

'Grandma' exits parlor to solicit names

By Judi Sleja
 "Keep Grandma off the street. Legalize bingo."
 This familiar bumpersticker may soon become a thing of the past in McLennan County, should several local service clubs have their way.

The Texas State Legislature, during a special session, passed a law providing for local option elections to legalize bingo games sponsored by non-profit organizations. Grandma has left the bingo

game to lobby for signatures. Several petitions are now circulating McLennan County.

District Attorney Philippe Reyna explained the new law. "Before bingo can become legal in McLennan County, voters must petition for a local option election.

"If an election is scheduled, the public votes and can either approve or kill the law for their county," Reyna said.

Reyna went on to explain that even after a local option election approves bingo, games can only be held for non-profit organizations such as churches, fraternal organizations and veterans' groups.

This law also requires sponsors to pay taxes on gross receipts, and provides for penalties if the game is rigged.

State Representatives Rollin Khoury and Betty Denton were both contacted about the bingo issue. Both refused comment.

One question on every Grandma's mind is: "Why is

bingo illegal in the first place?" The answer is that the State of Texas, until the

recent special session, determined bingo to be a form of gambling, therefore illegal.

This decision has driven many a Grandma to crime.

Theodore Khoury, treasurer for the local Syrian Club, plans to help petition to legalize the club's popular game. "Whatever the law says to do, we will do."

Ironically, the club has been breaking the law for years. The Syrian Club, like many other associations, has unlawfully been running cash-prize bingos for several years without any intervention from the police.

Is Grandma an accomplice to unlawful gambling?

Waco Police Chief Larry Scott said, "In order to prosecute illegal bingos, a written complaint must be made by some member of the

public. Within the two and one-half years that I have been chief, we have not received one complaint."

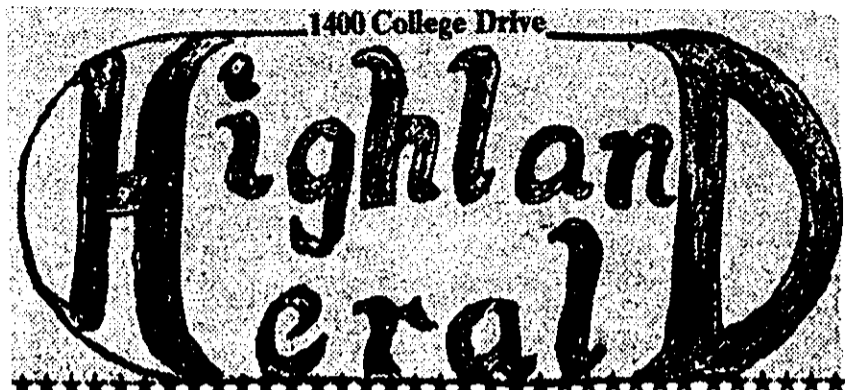
Who would keep Grandma from a few harmless hours of pleasure?

Chief Scott went on to explain that, on a list of law enforcement priorities, "bingo is last. Therefore, with too few officers to patrol the busiest time of the evening, there are not enough men to worry about unlawful bingo games."

Local observers might find this last statement ironic when, on any Thursday night, an off-duty officer might be found keeping order at the door of a local AmVet post holding an illegal bingo game.

Is Grandma destined to a life of crime? Only time will tell.

And if a local election kills bingo, that's okay. Grandma has learned to be sneaky.



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Parking still hot topic

By Robert Watson
 "Parking is not a problem that has just come up. We have had it for years," said Gary Luft, director of administrative services.

Luft has been studying the logistics involved in great detail. He has come up with several alternate solutions to campus parking problems. "However, there are no overnight solutions," said Luft.

The problem stems from a variety of sources. This makes the acquisition of more data necessary before action can be taken.

Luft said, "The problem is really between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and our largest problem is the Applied Science parking area.

"As you are aware, we are

looking into a number of possible solutions, such as better utilizing the space we have. That alone has given us 85 additional parking spaces," said Luft.

Also under consideration are: coded parking areas, altered class schedules, and the construction of new parking areas.

The problem is a long way from being solved, but it has a high priority with campus administrators.

Students' driving and parking habits are important in this matter, too.

"Our major concern is the safety and accessibility offered for all those here at MCC, but we also wish to maintain the pleasant campus environment," said Luft.

Interest rate takes big bite

Farmers' dreams subjected to high price tags in 1981

By Billy Bardin
 Today's farmers' dreams come with high interest rates.

According to John Shipp of Production Credit Association, those dreams will remain expensive for some time to come. The PCA, chartered since 1923, was set up to

support farmers with credit at a lower rate of interest. PCA offers farmers an alternative to conventional loans.

"Demand will have to offset

need for a loan in order for rates to go down," said Shipp. Current interest rates at PCA are 16 percent. Operational costs are approximately 15 percent, thus allowing PCA a marginal profit.

"Farmers are having to make do with what they have. Equipment breakdowns slow production," said Walter Kruse, MCC's agriculture instructor. "When the total economy is more stable and inflation is on the decrease, only then will interest rates go down," said Kruse.

"Rates are not going to go down until the government learns to balance money and stops spending more than it takes in," said John Rhodes, who is in charge of real estate at Citizens National Bank. He owns a farm near Axtell, where he raises hay, cattle and horses. Therefore, he understands both sides of the situation.

The future of interest rates

looks different to Rob R. Crook of American Bank.

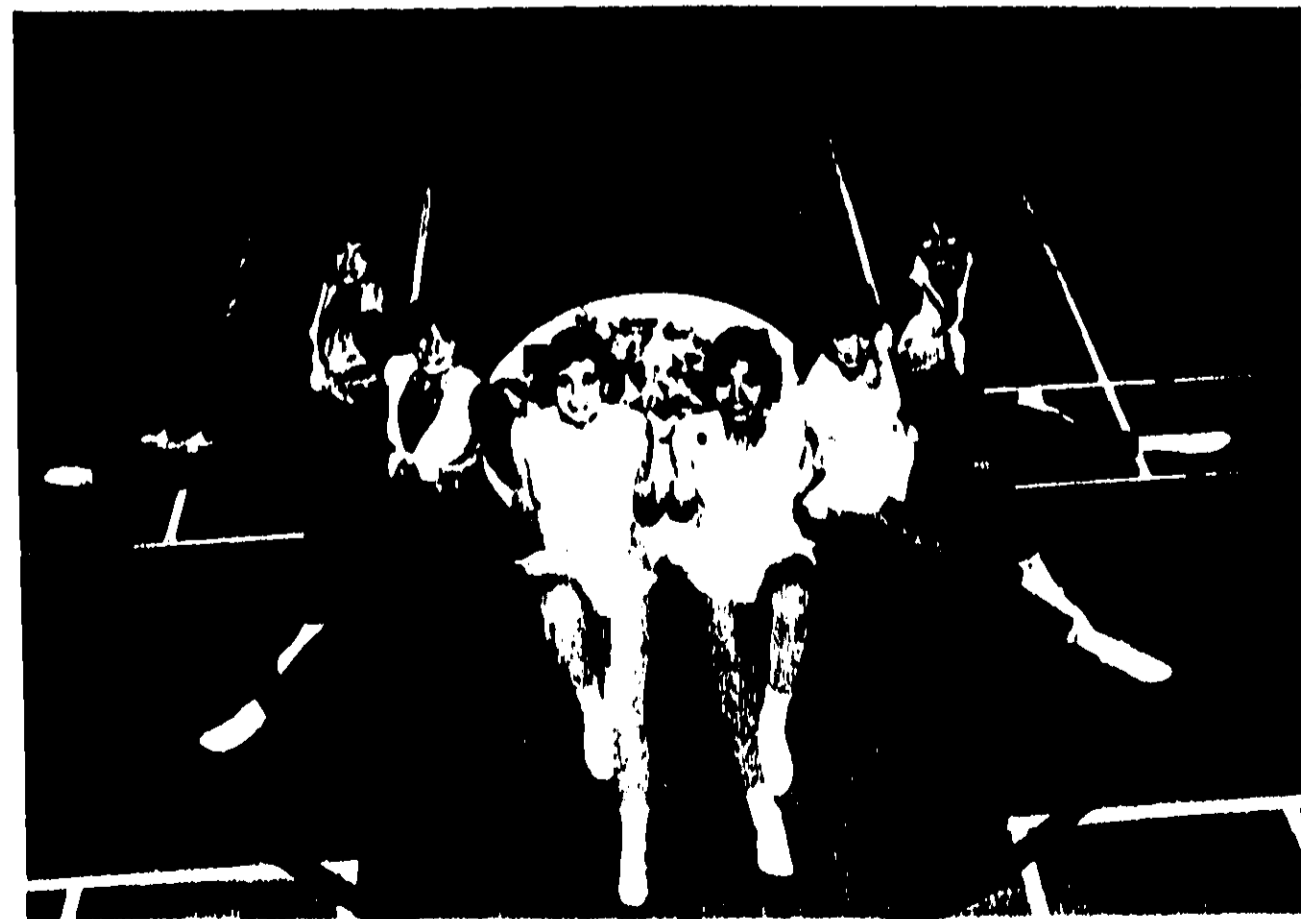
"Rates are going to fluctuate a lot in the next few years," said Crook.

"When a farmer wants to take out a loan," said Crook, "he must do several things. First, he must provide a personal financial statement. Then, it must be determined how much land is to be farmed and, finally, he must provide his last three years' tax return.

(This article is the first of a two-part series.)

"After credit checks are made, it is decided if the applicant can receive a loan. The loan has to be paid back at the end of the fourth crop year, or when the crop is sold," said Crook.

Summing it up, E.B. Sutherland, dairyman, said, "It's hard to make any money by borrowing. There's no chance to expand."



DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM—Joanie Cernosek, Lisa Bushy, Ruth Anne Schroeder (Captain), Gloria Zamarrilla (Lieutenant), Michael Tucker (Lieutenant) and Isaura Arvizu are but six members of the large MCC Dance Company, set to perform at the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo. The group will join the HOT Parade Oct. 6, and will dance on the Coca-Cola Stage Oct. 7, 6:15-6:45 p.m. and Oct. 8, 7-7:30 p.m. at the HOT Fairgrounds. (Photo by Joey Chapa)

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MCC holds meeting for merit scholars

By Gilda Ramos

For the first time in MCC's history, MCC merit scholars were brought together for one specific purpose. "The reason for this meeting," said Dr. LaVerne Wong, "is to receive a merit scholarship pin."

Dr. Wong, Dean of Student Services, led the meeting held Sept. 16 for scholars who graduated in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

Those who did not attend the meeting should go to Dr. Wong's office and pick up their award pin.

"This is a first-time meeting for all you brainy people," said Dr. Wong. This year MCC has 97 new scholars and 74 returning scholars for a total of 171 merit scholars. About 113 students attended the meeting in their honor.

"One-third of all merit scholars from 19 county high schools are enrolled at MCC. We welcome all of you to MCC and we want you to be here until you complete or achieve your goals," said Dr.

Wong.

Some students attend MCC for a two-year degree, while others attend MCC to achieve credits for transfer to a university.

The merit scholarship is offered for four semesters as long as a 2.5 grade point average is maintained.

"It is significant that you realize that you are a group of people who are special," Dr. Wong said before distributing the pins.

Don Bynum, director of Student Activities, called the names of scholars as Dr. Wong presented them with pins and welcomed each one to MCC.

"We expect the best from you, just as the best was expected of you in high school," said Dr. Wong. "And we hope that MCC will be everything you hoped it would be."

Also announced at the meeting was a new program on campus for student assistance by MCC faculty and staff. The Student Men-

toring Program provides students with a mentor who will "Be a friend, a sponsor and a good listener," said Dr. Wong.

Mentors will also provide moral support, help students "learn the ropes" at MCC and help promote student success in college.

"Keep track of where you're going and how you're going there. It's easier to move forward as you're going," said Dr. Wong.

Merit Scholars enrolled this fall include the following, by schools:

AXTELL—Linda Acton, Paula McClain, Terry Thun, Charles Warren, Krysti Griggs.

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY — Laurie Jones, Pamela McKee, Floy Rowe, Bryan Taylor, Dawn Cohn.

CHINA SPRING — Chris Aaron, Ruth Burt, Deeia Curry, Michael DeRosa, Kari Gowens, Debbie Herbert, Sharon Hollingsworth, Karla

Light, Diana Martin, Rick Reisinger.

CONNALLY — Deborah Blankenship, Eric Damm, Terry Jean, Christina Jones, Charles Lauber, Katherine Picha, Theresa Picha, Kristin Sipes, Debbie Stewart, Phonda Wilson, and Janice Woodruff.

CRAWFORD — Melissa Fulp, Melissa Rueter, Kevin Walters and Craig Ledbetter.

JEFFERSON-MOORE — Michael Andre, Candice Bridges, Lisa Brooks, Daryle Bush, Floyd Cawthon, James Chalkley, Jaree Collins, Ronald Easter, Cynthia Moeller, Jill McDaniel, Phyllis Polster, Shelly Rossi, Rhonda Staas, Francine Vaeil, Patrick Williams III and Kelly Willis.

LA VEGA — Sheila Allen, Cleann Cameron, Mary Havis, Karen Helm, Karen Lee, Monica Matus, Andrea Nawara and Margaret Poehls.

LORENA — Belinda Bradley, Karen Ellison, Robert Feltenberger, Lajuan Filanary, Katrina Jennings, Ricky Kemp, Ronney Plemons, Kathy Williams and Debra Webb.

MART — Patricia Fabianke, Sandy Smith, and Kayren Witt.

McGREGOR — Michele Anderson and Sarah Lee.

MIDWAY — Elizabeth Bach, Rosanna Capili, Rebecca Craig Cross, Lloyd Fason, Melissa Jackson, Lisa Kilgo, Becky Manning, Russell Reynolds, George Slafko and Julie Southwell.

MOODY — Bonnie Hatter, Cynthia Hatter and Sharon McNeil.

REICHER — Robert Vogel.

RICHFIELD — Amy Cox, Donald Cox, Gayle Dana, William Haskett, Celin

Hooper, Maureen Macy, Linda Sansom, and Rebecca Turner.

RIESEL — Brian Byer, Ronnie Glaesmann, Sharon Koester, Theresa Schroeder and Thomas Shaw.

ROBINSON — Laura Anderson, Denise Ebeling, Rhonda Hieber, Marcus McMillian, Leslie Reed, Julia Roach, and Claire Sides.

UNIVERSITY — Teresa Arellano, Brenda Benavides, Steven Browder, Jo Ann Calderon, Jesse Cantu, Mary Cunningham, Sheryl Deviney, Timothy Dunk, Janet Faulkner, Craig Felder, Reuben Gobeia, Gilda Gonzales, Julian Gonzales, Vicki Hale, Patricia Hall, Darwin Heffelfinger, Janis Henager, Art James, John Johnston, Rachel Jule, Betsy Ling, Kerry Moore, David Murphy, Carol Norman, Dailia Noyola, Dalinda Noyola, Tracy Patzke, Ronnie Perry, Susan Poeter, Kimberly Radford, Gilda Ramos, Kurt Rawlings, Hargate Smith, and Rosalinda Trevino.

WACO HIGH — Rodney Belcher, Denise Dibble, Patricia Frank, Diane Garrett, Joseph Hooten, Melvin Lassetter, Jackie McCuiston, Dale McElroy, Danny McNair, Cynthia Poteet, Lori Rimlinger, Heather Varnum, Timothy Zgabay and Greg Mullen.

WEST — Benjamin Cernosek, Joan Cernosek, Sharon Drews, Suzanne Hlavenka, Karla Kaska, Lillian Kolar, Ann Melansky, Thomas Meurer, Edward Middlebrook, Ernestine Miller, Timothy Nemeec, Clara Roessler, Joyce Schroeder, Steven Stanislav, Angie Sykora, Linda Sykora and Carol Waddell.

Student tutorial center now available for help

By Harold Manning

Help has arrived. Tutorial centers for the Fall semester have been scheduled for general studies, math, science and writing.

The general studies tutorial

Group talks of mentoring and 'Who's Who'

By Joanne Adkison

At a Student Services Council meeting Sept. 15, Dr. LaVerne Wong, dean of student services, encouraged members to publicize the Student Mentoring Program.

Also on the meeting agenda was a review of procedure and documents to be used in the selection process for "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

The purpose of the Council is to provide students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to interact and to discuss topics of mutual concern.

Past achievements of the Council include the installation of trash receptacles on campus and a pedestrian button to make the lights change on 18th Street and Powell.

center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in LA 102.

The math tutorial center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will also be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:45 p.m. Math students should report to the HPE building, room 215.

The science tutorial center is held in the science building, room 107. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m., and Fridays from 1-4 p.m.

Writing lab is held in LA

109 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is also open on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will close from 12:15-1 p.m. On Thursdays, it is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The writing lab will be closed on Thursdays from 12:15-1:40 p.m., and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The writing lab will be closed on Thursdays from 12:15-1:40 p.m.

Other tutorial center hours can be scheduled as needed.

Student government retreat results in ideas

By Gilda Ramos

Fun, games, and personal growth were involved in the Student Government retreat held Sept. 25 at Cameron Park Clubhouse.

The group consisted of about 18 Student Government representatives and officers. Participants went through a schedule from 9 a.m. (setting up and getting acquainted) to a personal growth mini-session to learn of MCC's student government; past, present, and future until 3 p.m.

Personal growth session consisted of a relaxation

breathing exercise, tension (muscle sensation exercise), elevator fantasy experience (looking back at past experiences), and relationship experiences (getting personal with others).

The "scavenger hunt" game allowed a member to tell others in his group the story behind a sentimental object.

The sharing/evaluation session was probably the most intimate, allowing members to group into couples and ask each other questions about intimate feelings and experiences.

After lunch, a panel of several MCC administrators introduced themselves and explained their titles.

The main topic of discussion was the parking situation. "The parking problem comes around once a year and doesn't last too long. A month from now it will probably be gone and not come back until Sept. 1982. But that doesn't mean that nothing needs to be done about it," said MCC President Wilbur Ball.

The re-striping of parking lots was done to save money and make additional spaces. "Narrow spaces were made too wide. Larger cars can squeeze into them.

"The solution would be a combination of more re-striping and narrowing of spaces and the construction of additional parking areas," said Ball.

According to President Ball, students are now allowed to park on the right side of the street next to the Pine-Arts building and up the hill to the traffic circle in back of the Student Center.

A petition asking for change machines was also discussed. Paul Gartner, vice president of financial affairs said, "Security is a problem with coin machines." The cost of change machines, \$800-\$1,000, was another problem listed.

Other administrators present were Dr. Norman Murphy, dean of instruction; Dr. LaVerne Wong, dean of student services; Al Pollard, dean of technical education;

Gail Burrier, dean of arts and sciences; Abby Poston, assistant of public information; Paul Holder, government instructor; and John Nobis, MCC counselor.

Following the question/answer session, Kevin Walters, parliamentarian, discussed parliamentary procedures and Don Bynum, student activities director, briefly summarized MCC Student Government past, present, and future.

Some future activities include: a coed billiards tournament (Oct. 7), "Klecker Day," Red Cross blood drive, and mini-concerts.

Other future activities will be announced at a later date.

Press Club elects new officers

By Harold Manning

Press Club officers have been elected for the fall semester. Activities for the school year are being planned.

Vern Pecore was elected president and Jeanne Gauntt was elected vice president. Cary Hays took the post of secretary. The offices of treasurer and social chairman were taken by Mary Salazar and Mark Edwards, respectively.

The Press Club is planning a trip to the University of Texas at Arlington Oct. 1-3 to participate in a series of journalism workshops and lectures.

Press club has cookies, kisses

ley, hot lip
The Press Club will sponsor a booth of sweets Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m.
Baked goods and kisses will be on sale.

Views on 'tying the knot' differ around campus

By Olu Solarin

Marriage — that social institution long-battered by a changing set of folkways and mores — means different things to different people.

Don Reeves, divorced MCC history instructor, believes "Marriage is good, but it's not for everybody. Good marriages are the best things that are."

"Most marriages start off traditionally, with couples growing more liberated in their relationship with time. They feel that they become closer."

"But the next thing you know, that couple with the good marriage is divorced," Reeves said.

He continued, "I would favor a more liberal marriage, but there is a limit to how liberal one can be. The key to a good marriage is having the spouse be number one to you, and you being number one to your spouse. Respect is also

important," he said. "I'm not planning to get married again right now, but who knows what the future holds?"

Dan Walker, married philosophy instructor, said, "Marriage as an institution is under more stress now than it used to be. It's more difficult to make marriages work."

"But I think the rewards of a good marriage are worth the effort. I think the key to a good marriage is commitment to keep working at the marriage. My marriage is both traditional and liberated; it's a partnership between two equals," Walker said.

Beverly Walker, MCC coordinator of office occupations, agrees with her husband Dan. She added, "The key to a good marriage, to me, is the couple allowing for freedom for individual growth and differences and also the ability to reach a compromise," she said.

"I am in favor of marriage and I plan to get married," said Becky Scherer, single freshman.

"I would rather have a more traditional kind of marriage than a liberated marriage, although I know with the economy the way it is now, I will have to work."

"When I have my kids, I would like to stay home. My mother was always there when we came back from school and that was great, because we could talk to her about how our day went. I would like to be available for my kids like that, too," Scherer explained.

She concluded, "For a marriage to work, the couple should be willing to give."

Keith Geisler, married counselor, said, "I believe that, for a marriage to work, the couple should be able to give in at least half of the time. But in all, communication is important."

"Of all institutions, marriage is the best," Geisler said.

Carol Jolly, single MCC sociology instructor, believes "The institution of marriage is the best and the worst. It can be the most satisfying or can produce the most stress in any relationship people have."

"I intend to get married if someone asks," Jolly said. Then she laughed.

Jolly added, "The liberated marriage is what I would like to have, but one never knows what one will get. A liberated marriage is when both partners strive for equal freedom and power. That's my image of marriage, but I do not think that it's very likely, because it is still a man's world!"

Jolly's key to a good married life is "hopefully having common background above all. Skilled communication is vital because that is where all relationships break down."

Most people agreed that communication is an ingredient for marital success.

Louise Banks, married library assistant said, "The most important part of a relationship, especially marriage, is communication."

"I think marriage is great, but only if it is right for the two individuals," Banks said.

Mary Bass, faculty secretary, believes "trust in each other — and in everything — is the key to a

good marriage — if you want it to work."

Bass explained, "I was married, divorced, then married again to my first husband. When we were first married, my husband was very dominant. But after being apart for 10 years, we have a shared relationship. It is truly a liberated marriage now, and I intend to say married."

Mugs Tillson, sophomore, said, "My marriage leans more toward a traditional marriage. My husband is the most dominant person at home, but we do make big decisions together."

"When we disagree on a certain subject, his vote usually wins in the end. It is more of a give-and-take thing. I believe one gets every bit of what one puts in so long as the couple involved are willing to work things out and listen to one another," Tillson pointed out.

Mike Allison is a married freshman who believes strongly in the institution of marriage.

"I do not think much of these modern marriages. My marriage is more traditional, but like any other institution, you have to work at it."

It is quite obvious that marriage not only means different things to different people, but folkways and mores are changing, and in some cases, are adjusting to fit the individuals involved.

Job openings announced

MCC needs professional help

By Harold Manning

MCC is looking for a few good men and women. Not for the Marines, but for professional job openings around campus.

If you know someone who has been looking for a job in the following areas, ask them to call Personnel Services at 756-6551, ext. 321 or 304.

A building maintenance supervisor is needed to start work Oct. 12. Applicants should have knowledge of building maintenance and custodial services with a minimum of at least three to five years' experience. This job includes responsibility for total operation of building maintenance and custodial services. Salary is about \$15,000 a year. Deadline for filing applications is Oct. 2.

A 40-hour week schedule is reserved for the post of custodian which is also open. Applicants for custodian must be in good physical condition, but previous experience is not required. Working hours for custodian are from 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays. Salary is \$3.72 an hour and deadline for filing is Oct. 1.

A position for groundskeeper is also open and pays \$3.83 an hour. Groundskeeping includes all lawn maintenance and greenhouse work. Applicants must also be in good physical condition and be able to work in all types of weather. Starting date is Oct. 1 and the deadline for filing applications is Sept. 30.

The Instructional Resources Office is seeking:
2 male
1 black
1 gray

Call Carolyn Rodabro

Associate degree in art or commercial art is preferable. Deadline for filing is Oct. 1 and the starting date is Oct. 5.

The MCC library has an opening for a secretary to start Sept. 30. One year's experience in various typing and clerical work is required. This position includes opening the library every morning at 7:45 and closing it at 8 at night during which time student study and basic library needs will be attended to. All office and secretarial needs of the Director of Library Services should also be attended to.

Salary is \$4.05 an hour 40 hours a week. Deadline for filing for this position is Sept. 29.

Anyone who has a bachelor's degree in management, education, or any related field might be interested in working in Continuing Education as a coordinator/instructor. Assisting in the designing of the content and format of classes and

Amstutz brings Chopin to MCC

On Oct. 2 at 10 a.m., Dr. Peter Amstutz of the University of Colorado will perform a piano recital in the MCC Fine Arts Theatre.

The recital will consist of Beethoven, Kirchner, and Schubert Sonatas and a Chopin Polonaise.

Peter Amstutz joined the piano faculty of the University of Colorado in 1977 after two years in Europe at the Vienna Academy of Music as a Fulbright scholar. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree as a student of Leon

All students and the general public are invited to both free sessions. This event is sponsored by MCC Music Department and Student Activities Office.

workshops is one of the basic duties involved in this job.

Salary ranges from \$18,000 to \$21,500 with a 12-month contract. Starting date is January 4, 1982, and the deadline for filing applications is Oct. 9, or until the position is filled.

Individualized instruction

Typing students set hours

By Harold Manning

Imagine being able to set your own hours for classes and punching in and out on a time clock when you go.

It's not just wishful thinking for students who signed up for Business 331 and 332 (beginning typing and intermediate typing).

Students who are enrolled in these courses are taking part in a whole new method of teaching typing that centers around self-paced learning.

A student enrolled in beginning typing is required to put in five hours of lab time in the student learning center a week. During a regular week

he or she can come into the learning center anytime from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Once a student comes to class, he punches in and begins his work wherever he left off last time.

One might think that this would pose a problem for those who adapt more easily and finish a little earlier. Wrong. Registration for intermediate typing is held every first Monday of each month. This means that whenever a typing student finishes beginning typing, he or she can go right ahead and start the next level of learning.

Intermediate typing requires only three hours of lab time.

Just because you can come in anytime that is convenient to you doesn't mean that there won't always be a teacher there to help. One of the typing instructors is always in the room until 3 p.m. and there is an assistant present until the learning center closes at 9 p.m. Teachers give tests, but only when a student gets to certain points in his text.

One of the biggest frustrations a student can face in his other courses is waiting for his graded assignments to be graded and returned. All typing assignments are graded and returned by 8 the following morning.

This system is suitable for anyone who already has a full load of classes but wants to take typing.



Peter Amstutz to give recital and lecture at MCC.

Fantasy vs. Reality: waitresses relate to TV series

By Glenda Tucker

If Alice only knew what it's really like to be a waitress.

Several waitresses from a variety of restaurants in the Waco area voiced their reactions to the television series depicting Alice, Flo, and the rest of the gang at Mel's Diner.

Pam McNew was looking for a secretarial job when she was told by a friend that she could make more money waitressing.

"My stepfather knew the owner of Fuller's Restaurant, so I thought I'd try it," she said.

McNew put aside her typing skills of 75 wpm and

three years' secretarial experience to wait tables. She now clears an additional \$200 per month.

"You can make more money," McNew said. "I was working as a secretary for just a little over minimum wage."

McNew, who is separated, is supporting two children on her waitressing salary and does not receive any help from her husband. She said she does not plan on being a waitress permanently, and will probably go back to school.

When asked how McNew felt about the TV series *Alice* and how it relates to her job, McNew replied, "It doesn't show the job itself, the real

work involved. It's not that much goofing-off."

Cyndi Higginbotham described herself as a first-year kid in the business of waitressing. Higginbotham works from 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. at Gilley's Cafe. She said she enjoys it because the sun is too bright for her eyes.

During the 12 a.m. interview with Higginbotham, she was preparing for what she called the "drunk run."

"The bartenders get them drunk and they come over here and I sober them up," she said.

Higginbotham said that she is working mainly for the experience and said that she someday hopes to have her own cafe.

"At least by 1990," she laughed.

Higginbotham likes working at Gilley's. "They're really neat people," she said.

"I'm from Pasadena, and I thought maybe they were related to Mickey Gilley. They were having hell one night, and I helped them out. Then I applied for the job and got it," Higginbotham said.

Higginbotham said about the TV show *Alice*: "Some of it is true. The hell that goes on. Flo, I can live without, she's too much of a big-mouth," she said.

In the background the

jukebox played "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels," as Mary Rager, waitress at Ed's, told her story. It was 1:30 a.m.

Rager has been in waitressing for 20 years (off and on).

She said, "When I was a teenager, it was about all I could find. I worked in cotton mills until they shut down, and I've hauled hay, cleaned houses, chopped cotton and worked in the cotton gin."

"You name it, and I've done it," she added.

Rager is supporting seven on her waitressing salary: herself, a disabled husband and five children.

She said, "It can be pretty rough, but I have some help with the social security for the children from their deceased father."

"I was afraid they (the government) would cut the social security," she said.

She explained that she was not sure how they would make it then.

Since 1978, things have been rough for Rager. She lost her husband, mother, a brother and sister.

As for waitressing, Rager said, "It's just a bunch of nuts cutting up. I like my customers; it's like one big happy family."

When asked how Rager felt

about the TV show *Alice*, she said, "I like it. They're nuts just like the rest of us. You have to be, to be a waitress."

And while the cash register rang up another sale and the jukebox played "Honky Tonk Blues," Rager said, "I'm thankful my Mom and Dad taught me to work and not to be particular about what I did as long as it was honest."

Marilyn Spivey not only owns Shorty's Grill, but works alongside her two employees.

Shorty's, by the way, is one of the few places left where you can buy an old-fashioned hamburger and still get back change from your dollar.

Spivey's father began the business in March of 1940 and there were three locations in Waco.

Today, Spivey runs the one location in Bellmead with her mother and one other employee.

Spivey feels that *Alice* is not true to life.

She said, "It's funny, but unrealistic. I've never seen anyone served like that before. If we did things like that, we wouldn't have any business."

Whether it be from the struggles or sobering up customers, *Alice* could probably learn a thing or two from her Waco counterparts.

Campus nurse provides tips for avoiding rape

By Carolyn Rodabough
Campus Nurse

Every woman is a potential rape victim, regardless of age, race, or class. It may come as no surprise to you that college women are a high risk group for being raped. My purpose is not to alarm, but to inform you with some suggestions about preventing rape and information about what to do if you or a friend happen to become a rape victim.

First of all, rape is not a crime of passion or sexual desire. It is an aggressive act used to control and humiliate another person. Over 70% of all rapes are planned, and more than half of them happen in the victim's home. Most rapists know or are "friends" of their victims, and a large majority are "repeaters." They have raped before and they will again.

SAFETY AT HOME

- Keep doors locked at all times.
- Don't let a stranger inside to use your phone; make the call for him.
- Women living alone should use only initials on mailboxes and in telephone listings.
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- Walk quickly and against the traffic.
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- Never hitchhike or accept rides from strangers.
- If someone stops to ask you directions, avoid getting near the car.
- If you are harassed by the occupants in a car, turn and walk in the opposite direction. The driver will have to turn around to follow you.
- Have your keys ready when you return home so that you can enter without delay.

Above all, be aware of the people around you, of your surroundings, and of the total environment. Don't fall into the habit of trusting the character of every casual acquaintance you make. Don't leave social gatherings with someone you've just met. Try to find out something about the individual from someone who knows him before you agree to go out with him. An extra ounce of caution may keep you from having a bad experience.

If you are raped, immediately seek medical attention to receive treatment for possible injuries, to prevent venereal disease and pregnancy, and to document the attack. Don't destroy evidence by douching, bathing, washing hands, changing clothes or linens. Notify someone immediately. It may help you if a friend or neighbor goes with you to the hospital and police. Call the Rape Crisis Center if you need someone to talk to or have questions or want someone from the center to accompany you.

It is best to report the rape to the police immediately and decide later whether or not to press charges; however, this is your decision and you do not have to press charges if you do not wish. Reasons for reporting rape are:

- 1) It is a crime and you are the victim.
- 2) You may help prevent some other woman from being victimized; and
- You may assist the police and legal authorities in the conviction of a rapist.

New commercial music program booms at MCC

By Eric Ellis

"Teaching musicians to deal with the music industry and making them employable" is the goal of MCC's new commercial music curriculum, said Professor David Hibbard.

Hibbard, who heads the program, elaborated: "It is basically a technical program. So, at the end of two years, the student should be employable. However, 'employable' does not mean 'superstar.' Employable means making a living as either a road musician or a studio musician."

The program is not unique in itself. But it is an uncommon feature among Fine Arts departments.

Other colleges, like Belmont College in Nashville, have commercial music programs. However, these programs are usually extension of campus business schools. And hence, they are oriented toward students other than musicians.

The new units offered at MCC are: performance major, audiototechnology major, and composition/arranging/ copyist major.

Hibbard hopes that the program will evolve into sophisticated recording programs and other such facets.

"There are tentative plans for a country music jamboree and a jazz festival. And there will be clinics. But at the moment, we are caught up in

the logistics of it all." Having just begun the program this fall "Things are obviously very busy," Hibbard said.

Students interested in the

commercial music curriculum can expect to find an abundance of hard work. "It is a highly self-disciplined field," Hibbard added.



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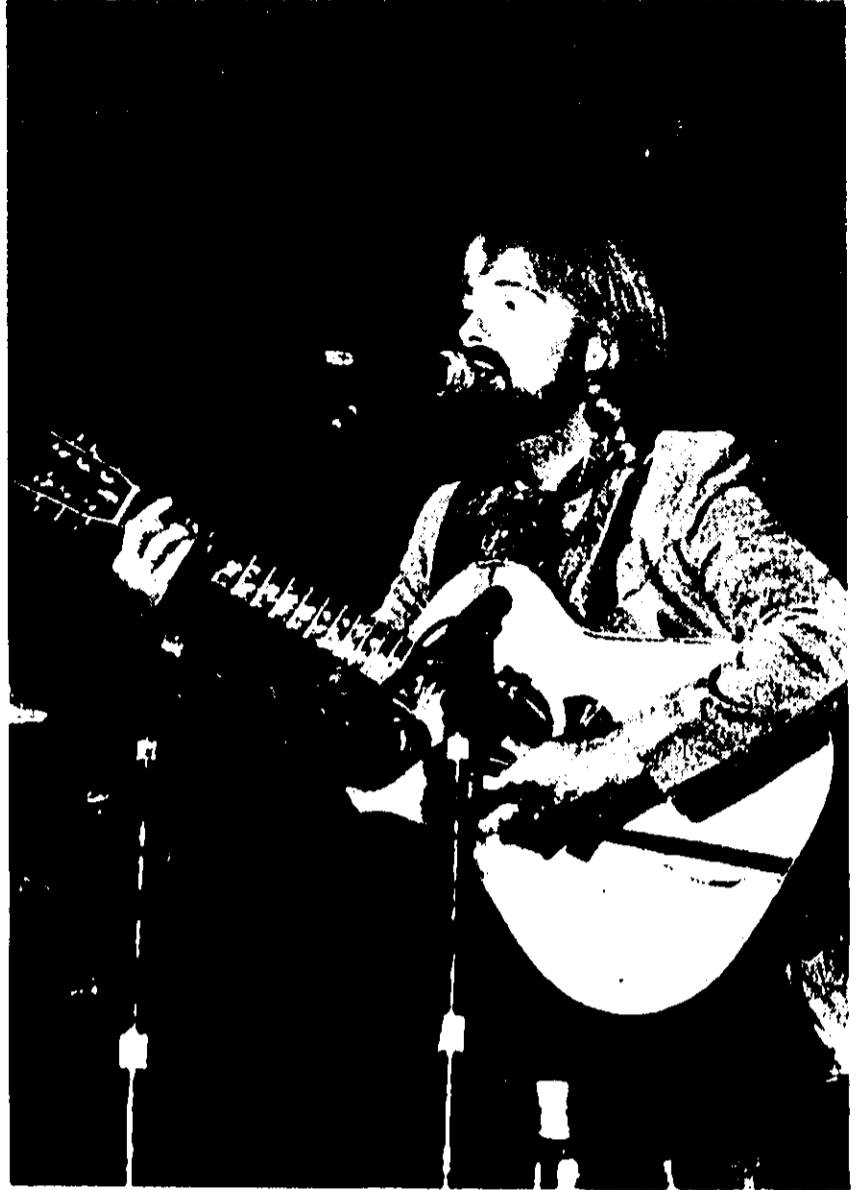
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'Cosmic cowboy' universal hit with fans

By Vern Pecore
Singer/songwriter Michael Murphey entertained a full house at Waco Hall Sept. 18. "Playing in Waco is always an experience," said Murphey. "The idea for this concert was for me to get back to the basics in my music," Murphey explained. This factor was evident by the lack of instrumentation at the concert. Murphey played acoustic guitar, backed by lead acoustic guitar and electric bass. Murphey also played piano during the concert. A majority of the songs performed were slow and very harmonic. Murphey provided the audience with a taste of his

forthcoming album set for the market in about three months. The lp will be his first in three years. Murphey brought back memories with standards like "Wildfire," "Caroline In The Pines," and "Geronimo's Cadillac." Murphey's arrival in Waco marked the fourth time he had played this city. Murphey has spent the last two years writing the script and music for the movie, **Hard Country**. "The Murf" has undergone a number of changes in the past year. He is married and has a three-month-old child. The other change is the fact that Murphey now records

with EMI-America. He has left CBS-Epic Records, for whom he recorded 10 albums. "January 18, 1982, will mark my tenth year as a professional musician," said Murphey. "Native Sons" opened the show for Murphey. The group consists of Dan Sebranek and Bill Miller, from Lacross, Wisconsin. I was impressed with what they had to offer, and I am expecting big things from them in the future. After playing for three hours and five encores, Murphey closed the concert with a song that seemed to sum up the evening. "So long, it's been good to know you." For many, it was.



MICHAEL MURPHEY (Photo by Duane Laverty)

Hopeful audience gets rich

By Eric Ellis
It was time for all true music enthusiasts to hit the streets and head for Richfield High School. The event: Last week's ever-inspiring performance of Drummer Buddy Rich. Rich is one of those living legends who, when given the right audience, will end any

dispute over the title "King of Showmanship." Rich and band (featuring Steve Marcus on tenor sax) played merely adequately for most of the first set. But the latter part of that set saw the development of "the grove." The show culminated with a rousing version of "The

West Side Story" theme, which ended with a dazzling display of Rich's capabilities. For this special show, Richfield High School band director Lynn Low deserves a special thanks. Low made a most-worthy contribution to the "life experiences" of all those who attended the program.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Texas movie revolves around 'World War II'

By Melanie Burnette
"Raggedy Man" is a film that no true Texan should miss. From the mournful call of the morning dove to the pure Texas slang, "Raggedy Man" captures all that is unique of Texas during the 1940s. The story evolves around Nita, played by Sissy Spacek and two sons, Harry and Henry. Nita is divorced, a social stigma that usually meant that she was experienced and lonely. As a telephone operator, Nita gets to hear all the tragedies of World War II, as bereaved mothers, wives, and daughters get the good news or the bad across the wire. The two little boys are probably the cutest kids in Texas. Harry, the oldest one is constantly trying to keep Henry out of trouble, and there is plenty of trouble to get into. The two creeps of the film are a couple of convicts who

both want to ask Nita out for a date. Nita politely turns them down, and then they get ugly. At one point, they are teasing little Henry. Henry badly wants a bottle of Orange Crush, which the two convicts say he can have, if he plays a game with them. Harry is standing by begging his little brother to come with him. The two felons play their trick on the little boy, but they don't get the last laugh because the suspense is heightened even further. For the first time the audience is introduced to the Raggedy Man, or rather the back of him, as he rolls his old-timey lawn-mower over the bad guy's pocket-knife. From that point on, the audience is led up a spiraling stairway of suspense. The Raggedy Man is watching Nita and her children. Shots of the Raggedy Man under street lamps and in thunderstorms are eerie, and the question is raised, "Who is he and why is

he watching us?" The tension is broken for awhile when a young sailor, Teddy, (played by Eric Roberts) stays with Nita and her children during his leave. Roberts is a good-looking actor, and his portrayal of a caring, shy young sailor was excellent. Teddy takes Henry and Harry under his wing, and these sequences are some of the best in the movie. The children love Teddy, and Nita finds herself falling for him too. So in order to

keep going mentally, Nita sends Teddy on his way a day early. The audience is again reminded of Nita's strength. Henry and Harry both resent Nita's actions and at the dinner table, Harry says, "You're not a mother, you're a telephone operator." This proclamation makes Nita acutely aware of her situation and she quits her job, and tells the kids to "pack up, we're headin' to San Antonio." The audience is more than

glad to see Nita finally get out of an uncompromising situation, but at the same time aware that the movie is far from over. The ending of "Raggedy Man" is explosive, and not quite expected, although there are hints all along. "Raggedy Man" is a Texas movie, has a Texas cast, but it contains a universal idea. Gregory, Texas, is just a stage for a powerful movie about a strong woman during World War II.

RECORD REVIEW ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

'Milsap magic' casts spell

By Vern Pecore
Editor's Note: Albums reviewed in this column are furnished by the Commercial Music Department of MCC. "Milsap Magic" is back with the release of "There's No Gettin' Over Me." Ronnie Milsap can now join the likes of Anne Murray and Kenny Rogers. His new album blends a pop and country sound that provides pleasant listening. As on previous albums, Milsap employs the writing talents of Archie Jordan. Jordan is responsible for such Milsap hits as "What A Difference You've Made In My Life" and "It Was Almost Like A Song." The lp opens with a Jordan/Martin tune entitled "Everywhere I Turn (There's

Your Memory)." It's a slow cut that provides a good starting point. Next follows the number one country hit, "(There's) No Gettin' Over Me." It is evident that Milsap is trying to drift back to his former days as a contemporary singer. One of my favorite cuts is "It's All I Can Do." The song hedges on the pop side and is a beautiful track that could be a future single release. Rounding out side one is "Two Hearts Don't Always Make A Pair" and "Jesus Is Your Ticket To Heaven." The first of the pair is basic Milsap country, while the latter is an upbeat funky gospel tune which Milsap seems to have fun doing.

"I Wouldn't Have Missed It For The World" starts side two. It is written by Charles Quillen and the talented team of Kyle Fleming and Dennis Morgan. By listening to this album, one can detect pop sounds entwined with a bit of country. Basically it's a good lp, although I was expecting a bit more from someone I've been impressed with in the past. Other songs on side two which are worth mentioning include "It's Written All Over Your Face" and "I Live My Whole Life At Night." Both cuts fair well, but are not earthshaking tunes.

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Runner Lenamon sets Boston Marathon as goal

By Gary Bays

If you're ever out along the river or Highway 6 South, you might catch sight of a runner named Larry Lenamon.

Lenamon started running at the age of 21 as a senior at the University of Texas at Austin. He wasn't involved in any physical activity, so he joined the ranks of many other Americans by being overweight.

"I wasn't fat," he said. "I just weighed 155 pounds and felt uncomfortable at the time."

With this as motivation, he took to the streets, running two or three miles about five times a week. He continued to run this distance for three to four years. Then he came into contact with a group of professors on campus (Larry didn't complete school until he had a Ph.D. in physics) who were running 10 miles at a time.

Larry remembered his first run with the pros. "It seemed like they were running so slow compared to my usual pace. But I ended up running a block and walking a block in order to make it back home," said Lenamon.

For his first seven running years, he never ran a race. "I ran for the enjoyment of it," he said. But upon moving to New Orleans, he joined a running club that held races (generally about five miles) in which he participated.

It wasn't until June of 1978 that he began training for his first marathon (26 miles, 385 yards), which he ran in December of that year. "I had a surprisingly good time for a first-time marathoner: two hours and 53 minutes, with the last six miles being especially tough.

"My legs felt slow and it took 44 minutes for the last six, about 10 minutes slower than my more recent time,"

he said.

Since his first race, Larry has run numerous shorter races as well as nine additional marathons, such as Boston, Houston, White Rock, San Francisco, etc. His best time was 2:29.59 in the 1981 Houston Marathon, which he won. And he came in 744 out of 5,500 participants in the Boston Marathon in 1980.

"The Boston was my most physically demanding marathon," said Lenamon. "The course is mostly downhill, which is hard on my legs. That, added to the heat and too much sight-seeing before the race, left me totally exhausted at the finish.

"I had to be helped back to my room, a distance of only three blocks," he confessed.

While his rewards in most races have not been monetary, Lenamon has won enough t-shirts to pack a

closet, as well as shoes and watches.

Some think running is boring, but most runners have interesting stories to tell. "While running on Washington Street one day, I was chased by a dog. I picked the dog up by the tail and tossed it back into the yard. The dog's owner then hit me across the arm with a shovel. When I grabbed the shovel to prevent a second blow, the man started kicking me," said Lenamon.

"I filed charges but the district attorney refused to prosecute because the man was only protecting his dog," he said.

Lenamon has more marathons in sight, with the New York Marathon Oct. 25, and the Boston and Grandma Marathon (in Duluth, Minnesota) later on.

For the aspiring marathoner, Lenamon



suggests lots of regular running months before the marathon. "Start out easy. Just run for a certain amount of time and the distance will gradually increase," he said.

If you think it gets easier as time passes, it might. But after 15 years of running, Lenamon still runs over 100 miles a week to stay in shape.

Green alligators and long-necked geese'

Clifton's Texas Safari is more than just lions, tigers and bears

By Julie Cain

Did you know the world's largest exotic animal drive-through park is in Clifton? That's only 35 miles from Waco.

At the park, you can see animals from Asia, Europe, North and South America, as well as Africa. "There are 2,000 animals from 65 different species," said Mike Cloer, public relations director.

Cloer said, "The preserve is proving to be an ideal breeding ground to save nature's most exotic species like the Indian black buck, ibex, axis, and fallow deer."

There's also an old Indian cave, interesting rock formations, and a dropnet used for catching wild animals.

The park has a petting zoo where you and the animals get to know each other. There's also a nursery for baby animals. The gift shop sells exotic treats like decorated Ostrich egg shells.

"Texas Safari has the appeal of people driving their own cars to stop and feed the animals of their choosing. Other park, like the one in San Diego — have trams. Therefore, people cannot stop where they want to," said Cloer.

Animal food can be purchased at the front gate. Some of the tamer animals will come right to your car and out out of your hand.

Dangerous animals are in cages. These include lions, cougars, panthers, bobcats and black bears. The bears will drink Dr Pepper from a bottle. There is also a baboon named Ned who does tricks hourly.

Cloer said, "The distinct advantage we have over most other parks is the size and natural terrain. Owner A.C. Parsons searched for five years before finding the land he felt suitable for such a major undertaking."

The 1,300 acres have the appearance of several, different geographical locations. There are plains, mountainous regions, rocky terrain, as well as large ponds and spring-fed streams.

Texas Safari is not only a haven for animal lovers, but for photography and nature

lovers as well. "We have had numerous visitors say that the scenery alone is worth the visit, even if there were no animals to compliment the various terrains.

Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Children under six get in free. Part of the admission is used to fund breeding programs in the preserve.

Texas Safari is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. until one hour before dark.

Group rates and guided tours are available.



One of several lions at Texas Safari gazes at park visitors. (Photo by Julie Cain)

Freshman walk-on vies for position on prestigious MCC basketball team

By Amy Neal

Vertney Smith is one of many who eagerly await basketball season.

Smith, a freshman from Connally, has a little more to anticipate.

Smith, a walk-on, has been "practicing hard" — even though he has not actually made the team. He's been working out with the team

Pool tourney draws couples

Student Government is sponsoring a coed billiard tournament. Deadline for entry is Oct. 2. Play beginning Oct. 7.

A sign-up sheet is located on the glass outside the Game Room entrance.

since school began. "Coach works us pretty hard," he said.

At 5'8½", Smith is one of the shorter hopefuls. Smith said, "I have pretty good speed, which helps make up for my height. I think I'm underestimated by other players because of my size."

Smith, an HPE major, played football, basketball, track, and baseball for four years in high school. "I love all sports, but my first love is basketball," said Smith, who was named "Most Athletic" his senior year. He was the second leading scorer in his

district and averaged 19.2 points per game.

Smith said he chose MCC

because, "DeWeese is a good coach and could help me a lot with my game. DeWeese is the best coach in junior college basketball."

Smith wants to transfer to North Texas State after MCC, where he hopes he may also

get a chance to play basketball.

Smith said, "I'm real excited about the season and can't wait to see how the team does. I think if they pull together, they can go all the way."

"You must be an exceptional player to just sit the bench here. It would be an honor to make this team," said Smith.

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Highlander gridiron action slated for October

By Mark Edwards
It's time to shape up! Flag football is just around the corner.

All the running, passing, and kicking starts the first week in October. It's possible that the season could start earlier, depending on how fast entries come in.

Coach Ray Murray said, "Flag Football is our most popular intramural sport. Cars usually end up parking up and

Coach Mason signs players

By David Anderson
November 4 will mark the beginning of another girl's basketball season, as the Highlassie Tournament starts on Nov. 4 and continues through Nov. 6 with the championship game.

Coach Charlotte Mason heads the Highlassies. "We have a strong nucleus returning from last year," said Coach Mason.

That nucleus includes Jackie Jones, Felice Lewis, Sheri Miller, Jerri Gillispie, and Debbie James.

"Kay Williams from Robinson, Dana Locke (Glen Rose), and Olga Martinez (Gustine) are my top three freshmen at this time," said Mason.

"I think Weatherford and Cisco will be our toughest competition in conference play this year," Mason continued.

"I think we have a chance to have a real good team, but whether we have a good team or not, I don't know," Mason concluded.

down the street. The girls watch the boys and the boys watch the girls.

One year the flag football team had unusual luck, they had to play in 20-degree weather," said Murray.



Each team should have team colors, and every player should wear that color. Numbers are also recommended on the T-shirts.

There will be three different playing fields, 80 yards

long with two 10-yard endzones.

Flag football officials will be needed. It's recommended that officials have experience either in regular football or flag football. Officials will be paid, according to Murray.

Coach Murray added, "Every team who loses, usually points a finger at the officials. Everyone has an excuse for their loss," Murray said. Then he laughed. "Winning is fun, but the best teams are usually those who can take a loss okay," said Murray.

Every once in a while there is an accidental knock-down. Coach Murray requested not to have any stretchers come onto the field. "The best team will have a fast quarterback and good plays," Coach Murray said.

Flag football is a lot like regular football. There's punting, passing, and catching, but there is no contact.

It's a fast-paced game. There will be no ties, and the

teams will play until someone wins. A complete team has seven players. A team may begin play with as few players as five, but no less.

If a team cannot field a team of five players five minutes after scheduled start, it will be a forfeited game. If neither team has five players at proper time, both teams forfeit. Forfeit games will be dropped from the schedule and the remaining games will be recorded as losses.

Players are prohibited from wearing cleated shoes, except the molded rubber cleats

(soccer shoes). Street shoes, boots and bare feet are not allowed.

Two flags attached to the official flag belt will be worn by every player on the field at all times. In an attempt to remove the flag, a defensive player may not hold, push or knock the ball carrier down.

A penalty of 15 yards will be charged from spot of foul. Anytime the ball is dropped, it's a dead ball, when running, kicking, or passing.

For more information, contact Coach Murray at Ext. 246.

Bowl tournament nets funds

By Mary "Scoop" Salazar

The first annual ECHO "Blo Bowl" for Easter Seals took place in a double elimination tournament the weekend of Sept. 19, at the Cotton Palace Softball Complex at 14th and Dutton Streets.

"Blo Bowl" is a game that is played like soccer with hand-held gas-powered blowers,

and a seven-inch Nerf ball. The game is played on a 60x100 field.

"Blo Bowl" consists of four, three-minute quarters, and a one-minute half time.

The object of the game is to push the Nerf ball, using only the air of the blowers, across the field and into a goal. Points are scored by fouls, off-sides, and goals.

"It has been played in Washington and Chicago. However, this is the first time it has been played in Waco, or Texas as a matter of fact," said Fran Carter.

Carter is the director of development for the Central Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The "Rehab" is located at 1501 N. 18th St., and is an affiliate of Easter Seals.

Teams representing Coors, Ramada Inn, Dr Pepper, TSTI (Computer Science Technology), Baylor (Kappa Sigma), Okey Dokey, Mickey's, Peach Tree Place, Children's Activity Committee, Lloyd Jones, Rangerette Softball Team, Texas Systems, and members of the "I Don't Know" team competed in the tournament.

Teams paid an entry fee of \$60.00 and raised pledges for the event.

The team raising the most money played in a highlight game with a team of the local media.

Members of the media team were: Rick May and John McCall from radio station FM 100; Ted Wern and John Rooks from KCEN-TV; Peter Allen from radio station WACO; and Bob Darden from the Waco Tribune-Herald.

The media's opponent in the game was the Okey Dokey team who brought in \$250.00.

Teams bringing in \$200 or more received commemorative T-shirts.

Lloyd Jones brought in the most money. Jones received a Dallas Cowboy Weekend for two that included two tickets to the Dallas Cowboy-Miami Dolphin game, and hotel accommodations.

Winners of the two-day event were: 1st place, the Rangerette team; 2nd place, Texas Systems, and 3rd place, Coors.

The event brought in about \$2,000.

This was the first of events taking place before the National Easter Seal Telethon in March.

Tatum-LaRoe storm through state

By David Johnson
Game, set, match! The Texas Sectionals tournament is now history and has gone down in the record books.

Two MCC tennis players reached their summertime goal: to be number one in the state in men's 21 doubles. They are Richard Tatum and Jimmy LaRoe.

The tournament was held at the TCU Mary Pottishmen-Lard Tennis Center in Fort Worth. The weekend of September 19-21 will long be

remembered by Tatum and LaRoe.

They were the number one seeds going into the tournament and they lived up to the draw. Storming through the tourney, they didn't drop a set on the way to the title.

Winning the title was no freak accident for the pair. Tatum and LaRoe have been playing doubles together since early last year when the two were freshmen at MCC.

Tatum said, "With each match we play better, because we can tell what the other is about to do. We communicate well and that's a big part of doubles, talking out the match, then going out and doing it."

A Waco Richfield Graduate, Tatum won the District AAAA crown with his high school doubles partner, Joe Parsons, during his junior year. During his senior year, Tatum took second in district singles competition.

LaRoe, a Terrell product, also has a couple of district crowns under his belt. He is a seasoned veteran of the Summer Tennis Tourneys that are played state-wide. This summer, LaRoe went international when he and his father went on a European tour. He played on the French Riviera for a tennis club whose pro LaRoe had met at a previous Texas Tournament.

As a team, LaRoe and Tatum have been almost unbeatable. Throughout the summer tourneys they played, they dropped only two sets. They won the Houston Coca-Cola Open and the Waco Open en route to the Sectionals.

Tatum said, "Jimmy and I have improved greatly over last year when we first started playing together. I think we mix well as a doubles team. Jimmy is a combination of raw power and brains. He's a thinking player. Since we have been playing together so long, we know instinctively what the other is going to do. When I slip-up or get out of position, Jimmy's usually there to cover for me, and that always helps."

LaRoe said, "Rich is a good doubles partner. He just knows where I'm going to be and covers for me. He also has great anticipation and is a great poacher."


"I think Tatum and I are more relaxed with each other on the court than ever. We seemed to have more confidence in our doubles games," said LaRoe. "If we can hit good returns and good serves against our opponents, we can stay winners."

Tatum summed up the summer's work by saying, "I'm proud to be number one. It's a great sense of accomplishment on our parts, and a satisfying feeling."

Foreigners choose MCC

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Columnist stumbles into running

In blundering pursuit of knowledge and wisdom

By Eric Ellis

This is not an article on affirmative action.

It could have been, but it is not. In fact, it is not even anywhere near an article on affirmative action.

And the only reason I even mention the affirmative action program is that is the origin of this article.

What then, you may well ask, is this article about?

Well frankly, I'm not exactly sure yet. But I hope to know any minute now.

I think it has something to do with ignorance, naivete, running, large dogs, and a penchant for making a fool of myself.

Where the ignorance and naivete come into play will become obvious in the following paragraphs.

You see, I have been a bit testy recently. I have been righteously indignant, impatient and contemptuous over the limitations of a college newspaper. I have been upset over my inability to say something of depth and purpose. I have wanted to say something that possesses those two vital qualities, but will not go unpublished because of them.

I had become possessed by the ideas that I had something to say, and that I had been victimized by "the system."

I had determined that hypocrisy and narrow-mindedness were running rampant at MCC. In short, I had determined that everything here was amiss. Thus, I concluded, there was no reason to go on with the farce.

But, you see, this has been one of those absolutely astounding months. It has been one of those periods of time where nothing much seems to make any sense. And all of it is just a bit too real for comfort.

It's the sort of phase where, at the height of my brilliance, I find that I have been misspelling the word Wednesday for the last 20 years.

And then I decided I had best check the calendar before anything else escapes me.

This is the sort of phase where, while talking to someone like Dr. Chester Hastings, MCC vice president, I find, to my embarrassment, the best language I can muster is: "You know man, like, basically it's sort of, well maybe, you know, all the same."

Now, just hang on there for a moment. This is no laughing matter. This is serious. I'm telling you it got-um plenty-um rough-um! I was on failsafe. It was a clear case of unclear proliferation.

Amidst all this exasperation, it came to pass that one afternoon I was standing in my neighbor's yard, ranting and raving about anything and everything when, from out of thin air, "Mother Anne" (neighbor's wife) produced an idea. This idea was one more in what sometimes seems to be a perpetual series of ways to degrade and defile Mark (her husband) and me.

"Run," she said. "I think you guys need to start running and get into shape."

Well, confirmed slouch that I am, I did not think this to be an overly good idea (as usual). And having never been one to buy the propaganda of running enthusiasts, I hastened to the swift and logical argumentation of such an insipid and insidious idea.

But alas, my quick wit and passionate resolve crumbled under the weight of her petulant and dominating lips.

And so I came to run. I ran, and I fell. And I ran, and I wheezed. And I ran, and I relaxed. And I ran, and I sighed. And I ran, and I laughed. Then I knew the running enthusiasts are correct. I had, and have, established focus, serenity, and accomplishment.

Moreover, I have come to learn that the limitations

(earlier mentioned) of a college newspaper could, in truth, be only within the limitations of the writer. And that it was indeed, my inability to express myself.

And I learned that "the system is good." And that the people involved in the system are no more narrowminded or hypocritical than the human condition dictates as a minimum.

I have come to realize that a thoughtful person never ceases to learn. And that one of the most profound lessons he may learn, and relearn, over, and over again, is the lesson of laughter.

Laughter at one's self. Laughter for the wicked irony of the blundering pursuit of knowledge and wisdom.

And laughter in sympathy for all the beautiful human frailties we possess.

Editorial

Who's who on campus?

By Harold Manning

Many people stand out for achievement and service at MCC. And it's high time some of them got a little recognition for their achievements.

If you know someone who shows outstanding scholarship ability and leadership and participation in academic and extra-curricular activities, maybe they should be nominated for the "Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges."

Anyone interested in placing someone in nomination can pick up a nomination form in the Student Service office and return it by Oct. 9 for review. Nomination can be made by anyone in the student body, faculty or administration.

Eligibility for Who's Who includes 30 hours of college work with at least 15 at MCC. A student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.5.

If you have someone in mind, talk to them. Most people don't always realize just how special they really are. After being placed in nomination, each student will be asked to submit a resume that will be reviewed by members of the Student Service Council. The selection committee will also be comprised of these members.

Citizenship and service to the college and the community are also qualities for nomination. Along with the rest of the criteria for nomination, they are characteristics that really should be recognized in students.

Look around. Who really is who? Maybe you? Maybe me, too.

Editor's Notebook

By Julie Cain

Are you hungry? Corny Dogs are easy to make and inexpensive. Here is all you need:

- 2/3 cup corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 3/4 cup milk
- 8 frankfurters
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

Mix the dry ingredients and cut in the shortening. Combine milk and beaten egg; mix with dry ingredients. Dip frankfurters in the batter and deep fry at 365°F. until they are browned.

If you want them on a stick, insert a wooden skewer in the end before dipping. Be sure you have mustard in the house when you make these. They call for liberal use of it.

This recipe serves four. Cost is about \$1 per person.

Here is a helpful hint when you wish to reuse an empty jar. Wash the jar thoroughly with soap and water. Rinse and dry well. Then put some newspaper in it and close the lid tight. The newspaper will take the odor of the previous contents out of the jar.

It will smell fresh and brand new in two days.

And you thought a newspaper was only for reading and bird cages.

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Convenience and family help MCC former students move along to BU

By Tim Isaacks

Walking around the hallowed halls of Baylor University, one can see classrooms, portraits of past presidents, preppies...and former MCC students.

Director of Counseling Bill Mygdal said that according to a study conducted several years ago, 35 to 40 percent of MCC students who continue their education at a four-year university transfer to Baylor.

Reasons for choosing Baylor vary. Karen Kelley, a junior majoring in political science, with an intent to enter law school, said, "I

thought a Baylor degree would look good. Besides, it's close to home. Kelley is from Gatesville.

Kelley entered Baylor this summer. "To get to know the campus before school started this fall. Then I found out the campus isn't that hard to learn. So far, I like it here, but it helps knowing MCC people."

Computer science major James Hickey, a junior, entered Baylor for family reasons. "My parents teach here. I like the atmosphere, too. But it's harder."

Eric Mullens has lived in Round all his life, so Baylor was conveniently close. A

junior with a physical education major and biology minor, Mullens said, "It's harder, but I like the prestige connected with the school."

Sherry McCormick, a junior majoring in social work, attended Baylor on her husband's suggestion. "My husband went out here, so I decided to, also. I really like it, but it's a lot harder. I can never find a parking space," she said.

Mygdal stated that, as long as the transferring students plan their degrees with counselors, the transition from MCC to Baylor seems to go smoothly.