

NEWS

Trustees yield \$10,000 payment

In an emergency meeting Oct. 25, the MCC Board of Trustees voted to present a \$10,000 out-of-court settlement to former Cosmetology Instructor Olivia Vonner.

Vonner brought a breach of contract suit against the college in 1982. She had been an instructor and cosmetology chairman at MCC for eight years.

The case was represented by Attorney Bob Sheehy of Sheehy, Lovelace and Matfield.

Along with the breach of contract, the suit alleged sex and race discrimination. The settlement, however, was made on the basis of the breach of contract.

In June of 1981, Vonner was offered a one-year probationary contract, which she refused.

Dates set for advising sessions

The Counseling Office is now accepting appointments for academic advisement for the Spring semester.

Transfer students or students seeking bachelor's degrees can make appointments from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. until the day before Thanksgiving.

Those students who are seeking associate of arts degrees or those who are in a two-year technical program should contact the appropriate department head or adviser.

Advising sessions are necessary in order to receive time permits to register for the Spring semester.

Grads urged to apply early

The Office of Admissions/Registrar began taking applications for graduation Nov. 7.

Students who plan to complete the requirements for a certificate or degree Fall '83 or Spring '84 are encouraged to complete an application for graduation when they pick up a Course Advising Form or a Permit to Register for Spring '84.

Students who have questions concerning courses they lack to complete graduation requirements may contact the Office of Admissions/Registrar beginning Nov. 28, by stopping by, or by calling Ext. 230.

DPMA to rap at Nick's

The Data Processing Management Association elected officers at its Sept. 21 meeting. Officers elected were as follows: president, Dean Montgomery, sophomore; vice president, Bob Kelley, sophomore; secretary, Krysti Griggs, sophomore; treasurer, Sarah Hill, freshman; and representative to the Inter-Club Council-Lori Nixon, sophomore.

DPMA is planning a Thanksgiving dinner for ex-members on Nov. 23 in the Applied Science Building, Room 101. The club is also planning a field trip to either the Farm Bureau or Levi Strauss on Nov. 16.

On Nov. 21 the club will meet at Nick's Restaurant where Nick Klaras will speak about Haley's comet.

The club also went to Central Freight in Waco Oct. 19 for a field trip. According to the *Highlander's Guide*, DPMA is a departmental organization for computer technology/data processing majors.

Choir group to sing 'Messiah'

The MCC Chorus, with the Waco Civic Chorus, the Baylor Choral Union and the Waco Symphony Orchestra, will present George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. in Waco Hall. The choral groups and orchestra will total approximately 200 members.

"A performance like the one we're preparing offers students full exposure to major works with orchestra that call for hundreds of singers," said Voice Instructor Don Balmos.

The 30-voice MCC audition group covers popular music, from spirituals to standard literature and foreign languages, said Balmos. They perform with different Waco high schools, with orchestras and with the Waco Civic Chorus. At least one major musical work is included each semester.

Balmos also directs two vocal ensembles and class voice. The vocal ensembles, each containing about 12 voices, stress music for small groups. These two groups give students a chance to sing virtually every kind of music, from pop to "chamber choir literature."

Class voice is for students with little voice background, dealing with principles in producing sound and fundamental approaches to reading music.

All vocal areas, with the exception of the audition-based groups, are included in the transfer program and are open to everyone in music related study or to anyone who would just like to sharpen their vocal skills.

Pan-Am plans dinner

The Pan-American club has a busy month planned for November. According to Sponsor Omega Rodriguez, the club has scheduled a kolache sale Nov. 9 and an off-campus dinner Nov. 11 honoring present and former members at Nick's Restaurant, located on West Waco Drive.

Also planned is a garage sale on Nov. 19 at 3201 N. 24th Street.

In order to promote goodwill within the community, the club will take fruit to the Crostview Manor Nursing Home on Lake Shore Drive.

Spades event begins tomorrow

The Student Government-sponsored spades tournament will begin Nov. 9.

The tournament will be held in the Game Room of the Student Center. Trophies will be awarded to both the first and second place winners.

Happiness is . . . healthy

Smile — not only will it make you feel good, but it has been proven that a smile "causes a chemical change in the brain that relieves stress," according to William Hill, continuing education yoga instructor, freelance writer and chemical engineer at Hercules.

Hill spoke Nov. 4 in the Lecture Hall at 10 a.m. on "ways to relieve stress." Using a slide show and illustrations, Hill presented an organized lecture with many points. Points emphasized in his presentation were the negative physical effects stress can have on people and ways to cope with stress. Hill led the group in simple stress-relieving exercises. Carolyn Rodabough, campus nurse, closed the session with information on a 12-minute relaxation tape available for use by students, faculty and staff in the Health Services office. Contact Ext. 392 for details.

Engineering degrees good bet

MCC Engineering Instructor John Burton left a job designing rocket motors as an air/space engineer for a teaching career.

Burton's concerned. There are still a lot of people in Waco and the surrounding area who don't know that MCC has a pre-engineering program.

The program at MCC "has been arranged so that any student starting off will have no problem in transferring and completing his/her degree at a four-year institution."

Many universities now offer a student co-op program so that engineering majors get a chance to work in a corporation environment while they earn a degree. The only qualification needed for the program is one's first two years toward an engineering degree. Then the student begins to alternate a semester of work with a semester of study.

Computer professor publishes text

Edward Coburn, Data Processing instructor at MCC, has recently had his first book published. *Microcomputers: Hardware, Software, and Programming*, is being used as a textbook in the Computer Technology/Data Processing 315 course.

Coburn received a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in physical education and a master's degree from Kearney State College in math education/computer science.

The book was published by Bobbs-Merrill Educational Publishing. Its purpose is to introduce people to microcomputers. Coburn writes a weekly column in the *Waco Tribune Herald* called "Microcomputer World." He

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has also had two articles published in the fall issue of the computer magazine, "Hampton's Personal Guide to Small Computers."

"I worked on it (the book) for about three months. It took nine months be-

cause I started on it and then had to leave it for a while because of school and things like that," said Coburn.

"Now, I'm working on three more books. I'm not having to research these books as much (as the text that

he has just finished). It's more enjoyable that way," he said.

Coburn also noted that there are now more and more books on the market about computers. "There is a great proliferation of books now. It (his book) is still unique because it's written in textbook manner. There are not many books on the market like mine. It's written in an easier style for people to understand. We have high prospects for it," he said.

The book, to be distributed by Howard Sams, Inc., after Jan. 1, is presently available in the MCC bookstore. An autograph party will be set up at Dabney's Bookland in the future.



... And they're off!

A small crowd of runners takes off during a one-mile Fun Run, conducted during the HealthFest. (Photo by Tracy Poe)

Pianist Alan Smith to give recital

Alan Smith, artist-in-resident at Howard Payne University, will perform in a piano recital in Room 106, Fine Arts Building Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.

Smith received his Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from Baylor University, where he was a student of Jane Abbott-Kirk. He has been teaching at Howard Payne for the last three years.

As well as performing extensively as a soloist, he has accompanied several professional singers who have presented concerts in the area. The recital will include compositions by Ravel, Scriabin and Chopin. Everyone is invited to attend.

Plaid Vests host speech tourney

Several members of MCC's Plaid Vest Speech Squad won awards at the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Fall Championships Nov. 4 and 5. MCC was host for the tournament.

Plaid Vest winners were Sonia Glauser, second place in communicative analysis, Glauser and Joe Chapa, first place in duo-dramatic interpretation, and Glauser, Chapa, and Mollie Marsh, second place in group improvisation. Elizabeth Beard made it to the finals, but did not place.

In CEDA (Cross-Examination Debate Association) debate, Liz Allen placed fourth top debate speaker and Mike Lesko placed second top debate speaker.

As a whole, the Plaid Vests Speech Squad took third place in the sweepstakes awards with a total of 69 speaker points.

The TIFA tournament was directed by Ann Harrell, Cindy SoRelle, speech instructors, and Dan Walker, instructor

of philosophy and religion.

Those helping run the tournament were assistant tournament director, David Atkinson, Krishna Reed, Mary Bass, Travis Daniels, Karl Curtis, and several people from basic speech courses.

This tournament was the first speech tournament in which MCC has used a computer. The individual events were prepared and tabulated by the computer. Dan Walker supervised the computer programming.

The debate team of Allen and Lesko are currently ranked the fourth top junior college debate team in the state and 40th in the nation, based on the outcome of their awards at the University of Texas in San Antonio tournament on Oct. 14 and 15.

The Plaid Vests Speech Squad will be traveling to compete in the University of Houston Cougar Classic Speech Tournament on Nov. 18 and 19.

DSA breaks barriers for handicapped

By LYNDA YEZZI

The Restrict Us Not Club originated as part of a plan to break down barriers for handicapped students. The club has since been given a new name and is now being reorganized.

The new name of the club is the Disabled Students Association, or DSA. Fifteen people have shown an interest in DSA. All have disabilities or handicaps. "The club is for both handicapped and non-handicapped students," said John Patterson, coordinator of Services for the Handicapped at MCC.

"We are calling it an 'association' because we want anyone who is interested in the disabled — people from all over, not just from MCC," said Patterson. "We are not a limited group."

The old name was used because the club started out as a protest group advocating rights for handicapped students, said Patterson. "There are a few things we would like to change, but we pretty well have a restriction-free campus as far as physically disabled students are concerned.

"We wanted the club to be a vehicle to all people," said Patterson. "A lot of people aren't aware of all the handicapped services we offer at MCC.

"Right now we are trying to organize a 'speaker service,'" said Patterson. This service would give handicapped students a chance to talk to students at other colleges and high schools about being handicapped. "It will get rid of a lot of curiosities and misconceptions about handicapped people," said Patterson.

DSA is also planning to send out a newsletter to high school and college campuses around Central Texas. "MCC alone has 30 handicapped full-time students," said Patterson. "We want other students to see all the services we have, and to help us develop new ideas that will help us meet the needs of handicapped students. We would also like to help students from other colleges and universities who have come across barriers because of their disability.

"Our main drawback now is a lack of understanding of mentally and physically handicapped people," said Patterson, adding, "Some people are afraid it is contagious. They are reluctant to overlook the handicap and find out about the person. Most people don't realize that, in a sense, their reluctance is a handicap, too."

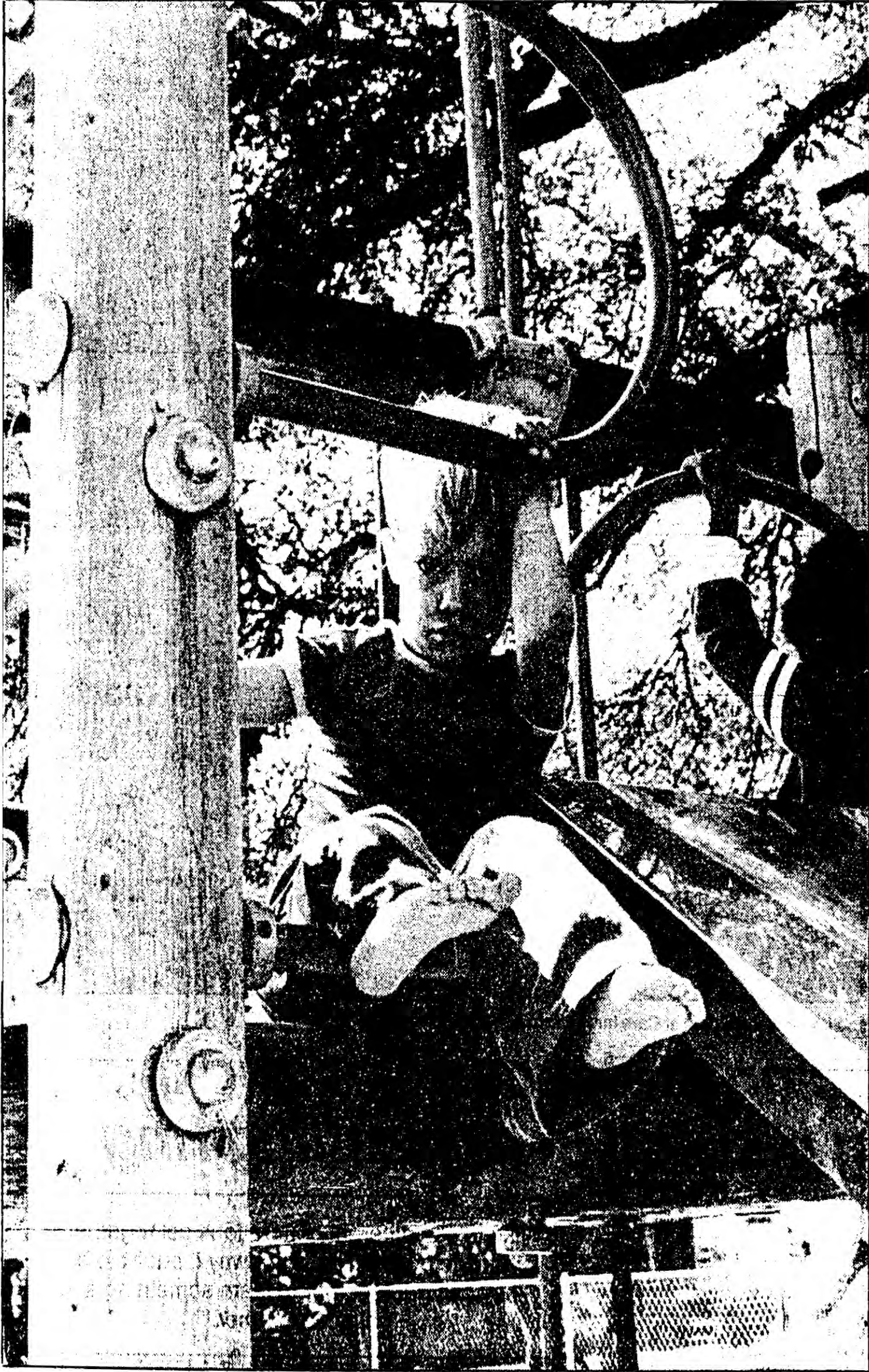


Merchandising students visit Dallas fashion centers

Fashion Merchandising officers will board a bus to Dallas for a look at the fashion industry. From left to right are Becky Hardin, Jo Lynn Imol, Michelle Shamburger, Mary Jean Snyder, Elizabeth Greenway, Kae Farrell, director. Forty-three students and two instructors, Cindy Scott and Kae Farrell, made the trip Nov. 7 to tour Prophecy Dress Factory, where they saw the merchandise being designed and manufactured. They

then toured the Apparel Mart, where thousands of ladies', men's and children's showrooms are located. The group went shopping at Bloomingdale's, a new location of the New York City-based department store. Then it was on to Nolman-Marcus, where they attended FortNight where a fashion show with a Gorman theme was in progress. The study tour lasted 12 hours. (Photo by Wynona Troup)

Good things come in smaller packages



Day Care Center promotes stimulating environment

By PEGGY HEBERT

MCC continues to serve students, faculty and community by providing a safe environment for children at the MCC Child Care Center.

Services are available to anyone; however, there is a waiting list. The Center's hours are 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any parent wishing to enroll a child can get an application in the Child Care Center (located on Powell, next door to the Highlands) or on the third floor of the Administration building.

Applicants may have to wait as little as three months for placement or as long as 12 months.

Children are required to have a yearly examination as well as up-to-date immunization records.

The Center has three full-time employees, plus student aides who are active in the Child Care program. Activities cater to the developmental needs of the child, with focus on the use of positive reinforcement and encouragement to enable the children to assume responsibility for their behavior, said Center Director Geraldine Carey.

Two primary philosophies practiced at the Center are: "Never do for

a child what he can do for himself," and "Tell children what to do with something, rather than what not to do," said Carey. "I think we provide a very qualitative program for young children," she added.

The comfortable atmosphere and caring people make it easy for the 24 children currently enrolled in MCC's Child Care Center to adjust to being away from Mom and Dad.

Who has time to worry? The children have a daily schedule ready to make for a fun day at the Child Care Center. The daily routines are planned monthly. Each one is based on a theme and that theme is applied to stations provided for each child. The different stations contain books, poetry, dramatic plays, stories, music, art and homemaking.

There are two teachers. Winnie Gilum is in charge of the three- to four-year-olds and Florine Green is in charge of the two-and-a-half to three-year-olds. Green has been at the Center since it opened. This will be her tenth year at MCC. After this year, she is retiring. She has made sure that the environment is on their (the kids') level, literally. Everything is about a foot-and-a-half off of the ground, so the kids can be independent and get

what they need without having to rely on teachers.

"Everything is on their level. We even sit on the floor with them. It makes it so that we can communicate with them," said Green.

Meals for the children include two snacks and one hot meal. They are carefully planned and prepared by Elizabeth Dalrymple, or "Mrs. D" as she is known, the Center's dietician.

The fostering of imagination and secure feelings of the children in the environment are illustrated in the children's ability and willingness to communicate. Some favorite pastimes at the Center were expressed by the children.

"Playing with toys and then playing with people outside," said Mira Moore, age three and daughter of Rick, a music student, and Teresa Moore.

"Seeing our pretty books. Mrs. Green reads them to us," said Richard Diaz, age three, son of Lupe, an MCC Business Office employee and Gloria Diaz, a former MCC Bookstore employee.

"Playing inside, that's what I like," said Donna Sikes, age four, daughter of Martha, a cosmetology student, and Elgynn Sikes.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Jeremy Whitney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marilyn Whitney, retreats to the top of the slide. TOP RIGHT: From left to right are Travis Sartor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sartor; Eric Lasseter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Lovett; and Louis Gutierrez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Gutierrez before the 1983 "Crest Test." LOWER RIGHT: Comfort can always be found

from work/study student, Vicki Hykel, which Justin Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Richardson, has already found out. CENTER BELOW: Charles and Lindsey Yarber, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yarber, Sr., are out for an afternoon tricycle ride. LOWER LEFT: Lindsey Jobe, daughter of Avis Jobe, sees the world from her own point of view. (Photos by Tracy Poe)



Wisdom, love predominant in lives of elderly

Teachers enjoy stay at Stilwell residence

Stilwell Memorial Residence, established in 1964, has been a reality for 19 years this month.

"It was established by some teachers and educators who realized even then that there would be a time coming when the retirement income of teachers would be so low that it would be hard for them to make ends meet," said Joel Wright, director of Stilwell.

"These people realized that teachers would have a fixed income that would be lower than a lot of other professionals, so they started planning for this type of residence," he added.

Stilwell is open to any retired teacher in Texas, or the spouse of a retired teacher. Fees for the residence are \$466 for a single and \$852 for a double. The fee includes three meals a day, utilities (except for telephone and cable), the housekeeping service, an emergency call system, and all of the programs offered at Stilwell. As for an age limit, "There has never been a real policy, although the ages usually range from lower 70s to mid-90s," said Wright.

Stilwell keeps an extra room for out-of-town guests of the residents. For a fee of \$20 a night, any guest can save himself or herself some trouble, since Stilwell offers all the same services offered in a hotel. Guests can dine in the resident dining room for an additional \$3.

The memorial residence has employees for everything from someone to check blood pressure to waitresses for the dining room.

The atmosphere is warm and inviting. The people are open and seem content about being together.

"It is really like an apartment complex, only a lot closer," Wright said. "We try not to run as though we are an isolated unit; we try and run as though we are a part of the community," he added.

Stilwell is a complete community in itself. Those who are not active outside of the home can find plenty to be active about inside.

"Most of us entertain ourselves. Reading is popular," said Louise Snoddy, a four-year resident of Stilwell.

Snoddy seems to be the life of the party at Stilwell. She attributes her nature to her upbringing.

"I'm a cowgirl," she said proudly. "I even rode to school on a horse."

"Right now I am trying to behave so I can stay."

Probably the most erroneous statement that could be made about Stilwell is that it is a nursing home. Everyone at the residence is energetic and self-sufficient. People are active.

There are numerous programs offered to help keep up resident interest. Programs include Bible study, bingo, exercise classes, speakers, musicians, seminars, slide presentations and an occasional movie.

Love and affection play a strong part in the lives of the residents. As Bea Ledger explained:

"I saw a lady once and I smiled. She saw I was carrying something and asked me what it was. I told her and then hugged her. I didn't even know her. She smiled at me and said, 'Thank you, that's what I wanted.'

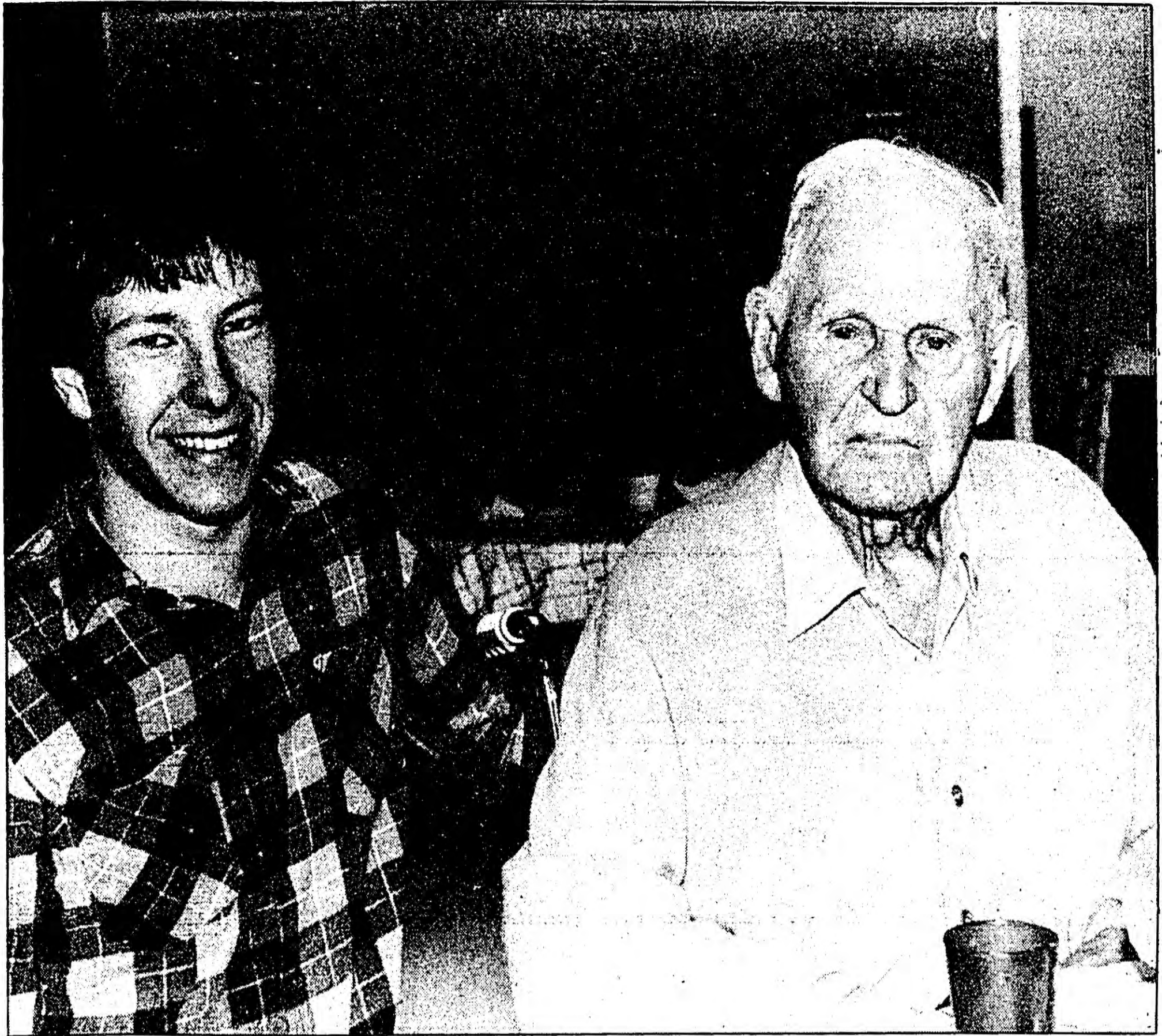
"I think when you love people like I do, you have to show it," she added.

Another resident, Beula Sellers, describes the atmosphere as a close community.

"It's like a neighborhood," she said.

"You kind of find your congenial group, you know, just like in high school," added Snoddy.

The Stilwell Memorial is not just a place for elderly teachers. It is the accomplishment of a dream. And it is home for folks with a keen interest in life and living.



Clyde Lehmann (left) talks with Kirkwood Landon, a resident at Care Inn. (Photo by Wynona Troup)

History buffs get involved in producing oral record for book; one interviewee tells about getting married in a wrestling ring

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By DANNY QUINN

Top MCC students are conducting oral interviews with residents of the Waco Care Inn Living Center. The interviewers are History 351 students and they are interviewing senior citizens whose ages range from 69 to 97.

According to Don Reeves, history instructor at MCC and coordinator of the MCC side of the project, the project is being sponsored by ARA Living Centers. ARA Living Centers' head office is in Houston, and it is part of ARA Services, whose head office is in Philadelphia, Pa.

According to Reeves, the purpose of the interviews is to "preserve, while there is still time, personal memories of earlier times and the wisdom de-

rived therefrom for ourselves and future generations."

The interviews are to be transcribed by the students from tapes and put into book form, Reeves said. "I'll be helping. We don't edit it. We transcribe it from tapes to paper. ARA has an editor," he said. Participants plan to have the interviews completed by Christmas.

Reeves said that other books with oral interviews from senior citizens have been published in Colorado and Houston. He said that San Jacinto College, Texas Southern University, and North Harris County College helped produce the Houston book, *The Round Up: A Living History*. The book will be placed in libraries and the state archives.

Reeves said that ARA chooses the senior citizens for the interviews. MCC students that are chosen do the interviews in place of reading assignments in History 351. There are 11 students interviewing 11 senior citizens.

Freshman Margaret Yarbrough, 1983 graduate from Waco High School, is currently interviewing Kirkwood Landon. Landon, she said, is a relative of Al Landon, who ran against Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the presidential election of 1936.

"I thought it would be interesting," she said. "When I got in it, I was really glad I was doing it."

Yarbrough said that he (Landon) is not really hard to understand. "When he gets real nervous, I give him a little time and he'll go off on another story. You can understand, more or less."

"I'll probably go back and visit him (when the interviews are finished). He's the sweetheart of the nursing home."

Yarbrough said that the interview is not a big list of questions. "Usually, I ask one question, and he says something interesting, and we go on from

that. They (ARA) say to just let them go."

ARA helped prepare the students for the interviews, she said. They presented a video tape that explained how to use a tape recorder and conduct an interview. "It didn't help much, though," she said. "You're real nervous and you forget what they taught you." But, she said, once the interviews get underway the interviewer relaxes.

Yarbrough said that interviewing Landon has changed her attitudes toward the elderly. "When I first found out he was the oldest, 97, I thought he would be bedridden and hard to talk to," she said. "I thought it would be awkward, but he was just like any other person."

Freshman Clyde Lehmann, 1983 graduate from West High School, also said that his attitudes had changed since he began interviewing Bernice Sauer, age 79. "You don't realize how much they have to offer until you talk to them," he said. "They've experienced different things younger people don't understand and don't have a

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chance to go through."

Yarbrough said younger people can benefit from the book that will come from these interviews. "I think a lot of kids who grew up in the city are going to look back and read about him (Landon) and find out things they wouldn't any other way," she said.

Some things are amusing and can't be found in a history book, she said. "You can't stop him (Landon) when he gets on a good story," she said. "He gets excited about it."

Lehmann told a story that exemplified Yarbrough's point. "She (Sauer) got married in a wrestling ring. Her husband was a professional wrestler," he said. "He wrestled after the wedding, which was before a sell-out crowd. She said that in the newspaper

the headline read 'Sauer wins bride, but loses match.'"

"It (the book) will be something you'll never read in a history book. It'll be real life," said Yarbrough. "It's everyday life — something for the future."

Reeves feels that the idea for the book was a good one. "I like to see different generations get together," he said. "It seems to me that that's the way it ought to be. They can get together to learn something and enjoy each other."

Lehmann agrees. "I have learned a lot about how much older people can tell us. It's not written down anywhere," he said. "It lets (younger people) know different things that have happened to change their world."

LeFevre leaves throes of rock for gospel music; says 'We want friends in the audience to join us...'

By JENNIFER WARREN

On Oct. 28, it was obvious that not everyone had gone to the football game being held at Paul Tyson Field. Across the street, inside the Richfield Gyn, Mylon LeFevre and Broken Heart performed a free concert to a group of approximately 500 people.

LeFevre has performed with various legends, such as Willie Nelson, Mick Fleetwood of Fleetwood Mac, Charlie Daniels, The Who and many others.

LeFevre was once a member of his family's gospel-singing group, the LeFevres. His first composition was recorded by Elvis Presley at age 12.

The song Elvis recorded made LeFevre so well-known that other groups, such as the Imperials and the Oak Ridge Boys, began recording LeFevre's compositions.

During this time in his life, he swayed from being a rebel and a successful gospel songwriter. Eventually, he was fired from the group because of an argument.

After recording 33 albums with the LeFevres and the Stamps Quartet, LeFevre then struck out on his own.

His first attempt was an album of rock gospel with a group of men who would later become the well-known

rock group, the Atlanta Rhythm Section.

"I was never disrespectful of the Lord, because I believed He was God. But I didn't know what He was like. I had never had Jesus as Lord in my life," Mylon recalls.

Eventually, gospel was overshadowed by rock. Each album had less gospel and more rock. Lucrative album contracts came from major labels.

LeFevre was one of several musicians doing recording sessions, concerts, and drugs with the top superstars of rock. The drugs eventually wrought the inevitable ruin. "My heart finally stopped one day because of an overdose. At that point, I realized that I didn't know whether or not I would go to hell. That scared me," he said.

In 1970, LeFevre's name appeared on Phil Keaggy's album, *Love Broke Through*. "It was LeFevre's first performance on a Christian album in years."

On New Year's Eve, 1978, LeFevre appeared in his final secular rock 'n roll performance at Atlanta's Fox Theatre. After the concert, Mylon made a permanent commitment to follow the Lord.

Music has always been the center of LeFevre's life — and it still is. His

new group, Broken Heart is comprised of Stan Coates, keyboard; Gary Westman, sound technician/road manager; Tim Huffman, rhythm guitar; Dean Harrington, lead guitar; Kenney Bentley, bass guitar; George Close, lights/assistant road manager; and Ben Hewitt, drums.

Each member of the group has his own story of how he came to know Jesus Christ. The group agrees that commercial success has had meaning only in relation to the number of people that Broken Heart can reach with the message of Jesus Christ.

Broken Heart has made sacrifices to stay together. Because most groups can't pay for the performance, Broken Heart plays for free. Mylon is quick to point out that bringing the message of Christ to those who may need it represents full payment to the band.

The band performs weekly at Mount Paran as part of the Air Born Youth Ministry Strategy to groups as large as 1,000 people.

Mylon sums it all up, "Our music... our message... our lives — are all a celebration of new life in Christ. It seems as though we're having a party on stage, we are. And we want our friends in the audience to join us. We're heaven-bound. That's real cause for celebration!"



Members of Mylon LeFevre and Broken Heart are (l-r) Stan Coates, Gary Westman, Tim Huffman, Dean Harrington, Kenney Bentley, Mylon LeFevre, George Close and Ben Hewitt.

