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## Clubs emphasize Christmas with holiday decoration

By RHONDA HARGROVE

Bill Bradley, president of the Returning Students Association, had "a great idea" to decorate the windows in the Student Center for

Christmas.

The Student Government put together a proposal and Greg Clark then submitted the proposal to Vice President LaVerne Wong for approval.

Each club was invited to participate in decorating the windows.

A student activities form had to be turned in along with a list of supplies (to make sure they were water soluble) and a rough draft or sketch of the scene they wanted to do. Each club will also be responsible for making sure their windows are cleaned.

The clubs and associations that are participating are Student Government with a nativity scene, Hispanic Club has a Hispanic Christmas scene, International Student Association decorated with Christmas from around the world, Phi Theta Kappa painted sugar cane

bears and the Returning Students Association painted a Christmas cottage scene, a stuffed stocking, a Noel wreath and a R.S.A. snowman.

"We're wanting to make this an annual event. Some of the students have suggested that we put more

Christmas lights up around the campus," Clark said.

Clark and students said they hoped the decorating of the windows would build up as a tradition and get bigger each year with more students and faculty involved.

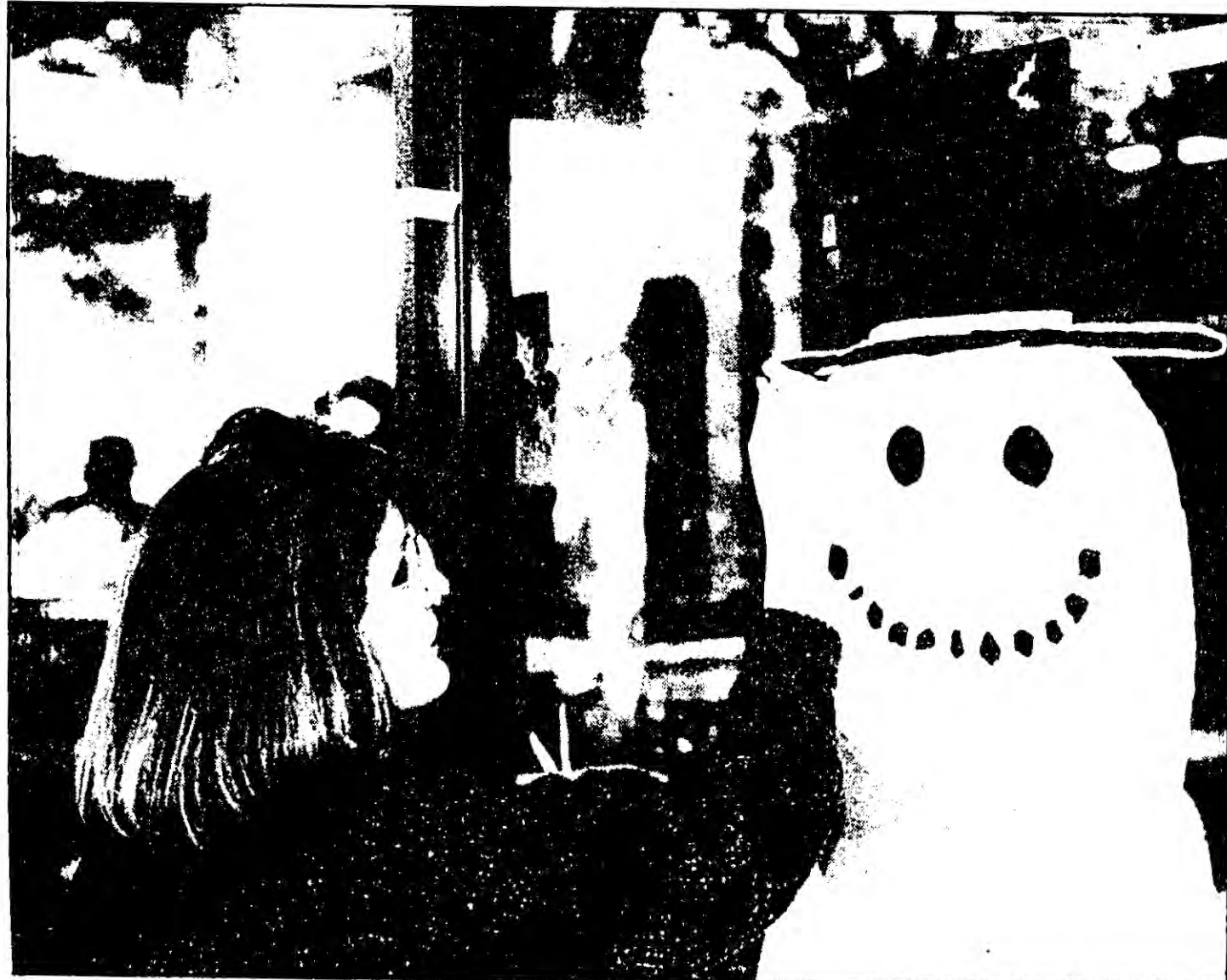


Photo by Ken Crawford

"FROSTY"--Pam Brewer, sponsor of the Returning Students Association, puts the finishing touches on RSA's Christmas window decoration outside the Student Center cafeteria.

## Administration institutes 'institutional goals' plan

Student Services

By TERI LYN EISMA

Dennis Michaelis, "a believer of planning," according to administrative assistant Mary Hensley, has instituted the first extensively formalized master plan of operating this college.

The Board of Trustees approved the 1988-89 "Institutional Goals" at its meeting Nov. 22 (see additional story).

The Institutional Goals are a collection of clear step-by-step directions for every department.

The administration gave each faculty and staff member the opportunity to contribute to the list of individual and universal needs of the college.

When Michaelis and Hensley began to organize the ideas into a map of instructions, Hensley said, items ranged from suggestions to promote MCC more nationally to equally important requests like "I really need a computer in my office."

"They just naturally formed into clumps," Hensley continued. Those clumps "are not prioritized" in the plan, she emphasizes, but are grouped together logically.

Hensley explained to the Board ten goals and their steps within the clumps. Each step was carefully weighed, she said, "for suitability, for feasibility, for acceptability; (that it is) flexible, motivating, understandable; (that it) shows our commitment and a linkage" between each goal's separate paths.

Trustee Lawrence Johnson suggested adding the goal of Board development. Following is an outline of the 1988-89 Institutional Goals without the enumerated steps:

### General Institution

Goal 1: The college will develop a comprehensive plan to guide the institution.

Goal 2: The school will promote internal communication and information sharing opportunities.

Goal 3: It will enhance its image as an excellent post secondary institution.

### Teaching/Learning

Goal 4: The college will provide leadership in strengthening the instructional program and learning opportunities for students.

Goal 5: The school will continually strive to provide quality support services to its students.

### Professional Growth

Goal 6: The college will provide professional growth opportunities for administrators, faculty and staff.

### Fiscal

Goal 7: The college will increase its potential for growth through the MCC Foundation.

Goal 8: It will strive to increase the growth opportunities of fiscal development and effectively manage the resources of the institution.

### Physical Plant

Goal 9: The college will provide attractive, safe, and energy efficient facilities to support its educational programs and endeavors.

### Technology

Goal 10: The school will encourage efficient use of technology in the operations of the institution.

Hensley explained that the steps are carefully worded to limit this year's goals mostly to reviewing and revising current policies and procedures, and not at present to begin abruptly changing life on campus.

Some changes will not take place for a year or two, Hensley added. They will occur as they are needed (like repairs and new equipment) or as the steps of review and inventory are completed according to projected deadlines (like restructuring the registration process).

Hensley does not foresee problems with the campus accepting the institutional goals because the ideas "came from the faculty and staff. (Most are) very excited to have the opportunity to work on them."

"This master plan will effect 'multiple communities,'" Hensley said, such as "the college, the area, and the network of colleges."

Some of the steps included among its goals are "cooperative programs with high schools and universities, student recruitment, regional economic development and training activities in the six-county region."

## Van bought for long trips

By SUSAN POLLEY

Athletes and other students traveling on school-sponsored trips will do so in style starting next semester because MCC has purchased a new van.

The new van will replace a van currently being shared by the athletic department and shuttle service. The old van will be modified to make it easier for passengers to

get in and out. It will then be used as a permanent shuttle bus between the main campus and the Community Services Center parking lot.

The athletic department needed a new van because of the high mileage on the old van. It is important to have a van with low mileage for the long trips the athletes take. The high mileage on the old van would not matter on a shuttle, since it is only used for short trips.

The college has about 28 per-

cent of the number of vehicles that most junior colleges have, according to athletic director Ken DeWeese.

"People don't realize that most colleges have about 10 or 15 vehicles," DeWeese said. "We have three."

Buying the new van is a step in the right direction, but it is still not enough. "We need about 10 more," he said.

Although DeWeese admits that was an exaggeration, his point is

Current van rebuilt for shuttle service

clear. "We're still behind," he said. "We're just trying to catch up."

The school is buying a 1989 Ford conversion van with a sport top. The van will be white with orange stripes and will have a grey interior. The new van will seat 12 passengers. In addition to the raised roof, it will have custom seating, a center-justified aisle, and a rear storage area.

Southwest Metrotrans of Dallas is providing the van. It will cost the school \$23,079.94.

## Trustees act on construction, budget

By TERI LYN EISMA

The Board of Trustees approved construction bids on the Community Services Center and Applied Science Building, a report on a \$75,000 grant, revisions to the general fund budget and three tax abatement agreements.

## SG triumphs in food drive

By KEBANA REED

McLennan Community College students and faculty participated in a food drive sponsored by the Student Government body to raise food for the needy people of Waco that go to the Salvation Army for assistance.

Anyone donating canned food could do so in the name of the club of their choice.

A total of 418 cans were collected by MCC as of publication. Student Government gave 142 food items. Students on the Move for Christ gave 92, Press Club gave 59, Phi Theta Kappa gave 43, library staff gave 35, faculty and staff gave 6, PANAM gave 5, and 30 items were donated without a club name.

"Thanksgiving and Christmas is when we start our drive to fill up the room with food to last all year long," said Wendy Browder, Salvation Army public relations consultant. "Last Christmas we helped over 12,000 people and gave out over 11,000 toys."



JOHNETTE MCKOWN is the new vice president of business services for the college.

## McKown administrator in business services

By SHARON M. GARRETT

A new administrator, Johnette McKown, is joining the staff of MCC next year as the vice president of business services.

McKown, who is replacing Herman Betke, spent 14 years at Paris Junior College. She is in her third year as director of business operations. She previously served as director of personnel and as an administrative assistant.

McKown holds a bachelor's degree in English from Louisiana College in Pineville and a master's

degree in reading and secondary and higher education from East Texas State University in Commerce. She also earned an associate of arts degree from Paris Junior College in 1988.

McKown is nearing completion of doctoral degree from East Texas State University in secondary and higher education and management. One of her goals here will be to upgrade the computer services for the business office.

McKown and her husband Stan will move to Waco during the Christmas holidays.

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Christmas:

It's the most wonderful time of the entire year

By KEITH JENKINS, Features Editor  
and DARIN BROCK, Entertainment Editor

Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes it's that time of the year again; time for Christmas carols, sleigh bells, egg nog, and mistletoe.

At least that's how we remember Christmas being when we were younger. It was always a special time sharing it with our family; spending Christmas Eve together and then the next morning opening gifts.

When we were kids we couldn't wait for Thanksgiving to roll around because right after that mom would get out the Christmas decorations and you could just smell Christmas in the air. Now it's the late eighties and we can't wait for Halloween to roll around so we can start celebrating. Since retailers these days seem to believe that the Christmas season begins around Halloween, why don't we make it official and lengthen the holiday from Oct. 30 to Dec. 31. That way we will be able to trick or treat dressed as Santa Claus.

Well, wait a minute, if we start the holiday in October, retailers will begin advertising in September. So we'll just have to start Christmas on Labor Day, that way Santa Claus can march in all the parades. Well, once again the retailers will probably start advertising in late July, so why don't we begin on July 4th. That's it! Christmas will run from July 4 to Dec. 31. That would be perfect, 180 days of Christmas. However, it would be difficult singing the "The 180 Days of Christmas" carol. How in the heck could anyone do that? Because after 35, you would run out of neat things to give. Who would want 150 pigeons puking or 50 concrete slabs?

But what's to stop them from advertising in May? Nothing, so we'll just have to stretch Christmas from Memorial Day to the end of the year. But that means we'll be seeing Christmas advertisements in April. So we can just run Christmas from Easter on. That way the Easter bunny can go ahead and retire. It was foolish of him to try and compete with Santa anyway. Why don't we run

Christmas over Valentine's Day and we'll begin Christmas on Jan. 2. That's it! Christmas every day! America could drop its old slogan of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," and change it to "Come to America, where it's Christmas every day!" Immigration will soar, the economy will boom, and the deficit will go away.

But to make it legal, we'll leave that stuff about the birth of Christ as a part of it. Just to take the curse off of it, and keep the Pope off our backs. Besides, we know the real reason of Christmas is the exchange of gifts and how much we can get from others. Well-Isn't it?

We honestly hope you don't think that.

Our society has rushed Christmas to the point, that it seems like it's celebrated from Nov. 1 to Dec. 25.

We're also sick of all the money hungry Grinches who only think of what they can get out of Christmas, instead of what they can give to others who may really be in need.

The sad part of all of this is seeing children only thinking of what gifts they want to receive, and making lists for Santa with at least 100 things on it even though they know they have been naughty.

Come on folks! That's not what Christmas is all about. Stop being a Scrooge and spoiling it for yourselves and the kids.

Start thinking of the true reason we have this holiday and refrain from getting caught up in all the materialism that our society has created. Remember, our Savior was born on this day, and the celebration is for a new life, not a new bicycle.

Christmas is special and it should be celebrated with a warm heart and not with a credit card or a bottle of rum.

So this year, make it a point to have the spirit of the holiday by sharing with others and thinking back to the birth of our Savior who was sent to the world for love, peace, and good of all mankind.



Christmas Miracle: "I'll pass on the toys if I can have Peace on Earth and good will towards man."

THE HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

Do you believe in Santa Claus?  
What has affected your opinion?



MARTHA WILLIS, freshman, business major. "I don't remember ever believing in him. I come from a very poor family and we didn't have much of a Christmas."



HACHEL DONALDSON, sophomore, secondary education. "Yes. Under my tree are gifts from Santa Claus every year."



ANTHONY L. CUMMINGS, sophomore, postal service administration. "When I was 7 or 8, my mother told me. I was happy--it was fiction. After that, I could just ask Mom what she bought me."



AMBER REED, sophomore, nursing. "When I was 8, I stayed up and saw my Dad. I figured out it was my parents."



DALE LÉCOUR, sophomore, fashion retail merchandising. "I never actually stopped believing--and I never want to. St. Nick is the feeling of Christmas. (Without him) it wouldn't be Christmas. He's a role model, to believe in Christmas."



HELLEN GALEANO, sophomore, elementary education. "No, when I was 7 I saw my Mom pretending to be Santa hiding presents in the closet."



SUSAN DAWSON, freshman, undecided major. "No. When I was real small, around 6-years-old, I was in the bathroom, and some toys fell out of a top cabinet on me, so when my mother saw me with all of the toys, she told me that there wasn't a Santa Claus."



SHONE WYATT, sophomore, criminal justice. "Yes, I like getting presents."



TRENT FARRELL, freshman, physical education. "Yes. I saw him in the mall yesterday."



STACEY LYNCH, freshman, elementary education. "Yes. He brought me a puppy in person once."

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Toward Success in the World

Christmas:  
the time for releasing  
troublesome emotions

By SHARON M. GARRETT

Still stuffed from Thanksgiving? Well, it's time to hit the stores. 'Tis the season to be jolly. The time for merrymaking, the festive time of the year, is here again. You'll be seeing a lot of red and green--good feeling colors.

Take some time out. Enjoy it. Don't worry for a while. Worry is such a troublesome emotion. It tugs on you and brings on distress and mental anxiety. It really can get in the way of true enjoyment.

You can't completely ignore life's ups and downs, trials and tribulations; however, you can learn to control your emotions and not let them dominate your life so completely.

Set aside a certain time everyday and go on and worry. Thirty minutes is long enough. During that time really get after yourself, go ahead and worry up a storm, and then stop and let the mind think about other things.

Think about the positive things. The fun time of the year is here--lights, friends, family, shopping. Think about how happy that person will be that you bought that gift for, even though you had to stand in line 40 minutes to check out with a new cashier trainee that didn't know how to run the register. It's all worth it.

The older you get the more worthwhile it all seems, but I don't know why. The lines get longer and the stores seem to run out of boxes earlier every year.

This is also a time to throw out some of the old problems. There will be new ones, so it is best not to get the old mind too crowded. You can go ahead and erase some of the stuff on the old disk that you really don't need anymore. The disk is still good, put some new stuff on it.

Editorial Column

Registering--why change it?

As most MCC students know by now, a student must be advised before registering for the spring semester.

In past registrations a student had the option of being advised or waiving advisement. Have things changed? Now, one must be advised before registering--no options whatsoever.

Students that attend MCC are legally adults who are all old enough to decide on their own what classes they want to take. Yes, some students do go to the counselors for advisement, but a number of students would take their option and waive advisement.

This has surely overloaded the counselors' offices. First, a student had to go to the registrar and receive a schedule outline, and then go to the counselors' office and get a degree plan. Some students were then told to go to the Student Center to be counseled for what classes to take.

Once the student made it to the counseling offices he found a long line in which to wait. Then, when he finally made it to the front of the line, the counselor simply asked, "What classes do you want to take?" The student had to quickly decide what classes to take, so as not to hold up the line. That is not counseling!

If the student was not satisfied with the so-called counseling he received in the Student Center, he could make an appointment to have a real, private counseling session. An appointment was made, but for two weeks in the future, the only time available.

When showing up for the appointment, the students had to wait for over 30 minutes before receiving counseling, because of an over-crowded waiting room. What is an appointment for anyway?

Then all of a sudden, the counselors' office stops all appointments and only takes walk-ins until after late registration has been held.

All of this confusion and mess has created not only an inconvenience for the students, but also a sense that we are being forced to do something against our wishes.

Students--rise up and tell MCC how you feel about this and maybe something can be done for the next session of registration!

If we went back to the old way of registering, it would stop all the confusion and overcrowding. One question for MCC--if you have a good thing going, why change it?



# Library hours unchanged

By SUSAN POLLEY

The results of the library survey are in. The hours will not change. The library will continue to close at 9 p.m. during the week (5 p.m. on Fridays) and will not be open on weekends, according to Jane Gamez, director of library services.

Unfortunately, out of approximately 5,300 full-time students, only 46 were interested enough to turn in the survey forms. With survey boxes in three locations, library officials had hoped to garner more participation.

"It was a real disappointment," Gamez said. "I wish we had a better response."

Although an additional 86 forms were turned in by an English teacher who had her students fill out the forms in class, they could not really be considered as representative of the student body as a whole because the English students are more likely to need the library than other students.

"We did put the 86 in consideration with the results," Gamez said, "but overall it was still a poor response."

Less than 1 percent of the 5,300 full time students responded. Even with the additional 86, there was only 2.64 percent participation.

"I'm assuming there's really not that great a demand out there to have the library open after 9 and on weekends," Gamez said. "Maybe the students really don't care if we're open on the weekend. Maybe they're content with the way it is now," she said.

Although most expressed interest in having the library open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, several said the hours were just fine like they are now.

The students were divided half and half on the issue of keeping it open after 9. The latest anyone said they would come, however,

was 11 p.m.

Most just wanted a quiet place to study--no librarian needed. The English students doing research papers, on the other hand, did want a professional librarian on duty.

"If a 100 percent felt this way, we would look at some changes. But, because the turnout was so low, we're not going to do anything differently," Gamez said.

"Economically, I just can't justify having extra manpower for just 46 interested bodies."

Gamez wondered if that many would be in the library every Saturday in the semester, anyway. "About three years ago we tried opening up on Saturday morning," she said. "We found that they just weren't coming."

A few people did come, but the extra expense is too much for only one or two people, she said. Another librarian and 2 assistants would have to be added, plus heat or air-conditioning, on the weekends.

Next semester the library may open up for some Saturday classes that have requested such service. Although it would not be every Saturday, all interested students would be able to use the library at that time.

Gamez said she will not try any more surveys and polls because she would feel like it would be pushing something that isn't really wanted. "Forcing it down their throats," she said.

Instead, Gamez said they are looking at ways to improve their services. They will try to get better equipment, increase the budget, and improve their collection of books, etc.

"We'll just try to concentrate more on that than trying to extend our hours," she said.

Gamez said that students' suggestions for improving the library's collection are always welcome.

## Brown Baggers learn

### Emotions, good health closely integrated

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

How your emotional well-being affects your physical health was the topic at the Nov. 23 Brown Bag Luncheon.

Leon Smitz from Lake Shore Psychological Services said in the early part of this century the primary sufferer of ulcers was the female housewife.

Today the primary group for ulcers is the male executive.

Ulcers, colitis, some cancers and coronary artery disease are some of the stress related illnesses seen today. Smitz said some researchers place accidents in this group also as being stress related.

Why do some people fall victims to stress while others seem to thrive on it?

The Type-A personality was thought responsible, but why did B-types also suffer these illness?

Smitz said a Duke University study found that both groups had one thing in common --hostility --both expressed and suppressed hostility.

It was further found that some people don't just get angry, Smitz said but get "sort of paranoid, (and) look for everyone to be out to get them."

Smitz said researchers went back to the coronary artery studies and found that inappropriate behavior --"too much or too little" reaction for the situation --was the cause.

"Stress can be caused by any change in your activity routine. Stress can be controlled. Think of yourself in control, and you are," Smitz said.

"Having a sense of humor" and looking at "factors you can control" will help, he added.

Like Smitz's example, the 100-plus-year-old Kansas farmer said, "If I could have done something about it, I done it. If I couldn't, I forgot it."

"Relaxation" was the "best way of dealing with stress, but it must be done regularly," according to Smitz. "Deep relaxation" especially meditation like transcendental meditation "is a good technique for relaxation," he said.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Wins regional singing award

Chamberlain Newhouse, a commercial music voice major, was recently awarded second place in the regional conference of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

He competed against more than 100 other freshmen at the conference, held Nov. 10-12 at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Newhouse studies voice with Lise Landsfeld and sings with the MCC Chorale, Opera Workshop and rock ensemble.

#### Jazz Ensemble plays Dec. 7

The McLennan Community College Faculty Jazz Ensemble will present a free jazz concert, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

A variety of music will be presented, ranging from "Get a Match" by Chick Corea to "Moonlight in Vermont."

Members of the "Jazzbos," as they are popularly known, are Rob Page, saxophone; David Hibbard, trumpet; Bill Haskett, trombone; Bill Howard, keyboards; Julian Jones and Ken Frazier, guitar; Dick Gimble, bass; and Roger Rush, drums. For more information, call 756-6551, ext. 283.

#### 'Scenes of Christmas' Friday

The Opera Workshop will present "Scenes of Christmas" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the Fine Arts Theater featuring selections from "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Carlo Menotti and "Holly from the Bongs."

Performers include Cheryl Anderson, Brian Mathis, Marlene Kohler, John Russell, Kamlin Martin, Sara Oliver, Stacey Spry, Lori Manley, Chamberlain Newhouse, David Thomas and Lise Landsfeld, who will also serve as stage director. Gail Geary is musical director and Bob Rigby technical director.

Admission is free.

#### English-computer class set

The English and Computer Data Processing departments are jointly offering a class entitled "Writing with Computers" for the 1989 spring semester.

The course consists of five weeks of word processing training using Word Perfect on the IBM personal computer. From this experience students will use their word processing knowledge to produce written papers for the English portion of the course.

The course is a four-hour credit course, and typing knowledge is required for enrollment.

Any interested students can sign up for the course through the English department. For further information concerning the course contact the English department at 756-6551, ext. 318.

## Speech contestants dictate top awards

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

With more than 600 individual entries at the Lumberjack Speech Tournament at Stephen F. Austin University Nov. 18-20, three MCC students came back with top awards.

Karen Phipps, sophomore, placed third in Dramatic Interpretation of sixty entries in that event. Phipps was the top 2-year-college competitor in this event.

Freshman, Donna Schoeneman

placed 9th in the 60-person field of Dramatic Interpretation.

Jason Stringer, freshman, took fifth place in Persuasive Speaking. Stringer was the top 2-year-college competitor in this field. He also placed in the top 15 percent of a field of 96-entries in Impromptu Speaking.

32 colleges and universities --from 6 states --including 10 2-year-colleges competed. Cindy So-Relle, faculty sponsor, said this was "a very large competitive field" with "600 individual event entries."

## Final exam schedule

FALL 1988 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE			
<u>DAY SCHEDULE</u>			
Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time	
MAF 7:00 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.	Friday & Monday December 9 & 12*	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	
8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Friday, December 9	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Monday, December 12	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	
10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Friday, December 9	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	
11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Monday, December 12	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	
12:15 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.	Friday, December 9	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	
1:15 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.	Monday, December 12	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	
TT 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Tuesday & Thursday December 13 & 16*	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Tuesday, December 13	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	
9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Thursday, December 15	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	
10:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Tuesday, December 13	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, December 15	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	
1:40 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.	Tuesday, December 13	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	
SATURDAY	Saturday, December 10	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	
OTHER DAY CLASSES	Wednesday, December 14	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	
OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES	TO BE ARRANGED--CHECK WITH INSTRUCTOR		
<u>EVENING SCHEDULE</u>			
Classes meeting only one night per week		On regular meeting night per week during December 12 - 15	
MW Classes			
5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	M, W, December 12 & 14*	5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Monday, December 12	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
8:20 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.	Wednesday, December 14	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
TT Classes			
5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	T, Th, December 13 & 16*	5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Tuesday, December 13	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
8:20 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.	Thursday, December 15	6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
*The schedule precludes the option of an uninterrupted period of 135 minutes.			

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## LVNs graduate here Dec. 14

By KATHY PEARSON

The LVN candle lighting and pinning graduation ceremony will be held Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater.

Donnie Hagan, MCC director of human resources, will be the guest speaker. The invocation will be given by Lawrence Felice, pastor of the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Marlin.

Twenty-six students are expected to participate in the ceremony. Graduates are then eligible to apply to write the State Board of Licensed Vocational Nurse Examiners for examination to be licensed by the state.

### CLASSIFIEDS

#### DAY CARE WORKER:

Hours and days vary. MUST BE MCC CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDENT.

#### CASHIER:

20-25 hpw, 4-8 p.m., Sunday 1-6, use CRT for sales input, good with people and paper work, reliable, salary: \$4.

#### SALES:

flexible hours/days, weekends too. Salary: to be discussed.

#### SALES:

approximately 30 hpw including weekends, salary/commission, whichever greatest. PREVIOUS SALES EXPERIENCE.

#### MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST:

Monday-Friday, flexible hours, typing 60-70/wpm, Dictaphone, salary: DOE.

#### RECEPTIONIST:

approximately 26 hpw, Monday 5-8, Tuesday-Thursday 4-8, Friday 2-6, Saturday 9-5, GOOD PHONE SKILLS AND PUBLIC CONTACT.

#### GENERAL OFFICE:

Monday-Friday 1-6, accurate typing, knowledge of computer, sales background.

#### TELEMARKETING:

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MEDICAL CHEER for the holidays is created by Hattie Wilson, left, and Janice McCormick, who with other associate degree nursing program students used such hospital items as surgical gauze, tongue depressors, syringes, pills, pill bottles, and urine sample cups to decorate the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Health Careers Building.



SPORTSTALK

It's unanimous:  
Football at MCC

by CLAY LASSETER  
and JEFF CALAWAY

The football sports poll returns are in and even though the turnout was lower than expected, those who did vote were in favor of bringing football to our campus.

The low turnout shows that students are satisfied with the current athletic programs offered at MCC.

Those who did voice their opinions stated several reasons for fielding a football team here.

One student stated that college and football go hand in hand. Another said that we have people interested in a football program and we have a stadium to play in with Paul Tyson Field, and the revenue from the tickets would help MCC make a profit in the long run.

Others stated that it would bring "ethnicities" to the campus and raise student enrollment. Also, we have enough people to play from the local area and supply it would be fun, said one student.

Despite these views, from the low voter turnout, football at MCC is not that important an issue. Students seem to be satisfied with the athletic events on campus.

If this is the case, then it is time for the fans to start supporting their teams.

Perhaps, the question is not whether we should have football or not, but why the fans don't come to the athletic events on campus.

With the basketball games as exciting as they are and no fans, how could we fill up a football stadium. For those of you who do want football, show your support by going to the baseball and basketball games and tennis matches.

For those of you who are happy with the current athletic program we have now, then prove it by going to the games.

We are satisfied with the current athletic programs also, but we feel that football at our campus would enrich the student body and the school as a whole.

We would like a reason from the administration as to why football isn't played here. Obviously, the interest and talent is here so why not at least give it some consideration.

We realize that to field a football team would cost a great amount of money, but if the community just had a chance to vote on the issue we're sure it would pass. Although, we also realize that the school might have to raise tuition costs we are confident that it would be worth it. And, as stated before, the football team would eventually pay off in the long run and the investment would be a smart one for the community.

So, to the student body, we ask you not to give up on the idea of football at our campus. Ask your administration and trustees why not? At least ask them to consider it, not just for us, but for the community also.

Highlanders bow to San Jac 99-89

By Jeff Calaway  
and Clay Lasseter

Henry Golightly pumped 19 points and grabbed five rebounds to thrust the Highlanders past Blinn College, 82-76 at the MCC Holiday Classic, Friday night at the Highlands.

Golightly also hit five-of-six free throws in the last two minutes to hold off Blinn. The free throws ended a miraculous come back by the Buccaneers, which had trailed by as much as 18 points in the second half.

After holding a 48-33 lead in the first half, the Highlanders went cold in the second half as the Bucs full court press brought them back into the game, until Golightly's

free throws iced the game.

MCC's Shone Wyatt added 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Maurice Gandy also added 15 points.

In other action, San Jacinto handled Hill College, 104-80.

Saturday night in the championship game, the Highlanders lost a hard fought battle, 99-89, to four time national juco champion, San Jacinto.

The Highlanders were cold in the first half and the Ravens converted free throws in the second half proved to be the difference in the game.

Behind the three-point shooting of MCC's Don Hutto and inside play of Maurice Gandy, the Highlanders kept it close in the second half.

But, the free throw line was the

difference in the last two minutes as the Ravens hit 10-of-15 down the stretch.

Gandy paced the Highlanders with 18 points, while Golightly scored 17 points. Hutto added 14 points, while Rodney Diggs had 10 points.

The Highlanders open conference play Jan. 11 against Hill College at the Highlands.

Head coach Ken DeWeese points out that the conference race looks tough. "Weatherford is playing well and Cisco is beating everybody, while Grayson is playing fairly well," said DeWeese.

Despite the 6-7 record, DeWeese hasn't given up. "I still have confidence about this basketball team and their successes," DeWeese said.

Temple JC 107, MCC 97  
TJC: Hesse 2 0-0 6, Wilson 5 2-2 14, Nichol 2 0-0 4, Houlihan 4 2-2 12, Ragsdale 5 9-9 20, Laffitte 3 4-6 10, Capps 1 7-8 9, Chavers 7 3-6 17, Boggas 1 0-2 4, Wesley 4 3-5 11. Totals: 35 30-40-107  
MCC: Hooten 1 7-8 9, Ayala 1 1-2 3, Wyatt 1 2-2 4, Perry 7 2-3 16, Diggs 1 0-1 2, Gandy 8 8-10 24, Carlock 2 0-1 4, Kinney 5 0-0 10, Briggs 2 3-3 10, Golightly 5 3-4 15. Totals 35 25-34 97.

MCC 78, Lackland AFB 60  
MCC: Hutto 1-0-2, Hooten 1-1-4, Goolsby 0-2-2, Ayala 2-3-13, Wyatt 7-0-16, Ferguson 1-6-8, Diggs 2-0-4, Gandy 3-0-6, Carlock 1-2-4, Kinney 2-0-4, Briggs 6-1-13  
LAFB: Witherspoon 1-0-3, Strom 3-0-8, Pegram 6-11-23, Dumas 1-0-2, Smith 6-0-12, LaBanc 1-0-2, Black 5-0-10.

MCC CLASSIC  
Blinn: Jackson 1-0-2, Gore 1-0-3, Laderer 4-0-10, Johnson 4-1-9, St. Julien 3-0-6, Collier 2-4-8, McFadden 2-4-8, Bennett 7-5-19, Delhomme 3-2-10. Totals: 27-16-76.  
MCC: Golightly 5-9-19, Ayala 3-0-6, Gandy 6-3-15, Wyatt 8-0-17, Briggs 2-0-4, Ferguson 4-0-8, Hooten 1-4-7, Diggs 1-0-2, Carlock 2-0-4. Totals: 32-16-82.

Alvin JC 77, MCC 66  
San Jacinto Tournament  
MCC: Hooten 2-0-6, Golightly 2-0-4, Ayala 1-0-2, Wyatt 2-1-5, Ferguson 2-0-4, Perry 3-0-6, Diggs 7-0-20, Gandy 5-0-10, Kinney 2-0-4, Briggs 2-1-5. Totals: 26-2-66.  
Alvin: Massey 6-11-30, Dixon 4-3-11, Robinson 1-1-3, Platt 1-0-2, Felder 4-0-8, Eastland 1-2-4, Byrd 3-0-9, Gardner 4-0-8, Harris 1-0-2. Totals: 24-17-77.

MCC 90, Randolph AFB 81  
MCC: Hooten 2-1-7, Golightly 7-5 19, Ayala 0-1-1, Wyatt 6-1-15, Ferguson 1-0-2, Diggs 2-2-6, Hutto 12-7-31, Carlock 0-1-1, Kinney 0-1-1, Briggs 3-1-7. Totals: 33-20-90.  
Randolph: Johnson 1-0-2, Timpson 6-6-22, Catlin 8-1-17, Garner 5-2-14, Brookshire 3-2-8, Wilson 5-1-12, Malone 1-0-2, Mathis 1-2-4. Totals: 30-14-81.

San Jacinto JC 99, MCC 89  
S.J. Reiner 0-2-2, Bernard 2-10-16, Terrell 4-1-11, Hawkins 5-5-15, Atkins 5-2-12, Morris 3-1-7, Brown 1-3-5, Jackson 4-4-12, Reid 4-9-19. Totals: 28-37-99.  
MCC: Golightly 3-11-17, Ayala 3-2-8, Gandy 5-7-18, Wyatt 1-0-3, Briggs 1-2-4, Diggs 4-1-10, Perry 1-2-5, Hutto 5-0-14. Totals: 26-28-89.

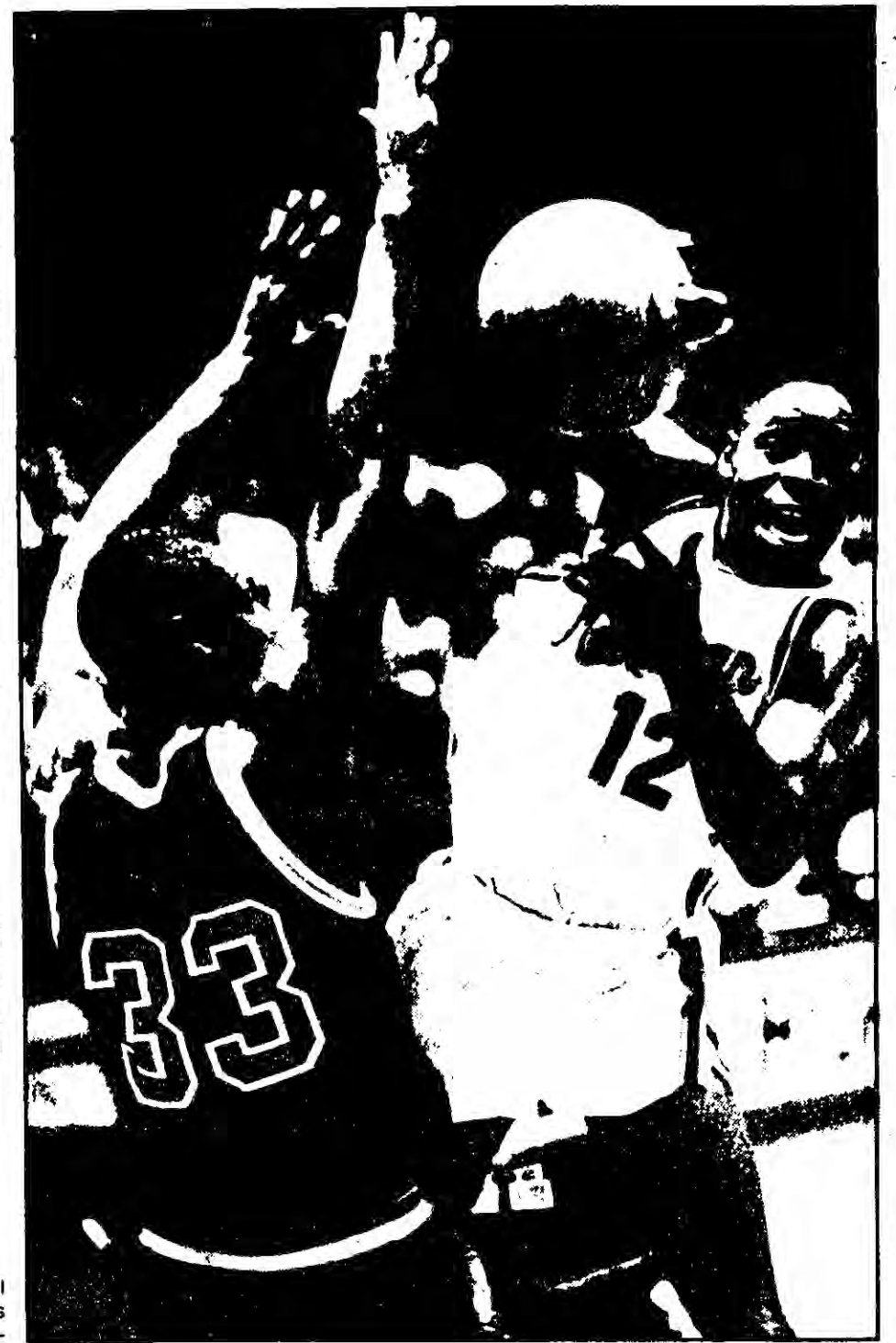


Photo by Ken Crawford

WHOOPI! Driving past 6-7 Bennett Jackson of San Jacinto Junior College, 5-8 Henry Golightly changed course halfway to the hoop and dished the ball to Maurice Gandy for the slam early in the first half against the nationally-ranked Ravens in the Highlands Saturday.

Highlassies eager to  
begin conference play

By Carmen French and  
Brian Mayr

After winning their last two games against Temple and Wharton, the MCC Highlassies are on a roll as they near conference play which begins Jan. 11 against Hill Junior College.

"Hill is our first conference game and it is very important," said Coach Wendell Hudson. The Highlassies next conference game will be at Cisco on Jan. 14.

"If we can beat Hill we will be 1-0 in the conference and then we will go on from there. We just have to take them one at a time," said Hudson.

"Even though Hill and Cisco are very important games, it would not make a difference if we lost to Hill and beat Cisco because when conference is tallied up it would not make any difference," said Hudson.

According to Coach Hudson all the girls are eligible and healthy and are ready to play. "Now we can use our substitution patterns and everyone will get some playing time," said Hudson.

"A few of our players were injured before but now they are all well and will be ready for conference next semester," said Hudson.

Tonight the Highlassies will resume action as they travel to Temple to face the Wildcats at 6 p.m.

The Highlassies will be on the road again on Thursday to face Kilgore at 6 p.m.

MCC 90, Temple JC 69

MCC: Jackson 4 0-0 8, Stewart 6 6-8 18, Reed 3 2-2 8, Laws 1 0-0 2, Medlock 2 5-9 9, Doyle 0 1-1 1, Haynes 2 0-0 4, Larson 7 4-5 21, McGregor 1 2-2 4, Jones 3 1-2 7, Lee 1 0-0 2, Carothers 3 0-2 6. Totals: 33 21-31 90  
TJC: Abdurahman 0 1-3 1, Andrus 3 1-2 7, Blaylock 1 1-1 3, Boehm 5 9-11 19, Collins 3 3-4 9, Drake 0 0-2 0, Ford 0 3-5 3, Martin 3 1-3 7, Osborne 2 0-0 4, Trybos 3 6-9 12, Woods 1 2-3 4. Totals 21 27-43 69.

W.A.T.C.H.  
NETWORK

By LESLEY WILSON

Members of the W.A.T.C.H. (Watchmen Alert to Cultic Harassment) N-E-T-W-O-R-K will be speaking on the activities of cults on Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. and noon.

The group from El Paso (where the occult is highly active) was founded in July, 1985. Its goals are to compile information on Satanism and the occult and to develop community awareness on the subject.

The group also aims to expose the workings of Satanist groups involved in illegal activities and to assist victims of ritual abuse and ex-cult members.

Greg Clark invited the group to speak on campus because he feels there is a need for people to learn about the occult. He also wants people to understand that cultic activity exists in Waco.

Students are invited to attend the programs, as are police, church groups, school administrators, various psychiatric specialists, and all community members.

Intramural volleyball  
championship tomorrow

By BRIAN MAYR

Tomorrow the intramural volleyball champion of 1988 will be crowned with the final game being played at 10 a.m. in the HPE gym.

The playoffs began last Monday as the War Chickens beat the Bull Necks in a game to decide who would play the winner of Wednesday's game between The No Names and undefeated Fellowship.

Fellowship topped the No Names by a score of 24-17, setting up yesterday's match against the War Chickens. Beaver Squad and Muddogs, who were scheduled to play last Monday, did not show up for the game. This gave the Wolf Pack a bye for their game that was to have taken place against the winner.

The Ducks, who are undefeated, easily defeated the Kamakazes Wednesday. That set up yesterday's other semi-final game between the Wolf Pack and the Ducks.

Yesterday, Fellowship met the War Chickens and the Ducks faced the Wolf Pack in semi-final action. The winners of those games will play the final game tomorrow to claim the title of intramural champion.

It has been proposed that the intramural champion will face a faculty team Friday in the HPE gym during the 10 a.m. activity hour.



Photo by Ken Crawford

LANA LARSON has overcome extensive eye surgery to play a game where vision plays a major role.

'Lassie back to basketball  
following optical operation

By SHERRY WILLIAMS

Out for a day of fun at a sunny Austin lake, Lana Larson didn't give a second thought to a contact lens' scratch on her eye.

Three days later, Larson was in the hospital receiving shots and medication every 30 minutes in an effort for the doctors to save her eye.

After a year and a half, she is back playing basketball with the Highlassies and doing "really well," according to women's basketball coach Wendell Hudson.

On that lazy June afternoon, Larson contracted a pseudomonas corneal ulcer.

"The doctors explained that I would need a corneal transplant and everything and then asked if I had any questions," Larson said. "The only question I had was, can I ever play ball again?"

Larson was allowed to begin her second season at MCC and played the first four games wearing goggles while a donor with a compatible cornea was sought.

About 30 minutes before the team was to leave for a weekend tournament, Hudson and athletic director Ken DeWeese decided it would be best for Larson to remain in Waco in case the doctor found a cornea donor and called her.

"I was really upset but knew I wouldn't be playing anyway because I had decided to red-shirt," she said. Only 15 minutes after returning to her apartment, Larson's doctor called and she rushed down to Austin where a successful transplant was performed.

"The only question I had was, can I ever play ball again?"

The doctor warned her about blurred vision and problems with depth perception, but the week after Larson came home from the hospital she was shooting baskets again.

"This made me realize how important basketball is to me and made me a better player because I wanted to play more," Larson recalls.

Larson graduated from Ponder, a class 1-A high school near Denton. She was Hudson's first recruit for his first season at MCC. She successfully played her first season, red-shirted her second season, and after missing the first four games this season is again shooting for the Highlassies.

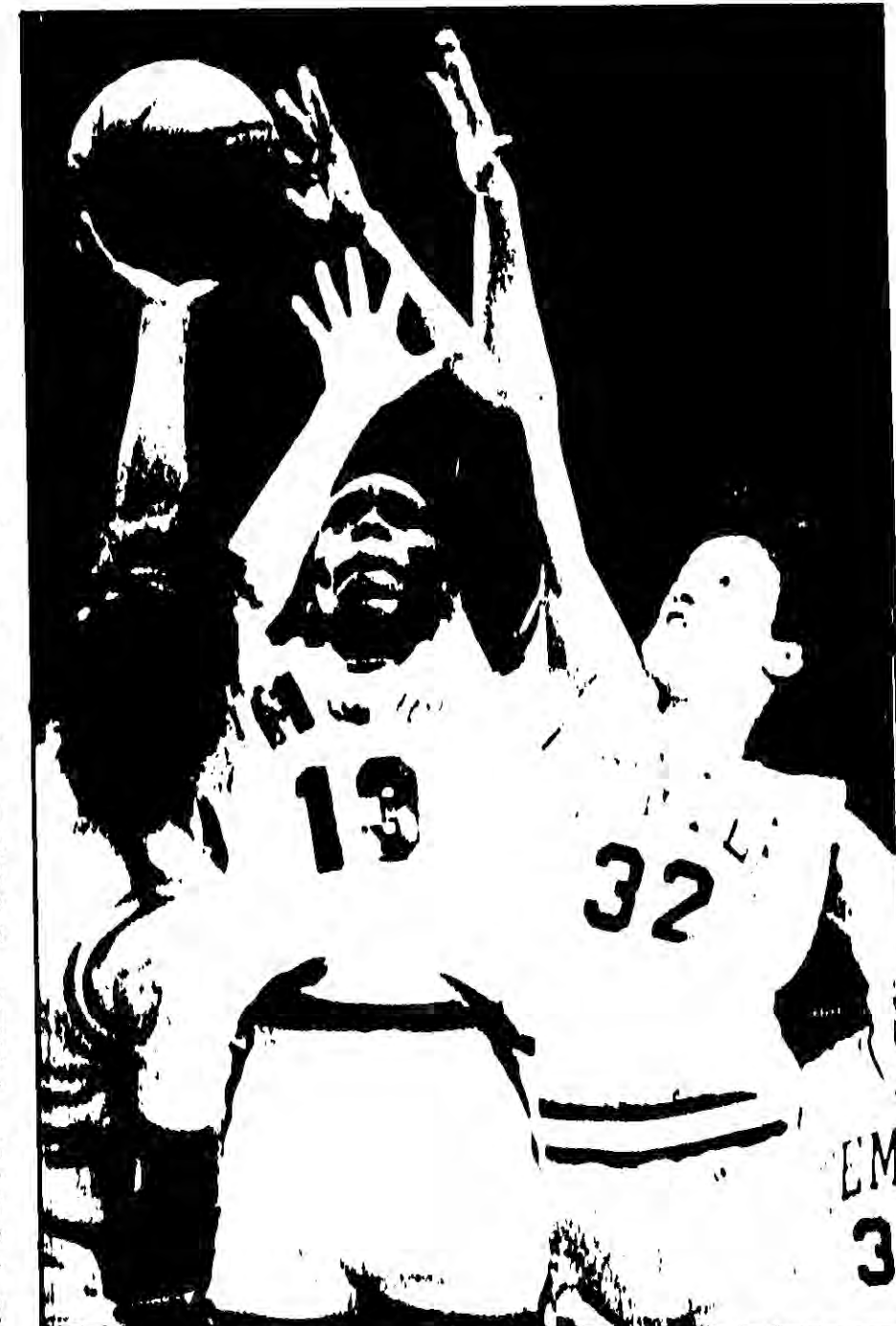


Photo by Ken Crawford

BLIND SHOT--Mary Stewart puts up a shot between two Temple Junior College defenders Nov. 22 in the Highlassies 80-60 romp over the Lady Leopards at the Highlands.



Our future:

Concerned students speak out on today's world problems

By KEITH JENKINS

About three years ago one afternoon, I was sitting down watching the movie "Red Dawn." It was an intense story of how a group of young people in a small American town struggled to survive the aftermath of an attack by Cuba.

By the hands of the enemy, many Americans died including various family members of the group. One by one, each young person faced death plus the effects brought on by war.

The picture was so moving, it left a strong impact on my feelings toward war and the future of young people.

Today, I can still look back and see how my feelings have not really changed; if anything, they are even stronger now. My concern for the future is not just limited to the threat of nuclear war, but also to the numerous problems existing in the world that are predicted to get worse in the near future if something is not done to help prevent them today.

Recently, I read an article in Parade magazine dealing with two concerned parents who were writing a letter to the new president of our country about their concern of the future and their children.

Student fulfills dream by becoming American citizen

By SARA WARTES

Linh Diep stood nervously with 200 people from around the world. Surrounded by her family, she raised her right hand and took the oath that would make her a citizen of the United States.

It was a moment Diep had dreamed about since she arrived here from Vietnam nine years ago at age 13. "I felt great! The first thing I thought was I can vote now," she said.

Diep, a sophomore computer data processing major, was born in Saigon during the Vietnam war. "When communism came in they took everything of ours. We decided we couldn't handle the situation any more so we left."

"I wouldn't want to go back to Vietnam because of communism."

Leaving wasn't easy. After making the decision to leave Saigon, the family spent a year in a small town in Central Vietnam. At last they were able to board a small boat crowded with 150 people and sail for Hong Kong.

The trip took seven days, and it was her first time on a boat. "One night there was a storm and the boat just went up and down. Whenever I think about it, I'm still scared," said Diep.

"I like America better. It's freedom, that's why we came here."

Once in Hong Kong they waited in the harbor for two more days and were finally given permission to land. They felt fortunate, since they knew of others who had been sent back to Vietnam.

Diep's uncle was already in Texas, and the family joined him. She knew little English, but the students in her 8th grade class

STUDENT FOCUS

Letting go of the apron strings

By KEITH JENKINS

As I watched them drive away, many thoughts went through my head. I could hardly believe that after 18 years I wouldn't be living in the same house with my parents again.

All summer I knew that moving away to go to college would definitely be a new experience, but I had figured I was ready to make the move and that I could easily handle adapting to a new life without my parents. WRONG!

As soon as they left, I started thinking to myself that I was crazy for moving away and that there was no way I was going to make it.

Year after year, young people move away from home for college. Some begin their lives being totally dependent on themselves, while others are able to still receive support from their parents.

Whatever the situation may be, it's still a major challenge for many to deal with. But there are those who can cope with the changes without having any problems.

For those who have problems with adapting at first, it sometimes just takes a while to get used to a new school with many different people.

For me, time was definitely the major factor that helped me. At first, I was usually hesitant about meeting other students and being involved in any campus activities.

But as each month passed, I slowly changed and began enjoying my new life away from home. Even though I still missed being at home, I was able to cope with it.

A major problem that sometimes makes it tough for students is trying to handle being alone if they live by themselves. In these cases, it sometimes is better to have a roommate.

Whatever the case might be, moving out is definitely a big step for anyone to take. But with patience and confidence, I think that anyone can eventually make it.

But just remember, no matter how well you are doing on your own, there is still no feeling like going home and being able to spend time with your parents.

The home cooked meals, attention, and catching up on what's been happening in the past few months just can't be found anywhere else but with your parents.

words of how America is great. Of course our country is a wonderful place to live and be a part of the democratic society, but we can't afford anymore to just use talk if it's not backed up by actions of improvement.

Whether people like to think about it or not, America and the rest of the world are confronted with many serious problems that at the present time seem impossible to solve.

Various countries are up against the threat of war year after year. People all over the planet are dying of starvation, incurable diseases, and are also homeless even in America.

The environment is constantly being destroyed by pollution while the economy, security, and democracy of our nation are all also at risk.

As time has passed, our land created for peace, freedom, and opportunity for all walks of life has slowly began to fall in a drought of turmoil.

But out of all this bleakness, an important question remains to be answered: What kind of world will exist for today's young people?

Although no one really knows, it's still scary to imagine what we are possibly headed for. It's sad to think that many children may not get the chance to live a happy life reaching their dreams because of the careless mistakes made by those before them.

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Several students on campus shared their feelings toward what they thought the main reasons were for some of our conflicts existing today and what solutions might help us all have a better life.

The majority felt that one factor for the problems deals with a lack of unity among nations and people. The consensus believed that people need to realize how much depends on them and their efforts to work together.

Another solution that was discussed and involves students, is the need for young people to discover how important learning and caring about receiving a good education is today.

"People need to stop being so selfish. A lot depends on them and their need to work together. Kids don't seem to care about how important school is and that they learn to improve themselves," a freshman said.

"I think that today's world is corrupt. It seems that many people have lost faith in God and are only trying to depend on man to solve everything when it can't possibly be done. A lot of our problems are because of man," stated a sophomore.

Another freshman remarked, "There's no way to determine the future of today's young people, but I think it's up to us to help prevent any more serious mistakes in the our country. We all need to work with each other to help make a better place to live."

"I hope that things will soon change because I want to be able to see my kids have a life of their own in a world that is free from a lot of today's miseries," explained another sophomore.

"People need to stop being so selfish. A lot depends on them and their need to work together. Kids don't seem to care about how important school is and that they learn to improve themselves," a freshman said.

Like I mentioned earlier, no one really knows what future lies ahead for us. But before it gets worse, I think more world leaders, countries, and the people should do everything to give hope to the next generations.

It would be unfair to all young people if we were not allowed to continue reaching towards success and having a chance to have a family in the next century, because both of both past and present problems were not corrected.

In keeping in mind of the importance of trying to change our present problems, I think that the words of a song would be appropriate in showing more people of how the future could depend on their actions.

"I'm starting with the man in the mirror. I'm asking him to change his ways. And no message could have been any clearer. If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make that change."

Agriculture offers many opportunities

By KEBANA REED

Karen Ficklin, a recipient of the \$500 Bosque County Hay Show Scholarship for 1988, is majoring in agriculture at MCC.

MCC offers four courses in agriculture that will transfer to a four-year college. Field Crops 302 and Agricultural Economics 321 are offered in the spring and are three-hour classes. Animal Science 301 and Intro to Modern Agriculture 101 are offered in the fall.

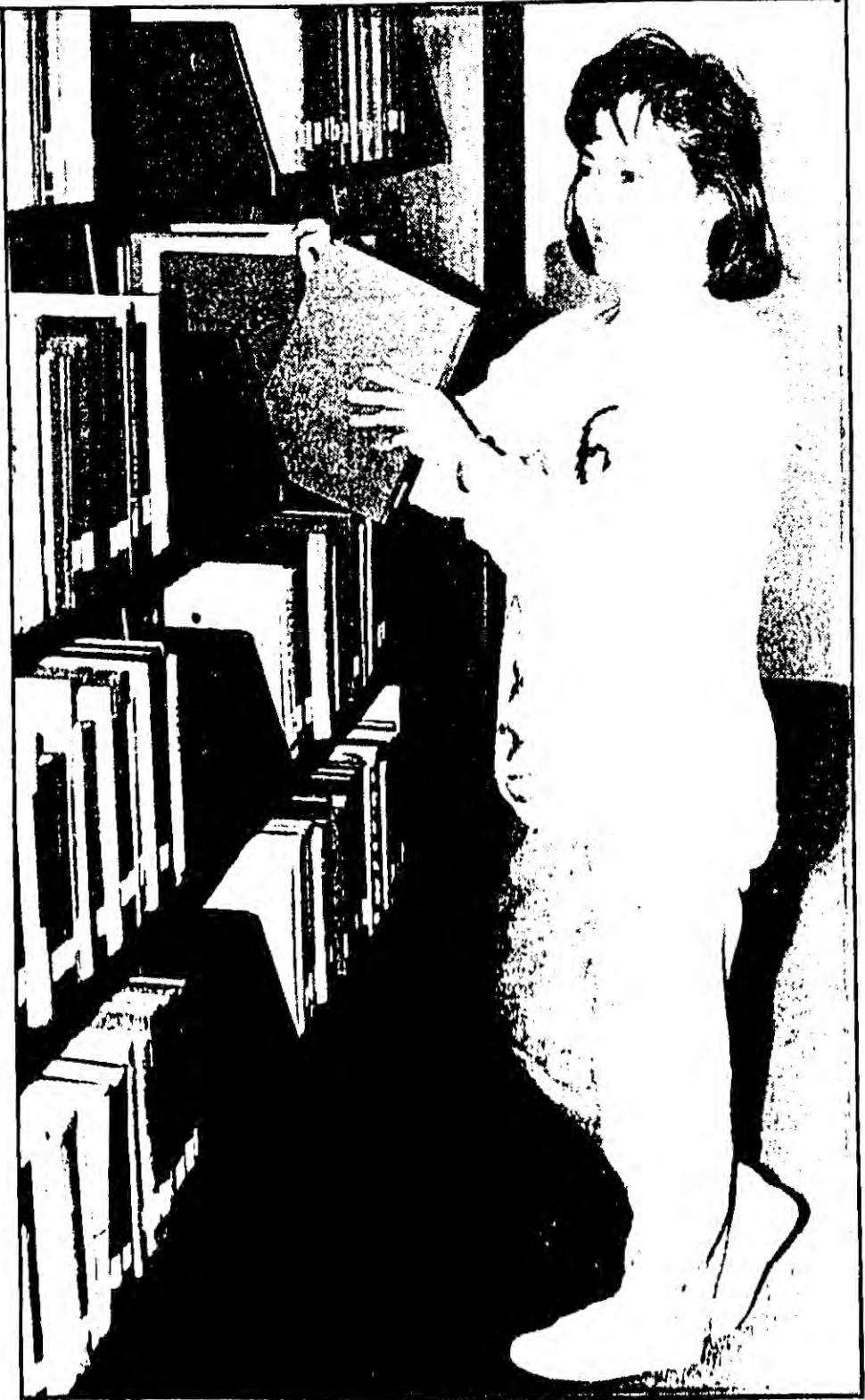
Most lab work is done off campus. Students are given the opportunity to visit dairies and farms to further their study.

"Agriculture is not necessarily plowing, planting and roping cattle," said Walter Kruse, instructor of agriculture. There are 46 different majors within the college of agriculture. Only 3 percent is in production.

Job opportunities are available in marketing (domestic and foreign), finance and banking, agricultural engineering, food processing, construction, design, and food technology. Opportunities working with wildlife such as zoo management and fisheries exist. Also museum management and turf management (golf course) are available.

"There is a shortage of Ph.D.'s in agriculture subjects," Kruse said. "Forty percent of Ph.D.'s in U.S. agricultural universities are foreigners, and women account for 25 percent of the majors nationwide."

The most popular degree for entering veterinary school is a BA degree in animal science.



NEW CITIZEN--Linh Diep works at her job in the Library shortly after receiving her USA citizenship.

The Highland Herald staff wishes you a safe and prosperous holiday season



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Entertainment/Campus News

In Case You Were Wondering...

'Romeo and Juliet,' it was incredible!

By DARIN BROCK

For those of you who missed the drama departments production of "Romeo and Juliet", you missed an awesome performance. The show was absolutely incredible.

Although I don't care for the play itself, the marvelous performance made the show an enjoyable one. Everyone in the show put on a stunning performance. However, the performance of Mike Wagner as Mercutio and Jari Todd as Juliet's nurse seemed to be the nucleus of the show. They stole every scene they were in. Stacy Hellums portrayal of Juliet was astounding. She carried Juliet as though she was a dancer in a tragic ballet. Hellums movements were so fluid and graceful, like every step she took brought more agony upon her. Chuck Ellis as Romeo also performed amazingly well. The confusion and pain in his face made you wish the play would end so this poor boy would be out of his misery. Les Stevens, Greg Scott, Richard Martin on down to the tiniest part in the play made every second of the show incredible.

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After talking to Lou Lindsey just before the show however, it seems like it was a miracle the show went on in time. The light board went out and the seemstress became ill. So the cast had to put in some long emergency hours to finish the set. Still after all that work they managed to put on that breathtaking performance.

A large congratulation is in order for the job well done by the actors, the tech crew and the director. They have definitely continued the string of fine productions. And I thank them for the entertainment they provided me with. Thanks for the effort and the performance!

Student returns here with 21 piece art show

By TANYA CLARK

Mark Smith, a student at MCC, has 21 pieces of art on display at the Performing Arts Center. The display will be going on thru Dec. 9. It features 10 large paintings and 11 collages.

This is Smith's first show. The paintings are abstract dealing with color and design. When asked what the paintings are supposed to be, Smith answered, "They're not supposed to be anything."

Smith not only does paintings and collages, but he also does wild-life pencil drawings, 3-dimensional geometric pieces, and has recently begun working on small sculptures.

Smith returned to MCC after taking a 10 year break from school. He has been studying at MCC for a year and a half. During the past 15 months he completed the pieces which are now on display.

For more information on Mark Smith and his work, contact the MCC information office.

Music and comedy highlight local spring drama season

BY LINTON S. MILLER

While the fall semester is winding down to a close and most people are thinking about finals and Christmas break, drama department Director Lou Lindsey is already making plans for next semester.

The spring semester will offer two new shows. The first will be "Guys and Dolls," which Lindsey calls the "community outreach show." The auditions, which will begin Jan. 17, are open to anyone in the community who is inter-

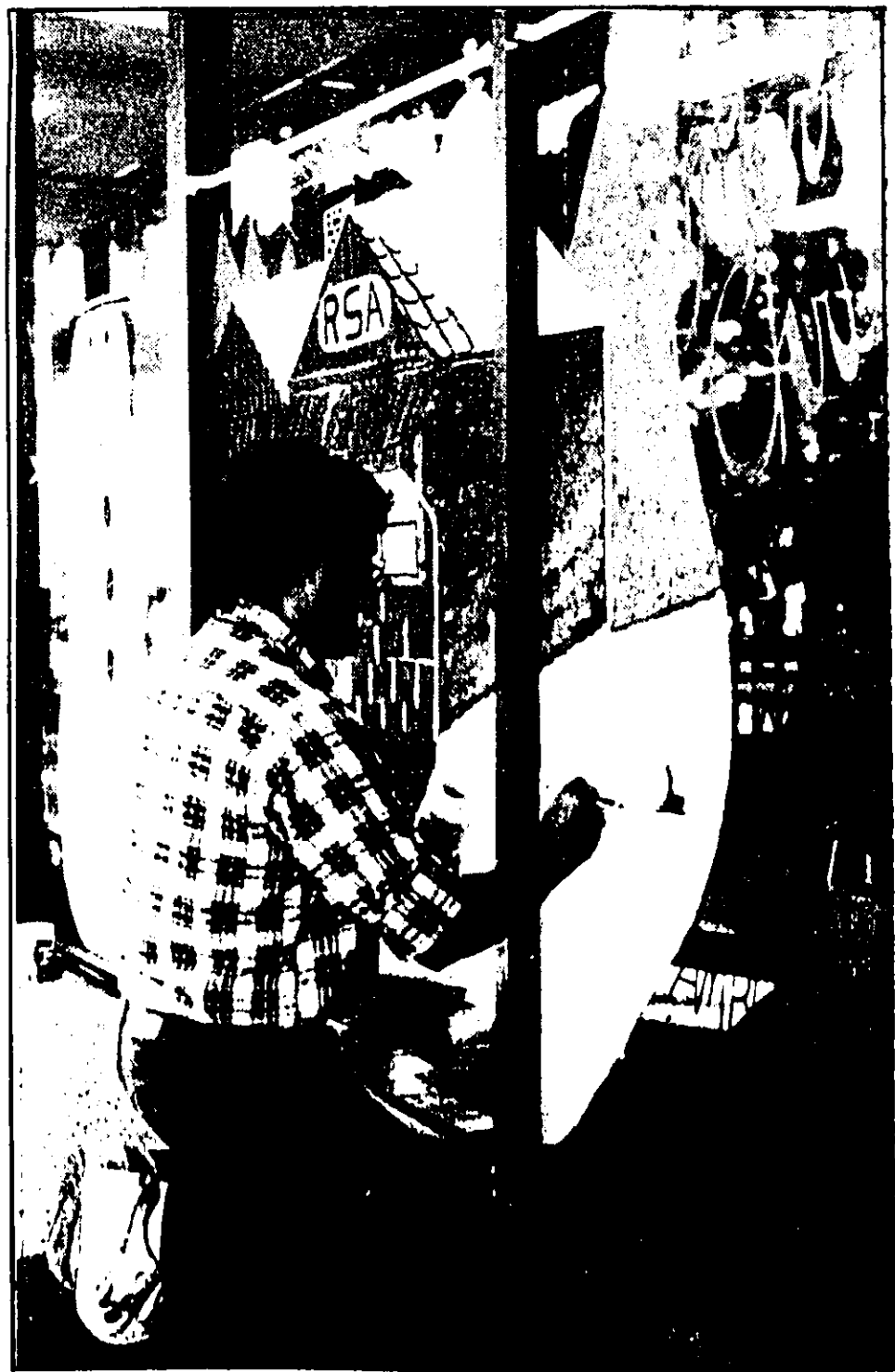
ested in being in the production.

The story centers around New York gangsters and their girls, with the men trying to decide between "rolling dice and beating hearts." The show will run March 1-4 and tickets go on sale Feb. 15.

"You Can't Take It With You" is the next production scheduled April 27-29. Originally a Broadway production in 1936, the Pulitzer-Prize winning show is about the Vanderhoff-Sycamore family and their heartwarming prescription for an enjoyable life. Auditions for the production begin on April 13.



EMOTION of the music shows in the face of Cheryl Anderson as she performs at the final student concert of the semester in the Student Center Friday. On the keyboards in the background is Kerry Stensen.



ARTIST AT WORK--Bill Bradley, president of the Returning Students Association and originator of the idea to decorate the Student Center windows, carefully applies the paint to one of RSA's windows on Nov. 30.

Trustees act on repairs, budget

(Continued from page 1)

wheelchair access to this entrance is no longer necessary.

Budget revisions with adjustments to accommodate this year's surplus funds and new expenses, and three tax abatement agreements were approved.

The college received a \$75,000 grant Nov. 1 to participate in an inventory for "Regional Planning for Occupational Training and Education" until June 30, 1989.

"The Texas Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Department of Commerce are sponsoring (this) effort to conduct a broad-based regional planning," said Mary Hensley, administrative assistant to the president.

In this project the six-county region including Falls, Freestone, Lamestone, Bosque, Hill and McLennan counties will "try to determine what training and

education programs currently exist," Hensley said, "and then to determine what jobs are needed for the future, and then to try to match or link those two together."

Two other colleges will conduct the same inventories of their regional areas, according to Hensley: Dallas Community College in conjunction with Interlink and Amarillo Community College.

Other action included the approval of revised tuition and fees for non-credit adult vocational courses and a presentation by representatives from Cawthron, Wonnuck and Coker of the 1987-88 Audit Report.

The school will have a Christmas open house for faculty and staff and their families on Dec. 16 in the Student Center from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Board of Trustees will meet again on Jan. 10, 1988.

Water leaks facilltate roof repair

By LESLEY WILSON

Students walking around the Science, Liberal Arts, and Fine Arts Buildings should not be surprised to hear activity above their heads.

The cost of the repairs is \$131,520 which was approved at the Oct. 11 board meeting. Johnson Roofing is doing the work, and it is expected to be completed within 60 days.

Those three buildings, plus the house at 1805 Powell, are undergoing roof repairs. These repairs are being made to put an end to the water leakage that has caused wet floors and other safety hazards.



FINISHING TOUCHES...Lou Jarvis, a crew member for Johnson Roofing, crimps the

copling on the Balence Building.