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Speech tourney draws 600

by Laura Guimont

About 600 students from 30 schools participated in the High School-Junior High School speech tournament held here on Jan. 6 and 7.

Richfield High School took first place in sweepstakes. Reicher Catholic School took second place. In the junior high division, Kinkaid Junior High of Houston won first place. Lake Air Junior High took second place. Rhina Hsieh and Robert Brown, both from Richfield, won the traveling trophies for high point girl and boy.

According to Ann Harrell about 75 coaches and judges from other schools were in attendance. More than 70 students from MCC and Waco High

School worked on the tournament. Cheryl Potts, Forsenic debate and tennis coach at Waco High, was in charge of watching over the tab room. The tab room is where the results are decided.

MCC students judged events and made certificates for students who received excellent or superior ratings. Students also helped in the tab room.

Waco High students were responsible for getting the trophies and selling sponsorship of the trophies to local merchants and persons interested in supporting forsenic activities. They located extra judges, cleaned up, aided in security and worked in the snack bar. They also distributed information and handled complaints.

The tournament was started five years ago, said Harrell, when Tollene Barber, former speech coach at Waco High, asked if MCC would be interested in hosting the tournament.

The first year, 17 schools participated. The number has increased each year, with 34 schools attending last year. Harrell said fewer schools attended this year because of the way the holidays fell. She said there are fewer schools but more participants.

Most of the schools were from Eastern and Central Texas. Two private schools from Houston attended the tournament. Harrell said that the purpose of the tournament was to provide quality competition for schools in this area and throughout Texas.

The tournament generates funds for forsenic activities, scholarships, equipment for department and squad trips.

People working on the tournament arrived at 6:30 a.m. Friday and left around midnight, to return again at 7 a.m. Saturday and finished late that night.

Harrell said MCC benefited from hosting the tournament. Many students and coaches commented on the beauty of the campus, she said. Harrell said she did not know if there was a direct correlation between the tournament and the size of the MCC speech squad but the size of the squad has tripled since the tournament started. The number of speech classes has doubled.

"Students appreciated the tournaments because the judges are knowledgeable about speaking and acting, and they turn back quality ballots," said Harrell. The ballots, she said, are to aid them in future speeches.



DEBATOR Photos by Donna Richter

Bram Browder, junior high school debator, participates in MCC-Waco High School speech tournament.



Young Democrats organize

A new group is forming this semester to support Democratic party candidates.

Young Democrats received administrative approval late last semester. Group sponsors will be John Nobis and Christine Wicker. The group will support Democratic party candidates campaigning for office. Candidates within the party will be given equal support and opportunity to present their campaign to students.

"Organizational details will be decided soon," said member Donna Richter. "We hope to coordinate our efforts before campaigns of Democratic candidates pick up." Richter also said Young Democrats plan to "encourage political awareness among MCC students."

Involvement in Young Democrats is especially important, she said, because of the May 6 primary. Richter predicts the most interesting race will involve the District XI Congressional seat. Bob Poage has announced he will retire at the end of his term, leaving the seat open. For the first time in more than 40 years Poage will

not be a candidate.

The group hopes to bring several candidates to campus to discuss current political issues, answer questions, and promote overall student awareness of the political process. Students interested in becoming members of Young Democrats should contact a sponsor of the group.

Correction

The Dec. 7 issue of The Highland Herald reported that checks for small amounts would be able to be cashed beginning next semester in the Bookstore. This is incorrect. Although there is a check cashing committee, no recommendation has been submitted.

Herald to publish Thursday

The Highland Herald will have a new printing date as well as new editors this semester. The printing date has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday.

Filling the position of editor will be sophomore Jan Faubion of Waco. Sophomore Bryan Davis of Valley Mills will serve as assistant editor. Both Faubion and Davis have more than a year experience as reporters with the newspaper.

Returning as director of campus publications will be Christine Wicker.

Intramural Deadline

Men and women's intramural basketball registration is underway. Entry forms may be obtained in the Student Center.

A maximum of 10 players are allowed on each team. There will be no coed teams in the basketball competition. The deadline for team rosters to be turned in to the Student Activities office is Jan. 20. Games begin Jan. 25.

Plaid Vests to compete in Florida speech contest

While the rest of us poor souls are beginning the routine of 8 a.m. classes again, several speech students will be in warm and sunny Pensacola, Fla., "being treated like royalty for three days," said speech instructor Ann Harrell.

But before you rush to the speech department to sign up, you should know the students will not just be vacationing, but competing in one of the more important speech tournaments of the year.

Approximately 10 members of the Plaid Vests Speech Club will leave campus Jan. 18 for the 3rd Annual James J. Marks Junior College Debate and Forensic Tournament.

The tournament, Jan. 19-21, will be sponsored by the

University of West Florida and conducted at the Holiday Inn on Navarre Beach, where the speech students will be staying. Participant Charlotte Shumate said the setting will be "relaxed but very formal."

The tournament, by invitation only, is one of the few attended by Plaid Vest. Two other Texas junior colleges, Odessa and Henderson, will attend the tournament. Additional junior colleges from Alabama, Mississippi, Kansas, and Florida will compose the 12 schools competing in the forensic meet.

Entire expenses for the trip, including formal banquets and trophies, will be paid for by

James Marks. Marks is an owner of the Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchise, in the South and donates \$20,000 to \$30,000 yearly for such forensic activities.

If last year's results are indicative of this year's, Harrell predicts her students will do well at the Florida meet. Last year the three Texas schools attending won two-thirds of the trophies presented at the tournament. Eleven of those awards went to three Plaid Vests members attending the meet.

Plaid Vest members participating in the tournament will return Jan. 23 and miss three class days.

Continuing Education offers new courses

This spring the Continuing Education department will offer new courses dealing with management, health, sports and recreation and special interest areas.

The new courses offered in management are: "Accounting for Managers", "Advertising: Strategy and Design" and "Managerial Economics." "Accounting for Managers" is designed to offer a comprehensive discussion of the accounting process. It examines accounting language, methods,

limitations, and results. "Advertising: Strategy and Design" is set up to answer questions about designing correct advertising and planning future

campaigns. "Managerial Economics" is the last of the new courses under management. It provides background on four economic forces: consumption, reproduction, markets, and government.

In the health field a new course called "Alcoholic Counseling, The Practical Aspects" is being offered. Interviewing, history taking, and treatment plans will be topics included in the course.

In sports and recreation, a course will be offered on springboard diving. The course is an introductory approach to learning the required and optional dives of Olympic sports.

Under the special interest category "Practical Meterology" and "Prose Writing" are being offered. "Practical Meterology" will include everything from learning about the atmosphere to learning to take weather observations. The "Prose Writing" course will consist of writing short fiction, refining narrative techniques and learning elements of characterization, while at the same time developing stylistic assurance.

Contact the Continuing Education department for more information.

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Bookstore buying books

The Bookstore will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. It will be open in the evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Bookstore will buy back books today and Wednesday. They will also be buying back books the first two weeks of school.

SC serving 3 meals

The cafeteria in the Student Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Its evening hours will be 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Supper will be served 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Student Govt to meet

Student Government will have its first meeting of the semester Jan. 16. Elections to fill vacancies in Student Government will be Feb. 2-3. Applications will be available Jan. 16-27. Positions to be filled are Treasurer, Vice-President, and four Representative openings.

Saturday College starts

The Saturday College will begin its third year this spring. Registration for Saturday classes will be Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the HPE gym. Classes will meet for the first session after registration.

Spring registration begins

Spring semester registration for college-credit classes will be today and tomorrow. Students may enroll on either a full or part-time basis, in day or evening classes or for Saturday classes. Late registration has been set for Jan. 13 and Jan. 16-19. Classes begin Jan. 16.

Board to meet tonight

MCC Board of Trustees will have its first 1978 meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the board room. In addition to routine business, the Board will consider bids for repair of the HPE building roof.

Winter art classes to start

Registration for the Art Center's winter classes begins today. Drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, handspinning and weaving, and graphic illustration are among the courses offered. Classes for children, teens and adults will begin Jan. 17-21.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor are welcome. They must be signed and are subject to condensation

Instructors continue posting final grades

Despite the Privacy Act of 1974, which forbids the posting of grades in a manner which can identify individual students, instructors here will continue to use social security numbers in posting grades.

"No question or complaint has been raised by any student" in the last seven or eight years this campus has posted grades, said Dr. Ron Smith, dean of instruction. Although Smith acknowledged awareness of the act, he said instructors would continue posting grades "in order to give the students more immediate feedback."

Currently, students can learn of their grades within 24 hours after final exams when grades are posted by social security numbers on the windows of various departments. In addition, students are notified of

their grades, grade point average, hours attained and general information a few weeks later by mail.

Both Paul Quinn and Baylor students are notified solely by mail. Grades are sometimes posted shortly after finals at Baylor by instructors who assign a number to students with only the instructor and student having knowledge of that number. Smith said that officials here may need to seek another method of posting grades other than by social security numbers.

Instructors are advised to ask students on the day of the final exam whether or not they wish to have their grade posted, Smith said. Should a student feel that posting his grade is an invasion of his privacy, his grade will be left blank beside his name.

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Movie review

Travolta dances night away in new film

by Bryan Davis

As Vinnie Barbarino on TV's successful series, "Welcome Back, Kotter," John Travolta without displaying a trace of talent, has caused more than a few hearts to throb. Talent, however, abounds in Travolta's dynamic performance in his first starring role, "Saturday Night Fever."

Travolta's forgettable cameo roles in "Devils' Rain" and "Carrie" should have many critics eating their words, for not only will Travolta's performance in "Saturday Night Fever" surely bring him an Oscar nomination, it insures Travolta's choice of good scripts, and at age 24, virtually guarantees him superstardom for many years.

An Italian youth living in New York City, Travolta's character spends his days working in a paint store, venturing home only for meals and sleep. Between a bickering father and a mother who constantly compares her "no good son" to his brother the priest, it is no wonder Travolta turns elsewhere for attention.

Travolta's life revolves solely around his Saturday nights at the

disco "2001," where dancing is king, and Travolta reigns supreme.

Dancing is Travolta's only outlet for feelings of ignorance and uselessness. Saturday night seems to cure the wrongs of his wasted week. Booze and women are for the asking (although he doesn't have to ask), but it is his ability to dominate the dance floor that gives him his "highs".

Travolta's magic as a dancer is mesmerizing. The film will no doubt further the disco dancing craze.

Travolta often danced as much as 15 hours a day during filming of "Saturday Night Fever." He trained with ex-boxer Jimmy Gambina, who helped Sylvester Stallone look the part of a heavyweight in "Rocky."

TV "soap" actress Karen Gorney portrays Travolta's dancing partner who teaches him respect for himself as well as others. Through Gorney, Travolta realizes the direction his life is taking and attempts to start anew.

The lifestyle of Travolta and his rough streetgang friends is

often cruel and obscene. Some may take offense but younger viewers will be likely to recognize the language and sex as more authentic than "American Graffiti", for instance.

With "Saturday Night Fever," director John Badham has created a touching and realistic study of troubled youth. It is this quality which makes "Saturday Night Fever" a film to see.

Adding greatly to the success of the film is the movie soundtrack. The Bee Gees have contributed six tunes to the track including original songs "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever," and the number one single, "How Deep Is Your Love?" Additional works by Yvonne Elliman, Tavares and others make the film worthwhile if only for the music.

In summary, "Saturday Night Fever" is a realistic film containing excellent acting, dynamic dancing, and an impressive soundtrack. However, the film will primarily be remembered for the emergence of John Travolta as an important star of American film.



DISCO KING
"Sweathog" John Travolta gives a stunning performance as a disco king in "Saturday Night Fever."

Highlanders victorious in Christmas Classic games

by Trip Stidham

Using balanced scoring, an effective full court press and a lot of fire and determination, the Highlanders posted victories over Navarro Junior College and Temple Junior College in the MCC Christmas Classic played Dec. 15-16.

Avenging an earlier defeat to ninth-ranked Navarro Junior College, the Highlanders exploded for 65 second half points and overcame a six point deficit at the half to take a 108-94 victory.

The Highlanders shot a blistering 57.8 per cent and committed only six turnovers the second half. Sam Worthen led MCC scoring with 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Worthen also led the team in assists with 11. Freshman Abe Davis poured in 26 points and 12 rebounds.

Johnny Dawson's short jump shot with 12:53 left in the game put MCC in front 63-61 and the Highlanders were never to trail again.

Willie Whittenburg led Navarro scoring with 21 points and eight rebounds. Greg Bonner and David Burns each had 16 points.

The Highlanders came back the next night and defeated Temple Junior College 114-96 in final round action. The Highlanders committed 29 turnovers and shot only 59 per cent from the charity line and still managed to win. The 114 points are the most scored by the MCC team so far this season.

Substitute guard Terry Suber came off the bench to score 25 points to lead the Highlanders in scoring. Suber scored 23 of those 25 points in the second half, seven in the last two minutes of the game.

Suber, playing his best game so far this season, contributed two assists, three steals and five rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures were all five starters: Abe Davis 18 points and 11 rebounds; Johnny Dawson 18 points and four rebounds; Charles Burley 16 points and 14 rebounds, nine assists and seven steals; and Jim Soukup 13 points and three rebounds. Other Highlanders to score were Keith Godfrey with

seven, Roy Watson and Mike Cuellar with one and Anglo Grimes with five.

The win put MCC's record at 11-3. The loss for Temple was the third to the Highlanders this season.

Temple was led by Billy Schott's 33 points. Danny Randall's 21 points, J.D. White's 17 and Raymond Joyner's 14 points led the Leopard offense which committed 23 turnovers.

MCC Christmas Classic Statistics

	TEMPLE					MCC					NAVARRO					MCC					
	FG	FT	Reb	PF	TP	FG	FT	Reb	PF	TP	FG	FT	Reb	PF	TP	FG	FT	Reb	PF	TP	
Worthen	6-9	2-4	6	4	14	Worthen	10-23	9-12	10	4	29	Worthen	10-23	9-12	10	4	29				
Soukup	5-7	3-7	3	3	13	Soukup	1-2	1-2	0	4	3	Soukup	1-2	1-2	0	4	3				
Burley	6-9	0-0	14	3	16	Davis	11-17	4-6	10	2	26	Davis	11-17	4-6	10	2	26				
Davis	9-17	0-3	11	2	18	Burley	8-18	8-11	12	4	24	Burley	8-18	8-11	12	4	24				
Dawson	9-15	0-0	4	4	18	Dawson	3-5	0-0	4	4	6	Dawson	3-5	0-0	4	4	6				
Watson	0-5	1-2	2	0	1	Watson	3-7	2-2	2	2	8	Watson	3-7	2-2	2	2	8				
Godfrey	0-3	7-7	1	2	7	Grimes	1-1	0-0	1	4	2	Grimes	1-1	0-0	1	4	2				
Cuellar	0-1	1-2	1	0	1	Suber	4-9	0-1	0	2	8	Suber	4-9	0-1	0	2	8				
Grimes	2-3	1-3	2	5	-5	Cuellar	1-1	0-0	2	1	2	Cuellar	1-1	0-0	2	1	2				
Suber	10-19	5-6	5	0	25	Godfrey	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	Godfrey	0-1	0-0	1	0	0				
Totals	47-88	20-34	48	23	114	Totals	42-84	24-34	42	27	108	Totals	42-84	24-34	42	27	108				
MCC			58	56	114				43	65	108										

The next issue of the Highland Herald will be Jan. 19.

Step-by-step instructions

How to survive registration

BEFORE REGISTRATION

All students must have packets and the proper time permits to register. Forms within the packet should be completed prior to registration. Students who plan to use campus parking facilities

must know their license plate numbers. Fines, debts, and other deficiencies must be cleared with the proper office before registration.

Students should be prepared to pay tuition, unless they have received a financial aid award or have been approved by an appropriate agency that will pay their fees.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

All students will enter the gym. Time permits will be checked. A deficiency list of students who

owe fines or debts, who have not completed entrance requirements, or who are

suspended will be checked. If a student's name appears on the list, he must clear the deficiency before registering.

Students will then proceed to Information Point 1 where packets will be checked for an A card. If the A card is incorrect or missing from the packet, a new A card will be cut at the Key punch Station.

At Station 2 students will be advised by counselors. Those advised prior to registration will go on to Station 3.

At Station 3, course schedules will be available for students to use in sectioning tentative courses. Screens will display course and section numbers of closed classes. Newly formed classes will also be displayed on the screens.

Tentative schedules should be written on the back of the course advising card. Classes scheduled at 10 a.m. on Monday - Wednesday - Friday, should be written in the space between 2:10

and the evening classes (see drawing). When students have completed sectioning their courses and have them properly placed on the back of the course

advising card, they will go to the class card pulling section of registration.

Here signs will be displayed to

show students the line for appropriate classes. Faculty members will be pulling cards for

courses in their respective areas. Students should ask for the proper course and section number. Double check section numbers and times of classes to

insure the correct cards have been pulled. After collecting all necessary class cards, students continue to Station 5.

At the HPE Station (5) students will be checked to see if they have a physical education course scheduled. Full-time

students who have not yet completed physical education requirements must enroll for physical education. Exemptions will be checked here.

Students will also be asked to arrange class cards in chronological order, with MWF classes first, then TT classes. Students will then proceed to Station 6.

At the Final Check Station (6) cards will be checked to insure they are in proper order. Class

cards should be double checked with the schedule on the back of the course advising card to prevent mistakes in scheduling.

Students will then proceed to a table where they will leave their packets. Packets will be sent to Computer Services where the forms will be processed. Students will wait on the bleachers for the

return of their schedules and fee assessment forms.

When the forms are returned

from Computer Services students' names will be called. Schedules and fee assessment

forms should be checked for accuracy. If everything is correct students will go to Station 7.

At the Collection Station (7) fees will be paid. Students will be issued a copy of their schedule fee receipt, and a student. Those planning to use campus parking facilities will proceed to Station 8.

At the Decal Station students will be issued a parking decal.

This completes the registration process. Students now may go to the Bookstore and purchase proper books and materials needed for the semester.

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MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY					TUESDAY - THURSDAY					REGISTRARS USE ONLY			
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8:00	ENG 311	04	L301		SMALL		10:50	READ 301	02	102		WHITE	
9:00	HIST 352	11	L101		JONES							BROWN	
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BACK OF COURSE ADVISING CARD

MWF classes should be listed on the left side of the card. TT classes should be listed on the right side. Courses that are 'to be arranged' or 10 a.m. MWF should be listed on the blank line between day classes and evening classes.



CHANGE OF FACE

"Piano Man" Billy Joel creates another fine album with his latest LP, "The Stranger."

Album Review

Joel LP change of face

by Matt Mitchell

With the release of his latest album, Billy Joel has gone through a small but definite change of face.

When he released his first album "Piano Man" almost four years ago, he became known as a fine songwriter who had the ability to rock and roll from behind a grand piano. The lyrics on that album and the two that followed dealt mainly with day-to-day problems of middle-class life. No more.

His latest album, "The Stranger," while no means a drastic departure, is different.

Joel is able to combine rhythm and blues, jazz, rock, and a couple of ballads into a single, cohesive unit that defies normal

classification. The title song is evidence of this.

It opens with a bluesy, cocktail lounge-type piano solo, but then shifts into gear and transforms into a genuine rocker, one of the best Joel has ever done. On the other hand, "She's Always A Woman" is a gentle moving ballad that spotlights Joel's voice against his piano, a flute, guitar and bass.

Although there is nothing here as well-written as the song "Piano Man," "Vienna" is a nice piece of music, particularly with the accordion-type organ in the background. "Movin' out

(Anthony's Song)" and "Get It Right The First Time" show AM potential as does "Only the Good

Die Young." ("Just the Way Are" is already a Top 40 cess.)

"Scenes From An Ita Restaurant" is precious, even is reminiscent of Joel's ear efforts. Joel's bubbling piano,

superb woodwinds of Phil Wo and Rich Canatta, and Ra McDonald's percussive

combine to make this an medley the finest thing on entire album.

Billy Joel and his band h combined their talents with production of Phil Ramone make what is easily Joel's m complete effort to date and < of the better albums from 19