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M.L. King holiday observed Jan. 21

By CAROL WILSON

MCC will be closed Jan. 21 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

The Martin Luther King Committee will host and sponsor a week-long celebration beginning Monday, Jan. 14, and continuing through Friday, Jan. 18.

Events that will take place on campus each day that week will include:

Monday-Thursday, Jan. 14-17

—10 a.m., videos, one on the life of MLK and the other an MCC production based on MCC community reaction to MLK. The video and brochure-poster display will be set up in the cafeteria of the Student Center.

—Book display in the Library all week.

—Poster and brochure display in the lobby of the Administration Building all week.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

—7:45-9 a.m., prayer breakfast in MCC Faculty Dining Room of the Cafeteria.

Friday, Jan. 18

—10-11 a.m., MLK panel discussion, featuring Dr. Mike White, Dr. Dale Hughes and Astra Jackson. (Questions, comment, discussion and debate on MLK will be the topic.)

The First Christmas



THE "Adoration of the Shepherds," centerpiece of the three part Potinari Altarpiece, was completed in 1476 by Hugo van der Goes.

The eight by ten foot painting is on exhibit in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

Board funds MCC Foundation, approves advertising

By SAM ALLGOOD

The MCC Board of Trustees approved funding for the MCC Foundation, a new advertising sales policy for the Highland Herald and a study of the current personnel classification system at its regular meeting Nov. 27.

Trustees committed \$80,000 to fund the MCC Foundation over the next three years. The money will cover the costs of the foundation's \$2.5 million fund raising campaign. The money will be a permanent source of funds and should produce over \$200,000 a year and serve for years to come, said Jesse "Buz" Sawyer, executive director of the foundation.

The foundation has no funds of its own as 100 percent of donated money goes to the specific function designated by the donor, said Sawyer.

The funding sparked a discussion around the board table. Trustee Carl McIntosh said he supported the foundation, but

added, "We could be criticized for taking tax-payer money and supporting a foundation not controlled by the taxpayers. Tax-payer money is not to be used for fund raising."

Trustee Danny Uptmore said the funding was within the "mission of the college" as it affected the college as a whole.

Chairman Don Hay said, "I see it as a kind of family endeavor. The money will be spent on this college. I do not see a problem with helping them get on their feet."

Trustee James Hardwick said he would spend \$80,000 to make \$2.5 million which will bring yearly financial relief to many students.

Advertising approved

A new policy was adopted allowing the campus newspaper to accept paid advertising. Among other things, the policy prohibits ads for alcoholic beverages, drug paraphernalia and tobacco products.

President Dennis Michaelis said, "If a student is serious about

going into journalism, it (advertising) is part of the real world."

Job classification study

Richard Coronado, director of personnel services, presented proposals to the board requesting a comprehensive classification and compensation study of hourly, non-exempt classified and administrative, exempt positions.

The current classification system has been in use since 1976, said Coronado. "It's time for a tune-up."

Michaelis said he had received many requests from supervisors to re-classify positions. "We are way out-of-line on several administrative positions." He added that some people could receive increases and some decreases.

Hay said, "If put together properly, it will be a deterrent to discrimination. It will concentrate on the job, not the person."

The proposal was passed and a contract was awarded to low bidder Ralph Anderson & Associates for \$23,000 to conduct the

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Board chairman Don Hays, President Dennis Michaelis and Fay Gutierrez go over the minutes of the last board meeting.

College self-study begins

By MARY KUJAWA

Unbeknown to most students, a major self-study is currently being conducted on campus by faculty, staff, board members, students and community members.

The purpose of the self-study is accreditation in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The self-study will also help MCC maintain and improve institutional effectiveness and provide the public with reliable professional judgments about educational quality.

"Self-study gives you the chance to sit back and look at yourself and see if you're meeting the requirements of SACS," said Alice Myers, nursing instructor. Myers and John Burton, engineering and math instructor, are co chairpersons of the steering committee.

The steering committee is responsible for the overall supervision of the self-study and the

compilation of the results into a coherent report. Myers said the steering committee is balanced out so all areas of the college are represented.

The self-study program was begun on Feb. 6 with a visit from Dr. Charles Nash, associate executive director of SACS Commission on Colleges. Nash met with President Dennis Michaelis, the President's Council, program directors, department chairpersons and the steering committee.

Nash explained what accreditation is and is not. He also discussed the concept of institutional effectiveness and outlined the process of peer review.

A major part of the self-study is the departmental self-studies. Each department and program within the college is required to conduct a self-study of its own functions and achievements. According to Myers, this is done by interviews and questionnaires.

The "must" and "should" statements of the SACS "Criteria For Accreditation" provide the dominant guidelines for the departmental responses. "Must" statements are essential for the college to do, while the "should" statements are advisory.

Equally important is the fact that committees have engaged in a close examination of the institution. Committees involving people from across the campus will allow the chance for peer review and counsel. Myers said the slogan for the self-study is "find, fix and document." She explained that if any study did find something out of compliance with the guidelines, the opportunity existed to fix the problem. However, it must be documented.

After all departmental self-studies are completed, all information will be compiled. Reports will be sent to SACS and plans for a visit from SACS in the spring of 1992 will be arranged.

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New dean of Arts and Sciences hired

By SARA POWELL

Jack Ward Schneider is starting in January as the new dean of arts and sciences after approval at last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

"I'm very excited. He seems to have a wonderful ability to work with the staff of the college," said Dr. Richard Drum, vice president of instruction.

Schneider is coming to MCC from Midland College where he taught for 14 years and served as chairman of communication studies.

Schneider said he is enthusiastic about the community college atmosphere.

"I feel that a community college is the most exciting place to be these days. Community colleges not only offer higher education to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity, but it gives people in the community the chance for lifelong learning," he said.

Schneider said that he got into administration totally by accident.

"I was really planning on just teaching, but I chose the position at Midland because it was close to Tech and I was doing my graduate work there," he said.

He said that the position turned out to be ideal and that teaching and supervision complemented one another. Now, Schneider says, he is ready for the increased responsibility of a dean's position.

"This has been a goal of mine for years. I'm especially excited at being a dean at such a dynamic college."

Before accepting the position, Schneider brought his family to visit Waco and see the campus. They found the grounds to be "just lovely" and felt the total atmosphere of the college outstanding. "So far, everything I've seen is super," he said.

Schneider said he will be

quite busy trying to familiarize himself with programs and meeting everyone.

"One of my first priorities is getting to know everyone. Everyone was so friendly when I came to visit. I'm really looking forward to working with some great people."

Schneider has a "true love" for the Southwest and its Indian legends. "I'll certainly miss the vast plains, but I'm looking forward to getting to know Central Texas. Every area has its own Indian history."

Schneider is married and has two sons, ages 14 and 11. He has done everything from coaching a sixth grade boys basketball team at the Midland YMCA to being the leader of a Boy Scout Webelos den.

"My boys are a very important part of my life. I'm looking forward to taking them fishing and enjoying the area lakes and rivers with them," he said.

EDITORIALS

Finish finals first

The passage from fall to spring semesters is marked by a significant number of drop-outs.

Reasons for dropping out are as varied as the student body. However, three major concerns account for the majority of losses. They are educational burnout, poor classroom performance and seeking full-time employment.

Most students come to college straight out of high school. Instead of an educational culmination, their diploma marks just the beginning of college work. The thought of adding two to four years to the previous 12 leads to burn-out in some students.

On the other hand, after 12 years of school the time spent in college is only one-sixth (two-year degree) or one-third (four-year degree) of the time already invested. In comparison, time spent in college is small with a pay-off many times over that of a high school diploma.

Students often see no way to overcome doing poorly in class early in the semester. Towards the semester's end they become discouraged and skip going to class and doing assignments. Ultimately, they stop attending altogether.

A last chance solution for these students is just around the corner — finals. Usually, the tests account for a major portion of one's grade. This can be beneficial. If a student's daily grades are dismal, a good showing on the final can pull a low grade to new heights.

Many students will drop-out seeking a cure to the chronic bane of college students — lack of cash. Images of cars, clothes and apartments fill their minds blocking out thoughts of essays, formulas and software. The desire is for immediate satisfaction.

A student who quits college at 20 and retires at 65 has 45 years of menial, low-paying and repetitive work to look forward to. Investment in a degree is a bargain that will insure financial and personal satisfaction throughout a lifetime.

The choice is yours.

Time of year to give

The holiday season is a time for goodwill and giving. Many people relate Christmas to presents, relatives and food — lots and lots of food.

This season try to think of Christmas as a time to give food to the needy, delivering toys to not so fortunate children and even giving blood to accident victims.

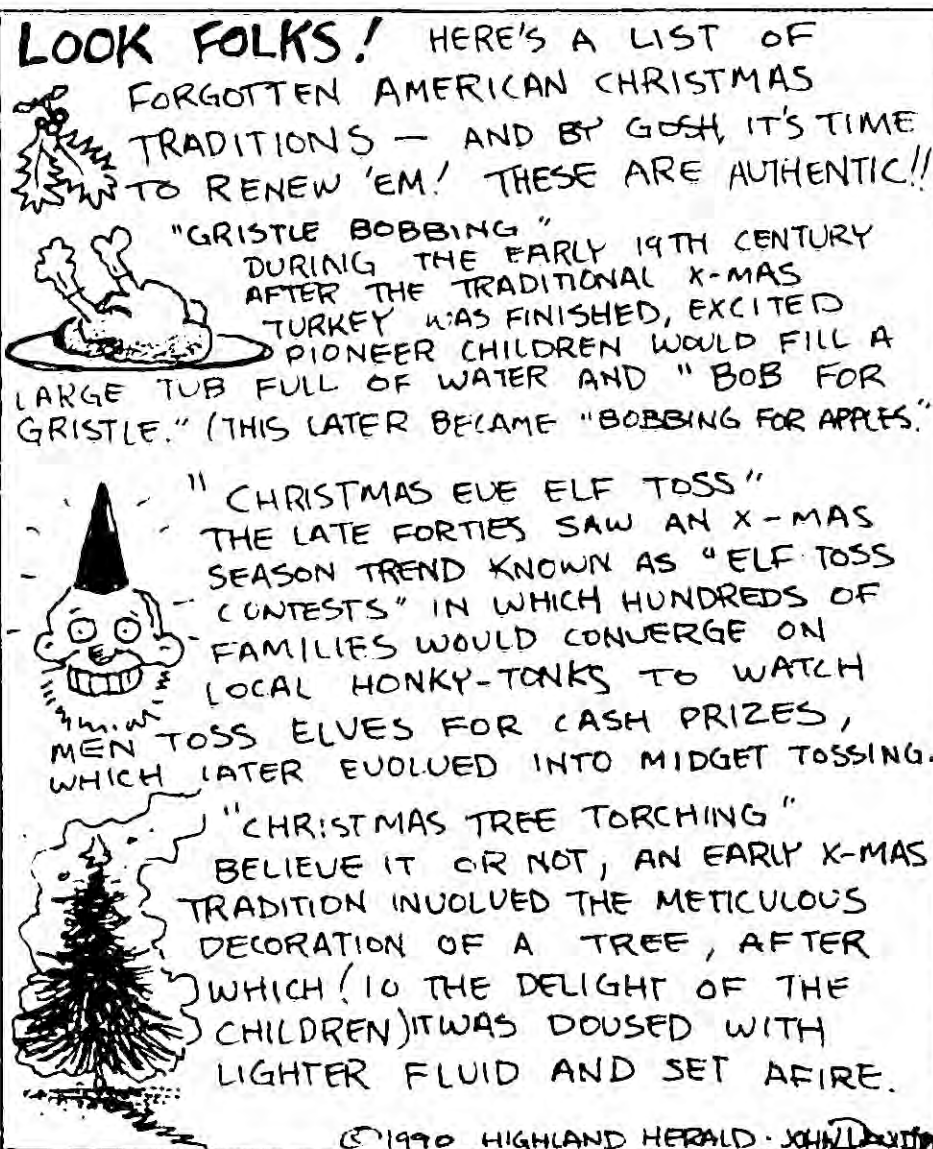
If you are having trouble deciding what you want for Christmas, think of the many things that can be done for the people in your community. Most elderly people would enjoy someone volunteering to help decorate their home or tree.

More people are turning to the needs of others and there are many organizations in our community that help the needy, such as Caritas, Toys for Tots, Salvation Army and Goodwill.

Try to do something good this season. It will help you and the people around you will have a nicer holiday.

Please don't forget to remember the troops in Saudi Arabia as they are away for Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Highland Herald Staff.



Powelling around
Holiday magic gone silent

By SARA POWELL

Ah, Christmas! The season when the world turns on flashing lights and puts particle-board reindeer on the lawn to celebrate "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men."

Shopping for the perfect gift becomes an obsession. Shoppers are assaulted with crowded walkways, grumpy overworked sales clerks, and tired whinny children at every turn. Then one has to dodge a thousand fake Christmas trees and the line of kids waiting to see Santa Claus.

Simple Christmas carols have even been ruined by musicians who think they can improve "Silent Night" by adding a reggae beat or rapping "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

What people need to do is get back to simpler times and remember what Christmas is all about. What was Christmas like without television and constant advertisements for Betsy Wetsy and the Ninja Dinosaur Wonder Commando? When were children excited over simply the magic of the holiday and not what gifts they could get?

Without the wrapping paper and ribbons, credit cards and commercials what would Christmas be?

Just a simple birthday for a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger under the brilliant star of Bethlehem. Happy birthday, Jesus, sorry about what we've done to your day.

The Farr Side
Pre-holiday not so cheerful

By AIMEE FARR



Ah, everyone's got the holiday spirit, full of good cheer and goodwill towards their fellow man, as long as it doesn't involve a parking space, the last argyle socks on the rack, picking a Christmas tree, visiting relatives, grueling family trips, decorating the tree and house, never-ending checkout lines, hearing Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" till you want to puke, and house guests from hell called relatives.

So how do you survive the holiday season? Tell everyone how they look like they've lost weight. Put on a straight face and tell Auntie she looks great in her lime-green polyester pantsuit.

If you aren't afraid of being trampled by a mass of humanity at the mall, you have to decide what to get everyone.

You can't give money. People think it's unthoughtful. Actually, it's more honest. You let them pick what they want, their happiness is guaranteed. They do the work, you get to claim the credit. Most people try to get something that just looks expensive.

Christmas sure has changed. It definitely has become an American institution, a capitalistic holiday. The marketplace couldn't do without it.

It certainly is more electrical. Some people really go hog wild on lighting up houses, yards, trees and anything else they can get their hands on. I wouldn't stand in their yard too long for fear I might get wrapped with twinklies.

You definitely can sense a little friendly competition on some streets. You just know they secretly plan to sabotage their neighbors Christmas display. Just takes a good pair of wire cutters.

What about the people next door? Blink on- Blink off-Blink on-Blink off-Blink on...coming through their bedroom window all night long. Prepare yourself for a friendly visit with the Manson family.

Who started this caroling bit? They're sure to come by at the most inappropriate time. You just have to stand there looking at these strange people who probably plan on robbing you later. Some qualify for the Gong Show.

Then, all of a sudden, it's Christmas morning. The one day when you don't have to wake up the kids. It's like watching a human feeding frenzy under the Christmas tree. This Christmas, try to get past all the hooplah. Remember what it's all about.

Fishwrap

Make the dream come true

By SAM ALLGOOD



Dreams can be made to come true. Within us all lies a dream. Free the mind of "real-life" restrictions and obstacles. Fire up the imagination and make a list of what you truly want to do or be. Study it. Without a doubt, one item will stand out above all others.

Visualize your dream. Like a sculptor who sees a form of beauty in a block of marble, chip away at the obstacles and the dream will emerge.

Carry your dream with you. If the flint and steel of a dream is worked every day, a spark will be generated. Hard work and creative thinking will fan the spark into a flame. If burning hot enough, a flame will consume all obstacles in its path.

Inspiration is subtle. It welds a tack hammer, not a sledge. Be open to opportunities. A closed mind guarantees you will be shut out. Seize the moment. Don't wait until tomorrow. It never ... comes.

Final exam schedule

DAY SCHEDULE

CLASSES	EXAM DAY	EXAM TIME
<u>Monday-Wednesday-Friday Classes</u>		
7:00 - 7:50 a.m.	Friday, December 14 & Monday, December 17	*7:00 - 8:10 a.m.
*(precludes uninterrupted 140 min. exam time)		
8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	Friday, December 14	8:25 - 10:45 a.m.
9:00 - 9:50 a.m.	Monday, December 17	8:00 - 10:20 a.m.
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Friday, December 14	11:00 - 1:20 p.m.
11:10 - 12:00 p.m.	Monday, December 17	10:35 - 12:55 p.m.
12:15 - 1:05 p.m.	Friday, December 14	1:35 - 3:55 p.m.
1:15 - 2:05 p.m.	Monday, December 17	1:10 - 3:30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday-Thursday Classes</u>		
8:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Thursday, December 13	8:00 - 10:20 a.m.
9:25 - 10:40 a.m.	Tuesday, December 18	8:00 - 10:20 a.m.
10:50 - 12:05 p.m.	Thursday, December 13	10:35 - 12:55 p.m.
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Tuesday, December 18	10:35 - 12:55 p.m.
1:40 - 2:55 p.m.	Thursday, December 13	1:10 - 3:30 p.m.
OTHER DAY CLASSES	Tuesday, December 18	1:10 - 3:30 p.m.
SATURDAY CLASSES	Saturday, December 15	9:00 - 11:20 a.m.
DOWNTOWN & CROSSROADS	FOLLOW THE ABOVE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE	
ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES	TO BE ARRANGED-CHECK WITH INSTRUCTOR	

EVENING SCHEDULE

Classes which start at 5:20 p.m., or thereafter, will hold final exams on the last meeting night(s) of the class from December 11 - 17. Classes which normally meet more than one night per week may not have available an uninterrupted period of 140 minutes for the exam. Your instructor will inform you as to how the exam will be conducted.

ALL GRADE REPORTS MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BY 12:00 NOON DECEMBER 19.

TO OUR READERS

Thanks for your attention this semester. Because you, the readers, are the most important focus of our work, the Highland Herald staff would like to hear your opinions.

We strongly urge you to express your views and suggestions on any aspect of this newspaper.

Please submit your opinion to the Highland Herald journalism department in the Community Service Center, or call 750-3444.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Members of the Highland Herald Staff are, bottom row (L-R), Becky Fikes, Sara Powell, Jennifer Warren, Jennifer McMaster and Beth Caplinger. Top row (L-R) Mary Kujawa, Marc Mormino, Jennifer Simons,

Dr. Thomas Buckner (advisor), Melissa Highfill, Sam Allgood, Shawn Risener, Lida Stanford and John Pescaia. Not pictured Aimee Farr, John Davidson, Wade Carpenter, Carol Wilson, Adrian Villegas and Nathan Newberry.

Highland Herald gets high marks

By CAROL WILSON

The Highland Herald was recently awarded two national first-place ratings for both the fall of 1989 and the spring of 1990.

During a Press Club meeting last month, President Dennis Michaelis presented the awards

from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the oldest and largest collegiate press association in the nation.

The Highland Herald received second-place ratings the previous year.

Editors for the winning newspaper were Keith Jenkins during the fall and Sara Wartes in the spring.

The paper received the highest marks in arts and entertainment, feature stories, opinion and editorial writing. Judges especially cited the special AIDS supplement which was published in the last issue of the spring term.

"You cover the basics well and supplement that with some solid people features," commented the

judges. "Overall, you're coverage is good."

The judges critiqued all 14 issues of the paper and awarded two separate ratings, one for the fall and another for spring.

"I find that these critiques are extremely valuable in helping our editors improve the Highland Herald," said Dr. Tom Buckner, journalism instructor.

Recycling creates new projects for kids

By JENNIFER WARREN

While people have become interested in recycling, many do not realize that the stuff they throw away can be used for creating projects for kids.

The Child Development Resource-Recycling Center, located in the Community Services Center, originated from a program created by the Boston Public School System. According to Geraldine Carey, program director of child development, the main idea of creating the center is to provide a place where teachers and parents can get professional support and materials to help stimulate the development of children's basic skills.

"The center was created to help provide materials that many day care centers or individuals in the community don't have the time to accumulate for projects.

The wonderful thing about this is that it is one more way for people to help recycle while also giving children the chance to experiment and learn from being creative," said Sharon Fontaine, part-time coordinator of the center.

"With the different types of projects, a child can see immediately what he has created. One of our main goals is to stimulate their basic mathematical and science skills. If a child can be helped to think, 'What could I do with this?'—he will then be learning problem solving," said Carey.

"I've been going to several of the area businesses and asking them 'What do you have that you normally throw away?' The stuff that people normally throw away, such as soda pop bottles, packing peanuts, styrofoam meat plates, foam, plywood, fabric and milk containers. One of our goals

is to help find ways for children to learn by being creative. It gives children a chance to learn more than they would with a game," said Fontaine.

Other materials that can be used by children to create things are coffee cans, detergent bottles, egg cartons, thread spools, yarn and old tires. According to Fontaine, the Junior League of Waco donated money to purchase books to be used by day care centers and the community.

"Right now, we have toys, puzzles and books for anyone who deals with children to lend to them. Eventually, we would like to purchase some TVs and VCRs to have to loan as well. We are hoping to purchase some gerbils and birds for loan also," said Fontaine.

"The center will not only help by providing the materials. It will help to encourage children to learn social cooperation among

other children by teaching them how to share things and showing them how to work with each other," said Carey.

According to Carey, the number of people in the community who will benefit cannot be estimated, but indications are that the entire community will benefit either directly or indirectly.

Some of the projects that can be made from throwaway items are bells, drums, trucks and shakers.

The center is located in room 17 of the Community Services Center. Any and all donations for the center from individuals and businesses will be appreciated. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Geraldine Carey or Donnie Hagan at 756-655 1, ext. 586 or 580.

NEWS BRIEFS

Suicide risk seminar Wednesday

Sean McCarthy M.D., Dr. Hankins E.D.D. and Judy DeLaney from the DePaul Center will be speaking on "Recognizing People at Risk for Suicide" and "How to Intervene Most Effectively" on Wednesday, 1-2 p.m., in the 4th floor conference room of the Administrative Classroom Building.

'Choices' program Wednesday

Dr. Marylea Henderson will be speaking on "Choices Make the Difference" Wednesday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the 4th floor conference room of the Administrative Classroom Building.

Spring semester dates begin

Early Registration: continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 5, 3-6 p.m.

Early Registration Class Changes: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Regular Registration: Wednesday, Jan. 9-Thursdays, Jan. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (by time permit only); 4-6 p.m. (first come, first served) and Saturday, Jan. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (first come, first served).

Late Registration and Class Changes: Monday, Jan. 14-Wednesday, Jan. 16, 12-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 17, 4-6 p.m. (evening classes only) in the Administrative Building lobby.

Late Registration Fee: \$2 per semester hour.
Class Change Fee: \$10 for each schedule change processed for the convenience of the student after enrollment has been completed.

Applications set for pageants

Miss Central Texas and Miss Central Texas Teen pageants are now accepting applications for entry. The pageants will be held Feb. 23 in Marlin. Girls ages 14-17 are eligible for the Miss Central Texas Teen Pageant and women ages 18-24 are eligible for the Miss Central Texas Pageant. To enter, write to Miss Central Texas Pageant P.O. Box 15, Marlin, TX 76661. The deadline is Jan. 14. The pageants are preliminaries to the Miss Texas USA and Miss Texas Teen USA pageants. For further information call (817) 883-5920.

IMPROV meeting time changes

IMPROV meeting times have been changed from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Meetings are still held on Thursdays in HPE 101.

'Philadelphia Story' opens Wednesday

The drama department presents "The Philadelphia Story," in the Fine Arts Theatre Wednesday-Sunday. Call 750-3500 for ticket information. Students and faculty are admitted free.

Trustees to meet Dec. 11

Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet Dec. 11 in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

School to close for holidays

School will be closed Dec. 20-Jan. 2 for Christmas holidays.

Tea and coffee for the staff

Free coffee and tea is being offered to all MCC employees in the cafeteria. ID is required.

Return books by Friday

Final library book return date for MCC students is Friday. Nothing will be charged for overdue books; however, students who do not return books will have a block placed on their records, preventing them from registration and receiving grades. Final book return date for faculty and staff is Dec. 19.

Two on 'Town Meeting' program

Marylea Henderson was the keynote speaker and Cherry Boggess was soloist for the Central Texas Women's Alliance Town Meeting recently.

Valley Mills Classes

MCC will offer Introduction to Sociology, which is a three hour credit course. The course will start in the spring at Valley Mills and will meet on Thursdays from 6 to 8:50 p.m. Classes begin on Jan. 10 and end on May 2. The cost of the class is \$51 for McLennan County residents and \$68 for Bosque County residents. Interested persons may register at early registration, Dec. 3-5, or at regular registration, Jan. 9, 10 and 12. Contact Herman Tucker at 753-4118 for more information.

Mass Comm. returns to main campus

"Introduction to Mass Communication" (Jou.301) will be held on the central campus during the spring semester for the convenience of students, instructor Tom Buckner has announced. The course has been taught the past three semester in the Community Services Center. The course explores all the mass media and related fields such as public relations and advertising. Students benefit from field trips and visiting media experts, Buckner said.

Toys for tots pool tournament

The college and the U.S. Marine Corps will be sponsoring a toys for tots 8-ball tournament Wednesday at 10 a.m. Entry fee is one new unwrapped toy. Anyone currently enrolled is eligible. First prize is a new break-down cue stick. Butch Pruett, game room director, said he would work around anyone's schedule to get the games played.

Black conference at Texas A&M

Current MCC students interested in attending the South-west Black Student Leadership Conference at Texas A&M on Jan. 24-27 should contact Bennie Lambert, director of admissions advising, at 750-3520, or Astra Jackson, biology instructor, at 750-3476, for more information by Dec. 11. Purpose of the conference will be to develop and enrich the academic, political and cultural awareness of black student leaders, Lambert said. SBSLC is also a mechanism for addressing and solving problems facing black collegians and the black community while fostering and developing new relationships between college students throughout the community, he said.

HIGHLAND HERALD

ADVERTISING MANAGER WANTED

The MCC student newspaper has been authorized to publish commercial advertising beginning next semester.

Students of the college are invited to apply for the position of advertising manager to establish and supervise the program which will include:

- Sales
- Billing and collection
- Management
- Advertising design

SALARY PLUS COMMISSION

Apply to Dick Sydow, 750-3493, office A/C 321, or to Tom Buckner, 750-3517, office CSC 016

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Happy Holidays from the Highland Herald

On his mark, he's set to go to Boston

Greg Clark is attempting to qualify for the Boston Marathon

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

3:20, he will have another chance in Houston.

Clark said that Boston is the grandfather of marathons. The 1991 Boston Marathon will be on April 15; it will be the 95th marathon for Boston.

Since high school, Clark has participated in sports. He played football throughout high school and college. After he graduated Clark said he went berserk. He confessed that if he would have run half a mile, he would have died. After five years, he began to work out. He got involved in a wilderness survival course in Utah. The course lasted one month and people from Marines to nuns were participants.

A 31 mile run/walk, with a limited amount of water, was held at the end of the course. Clark finished in eight hours. Clark lost 30 pounds from the course.

Later, Clark began to run in 5K's (3.1 miles) and 10K's (6.2 miles). In 1986, Clark was challenged by a friend to run a

marathon at White Rock. His finishing time was 3:37. Again in 1987, he ran in White Rock and Fort Worth. By 1989, he had run in five marathons, in addition, he ran in the Austin, Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth Marathons.

Clarks goals are: 1) finish the marathon, 2) run faster than 3:30, 3) qualify for Boston, and 4) run a time of 3:10.

People ask him why he runs, and he answers, "because of the friendships that I establish."

To Clark a big factor that has helped his running is his best friend Winford Watkins, medical lab technician program director at MCC. Watkins helps Clark by coaching and pushing him.

"He has helped me understand the philosophy of life through running. He is the biggest factor on how well I have done," Clark said.

Clark seems to think that many people get burned out with exercising. He suggested trying something new, such as cycling,

rowing or even walking. The most important thing to Clark when running is a good pair of running shoes. Clark also said that one reason he began to run was because it was the cheapest type of exercise. All that was needed was a good pair of shoes, cut-off shorts and a t-shirt.

Setting short term goals has helped Clark. Someday he wants to run in an Ultra Marathon, which is 50 miles. He said that his friends are trying to talk him out of it because they think he is crazy.

A work out program of Clark's is shown here. This program is to help build a person up so they can run, walk or jog for 30 minutes four to five times a week. It helps increase speed quickness and stamina.

Clark suggested that those considering the program should take it to their doctor to let him decide if it is a good plan for them. Clark said that it may look easy, but it is great in helping a person build up.



Photo by Sandra Hewitt-Parsons

Greg Clark did not qualify for the Boston Marathon in White Rock Sunday, but he will be getting another chance in Houston.

Walking, Jogging and Running Schedule

WEEKS	MON.	TUES	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
1st Week	5 min.	10 min.	5 min.	10 min.	5 min.	15 min.	rest
2nd Week	5 min.	10 min.	5 min.	10 min.	5 min.	15 min.	rest
3rd Week	10 min.	15 min.	10 min.	15 min.	10 min.	20 min.	rest
4th Week	10 min.	15 min.	10 min.	15 min.	10 min.	20 min.	rest
5th Week	15 min.	20 min.	15 min.	20 min.	15 min.	25 min.	rest
6th Week	15 min.	20 min.	15 min.	20 min.	15 min.	25 min.	rest
7th Week	20 min.	25 min.	20 min.	25 min.	20 min.	30 min.	rest
8th Week	20 min.	25 min.	20 min.	25 min.	20 min.	30 min.	rest

Women back on track after early losses

By NATHAN NEWBERRY

The start of the 1990-1991 basketball season has been tough on the Highlassie basketball squad which is now 3-4 for the season.

BLINN TAKES CONTROL

The 'Lassies opened their season with a 93-80 loss to Blinn here on Nov. 5.

Tabitha Truesdale led the Highlassies scoring with 19 points, Sheronda Cyrus had 11, Tracy Harding, Sharmon Bonner and Kelly Silver each had nine points. Martine Anderson and Kim Mays finished with six and Tracy Jarosz posted four points.

At the half Blinn led 42-36.

SHOT DOWN

The Highlassies were again in action Nov. 8-10 in Odessa at the High Noon Optimist Classic. MCC fell in the consolation championship game against Frank Phillips College 103-86.

The basketball women started the tournament Nov. 8 with a 99-

68 loss to Odessa College.

MCC scorers were Tabitha Truesdale 17, Stephanie Jones 10, Kalen Parkinson 10, Stacy Alexander 13, Tracy Harding five, Sheronda Cyrus and Shonda Reece each finished the night with four points.

Nov. 9 brought smiles to the Highlassie's faces when they won their first game 87-56 over Cochise College to up their record to 1-2.

Harding led the scoring with 18 points, Reece 12, Truesdale 11, Cyrus eight, Alexander seven, Mays six, Anderson five, Silver four, Stephanie Jones three, Bonner and Jarosz each had one point on the night.

With the win over Cochise, MCC advanced to the consolation final Nov. 10 where they were defeated by Frank Phillips College 103-86.

Truesdale and Cyrus led the scoring, each with 21 points. Harding had 16, Reece nine, Jarosz and Anderson each had six, Bonner finished the night

with four points.

ALMOST THERE

The Highlassies were in action once again Nov. 16-17 in the San Jacinto Tournament.

The 'Lassies came out strong in the first two games beating Angelina College 87-82 and San Jacinto College 89-81.

MCC dropped the final game to Houston American Athletic Union 110-88.

In the first round of the San Jacinto Tournament Nov. 16, MCC defeated Angelina College 87-82.

Scorers for the 'Lassies were Sheronda Cyrus with 12, Martine Anderson six, Tracy Harding 12, Tabitha Truesdale led the scoring with 22 points, Kim Mays eight, Kalen Parkinson six, Shonda Reece and Tracy Jarosz each came up with two and Stacy Alexander had 17 points for MCC.

With the victory The MCC Highlassies up their record to 2-3.

The afternoon of Nov. 17 brought another victory to the

Highlassie basketball squad.

MCC defeated San Jacinto College in the second round 89-81.

MCC scorers were Cyrus with 11, Stephanie Jones nine, Anderson 10, Harding and Parkinson each had seven, Truesdale 10, Mays 11, Sharmon Bonner six, Kelly Silver 13, and Jarosz three.

The women's team came up short in the final game of the San Jacinto College tournament Nov. 17 losing to Houston AAU 110-88.

MCC scorers: Cyrus 10, Jones four, Anderson two points, Harding 11, Truesdale 18, Kalen Parkinson 14, Alexander 16 and Tracy Jarosz posted four points for the 'Lassies.

At the half, Houston led 47-43 on their way to a 110-88 win over the Highlassies.

With this loss, the 'Lassies down their record to 3-4. MCC will be in action Jan. 3-5 in the Blinn Junior College Tournament.

GIRL TALK

Where's the coaches?

By MELISSA HIGHFILL



When volunteering for the job of sports editor, I had no idea what was ahead of me. Each week my co-editor, Nathan Newberry, and I would put on our jogging shoes and begin our quest. Quest? For what you ask? Coaches, what else?

When one coach is gone, they are all gone. After this semester, I am certain that they have a secret hiding place. Maybe the mystery pit. I can see them now, "Here comes one of those darn reporters from the Highland Herald, run!"

Sometimes there will be a brave soul who will try and protect the others. "Run, they've already seen me, don't worry, I'll get rid of him." And it never fails, the one who stays isn't the one that you need for the interview.

With all joking aside, we understand that all of the coaches have a busy schedule with classes and practice. Nathan, the reporters and myself would like to express our gratitude to the coaches for their cooperation and for taking time out for interviews.

Also, a special thanks to Linda Carter, HPE secretary, for taking her time to answer all of our questions.

As for the players, thank you for fitting us into your schedule. Have a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year, and we will see you next semester.

Good Luck to the Highlanders and 'Lassies during the holidays.

SELF STUDY (page 1)

Myers said the majority of work will be done now and in the spring. For many participants, the self-study will be a two-year process. "It was a four-year endeavor for myself," said Myers. She explained that for the chairpersons, work on the self-study had begun two years earlier.

Those serving on the steering committee are Myers; Burton; Brenda Dohelhower, program director for radiologic technology; Bonnie Hagan, director of human services; and Dave Hooten, music instructor.

Also on the committee are Bobby Williams, accounting and management instructor; Lynn Abernathy, counselor; Juan Mercado, psychology instructor;

and Carol Lowe, English instructor. Lowe also heads the editorial committee.

Nancy Mitchell, business and management instructor, is in charge of the statistical review committee.

Serving as the self-study director is Mary Hensley, director of institutional research & program development.

"Around 200 people are working on various committees," said Myers.

Each committee has faculty, staff, students and community members. Board members are also volunteering their time. According to Myers, community members help with the "must" statements by doing research in the departments.

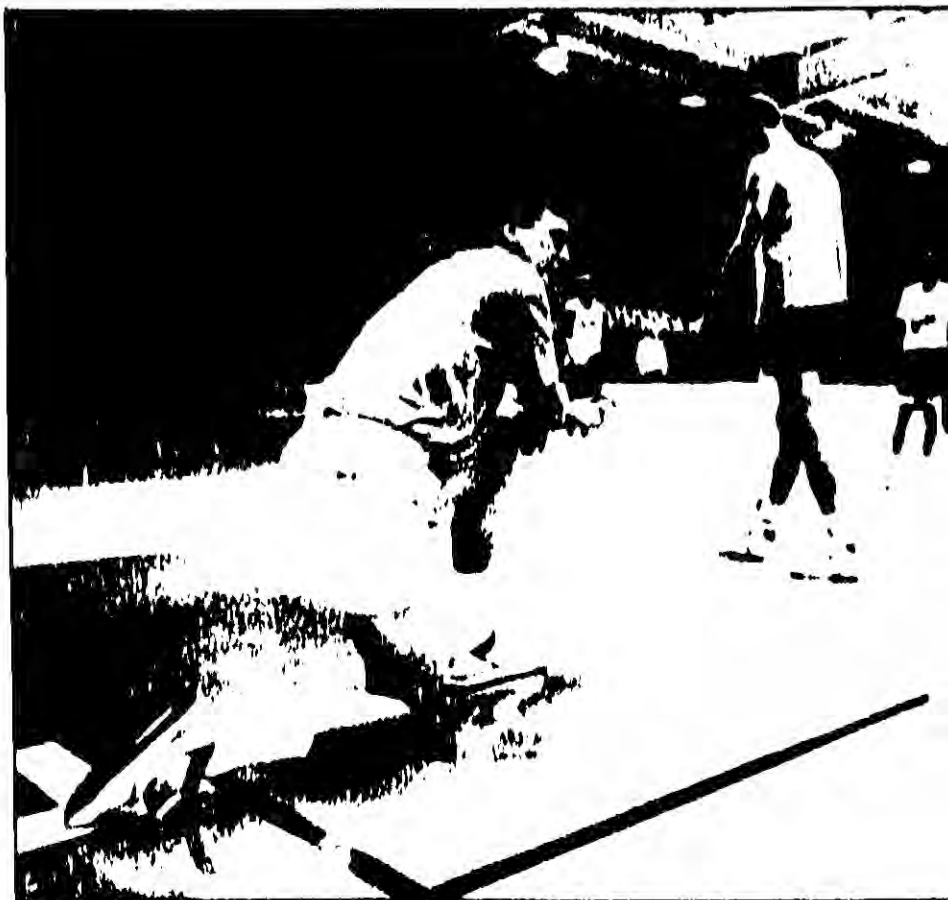


Photo by Wally Carpenter

COACH KEN DEWEESE observes the Highlander, while they prepare for the game tonight against Howard Payne Univ. at 7:30 in the Highland Gym.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 5	Mary Hardin-Baylor	6 p.m. Belton
Dec. 10	Mary Hardin-Baylor	6 p.m. Here
Jan. 3-5	Blinn Tournament	TBA Brenham
Jan. 10	Temple Jr College	6 p.m. Here
Jan. 12	Weatherford College	6 p.m. There
Jan. 14	Angelina College	6 p.m. Lufkin
Jan. 16	Cisco College	6 p.m. Here
Jan. 19	Hill College	6 p.m. There

Men's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 4	Howard Payne Univ.	7:30 Here
Dec. 7	San Jacinto Central	7:30 Pasadena
Dec. 8	Lee College	7:30 Baytown
Dec. 10	Mary Hardin-Baylor JV	7:30 Here
Jan. 4-5	Navarro Classic	TBA Corsicana
Jan. 7	Collin County College	8:00 Here
Jan. 10	Temple Jr College	8:00 Here
Jan. 12	Weatherford College	8:00 There
Jan. 16	Cisco College	8:00 Here

Casey deals with 'invisible handicap'

By MARY KUJAWA

While it may be easy to label someone with a wheelchair or a cane as handicapped, the "invisible handicapped" are not so easy to spot.

According to Johnnie Talton, support services specialist with Services for Displaced Homemakers/Handicapped, the "invisible handicapped" may include those persons with back injuries, emotional disorders and bipolar disorders. Also included are manic depressives, the legally blind and those with learning disorders such as dyslexia.

Tina Casey is considered one of the "invisible handicapped." She suffers from dyslexia. Casey is working towards her bachelor's degree in nursing. This is her third year at MCC. It was not until last spring that she realized she had dyslexia.

"What would normally take an average person one hour to read a chapter in a book, it would take me seven to eight hours to read the same material," said Casey.

One day, Casey overheard some other students talking of their difficulty in reading — of

seeing double letters and inverted letters. The word dyslexia caught her attention. It sounded much like her own troubles in reading.

Casey was tested for dyslexia. "In my case, it was a severe reading disorder or handicap," said Casey. For Casey, her problem was with the written word. Letters would drop out of words. Words would become inverted and whole sentences would be reversed.

She explained that the disorder had never showed up in her writing because she had learned to compensate for it.

She had practiced her writing on her own. Casey would have someone say the word out loud correctly, usually in a tape recorder. She would then go over each word again and again.

"If I hear it said correctly, memorization is no problem," said Casey.

"The average dyslexic has a low self-esteem. A lot of dyslexic college students have a low self-esteem because of tags from elementary school."

She explained that many times the tags also come from teachers and parents.

"You feel like you're locked in your own little world, fighting to be understood," she said.

"Once I realized what I had, my viewpoint changed drastically."

While dyslexia is usually inherited, the exception results from brain injury. Casey was that exception to the rule. She had been in a car accident around the age of seven. She sustained a brain injury and went blind for three or four months. No one ever suspected that the accident was the cause of her learning disability.

Casey said that she often did things out of self-preservation. She demonstrated how she would write tiny on many of her school papers. She said that 95 percent of her teachers would pass her work because it looked good. She said that technique failed when she got to the nursing program.

In her first semester, she was able to manage because there was not so much medical terminology. As the medical terminology increased with each semester, Casey fell farther and farther behind the other students.

"I was staying up until 2 or 3

in the morning, trying to memorize new words. The best that I could do was not coming closeto their requirements," said Casey.

However, once Casey found out her problem was dyslexia, she knew what type of help to get. "I can go to the instructors and tell them where I need help," said Casey.

"I'm carrying a B in English 312 right now. The instructor has made a world of difference," said Casey. She goes to the tutorial center for tutoring in English. She also reverses the tables and tutors other students in microbiology and Math 300.

Casey hopes that her story will help others who are suffering with learning disabilities.

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Photo by Sam Allgood

TINA CASEY is only one of the many students on campus who have an "invisible handicap."

Global village

Student views world, makes travel videos

By CAROL WILSON

Some people's dreams are a reality to others.

How does an all expense paid trip to Thailand plus \$4,000 when you return home sound? Just ask Brian Mayr, a 21-year-old political science major, because he did just that.

But, as the old saying goes, you don't get something for nothing. This was a business trip, but from what Mayr says, it wasn't lacking pleasure.

Mayr graduated from Bruceville Eddy High School in May of 1987. That summer he got a job on the production crew at KCEN.

Because he didn't do much on the weekends, he asked Pamela Kettle, the weekend anchor for KCEN at that time, if she needed help on her crew. So he worked with her during the day and at the station in the evenings.

Eventually Kettle accepted a job working for Travel View International making travel videos that can be rented in video stores.

"I didn't hear from her for a while, then one day she called me up and asked if I wanted to go to Thailand," Mayr said.

He spent the first three months of 1989 traveling through cities of Thailand as part of a

three-person filming crew.

"I worked with the lighting and sound and made sure the technical equipment was working properly," Mayr said.

They worked in one city two or three days then went on to the next. The crew put in 12 hours a day. Mayr said some days they worked as long as 18 hours.

"I made \$50 a day, but that was cheap for the hours I put in," Mayr said. They got a day off every two weeks or so; otherwise, the crew worked every day.

Mayr later helped make other travel videos. He spent May and June of 1989 in Mexico making a fishing tape, and August, September and October of the same year in Indonesia.

"It was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun," said Mayr.

He now works at Homestead Steakhouse in Lorena and is studying to teach political science in the future.

Fourth In A Series

Barriers of time and space have shattered with improved communication and transportation. Our college has a part in the Global Village. In this issue and coming issues we will show how other students and faculty are part of the world's neighborhood.



THE DANCE COMPANY for fall 1990 poses for dramatic shot. Members include, bottom row, Tara Vaughn, captain. Second row, left to right, Kim Woods, Amy Wilson, lieutenant, Stacy Reeves, lieutenant, and Natalie Walker. Third row, Jennifer Tadlock. Fourth

row, Kourtini Kinlaw, Crystal Cottle, Melanio Kirby, Bonnie Montgomery, Lesa Halter, and Jennifer Braker. Fifth row, Mady Storall Tracy Herrington, and Jennifer Cathey.

Dance Co. to hold spring tryouts

By JENNIFER SIMONS

The MCC Dance Co. will have spring tryouts Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Highlands from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A routine will be taught in the morning, and tryouts will begin after a lunch break. All those interested should bring leotards, tights, shorts and tennis shoes or ballet shoes.

The practice schedule for fall and spring is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15 p.m. until 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 until 1:30 p.m.

Members of the Dance Co. receive one semester hour of credit in health and physical education. Contact Sandy Houston, Dance Co. director, for any questions at 750-3551.

Trustees

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study. An additional \$2,000 was approved to hire temporary staff during the study.

Scholastic policy revision

In student concerns, an addition to the scholastic probation and suspension policy was approved.

Students placed on probation for the second time must take the Human Development 300 College Skills course their next semester. If this class is not attended, students may be withdrawn from all courses.

Students placed on scholastic suspension may waive the long semester of suspension by enrolling in HDV 300. They shall be withdrawn from all courses if they do not attend.

The HDV 300 course topics include: time management, test

taking skills, assertiveness training, value clarification and measurement of each student's learning skills.

Richard Drum, vice-president of instructional services, said, "Nobody really teaches you how to be a student. The course helps good students be even better and for weak students it's a lifesaver."

Auditor's report

In money matters, the Board heard a report from an outside independent auditor.

College financial highlights include:

1. Cash position approximately \$2.6 million above last year.
2. A net investment of campus improvement of \$1.6 million.
3. Liabilities — bond payables of \$5,190,000.
4. Funds for the retirement of indebtedness increased \$300,000 from last year.
5. Delinquent county taxes

owed the college amount to \$183,000.

Further, the auditor recommended that the college hire an independent internal auditor. He suggested the position be system wide, cover program studies, and conduct efficiency audits. Also, it should check the design and functions of the accounting systems and handle breakdowns.

On the recommendation, Michaelis said, "It may well be time. It's a very effective financial control system."

New faculty

In other personnel concerns, the board approved the hiring of Jack Schneider as the dean of arts and sciences and of Sandra Jones as the coordinator of job placement services.

Michaelis said, "We are very pleased to make both of these recommendations." He added that both were retirement re- placements.

Drum said about Schneider, "I'm very excited about the recommendation. He seems to have a wonderful ability to work with the staff of the college."

Drum also introduced new math department faculty members Lisa Lindloff and Charlotte Keeny to the trustees. They represent a substantial increase in the math department, he said. "We're thrilled to have them here this fall."

New General Catalog

In other matters, Phillips Bros. Printers of Ohio was awarded contracts to print the 1991-93 and 1993-95 issues of the college's General Catalog. The company's low bid of \$38,700 was \$7,600 less than the next lowest bid.

The 24,000 copies ordered will feature four color covers and 232 pages. The catalog will return to the tartan theme in honor of the college's 25th anniversary, said Michaelis.



Photo by Sam Allgood

IS IT man or bicycle? This student sculpture is currently on display at The Fine Arts Center.

'Kids' promote positive image

By SHAWN RISENER

New Kids on the Block's highly visible stand against drugs, their clean lyrics, good looks, five distinct personalities and "positivity," as group member Donnie Wahlberg would say, all combine to form a music group both parent and child can agree upon.

Many parents agree the New Kids present a positive message for youth by simply being themselves and not putting on a show.

Lori Inlay Nixon, education/environmental science major and parent, says the group's songs show an appreciation for the art of music. "It's not just screaming and loud guitars."

Louise Guderian, elementary education major and parent, agrees with the group's positive and drug-free image. She said, "The New Kids have a clean appearance and they don't openly promote sex like other groups."

Guderian also said that today's

youth are more likely to listen to and follow such a popular group than listen to a parent's or teacher's advice because kids are more apt to listen to someone closer to their own age.

According to Linda Thompson, RNC and parent, "New Kids portray a wholesome side of music ... something that you can listen to and understand ... not harsh music."

Another message the New Kids stress is the importance of believing in oneself. Thompson and Guderian both said that's real important. It's all right to be yourself and if you set your mind to it, you can do anything, she said.

Thompson said, "The New Kids come out on stage and give a neat, yet tasteful performance. They don't drink on stage like other groups and they emphasize non-violence while telling kids to stay away from drugs and to stay in school."

A unique feature of the group is the fact that the members' parents are so closely involved with the group. Thompson said, "That lets today's youth know that it's okay to have parents who care and that children shouldn't be ashamed of parents."

Unlike other groups, this group really exemplifies the meaning of family and family values, according to Thompson.

"It's nice to hear something positive that gives kids a positive outlook on life," she said.

The New Kids on the Block consists of Joseph McIntyre, 17; Jordan Knight, 19; Danny Wood, 20; Wahlberg, 21 and Jonathan Knight, 22.

The group will perform March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank Erwin Center, UT-Austin. Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased at the UTM Ticket Center or by calling (512)477-6060. A \$1.25 handling charge will be added to phone orders.



Photo by Sam Allgood

DRAMA INSTRUCTOR Cynthia Turnbull-Langley demonstrates the fine art of preparing costumes to Jo Carnahan, Jill Bowen and Libby Jones.

Costumer performs dual role

By JENNIFER WARREN

Cynthia Turnbull-Langley, drama instructor/costume designer, recently designed the costumes for an Austin production of "Let's Do It: A Cole Porter Cabaret."

The Zachary Scott Theatre Center show opened Nov. 9 and will run through Dec. 23.

Langley commutes from Austin each week to teach costuming here at MCC. "My husband and I moved to Alabama and stayed there for three years and we realized that we missed Austin. During the past year, I free-lanced as a costume de-

signer/technician. I built many of the costumes for the production of "A Tuna Christmas" and "Carousel," stated Langley.

MCC Drama students Libby Jones and Gwyndolynn Robb served as costume assistants. "This show was a great teaching experience for me by having two of my students experience the stage as professionals. It was also a great experience for them as well. Libby and Gwyn were as professional as any other assistants I've had in the past," said Langley.

"Being able to free-lance while being an instructor is the ideal situation for me. It gives me the

chance to be a costumer and a teacher. I love doing what I do at MCC. Teaching is my first love.

"The time spent working for her (Langley) was wonderful. I learned so much from her. It was different from working in college theatre. It was so exciting working non-stop. The people I worked with were very professional and they trust you totally," said Jones.

According to Turnbull-Langley, "Libby and Gwyn worked with me as well as any other assistants I've worked with in the past. The actors and other members of the show were really pleased that they were a part of the show."



Photo by Sam Allgood

BYRON McCAULEY, who portrays Uncle Willie, and Jo Carnahan, as the character Margaret Lord, practice for the coming production of "The Philadelphia Story."

Play opens Wednesday

By JENNIFER WARREN

"The Philadelphia Story," a look at the trials of the rich and famous, will be performed by the drama department beginning Dec. 5 through Dec. 8. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. each evening and matinees will be held at 2:30 p.m. on those days.

The play revolves around Tracy, played by Gwyndolynn Robb, the proud daughter of a wealthy socialite family, who flees a stormy marriage with the handsome, aristocratic C.K. Dexter Haven, portrayed by Keith Adair.

Two years after their breakup Tracy plans to remarry, but with the help of a friend, she confronts some hard truths about herself, and discovers her one true love.

"For all its rapid-fire dialogue, raucy antics and bright laughter, it bears penetrating psychological insight," said Karen Lamb, director.

Other cast members include Len Carroll as Mike Connor, Jill Bowen as Liz Imbrie, and Johnny Dimas as Tracy's fiancé, George Kittredge.

Supporting cast members include Amy Barber as Dinah Lord, Jo Carnahan as Margaret Lord, Dave Stanford as Alexander Lord, Jason Kirkpatrick as Seth Lord, Beth Caplinger as Elsie, Byron McCauley as Uncle Willie, and Larry Umberger as Mac and Edward.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For ticket reservations, call 750-3500.



Photo by Sam Allgood

IN CONCERT--Jay Cuellar, Tracy Plemons, Bobby McBee and Jeff Buchanan of "Alphonse and His Pet Moose Scarface" entertain the crowd during the 10 o'clock hour Friday at the Student Center. The band has learned many of their skills as a part of the commercial music program and instructor Rob Page.

MCC takes over Police Academy

By MARC MORMINO

The Waco City Council has decided that the Waco Police Academy should be taken over by MCC.

The City of Waco will do all of the application processing, including testing and pretesting. They will conduct Civil Service exams, physical agility tests and background checks. Also, polygraph tests, drug screening and physicals will be done.

Those accepted will be hired by the police department and sent to the academy at MCC. The city will pay for the re-

cruits books, tuition and salaries while at the college. An orientation week will be held for the recruits to explain the rules and regulations of the police department.

The college will train recruits in academic lessons for 12 weeks. After the course, recruits will be sent to Austin to take the test to receive a license as a Texas peace officer.

Dave Keel, director of the campus police academy, is a former Waco police officer.

"I'm sure we'll have to get together and go over things, but I don't know of any problems," he

said. People who have passed the testing will be licensed police officers and will return to Waco for an additional nine weeks of training.

The additional training will consist of learning Waco Police radio procedure, the weapons used by the department, and pursuit driving.

"The Waco academy is gone and will be used as a training course basically," said Sgt. Holly Holstein, supervising instructor of the Waco academy.

"I feel we're going to lose a lot of the procedure the way Waco

operates. We have always added more to the courses than what is normally required. I'm sure it can work. But how well it will work, I feel we have known each other well enough over the years, we can work it out," said Holstein.

The concern of most of the officers on the street in Waco is that a tradition is lost. The Waco Police Academy has been in this city for several decades.

The academy has also been in the top 10 of police academies for several years and was in the top three for several years, according to Holstein.

In concert . . .

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RECITALS

(Fridays at 10 a.m.)

Dec. 7, Guitar soloists, guitar ensemble and woodwind ensemble.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Dec. 8, Waco Civic Chorus, 8 p.m., location TBA.

STEPPIN' STONE

Wednesday, Continental Cowboy

Thursday, J.D.'s

Friday, Cajun Daddy's

Dec. 9, Continental Cowboy

Dec. 11, Continental Cowboy

Dec. 12, Charlie's Corner

Dec. 13, Broken Promise

SONS OF THE DESERT

Dec. 8, Rydler Club in Brownwood

Dec. 13 & 14, Melody Ranch

Dec. 21, West Frontal

Dec. 27, 28, & 29 High Noon Saloon, Nashville, Tenn.

Dec. 31, Waco Convention Center

A note from the Editor:

The comic strip which normally runs in this space, "Elvis Goes to College," will not be seen this week, as we have come to the decision that it should be indefinitely suspended. If you have followed the strip you have probably become familiar with the disturbing images which seem to frequently appear in Mr. Davidson's artwork i.e.: dead rock stars, brain swapping, electrocution, etc. We came to the decision to drop Davidson's strip after he was determined to be an "unstable" individual. More specifically, Davidson was discovered huddled in a campus bathroom last Tuesday, screaming incoherently about "barbarous rats clawing at his eyes." Before Davidson was removed and admitted to a local hospital for "exhaustion", he requested that we print one final cartoon, "a special seasonal message for our readers." It appears to the right.

