

President Upholds Activity Hour Status Quo

After several months of discussion and debate, the status of the 10 a.m. activity hour has been decided. "It was a difficult decision," said MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball; "the new policy is basically the same only it is a revised compromise of many recommendations." The Instructional Council had

recommended that Activity Hour be changed to the noon hour and classes be scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Student Services Council recommended to Dr. Ball that Activity Hour not be changed at all. The new policy reads: "The 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. period on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is designated as an

activity period provide for such activities as club meeting, intramurals, etc. Instructional activities may also be scheduled during that period, but such activities will be limited to multiple section courses (those scheduled for four or more day sections), open labs, tutorial services and such other classes and activities

as may be jointly approved by the Dean of Instruction and the Dean of Student Services." "The activity period designation will be announced in both the college catalogue and the schedule of classes for the Fall and Spring semesters, and students will be advised that enrollment in classes at that hour would limit or prohibit

their participation in Student Government, clubs, intramurals or other organized student activities or meetings being held at that hour."

Dr. Ball said, "The little change done is in the interest of the students. It is now up to the student to decide what he wants to do."

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Filing Begins For SG Election

Student Government officer elections will be held April 27 and 28 in the Student Center. The SG constitution provides for the election of the offices of president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian during the spring semester for the upcoming year.

Candidates must be enrolled

in 12 or more semester hours and must have a 2.0 overall grade point average for the last semester. A 2.0 semester average must be maintained while in office.

The president must have obtained sophomore standing by the fall semester. Applications may be picked up

in the Student Activities Office and must be filed no later than 5 p.m. April 22. Election results will be announced during the Highland Games April 29.

Student Government will hold a special election in the Student Center April 14 and 15 to fill vacancies left by the impeachment of two representatives.

Candidates for the vacancies must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and must have at least an overall 2.0 GPA the last semester attended.

Applications for the special election may be picked up in the Student Activities Office and must be filed no later than April 12.

SSPL To Sensitize Campus

By Jan Faubion

MCC's Unity Unlimited Club and the Support Services for the Physically and Sensorially Limited program have coordinated an Awareness Week set for April 11-15.

The purpose for Awareness Week include the sensitizing of the general community and the college community to the needs,

problems, and challenges of handicapped individuals. It will also be striving to make the public aware of the types of conditions that exist that cause handicapping within the population.

There are several activities planned for the week. On April 11 a blind obstacle course open

to students, faculty and staff so they may feel what it is like to be blind. The course will be between the Administration Building and the Library. It will be open from 10-11 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m. in front of the Student Center MCC clubs will compete in a wheelchair obstacle race.

All through the week during Activity Hour a display of modifying tools used by handicapped individuals and slides on SSPL program will be set up in the Student Center.

On April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall the Central Texas Children's Theatre of the Deaf will perform. The purpose of the Children's Theatre is to help language development and to give an outlet for self expression.

Mrs. Cathy Kelley director of Support Services said, "To our knowledge this will be the first public appearance of the Children's Theatre of the Deaf."

Following the performance, there will be a discussion on problems of the sensorially handicapped. Mrs. Kitty Ferguson, program coordinator for the North Central Texas Region Day School Program for Deaf Education, will be the moderator. Douglas Burke, educational program director for West Texas-Panhandle Regional Program for Deaf and Rany Green, director of the VA Hospital Blind Rehabilitation Unit, will also participate in the discussion.

On April 15 at 9 a.m. several instructors, students and visitors will be made blind with blindfolds, deaf with earplugs or put into wheelchairs. Among the visitors to be sensitized are Rep. Betty Denton,

representatives from WACO, KWTX, KCEN and the Waco Tribune Herald. Dr. LaVerne Wong, Dr. Wilbur Ball, Dr. Ron Smith, Mike Kelley, a representative from the Highland Herald,

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History instructor Dr. Michael White is a nominee for Texas Junior College Teachers Association president-elect.

Election for the office will be Friday at the TJCTA

convention in San Antonio.

Instructor Candidate For TJCTA Presidency

MCC history instructor Dr. Mike White is a nominee for president-elect of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association. The Association will hold its annual convention tomorrow through Saturday in San Antonio. Classes will not be held Friday because MCC instructors will be attending the convention.

"If I am elected, it will mean serving for three years, said Dr. White. "The first year, I would serve as president-elect; the second year as President and the third year as immediate past president."

The elections are Friday, and if Dr. White is elected, his term will begin Saturday.

"Most of MCC's teachers are attending the convention," said Dr. White. "Those teachers that are not attending may have the chance to vote absentee."

Letter To The Editor

Texas Humane Society Opposes Killings

Dear Editor:

Recently a man with his two young children was driving on a bright Sunday morning along a road in Mansfield, Texas, just south of Fort Worth. As they drove slowly past a place where

many cars were parked, they heard what sounded like the terrified scream of an animal. The man stopped the car, got out, and investigated.

He saw a fenced field. At one end of it was a pen full of

rabbits. At the other end of the field three adult greyhounds ripped apart the still-alive rabbit which the man had heard screaming. Clearly, that race was over. The rabbit had lost. Another race was about to begin. A young boy tending the rabbit pen released another rabbit into the field. Three more dogs were released by their owners after the rabbit had run a distance. The man saw that the rabbit could not escape from the fenced field. One of the dogs soon caught the frantically running rabbit. Another dog seized it too. And once more the piercing scream of the rabbit rose above the excited yells and chatter of the spectators. The screaming lasted for a minute. But nobody seemed to mind it. Then someone picked up the mangled body of the rabbit and tossed it into a garbage can already overflowing with the bloody bodies of other victims.

Although the man was sickened by what he had seen and heard, he watched one other race. This time the rabbit was slow; it dragged one leg,

which seemed to be broken. When the dogs were released, the man understood: these dogs were slower than the others. They were provided with a rabbit slow enough for them to catch. The crowd really enjoyed this race.

It was a large crowd - men, women, and children. Many of the men were betting on the dogs. Money changed hands quite openly although gambling is illegal in Texas.

The man returned to his car where his children waited. He had seen enough to be sickened by the cruel deaths of the rabbits. He wanted to do something about it - at least he wanted to report it to someone. He went home and called our Humane Society office in Fort Worth. Sadly, we listened to his story. We had heard it before. We had seen it all with our own eyes. And we had to tell him that it had been going on for years and that we had never been able to stop it.

We told him that the Animal Cruelty Law in Texas does not protect these helpless rabbits from being used to train and race dogs. We also told him that two years ago a Fort Worth legislator, Chris Miller, had introduced a bill in Austin which would have protected such

animals if it had passed. But it didn't pass. Only a few people actively worked to support the bill - only three people went to Austin to appear before the committee that would decide the fate of the bill. On the other hand, more than 40 people who opposed the bill (mainly people profiting from greyhound racing in Texas and in other states like Florida and California) went to Austin. Obviously the humanitarians were outnumbered! Rep. Miller's bill to protect the rabbits died in this committee in 1975.

But Chris Miller is trying again during this present legislative session. She has introduced a new bill to make it illegal to use any live animal in the training and racing of dogs. This bill is House Bill 887. Once more, it has been sent to a committee.

Mrs. Miller has worked hard for this humane cause. Please join us to support it. Once more, as we did two years ago, we urge you to write letters. It will be an uphill fight, and we must start now.

First we must write to the members of the House Committee on Business and Industry. In our letters we should ask them to support House Bill 887 and to schedule it for public hearings soon. Here are the names of the committee members to write to. Use the same address for them all; the address is below the last name.

- Rep. Chris Semos - Chairman, Committee on Business and Industry
 - Rep. Tony Polumbo
 - Rep. Kenneth Vaughan
 - Rep. Charles Finnell
 - Rep. Tony Garcia
 - Rep. Paul Ragsdale
 - Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner
 - Rep. Danny Hill
 - Rep. Douglas McCloud
 - Rep. Pete Patterson
 - Rep. Irma Rangel
- The address for these eleven representatives is: P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas, 78769.

Later, if the committee sends the bill to the House floor for debate and vote, we will need to write our individual representatives to urge them to support it. We will keep you posted this spring.

Right now, many many people need to write eleven letters to the committee members. As we said, passage of this bill will be difficult. We learned that in 1975, and we learned it again last year when a similar bill was defeated in Florida and in California, where the greyhound racing lobby is very powerful.

Perhaps the saddest of all sights at these greyhound races is the death of the rabbit that dies before the dogs reach it. It is true that some rabbits are so terrified that they go berserk and kill themselves by hurling themselves wildly against the fence trying to escape.

Sincerely,
Tarrant County Humane Society

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Work-Study Checks Available Thursday

Checks for Basic Educational Opportunity Grants and college work-study are available in the Financial Aids office. Students receiving these checks must pick them up by tomorrow, or they will have to wait until after spring break to receive payments, said a Financial Aides representative.

Financial Aid Applications Available

Students in need of college work study employment and other financial assistance for the summer session may submit applications to the office of Financial Aid on or before April 15.

All applicants are encouraged to make arrangements as soon as possible in order to avoid delays during and after registration, said Stephen Crump, director of Financial Aid.

Editorial

Student Government Lacks Total Representation Of Students

If MCC's student body and candidates for next year's student government officers were more conscientious than they have been in the past, student government would be an effective, representative body. And that would make it unique from any other college's student governing organization.

Students run for office "because it looks good on your transcript," and other such weak motivations. Sadder than that is the student body that isn't bothered in the least, when it is not truly represented. Too often student government comes off looking more like a special-interest club rather than a representative organization.

MCC has special problems in that respect. Student Government functions are primarily aimed at students in their first or second year out of high school, and do little for the older student (the median age at MCC is about 25). If older students seem removed from campus activities, it's because organizations such as student government are closed to them.

And that is the fault of the student body. It's apathy is seen in the poor voter turnout at student elections each semester. It's debatable whether apathy fosters bad leadership, or if bad leadership gives rise to apathy.

Whichever is true, the whole cycle could be stopped with a little consideration from the whole student body, regardless of age.

Filing for Student Government offices begins April 11, and starting with that day MCC history will either be drastically changed or will repeat itself, depending on whether or not candidates honestly commit themselves to serve the student body and not simply dress up a transcript.

But if even the most well-meaning student files for office, he can't be elected unless the student body goes to the polls. Only the students can make Student Government become the collective voice it's supposed to be.

It's in our hands.

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Calendar

Wednesday, March 30
 Deadline for table tennis intramural entries, Games Room

Tennis intramurals begin, 10 a.m.
 Highlanders vs Paul Quinn, 2 p.m. MCC Field
 Tennis - MCC vs Grayson County College, 2 p.m., here
 Circle K meeting, 10 a.m., Highlander Room
 Afro Student Kindred meeting, 10 a.m., LA 209
 Chicanos Unidos meeting, 10 a.m., LA 105
 Veterans Club meeting, 10 a.m., Faculty Dining Room

Thursday, March 31
 Tennis - MCC vs Texas Wesleyan College, 2 p.m., here

Friday, April 1
 STUDENT HOLIDAY
 Texas Junior College Teachers Association Convention, San Antonio

Saturday, April 2
 Highlanders vs Hill, 1 p.m., here

April 4-8 SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, April 5
 Highlanders vs Ranger, 1 p.m., here

Wednesday, April 5
 Highlanders vs Central Arizona, 2 p.m., here

Monday, April 11
 Student Government meeting, 10 a.m., Tartan Room
 Table tennis intramurals begin, 10 a.m., Games Room
 Application and campaigning for Student Government offices begin, Student Activities Office

Tuesday, April 12
 Tennis - MCC in Temple Tournament, Temple

Production Wins Superior Rating



MCC's readers theatre production "And Out of the Red Tape Came..." won a superior rating at the Texas Junior College Speech and Theatre Association state tournament held here this weekend.

The MCC production used slides and sound effects to enhance the script. Dr. Charles McGeever of the Baylor oral communications department said this incorporation of slides and sound effects and readers was "well coordinated".

The script was adapted by MCC speech students under the direction of Anne Harrell, speech instructor. Visual effects were directed by Dr. Michael White, history instructor.

In other awards, Kathy Miller received a superior rating in discussion and an excellent rating in extemporaneous speaking. John Carter, Raleigh Trotter and Joey Derting received excellent ratings in discussion.

Martha McConnell rated a superior in prose interpretation, and Pam Batson received an excellent rating in persuasive speaking.

Overall winner in total sweepstakes points was Tyler Junior College. Henderson County Junior College was second and Tarrant County Junior College was third.

Tyler also placed first in public address sweepstakes and Eastfield Community College and Henderson tied for second. MCC and San Jacinto College

tyled for third. Tyler placed first in interpretive sweepstakes points, with Temple Junior College second and Tarrant third.

In debate Henderson placed first and San Jacinto placed second. Both teams will advance to the national junior college forensic tournament in April.



Carolyn Massie, Suzie Guerra, and Lance Pool are awed that God would give up on his project earth but the Devil, portrayed by Paul Hill, loves the idea.

Recognition Certificate Arouses SG Debate

By Amy Dunlap

The "real meaning" of the Faculty and Student Recognition Certificate aroused a debate among Student Government representatives at their meeting Monday.

Debate began when representative Martha McConnell nominated the golf team for the honor. Keith Glass responded, "I feel that this does not fit the criteria for this certificate; if we give it to every team it is soon going to be meaningless."

Miss McConnell said, "I feel that the golf team has represented MCC outstandingly well, after all, they have won all five tournaments they have participated in."

Student Activities Director Don Bynum read the purpose of the recognition is to "recognize, commend and honor faculty, staff or student(s) performing outstanding service or those who have achieved outstanding success."

The representatives voted eight to seven not to award the golf team the recognition.

Rep. Carol Mitchell reported that the "scrapbook is progressing; some of the clubs have turned in their pictures and years activities such as Circle K and Chicanos Unidos,

but there are still clubs that have not."

The scrapbook will be taken to Padre Island by Student Government representatives and officers for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association State meeting April 17, 18, and 19.

Four to five possible constitutional amendments dealing with special elections were read by Glass.

Such elections are needed when representatives resign, are impeached or become ineligible to serve during the semester. Replacements must be elected regardless of the amount of time remaining in the school year according to the present constitution.

The amendments dealt with "ruling out special elections altogether" to "not having special elections after one-half of the Spring semester had been completed." Student Government will decide at its next meeting which amendments it will put on the April general election ballot.

Representative Cindy Burt said, "Is there no way for us to prompt the administration to changing the policy of not loaning out property such as canoes and camping gear after

midnight?" A committee consisting of Miss Burt, Glass and Bernard Rohde was formed to recommend to the administration that "There is a conflict or problem" and then maybe "the current policy could be changed."

Plans for a legs contest and the Highland Queen election

were discussed in conjunction with the General Election to be held April 27-28. The winners in both contests would be announced at the Highland Games April 29.

Counselor Hazel Martin attended the meeting and asked for volunteer monitors and

timers for the U.I.L. contest MCC was to host.

Albert Apel, Melinda Laufenberg, Mark Henson, Laura Langford, and Bernard Rohde were named to the Highland Games Committee. They will be in charge of planning the day's schedule of events.

MCC Support Services Club To Sensitize Campus April 11-15

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representatives from various departments and some instructors from the faculty offices will also be sensitized.

These people will be seen on campus going about their normal routine. At 11:30 a.m. everyone will meet for a luncheon. At noon the blindfolds will come off, the earplugs will come out and the people in wheelchairs will be able to get up. Everyone will then finish eating and share the experiences and feelings they felt during the sensitizing. The discussion will be taped and available to anyone interested

in hearing it.

On Friday at 10 a.m. at the Lecture Hall there will be a discussion on the problems of the physically handicapped. Judge Bob Thomas will be the moderator of the discussion. Other speakers will be Miss Buffy Fetter, coordinator of Services for Handicapped Students at Eastfield College in Dallas; Mrs. Reba King, director of Special Education for Waco Independent School District; and Ted Thayer, program specialist for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission at Austin.

"I think it's to any student's advantage to learn the problems and feelings of handicapped persons whether

they're going into business or serving the public. It should be of particular interest to students in child care, mental

health, teachers aides and behavioral sciences. We have some outstanding speakers coming. It should be an interesting week," said Mrs. Cathy Kelley, director of Support Services for the Physically and Sensorially Limited.

Movie Review

'Silver Streak' Designed For Laughter And Fun

By Bryan Davis

Once again, a train packed with troubled passengers, but "all aboard" for fun and laughter on "Silver Streak" (25th Street Theater).

"Silver Streak" is the latest vehicle for funnyman Gene Wilder. Wilder finds himself in a movie involved with both comedy and suspense. And imagine if you can, a very erotic, sexy scene between Wilder and a beautiful girl. Quite a change for Wilder, whose previous film credits rarely contain a line of dramatic dialogue. And the humorous antics of "Silver Streak" are so good, it makes

one wish seriousness wasn't attempted at all.

Wilder boards the luxurious "Silver Streak" for "relaxation and a little time to read." These are the only two things Wilder doesn't get to do. Between Los Angeles and Chicago, Wilder begins his adventure by being seduced by beautiful Jill Clayburgh, who keeps him in trouble both on and off the train for the remainder of the film.

Besides Clayburgh, Wilder accidentally becomes involved with some extremely confusing and dangerous art swindlers, one of whom could play the role of Goliath and finds no difficulty

in disposing Wilder from the train when the need arises.

"Silver Streak" can be divided into two parts. Unfortunately, the first part contains too many old cliches, predictable dialogue; and Wilder's style of humor, that so many do not find funny. Several of the dull, long, unhumorous scenes could easily turn this promising film into an unintentional "disaster."

To the audience's delight, the second part of the film marks the appearance of comical genius Richard Pryor. This more than makes up for the bad beginning of the film.

The old adage "two heads are better than one" could never be so true in the case of Wilder and Pryor, who work so well together there will surely be more teamings of the two. However, one gets the impression most of the credit goes to Pryor, because the scenes lacking him are questionable when it comes to comedy.

The capers undertaken by Wilder and Pryor are hilarious to say the least. One scene in particular is the funniest thing I have seen on screen. Wilder, who is trying to flee authorities, must somehow get back aboard

the train (he was knocked off this time). Pryor comes up with the perfect solution—get Wilder past the authorities in "black face." "After all," says Pryor, "Al Jolson made millions doing this." However, Wilder finds that black shoe polish doesn't guarantee "soul."

Pryor fans will particularly enjoy his snappy dialogue, reminiscent of his albums. Needless to say, it is somewhat toned down in the film.

In spite of bad beginnings and several long, drawn out scenes, Richard Pryor makes "Silver Streak" a hilarious ride.

Academy Awards Carried Dull Message

By Bryan Davis

Once again Hollywood has honored its deserving film makers with the annual Academy Awards Monday night. As usual, this year's "Oscar" telecast was short on entertainment and long on ho-hums (three hours). The awards show however, certainly worthy of no award itself, does not reflect the quality of 1976 films.

Chief races at this year's event were primarily between three motion pictures. The first of these, with eight Oscar nominations was "All the Presidents Men," a frightening account of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's unveiling of the cover up that came to be known as Watergate. Starring in this film as Woodward and Bernstein respectively were Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman.

A second acclaimed film in the 1976 Oscar race was "Network," with 10 Oscar nominations. "Network," a searing satire of the "tube," was frequently condemned by television critics, but for

obvious reasons. Nonetheless, "Network" is a brilliant film containing the acting talents of William Holden, Faye Dunaway, and the late Peter Finch.

The third, and last serious contender for honors was "ROCKY," with 10 Oscar nominations. A sentimental favorite, the story of a two-bit boxer with a "once in a million chance" at the world heavyweight title, brought standing ovations in its showings all across America. The acting talents of Sylvester Stallone and Talia Shire greatly add to the success of the film.

Two lesser known films also in the running for Best Picture were: "Bound for Glory," the story of folk singer Woodie Guthrie (David Carradine); and "Taxi Driver," a confusing and complicated shocker starring Robert De Niro.

When the evening was over and the envelopes had finally all been opened, the race had turned out even closer than anyone could have imagined. The outcome resulted in a virtual three-way tie. However,

"Rocky" did win the "biggie," Best Picture of 1976. "Rocky" also netted two other awards, one being for Best Direction.

It is quite unusual for the Best Picture winner to win a total of only three awards. Especially so when the film did not win any acting awards. It makes for confusion when a film wins the highest honor, yet no others of importance. All the same, "Rocky's" one in a million chance proved lucky.

Leaving the awards with four Oscars was "All the Presidents Men." Included among those awards were Jason Robards for Best Supporting Actor, and Best Screenplay.

It was "Network" that walked off with four of the seven major awards, and three of the four acting honors. Included in "Network's" haul was Finch as Best Actor. Finch, who has been dead almost two months, was not the sentimental favorite, as was Stallone. But Finch was the final winner, and with no sentiment involved. Other important awards won by "Network" included; Best Actress, Faye Dunaway; Best

Supporting Actress, Beatrice Straight; and Best Original Screenplay, Paddy Chayefsky.

Only two other films finished the night with more than one award. "Bound for Glory," and "The Omen," 1976's best horror film.

Besides all the surprises of the 49th Annual Awards, Oscar had little entertainment other than the standing ovation given the return of playwright Lillian Hellman and the appearance of Barbra Streisand to sing her own "Evergreen," from the movie "A Star Is Born." "Evergreen," easily won the Best Song category with no competition.

1976 was a good year for films with more people than ever packing theaters to see their favorites on the screen. (1976's largest money-maker was "The Omen").

Bad films in 1976 far outnumbered the good, but this is always true. There were several films worthy of praise either not mentioned by the Academy, or not mentioned enough. Praise is also due, "The Bad News Bears," "Voyage of

the Damned," "Lifeguard," and "Family Plot."

Also unforgivable among Academy voters were poor choices in acting nominees, chiefly the likes of Sissy Spacek for her performance in "Carrie." Much more deserving were actresses Lee Remick for "The Omen," and Streisand for "A Star Is Born." But perhaps Oscar night's greatest injustice of all was the omission of Dustin Hoffman as a nominee for Best Actor. Hoffman was worthy of a nomination for two films; "All the Presidents Men," and "Marathon Man."

What would a review of 1976 be without raking the bottom of the barrel? Better-known buds of 1976 would have to include "The Bluebird," "Gable and Lombard," "Carrie" and "Lipstick." And at the very bottom of the barrel, about six feet underground in fact, you'll find the already televised "dead" version of "Survive," which easily gets my vote for worst film of all time. After sitting through that, 1977 just has to be bright!

Poor Attendance At Council Meeting Causes Great Concern

By Amy Dunlap

Out of 20 clubs, only six were represented at Friday's Inter-Club Council meeting. Each club on campus may send a representative to the council meeting. Unity Unlimited, Office Education, Science Club, Data Processing, Sigma Delta Phi and Circle K representatives were present.

"Not being represented at the meeting only goes to show the lack of interest of the absent club," said Inter-Club Council chairman Kenneth Belden.

Circle K representative Neil Russell reported that some investigation by Inter-Club council into the status of Student Government as a club had proved that "Student Government, as stated in the constitution has no rights as a

club, and therefore could not be considered a club. Because Student Government activities are in conflict with club activities, council members decided not to "stir-up something."

April 15 was set for the deadline for individual club scrapbook competition entries. A traveling trophy will be awarded May 2 to the winning club.

Data Processing representative Mrs. Jean Vass reported that the Waco State Home did not want the children taken out for only one day activities. "They would like for once a month activities to be planned. When a group takes the children for a day, the children often feel they may

never get the opportunity to enjoy it again and sometimes, as a result, misbehave."

Inter-Club council members had planned to sponsor a "Play Day" for some children at the State Home, but a report from the Home cancelled such plans.

"It is too late in the year to start any other community service projects. We will probably look into sponsoring activities for the Home coming Fall semester," said Belden.

Each representative informed the council of activities their clubs are sponsoring or had recently sponsored. Unity Unlimited reported on the upcoming Awareness Week. The other clubs also provided updates on their activities.

Enjoy Your Spring Break!

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Higgins Conjures, Dispells Belief In Spirits

By Marcia Mathews

Promises of an hour of entertainment proved more than truthful during the lecture "Among the Spirits," with Dr. Howard Higgins Friday. With the assistance of several visual aides and some "spirits" from beyond, Dr. Higgins conjured up belief in the spirit world in even some of the most steadfast non-believers.

Dr. Higgins' program, which dealt with everything from

spirit handwriting to ESP, was mainly concerned with disproving those who claim to be psychic.

At one point, Dr. Higgins went into a "trance" and supposedly became the spirit of a deceased friend. After demonstrating his power to tell what an object was while he was blindfolded and distant from the object, Dr. Higgins surprised listeners by confessing that the words they

had heard were nothing but "hot air."

In this instance the program was indeed entertaining, but for a while Dr. Higgins seemed very believable with his "contacts in the world beyond".

Not only did Dr. Higgins prove to be entertaining, he provided a factual account of the beginning of the spiritualist movement in the United States. It seems the whole story began

with two very mischevious little girls and worked its way into a real "whopper" of a story. This was one of the more truthful of Higgins' stories in the hour's collection.

As far as the actual appearance of any late, great deceased persons, there was none; at least not physically. The only possible appearance of any ghosts, hosts, or otherwise illuminated souls was merely in

the minds of those who listened to Dr. Higgins.

For those who did attend the lecture, there may be a tendency to immediately turn on the lights when returning from an evening of fun — one never knows who or WHAT might be waiting to extend a hand and render a friendly "Hello".



Dr. Howard Higgins prepares to receive a message "from the spirits".... an MCC student helps evoke the message....and the message warns Coach

Johnny Carter to "enjoy basketball now, because where you're going basketballs burn....."

Tarleton Offers Undergrad Courses At TSTI

By Donna Richter

Many students who complete 60 hours of undergraduate work find that they must leave their job to pursue classes at a university in another town.

But Tarleton State University of Stephenville offers a limited number of upper-level undergraduate courses at Texas State Technical Institute,

and the program draws largely on MCC students.

"Nearly all of these students (those taking courses at TSTI) have some credit from MCC," said John Whiting, Tarleton registrar. "We can't teach academic foundation courses such as freshman English; students nearly always get that

from MCC. Many business majors also have done some work at MCC."

Whiting and TSTI representative Mrs. Yvonne Martin were here Monday to provide students with information about the Tarleton program at TSTI.

"We have a unique group of

students (at TSTI); nearly all of them are employed adults that do their educational work at night," said Whiting.

Undergraduate courses in business, industrial education, sociology and psychology are offered at TSTI through Tarleton. Courses in history, government, economics, speech and English are also available.

A few graduate courses in education and government are also taught.

However, principles of general insurance and the sociology of aging will be the only courses offered during the summer session, which registers June 1 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Building 4-6 at TSTI. Classes will meet several times during the week for 12 weeks.

Most classes are taught by Tarleton faculty who drive to Waco once each week during the regular semester, when classes meet at night. Library materials are also brought from Tarleton, and are housed in the TSTI library.

The Tarleton program in Waco was begun four years ago at the suggestion of TSTI Vice-President Morris Webb.

The initial class had 23 students who were TSTI faculty members. The program saw its biggest enrollment last fall with 200 students. 156 are enrolled this semester. More than 40 of those students are taking master's classes.

"It's been a unique experience for us," said Whiting; "we started small, but we've graduated many of that first class. The program graduated 50 last year, and three more will graduate this spring."

Olson Bill To Revise Tuition Grants

By Donna Richter

A bill that would alter the State's roll in funding higher education has been introduced to the Texas Legislature by Rep. Lyndon Olson.

The bill would parallel the Tuition Equalization Grant Program with a voucher system for all students regardless of need. It would be acceptable at any institution of higher learning, public or private.

The Tuition Equalization Program assists students with limited family financial resources. The grants are all less than \$600 per year, and help pay tuition at independent and private universities so that the State is able to contribute to the education of its citizens. at

'State Supported Schools Enjoy A Distinct Advantage In Attracting Students...'

schools that are not state supported.

TEG is similar to the GI Bill in that a recipient may enroll at any approved institution and

Under Olson's bill, every Texas student entering college would receive a voucher worth \$750 per year and the college would return the vouchers to the State for a credit.

At public institutions the voucher would cover the full cost of tuition, but at private or independent schools the voucher would pay only \$750.

present the voucher for tuition costs. There are few restrictions on what the student can study and where either program.

and any additional cost would be paid by the student.

"The most immediate benefit to all Texans would be the ensuing competition among schools for students," said Olson in his most recent column. "The State supported schools currently enjoy a distinct advantage in attracting students because taxpayers across the state pay the huge

cost of buildings, salaries, athletic programs and staff and consequently tuition is quite low."

Schools will have to attract students with effective, useful educational programs and administrators would find it necessary to cut expenses, unnecessary building and wasteful classes, Olson said.

"It is my feeling that the state should meet its obligation to provide education without doing the teaching itself. The fine work of our 40-odd independent colleges and universities would not be so threatened by the ravages of inflation and the power of government-sponsored schools," said Olson.

Rain Delays Trail Repairs



Prevailing sunlight means the Nature Trail will soon get its 'sprucing up.'

Efforts continue daily for reconstruction of the nature trail. The weekend's rainy weather has delayed processes somewhat, but with sunny weather on its way, the nature trail should be repaired soon. MCC students are not the only

people who make use of the nature trail. Many high school students visit the trail in correlation with their studies. Organizations such as science and ecology clubs find the trail helpful as well as fun as they attempt to make various studies in and around the Waco area.

One group that makes use of the nature trail is the ecology group from Waco High. This group, which also makes trips to the Baylor Camp for ecology, followed the nature trail Monday afternoon even though it was a little damp.



Sign posts along path such as this will be rebuilt.



Rains have kept the creek at the bottom of the trail running.

Council Election Saturday

Elections for three Waco City Council seats will be held Saturday.

The District 2 seat is most heavily contested race, with Rony T. Gray, Roland Simon Arriola, David M. Gray, Herman Smith, and Michael E. Boyle all seeking election.

Those running for the District 5 seat are Ken Brunson, Frank A. Eastman, David S. Dow and Charles E. Wallace.

Ted Getterman is unchallenged as candidate for District 4.

District 2 covers precincts 1, 3, 4, 4A, 5, and 11. District 4 consists of precincts 2, 8, 9, 9A, 12 and 12A. District 5 covers precincts 8A, 8C, 8D, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

Only those persons living in Districts 2, 4 and 5 will vote Saturday. Other elections will be held next year.

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sports

MCC Golfers Claim Seven Tournament Championships; Gets Set For Regionals

By Terry Tacker

One of the best kept secrets on the Central Texas sport scene is the highly successful Highlander golf team, coached by Athletic Director Jimmy Clayton. The Highlanders sport one of the best junior college records in the past five years, including a third place finish in the national tournament last year; and it appears that the 1977 team aims to uphold the winning MCC tradition.

The Highlander squad has captured first place in seven consecutive tournaments, including Thursday's Richland Invitational in Plano. Bobby Heath won the individual medalist honors with a 74 score and the MCC team finished with a combined total of 311, one shot better than the Henderson County Cardinals' 312. Other Highlander scores read Dave Davis with a 77, Burt Atkinson 77 and Steve Bowman finished with an 83 score.

The MCC success is certainly not due to a lack of quality in opposing squads. The Highlanders have defeated many of the best juco teams in the state and also claim victories over major colleges. Tournaments such as the prestigious Southwest Recreation in Fort Worth, the Bevo Intercollegiate in Austin and the Sam Houston State Invitational in Huntsville have awarded the MCC team first place after two-day competition.

"It's easy to see with our record that it, so far, has been a very good year," said Clayton. "We've never won this many tournaments before, but we have to keep on improving. Everyone is playing a lot this spring and we think this depth will certainly help us further down the line," explained Clayton.

The MCC team consists of nine players. Four, and sometimes five, performers are taken to each tournament and according to Clayton, the Highlanders are so close talent-wise it is difficult to determine which people participate where. "We've been able to win some tournaments with what we consider not even our best people. I guess this is a strong indication of our depth," said Clayton.

Mark Knutson has captured

individual championships in two of MCC's seven tournaments. "The top four are pretty close, but Knutson is our most consistent hitter. He has really gained a lot of confidence in himself and he is just a good all-around player", explained Clayton.

Freshman Dave Davis is from Tucson, Arizona, and according to Clayton has played well this spring. "Dave tied with Knutson at Southwest Texas State and had a 69 score one round. He has shown much progress and plays position well. He also placed third in the individual standings at the Bevo Intercollegiate Tournament and he appears to be getting stronger and stronger", said Clayton. These laurels come despite the fact Davis injured his hand during the fall season.

David Sann, from Dallas W.T. White, carries with him the experience of playing in the national tournament last year. "David is probably our best putter on the team and he is very consistent with his game", said Clayton. Sann has won one tournament this spring and has finished second twice.

One of the most highly sought high school players last year was Tyler's Steve Bowman. Bowman comes to MCC by way of Oklahoma State. "Steve really hasn't performed as well as he is capable of against a very large field at Fort Worth, he improving very well. He is improving quickly and hopefully he will be playing his best come time for the regional tournament", said Clayton.

Richardson-ex Jack Twedell

and Bobby Heath have gained the confidence of Clayton and are ready to perform whenever the need arises. "Jack was our most consistent player during the fall but he too hurt his hand. Bobby won the Richardson tournament and the time of the year in which he plays best is just now coming around. Of course, Bobby won second team All-America honors last year and I never hesitate playing him", explained Clayton.

Texas Wesleyan transfer Burt Atkinson, freshman Mike Michalka and Garland native Cary Collins round out the Highlander squad. "Burt was having a hard time at first, but he is really improving, as is Collins. The only thing wrong with Mike's game is he is a little inconsistent", said Clayton.

The Highlanders participate

in two tournaments during the Easter holidays—the Temple Invitational and the Longhorn Intercollegiate University of Texas Invitational at Austin. The NJCAA Region V Tournament is April 29-30 on the Tanglewood Course in Sherman. But it appears the Highlander squad for the regional action is nowhere near of being set.

"The regional tourney is just like basketball, one loss and you're out. It is one of these situations in which we'll play our hottest players at that time. You have got to play real well to win the regional because there will be some really good teams there. But as for now, we have not determined our team for the regional tournament," said Clayton.



David Sann



Dave Davis



Mark Knutson



Steve Bowman



Michael Michalka



Jack Twedell



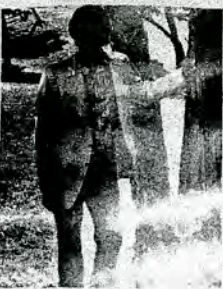
Bobby Heath



Cary Collins



Burt Atkinson



Coach Clayton

Carter, 'V.J.' Honored

Sophomore guard Vinnie Johnson and Highlander coach Johnny Carter will represent MCC in the 1977 National Junior College All-Star Game Friday night in San Antonio.

Johnson will play on the West squad while Carter will assist San Jacinto College coach Wayne Ballard coaching the West team. Johnson was recently named Most Valuable Player in the Northern Texas College conference and is no doubt one of the most highly sought juco players in the nation.

Last year, ex-Highlander John Derrick led his West team to victory and was voted Most Valuable Player after the contest.

This year's game will also feature the talents of Ollie Mack and Kenny Logan of San Jacinto's Raven team which finished in second place in the recent national tournament in Hutchison, Kan.

NJTJAC CONFERENCE BASEBALL STANDINGS

RANGER	2-0
MCC	2-2
HILL	1-1
GRAYSON	1-3

Highlander Nine Struggling; Defense, Pitching Weak

The Highlander baseball team presently sports a 7-19 season record and a 2-2 conference slate. But according to Coach Rick Butler, the MCC team is not far from being successful.

"Our main concern now is defense. Our pitching started slow but is finally getting some consistency. Hitting wise, we are pretty solid. At the moment our defense is hurting us most of all", said Butler.

Baylor transfer Bret Blackwell has the hitting lead on the team with 24. Third baseman Louis Rendon has batted in 15 runs for the team lead in that department. Burt Burrows, Rusty Erwin, Glenn Mead and Andy Nesrsta are each batting over the .300 mark.

Nesrsta has been a pleasant surprise for Butler and the Highlanders. The Marble Falls native was used sparingly last year and started the 1977 campaign second-string behind John Frechette. But ever since the second-game win over Crowder College of Missouri, Nesrsta has been the MCC starter.

"Frechette really hit the ball well for us in the fall and beginning of the regular season, but Andy has really picked up the stick for us. He only needed an opportunity and we started him out as designated hitter, but a place on the infield for him had to be made", explained Butler.

The pitching game for MCC seems to be getting stronger as the season progresses. The slow start was to be expected due to the youth of the staff.

"Combs (Bryan) and George (Donald) have been our most consistent pitchers of late. Tibbs (Oscar) has had some impressive outings this spring. Wiebold (Kevin) pitched real well against San Jacinto, but

was ruffed up by Grayson the other day", explained Butler. The Highlanders return to conference play Saturday at

MCC Field against Hill. Gametime is 1 p.m. for the doubleheader against the Rebels.

Scoring Points

By Terry Tacker

ON A BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY, as such was the case yesterday, it is not uncommon to see someone fishing at the MCC Marina. A check with George Andreason, Director of Administrative Services, revealed that use of the marina was intended for MCC students only. "We do not run these people off, but the marina and the school's equipment (canoes, motors, etc.) are only supposed to be used by the students and faculty and only during school hours", said Andreason. The fact remains that the Bosque River contains many fish, mainly catfish and bass, just waiting to be caught.

MIKE TARVER, former Highlander baseball starter, is currently running second place in Southwest Conference stolen base statistics. Tarver, who plays for Southern Methodist, has six steals this season, one behind league-leader Jerry Jones of Texas.

IT APPEARS WITH ONLY TWO WEEKS left before the opener, the Texas Rangers have a major problem with Lenny Randle. But who can blame Randle for his actions? The conflict arose when the Ranger manager Frank Lucchesi and Texas officials, mainly owner Brad Corbett, proclaimed untested rookie Bump Willis to be the Ranger starting second baseman. Randle, a Texas veteran of five years, was immediately demoted to second string before the season even started. Of course, Randle did not like the situation and threatened to walk out from training camp. Lucchesi was then quoted, "I am tired of these punks saying play me or trade me." Everyone knew he was talking about Randle. So finally Randle could put up with Lucchesi no more, so he hit Lucchesi in the face, breaking the manager's right cheekbone. Lucchesi deserved his fate for calling Randle a "punk" but Lenny will come out worse in the long run for there is only one thing to do about the situation - separate the two. So Randle will probably be traded or put on suspension. The real question brought out by the media and Ranger fans is why did this have to happen so close to the season opener?

MEANWHILE, the Astros are ready for the opening of the season and are filled with optimism. But who isn't this time of year? Houston might have pulled one of these patented trading boo-boos last week when they traded off starting second baseman Rob Andrews. Houston officials claim the trade was brought on by the excellent play from newcomer Julio Gonzalez. We'll have to wait and see before judging that trade. Fact has it Houston sports the best third baseman in the National League in Enos Cabell, one of the premier outfielders in baseball in Cesar Ceno and consistent .300 hitter Bob Watson. Astro officials also point with pride at their young pitching staff which performed so well last year. But still with all these pluses, the Astros will probably not finish in front of Cincinnati and the upcharging San Diego Padres.



photo by Donna Richter

MCC tennis player Art Hobbs is shown during play of the Highlander-Mary Hardin-Baylor match.

MH-B Crusaders Blitz Orange Netters 12-0

The MCC tennis team was taught a memorable lesson in tennis Monday at the MCC courts by Mary Hardin-Baylor College. The Crusaders swept the Highlanders 12-0 in non-conference match play.

"They really have an outstanding team with many of their players from nations other than the U.S. They were just a little too tough", said MCC coach Carmack Berryman.

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MEN'S SINGLES

Gustavo Ferra (MHB) def. Tim Roerick (MCC) 6-1, 6-0
Larry Katz (MHB) def. Warren Gradick (MCC) 6-2, 6-3
Carlos Soares (MHB) def. Art Hobbs (MCC) 6-2, 6-2
Luis Barrios (MHB) def. Dave Ammon (MCC) 6-2, 6-2

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Ligra Mattos (MHB) def. Arlene Simms (MCC) 6-1, 6-4
Lorides Ortega (MHB) def. Denise Norred (MCC) 7-5, 6-0
Chris Gardner (MHB) def. Lillith Eberle (MCC) 6-1, 6-2
Judy Cobb (MHB) def. Claire Morris (MCC) 6-3, 6-0

MEN'S DOUBLES

Soares-Ferra (MHB) def. Roerick-Gradick (MCC) 6-3, 6-2
Barrios-Katz (MHB) def. Hobbs-Ammon (MCC) 7-6, 6-2

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Ortega-Mattos (MHB) def. Simms-Norred (MCC) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3
Cobb-Gardner (MHB) def. Eberle-Morris (MCC) 6-1, 6-2

Highlanders Take On Paul Quinn Tigers Today

Coach Rick Butler's improving Highlanders play Paul Quinn College of Waco today at 2 p.m. at the MCC diamond. A doubleheader is scheduled between the two teams.

Not much is known about the Tigers, other than an early-season win over tough Huston-Tilletson College.

Probable starting lineup for MCC is Glenn Mead at first,

Andy Nesrsta at second, Bret Blackwell at shortstop, Louis Rendon at third, Burt Burrows, Terry Kunkel and Rusty Erwin in the outfield and Scott Nichol catching.

Perdales Wins

Results from the intramural volleyball game declared Perdales the winner over Murray's Mistakes, 15-8, 15-3.



photo by Terry Tacker

The team of Paula Roerick and Mark Henson compete in the coed foosball competition held recently. The team of Paul Hale and Sherri Willis won first place while the team of Paul Hoffman and Leigh Ann Adams took second.