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## LTC get board nod

### Design phase presented by architect

by Charles Farr  
Staff Writer

The MCC Board of Trustees has approved the plan of remodeling the library, making it the Learning Technology Center.

The project, now in the design phase, will be presented to the board in June, after Joe Raso of the local architectural firm Raso, Bailey, Dudley, & Rose Incorporated finishes the

plans for the project. As of now there is a projected July start date, and a December of 2001 completion.

During the remodeling of the library, its facilities will be moved to the Community Services Center, with the bulk of the information stored in the now-enclosed "open area" in the center of that building.

That work, beginning this week with extensive roof repairs that has blocked off much

of the 19th Street parking area, will last the duration of the project.

The Learning Technology Center will offer MCC students a more comfortable work environment, a retail store and on-site food services.

The center will also become the home for the Academic Success Center, Institutional Technology Services, and distance learning classrooms.



This architects' rendering of the proposed Learning Technology Center shows the area just west of the current library as it will look upon completion of the project. The current library is the building to the right of the LTC main entrance.

# They don't care!

## Presidential candidates ignoring youth, analysts say

by Cory Farrar  
Staff Writer

Presidential candidates are ignoring the youth vote.

According to political analysts, low voter turnout among 18-25 year olds has caused the candidates to pass on issues that are important to young people and focus their time, attention and money on older voting blocks with traditionally better turnouts.

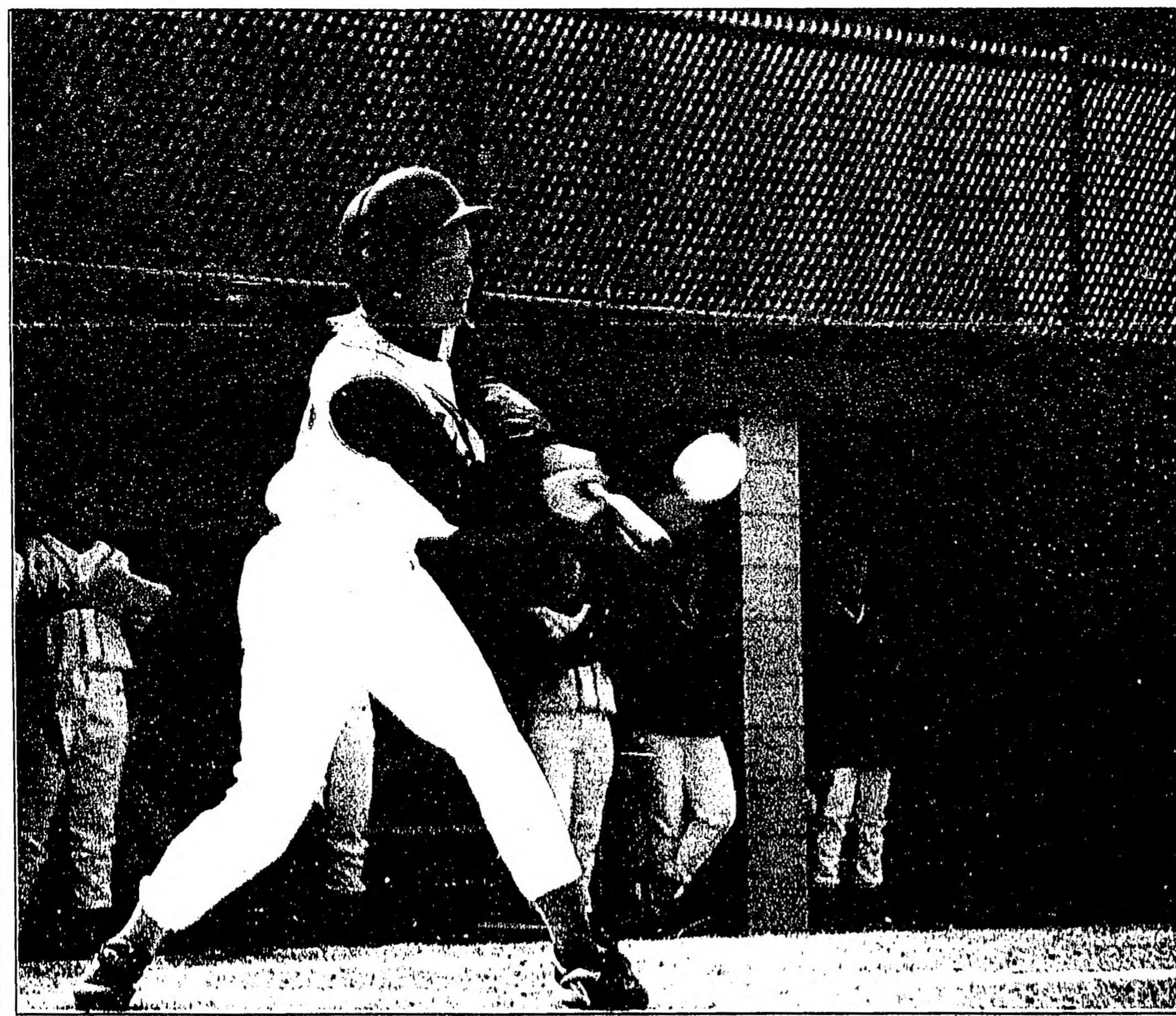
"I don't see a strong clear appeal by any presidential candidate to young people," Dallas Morning News Bureau Chief Wayne Slater said. "I'm confident that no candidate has any television or radio commercials directed specifically to young people."

"Most issues in the campaign effect virtually every citizen of the United States, but those that more directly effect young voters have not only been pushed to the backburner, they've been pushed off the stove. Popular themes of this presidential race have been campaign finance reform, taxes, the economy and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and welfare reform.

"Young people ought to be interested in the economy. Young people ought to be interested in taxes. They are the ones who are going to be making tomorrow's money. Young people ought to be interested in foreign policy. If there is a war, they will be the ones fighting it. But more directly would be things like tuition cuts, loan forgiveness, job placement and abortion rights," Slater said.

"There's a limited number of messages they can talk about. They can spend the same amount of time talking about tax cuts and generate more votes.

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Digital Image by Matt Schampers

MCC's first softball season in history got underway with a shaky season opener that still did not dampen fans' enthusiasm for the latest in local women's athletics. See story on page 4.

## Irish educators to visit in March

by Matt Schampers  
Staff Writer

A 500-pound car bomb detonated in Omagh, Northern Ireland August 15, 1998, killing almost 30 and injuring more than 200.

Less than an hour before the blast, an anonymous phone-call warned police of a bomb outside the Omagh courthouse. Police immediately evacuated the building, moving citizens down the street toward the busy shopping district, unaware they were sending people directly to the



Duncann

The Omagh bombing was the worst terrorist atrocity in Northern Ireland in 28 years.

Almost one year later, on the MCC International Study Grant, Ann and Wayne Duncann left for Omagh to "discover the role of the

bomb.

At 3:10 pm, the blast ripped through the town center where bystanders were shopping, killing and injuring scores.

communication process, and the ways of persuasion in such a violent incident."

"I focused my endeavors, primarily, on talking with city officials, the clergy and the people from the trauma center which was the first of its kind, established in Northern Ireland, to help people with counseling issues after such a tragedy," said Ann Duncann, instructor of speech communication.

Duncann said she was able to get a clear sense of the persuasive effects after such an event from the

survivors. In this case, the effects backfired.

Duncann said she believes that those responsible for the bombing wanted to divide the town of Omagh. Because both Catholics and Protestants were killed in the blast, the townspeople became more united than ever.

While in Omagh, the Duncanns met Stephen McKenna, a family friend and mentor for this research project. McKenna is a retired educator who taught history and literature. See "Irish" on Page 2

## Pulitzer winners slated March 17

English, student activities and journalism will bring a collection of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists to campus on March 17th.

Attending two discussion sessions will be Ben Sargeant Pulitzer winner for political cartooning, Jim Landers and Chail Reaves and others on the writing team which produced the prize-winning series on violence against women around the world, Oscar Griffin who won for his coverage of the the Billie Sol Estes

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# Student art on display

by Matt Schampers  
Staff Writer

Thirty-six works by 22 students were selected for this year's MCC 2000 Annual Student Art Exhibition. The artwork is on display at the Visual Art Gallery in the CSC building.

Six students were recognized in this year's exhibition. Four students, Michael Christopher Bordelon, Gabriella Kocavova, Nancy Krempp and Bret Swartz were awarded Juror's Choice awards. Merit awards were given to Barbara Francis and Ryan Moss.

Although only six students received cash awards, "just being in the exhibition is an honor in itself," says John Chatmas, an MCC Art professor.

Susan Dunkerly judged this year's exhibition. Dunkerly is the Assistant Professor of Art at Baylor University, where she teaches drawing and photography.

"Making art is not easy. It is hard work that enriches the



Digital image by Matt Schampers

Various artworks by 22 student artists will be displayed at the Visual Art Gallery in the CSC building until March 2. Six student artists were given the Juror's Choice Awards. Their works are among the 36 works on display.

whole community when the fruits of that labor are brought out of the studios, and into the light of public viewing and discussion" Dunkerly said.

Robert Wade, a well-known Texas artist and former MCC Art professor, allowed students the opportunity display work before Chatmas's arrival at MCC. However, Chatmas has

overseen this exhibition for the last 30 years.

"It's been an annual event since 1970, and I'm pleased to say we've had a different judge every year. Our intent as a department was to bring in a diversity of opinion," Chatmas said.

MCC students were able to enter up to three works finished

within the last two years. Although artworks of any medium were considered, the art on display consists mainly of drawings and paintings, as well as photographs and works in clay.

Entries were judged on technical ability, imagination and the personal skill of each artist.

"I looked for work that is beginning to communicate visually. I respond to work that combines technical ability with the ability to evoke an emotional response," Dunkerly said. "Work at this level rewards the viewer for looking."

The six winning pieces, as well as other chosen artwork will be on display in the Visual Arts Gallery until March 2.

"It's not uncommon for an Art department to have an annual competition like this," Chatmas says.

"It's a good chance for students to experience the emotional tension that can occur when they put their work up for public viewing."

# Pulitzer convocation scheduled March 17

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scandal, William Snyder, three-time winner for journalistic photography, Ken Geiger and Skeeter Hagler for journalistic photography and Karen Blessen, winner for graphics.

The journalists will address two sessions, a 3 p.m. discussion, question & answer session for journalism, photography, and English majors, and a 7 p.m. session for the general public that will include presentations of work by the journalists followed by a question period after.

# Irish visitors will tell of Ulster's "troubles"

ture more than twenty years in Omagh. He was also a member of the District Council, and the Socialistic Democratic Labor Party, the moderate republican Catholic political party in Northern Ireland.

During the Duncans' stay, McKenna introduced them to his close friend, Seamus Devlin, the president of Omagh College, an educational institution comparable to McLennan Community College. Professional development funds have made it possible for these men to visit MCC the week of March 24.

During their week-long stay, both McKenna and Devlin will give presentations to students and faculty of MCC, as well as to the citizens of Waco.

McKenna will give presentations on several topics including, Ireland in its Twentieth Century Literature, Ireland in the Movies and the Northern Ireland Conflict 1969-1999.

# Activities director stresses diversity

by Cedric Inglehart  
Staff Writer

For the past six months MCC has been without a student activities director, however earlier this month the school filled the position by hiring Alesha McCambridge.

McCambridge, a Waco native, is a graduate of Midway High School and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where she earned an undergraduate degree in psychology and music.

She received her Masters in Educational Administration from Dallas Baptist University in Dallas. She worked in the Student Affairs division of the school as Director of Institutional Effectiveness where her duties included overseeing special events.

After moving back to Waco in September, she was working

on the Internet and saw a MCC job posting online.

"When I found out about this, this was what I really wanted. It just was where my heart is — with the students," McCambridge said.

She applied in November and interviewed for the Registrar's position, but her background made her a more viable candidate for her current position.

Change is definitely what McCambridge has in mind for the students of this campus.

"The student profile has changed tremendously, not just at MCC but across the nation," she said. "The students on average are older, we have a lot of women students, students that have children so MCC is not what it used to be ten or fifteen years ago."

McCambridge prepared for the change by attending the Na-

*"It's basically to help you put your thumb on what's trendy..."*

-Alesha McCambridge

tional Association of Campus Activities Conference on Feb. 15 in Boston.

The annual event brings together campus activity planners from all around the country to offer seminars on such topics as student motivation, assessing student needs and multicultural programming.

"It's basically just to help you put your thumb on what's trendy, what's working, what the students want across the nation," she said.

The current student body is made up of 65 percent women, 30 percent blacks, 30 percent Hispanics and a lesser percentage of international students,

McCambridge said, diversity is a major concern.

"Programming must be different things at different times for different people," she said. "What sometimes happens on campuses is, you have a lot of segregated events, so what we're trying to do is cross-culture it because that's just healthier for everybody."

One of her challenges, McCambridge said, is finding a way to communicate with the students who don't "hang out" at the Student Center or partici-

pate in student organizations. Having served in student government as junior and senior class vice-president, she said she believes more student involvement is the key.

"One of the biggest goals I have is increasing the number of people involved in student government because it is through SGA that I find out: the heartbeat of the students," McCambridge said.

She said she also plans to create services to help meet the special needs of more nontraditional students.

She said she plans to make the upcoming Highland Games more kid-friendly for students with children, make the student activity website more interactive and establish free exercise

classes for students.

"If they have children and they're going to school and working full-time, they need to stress relief. They're probably not getting a lot of social outlet either, and this would put them in contact with other women whose situation is similar," McCambridge said.

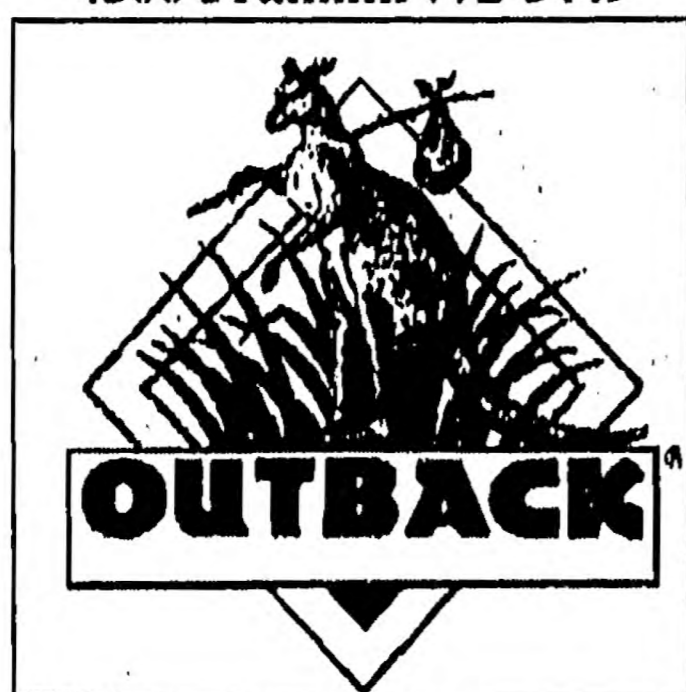
"I want to provide students with an opportunity to experience things that are just as important as everything academic in the classroom that they're not gonna get anywhere else," she said.

Feedback is important, McCambridge said, and for any suggestions she said students should feel free to call her at 299-8443.

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# Back off, parents

by Leah C. Turner  
City Editor

Parents push too hard. Why do they refuse to believe your best is really your best? Why are they never content? Why can't they open their eyes and see how lucky they are?

I watched a 10-year-old boy forced through college by his controlling father on *60 Minutes* last night. The boy's mother was forced into the background, and the father took over all aspects of the boy's life. He had big plans for that boy. By 13, he was going to have degrees and be teaching. Sound like a case of Daddy wanting to mooch off his son's fame and earnings? Yeah, it does to me too.

Now, naturally, most of our parents are only looking out for our best interests. But sometimes they just push too hard. We work, we go to school, we try desperately to balance all this with our personal interests and friends and family. What more could one ask? Well, for starters, a 4.0 gpa to brag about, and how about a completely self-dependent son/daughter?

How hard is it to walk out Daddy's door and immediately be self-sufficient? If you're working full-time you might be able to manage your bills, but not if you can only work part-time while you have to pay for school. For those of you out there who are working full-time and going to school simultaneously, good luck, you're gonna' need it, brother.

For those of you still living with Mommy and Daddy, you know how quickly your belongings are in plastic trash bags when Daddy doesn't have things his way. (I'm focusing on the father figure because in my experience, the mother usually, if nothing else, at least pretends to be more accepting simply for fear of losing her child while the father does not allow fear to show.)

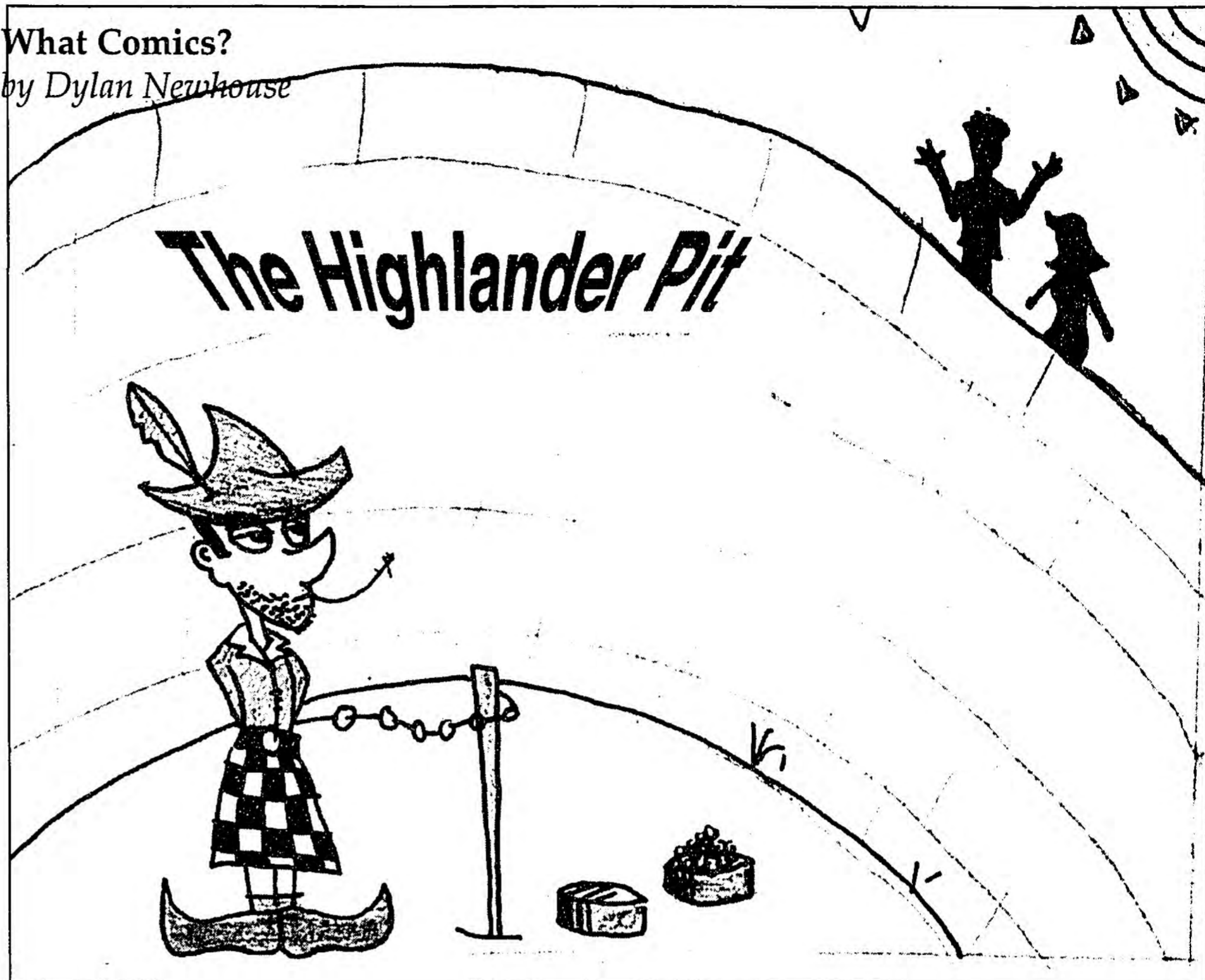
Moreover, when we're lost, we're still supposed to go to them weeping and begging for their almighty knowledge. But when it comes to real help, the kind we need even more often, you're on your own kid. Like support when we're down. Forget it. How about, "Well, why aren't you doing better?" "What's wrong with you?" "Can't you handle it?"

Obviously, there are some extraordinary parents out there. And thank God, because we need someone to set an example for us on how to raise our own kids.

Good parents know high expectations shouldn't be unreachable, or the cause of unhealthiness. I admit, I worry that my perfectionist ways will rub off on my children, but I know I will love and be proud of them no matter what becomes of them. Everyone is different.

None of this is to say that we "college brats" are not trying very hard to be self-sufficient. I guarantee we are. We do not like being under Mommy and Daddy's thumb as much as they may like having us there. So for all those unpleasable parents out there, in the words of one of my favorite bands, the Guano Apes, "Open your eyes. Open your mind," and cut your kid some slack, or even make a genuine effort to help.

What Comics?  
by Dylan Newhouse



## Green Scene...

# Who needs your vote?

by Mandolin Shannon  
Staff Writer

Getting your vote is not a major concern for the presidential candidates.

History shows voter turn out has been low for college-aged citizens. In the 1996 presidential elections only about 40 percent of eligible voters age 18-24 bothered to cast a ballot.

Basically, the young voter is politically ignored. We have sent the message, by not voting, that we do not care who leads our nation. So, our leaders respond by focusing their efforts on those groups who do turn out at the polls. To put it bluntly, politicians do not care about us and our opinions.

Most young people I know are totally apathetic to current political issues. This point was illustrated perfectly several days ago in my Texas Government class. Our instructor polled the students regarding their political affiliation, either conservative or liberal. Sadly, well over 50 percent of the class indicated that they "don't know and don't really care" about politics enough to take a political stand.

Many young people think that politics does not effect them. The truth is that current political policies will impact younger generations much longer, and therefore more seriously, than any other age group.

Additionally, current political policies hold major implications for college students. Financial aid reform and various programs that could change the face of higher education are being proposed by some candidates.

Unfortunately, young citizens are giving a voting minority complete political control of their futures.

We each have the power to change this trend. However, it is not as simple as just voting. While voting is important, it is more important to be an informed voter.

You should examine current political issues and decide how you feel about these issues. Then, find out where the can-

didates stand on these issues.

Finally, get out on election day and support the candidates who agree most often with your personal ideas of what America should be.

Check out these sites on the Internet to get information on the presidential candidates and their stands on political issues:

- The League of Women Voters**  
<http://www.lwv.org/>
- George W. Bush**  
<http://www.georgewbush.com/>
- Al Gore**  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OVP/>
- California Online VoterGuide 2000**  
<http://www.calvoter.org/2000/primary/president.html>

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by Charles Farr  
Staff Writer

There are many characteristics that make up a successful student.

The one most important characteristic would have to be responsibility. This attribute alone can make or break one's academic career.

Responsibility can be defined as what a person feels he or she is required to do. An individual's sense of responsibility comes from parents, friends, and, yes, teachers.

Everyone around us is a part of who we are. We as young people tend to take on traits of those with whom we feel we best identify.

Responsibility is knowing what we are supposed to be doing, and doing it the best that we can.

Responsibility is taking care of our commitments and not

forcing people to have to take care of tasks we leave behind.

Being a responsible person is simply being someone people don't have to worry whether they will do what has been asked of them.

It is important to be responsible in school for many reasons.

Being a responsible student means you attend class every meeting. Believe it or not, just being there helps you learn the material. Regular attendance also shows the teacher that you are at least making the effort. If problems occur during the semester, teachers are more apt to help a familiar face than one they do not recognize.

Being a responsible student means that you do the assigned work. Whether it is a paper or assigned reading, you are required to do it, and again, believe it or not, it's for your own good. The assignments are to

help you learn the material, not ruin your weekend.

This leads into my last characteristic: be prepared. Your attendance and ability to turn in assignments all play a hand in having the initiative to be ready for class.

You will spend less time and enjoy more success being prepared for each class, than you will cramming an entire semester into your head at the last second.

What does being a responsible student do for me after school?

Well, like the rest of higher learning, it prepares you for life, and being competitive in whatever field you should choose to pursue. Students who have not learned to be responsible will not have done as well as those who have. You say that missing a few classes is no big deal? Find a boss who thinks missing a few days of

work is no big deal.

You say that turning in a paper or assignment late is no big deal? Find a boss who won't mind you not performing at the standard of your co-workers. Find co-workers who won't mind doing your job for you. The is that learning to be responsible while in school is the most important thing a student can accomplish.

If you are a responsible employee, meaning you show up to work everyday on time and prepared, you will enjoy success in whatever it is you have decided to do.

We live in a world that has learned to blame others for its problems and pass on responsibility to someone else instead of dealing with it. People who take responsibility for their actions and welcome challenges are rare.

These people, responsible

# Sports Day

## 'Lassies' strike out in season opener

Aaron Smith  
Staff Writer

The dawning of a new era for the MCC softball program began with a pair of doubleheaders February 5-6. The Highlassies got a rude introduction to junior college softball as they lost a pair to Blinn College, 6-2 and 11-3 on opening day.

The Highlassies battled back the next day to split a doubleheader with a 3-hitter from pitcher Mandy Hein, who picked up the win over Lon Morris 7-1, the Highlassies were not as fortunate in the second game, however, as they committed four errors in the decisive 4-run sixth inning.

With a team of all freshmen the Highlassies' only experience prior to the Blinn game were fall scrimmages.

The Highlassies' coaching staff said they were not satisfied with their 1-3 start to the season, but the team did get a glimpse of the future as Mandy Hein pitched a 3-hitter and won

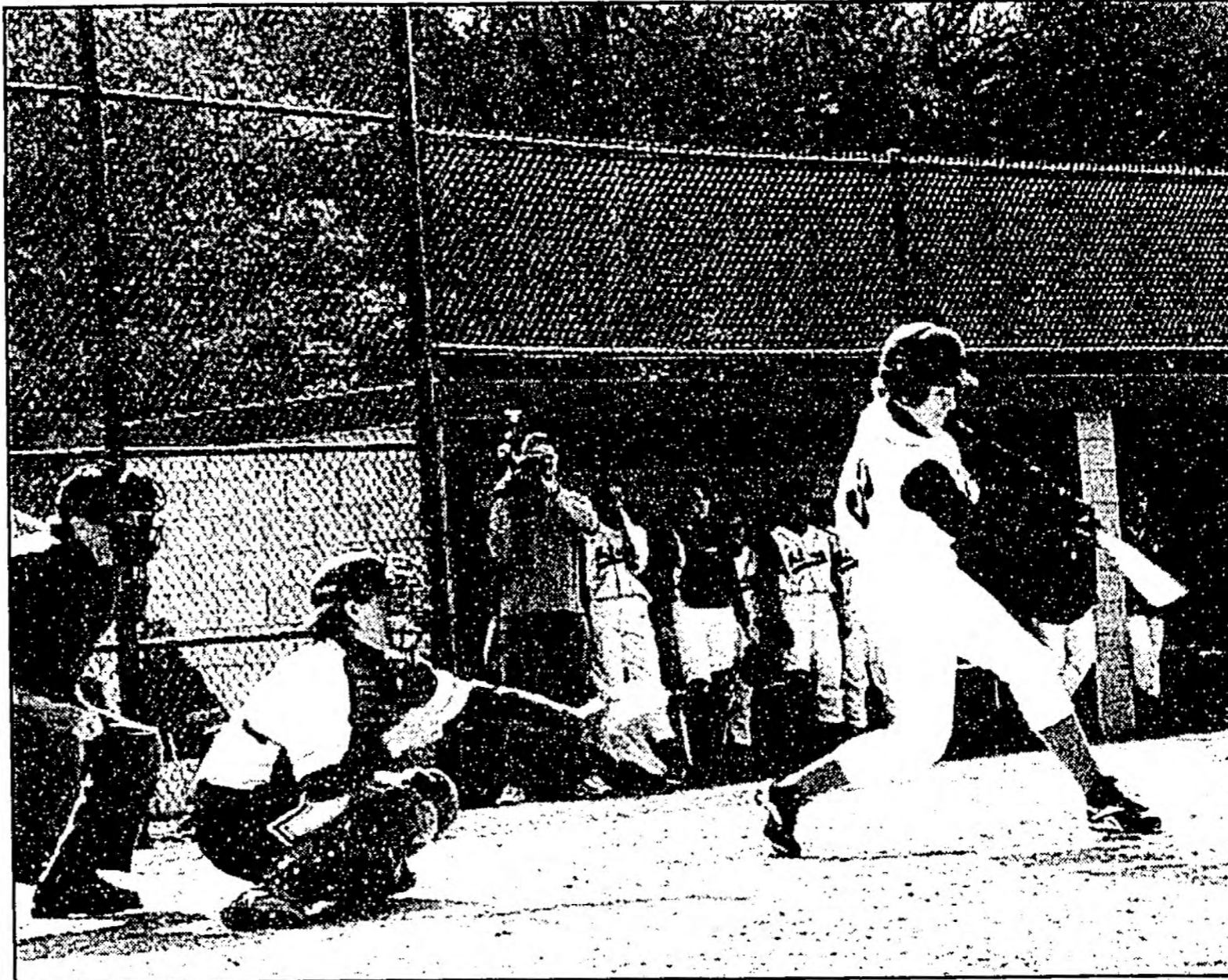
her debut, and shortstop Tandi Thomason continued her torrid hitting streak by belting .571 through the first four games (8-14).

"Obviously I'm disappointed, but I'm by no means discouraged," MCC coach Carmack Berryman said after the historic first-ever softball games. "The opening day jitters and nerves are always tough. And when you don't have any sophomores who have been there before, that's to be expected."

In the opener the Highlassies were hurt by errors as they committed nine errors in two games.

Pitchers Sabrina Wale and Melissa Roach both had strong outings and the offense came up with 13 hits, but the errors were too much to overcome in the end.

"What's funny is that in practice and even in the fall, that was our strong suit," Berryman said. "I just hope that it was a case of the nerves. But since we made the errors



Digital image by Marcos Garcia

Freshman Jeanie Jenkins swings away during the 'Lassies' season opener against Blinn on Saturday, Feb. 5. The 'Lassies' opened a disappointing 3-13.

and got down, I know we can get better. Its not like we played flawless and got beat."

The Highlassies came back

the next day behind another stellar performance by Hein and a completely flawless defensive effort in their first-ever

victory. Even though the Highlassies lost the second game, they kept themselves in the game the whole way

through.

"It's a great feeling to win that first one," Berryman said. "We played well and worked together. It's just pleasing to see everything click."

Going into last weekend's Cowtown Invitational the Highlassies were 3-13, but game by game they have shown signs of improvement.

With a first-year program and an all-freshmen team the Highlassies have not really known what to expect this season.

Like all new teams, Berryman said, they are going to take their lumps but they plan to improve each game and, by the end of the year, start making noise themselves.

"Since this is our first year we're at a disadvantage where we don't know our opponents real well. But on the other hand, since we're a first-year program, no one really knows how to prepare for us, and by the end of the year we will be a much-improved team," Berryman said.

## 'Landers' season, 3-1

Aaron Smith  
Staff Writer

Overcoming a rough start, the Highlanders captured second place after winning their final two Homerun Alley Tournament games, on Feb 3-6.

After getting only 7 hits in the first two games of the tourney the Highlanders' bats came to life the next two days with 19 hits to help salvage the final two games of the tournament.

### TEMPLE COLLEGE

After taking the lead in the third inning, the Temple College Leopards never looked back as they won the opening game of the tournament with a score of 11-6. MCC ace, Dustin Lansford (0-1) was uncharacteristically wild as he walked 7 and gave up 7 runs in 3 1/3 innings. With the score 9-3 in the 5th inning, the Highlanders rallied to cut the lead in half at

9-6, but Temple ended the rally and tacked on two insurance runs in the 7th to preserve an 11-6 win.

### ANGELINA COLLEGE

The Highlanders got a good look at the future as freshman, Daylan Childress (0-1) gave up 3 earned runs in 5 2/3 innings. Unfortunately, for the second day in a row, the breaks didn't go the Highlanders' way as Angelina down 3-2 going to the 6th came back with a 3 run 6th and 2 run 7th to defeat the Highlanders 7-3.

### PANOLA COLLEGE

The Highlanders earned a much needed win over Panola with a complete game three-hitter from Sophomore left-hander, Dennis Cervenka (1-0), who recorded 10 strikeouts in the Highlanders' 3-1 victory. Brett Cooley went 3 for 4 at the

plate with a pair of RBI's, with the Highlanders also getting contributions from Austin Cranford, Patrick Beale and Danny Muegge. The Highlander offense finally showed life as they pounded out 11 hits, but managed to only score 3 runs in their first victory.

### RANGER COLLEGE

The Highlanders jumped on Ranger right from the beginning with a 3 run first inning and never looked back as they went on to defeat Ranger 9-2. The Highlanders got 6 quality innings from Freshman left-hander Sean Henn (1-0) and received offense help from Brandon Johnson who had 2 hits and 2 RBI's. Austin Cranford added 3 RBI's. Jacob Moss also pitched in with a 2-run double in this slugfest much to the delight of the MCC faithful.

## 'Landers' lock horns with rams

Corey Farrar  
Staff Writer

After trailing at the break, the MCC Highlanders out-gunned the Southwestern Community College Rams in the second half 53-39 to claim a 85-75 victory Feb. 14 at the Highlands.

MCC improved to 5-8 in conference and 12-15 overall using a stifling defense to set up easy scoring from their transition game. SWCC fell to 9-5 in conference and 14-13 overall.

"We always try to push it in transition," MCC Head Coach Steve Shields said. "Anytime we can get numbers we've got to push it. We've had trouble scoring lately."

The Highlanders had little trouble scoring against the Rams. Freshman point guard Randy Johnson lead the team with 19 points. Sophomore guard Steven Helm scored all 12 of his points in the second half while Freshman forward Cedrick Palmer had 10 of his 15 after the break in his return to action. Palmer sat out the previous eight games with a knee injury.

"It felt great to be back," Palmer said of his return. "I couldn't wait for this game. All the guys really pushed me. They supported me 100 per cent."

Palmer made the most of his opportunity scoring six of the Landers' last 13 points in the

final three minutes to insure the victory.

SWCC's Mire Chatman led all scoring with 21, eight below his conference leading 29.7 points per game and 15 less than the 36 he scorched MCC for in the Rams 77-73 win earlier this season in Terrell. The conference's highest scoring offense (97 points per game) never could get in rhythm in the physically played game. There were 45 fouls between both teams, 26 of the Rams 75 points came from the free throw line.

"In the second half our intensity was up a lot. Everybody was helping each other out and rotating well. We got the job done," Palmer said.

### McLennan Community College

#### 2000 Highlassie Softball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Wednesday	Feb 23	Lon Morris	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m. (2)
Sunday	Feb 27	ALVIN	Waco	1:00 p.m. (2)
*Wednesday	Mar 1	N. CENTRAL	Waco	1:00 p.m. (2)
*Monday	Mar 13	Brookhaven	Dallas	1:00 p.m. (2)
*Wednesday	Mar 15	Vernon	Vernon	1:00 p.m. (2)
Thursday	Mar 16	SAN JACINTO	Waco	1:00 p.m. (2)

## Highlassies make playoffs

Corey Farrar  
Staff Writer

After a sluggish start, the MCC Highlassies turned their season around in Conference play, clinching a trip to the post-season.

Such a trip for the freshman-heavy 'Lassies seemed unlikely ten weeks ago. With a 3-11 record heading into Conference, the Highlassies had reason for concern.

"We're young. We have ten freshman and one sophomore," Head Coach Ricky Rhodes said. "All they knew is that they were playing basketball. We hadn't learned how to play together, and we hadn't learned how to win on this level yet."

"We needed to play more as a team, more than just one player versus five," freshman center Vershonda Williams said.

The Highlassies found a way to get the ball rolling, winning their first two conference games over Temple and Collin County at the Highlands."

The thing we've been talking about all year is protecting our homecourt and stealing some games on the road," Rhodes said.

The Lassies then lost three of

their next four conference games.

The first came to undefeated Grayson County, the number two team in the nation. After a loss to Ranger and a road win at Southwestern Community College, the Highlanders dropped a home game to Weatherford, currently second in the NTJCC behind Grayson County.

Sitting at 3-3 in conference and facing three of their next four on the road, the 'Lassies again had their backs against a wall. But the team responded again winning all four.

The 'Lassies have currently won six of their last eight games. Their Feb. 14 victory over Southwestern Community College at the Highlands insured the women's spot in the Region V Junior College tournament at Lubbock's United Spirit Arena March 2-4.

"We're playing with a lot more confidence now, believing in each other," Rhodes said. "We don't really have one emotional leader, all the girls have kind of grown into leaders together."

The 'Lassies are led on the court by Williams. In Conference play she is averaging a double-double with 14 points

and 10.2 rebounds per game. Her 5.8 offensive boards and 48% field goal percentage have given the 'Lassies frontcourt consistency. Williams leads the team in all four categories.

Freshman guard/forward Julie Wiese averages 13.9 points per contest and her team high 2.8 assists per game have kept the offense involved.

Freshman Tammy White adds 11 points and 5 rebounds from the forward position. But still, it's the other side of the ball where Coach Rhodes sees the most improvement.

"We've really been doing it from the defensive side. We're taking more charges. We're getting in passing lanes and tipping some balls to force some turnovers. We weren't doing that early on," Rhodes said.

Though in the playoffs, the 'Lassies aren't content with their accomplishments yet. Rhodes stressed that the team needs to continue focusing on defensive intensity.

White agrees, saying that they need to play with more heart and teamwork while cutting down on mental mistakes.

The winner of the Region V Tournament will advance to the National Junior College Tournament in Salina, KS.

# Youth ignored in 2000 campaign

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"Politics is a game of 'what can you do for me', and there's nothing wrong with that. It's numbers that count. Politicians target the groups that try to broadcast their concerns or to the organizations that make their voices loud enough," Slater said.

Waco Tribune Herald Opinion Editor John Young agreed, saying of the lack of attention to young peoples' concerns.

"It doesn't surprise me. As pertains to the nomination process, candidates don't see young people as key groups to go after. They don't see the young people voting. There is a perception of apathy."

Although both men said they see lack of voter participation as the cause of young people's alienation in the political process, they have different views on the effect the youth vote will have in the general election.

Young said he believes there will be some catering to young voters later in the campaign.

"I think you will see some of that in the general election. Both major party candidates should do some because it could be a very close contest. Young people could be the swing vote."

Slater said young people will have to position themselves politically.

"Until individuals or groups demonstrate to political people that they are a force to be reckoned with, politicians will not target you. They won't do it now and they won't do it later. The bottom line is young people have to vote," he said.

Young voters in Texas will have their first chance in the presidential selection process during the state primaries on March 14. The six state party primaries on that Tuesday will be of great importance. Nominations could be decided that day, one week after more than half of the delegates needed to win the Democratic and Republican primaries go up for grabs on March 7. Sixteen states will go to the polls on "Super Tuesday", making it the biggest primary day in the nation.

The candidates are looking to the next two weeks as make or break in their campaigns.

The Democratic field consists of two men, underdog Bill Bradley and incumbent vice-president, Al Gore.

Gore beat Bradley in the

Iowa caucuses on Jan. 24 by a wide margin, 63 to 35 per cent. Gore therefore earned 42 delegates to Bradley's 27. But more importantly, Gore struck first blood in the race.

The momentum was enough to carry Gore to a victory in the New Hampshire primaries by a 52 to 47 per cent margin. Most analysts are now writing Bradley off as an also ran.

"I am assuming Al Gore is going to win the nomination," Young said.

In order for Bradley to get back into the race, he will have to show strong on Super Tuesday, the next primaries for the two.

Key states on March 7 are California and New York, the two states with the most delegates. If Bradley loses New York, where he played basketball for the Knicks and is widely popular, the race may be over.

## Bill Bradley

Bradley first became known in the public arena playing in short pants at Princeton and later for his Hall of Fame career with the New York Knicks. In 1978 he became the youngest senator in the United States at the age of 35.

He represented the Garden State in Washington D.C. 12 years before retiring in 1996, claiming a disillusionment with politics. Since then he has since been traveling the nation teaching and lecturing. His signature achievement in the Senate was the 1986 tax reform, angering many Democratic loyalists by working with the Reagan administration to insure his tax plan passed.

Bradley is running on issues ranging from race-relations to education, but his biggest platform has been campaign finance reform. He proposes free airtime to candidates so they won't have to rely on special interests to provide money

for advertisements. He also wants to restrict fund-raising to limited personal donations and public financing only.

His education plan includes allocating 400 million dollars to community colleges to insure that adults will have the opportunity to further educate themselves as the world economy becomes more technical.

Bradley is also avidly pro-choice, saying that abortions should under no circumstances be restricted.

## Al Gore

While trying to portray himself as capable of standing on his own two feet without President Bill Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore has used the state of the economy in the last eight years to his benefit. He says that to keep America prosperous and pay off the national debt, we need to continue in the direction set in motion by the Clinton administration.

Like Bradley, Gore is pro-choice. His educational platform includes expanding student loans and lowering their cost. He also wants to allocate more money to Pell Grants so that lower-income families can still send their children to colleges.

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them both, he will be right in the hunt going into Super Tuesday.

However, Bush is still the favorite for the nomination. He is strong in New York, California, Florida, and Texas. These four states have the most delegates of any in the U.S.

## George W. Bush Jr.

Bush earned his bachelors degree from Yale in 1968 and his masters from Harvard in 1975. After spending most of his life bouncing from business venture to business venture, Bush finally scored big by being part of a group that purchased the Texas Rangers baseball team in 1989. He served as General Manager for the next five years, and when the group sold the team in 1994, he had made his fortunes. It was also during this time that Bush, son of former President George Bush, met the allies who would propel him to an upset win over incumbent Anne Richards in the 1994 gubernatorial election in Texas.

Bush's agenda includes lowering the income tax, although critics claim his plan heavily targets upper-income taxpayers. He also says that he will veto any increase in personal or corporate income tax.

Bush, 53, is anti-abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is in danger. He has said that he will ban the use of taxpayer funds for abortions.

While not as adamant as McCain about campaign finance reform, Bush has said that he will ban "soft-money" contributions, donations given by groups or corporations to political parties, which can, in turn, disseminate the funds anywhere the party sees fit, including to a particular candidates' campaign, therefore "hiding" the contribution.

Bush also supports gun ownership rights, although he does say he wants to raise the minimum age for gun ownership from 18 to 21. He also opposes government-mandated registration of handguns by people with no criminal

records. Bush re-claimed momentum with an impressive victory in South Carolina Feb. 19. He won easily over McCain and former Ambassador Alan Keyes.

While Keyes is becoming less a factor, McCain is hanging around. Michigan, where he polls show a virtual dead heat, and Arizona, where he is a heavy favorite on Super Tuesday, have their primaries on Tuesday. McCain can take

records.

## Alan Keyes

Keyes has spent the last five years hosting his own radio talk show, "The Alan Keyes Show: America's Wake-up Call". The 49-year-old Harvard graduate has also spent five years in the state department and three years as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Keyes describes himself as "100 per cent pro-life." He favors the abolition of abortion in America. He differs from the other two Republican candidates on the issue of campaign finance reform saying, "For the government to dictate what we can do with our money under the rubric of 'campaign finance reform' is a total violation of our constitutional rights, and we should force our politicians to abandon it." He contends that the laws would only favor incumbents.

Keyes also wants to totally abolish the income tax in favor of a national sales tax. He has said that it is a 20th Century experiment in socialism that has failed, noting that until 80 years ago the government was funded entirely by tariffs, excise taxes and sales taxes.

He is also in favor of the gradual ending of welfare.

## John McCain

John McCain has dubbed himself the reformer of the race.

His main theme has been campaign finance reform. It is his contention that campaign contributions inherently corrupt the system. He, like Bush, wants a ban on "soft-money" contributions to campaigns. Also like Bush, McCain says he supports abortion except in cases of rape, incest and when it endangers the life of the mother.

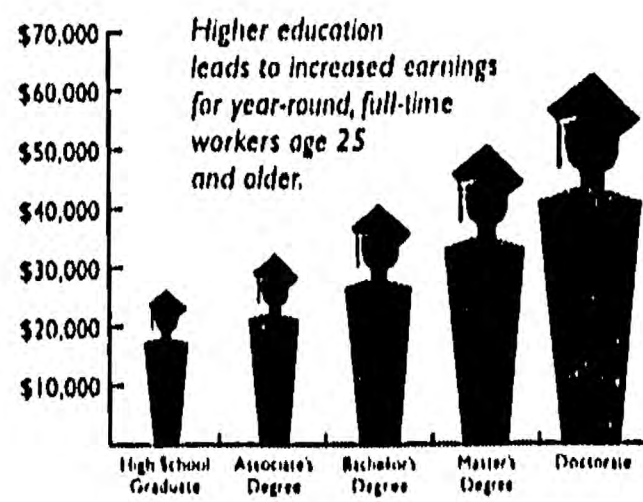
McCain's tax proposal would provide relief chiefly to middle and lower class families. The amount paid by the lowest tax bracket of could be reduced by almost half, according to McCain. He also says that he would like to end the marriage penalty in the tax code.

McCain, 63, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1958. He was shot down while flying over Vietnam in 1967 and spent the next five and a half years in the infamous prisoner of war camp, the "Hanoi Hilton".

After his release in 1973, McCain remained in the Navy for eight years. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1983 and remained there until his election to the Senate in 1987.

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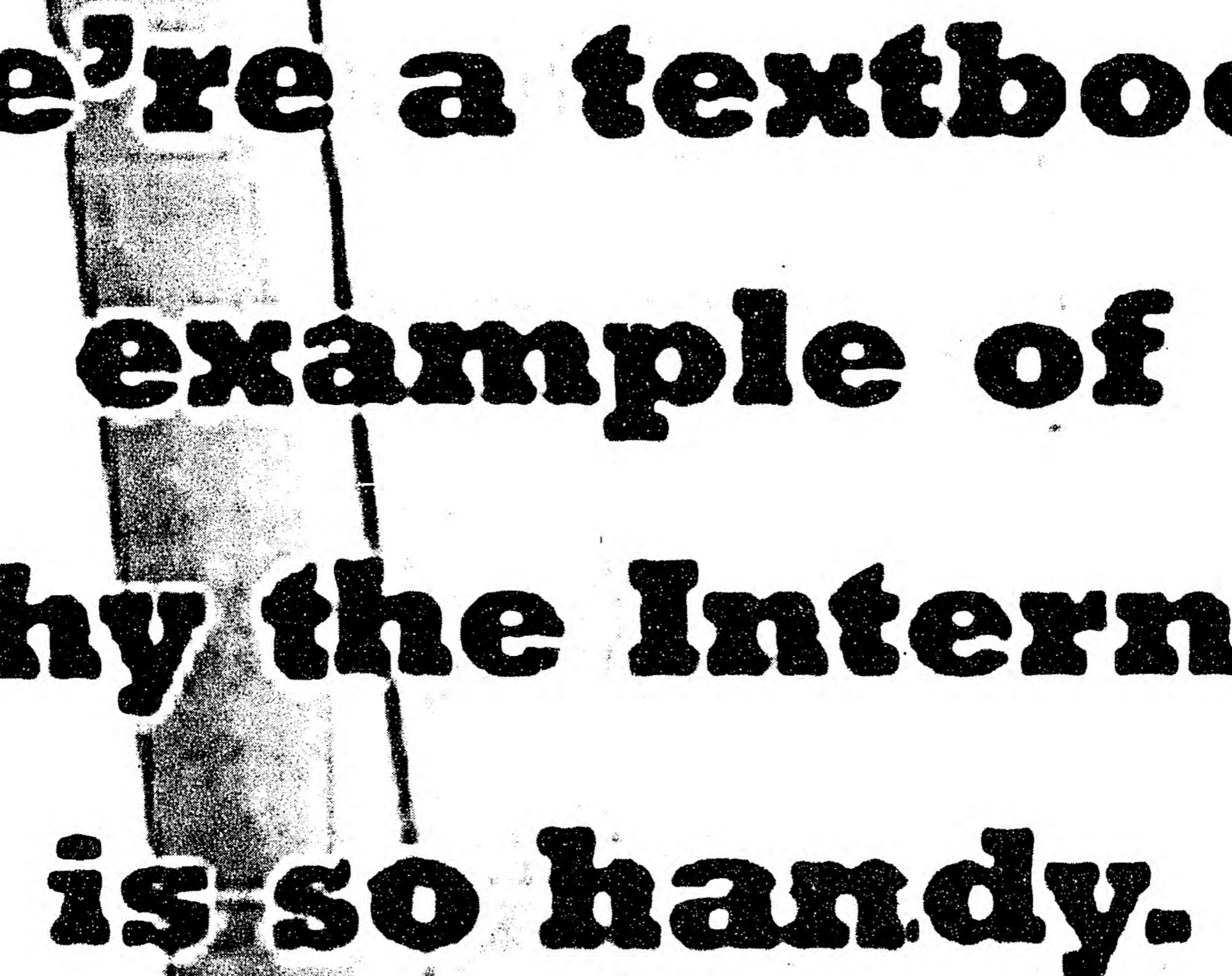


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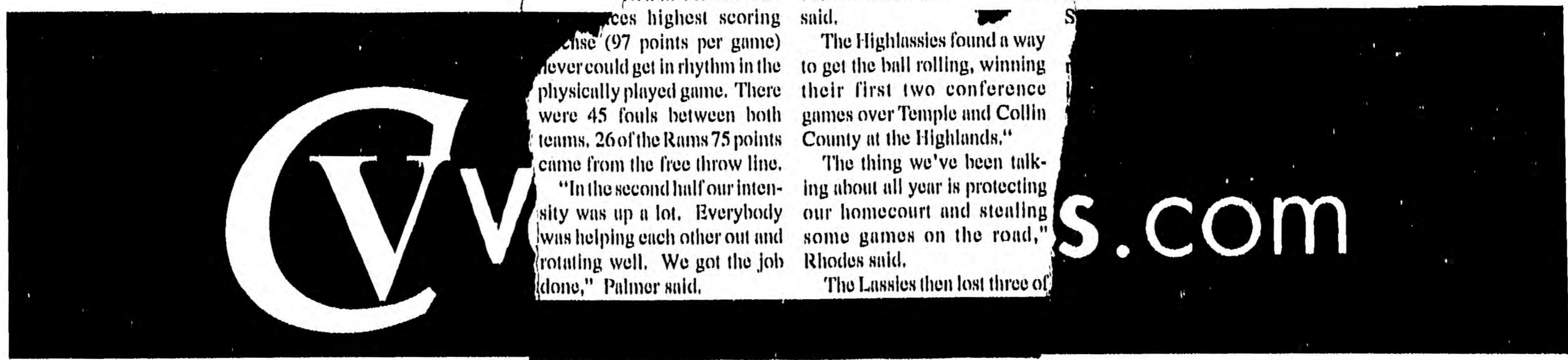
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...was helping each other out and some games on the road,"  
...rotating well. We got the job Rhodes said.  
...done," Palmer said. "The Lassies then lost three of