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MCC University?

Board implements Jr./Sr. level coursework

Jeff Wyers
Staff Writer

MCC may soon resemble a four year college. While it may not be McLennan University just yet, MCC's Board of Trustees has implemented plans with the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) to offer junior- and senior-level business and education courses. The program basically function along the same lines as

McLennan's distance learning courses, Dean of Arts and Sciences Dr. Jack Schneider said. "This looks to be a beneficial program for both the students and the schools," Schneider of the cooperative effort between McLennan and UTA. "This effort should come to tuition spring semester 2001", Schneider said. A team of Arts and Sciences division faculty and administrators formulated this idea and

began an investigative study into the possibility of offering a four-year plan months ago. Their study was based on current students' career plans and most desired vocations. Based on information received he committee determined they could meet the greatest need by starting with business and education majors, Schneider said. Eventually, McLennan plans to offer upper-level courses for other majors through UTA and several other universities.

Hourly prices for the classes will depend upon the course itself and the class level, but ultimately, they will be more affordable than a major university by offering the same course material locally. According to the study, there is a great demand locally for a program like this. "Waco has a lot of untapped potential for accomplishment and success," Schneider said.

Trio program reveres youth

Drew Haley
Staff Writer

MCC students can earn money while earning respect through MCC's Trio program. MCC students are needed to provide relief for Trio program participants in need of tutoring. The Trio program aids students who wish to graduate from a MCC two-year program, or transfer to a four-year university. First generation students, students with a documented disability, or students who meet the economic guidelines are eligible for aid. MCC supports 75 student workers per year as note-takers and tutors. Students must

have received an A or a B in the subject they wish to tutor and be recommended by that teacher to be a tutor. Tutors are currently payed \$6 an hour and will receive a College Reading and Learning Association certificate after the completion of an eight-hour course and 25 hours of tutor practice. The Trio program also provides financial aid and classroom accommodations for students with disabilities as well as notetakers, but tutoring is the most requested program. The tutoring program's goal is to improve students' study skills in six to eight personal academic counseling sessions. See 'Trio' on page 6



Digital image by Marcus Garcia

S. Whitefield (Sarah Beth O'Donnell) registers her disdain at Octavius' (Josh Mullens) attitude as Henry Straker (J.T. Bundlek) remains aloof in the MCC Drama Department's comedy presentation 'Man and Superman' by George Bernard Shaw. The show runs through Oct. 14 with nightly performances at 7:30 p.m. in the Bell Performing Arts Center. Students and staff are admitted free. Non-MCC students are \$5. All other tickets are \$7 for adults.

Hudson voted to Alabama Hall of Fame

BIRMINGHAM, AL—McLennan Athletic Director Wendell Hudson will be inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame on Feb. 24.

Born in Birmingham, he was the first African-American to receive an athletic scholarship to the University of Alabama in any sport. He was voted Most Valuable Player in the Southeastern Conference in 1972 and 1973, was All-American in 1973, leading SEC scorer in 1972-73. Hudson was drafted into the NBA the second round by the Chicago Bulls. He also played for the Memphis Tams of the ABA.

After his professional career he became an assistant coach at Alabama. While he was there the Crimson won three consecutive SEC Championships. He also coached at the University of North Alabama, Rice University, the University of Mississippi and Baylor.

Officer Frost leads campus police in MCC crime prevention

Angie Moya
Staff Writer

Safety is what the students of McLennan Community College demand and the Campus Police provide that sense of security. Tom Frost is the Crime Prevention Officer on the Campus Police Squad. He has protected the campus provided for 24 years of law enforcement 19 of which he served as chief of police. This is his first year here but he has worked for MCC part

time for the last ten years. Frost said the primary goal for the squad is to prevent crime. Frost's duties as crime prevention officer include giving written ticket violations, maintaining the safety of students, faculty, and staff at MCC and working with utilities and construction on campus as well as parking. Frost said he is striving to see a good learning and working environment for the students, faculty, and staff. Frost said he also hopes for an organizational

"People leave items in open view and it is like a smash and grab ordeal."

Tom Frost
Crime Prevention Officer

program in the future to expand the campus police branch. Frost assisted with student government elections and is available for any faculty, staff, or council activities. The most prevalent crime here on the McLennan campus is associated with motor vehicles, Frost

said. "People leave items in open view and it is like a smash and grab ordeal," Frost said. Frost said he suggests alarms for one's vehicle or hiding such valuable possessions in the trunk. Last year the major crime

topic was with computer offenses. Frost said he is proud that MCC has had an extremely low drug and alcohol problem in the last few years and that problem is suggested as "non-existent." Frost said he urges everyone to be cautious with all the construction on campus. There is plenty more construction to come, Frost said. Since they are replacing the heating and cooling electrical system underground, there are plenty of danger zones on campus

to watch out for. Frost said he tries to propel students and faculty to stop and speak with the officers anytime on campus. He insists everyone stay "proactive on the crime issue" and "hear with us on the parking." Frost posed as a criminal and was hauled into a jail cell to help raise money at the Annual March of Dimes-Jail & bail at Richland Mall on September 28.

Students earn credit toward major college

Andréa Garza
Staff Writer

Students can earn major university credit for bachelor's degrees while still attending MCC.

The University Center brings the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) criminal justice program to MCC.

The program was set up for the convenience of the approximately 200 students currently enrolled in the criminal justice program.

The program is for current MCC students or former students "...who have completed MCC

course work in criminal justice," Donnie Hagan, Director of Human Services Programs said.

The program offers select courses to MCC students to save them the hassle of commuting or moving to another city to finish their education at a major university, Hagan said.

"This is to finish junior- and senior-level courses for their [students'] bachelor's degree," Hagan said.

The course being offered this semester is CRCL 4333 Institutional Corrections. It involves a look at the trends and practices of institutional

corrections. UTAs Robert L. Bing, Ph.D., Director of Criminology and Criminal Justice travels to MCC campus on Saturdays to teach the course.

UTA got in touch with McLennan over the summer in hopes of becoming a part of MCC's criminal justice program, Hagan said.

"There will be additional courses in the future," Hagan said.

Several other schools will be offering a variety of courses as the program progresses. Texas A&M will offer an education class, with UTA adding business

classes. Students can also earn a nursing degree from UTA through MCC's Nursing Program.

Students need to have transcripts from every previously attended college or university sent to the UTA Admissions Office, Box 19111, Arlington, TX 75019.

The cost of the criminal justice course is \$301.50 for Texas residents and \$936.50 for non-Texas residents.

Donnie Hagan can be contacted for additional information on the University Center courses at 299-8706.

ΦΘK inducts new members

Jana Vaculik
Staff Writer

Fred Hills, Program Director of Computer Informations Systems, was the keynote speaker for Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's fall 2000 induction of new members on Oct. 4.

Hills received his Bachelor's degree in chemistry and physics from Baylor University. He earned his Master's of Divinity from Truitt Seminary of Baylor.

"Inductees are gold medal winners and are able to juggle many responsibilities," Hills said.

Phi Theta Kappa members must maintain good grade point

averages and stay active in Phi Theta Kappa events.

"It's great. It is an honor, especially for an incoming freshman," inductee Jennifer Parsons said.

Phi Theta Kappa is a two-year college honor society, but membership is considered when applying for university honor societies.

"It is nice to have the hard work acknowledged," inductee Angelyn Zehpyr said. "Colleges are looking for Phi Theta Kappa members."

With the lighting of a candle and the Phi Theta Kappa pledge, the inductees became members.

The fall 2000 inductees are as follows:

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| Rita Bayer | Kevin Mitchell |
| Robin Bayless | Tanya Moore |
| Layce Cantwell | Joshua Mullens |
| Glenda Carter | Mike Nicoletti |
| Martha Childress | Danny Nolting |
| Taylor Christian | Jennifer Parsons |
| James Clark | Angela Ragan |
| Tiffany Corbett | Lynzee Stanford |
| Robert Culp | William Tamayo |
| Tiffany Davis | Leah Turner |
| Dianne Denney | Noella Vigil-Ysasaga |
| Sarah Dodds | Cynthia Wagner |
| Miranda Flanary | Martha Walter |
| Richard Friedli | Randelle White |
| Janna Hill | Debbie Whiteside |
| Matthew Johnson | Jody Williams |
| Seir Lopez | Angelyn Zehpyr |
| Judy Mills | |

Geml emphasizes economy

Dr. Geml visits MCC to stress German and European economy

Jana Vaculik
Staff Writer

For a few weeks in the Applied Science Department the economics and marketing classes had a visiting instructor, Dr. Richard Geml of the Fachhochschule, the University of Applied Science, in Germany.

The relationship between McLennan Community College and the University of Applied Sci-

ences in Kempten, Germany started three years ago. Since then, MCC professors have taught in Kempten and German students have been given opportunities to attend MCC classes. In November, there will be a German instructor visiting the campus for one week.

One of the major differences between the United States and Germany is the way Americans get around.

"Waco has a larger population but it is spread out. In Germany important places are only 10-15 minutes away," Geml said. "The people in Germany do not use cars as much as in America."

Geml has noticed several differences between his hometown university and McLennan Community College.

"MCC has a smaller student ratio but in Kempten there are hundreds of students. There is no checking of the roll or assignments. Mainly just projects, lectures and a final semester exam," Geml said.

"It is easier talking with colleagues at MCC," Geml said.

Geml enjoyed his stay at MCC and will "leave with new impressions and information." One of the many memories he will take with him is attending a rodeo and tasting Texas cuisine.

"Tex-Mex food is so different than German food," Geml said.

Another memory will be the hot Texas weather in August, but Geml said he enjoyed the cooler weather we have had recently.

Geml was in the United States from early August until Sept. 28 to teach Marketing and Economics, with an emphasis on the economic situation in Germany and Europe.

He was accompanied by his wife and daughter who toured the southern United States visiting Memphis, Galveston, New Orleans and Arkansas.

The Gemls' daughter is an intern in medical school and a son studying international law in London.

Kempten is a city of about 62,000, approximately four and one-half hours south of Frankfurt near the Bavarian Alps.

Police Reports

Reported incidents for the months of September/October are as follows:

September 12, 2000:

Between 9:05 a.m. and 9:25 p.m., Lowry, Radke, Frost and Martinez were present to report two auto lock outs, a flat tire, an auto start, and found and recovered property in lots P, B, and HPE 204 respectively. A vehicle accident incident was also reported at 12:25 p.m. on McLennan/College Drive.

September 13, 2000:

Three auto lock outs were reported by Lowry, Frost and Martinez in lots C, I, and K.

September 14, 2000:

Martinez was on sight for three auto lock outs and an auto start in lots B, D, G and student parking.

September 15, 2000:

Frost reported an offense report, auto lock out and a vehicle accident at 11:00 a.m. in lot N.

September 16, 2000:

At 11:05 a.m., Martinez was on sight at an auto start in lot B.

September 18, 2000:

Frost was present for two thefts, one at the HPE/Men's locker room and in administration classroom 205. Frost also reported an auto start in lot H. Martinez reported an offense of an unauthorized use of E-Z GO in the student center at 9:30 a.m.

September 19, 2000:

At 10:50 a.m., Frost was on sight at a vehicle accident on College/Highlander Drive. Martinez reported an auto start in lot D, and Lopez was present for two auto lock outs and an auto start in lots G, D and Lake Shore Drive.

September 20, 2000:

Frost reported an auto lock out in lot E, and Radke was called for an auto start at the jogging track.

September 21, 2000:

At 10:00 a.m., Frost assisted in serving a warrant in AS101. Lopez was on sight at lot C for a vehicle accident at 11:20 a.m.

September 30, 2000:

An assailant broke into The Highlands and stole a practice jersey, later found in the yard. The assailant also spread talcum powder in the girls locker room. No arrests have been made.

October 2, 2000:

In lot D, Officer Frost was present for an auto lockout.

In lot D, at 10:30 a.m., Frost was on sight for a dead battery call.

In lot B, at 11:30 a.m., Frost was also present for an auto lock out.

In lot E at 2:00 p.m., Lopez reported a lockout.

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Mr. Al Pollard, Dean of Technical Education (telephone: 254-299-8647; office: Room 301 Administration/Classroom Building) serves as EEO Officer and in this capacity will serve as Title IX Compliance Coordinator.

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Waco needs cultural warning label

Michelle Gold
Entertainment Editor

With gas prices as high as they are and the mileage adding up on my car, it looks like I am going to have to start limiting my trips to Austin.

I drive to Austin to view movies not available here in Waco, to listen to music and enjoy the variety of shops with different styles.

Why is it, I wonder, that here in a college town, the collegiate atmosphere is almost nonexistent?

When I was in high school, I imagined coffee shops with students studying and having deep philosophical conversations until the wee hours in the morning. I thought of alternative music stations playing a vast

variety of all kinds of music.

Waco is definitely a different breed of a college town.

What is the cause for this town, that has three higher level learning institutions, to be so...well, conservative.

Waco is a good town if all you plan to do in college is study. Which is a good thing, but what about the experiences that one is supposed to achieve during college?

Maybe I am spoiled. I am from the Austin area, where places stay open for the student population to study late at night. Most students, like me, either work or have numerous extracurricular activities that consume our time. The only time that is left to study is very late in the evening. But I am left to study at home, a danger-

Warning: Be prepared not to find the normal college town of late-night coffee shops, independent movies, alternative music and liberal thinking.

ous place where the bed always looks inviting for me to lie down and fall asleep. The places to study are already closed. And IHOP is getting a little too crowded with students just like myself.

Every time I get close enough to Austin, I adjust my radio immediately to Austin stations. And I always hear a new song that hasn't quite reached Waco yet. The only choices we have are teeny-bop stations, classic rock (I can't

complain; I do like classic rock), country and if the wind is right, other stations such as hard rock from Dallas.

Sometimes, if my car is in the right areas of Waco, I am able to pick up the alternative station in College Station.

I guess I should not complain though. After all, I did choose to live here. Waco is not such a horrible town. I do enjoy Cameron Park, the restaurants that we do have and the people are rather friendly.

The point I am trying to make, is that in this college town, there is no college atmosphere.

But you have to give Waco credit; it is trying.

We finally did get National Public Radio, a great way to get information and entertainment while in your car.

Waco does have a health food grocery store and a good variety of restaurants. And a great step has been taken for the arts with the "Wacows" grazing around town, displaying their colorful art.

But something is definitely missing. I believe, however, that Waco can be saved. We just need to speak up. Start vocalizing your opinions to the people who run the mainstream of Waco. Either gather peti-

tions or speak by yourself, just as long as the word gets out.

But maybe Waco, like most things in this world, should have a warning label. Something along the lines of...

Warning: Be prepared not to find the normal college town of late-night coffee shops, independent movies, alternative music and liberal thinking. Waco is a place for those who want to seriously study or those who need to learn to appreciate the cities that they left behind. Also, do not assume that you will be able to escape on the weekends, as gas prices and the dangerous construction along IH-35 will prohibit you from leaving.

Sigh.

It looks like it is off to IHOP I go.

PTC denies freedom of choice



Cartoon by Dylan Newhouse

Aaron Smith
Sports Editor

Freedom of choice.

This is one of many rights that Americans are supposed to enjoy.

Unfortunately for us "free" Americans, the Parent Television Commission is fighting to take freedom of choice out of the hands of the American people.

The PTC is a group of parents who are trying to tell ev-

eryone what we should and should not watch on television. This group of angry parents has bombarded the internet with complaints about shows such as South Park, WWF's Raw Is War, and numerous other programs which they claim are not acceptable for the youth of America to watch.

Wait just a second! Shouldn't that be the parents' decision, not the Parent Television Commission's?

I do not feel some conserva-

tive organization should have the right to edit what I watch.

Last time I checked, I was of an age to decide for myself what is "appropriate" for me to watch.

Who are they to deem what is appropriate for me?

Or even for young children whose parents are responsible for judging TV to be appropriate or inappropriate, according to their child's age and maturity level?

That's the PTC's problem.

They are making every effort to steal our freedom of choice, a right that we have fought hard for. They are trying to dictate what Americans are allowed to watch.

However, I feel the PTC is forgetting the most effective form of television protest.

If the PTC finds a program to be really offensive, let me offer them a tidbit of advice.

Find the remote control. Change the station.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to two quotes attributed to me in the Sept. 22 issue of the *Highland Herald*. Let me clarify that I am referring to the first issue dated Sept. 22, which had a series of quotes about "respect" on the front page and blue cows on the back page, not the second edition dated Sept. 22, with the blue cow head on the first page. In both quotes, my words and ideas were taken out of context so completely as to distort their meaning entirely.

In the first quote, the word "might" was left out. This may not seem to be much of a problem, but consider this scenario: if I tell a reporter, "I might go," but the reporter prints it as "She said she 'will go,'" the meaning is changed significantly.

In the second quote, the reporter apparently tried to use one line to sum up a 15-minute discussion among three people. Again, that seems reasonable until you consider it this way: imagine that I say, "People

think they don't like him, but it's just that they don't understand him." If the reporter shortens my ideas to "She says that 'People don't like him,'" the meaning is completely distorted. Now imagine if the conversation had gone on for 15 more minutes. Some pretty complicated issues would get lost.

If I had been aware that the reporters just wanted a quote, I would have been less complex, which would have created less room for misunderstanding. As a bottom line, though, let me state emphatically and unequivocally that I do not think people today are more honest than people were in the past, nor do I think people in the projects are loud and have an attitude. And, finally, as an English professor, I would never make such comma splice errors as those attributed to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the record.

Jennifer Black
English Department

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Newspapers present most trustworthy form of media

Leah C. Turner
Managing Editor

Truth. America's final frontier. Fox's *The X-Files* popularized the catchy phrase, "the truth is out there."

So where can people turn to find truth in our system, in our day and age? Is there such a place, or is it all politics?

Ever since Princess Di's untimely demise, the media has been progressively viewed as a murdering machine capable of nothing less.

Unfortunately, in boycotting the media all together, Americans are turning their backs on

the oldest and most dependable form of truth known to man.

The newspaper.

I am not speaking of tabloids and what I like to call "shock seekers," but real presses whose main concern is to get the truth to the people who are going to be affected by it.

Newspapers do not tell readers what the truth is, but rather what it consists of. A journalist's mission is to cover all sides of an issue, including the opinions of all parties involved so consumers can make a well-educated decision on where the truth lies.

Facts and just the facts. Staff

opinions are found only in their rightful home in the section labeled "editorial" (or opinion), with the exception of sports columns which have been reported in the (YOU guessed it) sports section.

Case in point, many major newspapers are quickly pulling their internet sites.

Why?

Isn't the internet going to be the end of newspaper as we know it anyway? No. The internet, while known as a great source of information, is also known as the best source of misinformation. Major newspapers feel the internet's reputation may

damage their credibility.

Not to mention the numbers of site visitors have not been high enough to support the sites much less put the old-fashioned press out of business. Several major newspapers including the *Dallas Morning News* and the *Los Angeles Times* are losing money on their web sites.

The sites' reputations have simply not been favorable enough to afford the cost of continuing revision, all because newspapers are known as a source of truth and the internet does not carry the same connotation.

If an error occurs in a newspaper (which is bound to happen

with humans) it is corrected in the following issue.

If a journalist loses his aspirations for himself and his paper and flubs a story, it is usually caught by the editor. If it happens to escape the editor's deks, there are laws created solely to govern such situations.

Reporters can not print whatever they want. Ever heard of libel?

This body of law was created to protect citizens' reputations. Newspapers try to breed a sort of self-respect, just as other honorable professions do. Journalists are charged to by their peers to get the whole

story and present it in its fullness to the reader, to uphold the paper's commitment to the truth, prevailing often over all sorts of dangers and sticky situations. More often than not, good newspapers succeed.

Newspapers were created as a way to keep a community thriving and centered. That has not changed since the dawning of the printing press in the 15th century.

So next time you hear some ignorant fool scapegoating the press for the troubles of the world, bear in mind that newspapers only report the truth. They do not create it.



Sports

No more for Troy

Clay Zachery
Sports Writer

When is it time to stop worrying about loyalty and start worrying about winning football games? For the Dallas Cowboys the time is now.

Troy Aikman is considered the best quarterback of the 90's but gone are the Super Bowls and high percentage passes. Now there is nothing but concussions and interceptions. Even in his home town of Dallas, the fans are beginning to see that Aikman is no longer able to compete at the level we have grown to expect from him.

During the 49er game earlier this season, he was booed several times as he walked onto the field. Maybe it was due to his lackluster performance, or it may have been because the fans saw what the entire country saw during the Monday night game against the Washington Redskins: the best quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys is Randall Cunningham.

Cunningham has proven throughout his NFL career that he can win games with his arm and with his legs. His passing yards (28,577) are comparable to Aikman's (31,310) and he accumulated those numbers in five fewer games. Cunningham, the all-time leading rusher for quarterbacks, possesses something that Aikman doesn't: the ability to avoid oncoming defenders. Against the Redskins he made several plays using his mobility, all of which would have been sacks or wasted plays had Aikman been in the game. The result was the Cowboys first win of the season, against their biggest rival at FedEx Field.

When Aikman was in his prime he had the best back in the league, two quality receivers, a veteran tight end, and the best offensive line in football. Now he is supporting east consists of a running back past his prime, a young receiving corps and an offensive line that depleted by age and injury. Aikman does not have the mobility that is needed to get away from the inevitable blitzing that comes with poor line protection. With defensive players in the league becoming faster and more aggressive, it's unlikely that Aikman can keep taking the hits and remain in the starting lineup. The nine concussions he has sustained over his 11-year career could not only keep him on the sidelines but could force the future Hall of Famer into retirement.

In Aikman's defense he did win three Super Bowls for the Cowboys, however time and a faster game have made him not only vulnerable but replaceable.

It is time for him to step down with grace before an opposing defense forces him out. The time has come for the Cowboys organization to pass the torch and get back to winning football.

Hoopsters rely on Palmer

Clay Zachery
Sports Writer

Hard work and intensity are keys to success in college basketball. The 2000 Highlanders are expecting those attributes to lead them to the NJCAA Region V Tournament this season.

Cedric Palmer, a sophomore from Houston Yates, is expecting to provide some leadership as the top returning starter for McLennan Community College this season.

Because he was forced to miss eight games last year due to a foot injury, Palmer intends to make up for lost time by giving his all to the team night in and night out. "I know I am going to work harder than I did last year, everyone is working hard and I just want to contribute" said Palmer.

Last season the Highlanders finished 13-17 and missed the regional tournament. This year's edition is much more optimistic about the upcoming season. They believe that if they can stay healthy, they will be a force to

be reckoned with and will be able to play deep into the play-offs.

During the 99-00 campaign Palmer averaged 12 points and seven rebounds per game which are stand out numbers for a first year player, however it is his work ethic that his coaches believe is his greatest asset. "Cedric is the kind of player that every coach wants and needs, he is a relentless worker," assistant coach Joshua Newman said.

For Palmer being a sophomore means stepping it up and becoming more of a leader. "I want to be a catalyst for this team, my energy level will affect the way that the team plays and comes together" Palmer said.

Head coach Ray Farrell believes that Palmer is going to show his value most on the offensive and defensive boards. "Cedric is an excellent rebounder which is a direct result of his hard work", Farrell said. "All of my players are hard workers, but Cedric brings some experience to practice".



Digital image by Marcos Garcia

The Highlander's look to improve on last year's dismal season. Practice for the team began August 28 and will play their first game November 3 in the MCC Classic against Blinn College.

Palmer's anticipated leadership is going to be a critical key to this team's success. With only five returning players the Highlanders are very young, but still confident about their chances of improvement. They are going to rely heavily on their

sophomores and Palmer believes that they are definitely up to the task. "We are going to be a much better team this season, we have been working very hard and it will pay off" he said.

With a talented freshman class and the energy and enthu-

siasm of the sophomores, there is good reason for the optimism that the Highlanders feel about the season. And even though expectations are high, the players believe the season will end in a berth to the regional tournament.

MCC pitchers shine in All-Star game

Henn and Tacker show Texas/New Mexico players the way of the game

Larry Howze
Sports Writer

They say to be the best you've got to beat the best. That was the opportunity MCC pitchers Sean Henn and Trevor Tacker had as they participated in the Texas/New Mexico All-Star weekend festivities held October 6th and 7th at the Baylor Ballpark.

The players from both states were divided into two teams the Region 14 and the Region 5 All Stars. The Highlanders caught a glimpse of things to come when Sean Henn shut down the Region

"I will only go to LSU if the New York Yankees don't come up with the right offer, we have to see what kind of deal we can work and then I'll make a decision on my future."

Sean Henn,
Highlander Pitcher

14 All-Stars with two scoreless innings of relief in Game one to lead Region 5 to a 4-2 victory.

The Louisiana State University signee showed why he is one of

the most highly touted pitchers in the area by baffling some of the state's best hitters. Henn is still trying to decide on whether he should he stay in school and

play for one of the nation's best programs at LSU or take the money and run off to the New York Yankees who selected him during last summer's Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

"I will only go to LSU if the New York Yankees don't come up with the right offer, we have to see what kind of deal we can work and then I'll make a decision on my future," Henn said.

In game two of the double header the Region 5 team called upon another LSU signee who is also contemplating a jump to the majors, MCC pitcher Trevor

Tacker. And even though Tacker struggled at times, allowing four runs in two innings, he showed off his major league potential by overpowering hitters en route to three strike outs.

The Highlanders appear to be sitting pretty in the pitching department as only Galveston College had more pitchers (3) in the All-Star game. Henn will be the ace of this year's staff while Tacker has been added to the starting pitching rotation after leading the Highlanders bullpen with seven saves last year as the closer.

Offense only not enough to defend Super Bowl title

St. Louis Rams defense must come from nowhere if they hope to repeat championship

Cedric Iglehart
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the better reasons to watch the National Football League this year is to enjoy the antics of the defending world champion St. Louis Rams.

The Rams are led by last year's Offensive MVP RB Marshall Faulk (a record 2,429 yards from scrimmage) and league MVP QB Kurt Warner, whose story rivals with that of Cinderella herself as he went from Arena League obscurity to Super Bowl supremacy virtually overnight. St. Louis entered this season as one of the favorites to win it all again and remain the only champion of the 21st Century. While it seems to be a given that the Rams will once again finish as the top team in the NFC West, one major factor will ultimately prevent them from achieving their goal

of being back-to-back Vince Lombardi Trophy winners: lack of defense.

Don't get me wrong, I too have been dazzled by the constant barrage of touchdowns produced by the St. Louis offense this season. As of Week 4 the league's leaders in passing yards (Warner 1,557), total yards from scrimmage (Faulk 626) and points scored (K Jeff Wilkins 40) were all members of the Rams. The blazing speed of wide receivers Isaac Bruce and Az-Zahir Hakim coupled with the pinpoint passing of Warner makes this lethal offense one of the most prolific and explosive in NFL history. But there is a reason why record-setting offenses of the past, led by legendary quarterbacks like Dan Fouts, Dan Marino, Jim Kelly and Warren Moon, have never won the big one: not enough defensive support.

The problem with predominantly pass-oriented offenses is that every so often they tend to stall out...

Last season the Rams were guided by NFL Coach of the Year Dick Vermeil, widely recognized around the league as an advocate of defense. His recommendation heavily attributed to the organization's filling of the head coaching vacancy by promoting offensive coordinator Mike Martz, the mastermind behind their high-flying passing attack. And while St. Louis is currently scorching opposing teams to the tune of 40 points per game, the defense is as porous as a sieve. They are dwelling at the bottom of the rankings (28 out of 30) largely due to allowing over 28 points per contest in-

cluding giving up 30 to the abysmal San Diego Chargers in Week 5.

When you look through the league archives for coaches who have won Super Bowls, a vast majority of legends were staunch believers in defense. Lombardi, John Madden, Joe Gibbs, Jimmy Johnson and Bill Parcells were all caretakers of some of the most dominant teams ever, teams that excelled at playing hard-nosed D.

The problem with predominantly pass-oriented offenses is that every so often they tend to stall out, something the Rams know all too well. Last season's NFC Championship game ended

with St. Louis narrowly defeating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 11-6, despite a 258-yard performance by Warner. And although it's likely that both these teams could return for a rematch, it's unlikely that such a paltry score will be sufficient enough to win again.

It's almost a certainty that the Rams will run through the rest of their regular season schedule like a hot knife through butter, but don't be surprised if the next Super Bowl champion hails from cities such as Indianapolis, Minnesota, Tampa Bay or Tennessee, teams with defenses all ranked in the top five.

In this era of ever-changing rules I find it comforting to know that two constants still remain in today's NFL: Anyone can be beaten on any given day and defense wins championships.

ΦΘΚ studies water issues

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Water, the most crucial element to our survival, is taken for granted and the Phi Theta Kappa organization has decided to do something about it.

This year the topics of discussion are the use and abuse of water and how different cultures around the world use water.

The water issue was a major topic during the International Week discussions during the week of Sept. 24. Tuesday's sessions centered on discussions of the water issues in the African culture. The lecture was delivered by French instructor Diamon Djato, who moved here from Africa.

Djato went over the African spiritual, political, and social views on water, leaving time

for questions and discussion.

"Let your life be as pure as water," Djato said.

Spiritually, water plays many roles in African culture, he said. When an infant is born, a drop of water is placed onto the child's tongue to welcome him or her into a new life. A bachelor ready for marriage is taken to a river and thrown in, to indicate that he is no longer part of his single friends. Water may be mixed with roots and leaves to wash away the sin of adultery. If there is a death, the body of the deceased is bathed, as water is used to say good-bye to the dead.

Water is also a sensitive political and social issue, Djato said. There is a lack of drinking water because of poor sanitation facilities in the rural areas. The bulk of the source is used for irrigation and not wasted. Support for Africa's

water systems and resources comes primarily from European countries due to historical ties.

Linda Reichenbach, faculty member, said that when she moved here from France, the availability of water surprised her. In France, they do not serve water at restaurants or automatically include ice in drinks. Americans have water as close as the nearest faucet and use it in amounts that other countries would consider both luxurious and ludicrous.

International Week wrapped up the next day with more conservation issues by showing the French foreign film "Jean de Florette."

The film was shown in the Lecture Hall on Sept. 28 and followed the theme of International Week on the meaning of water in different cultures as well as the power and greed it

takes on humankind.

Each month the presentations will deal with a new aspect of water and a showing of a movie. October's topic is river water.

On October 12, a Brazos River Authority spokesperson will speak at 11:30 a.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. The 1984 film *The River*, featuring Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek, will be shown on October 19 at 7 p.m. October's topics will conclude with a "Lunch on the River" at the MCC Amphitheater on October 27 from 11:00 to 2:00. Students who wish to attend must bring their own lunch.

All lectures and discussions are free and open to the public.

Also included in the International Week discussions was an examination of Dies y Sies holiday featuring a lecture by Gilbert Montemayor.

What's Happening

MCC recognizes Awareness Week

The week of October 16 through the 20 is National Domestic Violence Awareness as well as National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

MCC is taking action for these causes during that week by passing out Red Ribbons, co-sponsored by MCC Student Government and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, on Monday Oct. 16. Purple ribbons will be passed around Thursday Oct. 19 for Domestic Violence Awareness.

Discussions will also be given on Awareness topics. On Tuesday Oct. 17, a discussion called "Walking on Eggshells" will be led by Elizabeth Sherry, Family Violence Counselor in the Faculty/Staff dining room at 11:30.

The next Leadership Luncheon, on Oct. 12 at noon in the Student Center, will be focused on a Victim's Panel for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness.

Everyone is invited to attend any of the free discussions sponsored by MADD and Student Government Association.

Phi Theta Kappa Halloween Blood Drive

Phi Theta Kappa will have a blood drive on October 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Service Center.

As well as taking blood, Phi Theta Kappa will be starting to collect for their Annual Canned Food Drive. Items such as canned goods, toys and books will be accepted for needy families during Christmas time. This year, the PTK plans to donate the collections to needy that attend MCC.

Also on October 31, the Physical Therapy Association will also have a bake sale in the Student Service Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 11-14

MCC Theatre presents *Man and Superman* 7:30 p.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center. The box office will be open from 1-5pm, call 299-8200 for more information. Adults \$7, non-MCC students \$5, MCC students free

Oct. 16

MCC Chorale and Spotlight Musical Theater Ensemble 7:30 p.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center. Free admission

Oct. 18

Leadership Luncheon, noon in Student Center. Student Government and M.A.D.D. sponsor this victim's panel discussion, part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness.

MCC Dance Company performs at State of Texas Fair 4 p.m. in Fair Park, Dallas. For more info. call Sandy Hinton at 299-8851

Oct. 19

"The River" 7 p.m. in Lecture Hall. A film starring Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek, in a drama about a couple defending their farm from developers and severe storms. Film is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. Free admission

Oct. 26

Groundbreaking ceremony for Learning Technology Center at 5 p.m. For more info. call Kim Patterson at 299-8640

Oct. 27

Lunch at the River 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at MCC Amphitheatre Area. Bring a sack lunch and join others to enjoy scenery by river's edge. This is another part of series sponsored by the Pi Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Free admission.

"Tao" takes new stand on love

Michelle Gold
Entertainment Editor

Ten years after his glorious and legendary college days, Dexter does not look like the cool guy he once was. Now, he is a pot-smoking, kindergarten teacher with a protruding round belly that reveals his many days of drinking, but despite all those things Dex still gets almost every girl that he meets. Dex (played by Donal

Logue) attributes it to his collective philosophy he calls the "Tao of Steve".

The Tao of Steve begins at Dex's ten-year college reunion in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Dex stayed after graduating. "You were Elvis!" a pretty female tells Dex at the reunion, commenting on how much weight he has put on. But according to Dex, he still is Elvis, the King. He is perfectly happy with his relaxed job, his appearance and most definitely with his success he still has with women. One of his roommates, Dave (Kimo Wills), in the beginning is perplexed and amazed at the ability Dex has to pick up women. Dex, whose philosophy also comes from Lao-Tzu and the German philosopher Heidegger, explains to Dave "the rules". Upon first going out with a woman one must eliminate the desire, do something excellent in her presence and then retreat.

"We pursue that which retreats from us" Dex tells Dave, quoting Heidegger.

"Steve" is obviously a fictional character. To Dex, he is the epitome of the ultimate cool guy modeled after such figures like Steve McQueen, Steve McGarret and Steve Austin.

Something happens though; Dex meets someone immune to his game, and worst yet, he has fallen for her. Not just smitten for a one night stand, Dex has fallen in love. And in turn,



Dex (Donal Logue) tries to convince Syd (Greer Goodman, left) and his friend Maggie his philosophical ways of picking up women.

starts to question his own beliefs and struggles with how to win Syd (Greer Goodman, who co-wrote the script with her sister).

Donal Logue plays Dex with such ease and believability that one doesn't know if he is even acting.

Greer Goodman and Logue play opposite each other very well with their flirtatious and heated arguments.

The Tao of Steve, is written

by sisters Jennipher and Greer Goodman along with Duncan North, the fellow they all claim is the real life Dex.

But unlike Dex, Duncan North may still be following the actions and beliefs of Steve. Dex, however, changes his ways for Syd and abandons his old college days philosophy.

Playing in only selected movie theaters (not available in Waco), *The Tao of Steve* rated R, opened August 4.

Percussion, Winds showcase variety

Marie Rent
Staff Writer

"Musie for Pieces of Wood" by Steve Reich opened the MCC Music Department's Percussion Ensemble and Wind Symphony concert on Sept. 28 at the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

"Fugue", by G.F. Telemann, was then performed by Matt Sneed on the marimba and Da'Lynn Norton on the vibraphone. Ed Miles, Matt Sneed and Reno Landy then played "Lift-off", a loud piece by Russell Peck. Jonathan Kutz prefaced this piece, saying it was meant to resemble a rocket taking off, as suggested by the name. Their final piece was "Tocata" by Carlos Chavez.

Following a brief intermission, the Wind Symphony started with "Valdrez", composed by Johannes Hanssen and arranged by John Curnov. "Salvation is Created", by Pavel Tehesnokov, transcribed by Bruce Houseknecht, was their second piece. A three-part work composed by Gustav Holst, "First Suite in E-flat" followed. "Chaconne", "Intermezzo" and "March" were the separate sections of this work. Complementing the concert was "The Cowboys". This piece by John Williams was based on music from the movie. The conductor for the Wind Symphony was Jason Sarten. The conductor of the Percussion Ensemble was Jonathan Kutz.

Correction

In the Sept. 29 edition of the Highland Herald, the Dance Company did not dominate University of Texas and Texas A&M. Rather, the Company came in third to UT and A&M. The Highland Herald staff regrets its error.

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Student Government plans active agenda

Jana Vaculik
Staff Writer

Student Government members voiced their concerns and tried to implement changes to help the student body at their first meeting Monday in the faculty dining room in the Student Center.

The student body will be informed about how drunk driving affects people as one of the activities for Awareness Week October 16-20. Volunteers will pass out antenna ribbons in the parking lot and a keynoter will speak about domestic violence. Student government will also host a drinking and driving victim impact group discussion and give purple ribbons for domestic abuse awareness.

In past news, the Student Government reported swarms of bees causing problems outside of the cosmetology and Liberal Arts buildings. The maintenance department was called to remove the bees. A pumpkin carving contest is planned for October 31 and more details will be announced later.

The business clothes drive, benefiting the Heart of Texas Workforce Center was tabled for another meeting. Students will be able to drop off business suits [suits, not suites], ties and shirts at a designated site. The student body will be able to donate their clothing to help others who cannot afford busi-

ness attire instead of throwing the clothes away.

A student bazaar which will showcase student talent was also tabled for another meeting. The student bazaar will allow students to sell their handmade crafts.

Tom Frost, Crime Prevention Officer, wanted input from the Student Government concerning a proposed third shuttle route and campus parking. Frost said the proposed shuttle route will go around the baseball field, Art Center and Parking lots I and J.

"We are trying to make the shuttle service more effective," Larry Radke, Chief of Campus Police, said.

The current shuttle will not stop in front of the HPE building due to traffic problems caused by students. The shuttle now will stop on the side of the HPE building.

The temporary parking near the CSC building will become permanent and MCC will be looking into more parking space because of student growth and construction.

Currently the college is taking estimates to convert the temporary parking into a permanent lot.

Shuttle drivers are needed. Interested students can go to the physical plant for an application. Minimum requirements are a high school diploma or GED, two years of experience driving a large vehicle such as a van, and the application must be able to be insured, Radke said.

GEAR Up mentors youth

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MCC is preparing future college students through the GEAR Up Waco program.

"In a nutshell, there are two main goals for the program. First is to provide students and parents with information that prepares them for college. The second is also to provide inspiration for students in the form of mentors that try to work with and encourage them," program administrator Cynthia Morris said.

GEAR Up Waco (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Understanding College) is aimed mainly at students in grades 6 through 8 using the combined services of a seven-partner coalition: Baylor University, McLennan, the city of Waco, the Waco Foundation, CISMICYC, TSTC, and WISD. The program is a five-year

grant program, currently in its second year.

MCC participates in the G.L. Wiley Middle School Adopt-a-School partnership to help educate and acclimate future enrollees, hosts College Day visits at high schools such as University and A.J. Moore and sponsors a professional development and inservice day to help the staff of the participating organizations prepare for future events. A parental involvement program is designed to develop and refine the parenting skills.

"One of the most important themes of the whole program is family literacy," Morris said.

All students are welcome to participate in the program, whether serving as mentors for the students and their families, or any of several other functions.

Interested parties can contact Cynthia Morris at 299-8664.

McLennan offers variety of services to fit student needs

Jonmichael Swetnam
Staff Writer

Amid the excitement of the new school year, students may have some difficulty getting to where they need to be on time. The following list of hours for some of the major campus offices will hopefully alleviate some of the difficulties of setting up an appointment.

The Academic Success Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and opens from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Students can access their e-mail here. Drop by the second floor of the Student Center, for more information call 299-8442.

The MCC Bookstore, which offers all of the required reading materials for your daily dose of intelligence, opens at 7:45 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located on the ground floor

of the Student Center. For more information or to order texts not already available call 299-8685.

The Business Office operates from 8:00 to 6:00 throughout the work week. All class fees, tuition, IDs, parking permits, and parking fines are paid here. The office is in the Administration Building, on the first floor. For more information call 299-8627.

The Campus Police offices are open all day, every day. If a student is accosted by the more lawless elements of society, officers are always patrolling the campus ready to assist. Students can also call 299-8911 for immediate assistance.

For career counseling, academic advisement, and other matters requiring the guidance of the staff, visit the Career Development Center, located on the ground floor of the Student

Center. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The Center closes earlier on Friday, at 5:00 p.m. Call 299-8614 for further information.

Tutoring is available free of charge to eligible students in the Student Support Services center, which stays open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The offices are located on the third floor of the Student Services building. The office can also be reached at 299-8431.

Student Government can be contacted at the Student Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day of the week. The offices are located on the second floor. For more information call 299-8446, or 299-8444.

For those with an interest in theater, the Box Office hours are 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday the

week before productions. Come by for tickets to student productions, to make reservations or to inquire about prices or other information. For more information call 299-8200.

The Financial Aid office, the wondrous place where students pick up grants, loans, scholarships, and the necessary funds to continue their education, is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. It is located in the Student Services Building. Call 299-8698 for more information.

In case of near starvation, the cafeteria is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. Come by the second floor of the Student Center for a meal.

For new students, the Admissions center of the Student Services Building is open every

morning at 8:00 a.m. and closes for the day at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the office closes at 5:00 p.m. Those who plan on changing their address or name, or who happen to be curious about their transcripts, are welcome to come by the Student Records office of the Student Services Building, between 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays. On Fridays students are asked to come by between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Students unable to make it can also come by on Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Call 299-8622 for Admissions. Records can be contacted at 299-8507.

Students are also encouraged to make use of the gym, located in the HPE building. Hours are 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gym also offers a weight room which is open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, as well as 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the evening.

On Tuesdays the weight room is open from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the day, and 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at night. On Wednesdays, the room is available from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m. Thursday hours are 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the evening hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Friday, the weight room is open from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Available facilities include a pool, which is open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

If reading happens to light your candles, the Library is well stocked and stays open from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Friday opens at 7:45 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. This repository of knowledge includes books, magazines, newspapers, and all sorts of resources, both printed and electronic. Call 299-8398 for more information.

For those with a journalistic bent, the hours for the Highland Herald, the offices which produce the mass of wood pulp and ink that you are currently holding in your hands, are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., every day of the week. Feel free to come by if you want to ask a question or put an ad in the paper. Our offices are located in the CSC building, room 42B. Students can also take advantage of the wonders of twenty-first century communications technology, and call 299-8717.

Trio

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a semester, Gloria Guardiola, Project Director of Student Support Services said.

The Trio program also tries to provide cultural enrichment opportunities like symphonies and theater.

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