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Michaelis selected president



MCC'S NEXT PRESIDENT, Dr. Dennis Michaelis. Michaelis will assume the presidency on Sept. 1, following Wilbur Ball's retirement.

By JEFF OSBORNE

The announcement of Dr. Dennis Michaelis as MCC's next president ended nearly 10 months of intense discussion, planning and uncertainty on Jan. 27.

Michaelis is currently president of Paris Junior College in Paris, Texas. He will take the office of president on Sept. 1, following the retirement of Dr. Wilbur Ball, who has served as MCC's president since 1966.

Michaelis said he has "absolutely no intention of trying to replace Dr. Ball," but added that he would "assume the presidency, but replacing Dr. Ball simply can't be done."

"I was extremely pleased with the selection. Dennis Michaelis is an outstanding educator and administrator," Ball said.

"Replacing Dr. Ball simply can't be done."

Third presidency

Selection as MCC's president marks the third presidency for Michaelis at the junior college level. He has served as chief executive at Paris Junior College since 1983, and was president of Lake Region Community College in Devil's Lake, North Dakota from 1979-83.

"The most exciting thing, perhaps the best thing (about serving as president), could easily be described with one

word — people," Michaelis said. He added that one of his first goals is "getting to know students, faculty and staff."

"I believe that a college president's management style and philosophy should all boil down to one simple statement: all aspects of a community college's operation must be dedicated toward the single goal of providing the highest possible quality of instruction to its students," Michaelis said.

A major challenge

One of the biggest challenges MCC and community colleges across the nation will face in the future is accountability, according to Michaelis. "We're going to be called upon more than ever to provide accountability that we are being effective in the educational process," he said.

Michaelis was chosen from a field of 66 applicants from all over the nation in an extensive search process (see related story).

"The community college is America's foremost contribution to the world of higher education."

In addition to serving as president, Michaelis was also dean of student services/ad-

missions at Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas, from 1974-79. He taught English at three different levels: junior high, high school and college, from 1965-74.

"My career in higher education has been entirely dedicated to the community college philosophy. The community college is America's foremost contribution to the world of higher education," Michaelis said.

MCC's "academic excellence"

"McLennan Community College has long enjoyed the reputation for academic excellence. I firmly believe in my own ability to contribute in a positive way to continue that tradition," he added.

"I believe that effective leadership is not so much a goal to be achieved as it is a lifestyle that must be developed," Michaelis said. He added his belief that in commitment to standards of integrity, honesty and high ethical standards, "a community college president must be beyond reproach . . ."

Michaelis, 44, is married and two children. His wife, Beverly is "active in the community," and enjoys art, music and gardening, Michaelis said. His oldest son, Ryan, is a sophomore at Texas A&M University; and his youngest son, Joel, is a sophomore in high school.

Michaelis said he plans to move to Waco this summer, "hopefully in July or August."

New president's message to the campus community

Let me say it straight out and up front — I am honored to be selected as the next President of McLennan Community College. I am also excited about the months ahead. The two key words "honored" and "excited" weren't chosen haphazardly.

McLennan Community College is one of the premiere educational institutions in Texas. To be selected as the person to provide the leadership for MCC for the years to come can only be seen as the ultimate vote of confidence. It is a great honor.

I am also excited about the months and years ahead as I prepare to become President at MCC. For the immediate future, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know the

students, faculty, and staff at MCC, as well as the great people of Waco. My entire family is currently experiencing bitter sweet feelings because of the people we've come to know. We have moved from Kansas to North Dakota to Texas over the past several years and people are always the most important element of any move. We will depart Paris with sadness because we leave behind very good friends. The students at PJC are wonderful, and I will miss them. Truth is, though, I have already met a few MCC students and there is no doubt in my mind that they are equally terrific. That prospect is my greatest excitement. I have also had a chance to meet a small number of faculty and staff. Getting to know all MCC employees will be one of my

biggest priorities in the days ahead. So, to me, the sadness of leaving a place has to do with the people, but, happily, the excitement of coming to a new place is also the people.

When I'm asked about what I hope to accomplish as President of MCC and what I see as the upcoming challenge, I'm sure it brings a thoughtful look to my face because there is no single or simple answer to such a question. McLennan Community College has had tremendous leadership since its very beginnings. Dr. Wilbur Ball has long commanded the respect of educational leaders statewide. As I have had the opportunity to become better acquainted with the college and the community, I realize that such respect has been right on

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'Homecoming bonfire bigger than in 1986,' Clark says

By TERI LYN EISMA

This year's Homecoming Bonfire is twice as big as last year's, according to Greg Clark, director of Student Activities and Health Services.

MCC's maintenance department has been piling brush only from the MCC campus for 6-8 weeks. When a volunteer group began piling it up Friday in preparation for the Homecoming activities, the heap measured 14 feet tall, 35 feet across and 60 feet long, according to volunteer Ken Crawford.

The bonfire is located in the intramural field next to the baseball field. When it burns down, it will fill up the sandpit depression from the time the field was used as a golf course. "Last year the bonfire only covered one sandpit. This year it's taken two sandpits," said

James Cooper, chairman of the student government bonfire committee.

Thirteen students showed up to help build the bonfire Friday, including Cooper, Crawford, Barry McDonald, Jerry Freedman, Brian Wallace, Jeff Gage, Jeff Leuschner, Scott Perry, Rose Polley, Patty Eberspacher, Rob Paul, Jerry Mathis, and Margaret Beseda. They stopped Friday at 3:30 p.m.

"If we get this many out here next time, we could finish in one hour," Cooper said. The Student Government plans to finish building the bonfire today at 1 p.m. They encourage all students to help out.

"This is the first year students have really taken care of building the Bonfire," Clark said. In past years, he added, "I ended up doing quite a bit of it."

The Homecoming Bonfire celebration will be held Thursday, Feb. 11. At 7 p.m., the live band First Floor will play and the Bonfire will be lit.

"We're worried about controlling it (the bonfire)," Cooper said. Some precautions the Student Government plans to take include fire extinguishers, a water hose manned by one person, watering down the surrounding ground, and bringing out a fire truck from Waco or Robinson.

When the Bonfire is lit, director Sandy Hinton will introduce the MCC Dance Company and they will perform a routine.

Then the coaches will introduce all MCC's male and female athletes in basketball, baseball and tennis.

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Selection consumes time, effort of search committee

By JEFF OSBORNE

The pressure involved in selecting a new president ended for many of those involved in the process when Dr. Dennis Michaelis was selected as MCC's second president on Jan. 27.

The Board of Trustees, three advisory groups (including one made up of people from MCC) and the administration were all involved in or affected by the process.

The president's office (which includes current MCC President Wilbur Ball and his assistant, Evelyn Pratkanis), served as headquarters to coordinate the event.

"The impact (of the search) was not predictable. It has added to the work load of our office tremendously, and there is no sign it will slow down until Sept. 1," Ball said.

"One not involved in the process could not imagine the time involved. Our job was coordination and detail work, such as handling all the applications (66 total)," Ball added.

"It's been a trying fall, but most of it's behind us now," Pratkanis said.

"It really consumed our time here in the office. Routine work was put on the back burner, and the presidential search was given top priority," she added.

Those involved in search

In addition to the Board of Trustees and Dr. Ball's office, a Presidential Search Advisory committee composed of MCC faculty, staff and one student took part in the search.

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February 12 graduation deadline

By JEFF OSBORNE

Friday, Feb. 12, is the deadline for students to submit an application for graduation, according to registrar Willie Hobbs.

The applications of students desiring to graduate will be evaluated on March 4, and students will be notified of the results on March 16.

All students who have fulfilled the requirements are eligible to graduate (see a counselor for more details, if needed). One requirement is that the student has completed 60 or more course hours.

"We have a large number of completers who have fulfilled the requirements but do not participate in the commencement ceremonies. Those who graduate in the fall may also participate in the spring ceremony," according to Hobbs.

He added that the ceremony will be held on May 13 at the Waco Convention Center for the "first time in over 12 years."

Hobbs estimated that "over 500 will receive degrees, the majority of whom are from the applied science area."



Photo by Rose Polley

HEAVING A HEAVY LOG, Brian Wallace and Jerry Freedman strain to move a large stump to the bonfire. The building of the bonfire resumes Tuesday at 1 p.m. The bonfire will light up the night sky on Thursday beginning at 7 p.m.

Blacks still must overcome obstacles blocking success

By DARRYL ADAMSON

Black Heritage Month is a time when black people in particular should focus their attention not only on the accomplishments that have been made, but also on the obstacles that still have to be maneuvered.

I would not be writing this column if it were not for the struggles of those who have fought to give me this right. I would most likely not have been a student at MCC if it were not for those who had the courage to insist that it be so. However, if I fail to use the tools that have been made available to me, my effort will become useless to the black community of which I am a part.

It is time for black Americans to again make a commitment to take an active part in lifting up our people who are victims of this society. We live in a world that is still using the invisible threads of racism to tear not only a race of people apart, but also the very foundation that this nation rests upon.

Many black children are being reared in homes where family and home training are almost non-existent. This invariably leads to low test scores and the lack of concern for education and our fellow man.

A greater commitment from instructors and service organizations should be made to donate more time assisting the parents of these deprived students by feeding their minds because the parents are struggling to feed their mouths.

I have many friends and associates who teach elementary and secondary education. Many times have they raised the question of how we should improve our own children.

I do not have the answer to that question because I am not an educator. But I do know that black people have to stop blaming others for these problems and start working "overtime" to help black parents. This is done by taking an active role in informing young black people of the importance of "moving up" and not "side-ways."

I don't mean teaching them how to "play the game," but making them aware of the "games people play."

As African Americans, we have come a long way. But the promise of continuing prosperity rests solely on the shoulders of what we do for others, as well as for ourselves.

SG adds members

By JEFF CALAWAY

Eight vacancies were filled in the spring Student Government elections held Jan. 28-29.

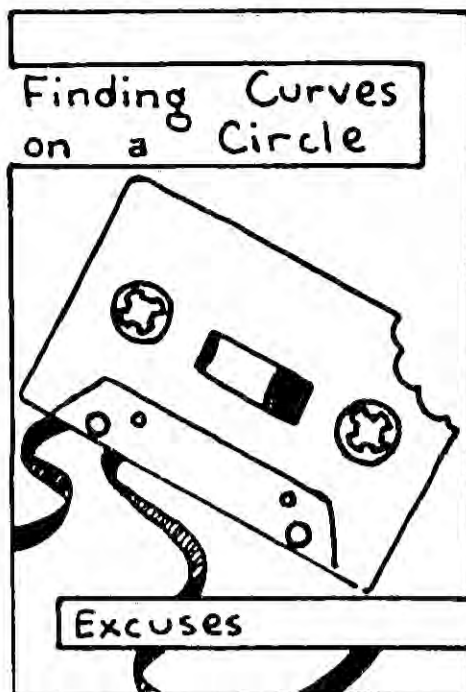
Officers elected were Kim Kelly, vice president, and Stephanie Crumpton, historian, who was unopposed.

Six representatives who were elected included Joe Rodriguez, Donald Griffin, Jerry Freedman, Renee Fowlkes, Julie Nuckols, and Laurie Carter.

According to SG sponsor Greg Clark, "about 300 students voted, a good turnout for a spring election." He said he was also pleased with the number of students who ran for office, saying "a lot more people ran than usual in the spring."

The winners of this election will join the rest of the Student Government, which consists of Lorie Wills, president; Jeff Leuschner, treasurer; Daryl Webb, parliamentarian, and Sharon Gibbs, secretary.

Representatives who continue to serve include Margaret Beseda, Cathy Cervenka, James Cooper, Ken Crawford, Elizabeth Deleon, Darin Dietiker, Patricia Eberspacher, Phyllis Hutyr, Missy Neil, Jeff Osborne, Sharon Portwood, Kimberly Sapp, and Brian Wallace.



The quest for a Valentine's gift

BY JEFF OSBORNE

Editor-in-chief

Flaming heart underwear for valentines?

Valentine's Day is a time for expressing love, but the zing of Cupid's arrow can bring a pulse pounding of a different sort-trying to find the perfect gift.

The old stand-by (a box of candy), can be about as exciting as cold meatloaf and warm beer. Don't go hog wild and buy a six pound box of "sweets for the sweet" (this cliché is enough to make anyone's stomach turn).

These three different approaches to Valentine's can be used to show affection successfully: creativity, practicality and traditional romanticism. The best gift may be a combination of all three.

Creativity can range anywhere from a brilliant dazzle to a subtle glow (sounds almost like an ad for makeup, doesn't it?).

Some of you may want to write a song for "that special someone." Proceed with caution.

Whatever you do, don't start with "Roses are red and violets are blue..." Using this phrase will make the person you're writing the song for think you're about as exciting as

liver (yeah, he or she might like it, but its a longshot-why take the chance? If you crash and burn on this one, remember, I told ya so).

Be realistic--and honest. Romance can be a trial by fire for the naive or inexperienced, so don't go overboard. And saying things you don't really mean can be about as dangerous as kissing a pit bull and twice as painful (don't find out the hard way!).

The gift of flaming heart underwear can be interesting, but I wouldn't recommend it for first dates (unless you aren't afraid of mace) or Puritan prudes who make the Church Lady (from Saturday Night Live) look like Dr. Ruth.

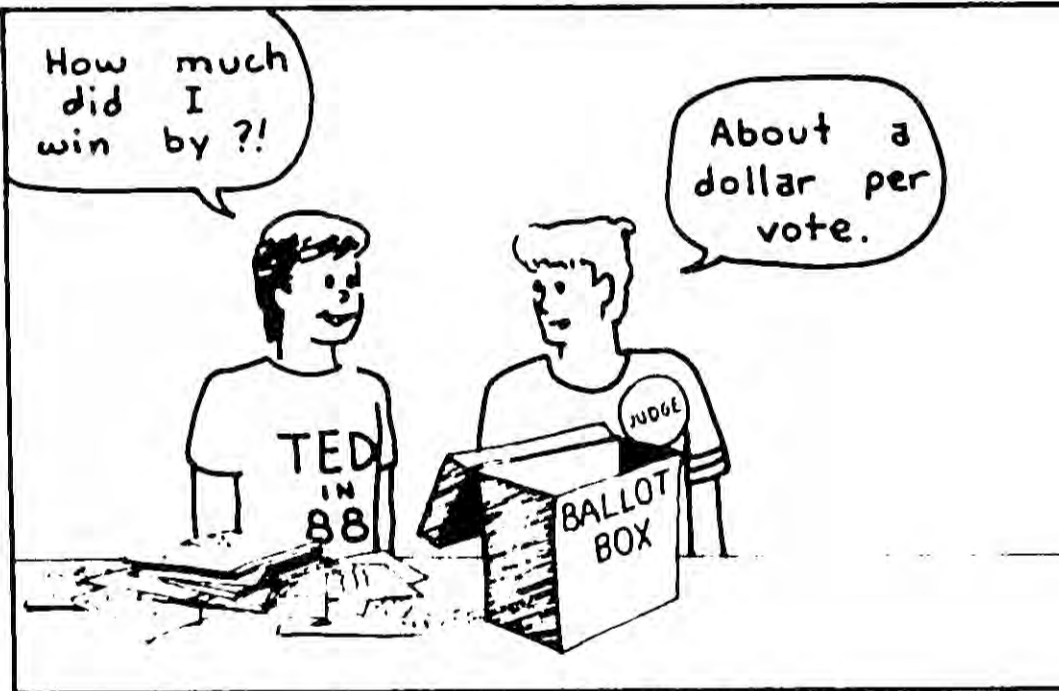
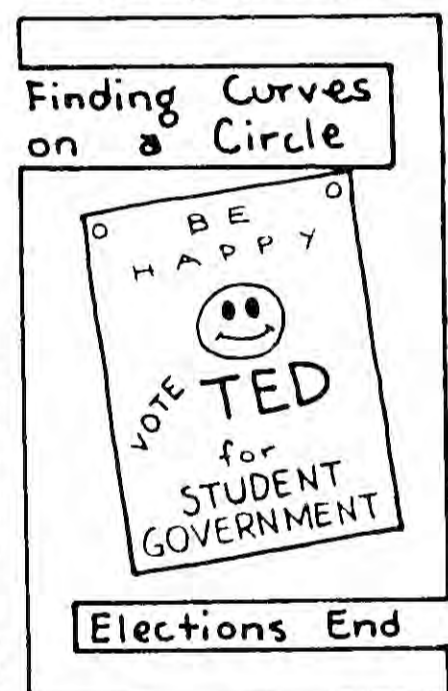
Practicality can also attract admiration. Treat Valentine's Day like a birthday or Christmas. Get your Valentine something really wanted and useful. Being practical isn't necessarily being boring, though. Add a little spice, for heaven's sake.

A flashing neon sign saying "Baby, I luv you" will catch a person's attention, but will not produce endless hours of fun, enjoyment or even lasting use and appreciation (in other words, "What a waste!").

Traditional romanticism can have all the sparkle and flame you're looking for, provided that it is done right. Dinner, flowers and candlelight can create a romantic atmosphere, just like walking along the coast or watching the sunset.

A Valentine's card is an essential element--don't forget it. Not getting a card for your sweetheart can be almost as embarrassing as those dreams about going to school in your underwear, only this time the embarrassment is real!

Whatever you decide, remember it's always the thought that really counts. Just keep in mind that two people are thinking, the giver and the receiver.



Beat the hell outta tsti!

By JEFF OSBORNE

A shot at the play-offs, bragging rights to Waco and a fight to restore the glory of the past will all be at stake in Saturday's Homecoming battle against TSTI.

On Jan. 20, MCC was dealt a stunning 85-80 overtime defeat at the hand of the TSTI Tornado, and the after-effects left the Highlanders reeling in conference play.

Before a packed house at TSTI's "Death Dome," MCC rocketed to a commanding lead only to see the Tornado roar back and beat them.

TSTI stole MCC's thunder, and the loss sent the Highlanders on their way to three straight conference losses. The impact on both teams appears to have been enormous.

The game left the Tornado with a feeling that they can do anything--including win the conference. They may be right unless MCC can finish strongly and regain the momentum they appeared to lose against TSTI.

While MCC suffered several heart-breaking losses (some that they should have won), TSTI has put together several thrilling wins (some that they should have lost).

If the Highlanders are going to the play-offs in Midland this year, it could all come down to one game--Homecoming against TSTI on Saturday.

A win over TSTI could strongly bolster the Highlanders confidence, which in turn could send an old and familiar terror into conference opponents.

The Highlanders domination of the conference has long been a thorn in their opponents' sides, and this year, that domination is overshadowed by the Cinderella Tornado team.

A victory over Weatherford and Southwest Christian put MCC back on the right track, and set the stage for Saturday's crucial dogfight at the Highlands.

An MCC win could catapult the Highlanders on a winning streak to counter their earlier disappointments and send MCC on to yet another winning season.

A loss to TSTI could be devastating, and the Highlanders' hope for even a fourth place finish and trip to the play-offs might look bleak.

The fans of both schools are expected to be out in full force, and having the game at MCC's homecoming magnifies its importance even more.

Although every conference game is important, for the Highlanders it all could come down to their rematch with TSTI.

Mind my P's and Q's

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

"Tweeet!
"Block on 27 orange, one and one."

This is a typical call by a basketball referee during a game. When I used to sit in the stands as a spectator, this would be the time when I would jump up and attempt to correct him.

The only difference now is that I am a part of the media reporting on the game. This gives me the privilege of sitting at the press table where I have an extremely good view of the game but must conduct myself in an orderly manner.

I really did not give much thought about the transition of going from spectator in the stands to reporter at the press table, but for me, separating the two has been difficult.

When I went to basketball games as a spectator, and I still do, I went thinking that part of the fun was harassing the officials (but nothing out of line, mind you). To me, official harassing is just part of the game, whether they are intercollegiate or intramural officials.

But, as pointed out to me by an older gentleman, official harassing used to be frowned upon. In his younger days, he said, the officials were in control of the game. When he was younger, he said that he once "booted" a call made by the referee, whereupon his father quickly let him know that he did not do a wise thing. The gentleman did mention that harassment is more commonplace now days.

At the press table, I can be watching the action, which passes about four feet in front of me, and observe a totally ludicrous foul call. Boy, what I wouldn't give at that moment to be in the first row of the stands, which is only three feet behind me.

There I sit at the press table biting my lip and tapping my foot in disgust, while people behind me let the referee know he goofed. About as emotional as I get at the press table when the referee is explaining the call, is a deep, heavy stare, although he probably never notices me.

Sometimes I do go out on a limb and get a little more emotional during the course of the game by saying, "Yah," but only when the team I'm pulling for makes a good play or when the referee finally makes a good call which goes against the opposing team.

Oh well, I'll just sit and take notes while wishing to chant, "A rope, a tree, a referee!"

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Black Wacoan reflects on 80 years of change

By DARRYL ADAMSON

The celebration of Black Heritage Month is a celebration of the cultural spirit that has carried the African race from the hardships of slavery to the operation of spaceships that explore the new frontier.

Accomplishments of the present can only be judged by reflections of the past.

Joe Burns, a Wacoan 80 years-of-age, carries a spirit that has burned the memories of the past firmly into his mind.

Not only has he lived through the struggle of second class citizenship in this country, but he is still here to witness the fruits of his labor. He can reflect on his struggles through the success of his children, and the opportunities available to his grandchildren who can dare reach beyond society's limitations.

"I've come a long way," said Burns, who moved from Dawson, Texas to Waco in 1922 with \$7 in his pocket.

"Back in those days, the most a black man could do was work in someone's kitchen or clean their house."

Burns said he found a job working for a doctor and his wife.

Burns said he lived the experience of segregation at its height.

"The job was perfect at the time, because I would cook the doctor's breakfast in the morning, go to school and continue to do work around the house after school. I was paid \$2 a week plus room and board."

"You couldn't live in just any neighborhood you wanted. If you were lucky enough to move into a white area of town, your house would be burned down, and the really sad part about it was that the fire department upon learning who's house it was, would take their time in responding to the fire."

"You couldn't live in just any neighborhood you wanted."

Burns said that although there were blacks who tried to change the way things were, their attempts were thwarted by violence and death. He said that gradually, through time, more and more blacks attempted to better their condition.

He mentioned that with the civil rights movement of the 1960s and the emergence of great civil rights leaders, blacks felt a common bond that gave them the courage to demand their rights.

Reflecting on how he survived 80 years of so much change, Burns said that his family of 10 and his late wife were a great support.

"I think I've lived as long as I have because I have always kept myself in good condition. I was a good baseball player. Also I have never been drunk, and I never spent my time in nightclubs or honkytonks. I worked."

Burns has lived in Waco for most of his life, and he is a living testimony of the fortitude of the African American spirit that is celebrated during the month of February.

"White is white, and black is black and never the two shall meet," is a phrase that Burns said was often used many years ago.

"I think that in the future people will be people and skin color won't be used to separate them...this is indeed like a brand new world," Burns said.



Photo by Ken Crawford

LONG TIME WACO RESIDENT Joe Burns recites poetry. Burns had to overcome discrimination barriers during his 80 year life. He is the father-in-law of MCC Counselor Ruby Burns.

Chorale to perform

By PATRICK KING

The McLennan Community College Chorale will have its first performance of the semester Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center Theater as part of the Friday recital.

The 20 minute program will include songs such as "Let's Begin Again," "My God Is A Rock," "Zigeunerleben (Gypsy Life)," "Evening Song to God," and "Sing Unto God."

The chorale will also be involved with the Waco Civic Chorus in the all Beethoven concert to be held April 5 in the PAC Theater.

"Beethoven wrote a total of five choral works, four of which most people would have heard of, but there is one very obscure piece. We will be performing 'The Mass In C' and his 'Choral Fantasy.' The 'Choral Fantasy' is a very unique piece in that it is actually a piano concerto with orchestra and choir," Balmos said.

The piano portion of the 'Choral Fantasy' will be played by Roger Keyes, chairman of the piano department at Baylor.

The number of singers in the combined choruses will be 120. A 45-piece orchestra is comprised of members of the Waco Symphony.



Photo by Ken Crawford

KIMBERLY SAPP lends a creative hand at Student Government's sign party held last Friday. Signs, posters and banners were made to support the Highlanders in their Homecoming

battle against the TSTI Tornado this Saturday. A Homecoming Dance will be held in the Student Center following the game until midnight.

Homecoming fun 'guaranteed' Support Highlanders with Spirit

By ELIZABETH DELEON

With Homecoming and Valentine's Day running back to back, many people at MCC could ask, "Is this war, or love?"

For those who cannot decide, it means both-war because the Highlanders face their biggest rival on the basketball court against TSTI, and love because Highlander fans adore watching their team beat TSTI.

Spirit week began yesterday, starting off the week before the Homecoming game with a variety of activities.

"The whole purpose of spirit week is to get everyone, especially the basketball players, geared up for their biggest game of the year-Homecoming-against their worst rivalries-TSTI," said Lorie Wills, president of Student Government.

"We want to encourage everyone to show spirit, be involved, and have fun while doing so, as we show support for our basketball team," said Wills.

Student Government and various other clubs on campus through the Interclub Council hope to make this Homecoming a big success.

The calendar of events is as follows:

--Monday, Feb. 8, Homecoming Queen nominees drew for ballot positions.

--Wednesday, Feb. 10, is Kicker Day in the Student Center. Beginning at 10 a.m. MCC students can "Kick TSTI Back Home" (the theme of the Kicker Day dance) when an MCC country band provides the background for a dance contest and best dressed male and female kickers contests. Wills added, "Tell everybody you see to wear kicker clothes!"

--Elections for Homecoming Queen nominees are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10-11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each student must present a current MCC I.D. to vote.

--Thursday evening, the Homecoming Bonfire will begin at 7 p.m. at the Intramural field next to the baseball field. "Music to dance and listen to" will be played, Wills said. Clubs will have food booths, the Dance Company will perform and all male and female athletes will be introduced from the basketball, baseball, and tennis teams.

--Friday, Feb. 12, the pep rally begins at 10 a.m. in the Student Center. Different clubs on campus will present a cheer or spirit raising presentation. A prize goes to the best club cheer or best overall club.

Everyone is encouraged to wear the school colors, orange, white, and black.

--Saturday, Feb. 13, a students vs. faculty basketball game begins at 7 p.m. in the Highlands.

--At 8 p.m. Saturday the Homecoming game begins, MCC vs. TSTI, also at the Highlands. The Dance Company will perform at halftime and the crowning of the Queen will also be announced at this time.

--Immediately following the game the Homecoming dance will begin, approximately 9:30 or 10 p.m. and will be held until midnight.

Everyone is invited to attend the activities. According to Wills, "fun is guaranteed!"

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Theatre director John Kelly will introduce some of his department's actors and actresses. "They may put on a skit," Clark said.

A Student Government representative will introduce the Homecoming Queen nominees.

The Student Government will serve soft drinks for those who attend the bonfire.

First Floor will continue playing until about 10 p.m., and the fire will be hosed down.

Black history celebrated with special production

By NAHID FATHIMA

A special day Feb. 24

"God's Trombone's" on Feb. 19 will highlight an event-filled Black History Month at MCC.

The dramatic-musical production will be performed by the Charles Gilpin Players from Prairie View A&M University at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. This event will be featured as part of the celebration of the Black History Month.

The production will be open to the public, and admission is free. "God's Trombones" is a dramatization of seven sermons in verse by poet, author and lawyer James Weldon Johnson.

It features the popular "The Creation," which illustrates the beauty and splendor of the Earth's creation through the use of a hand chorus illuminated with a black light.

The other six segments of the production include "Noah Built the Ark," "Go Down Death," "Let My People Go," "Prodigal Son," and "The Judgement Day."

Selected black leaders from the Waco area will be recognized for their contributions during the intermission of "God's Trombones," according to Eleanor Taylor, who heads the Black Heritage Committee.

A Black Art Exhibit will be on display in the Performing Arts Center on the same day and will continue all month.

Another special day in the month will be Wednesday, Feb. 24, which will include a special program in the Lecture Hall during the activity period and also "Soul Food Day" in the Student Center dining hall.



First Lt. Rhonda King

Featured speaker at the 10 a.m. period that day will be the first woman from Waco to graduate from the West Point Military Academy. 1st Lt. Rhonda King will speak on the topic "Blueprint for Survival: Past, Present and Future" as she "offers insights into education as an equalizer for black Americans," said Taylor.

King, who graduated in the top 2 percent of her class at Richfield High School in 1981, graduated from West Point in

1985. She has also successfully completed Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Ga., in 1985 and Jungle School at Ft. Sherman, Panama, in 1983 and Military Intelligence School in 1986 before being assigned to her present position at Ft. Hood.

The program is especially planned for students and faculty, and the public is also invited. Admission is free. Lt. King will be available to visit with students for about 30 minutes following the program, Taylor said.

That same day at 11:30 a.m. a Black Awareness luncheon will be held for invited MCC graduates, community leaders and MCC faculty. Among the graduates expected to attend are Benny Lambert, former MCC Student Government president who works at Baylor; Rodney Harris, a nursing home administrator; and Patrick Kerl, according to Taylor.

During the entire month of February, the MCC Library will have books, pictures and video cassettes featuring Black History. Pictures and books will also be on display in the Student Center featuring Black History.

As a part of Black History Month, Martin Luther King's Birthday was celebrated on Jan. 18. Books, pictures and video cassettes that showed his achievements and the contributions made by him to this are also available in the Library.

Brown Bag Luncheon

By KEN CRAWFORD

The No. 1 killer in the United States in the 1980s is coronary artery disease, according to Becky Roper.

Roper, a registered nurse and wellness-fitness coordinator at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, discussed health risk factors involved with coronary artery disease Jan. 26 at the Brown Bag Luncheon.

Roper said, "4,000 people per day have heart attacks, 2,000 of them will die, and because CAD carries no symptoms in its early stages, 1,000 of the 4,000 didn't know they had it (CAD)."

Heredity, sex, age, and race are four risk factors involved with CAD that are beyond a person's control.

First, heart disease, strokes, and high blood pressure are all inherited traits, Roper said. "If it runs in the family" the risk factor is automatically increased.

Second, "males are more likely to develop CAD earlier and more severely than women," Roper said. After menopause women are at a higher risk "due to hormones." Third, "The older you get the higher your risk factor," Roper said. However, we can decrease the risk "by taking care of ourselves."

"Black Americans are more likely to be at risk of CAD than white Americans, especially because of high blood pressure," Roper said.

The three major controllable risk factors are cholesterol

level, smoking, and hypertension, according to Roper.

Low density lipoprotein or high levels of cholesterol in the blood can be controlled by eating low cholesterol foods.

"Smoking raises your pulse rate, blood pressure, and heart rate. This causes your heart to do more work to pump the same amount of blood, Roper said. If you smoke one pack a day for one year it takes 35 days per year off of your life.

Hypertension or high blood pressure is another controllable risk factor. This can be controlled by medication and following a physician's advice. Other controllable risk factors are high levels of triglycerides, obesity, lack of exercise, diabetes, and stress.

Lassies beat Rebels

By CLAY LASSETER

The Highlassies opened up a tight game with a 15-4 spurt in the last three minutes to down Hill College 80-67 Saturday at the Highlands.

The Highlassies opened the game with a 12-3 run inside the first four minutes. But Hill fought back from a ten point deficit, 33-23 to cut the margin to six points at the half, 36-30.

The second half was close, with Hill tying the game at 47. The Highlassies, which led throughout the game, always stayed one step ahead of the Lady Rebels.

MCC held a 65-63 advantage with three minutes remaining before putting the game away with the hot shooting of Terri Porter.

Porter finished with 20 points. Renee Proctor had 11 points and a game-high 16 rebounds. Gwen Thomas and Glenda Lott added 10 points apiece to help fuel the attack.

The game was slowed by 61 fouls and 83 free throws. "Eighty-three free throws is too many," said Highlassie Coach Wendell Hudson.

"We just hung in there and played hard," he added. "This team grew up tonight."

The win improves the Highlassies to 13-11 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

Christie Hill, a starter for the 'Lassies suffered a severe sprained ankle during the game. Hudson said he had "no idea" when she would be able to play.



Photo by Ken Crawford

SLICING THROUGH THE AIR Medina Fullbright slides past a Hill defender on her way to two points. The Highlassies defeated the Lady Rebels with a strong showing in the final three minutes.

In an earlier game against Weatherford, the 'Lassies overwhelmed the Lady Coyotes 65-41.

The win improved the 'Lassies record to 11-11 and 4-1

in conference play.

Outstanding players for MCC were Glenda Lott with 12 points, Medina Fullbright eight points and 10 rebounds, and Terri Porter with nine points.

MCC defeated by Ranger in heartbreaker at Highlands

By CLAY LASSETER

Ranger Junior College rejected Willie Gilmore's shot with five seconds remaining to cap a come-from-behind victory over MCC 68-67 Jan. 27.

The first half contained many lead changes until the

Highlanders pulled away 28-22 with five minutes left in the half. However, Ranger fought back to cut MCC's lead to 32-30 at the half.

In the second half, the lead continued to see-saw back and forth. Tied at 63-63 with 2:51 remaining, Howard Turner and

Henry Golightly hit two free throws each to give the Highlanders a 67-63 advantage with 1:57 on the clock.

Ranger bounced back with a three-pointer to trail 67-66 with 1:26 left. After a MCC turnover, Ranger made the game winning basket with 20 seconds.

'Lassies massacre SWCC, as conference race heats up

By JEFF OSBORNE

By crushing the Southwest Christian Lady Rams 90-50 on Feb. 3 at the Highlands, the Highlassies now stand alone at second place in the conference behind Grayson.

The Highlassies improved their record to 5-1 in conference and 12-11 overall with Wednesday's victory.

The game was controlled by MCC from the opening tip-off, and the 'Lassies never looked back. Terri Porter opened scoring for MCC, and the Highlassies jumped out to an early 8-0 lead.

Both teams appeared to lack intensity and concentration in the early going, with the Highlassies and Lady Rams each making several mistakes.

The 'Lassies held an 18-10 lead entering the final 10 minutes of the half, and held the Lady Rams scoreless for almost three minutes.

With 25 seconds left in the half, Julie Jackson gave the 'Lassies a 44-24 lead, their largest margin over SWCC in the first half.

The Lady Rams added a basket just before time ran out to cut MCC's lead to 18 at half-time.

In the second half, MCC came out gunning and established a commanding lead. With 14:59 remaining, Joni Williams hit an outside shot to put the 'Lassies on top 66-30.

The game quickly became a runaway in the second half as the Highlassies rocketed to a 39 point lead with 10:51 left in the game.

The closest the Lady Rams

could get was within 30 points with 5:55 in the game. The 'Lassies led 80-50 with five minutes left to play and eased on to a 90-50 blowout victory.

The win left MCC in the thick of a three-way race for the conference championship with Grayson and Cisco.

Leading scorers for MCC were Terri Porter with 14 points, Gwen Thomas with 12 and Glenda Lott with 10.

Thomas and Joni Williams led rebounds with eight and seven respectively, while Lott contributed six assists.

The 'Lassies shot 90 percent from the free throw line, hitting eight of 12.

"I hope the win has an impact on our team," said MCC Coach Wendell Hudson.

Hudson also mentioned that he was impressed with the Highlassies effort in not letting down after they took a big lead.

Southwestern Christian flattened in 14th win

By CLAY LASSETER

Willie Gilmore stuffed in a season high 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the Highlanders steamrolled Southwestern Christian College 121-94 last Wednesday at the Highlands.

MCC placed four other players in double figures. Carl Love poured in 21 points and grabbed six rebounds. Howard

Turner produced 15 points, Shone Wyatt had 13 points and Byron Young added 10 points.

Tied at 34-34 with seven minutes left in the first half, the Highlanders gained control to take a 58-50 lead at the half.

The second half was all MCC with the Highlanders controlling the tempo of the game. The Highlanders had leads as big as 20 and 30 points throughout the second half before winning by 27.

Coach Ken DeWeese attributed the high scoring to the defense.

"At least sixty percent of our points came from the defense," said DeWeese. "The defense was the key."

The win was the second in a row for the Highlanders, who improved to 14-10 for the season and 4-3 in conference play.

"That's more like MCC basketball," DeWeese said.

Tennis teams receive high national rankings

By KEITH JENKINS

The MCC men's tennis team was recently ranked fourth in the nation while the women's team was ranked ninth on the eve of regular season action that began here last weekend.

Among the men's national rankings, six MCC men made the top 50.

Martin Tenlen, a sophomore who was all-American honorable mention last year, was ranked eighth. Cliff Reuter, who is also a sophomore and received all region honors in doubles last year, was ranked 16th.

Ranked 23rd was Meenakshi Sundaram had also received all-American honorable mention in 1987. Receiving all region honors in both singles and doubles last year, Mike Castillo was ranked at 31.

Freshmen David Liddle and Chris Lewis also made the rankings coming in at 26 and 48.

In the women's individual rankings, Lori Hardage was ranked 33rd, while Gail Maelsaue was ranked at number 41. Ranked 20th in doubles with Hardage, was sophomore Laurie McKay.

"The pre-season was an opportunity for the team to work out, set goals for the upcoming season, and improve their skills that needed to be worked on. The pre-season also provided the new players on the team a chance to get adjusted to our format," said Coach Carmack Berryman.

With the tennis season beginning, MCC will be facing tough competition in both the men and women's division by other nationally ranked teams such as Midland and Odessa.

"MCC's team is in a region that is noted for its competition among the schools. Since there are a number of quality teams in the region, it's always a great feeling of accomplishment when you advance out of regionals," explained Berryman.

Other members of the men and women's team who will represent MCC this semester are Steve Schoolcraft, John Hernandez, Martha Barrera, Christine Lopez, and Angela Reames.

"Each member of the team possesses various athletic talents and abilities that are important in each one's performance. When recruiting new members, it can be difficult

trying to find the complete player, but eventually each one can reach their potential in quickness, agility, and in improving their ranking," Berryman said.

"It will be a disappointment if we don't do as well as I expect we can, but it must be kept in mind of the number of quality teams in our region. Despite this, our tennis team is well represented by a number of high quality athletes who are also good students," Berryman said.

Even though Berryman said he feels that this year's team is behind at this point in the season when compared to last year's team, he says he still strongly believes that there will be enough time for improvement.

Highlanders defeat Hill 65-57

By JEFF OSBORNE

Overcoming an aggressive Rebel attack which hampered the Highlanders in the opening minutes, MCC rallied to overpower Hill 65-57 Saturday at the Highlands.

The victory was MCC's third straight conference triumph, which lifted the Highlanders' record to 15-10 and 5-3 in conference.

Hill came to Waco seeking to avenge an earlier loss to the Highlanders, and the Rebels controlled the pace from the beginning until late in the first half.

With five minutes remaining before halftime, the Rebels led 20-16. The Highlanders came to life in the half's closing minutes as a basket by Rodney Duggs put the Highlanders ahead.

A three-point shot by Carl Love increased the lead, and the Highlanders were on top 27-22 at halftime.

Each side traded scores in the opening minutes of the second half. A basket by Howard Turner with 14:38 remaining put the Highlanders ahead 30-32.

With 7:29 remaining, the Rebels tied the score at 47, but they could not re-take the lead from the Highlanders.

For most of the final ten minutes the score remained close, with both teams tied or with MCC clinging to a narrow lead.

The Highlanders began to pull away with the victory in the game's closing minute, as Jason Hooten gave MCC a 63-57 lead with 39 seconds left to play.

Willie Gilmore added two free throws for insurance with 11 seconds left on the clock, putting the Highlanders on top

65-57, which was the game's final score.

The win was MCC's third straight win following three consecutive losses.

"There is no doubt that their mental frame of mind is the difference," said Coach Ken DeWeese of MCC's recent conference turnaround.

"Lawrence Frazier did some big things for us, Carl Love had some very good passes," according to DeWeese. He also complimented Henry Golightly on coming up with crucial steals, and Howard Turner with inside scoring.

High scorers for MCC were Love and Turner with 16 points each, followed by Willie Gilmore with 10.

Weatherford: Turning point

DeWeese described the game against the Weatherford Coyotes as "the turning point this far in the season," in which the Highlanders ended a three game conference losing streak.

"We led 9-0 in the first two minutes, but they scored 21 straight points within the next five and a half or six minutes," according to Assistant Coach Richard Kilgore.

MCC ultimately prevailed over Weatherford 77-66. Going into the game, the Coyotes were tied for first place.

"It was an intense, emotional effort," DeWeese said. "During the Weatherford game, we played harder and with more intensity than any other game in the season," he added.

Cisco & TSTI upcoming

MCC is currently tied for third place in the conference, just ahead of fourth ranked Cisco and two games behind league leading TSTI.

Weather delays 'Landers season

By BRIAN MAYR

Weather hampered the Highlander baseball team Saturday when they tried to begin their season at the Laredo tournament.

The team traveled as far as San Antonio before turning back. Because of the poor play-

ing conditions this past weekend the games were canceled. The tournament was to be the first of the season for the Highlanders.

The Highlanders are scheduled to play Laredo Junior College for their first home games Feb. 18 and 19, playing double-headers each day.



Photo by Ken Crawford

COLLISION COURSE — Colliding with a Hill defender Howard Turner gets the shot off and is fouled. The Highlanders downed the Rebels 65-57 Saturday in the Highlands. Turner and Carl Love were high scorers with 16 points each.

TASP test to affect college students in fall of 1989

By JUDY MCGOWAN

The Texas Academic Skills Program Test, enacted by the Texas State Legislature's House Bill 2182, will affect all students entering public institutions of higher education in the fall of 1989 and thereafter.

The TASP test will be composed of reading, writing and mathematical skills. All students in the following categories will be required to take the test:

- all full-time and part-time freshmen enrolled in a certificate or degree program.

- any other student, prior to the accumulation of nine or more semester credit hours or

the equivalent.

- any transfer student with fewer than 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent who has not previously taken the test.

In developing the test, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board designated three content committees (reading, writing, math), composed of faculty members from various institutions of higher education across the state.

The appointed members, serving on MCC's content committee are reading instructor Margarita Sanchez and math instructor Jess Collins. Although MCC only has two

designated content committee members for reading and math, English is still a vital section in the TASP test.

The content committees are not only responsible for developing the objectives for the test, but also for deciding how the test will be administered next year.

"The purpose of the TASP test is to access the basic academic skills required for students to successfully perform in undergraduate degree programs throughout Texas and to provide diagnostic information, useful for placing individual students in appropriate remedial programs," said Sanchez, who is a member of the

reading committee.

An institution may not use performance on the test as a condition of admission. If the test results indicate that remedial education is necessary in any area tested, the institution shall refer the student to remedial courses or other remedial programs made available by the institution.

According to Sanchez, some things, such as how and where the test is to be administered, are still in the developmental stage.

"The content committees met in Austin on Feb. 2-3 for the purpose of finalizing the approval of test objectives," she said.

Campus improvements made

By PATRICK KING

MCC has recently made a series of campus improvements.

Curbs were cut out at the faculty and visitor parking lot so that handicapped persons can get up on the sidewalk, according to Herman Betke, vice president of business services.

Most of the work was done over the Christmas holidays and the cost was approximately \$1,100, according to Betke.

Work was also done on some deteriorating steps outside of the library entrance.

Four steps leading to the library were broken back and three steps were put in their place. "We didn't completely tear them out but put them

back enough so that we could rip all of the rusty metal out of it" then the three steps were put in their places," Betke said.

The wheelchair ramp located to the right of the entrance to the library was lengthened for more convenient use. The cost for the repairs was approximately \$2,000.

The former women's dressing room next to the old gym in the HPE building has been converted to a large classroom. New carpet was installed on Jan. 29 and 30. In addition, 300 new chairs have been put in the room.

Fifty two-person chairs have also been ordered and should be in the room "anytime," according to Betke. Also, the capability of the air-conditioning system had to be increased so that "we could handle up to

100 students" in the room. The cost of the entire work was approximately \$14,000.

Several years ago the facilities were striped to the concrete, according to Betke. The physical therapy assistance program was put in where the former men's dressing room existed. Now, several classes are being held where the women's dressing room existed.

In other campus improvements, 105 new trees were planted last semester in the Art Center area, according to Diane Feyerherm, supervisor, grounds maintenance. Many cedar and oak trees were lost in that area as the result of a wind storm last February. In all, 45 live oak trees were planted, as well 18 red oak, 28 crepe myrtle and 14 red bud trees.

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STEPHANIE GILBREATH smiles to the crowd during the Dance Company's halftime performance Saturday night in the Highlands.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

DELIVER FLOWERS: Feb. 13 and 14 (Friday and Saturday), hours can be flexible for class schedule, must use own vehicle (station wagon, covered pick-up, etc.), \$1.25 per delivery.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Must have pleasant phone voice and excellent phone skills, no sales, place phone calls for sales person, 5:30-10:30, Monday-Friday, salary negotiable.

TELEMARKETING/CLERICAL: Must have good phone skills, read from script, do some paperwork, four hours/day, afternoons, Monday-Friday and Saturday, \$3.35/hour.

DELIVERY STOCKER: Must be able to lift heavy furniture, wait on customers, 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, salary negotiable.

TYPIST: Type 80 plus words per minute, other office duties, 1-5 p.m., Thursday and Friday, possible more days per week, \$4.25/hour.

SANDWICH SHOP: Counter help/cashier, day or evening shifts available, weekends, will train, \$3.50/hour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER JOBS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF PLACEMENT, THIRD FLOOR, STUDENT CENTER.

Criminal Justice program trains students for career

By KEN COPELAND

The Criminal Justice program at MCC does not have adequate enrollment to provide officers even for the Waco police department.

According to Hugh Belger, criminal justice program director, a demand always exists for people in the law enforcement field.

The average number of police officers a city would like to have is two police officers for every 1,000 population. Waco's police force numbers about 200.

Police officers are a small part of the opportunities in the law enforcement field.

"For every police officer there are roughly 10 people working in the security field," Belger said.

Security people can be found almost everywhere—in corporations, colleges, banks, prisons, at public events and anywhere else where security or crowd control is essential, according to Belger.

The government is another large employer of law enforcement people.

BSU Valentine banquet

By SUSAN E. WILLIAMS

Members of the Baptist Student Unions of MCC and TSTI and their guests will join for a Valentine banquet at TSTI's BSU building, 14 Tyndall, on Thursday evening from 7-9.

The program is one of several combined ventures between the two BSUs planned this semester in addition to the variety of other activities on the MCC organization's calendar, according to Jeff DeHay, BSU director.

Just this past weekend members of the local groups joined those from the other 17 BSUs in the state at a Leadership Training Conference last weekend in Austin, DeHay said.

Meanwhile, the BSU has plenty of activity on campus with its three meetings each

week including Bible study on Mondays from 10-11 a.m., fellowship and a brunch at that same time on Wednesdays, and counseling on Fridays during the activity hour.

These meetings are held on the third floor of the Student Center in the Highlander room.

Another group linked with BSU is the Black Student Fellowship (BSF) at MCC with its gospel choir, Students On The Move For Christ. This group meets on Thursdays in the HPE lecture hall from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Both the BSU and BSF are at MCC to help all students with their spiritual growth, DeHay said. He encouraged any student, regardless of religious affiliation, to visit any of the meetings and become active in any of these organizations.

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NEWSBRIEFS

A&M journalism head to visit

Dr. Douglas Starr, chairman of the department of journalism at Texas A&M University, will visit the "Introduction to Mass Communication" class Thursday in the Highlander Room, third floor of the Student Center, at 9:25 a.m. He will speak on the A&M journalism program and the overall status of communications programs in higher education. Students and faculty members are invited to attend.

Also, Dr. Starr will address the Central Texas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America at noon in the Brazos Club. The subject will be "Public Relations and Higher Education: What Direction?" Anyone interested in attending the PRSA luncheon or meeting with Dr. Starr should contact Tom Buckner, ext. 443, or Nancy Cochran, director of public information, ext. 212.

Paul Quinn to get tiger's head

MCC is planning to donate the tile mosaic tiger's head on the corner of 19th Street and College Drive to Paul Quinn College. The tiger was the mascot of Waco High School that occupied the facility now owned by MCC.

MCC conducted a search for schools in the area that has a tiger as their mascot. The college wants to donate the mascot to "anybody that might want it who can take it down," said Herman Betke, vice president of business services.

"Evidently Paul Quinn College wants it. They've been in contact with us, went over and looked at it, and they're examining, trying to determine how they can get it down. They haven't got it yet," Betke said.

'Flea In Her Ear' Feb. 25-28

MCC's Drama Department production of the French farce, "A Flea In Her Ear," will open in the Performing Arts Center Theatre Feb. 25-28. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 25-27. The Sunday, Feb. 28, matinee performance begins at 3 p.m.

Admission for MCC students presenting current I.D. is free. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children. For additional information, call theatre director John Kelly at 756-6551, ext. 461. To reserve tickets, call the PAC ticket office at 756-6551, ext. 392.

Job-seeking workshop Feb. 18

Continuing Education plans to sponsor a job seeking techniques and life skills workshop on campus for Feb. 18.

Dr. Marylea Henderson, of Special Services for Displaced Homemakers and the Handicapped, will speak at the workshop that is designed for single parents and homemakers who plan to enroll in technical/vocational programs at MCC.

The workshop will be open to the public, admission free. Those interested should register at the Continuing Education counter in the Administration Building.

IRS to lecture on new tax law

A representative from the Internal Revenue Service will be conducting a seminar on the MCC campus during the 10 a.m. hour and again at noon on March 2.

James Kubacak, director of financial aids, requested assistance from the IRS to inform students, faculty, and staff of the effects that the new tax laws will have on them.

Pamela Kurburski, from the taxpayer education staff for the IRS in Austin will lecture and answer questions.

Those interested in learning more about the new tax laws are invited to attend. For more information, call James Kubacak at 756-6551, ext. 398.

High school art exhibit set

A high school art exhibit will be held from Feb. 18 to March 3 in the exhibition area of the Performing Arts Center.

Trib editor visits class today

Bob Lott, editor of the Waco Tribune-Herald, will be interviewed on various aspects of the newspaper industry in the "Introduction to Mass Communication" class today (Tuesday) at 9:25 in the Tartan Room, third floor of the Student Center. Conducting the interview will be Carmen French, a member of the class and a former employee of the Tribune-Herald. Students and faculty members are invited.

Future guests in the class will include the chairman of the Texas A&M journalism department (see related news brief), and professionals from the fields of magazine and book publishing, radio and television, public relations, advertising, government media relations, and international communications.

Three more weeks of winter?

Horatio H. Hedgehog, Sr., otherwise known as "The Groundhog," came to a split decision last Tuesday. The hedgehog, whose only public appearance is on Groundhog Day, did not see his shadow but turned and ran anyway.

Mayor Pro-Tem LaNelle McNamara and Centex Zoo Education Curator Steve Campbell consulted on the hedgehog's behavior. They came to the conclusion that there will be only three more weeks of winter.

This decision contradicts the national prediction made by Pennsylvania groundhog Punxatawney Phil. Phil didn't see his shadow at all, indicating that there would be an early spring.

Opera workshop chooses leads for production of 'H.M.S. Pinafore'

By PATRICK KING and TERI LYN EISMA

The MCC Opera Workshop, in connection with the MCC Drama Department, has chosen the leading characters for Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Out of 17 who showed on Monday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center with their prepared arias, 11 received the lead roles.

The leading soprano, Josephine, will be played by Cheryl Anderson, who is a commercial music major from Killeen; the leading man, Ralph Rackstraw, will be played by Glenn Beals; Captain Corcoran, Josephine's ward, by John Ross and Sir Joseph Porter, ruler of the queen's navy, will be played by Phillip Keltner.

Also, Dick Deadeye will be played by David Dow, a member of the Waco Civic Chorus and a local physician who is also a member of the International Gilbert and Sullivan society and has sung "H.M.S. Pinafore" on three different occasions.

The role of Little Buttercup is double cast; it will be played by Susan Jaspersen and Sue Connor. Also double cast is the role of Hebe, Sir Joseph's cousin. That role will be played by Elisia Sevier and Belinda Honea.

Bill Bobstay, the first mate, will be played by Brian Mathis. Boatmate Bob Beckett will be played by Bill Dietz, who is a student at Waco High.

In the production "Josephine is betrothed to marry Sir Joseph but, she doesn't love him. It's one of those 'it would be good for the family' type of thing. But she's really in love with Ralph. They have this thing going on and try to escape-boy loves girl-like a 'Romeo and Juliet,'" said Lise Landsfeld, opera instructor and vocal coach for the production.

Their dilemma is finally resolved when Little Buttercup reveals a long-lost family secret, so that the loving couple can marry in the end.

"It's a typical British comedy, timely for the period it was written," said Landsfeld. Some of the jokes were funny for the year 1878, when Sir William S. Gilbert wrote the play, but the jokes "may have to be rewritten" so today's audience can understand them, she added.

The directors gave roles in the moving chorus to some remaining auditioners. They are not the main singers or dancers and they must "be very, very invisible," Landsfeld said. The moving chorus includes Sarah Hibbard, Kamlin Martin, Brent Wiese, Steve LeMay, Jo Rush, Bridget Otte and Susan Anderson.

The early auditions give the directors a chance to meet with the leads and instruct them first on the harder songs so the actors can concentrate on the acting and blocking more fully, Landsfeld said.

Landsfeld has great expectations for the lead singers. "I've worked with most of them before," during her work in opera workshops and the like, she said. She describes them as "uninhibited" and "imaginative."

The MCC Chorale will be part of the chorus in this production in lieu of having a regular spring concert.

"It takes a better trained choir than you normally see in a normal musical or opera," said Donald Balmos, MCC Chorale director.

"We're going to have separate auditions for others who are interested in the chorus on

March 16-17. Then I'll be working with the chorus during the day here and then those outsiders who will be in it will be rehearsing at night starting the week of March 21," Balmos said.

"During that time we'll be blocking the show—working with the leads, working with the chorus, and then we'll bring everybody in starting about the second week in April," he said.

"We'll have 25 pieces in the orchestra, including strings. They'll be in the pit and they'll be entirely covered, actually like being in a separate room," Balmos said.

"They will be miked — the singers will not be miked but the orchestra will be miked since the sound is going to be covered. And then that sound will come out both to the house and also will be fed through the monitor system backstage so the singers can hear it because one of the reasons is the set calls for a ship out over the orchestra pit," he said.

"So there's going to be one little hole for me to conduct through so that the singers can see me."

"H.M.S. Pinafore" will be presented Wednesday, April 27-May 1 in the Performing Arts Center.



Photo by Ken Crawford

CAREFUL, DON'T DRIP. Renea Fowlkes adds color to a banner at the Student Government sign painting party Friday night.

New president selected

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Two other advisory groups, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and a group of professors from the University of Texas were also involved in the process.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC), which was formed in July to assist the board of trustees in the selection, played a "very significant role," according to Ball.

PSAC members include Ramon Aleman and Willie Hobbs, administration; John Burton, Marilyn Kelly and Don McCauley, faculty; Mary Lou Kamas, classified personnel; and student Jeff Leuschner.

Also on the PSAC were board members Lawrence Johnson and Norma Podet (Podet was later succeeded by board member Danny Uptmore).

Narrowing the field

After the ACCT advisory committee narrowed the applicants to 18 candidates, the PSAC further cut down the field of candidates to five, including eventual choice Dennis Michaelis.

The five were chosen by a point system, in which PSAC members ranked all 18 candidates.

From Nov. 30-Dec. 4, the presidential candidates visited Waco to meet with Ball and the

Board of Trustees.

Herman Betke, vice president of business services, "took each candidate on a tour of the campus," according to Ball.

In addition to the tour, Ball met with each candidate, and following this each candidate was interviewed by the board.

"The Board of Trustees had dinner with each candidate, and this went on for five nights in a row," Ball said.

Then there were two

In December, the board announced that they had narrowed the selection to two candidates, Dr. Michaelis, president of Paris Junior College and Monte Blue, president of San Jacinto Central Campus.

A team of four people, including board members James Hardwick and C. Ray Perry, faculty member Don McCauley, and administrator Willie Hobbs visited the campuses of the finalists on Jan. 19 and 22.

"Both candidates had very good responses from their staff, and each had the overall support of the administrative staff at his present college," Hobbs said.

Hobbs added that MCC has selected "the best person we possibly could for the position."

Following the visits to each candidate's campus, the board met in executive session to discuss the selection. The board voted to offer a contract to Michaelis, and nearly 10 months of uncertainty ended.

Ensemble to perform Wednesday at 8 p.m.

By BRUCE CUMMINGS

Students interested in trombone music will be able to attend a free concert by the Baroque Trombone Ensemble, which will perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The ensemble is composed of Dr. William Haskett, MCC fine arts chairman; John Meyer, a trombone instructor at Baylor; Randall Mitchell of

Texas Wesleyan University and Andrew Russell from the University of Texas at Arlington.

They will be assisted by

Joanne Erwin, cello, and John Woods, harpsichord, both of Dallas Baptist University; and Thomas Woods, baritone, of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other performances scheduled for the group include The College Band Directors National Association Regional Convention in Fort Worth and the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio.

Additionally, Haskett said he hopes the group will be able to perform at the International Trombone Association Convention next year in Chicago.

Community members explain Michaelis' influence

By The Highland Herald Staff

When Japanese exchange student Yuricka Hayashi was selected Homecoming Queen of Paris Junior College and her father could not escort her (a tradition at PJC), a willing and able substitute stepped in — Dr. Dennis Michaelis, the school's president.

What makes this story special to MCC? On Jan. 27, Michaelis was selected to serve as MCC's next president.

Michaelis touched the lives of several in the community and one thing is evident — he will be missed in Paris just as much as he will be welcomed here.

Students, faculty and administrators, and community leaders in Paris were interviewed Friday by 18 editors and reporters of the Highland Herald to discover how Michaelis has affected their lives and the impact he has made on their school and community.

Students like him

"Dr. Michaelis has been really close to us, he's all for the students," said Don Yarbrough, student body president and a jewelry major at PJC.

Jannell Willis, student vice president, agreed, "He's very student oriented. He tries to learn the names and get to know the students. He likes to talk to students."

Among the things Michaelis has done at PJC, the two reported, are to provide extra funds for the Homecoming celebration, to add emphasis in recruiting students (both resident and foreign), and to support health-related programs such as blood drives and jogging and walking paths on campus.

"Dr. Michaelis is a very close friend, you can always talk to him about a problem. He's there to be your friend as much as your president," Yarbrough said.

"You can talk to him about things other than those related to school, his recognition of students really makes you feel good," Willis added.

"I'm going to miss his personality. It shines through the people who work for him onto the students," she said.

Improvements noted

Lynn Rhodes, faculty president and a counselor at PJC, said he feels his campus will miss Dr. Michaelis.

"Michaelis made a lot of changes in the area of student services." Such changes included creating a vice president's position on the Student Services Council and improving dormitory facilities, said Rhodes, a retired Air Force pilot who has been at PJC for 12 years.



Lynn Rhodes

"A stronger emphasis was put on recruiting students after Michaelis entered the administration," said Rhodes. During the time Michaelis was president of PJC enrollment remained at a consistent level.

Rhodes added, "Dr. Michaelis was concerned with the lack of student advising going on at PJC and as a result started the Faculty Advisory Committee."

An attorney's perspective

Although Michaelis came to Paris Junior College when the school was in financial straits, he helped the college grow and excel, according to Don McLaughlin, attorney for the college for the past 20 years.

McLaughlin said Michaelis surrounded himself with a competent staff. He insisted that quality education be taught to all students. Being a strong man morally, Michaelis expects the same of the students. He has also participated in community affairs, and is glad to do whatever he is called on to do, McLaughlin said.

Michaelis has worked hard to encourage the feeling that Paris Junior College belongs to the community and that he wants the community to be a part of the school, McLaughlin said. He gave examples of how PJC has provided a jogging track and other facilities for public use.

McLaughlin, who is president of the Rotary Club in which Michaelis is a member, admires Michaelis's forthrightness, adding that one always knew what one's position was. He also likes his sense of humor.

"We gave him a hard time at our meeting after we heard he

was coming down there (to Waco), and he took it pretty good," McLaughlin said.

In spite of his busy schedule as a college president, Michaelis found time to be an active Rotarian, especially in club projects dealing with youth leadership and scholarship, according to McLaughlin.

A community leader

Other Michaelis qualities such as a "high sense and concern in matters of beautification" were mentioned by Pat Ryan, recently-retired chamber of commerce manager of 20 years.

Michaelis, who served a three-year term on the chamber's board of directors and as vice president of the community development council, was "energetic, quite incisive, and had practical suggestions and ideas," Ryan said.

Michaelis was instrumental in several specific projects, according to Ryan. In his less than five years in Paris, Michaelis helped:

- enlarge a stretch of highway south of Paris to four lanes.

- attract several industries to Paris including a Kimberly-Clark and Winzen International.

- bring a commuter airline to serve Paris.

According to Ryan, Michaelis' greatest contributions to Paris were his progressive movements in the community.

"I think you are getting a worthy successor," he said.

An active churchman

"Dennis is very competitive and self-motivated..." said Dr. Louis Novak, pastor of the First Christian Church in Paris,

adding that Dr. Michaelis comes to worship almost every Sunday and is "very active within the church."

Besides serving as an elder for two years and chairman for the search committee that hired Novak, Michaelis also aided in the distribution of communion to the homebound and hospitalized members of the congregation.

"And he is always looking for new ways to keep young ones in the church," said Novak, who said that Michaelis had taught a Sunday school class for high school students.

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"The people in the church look to him for advice and decisions," said Novak. "He is always coming up with new ideas and he never gives up," said Novak.

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The dean's viewpoint

Dr. Michaelis "began to address the future" when he first arrived at Paris. "He gave new direction to the planning process," said Dwight Chaney, longtime academic dean at PJC.

"When Michaelis came to Paris, he emphasized other directions in the planning process of the new criteria for most of the community colleges," explained Chaney.

"Michaelis is more a liberal arts/humanitarian administrator with a student involvement background. He is always willing to help out and take out

time for the students here. For example, he is involved in the student government and in awarding of scholarships for students," said Chaney.

Michaelis has an open door policy for both students and faculty that is often utilized, said Chaney, and the deans are given much leeway in running their programs.

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When asked about Michaelis' more personal side, Chaney said the man is committed to positive results. He believes it is that commitment which causes Michaelis, an avid runner, to be extremely health-conscious. Chaney also said Michaelis thinks it is unhealthy to take one's work too seriously.

"He relates to the real world... and can empathize with adversity," the dean said.

"I have mixed emotions (about his move to Waco), I'm always glad to see somebody better himself, but I'm going to miss him."

