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Two members of MCC Dance Company attended state-wide competition this weekend for selection of the Southwest Texas State University drill team, known as the "Strutters".

Martha McConnell and Joy Wiese are two of the new members for the University's drill team of 58 girls. Of the 79 girls in the competition only 58 were chosen on the basis of performance of a routine learned in a morning's time.

McConnell and Wiese said they practiced the routine over and over, were given a trial run before the actual performance, and then performed for competition before several judges.

"The routine had what seemed like 100 high kicks!" said McConnell.

The girls will perform with the "Strutters" this fall.

SG registers voters

Student Government members will man a voter registration booth today and tomorrow in the student center for students who wish to register before the deadline of Thursday, April 6. The booth will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and 8 a.m. until noon tomorrow. SG members will assist students in the necessary steps to becoming a registered voter. Only those who register before the deadline are eligible to vote in the May 6 primary.

The mini-concert committee said the band "Goliath" will

play April 21 in the Student Center.

Members of the scrapbook committee reported their progress on the scrapbook to be submitted this weekend at the Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention. Susan Johnson, Sharon and Karen Kirkland plan to meet this week in order to complete the scrapbook and urged all SG members to attend.

In other business, President Kelley reported that Tom Gabbert had gone to China

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Astronomy club visits observatory

The Astronomy club is leaving today for the McDonald Observatory in Ft. Davis, Texas, with a club member's mother substituting for a sponsor.

After several days of uncertainty as to whether or not the club could make the trip since they did not have a faculty member to accompany them, club member Cindy Gilliam's mother, Dorothy Gilliam, volunteered to go with them.

Dr. LaVerne Wong, Dean of Student Services, gave approval for Dorothy Gilliam to escort the group.

The trip is to be the "highlight of the club's activities," said Don Urbanovsky, president of the Astronomy club.

Planning for the trip began during the fall semester and the final dates were set in

February, said Urbanovsky. The club has made special arrangements to visit the radio telescope in Marfa, Texas. The radio telescope, which can track stars through radiation waves that are being emitted, is not normally open to the public.

Until ten days ago, members said they were unaware that they did not have a sponsor to go with them. The club sponsors are Gary and Wayne Duncan, who both teach math here.

Gary Duncan is unable to make the trip because of an engagement his band, "Gary Duncan Combo", has at the Rolling Hills Country Club.

Wayne Duncan said he could not go "due to conflicting interests and other projects."

Both Urbanovsky and the Duncans tried to find a faculty member to accompany the club, but they were unsuccessful.

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Drama presents 'See How They Run'

The drama department will present Philip King's "See How They Run" April 14, 15, 21 and 22 in the Fine Arts theatre.

The production marks the first time the drama department has repeated a show with "See How They Run" having been performed four years ago here.

Director James Henderson said he has found the play to be "a good audience pleaser." "See How They Run" is a comedy that deals with a case of mistaken identities in a 1940's English vicarage.

Cast members are sophomore

James Amos, sophomore Trudy Jander, freshman Hoagie Karels, freshman Randy Kemp, Klaus Krohn, sophomore Ross Mormino, freshman Sandia Pilgrim, sophomore Cliff Sharpless, and freshman Jill Trice.

Sophomore John Cleavelin is technical director, and freshman Cindy Parks is production manager.

Reservations may be made by calling 756-6551, ext. 283. Admission for students and faculty members is free. All performances will begin at 8 p.m.

Band takes first in festival

Stage Band I took first place in the Wharton County Junior College Stage Band Festival March 17, while several members won individual honors.

The contest is the largest in he state, said stage band director David Hibbard.

Kyle Pilgrim, bass guitar player, was named Outstanding Jazz Performer of the contest and was awarded a trophy for his accomplishment.

Three other band members were named to the All Festival Band. They are Phil Bass, percussion; Alfredo Ballesteros, tenor saxophone; and Gary Pavlica, percussion.

Hibbard said the bands were judged on how well they played as an ensemble, how well the soloists played jazz and how well the band communicated with the audience.

Jazz Ensemble I and II also attended the contest but were

not judged.

The bands are planning several April performances on campus. Friday the three bands will perform underneath the Student Center at 10 a.m.

April 20 Stage Band I will perform with guest soloist Jimmy Owens, a New York freelance jazz artist. Hibbard said, "Owens is considered by Dizzy Gillespie, the god of jazz trumpet, and Clark Terry to be one of the top jazz trumpet players in the business."

Guest comment

Quotes to study by

by Don Bynum

Director of Student Activities

"A student in college wishes he were like a river - stay in bed, continue on course, and be helped by two banks."

-Anonymous

"I have never let schooling interfere with my education."

-Mark Twain

"Education is that which remains when one has forgotten everything he learned in school."

-Albert Einstein

"He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches."

-George Bernard Shaw

"The greatest job of teachers is to cultivate talent until it ripens for the public to reap its bounty."

-Jacha Helfetz

"A father who wants his children to get an education these days may have to pull a few wires - the television wire, the hi-fi wire, and the radio wire."

-Lavone Mathison

"The aim of a college education is to teach you to know a good man when you see one."

-William James

"Lecture: Something that can make you feel numb on one end and dumb on the other."

-Cy N. Peace

"We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors."

-Lyndon B. Johnson

"The primary purpose of education is not to teach you to earn your daily bread, but to make every mouthful sweeter."

-Josiah Royce

"Thinking is like loving and dying. Each of us must do it for himself."

-Sir Winston Churchill

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."

-Will Rogers

And as only a few weeks remain in this semester, perhaps this quote from W. C. Fields is most appropriate - "There comes a time in the affairs of men when you must take the bull by the tail and face the situation."

Radiologic students place

Radiologic technology students, for the third consecutive year, placed first in the annual Texas Society of Radiologic Technologist competition March 31 through April 1 in Houston.

Teams from junior college and university radiologic technology programs throughout the state entered the student competition.

MCC's first place team includes sophomores Dawn Pandolf, Frank McCoy and Valerie Taggart, and Instructor-Coach Brenda Gorham.

Sophomore Sherri Pyron, won third place in the scientific papers competition.

The radiologic technology program is a two-year program leading to an associate in applied science degree. With an emphasis on x-ray technology, the program also familiarizes the students with radiation therapy and nuclear medicine.

Karate Assn. hosts match

The Karate Association of Texas is hosting the Heart of Texas Karate Championships at the Waco Lion's Den Auditorium Sunday. Eliminations begin at 1 p.m. with championship matches and demonstrations by professional Karate Black Belts to begin at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for children, \$2 for teenagers and \$3 for adults.

MCC students Dan Haley and Britt Baugh will be among the competitors at Sunday's tournament. Haley, a full time student, has been taking the continuing education Karate course offered in the evenings here. Baugh began his Karate training in the same continuing education class and has continued his training at the Karate Association of Texas. Baugh presently holds the rank of purple belt, which is just prior to the brown belt.

Other members of the continuing education class planning to participate in the tournament are Warren Stinnett, Myle Hudson and Walter Reece. Some of the top Black Belts in the country will attend the tournament.

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Pipeline

Workshop to be held

Communications Workshop is the last one that will be offered for Orientation 101 credit this semester. It will improve skills in communications, help participants understand the necessity of listening to each other with comprehension and stimulate participants to listen more carefully.

The workshop will be in the Highlander Room April 17 and in the Tarian Room April 19 and 21. Students may sign up in the Counseling Office.

A.S.K. to sponsor dance

Afro Student Kindred will sponsor a "Disco" fever dance Saturday at the Dewey Center. The dance begins at 9 p.m. and will last until 1 a.m. Admission for the dance is \$1.

Democrats gather

Young Democrats are sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" Monday at 10 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. Present at the meeting will be 11th Congressional District candidates Lyndon Olson, Marvin Leath, Perry Ellis, Steve Alexander and Lane Denton. All candidates will be present in the Student Center after the meeting to make personal contact with the students.

Energy lecture changed

The lecture and discussion on "energy" which was originally scheduled for this Friday has been rescheduled for April 14.

Health careers explained

Hospital personnel directors and nurse recruiters from throughout the state will be on campus Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon to speak with all health career students. The session will give them a chance to explain their programs and employment opportunities to graduating students.

All health career students are urged to attend the session in room 108 of the Health Careers building.

Entries being accepted for Annual Art Show

The MCC Annual Student Art Show will be April 17 through May 2. Any student may enter up to five pieces of work in any media. The juror, Russell Cargo, will select work to be included in the exhibition, with special recognition given for first, second and third place. All judgments regarding acceptances and special recognition will be at the discretion of Cargo.

Cargo received his bachelor's

degree in history from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth and his master's degree in art history at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He is Curator of Art at the Art Center.

Entries should be delivered Marilyn Gipson in the art department between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



POWWWWW!

Karate instructor Luther Duffy delivers a kick to Glenn Gunn.

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50th anniversary, night of upsets

'Annie Hall' sweeps Oscars

by Bryan Davis

The Force abandoned "Star Wars" in favor of Woody Allen Monday night when "Annie Hall" swept the major Oscars during the Academy's 50th anniversary.

The stunning (and questionable) upset left many growling.

BEST PICTURE

1977 was a landmark year for excellence in motion pictures. More people saw "Star Wars" than any film in history. Critics raved over the performances of four seasoned actresses in "Julia" and "The Turning Point." And "The Goodbye Girl" caused more laughter in theaters than anything in years. Regardless of their merits, all four films were bypassed in favor of "Annie Hall."

Perhaps you missed "Annie Hall." Don't feel alone. You should however, be able to see it soon. It will certainly be re-released to cash in on its laurels, which included four of the five major awards.

In addition to best picture, "Annie Hall" won awards for best actress (Diane Keaton); best director and best original screenplay (Woody Allen). The only major award "Annie Hall" failed to win was best actor (Woody Allen).

SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Despite the surprising victory of "Annie Hall", it took politics to create the biggest stir of the evening.

There seemed little doubt Vanessa Redgrave's performance in "Julia" was the better of fellow supporting actress nominees. But Redgrave's politics (an avowed communist and pro-Palestine Liberation Army) could have deprived her the award.

Thankfully, it didn't.

Redgrave, however, triggered hostile reaction when, in addition to the usual thanks, she applauded voters for not being biased due to her political priorities.

Redgrave's personal politics are her business. But the millions who tune in to Oscar do so to see their favorite performers, not to hear politics. For that reason, Redgrave was somewhat out of place. Her actions however, were no more "out of place" than those of other performers in the past.

Screenwriter Paddy Chayefsky "Network", presenting the screenwriting Oscar, was prompted by Redgrave's statement to say, "I'm sick and tired of people exploiting the Academy Awards." He received considerable applause.

In addition to Redgrave's controversial statement, the frequent surprises gave the show an "anything goes" atmosphere. The appearance of

past film notables King Vidor, Mickey Mouse, Barbara Stanwyck and Janet Gaynor (the first best actress winner) made the telecast more bearable than usual.

BEST ACTRESS

Aside from best picture, the best actress race was touted to be the closest in Oscar history. Diane Keaton received the award for essentially portraying herself in "Annie Hall". Left without mention were post-award favorites Jane Fonda of "Julia", and perennial loser Shirley MacLaine of "The Turning Point".

BEST ACTOR

Richard Dreyfuss' citation as best actor was one of the more popular decisions. His award came for his superb per-

formance in "The Goodbye Girl."

SUPPORTING ACTOR

If the awards are criticized, they must be applauded for naming Jason Robards best supporting actor for his role in "Julia". Robards hadn't been expected to win due to his victory in the same category last year for "All the President's Men."

BEST DIRECTOR

The award for best director was the most unfounded of the evening. "Annie Hall's" Woody Allen was chosen above the creator and director of "Star Wars", George Lucas. Herbert Ross, who directed both "The Turning Point" and "The Goodbye Girl" made Academy history by gaining a record 17 nominations between his films. Ross came out empty handed. "Goodbye Girl" received one award, and "The Turning Point" failed to do even that.

Although in the end "Star Wars" gathered the most Oscars, it failed to win one major award. Instead, its six awards included best visual effects and best musical score. "Julia", Lillian Hellman's touching tribute to friendship, failed to materialize its predicted victories. In addition to the supporting actor and actress awards, Alvin Sargent's screenplay for "Julia" was honored.

The most slighted film of the evening was undoubtedly the beautiful ballet film, "The Turning Point." Tied with "Julia" for the most Oscar nominations, "Turning Point" failed to win a single award.

BEST SONG

Carly Simon's "Nobody Does It Better" gave "You Light Up My Life" a scare for Best Song. But Debby Boone raked up another victory. The biggest news in the music scene was the omission of a tune from "Saturday Night Fever." The film failed to gain a nomination for best musical score or best song. "Fever" producers are still bickering because three Disney songs were nominated rather than their record breaking soundtrack.

For once, the majority of winners were present. All except Robards and Allen. It seems Allen had a prior engagement. Every Monday night he plays clarinet with a Dixieland band in a New York pub.

Debbie Reynolds opened the Oscar telecast with "Look How Far We've Come", a rousing tribute to Oscar's golden anniversary. By the show's end, however, many felt the awards were nothing to brag about.

In the words of that award winning Keaton character "Annie Hall", "Well, la-de-da-da!"



ANNIE TO ALVIE: 'WELL, LA-DE-DA-DE-DA!'

In addition to naming "Annie Hall" best film of the year, Academy Awards went to Diane Keaton for best actress, and Woody Allen for best director and best original screenplay



POLITICS UPSTAGE AWARDS

Best supporting actress winner Vanessa Redgrave of "Julia", outspelled "Star Wars" when she delivered an acceptance speech laced with politics. Co-star Jane Fonda lost her bid for best actress.

Latest Clapton LP labeled 'above par'

by Matt Mitchell

Eric Clapton's latest album, "Slowhand", follows the tradition Clapton has maintained since his comeback from oblivion in the early 70's.

The name slowhand is one that Clapton was tagged with years ago before his days with Cream and the Yardbirds. Once again Clapton has teamed with producer Glyn Johns and guitarist George Terry to put together a low-keyed, refined and refreshing album. Terry has played with Clapton so long that it's difficult to distinguish

the two apart, and with the credits being as vague as they are here, it's next to impossible.

A lot of critics were unimpressed with Clapton's initial solo efforts. Almost all agreed that "461 Ocean Boulevard" was a fine album, and that the bluesy "There's One In Every Crowd" was Clapton at his best. But these same critics compared Clapton's solo work to that he had done while fronting such bands as Cream, and Derek and the Dominoes.

For a while it seemed Clapton would never be able to live down songs such as "Layla" and

"Bellbottom Blues", but gradually he has broken free and attracted more attention critically as well as commercially.

The LP contains a number of non-original songs that he is able to enhance with both his voice and arrangements.

Clapton shines on John Martyn's precious "May You Never" and as does justice to country singer Don Williams "We're All the Way". However, he really sparkles on his rendition of J. J. Cale's "Cocaine". Clapton adds a little more power to the song than Cale did,

and his voice enables him to bypass Gele's smoky original by a substantial margin.

"Mean Old Frisco" is one of those blues numbers that Clapton does so well with his parallel vocal and guitar lines. His original materials, most prominently the big hit "Lay Down Sally" and funny little track "Next Time You See Her" are worth mentioning.

Clapton teams with the ever-present Yvonne Elliman on "The Core", a rocker that is highlighted by Mel Collins' excellent sax solos. Also included is an instrumental called

"Peaches and Diesel", which is melodically haunting.

John's production is very good, and the engineering is exceptional, although the percussion tends to override the rest of the mix.

Clapton and Terry collaborate on some excellent guitar shots and Clapton's voice, often overlooked when compared to his other qualities, is as smooth as silk.

This isn't the best that Clapton is capable of, but nonetheless it's well above par. I'm already looking forward to his next release.

Sports

Still first in League

Highlanders split with Hill

by Trip Stidham

The Highlanders fought back in the second game of a doubleheader against Hill Junior College, taking a 7-5 victory after losing the opener, 4-2.

With the split, MCC still leads the conference with 7-3 and is 18-12 for the season. Hill evened their conference record with 4-4.

In the opener, Hill scored two runs in the top of the third. Ron Gilbreath singled, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on Lonnie Garza's single. Garza then stole second and scored on Mike Brantner's single.

MCC closed the gap to one in the bottom of the third when Rusty Kunkel doubled and scored on David Wiedenfeld's single.

In the fifth, the Highlanders were able to tie the score with

one out when catcher David Sanford tripled to left field and then came home on Tim Boyes single.

Hill won the game in the top of the sixth when MCC outfielders Terry Williams and Wiedenfeld both committed errors to allow Hill two runs. Kevin Wiebold suffered the loss, which is his fifth of the season.

The MCC eight-hit attack was led by Keith Houck who went 2 for 3 with a double.

In the nightcap with two out, runners at first and second and MCC ahead 7-5, Danny Borin came in the top of the seventh to strike out Hill's Barry Smith and end Hill's comeback chances.

MCC took the lead in the bottom of the first when Boyes and Wiedenfeld walked and Houck singled to drive in Boyes.

Then with two out and runners at first and second, Burt Maddux reached first on an error which allowed Wiedenfeld to score.

Hill struck back for one run in the top of the second but MCC got it back in the third when Wiedenfeld doubled, moved to third on Houck's sacrifice, and scored on Terry Williams' fly ball to center.

MCC added three more runs in the fifth when Wiedenfeld walked and came home on Houck's triple. Williams then walked, stole second, and with one out and runners at second and third, Burt Maddux singled to drive in both runs and MCC led 6-1 after five innings.

Hill scored two runs in the sixth after two were out when Smith singled and scored on Rick Wright's home run to

make the score 6-3.

The Highlanders added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth when Kunkel walked to open the inning and with one out Boyes walked to put runners on first and second. Wiedenfeld singled allowing Kunkel to score, giving MCC a 7-3 lead going into the seventh.

In the seventh Mike Williams singled to open the inning and was moved to second by Rolley Gomez's groundout. Garza's ground ball to Kunkel at first was mishandled and Williams moved to third Garza stole second and Williams came home on a delayed steal. Hill narrowed the lead to 7-4 with only one out.

MCC pitcher, Brian Combs, forced Mike Siber to fly out to left. All Combs needed now was

Brantner to end the game, but Brantner singled during in Garza and the score stood at 7-5. Hill had runners at first and second. Coach Rich Butler then pulled Combs and put in Borin.

After the game Butler said, "Errors, that's the name of the game when we play Hill. Two crucial errors by our outfielders really hurt us in the first game. The key to the second game was getting on top early."

Centerfield Mark Simon and second baseman Tim Boyes turned in great defensive catches in the fourth inning.

Maddux, Wiedenfeld and Houck each went 2 for 3. Combs got the win, making his record 2 and 3 on the season. Borin received his first save of the year.

Trio shine on team

by Trip Stidham

When speaking of golf at MCC this year and the continuing success it is having, you usually hear the names of Steve Bowman, Dave Davis and Buckley Smith. The reason is quite simple, these three players are the best on this year's golf team.

"I think Steve is playing as well as he ever has, he plays with a great amount of confidence and has worked very hard on his game," says Highlander Coach Jimmy Clayton.



Buckley Smith

Smith, a freshman from San Marcos, was the University of Texas Freshman Tournament in the fall. He finished fourth at the Pan American, SWTSU, Bevo, Longhorn and Temple Invitations. "He is our top freshman player. He has played very consistently throughout the entire year," says Clayton.

"Bowman and Davis are two of the best college sophomores in the state. In the nine tournaments they have played, they have won eight between them. Their scores have been excellent considering the golf courses we played on. Buckley Smith has consistently had some very good finishes, these three players have been the backbone of our team," said Clayton.

"I feel like this is the best team I have ever had. If we continue to play the way we have, I think we will have our best shot at winning the Nationals," said Clayton. Next week a look at some more of Jimmy Clayton's Golf team.



Dave Davis

Davis is a sophomore from Tucson, Ariz. In the fall Davis finished first at the Junior College All-American tournament. He finished second at both Temple and Pan American Invitational and third here.

In the spring he won the Stephen Austin, Temple and Bevo tournaments. He finished fifth at the Longhorn Invitational, second at Southwest Texas State and first at the Temple Invitational this week. "He made the National Junior College Athletic Association All-American team last year. He is an exceptional good competitor and has worked hard on his game. He has made a lot of improvement which obviously has shown by the way he has played," said Clayton.



Steve Bowman

Bowman is a sophomore from Tyler, Texas, where he attended Tyler Lee High School. In the fall Bowman finished first at the MCC and Pan American Invitational tournament where he shot even par both times. In the Temple Tournament, Bowman finished third and in the Junior College All-American Tournament he finished fifth.

In the spring he finished first at the Southwest Texas State Invitational with one under par 143. At the Longhorn tournament he again finished first with a 198. At Sam Houston he finished second and fifth at both Stephen F. Austin and the Texas Bevo tournament. Earlier this week Bowman took second at the Temple Invitational.

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 10

Bam vs. Ice
Quest. Marks vs. Force

Intramural Volleyball

Tuesday, April 11

at Weatherford
Ranger
MCC Invitational

Tennis

Baseball

Golf

'Netters fall to Cooke

singles matches on their way to a 7-5 win.

In men's singles, Stephensen beat Bill Sandin 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, Darling slipped past Bill Ashburn 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, Darling slipped past Bill Ashburn 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, Suri crashed Art Martinez 6-0, 6-3, and Hobbs defeated Stewart Cochran.

In women's action, Martin edged Julie Alexander 7-6, 6-4, Babbitt trounced Colleen Nealy 6-3, 6-1, Leigh Yarbrough fell to Cathy Chambliss 4-6, 6-7, and Eberle defaulted to Camille LaFoy.

Suri-Darling lost to Sandlin-Martinez 2-6, 3-6 in men's doubles and Stephensen-Hobbs also fell to Ashburn-Cochran 6-7, 4-6. Babbitt-Martinez defeated Alexander-Nealy 6-0, 6-1 and Eberle-Yarbrough defaulted to Chambliss-Lafoy in women's doubles.

MCC will meet Weatherford Tuesday and Vernon on Thursday in their last conference matches of the regular season.

"These next two weeks are crucial," said coach Carmack Berryman. "We must blank both Vernon and Weatherford."

The Highlanders play Richland today and are entered in the Cooke Tournament over the weekend in final non-conference play before the post-season conference tournament on April 20-22.

The MCC netters found the going tough Thursday as they fell 8-4 to the Cooke tennis team at the MCC courts.

With the defeat, the Highlanders fell to second place in the conference standings and are currently seven matches behind the league-leading Lions.

Cooke relied mainly on the strength of their women's team as they won all six matches. Johnnie Williams defeated Highlissie Carol Martin 1-6, 6-4, 6-0, Rita Kohl downed Janice Babbitt 6-1, 7-6, Robin Couch edged Pat Miles 6-3, 6-3, and Kathy Kohl won by default over Ljilth Eberle. Williams-Couch defeated Martin-Babbitt 6-2, 6-4 and Kohl Kohl took Miles-Eberle by default.

In men's play, Richard Stephensen beat Cooke's Victor Longoria 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, Daryl Darling smashed Rene Trevino 6-1, 7-5, Jagan Suri routed Robert Garza 6-0, 6-3 and Art Hobbs lost to David Rios 6-7, 6-2, 5-7. Both men's doubles teams won in three sets.

On Monday, however, things turned around drastically as the Highlanders obliterated Hill 12-0. In a remarkable feat rarely seen in match play, MCC won every match 6-0 as the Rebels were unable to win a game.

Against Grayson on Tuesday, the Highlanders won six of eight