse) doesn't happen here."

Brown again discounted this idea with a simple "Yes, it does happen here."

"One out of two women will be physically abused at some point in their lives by men with whom they live."

Another myth about family abuse is the idea that family abuse is a racial problem. False. The racial demographics match that of the six county area the is serviced by the Family Abuse Center. The women come from all economic groups and backgrounds.

"Eighty-five percent are white, 10 percent are Hispanic, five percent are black," said Brown.

Some people believe that family abuse happens only when the batterer is a drug or alcohol abuser. Not so said Brown. Some of the victims come from families who do not use these substances.

Outsiders might say to these victims, "Just leave." Such a simple solution is not always available. Brown spoke of situations where the victim is trapped out in a rural area with no transportation.

In such cases, the victim might be allowed to leave the house only once a week to purchase groceries. "Every penny she spends must be accounted for," said Brown.

"Yes, it does happen here."

Dealing with victims at MCC

"Some times you see and you don't see..." said Talton speaking of abuse victims she had counseled. "One lady came in with bruises," Talton said pointing to her shoulders and neck.

Although Talton has sessions with many victims of abuse, she stated that there is "no legal obligation" to file any documentation regarding the victim's experience.

"The only agencies contacted are with the permission of the client," said Talton. She also commented on the importance of client confidentiality. According to Talton, a client's identity is never revealed.

A major part of counseling sessions with clients in the Displaced Homemakers office, according to Talton, is "stressing independence, not dependence."

"Feelings and emotions are really what we work with," said Talton. "You leave them with an empty basket if you tell them what to do. We try to give them the tools or equipment," needed to cope with the situation, said Talton. She added that it is important to know, "when to back off."

This is part two in a continuing series of articles on family abuse in the Waco area.



Photo by Ken Crawford

FRANK BRENNIA ASSISTS Bob (Chainsaw) Park in an intense clean-up effort after a severe

thunderstorm left a path of destruction on campus.

Bridge dance

By DONNA YOUNG

The music "will be a nice surprise," according to Greg Clark, as plans are still being made for the end-of-school dance next month.

On Friday, May 1, a dance sponsored by Student Government will be held on the Waco Suspension Bridge from 8 p.m.-midnight.

"It (the dance) will be one last blow-out before Deadweek begins," Clark, director of student activities and health ser-

vices stated. Clark said that past dances held by the Student Government on the Suspension Bridge have been "very successful."

Different MCC bands will provide a variety of music. They will be set up in various locations along the bridge for the enjoyment of the audience.

The dance is free of charge and is open to all MCC faculty, students, and their friends.

Calendar

- April 21**
Baseball vs. San Jacinto — Here — 1 p.m.
- April 22**
New Dimensions in Jobs Marylea Henderson — 10 a.m.
Student Center room 301 Baptist Student Union meets — 10 a.m. Highlander Room
- April 23**
Afro Student Kindred meets — 10 a.m. — Tartan Room
Baseball vs. Blinn College — there — 2 p.m.
- April 24**
Mini Concert/Highland Games
- April 25**
Baseball vs. Howard College — here — 2 p.m.
- April 27**
Baptist Student Union meets 10 a.m. — Highlander Room
- April 28**
Baseball vs. Lee College — here — 1 p.m.
- April 29**
Baptist Student Union meets — 10 a.m. Highlander Room
Afro Student Kindred meets — 10 a.m. — Tartan Room
Brown Bag Luncheon — noon — Brown Bag Supper — 5:30 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Richland College — here — 1 p.m.**
- May 1**
Mini Concert — 10 a.m. — Student Center
End of School Dance
- Baseball vs. Hill Jr. College — there — 2 p.m.**
- Baseball vs. Hill Jr. College — there — 1 p.m.**
- May 4-8**
Dead week
- May 15**
Graduation



Forensic speech team receives high honors

By DONNA YOUNG

MCC's forensic speech team won high honors at the Phi Rho Pi National Speech Tournament April 5-11 in Odessa.

Seventy-two colleges, ranging from Alaska to Florida, attended the tournament. Twelve schools from Texas were able to attend the tournament held

at Odessa College, the first time since 1983 the meeting has been held in Texas. Four hundred seventy-one students competed in the 14 events offered in the tournament.

MCC's Forensic students also gave outstanding performance in individual events, according to coach Cindy SoRelle.

"We were thrilled to have four students come home with multiple honors," she said.

MCC's Readers Theater won a gold award (first place) in the interpreters theatre competition which included 46 teams.

"Mask of the Magna Mortalitas," the name of their interpretation, was performed by Robert Davis, Laurie Sykora, Steve Harrelson, and Shannon McKelvey.

The script of "Magna Mortalitas," written and adapted by Ann Harrell, was framed around Edgar Allan Poe's short story, "The Masque of the Red Death."

Out of 181 entries in the prose interpretation, MCC's Sykora won a gold award and Davis a silver award (second place.)

Both MCC duo teams — Harrelson and McKelvey, Davis and Sykora — earned bronze awards (third place) in the duet acting competition out of a total of 99 entries.

In the speech to entertain competition, competing against 127 other entries, Harrelson won the bronze award.

The MCC debate team of Stacy Lee and Steve Loomis, defeated, among others, Santa Rosa College, which finished second in CEDA team debate, but dropped a decision to Ricks College, which finished first at nationals.

The MCC debaters have already won the reputation as the top team in Texas competition this year.

Not only did MCC students make their mark at the national meeting, but MCC's speech faculty was also recognized as Ann Harrell was given Phi Rho Pi's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, at the tournament's awards banquet.

The President of Phi Rho Pi, Donna Grossman of Cerritos College, Calif., emphasized a number of accomplishments by Harrell on behalf of the speech education profession including:

- Serving as Phi Rho Pi regional governor for three terms.

- Serving as Phi Rho Pi recording secretary for three terms.

- Founding the Phi Rho Pi Region VI Qualifier Tournament in 1979.

- Serving as an event director for the national tournament.

- Hosting high school speech tournaments at MCC.

- Serving two terms as executive secretary for the Texas Speech Communications Association.

- Directing a well-rounded college speech program including competition in debate, interpreters theater and individual forensic events.

- Reorganizing Phi Rho Pi business meeting procedures.

Harrell was also instrumental in choosing the award-winning script for MCC's Readers Theater. The title of the script, according to Harrell, refers to a comparison of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) to the bubonic plague, which swept throughout Europe in the Middle Ages, killing 25-30 million people. The only words found recorded in monastic chronicles for the year 1349 were "magna mortalitas," meaning "great death."

"There is a tremendous interest in the oral interpretation field in performing literature

that addresses the current social issues," Harrell said.

"This show uses a short story written before AIDS was

known as a disease and reinterprets the story's symbolism in light of the diseases' current developments. The script has

been updated almost daily as new statistics and discoveries about the disease have been reported," said Harrell.



Photo by Kathy Chatham

"MASK OF THE MAGNA MORTALITAS" was performed by (left to right) Laurie Sykora, Robert Davis, Steve Harrelson, and Shannon McKelvey. The cast won first place in competition.

Austin's opens on Austin

By CHRIS BELL

For everyone who thinks that there are not enough places to go dancing in Waco, take heart. A new dance club called "Austin's" just opened a few weeks ago.

Jeff Olle, a MCC student, and two friends opened the club downtown on the revitalized section of Austin Ave. in the old Fatz Brick Pit location.

"We have a unique place. We want everyone to have a good time," said Olle.

Olle describes the music at his club as "good music that everybody knows, not heavy music like some other clubs in Waco." He added that the music is "loud on the dance floor but quiet back in some of the rooms."

Besides the club, Olle also owns several other buildings on

the same block as Austin's, and he manages La Mirage apartments.

This successful 21-year-old lists English as one of his important courses at MCC. "I have to be able to communicate," said Olle. In business, "if you can't communicate on paper, you're in trouble."

Olle is also enrolled in economics and zoology with a lab.

Legal drinkers and minors are allowed in the club at the same time. Those 21 and over are issued a colored wristband to identify to the staff the people who are allowed to have alcoholic drinks.

"Anyone drinking without a wristband will be thrown out," stressed Olle.

The outside of the building is well lit, as is the rest of the immaculately clean downtown

section of Austin Ave.

Inside, the building has retained the peach and sherbet green colors from Fatz Brick Pit. Not many lights illuminate the dance floor, but they are adequate, and the sound system is good.

In the future Olle hopes to have comedians on Wednesdays and live bands every Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Possibly this summer, Olle plans to make Austin's into an exclusive club with membership IDs so it will become more "personalized."

As for the rest of Austin Ave., Olle would like to see it become "a kind of 6th Street" because of everyone's attitude about Waco being dull.

Dance Company wins sweepstakes

The MCC Dance Company won Sweepstakes in the first National Collegiate Drill Team Competition in Reunion Arena on Saturday, April 4.

As a reward for winning, the team performed at the Dallas Mavericks vs. Utah Jazz game on Saturday night.

Both four-year and two-year colleges competed in the contest. The Dance Company performed a three in a half minute routine to Neil Diamond's "America." This was a prod-

uction number with jazz, kicks, and props (red, white and blue flags included).

The routine ended with the team unfolding a huge American flag donated by Jerrel Bolton Chevrolet of West. The dancers wore red unitards accented with blue and white sequins.

The winners were selected by judges and also by voting ballots from high school students at the contest. This was designated high school senior

day at Reunion Arena.

Officers of the Dance Company are Captain Melanie Lamb and Lieutenants Candice Sheridan and Cynthia Salinas. Director of the Dance Company is Sandy Hinton.

Members include Pam McGuffey, Renee Jarvis, Sue Kuykendall, Jackie Garland, Shelley Sherrill, Dawn Spears, Audra Daniels, Bonnie Helleeson, Alaina Kluk, Eva Lampson, Kim Bratcher, and Lisa Roberts.

Trial by Jury proves good entertainment

BY DONNA YOUNG

The operetta, "Trial By Jury," was presented by the MCC Opera Workshop April 3-5.

The operetta, by Gilbert and Sullivan, was a humorous view of today's court proceedings.

The opening scene escorted the audience of 30 or more into the courtroom. The usher, played by Judy Lawson, entered the courtroom to tidy-up before the trial began. The stenographer, played by Gail Geary, also entered and took her position behind her desk (which was actually a piano). A solo was sung by the usher accompanied by the stenographer.

The jurors, played by Myron King, Robert Cole, Johnny Montemayor, Francis Peck, and Regina Fannin, began to arrive and a humorous song about making a biased decision was sung.

The defendant (Edwin), played by Phillip Keltner, and his new love, played by Cynthia Hibbard, made their entrance and the defendant sang his plea in an uproarious fashion.

The animated entrance of the judge, played by John Ross, brought laughter to the audience. After the judge presented himself and his racy life story, the plaintiff (Angella) was called to enter.

The plaintiff was proceeded by a musical number sung by two bridesmaids, played by Monica Light and Antigone Overstreet, to the pleasure of the men in the courtroom.

The grand entrance of the plaintiff, the spurned bride, played by Holly Baxley, followed by her counsel, played by Glenn Beals, completed the assembly of the cast.

The presentation of the bride's case had the judge, jury, and usher up in arms against the defendant.

In lieu of the bride's presentation the defendant protested his case once again, and offered a solution of marriage to both the plaintiff and his new femme fatale.

The judge and jury seemed to like this solution, but was brought to reality when the counselor stated that it was an act of bigamy to marry more than one woman.

Several resolutions were discussed until an unexpected announcement was made by the witty judge.

The judge proclaimed to marry the plaintiff, himself, and released the defendant to carry on his affair with the new woman in his life.

The operetta was an amusing and entertaining production cooly set to the background of McLennan County.

The personnel included Stage Director Lisa Uhl, Musical Director Gail Geary, Technical Director John Kelly, Program Design Judy Lawson, Assistant Director Antigone Overstreet, Props Francis Peck, and Lighting by Steve Mezanec.

I thought it was an adequate presentation by the cast and personnel with the resources available to them and the fine arts department.

Play opens here April 30

By MARSHA SNOWDON

"The Would-Be Gentleman," written by 17th Century author and playwright Moliere, is scheduled to open April 30 in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

The play, according to David Borron of the MCC Drama Department, is a "physical comedy suitable for all ages," and includes some music but is not classified as a musical.

Included in the cast are three faculty members from MCC, a few local residents, and MCC students.

Performances are scheduled for April 30, May 1-2 at 8 p.m. and May 3 at 3 p.m. Reservations may be obtained by phoning the ticket office at 765-3553.

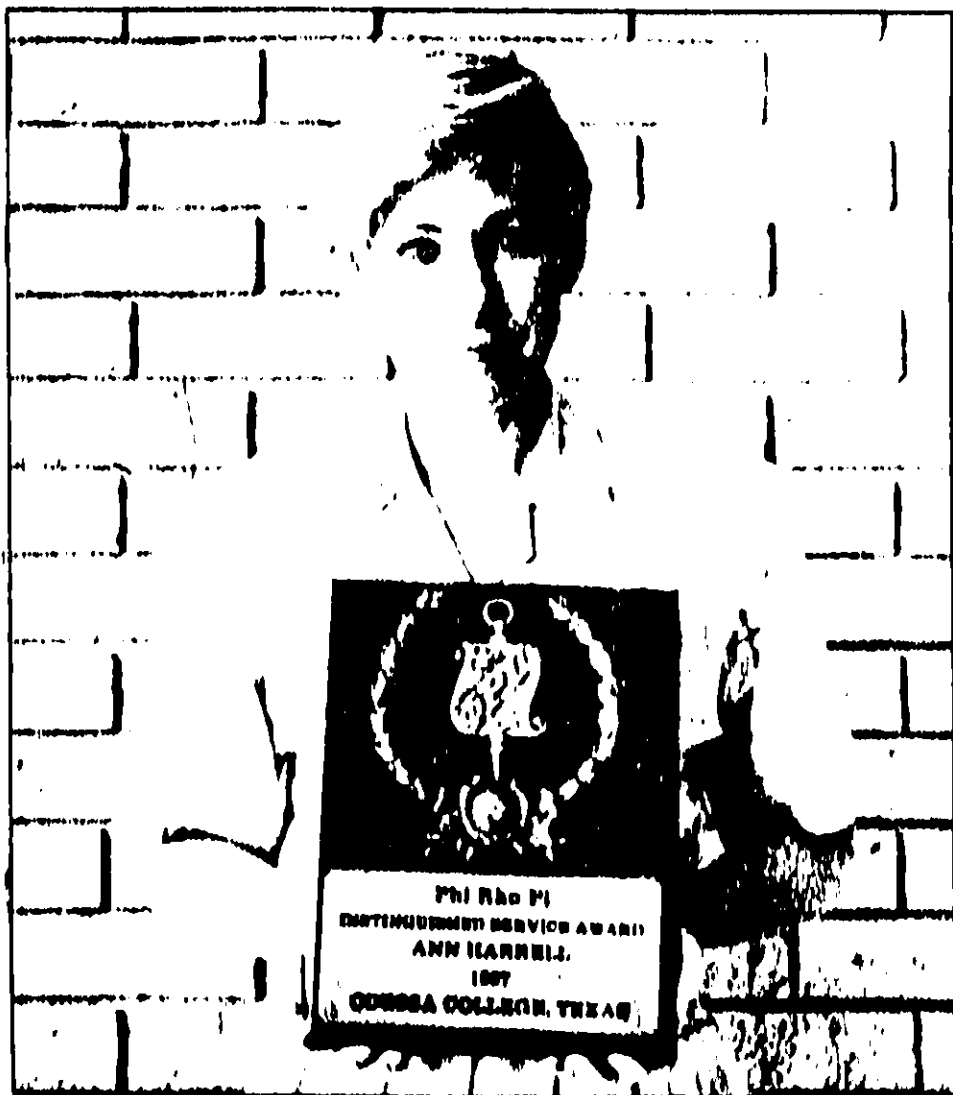


Photo by Kathy Chatham

ANN HARRELL DISPLAYS HER AWARD for outstanding service to Phi Rho Pi. Harrell was honored at the Phi Rho Pi National Convention held in Odessa.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, April 20

10 a.m. Swimming/relay and short sprint — HPE building

Wednesday, April 22

10 a.m. Swimming/2-lap-sprint and Big Splash contest in HPE building

Friday, April 24

10 a.m. Mile run begins in front of the Student Center and ends at the Intramural Field

10:30 440 yard dash begins at the Intramural Field

NOON .. "Parade of Athletes" begins in front of the HPE building and proceeds to the Student Center

12:15 - 12:30 p.m. Oath of office administered to Student Government officers in front of the Student Center

12:30 MCC Dance Company performs in front of the Student Center

1 p.m. Kaber toss and Stone throw take place

Volleyball begins and will continue throughout the afternoon

1:30 Earthball relay and Wheelchair Experience

2 p.m. .. Jalapeno Eating Contest and Pie Eating Contest

2:30 Egg Toss and Egg Swat

3 p.m. Three-legged-race and 40 yard dash

3:30 Team Tug-of-war competition

4 - 4:30 Highlanders vs. Highladies Tug-of-war

New club introduced for music students

By LEONOR BAZALDUA

A new addition to student organizations at MCC is Iota Tau Kappa, a club for commercial music students majoring in audio technology.

The club gives these students a chance to discuss their fields of interest in the music industry with other music majors.

The club was started to get music students involved in campus activities, and to get

other students interested in Iota Tau Kappa.

"The club is also to let other clubs know what we're all about," said Brian Konzolman, faculty adviser for the club.

Officers elected to lead Iota Tau Kappa include President Richard Vasquez, Vice President Susan Jansperson, Secretary David Thomas, Treasurer Tim Dauncey, Inter-club Council Representative Mike Warren, and Sergeant-at-Arms Tars Evronos.