

# HIGHLAND HERALD

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## News Briefs

### Master Plan forum date changed

The Master Plan Forum for faculty and staff only scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, has been rescheduled for Monday, April 17, in the Faculty Building lounge from 2-4 p.m. Two forums to "discuss and help determine the college's priorities for the next five years" were held last week. Other forums to which all students, faculty and staff are invited will be held at these sites on the following dates:

- April 13 H-PE 102
- April 18 Library downstairs
- April 27 CSC 232

### Baylor Transfer Day Thursday

Baylor University is sponsoring a Transfer Day Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center on the Baylor campus. Any student interested in transferring to Baylor is invited. Students will have the opportunity to obtain application and other information. Representatives from various areas of Student Services will speak to the students and a tour of the campus will be given. For more information contact Donna McAninch at Baylor at 755-3435, or Marie Thibodeaux in the MCC Student Development Office at 750-3729.

### Charges set for overdue books

The Library will start overdue fines at the first Summer Session. The fine will be \$25 per book and a transfer or registration hold will be put in effect after three weeks. The fine is in place of the transfer hold.

### Two important dates

- The last holiday of the spring semester will be Friday.
- The Highland Games are scheduled for April 26.

### Song writer holds clinic

Singer and song-writers Chuck Pyle held a clinic/demonstration of his "cosmic Cowboy" songs and his unique slam pickin' guitar here Friday afternoon. Pyle's songs have been recorded by major artists such as Jerry Jeff Walker, the "Dirt Band", Susy Boggus and others. His work can also be heard on one of his own cd releases.

### Tarleton representative due

A representative from Tarleton State University will be in the cafeteria on Tuesday, April 25, from 9-noon to talk to potential transfer students.

### 'Making Decisions' this week

This week's PASS workshop is "Making Decisions to Reach Your Goals" and will be presented by John Nobis. He will provide students with tips on how to make good decisions that will help them then set realistic goals. Both Wednesday's and Thursday's sessions will be held in HPE 101. The one Wednesday runs from 10:15-11:10 a.m. and the one Thursday runs from 4-4:50 p.m.

### More PASS workshops this month

Next week's PASS workshop is "Stress Management" and will be presented by Lisa Whited. The April 19 session will be held in HPE room 102 at 10:15 a.m. and the April 20 session will be held in HPE room 101. The following week a workshop on "Landing a Great Job" will be led by Paul Hoffman and Susan Martindale. The April 26-27 sessions will be held in HPE 101 with the Wednesday session from 10:15-11:10 a.m. and the Thursday session from 4-4:50 p.m.

### Interclub Council meets April 21

The next Interclub Council meeting is scheduled to take place in the faculty/staff dining room on April 21 at 10 a.m. Club representatives and advisors may go through the cafeteria line to get something to drink before the meeting.

### Ground school this summer

MCC in conjunction with Texas Aero will offer an aviation course June 6. The Private Pilot Ground School covers areas of ground training as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Training includes preflight navigation, federal aviation regulations, meteorology, navigation, radio navigation and communications and the use of a flight navigation computer. The instructor, who will be from Texas Aero, will give those who successfully complete the course a written recommendation to take the FAA Private Pilot written exam. The course begins June 6, and is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for eight weeks. In addition to the initial \$149, materials and text are also required (an estimated \$117). For more information, contact Richard Coronado at 750-0528.

### Seniors want to volunteer

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program located in the Community Services Center has groups of nursing home residents who are available to help with bulk mailings. They work in teams and can stuff, sort, label and count mailings for your office or group. Contact Susan Copeland or Gilda McDowell at ext. 442 for additional information. RSVP also needs all kinds of coupons for volunteers to cut and sort. These coupons are dated and delivered to Caritas, senior centers, nursing homes, etc. to help low income people and agencies meet their needs. These coupons can be dropped off anytime at the RSVP office in the CSC.

### Crestview seeks items for gifts

Crestview Nursing Center (bottom of the hill on Lake Shore Dr.) is asking for donations of stuffed animals, nice naps, plants, or any gift items that can be used to welcome new residents or used as prizes.

### Completes advocate training

Carolyn Washington has completed the volunteer advocate training supporting sexual assault victims. The training was conducted by The Center for Action Against Sexual Assault. Washington is attending MCC adult education classes preparing for her GED.

## Faculty, staff honored

By LORELL EISMA

Seven members of the faculty and staff will receive special recognition for 25 years of service to the college at the Employee Service Awards Banquet on April 21.

Other faculty and staff members who have been at the college for five, 10, 15 or 20 years will also receive awards for their service at the banquet.

The faculty and staff are awarded for their service for every five-year increment of their employment. If the recipient chooses so, the award can be a donation into the MCC foundation.

The faculty and staff who have worked for the 25-year honor will be awarded either a diamond

added to their Highlander pin or pendant or a cherry finished, arm chair with an MCC seal. The 25-year recipients are Rick Butler, health and physical education instructor; John Chatmas, art instructor; William E. Greiner, math instructor; Willie R. Hobbs, admissions/records director; David M. Hooten, music instructor; Don McCauley, business/economics instructor; and Dann Walker, humanities instructor.

The 20-year recipients will be awarded a watch that has the Highlander on its face. These honorees are Louie Bodie, Geraldine Carey, Brenda Dobelbower, Fay Gutierrez, Maggie Harbaugh, Sandy Hinton, Janis Lynn Jackson, Margarita Sanchez and Beverly Walker.

Faculty and staff members with 15 years of service will receive a 14-karat gold lapel pin or pendant of the Highlander. This group includes Lynn Abernathy, John D. Burton, Richard Coronado, Ken DeWeese, Catherine Dobbins, Gloria Evans, Sue Graham, Marylea Henderson, Kae K. Hinehine, Belinda A. Hudson, Lydia Lugo, Jerry V. Jordan, Jimmy King, James Kubacak, Mary L. Ringle and Lise Uhl.

A plaque with an attached pen set will be awarded to the 10-year recipients — Stephanie Abright, Frank E. Brennan, Jean Crews, Richard Drum, Virgila Hawthorne, Nancy LeMay, Karen Norwood, Pattie Ondrejand Joyce M. Schroeder.

Five-year recipients will be

awarded a Highlander Plaque. Those recipients are Donald W. Aldridge, Tommy M. Alexander, Cherry Mills Boggess, Ming H. Chow, Mary Jo Coker, Karen Conine, Randy Cox, Shirley Crockett, Rita Davis, Minnie Davis, Cathy F. Hagan and Donald L. Hay.

Also, Laura L. Hays, Janelle Hicks, Lisa Lindloff, Carl D. McIntosh, Marylen Mosley, Pamela Lynn Nichols, Lora S. Perry, Linda Ramirez, Sharon K. Stone, Wanda Sudbury, Marie Thibodeaux, Kathryn Watson and Deborah D. York.

Instead of receiving the award, an honoree may elect instead to give the funds used to purchase their award to the MCC Foundation.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

WELCOME WAGON— Margaret Vaughn, admissions specialist, gives students from China Spring High School a tour of the campus.

## Student awards April 19

By KAYSANDRA SMITH

Outstanding work in the classroom and on campus organizations will be recognized on April 19 with the annual Awards Assembly.

The outstanding student from each academic department and from each campus organization will be honored.

Also being honored are members of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, Tartan Scholars, Student Government, and several additional individual awards.

Psi Beta, national honor society in psychology, will initiate its new members at the ceremony.

Parents, spouses and friends are expected to fill the Lecture Hall for the ceremony scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Program leaders have said they will wait a few minutes until participants have time to arrive from their classes which end at 10:05 a.m.

## Health careers going high tech

By OLGA DURON

By combining the advances of computer technology and traditional classroom instruction, the Health Careers Department has created a new "graphic" atmosphere of learning.

In three classrooms, health careers instructors are now using computers and overhead projectors to assist in course lectures.

Images displayed on a computer's monitor are projected onto a screen through a high powered overhead projector.

With this Computer Assisted Instruction, instructors can create lectures on disks and incorporate them into daily classroom instruction using the overhead projectors.

According to Alice Moyers, program director for Associate Degree Nursing, 12 health careers faculty members are currently learning how to write and present CAI software and six are already expert at writing CAIs. Moyers said, "The department is committed to teaching, and the faculty has had to learn a lot."

But Moyers also added that the advantage of faculty creating their own instructional software is that they can write exactly what they want the students to learn.

The Health Careers' Learning Skills Lab also is equipped with four powerful computers connected to the Tech Lab.

The interactive video laser disk players connected to the 486 computers use graphics to enhance learning and provide students with highly individualized instruction.

These 486 computers may be used by respiratory care, radiology, associate and vocational nursing students for independent study, course material reinforcement or reviewing material not discussed in class. The Learning Skills Lab is projected to have a total of eight 486 computers.

The Learning Skills Lab also has six additional computers on a network system. Although a little less sophisticated than the powerful 486s, these computers offer valuable instructional assistance to students.

But according to Moyers, the biggest advantage of the technology being utilized by the department is the use of two mobile 486 lap top computers. The advantage of being mobile allows instructors to use the CAI software on lap top computers in the clinical and hospital areas.

# Intramurals available for interested students

By RYAN LAW

Two tournaments that are designed to include almost any student are scheduled in intramural sports this week.

Wendell Hudson, women's basketball coach and coordinator of intramurals, has planned a two-on-two basketball tournament tomorrow in the Highlands. Players can choose from different skill level divisions in which to play.

Hudson is also planning a racquetball tournament that begins Thursday.

Intramurals, designed to involve students in sports activities, presently includes vol-

leyball, basketball, and pickleball (played with wooden rackets and a whiffle ball on a badminton court with the net lowered to 3 feet).

Intramurals are being held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:20 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. They are also held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the H.P.E. gym.

All of these sports are primarily co-ed, with the exception of basketball and racquetball. Basketball and racquetball are usually divided into separate men's and women's teams, but Hudson noted these sports also

are offered occasionally for co-ed competition.

Hudson said he wants intramurals to be available to every student who desires to take part in athletics.

"One reason for the different times (schedule) is for the accommodation of the students. We've taken surveys to get the maximum amount of students to participate," he said.

The best way to get involved in the intramurals is to come to the H.P.E. gym during the set times for them. No matter how skilled a student is at sports, Hudson assures, "If you come, you will participate."

# Highlassies lose players, sign seven new recruits

By AARON TUDOR

Hoping to build off last year's 17-11 season, Highlassies coach Wendell Hudson wrapped up a busy recruiting period by signing seven players.

Among those who will be playing for the Highlassies next season are Yoakum standout Melissa Walker and Jackie Williams of Bynum. Walker was the MVP of district 27-3A and was a first team all-state pick. Williams

averaged 29 points a game last season.

Hudson recruited the central Texas area strongly, signing local players Diane Mynarcik of West, Candy Smith from Mexia, Holly Youngblood from Midway and Julie Brooks of McGregor. The Highlassies also signed Natasha Stevens of Lancaster.

The lassies lose five sophomores, first team all-conference picks Lisa Brown and Yong Tran.

Tran is being recruited by the University of Texas at Arlington and Austin Peay. Brown is considering Midwestern and Texas Wesleyan among others.

Also, Eleanor Alfred has drawn interest from several schools including Lamar, St. Edwards, and Mary Hardin-Baylor. Quiana Kent has decided not to play basketball next year, and Quita Wayfer plans to attend a few tryouts.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

WINNERS FESTIVAL — Derek Watson (6) congratulates Chris Hathcock coming in to score at homeplate. The Highlanders play today at home against San Jacinto College at 2 p.m., weather permitting.

# Work-study programs ease rising costs of college tuition

By OLGA DURON

One of the options provided for students to help with the pressures of paying for college tuition is work-study programs.

Federal and state work-study programs are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis and offer students part-time employment (15 hours maximum) on campus.

Included with the federal and state work-study opportunities is a "non-work-study" program funded through grants received by MCC. (The name given this type of program does not mean the student doesn't work but that the program is not supported through state or federal funds.) Similar to the federal and state

programs, the non-work-study program also offers part-time employment on campus.

To apply for federal, state or non-work-study programs, a student must complete a form for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid." However, students do not have to be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant in order to qualify for the work-study programs.

Those students applying for the state work-study program must be Texas residents and enrolled in at least six semester hours of college credit.

Employment opportunities for work-study are mainly clerical or office type positions, but others may include child devel-

opment or tutorial services. Some positions may require experience, like typing, but Financial Aid Specialist Sandy Jones says for most of the jobs, students can be trained.

Those students employed through the work-study programs are paid once a month and receive minimum wage. Time sheets are filled out and returned to the financial aid office.

Every fall orientation is held for those students participating in the work-study programs. The orientation is designed to acquaint the students with the work-study programs so that they know what to expect and also what is expected of them.

Although the majority of the work-study applicants are received during the fall, work-study opportunities may be available throughout the year, Jones said.

Campus departments should be encouraged to submit any work-study positions needed or available, she said.

Although employment is ordinarily held by the students during the fall and spring semesters, students who wish to continue employment through the summer terms may submit a request to the financial aid office.

"Work-study programs offer value work experience," Jones said. "Students learn to be dependable and learn people skills," Jones said.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

MELISSA WALKER is headed for the Highlands after signing with the Highlassies.

## CORRECTIONS

In Professor Paul Beran's article on teacher evaluations in the March 9 issue, the word "just" was accidentally omitted from a sentence.

Because of the omission, the meaning of the sentence was completely changed. The sentence read, "And don't fill out the scantron part; turn the form over and make your voice heard."

It should have read, "And don't just fill out the scantron; turn the form over and make your voice heard."

With the word "just" left out, the sentence gives the impression that Professor Beran was telling students not to answer the questions on the form, when in fact he was urging students to write comments on the back of the form in addition to answering the questions on the front.

Also, in the article on enrollment in that issue, the current enrollment was incorrectly stated as 5,662. The actual enrollment figure for this semester is 5,910.

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MAYBE HE'LL HIT IT, MAYBE HE WON'T — Jeff Brown concentrates on the ball, while playing racquetball.

Highland Herald Poll

Was combining the summer and fall schedule of classes a good idea?



**LIBERTY LILLARD**  
Major: Nursing  
"I like it, I think it was a great idea. You can choose sooner for courses you want."



**KRISTINE LUNDQUIST**  
Major: Interpreter training  
"It just complicates things, I think both semesters should be separate."



**DAMIAN BEVERLY**  
Major: Undecided  
"I love it, but it can make registering difficult."



**SANDRA DRAGER**  
Major: Biology  
"I think it is all right, because students already attending can get the advantage of classes."

Photos and poll by  
Kaysandra Smith



**RACHEL HALE**  
Major: Interpreter training  
"It is confusing, I think they should be separate."

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The MCC Master Plan Steering Committee  
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to discuss and help determine the

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During National Community College Month 1995

April 13 Health & P.E. Building, room 102

April 17 Faculty Office Building Lounge  
(faculty and staff only)

April 18 Library, downstairs meeting room

April 27 Community Services Center, rm. 232

All forums 2 - 4 p.m.

**Bring your ideas and insights!**

At student press convention

**Highland Herald  
wins top award**

The Highland Herald received first place in the "Best-of-Show" competition at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention last weekend at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

A record number of students and teachers, almost 700, attended the three-day meeting. Seventy-two universities and two-year colleges belong to TIPA. Meeting in conjunction with TIPA were the Texas Community College Journalism Association and the Southwestern Journalism Conference which has members from five states.

The convention Thursday with contests in print and broadcast journalism, photography, public relations and advertising.

The second day featured seminars on topics such as fairness in reporting, writing for radio, getting started in broadcasting, news and feature photography, advertising sales, publication design, and job-seeking strategies.

The convention wrapped up Saturday with a three-hour awards ceremony climaxed with

the presentation of the "Best-of-Show" awards. For the awards, schools are divided based on enrollment into three divisions with the schools with the largest enrollment in Division I. MCC competes in Division II with such schools as SMU and TCU. Universities and two-year colleges compete together in all three divisions.

Along with the "Best-of-Show" award, several Highland Herald staff members received individual awards.

Aaron Tudor received second place for Division II News Feature writing and an honorable mention for Division II Sports Page Design.

Merie Witt received second place in Division II Editorial Cartoons.

Henther Ellis won third place in Division II Sports News.

Brooks Whittington received an honorable mention for Division II Feature Photo.

Tom Buckner, advisor for the newspaper, ended his two-year term as president of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Advisers Association.

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**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**

DAY SCHEDULE

<u>CLASSES</u>	<u>EXAM DAY</u>	<u>EXAM TIME</u>
<u>Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes</u>		
6:55 - 7:50 am	Mon., May 8 Wed., May 10	*6:55 - 7:50 am
*(precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 min.)		
8:00 - 8:55 am	Mon., May 8	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:10 - 10:05 am	Wed., May 10	9:10 - 11:10 am
10:20 - 11:15 am	Fri., May 12	10:20 - 12:20 pm
11:30 - 12:25 pm	Mon., May 8	11:30 - 1:30 pm
12:40 - 2:00 pm	Wed., May 10	12:40 - 2:40 pm
2:15 - 3:35 pm	Mon., May 8	2:15 - 4:15 pm
3:50 - 5:10 pm	Wed., May 10	3:50 - 5:50 pm
<u>Tues. - Thurs. classes</u>		
8:00 - 9:20 am	Tues., May 9	8:00 - 10:00 am
9:35 - 10:55 am	Thurs., May 11	9:35 - 11:35 am
11:10 - 12:30 pm	Tues., May 9	11:10 - 1:10 pm
12:45 - 2:05 pm	Thurs., May 11	12:45 - 2:45 pm
2:20 - 3:40 pm	Tues., May 9	2:20 - 4:20 pm
3:55 - 5:15 pm	Thurs., May 11	3:55 - 5:55 pm

EVENING SCHEDULE

6:00 - 7:20 pm	MW	Mon., May 8	6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	MW	Wed., May 10	7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 7:20 pm	TTH	Tues., May 9	6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	TTH	Thurs., May 11	7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 9:00 pm	M	Mon., May 8	6:00 - 8:00 pm
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6:00 - 9:00 pm	W	Wed., May 10	6:00 - 8:00 pm
6:00 - 9:00 pm	TH	Thurs., May 11	6:00 - 8:00 pm

SATURDAY CLASSES

EXAMS FOR SATURDAY CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON MAY 6, 1995.

DOWNTOWN CENTER (DAY OR EVENING)

EXAMS FOLLOW THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES (DAY OR EVENING)

THE EXAM SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR. HOWEVER, EXAMS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BEFORE MAY 6, 1995.

OR OTHER EXCEPTIONS

CLASSES WHICH MEET BEGINNING (DOWNTOWN OR ON CAMPUS) BETWEEN 5 AND 5:55 P.M. WILL HOLD FINAL EXAMS AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON MAY 8, 9, 10, OR 11 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

Opens April 26

# 'Moonlight Sonata'

By LISETTE MEDINA

The last theatre presentation of the semester will be a theatre dance production entitled "Moonlight Sonata."

This new and original idea for a musical theatre performance is the brainchild of director Jerry MacLauchlin. He is not the only contributor to this work, however. Dialog for "Moonlight Sonata" was contributed by students in what MacLauchlin titled a "brainfest." It was a collaborative effort between him and the students. Those submitting parts to the production were Michael Bailey, Clinton Hopper, Kelly Parker, Silvia Rojas, Brian Taylor, Jessica Watson, a professional

writer, and Patrick Whorton.

"The process is fun. It's nice to have other brain power," said MacLauchlin.

The performers practice Monday through Friday from roughly 7-10 p.m. Several students sometimes even have private practices on the weekends.

Although the musical contains the dialog the student performers and MacLauchlin wrote, it is mostly comprised of singing and instrumental music, much of which is original for this production. In charge of the music is music director, Neal Richardson, a professional pianist. Included will be both incidental music

and song music which ranges in everything from jazz to rock, from blues to ballads and even a touch of rap.

The setting of the musical covers three different areas in New York — a city street, a poet's cafe or coffeehouse and a Soho gallery. The story told over the course of five scenes takes place in one long evening and follows the lives of six different characters. It is somewhat of a character study. "Moonlight Sonata" shows how people in the inner city relate with each other.

Others helping with this musical theatre production are Wanda Wiseman, assistant director; Janelle Flowers, costumes; Tim

Poertner, set-lighting; and Josh Rambo, stage manager.

Tickets will be on sale starting Monday and continuing through April 25. Prices are \$2 for MCC students, \$3 for non-MCC students and senior citizens, and \$5 for adults. To order tickets or for more information call the box office at 750-3500. It is open from 1-5 p.m. Performances will be April 26-29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center.

"The process is fun. It's nice to have other brain power."



*Photo by Brooks Whittington*  
SOME GOOD MOVES — Jake Davis and Tiffany Hornak rehearse a dance number for the musical theater production "Moonlight Sonata" to be performed at the end of this month.

## Career in commercial music can be reality with programs here

By LISETTE MEDINA

For those interested in a career in commercial music, whether it be performance, behind the scenes in the recording studio or handling the business end of it — a program exists on this campus. With the addition in the fall of the new commercial music management degree, the department now has a total of four concentrations for students to look into. The new

program also allows students the opportunity to pursue a certificate in commercial music, which does not take as long to obtain as the degree.

For those interested in performance, several bands exist to choose from — country, rock, contemporary Christian, jazz, both instrumental and vocal, and fairly new, a tejano band. The number of bands in each category varies from semester to semester depend-

ing on the interests of the students.

Placement of students into the bands is done by audition, and those students are placed in the band where the greatest possibilities for advancement are, said David Hibbard, director of the commercial music program.

As for enrollment, Hibbard said, "There are a strong core of people who plan on doing this for a living, some that are

sitting on the fence, and 'dabblers.'"

The program would then be open to all interested, even those 'dabblers' who just want to learn a little something about commercial music.

The program seems to be helpful for at least one student. Freshman commercial music performance major Meredith Giddens said, "You can learn a lot about the basics of music and about the business. It

teaches you how to work in a band situation."

She added, "I have learned to respect other peoples' talents."

Giddens, who said she grew up with music because her father is a musician, is one of the singers in the country band. Her brother David is also in the band playing the guitar, as well as Brian Douglas on bass, Joey Devorak on fiddle with Jon Bauerle playing the

drums. The two other singers are Tracy Kimberlin and Dawn Morton. Instructor Robert Page plays the piano.

All of the bands perform at various Central Texas area functions. The country band will play in the CSC at 12 p.m. for Multicultural Day which is April 28.

For more information on the commercial music programs available, contact David Hibbard at 750-3578.

# EASTER

## Holiday involves tradition centered on Resurrection

By SUSIE JONES

Easter may bring to mind hiding colorful eggs, bunnies, and warm spring weather, but Easter is also known to many as the observance of the Resurrection of Christ.

Easter Sunday is celebrated in different ways. The Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, according to the World Book Encyclopedia, hold Saturday evening services, but most Protestant churches wait until Sunday morning to hold their main Easter services at sunrise which represents the light that comes back to the world, the newly risen Jesus.

The Catholic and Orthodox churches also hold additional services on Easter Sunday, especially for those who missed the long services of the preceding night.

Many symbols remind Christians of the original Easter events and their meaning. A crucifix is a cross with an image of Jesus' body hanging from it, symbolizing the sacrifice made by Jesus. An empty cross, meaning without the figure of Christ, reminds Christians of Jesus' victory over death, and the new life and hope this victory brings to believers, according to the World Book Encyclopedia.

Candles are burned during many Easter celebrations, especially the vigil and midnight services before Easter Sunday. Christians associate Jesus with the light of the candles, calling Him the "Light of the World."

The World Book Encyclopedia also states that Easter lilies are used to decorate churches.

These large, pure white blossoms remind Christians of the pure new life that comes to them through the Resurrection of Christ.

The World Book encyclopedia says that eggs and rabbits are also familiar symbols representing Easter. Eggs, which represent new life, have been a symbol of spring since ancient times. Christians adopted the egg as an Easter symbol because of the relationship between Easter and the renewal of life. Rabbits are associated with the fertility of spring because of their ability to produce many young. Some parents tell their children that the Easter Rabbit, or Easter Bunny, lays Easter eggs.

Exchanging and eating Easter eggs, according to the encyclopedia, is a popular custom in many countries. The eggs are hard-boiled and dyed in various colors and patterns. Many countries have their own traditional patterns. Probably the most famous are those designed in Ukraine and Poland, where Christians decorate the eggs with complicated red, black, and white patterns.

In many countries, children hunt for Easter eggs hidden about the home. Children in England, Germany, and some other countries play a game in which eggs are rolled against one another or down a hill. The egg that stays uncracked the longest wins. Since 1878, children in Washington, D.C., have been invited to roll eggs on the White House lawn.



The Easter season actually begins with Lent, the period about 40 days before Easter Sunday. This is the time when Christians prepare for Easter, show remorse for their sins and ask for forgiveness.

In Western churches, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Many churches, especially Roman

Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran, hold special services on this day. The service often includes the blessings of ashes on the foreheads of worshippers, and reminds participants that they should begin their Lenten penance in a humble spirit.