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John Connally

Connally laments decline of United States prestige

John Connally told a group of Wacoans Wednesday that the United States is suffering from a loss of prestige.

Connally says this loss was evident in the recent murder of the American ambassador in Afghanistan, and also in the cutting remarks President Carter received last week from the President of Mexico.

The U.S. must regain its strong image, according to

Connally, to remain the world leader. "I f elected we can turn this country around," Connally told a packed auditorium at the Heart of Texas fairgrounds. Waco was the second stop of a 24-city Texas presidential campaign tour.

Connally also said inflation is the number one problem and that the government must stay on a budget just as individuals do. One of the important issues

the United States faces now is the plight of the farmer, Connally said. He said the United States must open new markets for farmers if it expects them to produce the world food supply.

Connally said Americans have had enough of government doing for them and if elected he hopes to provide a political atmosphere that encourages people to do for themselves.

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Teachers meeting slated

Students to get holiday

While students observe a holiday Friday, teachers will be in Dallas attending the annual convention of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.

Serving as president of the TJCTA for the past year, history instructor Dr. Michael White will preside at the 32nd annual state convention. "A Call to Excellence" is the theme of this year's convention," said White.

His election as president has given MCC added prestige, he said. "It shows our faculty is very active in the association and has considerable input in determining the policies of the association," he said. "MCC is a very progressive force within the junior college movement."

The school is featured on the cover of the 1979 convention issue of the TJCTA Messenger. Cheryl Chrisman, director of public information, has designed an orange and black cover depicting the campus.

More than 3,000 members and guests are expected to attend. White anticipates a turnout of 75-90 instructors from here.

Although the first general session doesn't begin until Friday, the Leadership Dinner, honoring association officers, committee members, campus representatives, former presidents, section chairpersons, and candidates for state office, will begin at 5:15 p.m., Thursday evening and will be held in the Monte Carlo Ballroom of the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas. Speaker for the occasion will be Marshall Edwards, pastor of the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco.

For members purchasing tickets in advance, the Pomplun AD79 Exhibit, located in the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, will be open 7-9:00 p.m. Thursday evening. After visiting the

exhibit, members and guests are urged to attend the reception in the Monte Carlo Ballroom from 9:30 - 11 p.m., to honor past presidents and introduce candidates for state office.

The first general session, at 9 Friday morning, will be held in the Grand Ballroom. The principal speaker will be Henry Steele Commager, noted American historian and educator. Commager holds honorary degrees from 34 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad, including Cambridge University and Oxford University.

"The main purpose of the convention is for teachers to meet within their own disciplines with their own section meetings," White said. Section meetings will be held from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. and from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Friday. The remaining sections will meet from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. and from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. on Saturday.

The second general session, the annual business meeting, will meet 2:30 - 4 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom.

Friday evening the TJCTA honor band and the Temple Junior College choir will present a concert from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Following the concert, a dance for TJCTA members and invited guests will be held in the Monte Carlo Ballroom from 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

The closing session will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning. William J. Raspberry, syndicated columnist for *The Washington Post*, will be the keynote speaker at this session, in the Grand Ballroom. Raspberry, a graduate of Indiana Central College, was awarded "Journalist of the Year" by the Capital Press Club in 1965 for his coverage of the Watts riot. He has also received awards from Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Mo., and The Baltimore-Washington Newspaper Guild.

Smith, Perry

Trustees elect officers

The Board of Trustees elected two new officers at the Feb. 13 meeting. Mrs. Cullen Smith, previously vice chairman of the board, was elected chairman filling Richard Garcia's former position. C. Ray Perry was elected vice chairman and Tom Mooney remains as secretary to the board.

In further action, the board adopted a resolution commending Garcia for almost seven years of service. He served as secretary, vice chairman and chairman of the board.

In addition to the resolutions, the board heard a brief history and summary of college insurance policies from Everett

Alexander, representative of Fitzhugh and Co. Insurance Co. The board, then, renewed policies on buildings, school equipment, and automobiles.

The buildings are covered by a Texas multi-peril policy (fire and casualty) costing \$11,560. School equipment insurance cost \$3,700. The automobile insurance includes, but is not limited to, liability protection for any employee of the College driving a personal vehicle on college business at a cost \$3,203.

In other action the board accepted the resignation of Dr. Ron Smith, dean of instruction effective March 1. Smith has been named vice-president of academic affairs at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.



photo by Marvin Clynch

RELAX— An unidentified student in the Fine Arts building starts his holiday early. Students will have Friday off due to the Texas Junior College Teachers Association convention.

Pipeline

Art show entries accepted until Tuesday

The annual student art show will be held March 6 - 30. Any student may enter up to five pieces of work in any media. The juror will select work to be in the exhibition with special recognition given for first, second, and third place. All judgments regarding acceptances and special recognition will be at the discretion of the juror.

Juror for the show will be John D. McClanahan, associate professor of art at Baylor University. He received his M.F.A. from the University of Iowa in 1964 and has been teaching at the university level fifteen years.

Entries should be delivered to the fine arts building, room 112 or 113 between 8 a.m. and noon Tuesday.

200 schools attend festival

About 650 musicians from 200 high schools attended the Fifth Annual Central Texas Stage Band Festival Saturday. First place awards in competition were as follows: China Spring High School, Class A; McGregor High School, Class AA; Waco High School, Class AAA; Richfield High School, Class AAAA; and John Marshall Jr. High School, Class CCC.

PSB to be given

The Psychological Service Bureau Aptitude examination for prospective nursing students will be given Monday at 8:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$3.50. For more information contact counseling services at 756-6551, ext. 386.

Bellegie to speak on life after death

The second seminar in the newspaper course "Death and Dying: Challenge and Change," will be presented at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., March 5, in room 101 of the health and physical education building.

Nicholas Bellegie, M.D., will speak on life after death. The public is welcome.

Blood drive nears

A blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 2, in the student center. Alpha Omega and Sigma Delta Phi are sponsors.

Workshops on stress, communication to be offered

Beginning March 5, a communication workshop will be held in the liberal arts building, room 210, at 10 a.m. The workshop will continue March 7 and 9. Objectives for the workshop include improving skills in communication; helping participants learn to listen with comprehension rather than hearing separate words; and stimulating participants to listen more attentively.

A workshop on alleviating stress will be held Wednesday, and March 2, 7, 9, 14 and 16 at 10 a.m. For more information, contact the counseling office.

Rx from Rodabough

Are you bugged by the flu bug?

It will come as no surprise to read that Waco is in the midst of the flu season. Undoubtedly, you've noticed your class size dwindling the last few weeks and that many of your classmates are sporting red noses and exhibiting loud annoying coughs. Well, you can rest assured that they're not trying to gain attention by behaving that way, nor do they particularly enjoy the stares of classmates and teachers. Actually, they've been victimized by "THE VIRUS".

In case you're one of the lucky ones who have not encountered a cold or flu bug, let me prepare you for the possibilities.

Colds are upper respiratory infections that affect the nose, throat, and larynx, and are caused by one or more of 70 different viruses. Similarly, flu (Influenza) is a viral infection affecting the individual in much the same manner as a cold, but

usually with greater severity, and added attractions such as aching and soreness, chills, severe headaches, etc.

Cold and/or flu symptoms last from 3-14 days and may include: fever, running or blocked-up nose, sneezing, watering eyes, sore throat, hoarseness, dry cough, headache, fatigue, and a generalized sick feeling. Sounds familiar, huh?

There are no specific anti-cold-virus medications. Antibiotics will not cure viruses, therefore treatment is limited to suppressing the symptoms and trying to feel as comfortable as possible while the cold or flu runs its course. You should go to bed when symptoms start! Doing so will keep you warm and comfortable, less likely to develop complications and will keep you from spreading the disease to fellow co-workers, friends, and other students.

Some of the following steps may help you to look after yourself when you have a cold or the flu:

1. For tiredness, headache, and muscle aching: 1-2 aspirin every four hours.

2. For sorethroat and cough:
a) warm salt-water gargle four times a day. Mix ½ teaspoon of salt in an eight ounce glass of warm water. Gargle with head well back, but do not swallow the salt water. (This treatment increases the circulation to the area - bringing white blood cells to fight the infection).

b) Throat lozenges will aid in relieving discomfort and dryness.

3. Stuffy nose: a nasal spray or nose drops may be helpful. Follow directions carefully! Overuse may cause irritation to the mucous membranes of the nose.

4. If decongestant cold tablets, liquids, or time capsules are used, do not take additional

aspirin, nasal spray, or nose drops. Because of drowsiness, avoid taking these if you must drive a car.

5. For general treatment:
a) Drink plenty of fluids - a glass of water or juice every hour.
b) Avoid smoking and smoke-filled rooms.
c) Get extra rest and sleep.
d) Be considerate of others - cover your nose and mouth whenever sneezing or coughing. Dispose of tissues properly, and wash your hands frequently. **DON'T PASS IT ON!**

If your symptoms are severe it would be wise to see a physician. Some symptoms to check out further include:

- severe frequent cough
- rusty-looking sputum
- earache, difficulty in hearing, previous ear infections
- severe sore throat (swelling, difficulty swallowing, white patches)
- difficulty breathing because of chest pain, wheezing, or tightness in the chest.
- shaking chills, or fever (over 100 F.)
- stiff neck
- symptoms which are becoming worse, even after 7-10 days.

- past history of asthma or other chronic lung disease.

Okay, back to you lucky ones who have not yet had the flu.... Be alert to the mode of transmission. The disease is spread from throat, mouth, and nasal secretions of the infected person. It is transmitted primarily by coughing, sneezing, kissing, and even by handling articles or objects such as towels, drinking fountains, and door knobs which have been contaminated by secretions left there from the sneezes, coughs or hands of an infected person.

It is impossible to escape entirely from virus germs unless we avoid all contact with other people. Because we're all very unlikely to become hermits anytime soon, we need to take some precautions to protect ourselves instead.

1. Avoid people with colds or flu whenever possible. Keep your distance whenever someone sneezes or coughs.

2. Wash your hands frequently when around people who have cold or flu symptoms. Also keep your hands away from your nose and mouth as much as possible.

3. Never eat or drink after other people.

4. Keep your general health as good as possible! Avoid fatigue and poor nutrition by getting plenty of rest and a well-balanced diet.

Remember, the health center provides throat culturing and has non-prescription cold medications and nasal sprays that you may obtain if the virus victimizes you!

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Ronstadt's new release deserves B plus

by Anthony De Marco

"Living in the U.S.A.," the new Ronstadt release, had 2 million orders before the first record was shipped. Can all those people be wrong?

Overall the album should get a B plus. A lot of the songs should have been given to someone else to sing. Ronstadt is able to bring them together only because of her great talent.

Production gets a B-. Ash should have shown better direction in song placement and selection. He tried to make Ronstadt something she isn't and it doesn't work. On the old songs she doesn't do justice to her forerunners or herself.

Side 1

1. LIVING IN THE U.S.A.

The opener is an old Chuck Berry song that jumps out of the record machine and keeps going.

2. WHEN I GROW TOO OLD TO

This slow and mellow song has

a strong blues flavor. After such a powerful opening number this is a bit of a let down. It turns down the heat, just when you are starting to cook.

3. JUST ONE LOOK

Well folks it's time for another oldie moldie song. Better known as can a white girl really sing a black woman's song? It's the best white wash I've heard in years.

4. ALISON

Now we are back where Linda belongs with a little country sound. This cut works mainly because it is true to her roots.

5. WHITE RHYTHM BLUES

Linda's soft and sensuous way makes this mellow song one of the best cuts on the album.

Side 2

1. ALL THAT DREAM

Oh mama sing that song. It's all Ronstadt and the best over all



set on the album. This answers the question, "Can the lady sing?" once and for all. You bet your sweet potato she can.

2. OH BABY BABY

This Smokey Robinson song is more her style of singing and as a result it works better than "Just One Look."

3. MOHAMMEDS RADIO

Nothing cooks on this one but Ronstadt makes it work anyway. Anyone else would put you to sleep with this song but she almost makes it succeed.

4. BLOWING AWAY

By this song you'll need a beer to cry into. Two slow songs back to back are a little hard to take. This progressive ballad is okay, nothing else.

5. LOVE ME TENDER

This song is enough to make a grown man cry without a beer. It's Elvis' song and she never should have touched it.

'Life Beyond L.A.' not inspired

"For spacemanship above and beyond the call of duty, we the members of the Battle Star Glactica present Star Buck with this Ambrosia."

"Thank you my fellow warriors and friends."

Later that night.

"That Ambrosia you gave me is only five centons old. Good but not the best I have ever listened to."

Well I must agree with my friend Star Buck because the

New Ambrosia album "Life Beyond L.A." is a good album but I have listened to more inspired works."

To sum up side one a quote from the second song, "Art Beware": "Haven't we heard your song somewhere else before, son, That was nice, good try, son, but..." That about wraps up side one on this record.

The decision to start with "Dancing By Myself" was a good one. It hits just the right note.

The best song on this side is "Angola" which looks at the American way of life with a cynical but humorous eye.

The rest of the cuts are good, tight and well played. The album was produced by Freddie Piro and Ambrosia. If Piro had pushed the group a little harder on side one we would have a great album instead of just a good one.

Production - A. Album overall - B plus.

Cars coming on

Just how good are The Cars? Well, move over Rolling Sones, move over Led Zeppelin, The Cars have arrived.

The Cars are the best rock group to come along in years. Led by innovative Ric Ocasek, The Cars appear well on their way to fame and fortune.

In their first album, The Cars express their talent so well that it is impossible to honestly say you don't like them. From lead guitarist Elliott Easton to the keyboard mastery of Greg Hawkes, The Cars don't seem to have a weak link. Drummer David Robinson keeps an enjoyable beat throughout the entire album while bassist Benjamin Orr maintains a steady throb.

On side one, several distinctive songs give the group their identity. "Let the Good Times Roll" and "Just What I Needed"

indicate the band is having a good time performing. Lead singer and composer of this album's songs, Ocasek, sings with the freedom often associated with Mick Jagger.

On the flip side of the disc is the album's best cut. "Bye Bye Love" combines witty lyrics with superior lead guitar playing and Ocasek's earthy vocals.

Also on side two is "Moving in Stereo", an unusual musical experience resulting from keyboard excellence not often heard.

Although The Cars are certainly the most original and invigorating group to come along in some time, they are not for everyone. They would be classified as a hard rock band that occasionally take excursions into the world of exotic percussion.

Bums outwit Brinks Co.

by Mark Lockridge

Even bums can outwit big business, according to the makers of "The Brinks Job."

These bums, led by the occasionally brilliant Peter Falk,

stage the world's greatest cash heist against the supposedly impenetrable Brinks Company.

Though the film grasps the attention of the audience with a clever beginning, there are a few slow spots. If not for the subtly humorous lines by Falk, the film

would have seemed tiresomely long.

Warren Oates has a strong supporting role as the gang's demolitions expert who finally spills the beans about the robbery.

The film also sheds light on the ineptitude of the FBI. When the robbery took place Jan. 17, 1950, a wave of communist subversive activities seemed to be sweeping the country. As a result, the FBI thought the robbery was the result of subversives working with organized crime.

This film, however, does not focus on details and motives. It never answers the obvious question as to how Brinks, the police and the FBI could all be so altogether inept. Nevertheless, this is a clever adaptation of what took place on a cold winter night in Boston when a handful of two-bit hoodlums decided to make their dreams come true.

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"Call your Red Cross Blood Center and make a donor appointment soon. It's one way you can help keep Red Cross ready to help others."

Keep Red Cross ready.



Young says Iranian ties will last

by Julie Richter

Andrew Young, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters in Waco last Wednesday that Iran appreciates restraint the United States has exercised toward the country's uprisings.

The United States has kept out its military and that has kept the Russians out, he said.

Young held a press conference before speaking at Paul Quinn College's annual Founder's Day celebration at the Waco Convention Center.

He said the Iranian struggle is similar to elements of the American civil rights uprisings in the 60s.

"Blacks began to go to churches as a means of political organization and the churches began motivating and organizing a force for the political process," he said.

"We found ourselves taking the church very seriously.

"The people involved ended up in political positions, and I think we will see this in Iran."

Citing examples of good trade relationship the United States has with other Islamic states, Young said he sees a redefinition rather than a lessening of U.S.

ties with Iran.

"We have very good trade with other Islamic states such as Egypt and Nigeria," he said.

"They (Iran) are going to have to feed their people and if they're going to feed them they must have tractors."

"They must communicate with us."

Although Young said the Iranian area may be more stable under a government which enjoys mass support, he thinks troubles in the Middle East will continue until a peace is negotiated.

"That's why our administration has worked so hard at Camp David," he said.

"We want to assist Mexico's

economic development so people there don't feel they have to leave the country to survive." Commenting on President Carter's visit to Mexico, Young said undocumented aliens are not necessarily a "drag" to the United States.

Afterward, Young told about 2,000 persons gathered for the Founder's celebration that the

gap between black and white Americans has widened in the past 10 years, but that the advance of blacks is greater than anyone imagined it would be.

Blacks are in a distinct leadership position, Young said.

"Our role as black Americans can be more effectively filled as a bridge between the haves and have-nots.



Andrew Young

SG hires Paddy Wagon for Wednesday concert

A mini-concert by Paddy Wagon Express was scheduled for Wednesday at 10 o'clock in the student center and a recommendation to purchase a marquee for The Highlands was passed during the Student Government meeting Monday.

Chuck Hill, chairman of the mini-concert committee also asked Student Government members to look for amateur bands willing to perform free of charge.

Andrea Bush reported that H&H Sign Company of Waco has offered to sell the college a 3x6 foot lighted marquee for \$730 and letters to go with it for \$1.20 apiece.

In other business, Student Government President, Galen

Harry recommended suggestion boxes be placed on the campus and asked for volunteers to study the possibility.

Harry said Student Government should plan a reception for evening students during their 20-minute break period. One third of MCC's students attend night classes.

Don Bynum, director of student activities, suggested night students be offered coffee, punch and cookies during a designated week. He said representatives from student services could be present to talk with the students and discuss problems. Bynum also suggested the reception be held every night of the school week so all students might attend.

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Media center director aids teachers

by Patricia Miles

Randy Schormann, the first full-time director of instructional resources, uses the media center "strictly to advise the faculty and to aid in teaching improvement."

The center which offers audio visual aids for classroom instruction, workshops for the faculty and the lamination of signs, is located in the back of the lecture hall. An instructor can also get help with such things as setting up a special slide series lecture.

A test item construction workshop was held recently to assist instructors with the writing, administration and evaluation of classroom tests. Earlier this year the center sponsored a photo workshop for the faculty.

Part of Schormann's job is not only to assist the instructors with teaching aids but also to help develop ideas. "We like to generate ideas between the different departments," said Schormann. "It aids the student, as well as the teacher."

In the future Schormann expects to see more audio visual aids in the classroom. He also anticipates an expanded use of the self-paced courses.

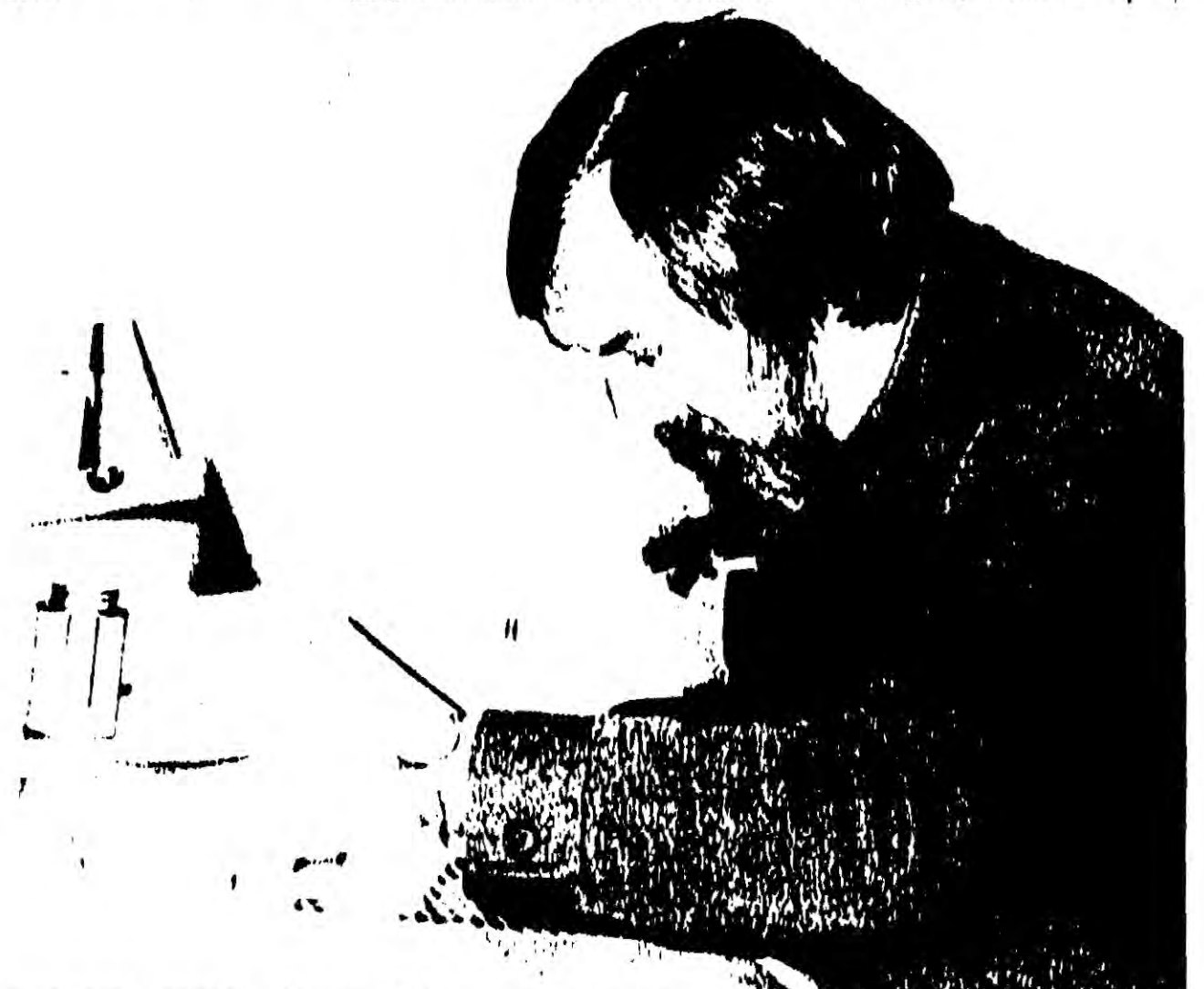
"The self-paced courses allow a student to work at his own pace without the stigma of an 'F,'" Schormann said. Although self-paced courses have some time limitations, a student can take several semesters to finish a course. Biology is currently being offered on a self-paced basis and Schormann said typing and shorthand will soon be offered on a self-paced level.

With this system the student may branch off into his own interest areas and, perhaps, retain more of what he studies, Schormann said. For instance, a student in a history class could do a special study on the history of Waco or on how his ancestors participated in the Civil War, he said.

Schormann said the self-paced program would benefit both traditional and nontraditional students. Examples such as the displaced homemaker and the older students returning to school.

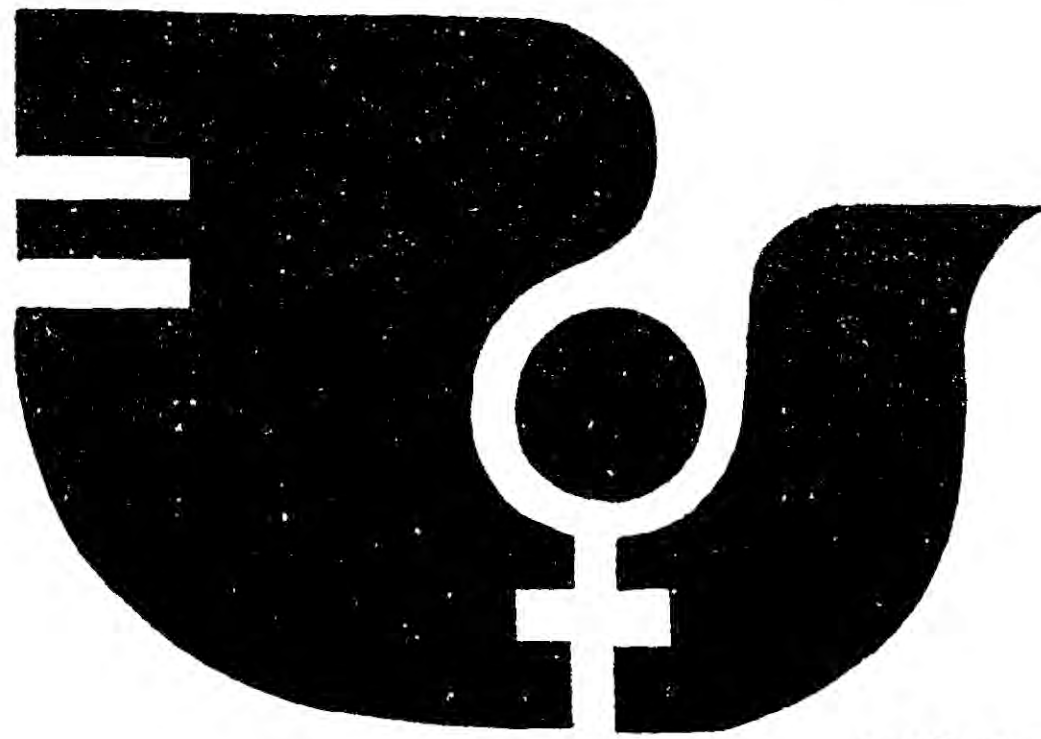
Although he is not planning major changes in the program, Schormann does see room for

improvement. He hopes to gradually standardize audio visual equipment. Having one type of film projector instead of four, he said, will help the instructors become skilled in working with them. He also hopes to organize more instructional workshops for teaching improvement.



HELPING HAND—Randy Schormann, director of the media center, provides teaching aids for instructors. He hopes to see more self-paced programs developed for students.

ERA debate continues



by Donna Johnson

Seven years after Texas legislators ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, the controversy and debate generated by ERA rages on.

Several states, including Texas have tried unsuccessfully to rescind ratification of the amendment. One over-wrought Texas representative suggested sending state troops to Washington to take the ratification document by force.

The cause of such fervor is a simply worded amendment that states:

Section 1. "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Section 2. "The congress shall have the power to enforce by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

Section 3. "This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

There are many reasons for the controversy. Opponents begin by arguing the amendment is not needed because the fourteenth amendment already provides for equal protection of women. Proponents point out that in the past the supreme court has refused women the right to vote, equal employment opportunities and the right to practice law when the proposals were based on the fourteenth amendment.

In 1971 the court used the fourteenth amendment to change a law discriminating against women, then stated the amendment was not a solid basis for deciding sexual discrimination cases.

The debate, however, does not hinge only on legalities but on the entire concept of equality.

Many women are afraid of what equality might mean. Phyllis Schafly, leader of ERA opposition, says that American women are a privileged group and that they should hang on to their privileges. Opponents fear ERA will do away with womens advantages and not give them anything in return.

A case in point is protective legislature. Protective legislation, which restricts the hours, shifts

and overtime a woman may work, was originally conceived as a means of protecting women from harsh working conditions.

Now however, many women see protective legislation as a means of keeping them from advancement and higher paying jobs. A woman may not be allowed to work higher paying night shifts on industrial jobs, but, feminists point out that maids and nurses have always worked nights.

Proponents of ERA say the very laws set up to protect women are keeping them from better jobs and forcing them to work longer, harder hours. Twenty-three percent of all multiple job holders are women, according to Cosmopolitan magazine.

Equal pay, they say, is another issue ERA will address. No one seems opposed to equal pay for equal work, and yet statistics indicate women make 20 percent less than men for the same jobs.

The dilemma comes in deciding how such inequalities should be combated. Both sides agree that a large reason why women make less money is that they hold lower status jobs. Sixty-percent of all working women are

clerks, saleswomen, waitresses and hairdressers.

The reasons women hold these jobs are part of the contention. ERA opponents say social attitudes and women themselves are responsible for the inequalities. They also say there are laws treating women differently than men because people want them and that legislation cannot change social mores.

Proponents argue attitudes will begin to change once the law is changed and point to the civil rights movement as an example.

If they are right, anti-ERA forces fear the changes will erode the family unit by forcing changes it isn't ready for. Proponents say ERA will strengthen the family by recognizing the rights and importance of the homemaker.

Both sides realize the amendment will effect the man's role in the family and in society in general. While feminists feel the effect will be positive, the opposition regards this aspect of the amendment as the most frightening.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series on the ERA. The second part will examine changes the amendment would make in men's lives.

Foreigners find new adventure in states

No one better understands the feeling of loneliness than a foreign student. In a country where people not only speak a different language but have customs unlike your own, it's not easy to fit in.

Lebanese student, Madjl Tannous, had the help of his brother, Hani, who has been here for several years, in learning the in's and out's of American life. "He has helped me become accustomed to the people's way

of life here," said Tannous, "as well as giving me insights into the different religions here."

One of the 19 foreign students currently enrolled, Tannous, 23, arrived in late November. He has not been here long enough to meet friends. "It does get lonely," he said, "we often take rides, like to the lake, but I spend most of my time studying."

Tannous has not found his classes here more difficult than those in Lebanon but he has noticed some differences in the two systems. "Here, the student must depend on his own independent study," said Tannous. "We are given printout sheets with longterm assignments. In Lebanon, the teacher deals more with the student; we go to class,

check our assignments and discuss them.

"Over there, we studied nine hours a day, five days a week for nine months," he said. "As for holidays, we had two breaks: one 10 day break for New Year, and a 10 day break for Easter as well as other national and religious holidays," said Tannous.

The English language has been no barrier for Tannous. "We learned English right along with our native language, Arabic, from the beginning of school," Tannous said the sciences were learned strictly in English while subjects such as literature were learned in Arabic and English.

"I feel like I can express myself better in English than in Arabic," said Tannous.

His instructors in Lebanon spoke the slow distinct English that one would hear in England "Over here people speak faster but I still have no problem understanding them," said Tannous.

Nigerian Damian M. Onusha traveled to this country with great expectations.

Onusha came for an education to take home and help in the development of his country. He also hopes to help Americans understand Nigeria.

The money for his great adventure came from family and his hard work.

Before his voyage started he took a test called Test of English as a Foreign language available at all United States embassies. Upon achievement of a good test score, Onusha's next step was to find a school.

Onusha used a book with a listing of all the schools in the United States where he found a description of MCC.

Texas' warm weather was a factor in Onusha's choice because the climate was similar to his country's climate.

When asked what Nigerians think about America, Onusha said most of his countrymen think of America primarily as a world power. He thinks of America as inventors. He gave us a lot of things like baseball and football, games no one else plays invented by Americans.

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Reader's Theatre takes firsts at San Marcos

"Hailstones and Halibut Bones" impressed students in Marilyn Kelly's Interpersonal Communication class so much they created a first place production.

The Reader's Theatre production of a poem by Mary O'Neil was one of the nine categories performed at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos recently. It won every round of the literary interpretation division.

Original poetry, poetry interpretation and extemporaneous or oratorical interpretation are other categories in which MCC students placed.

Although not a play, Reader's Theatre is an attempt to share literature with an audience. O'Neil's poem was interpreted as a multi-sensory perception of color with varieties of elevation and angles of movement on stage.

The production was sponsored

and directed by speech instructor, Marilyn Kelly. Student directing and editing was done by Mary Lyons, technical direction by Andrew Loehrer and on-stage coordination by Patricia Cox.

In other events Sheila Inglehart won a first place trophy and Mary Lyons placed second in extemporaneous or oratorical interpretation. Andrew Loehrer also placed in this division. Helen McCoy placed in communication analysis and Patricia Cox was a finalist in three events: original poetry, poetry interpretation, and prose reading.

Out of more than 30 junior and senior colleges MCC tied for fifth place in overall sweepstakes.

Winners will compete with other junior colleges during the National Qualifying Tournament at MCC March 8-10. Speech finalists will also attend an invitational tournament for selected junior colleges Wednesday.

Nontraditional students get help

At a loss for words because you have trouble with English? Do you find it hard to communicate because English is a new language for you?

If you've been out of school for a couple of years and need a review course, there is a place to get aid.

English 303 has help for the non-traditional student. Lissette Carpenter who teaches one of the 303 courses said, "A non-traditional student is one who has been away from academic life for a while or a foreign student who is trying to learn the language."

Carpenter knows how hard it is for a non-traditional student to get back into the swing of things again.

After two years of college she dropped out to marry and start her family. Nine years later she went back to school.

Carpenter says she likes teaching English 303 because it contains all different levels of students and it's a challenge to present the subject so everyone will understand.

Carpenter said the non-traditional student works a little harder to pass, because he needs the course to advance to English 311 and his career goals.



LISSETTE CARPENTER

Boredom, ambition bring older students back

Sarah Narcine Marsh is a secretary for 25-30 hours a week, a wife and a mother 168 hours a week, and a part time student.

After being out of school 22 years, Lawrence Kilpatrick returned to college in 1971.

Donna Johnson, a 21-year-old

with a daughter, enjoys school more than anything she's ever done. Donna Green, in her second semester at MCC, budgets her time, as well as money, to suit her family's needs.

Although these students are considered a campus minority,

they are the norm. The average for students here is 26.

They have come back to school for various reasons. Fifteen years after Marsh was graduated from high school, she recognized the "great opportunity" a community college offered for her personal needs as well as her family's.

"Boredom" brought Donna Green back to school. She refused to bog down in the idea that "life ends after marriage."

Inflation was also a factor in her decision. "Since prices have risen so high, I realized that I needed to do something with my life to help out," said Green, who has two children, ages 3 and 8.

Some of these students still feel ill at ease in their classes,

while others don't. At 39, Sarah Marsh looks at herself as a "mother-image" to the younger students. "They always ask me to be their spokesman to the teacher," Marsh said.

The "mother-image" becomes reality with her 19-year-old daughter, Donna, a pre-med major here. Although Sarah and Donna have never had classes together, they say it wouldn't bother them.

Green is comfortable with the age differences in her classes. Other older students in her classes helped put her at ease.

Relating to younger students is no problem for Kilpatrick. "They take me to be one of them," said the 40-year-old bachelor. "I feel young and like

to do what younger people do."

The students expressed varied opinions about the advantages and disadvantages of being an older student. Johnson had been out of school five years when she decided to attend college. "I think the advantage I have over a student who is fresh out of high school is that I've had a long time to think about what I want to do," she said. "I'm here to learn, not party or socialize."

Kilpatrick "wouldn't have made it" if he had attempted college fresh out of high school, he said. "I know what I want now more than I did then and I have more experience and maturity now."

All together now...

Secretaries and staff practice aerobic dancing during the noon hour Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the health and physical education building.



Sports

'Landers win big...

by Mark Lockridge

It may not have been an artistic performance, but after Monday night's basketball game with Cisco, Johnny Carter's roundball squad found themselves in sole possession of first place and that was good enough.

The Highlanders 92-72 victory over the Cisco Wranglers coupled with Weatherford losing to Ranger boosted the Highlanders from a tie with Weatherford into first place in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

What started out as a close game ended in a runaway. After trailing by two at halftime, the Highlanders broke the game open in the early going of the second half.

Much of the credit must go to Charles Burley who responded with a career high 25 points. Burley played much of the game at the post position subbing for injured Charles Jones. Jones was injured early in the first half after a vicious collision in the key.

Also playing an outstanding game for the 'Landers was 6'9" freshman Anthony Lee. With ferocious inside play, including 15 rebounds and picturesque slam dunks, Lee took emotional control of the team. "When Big Time (Jones) isn't in there, the team looks for Anthony to take control," said mentor Johnny Carter.

In the first half it looked as though the Highlanders might be in for a long evening. Cisco freshmen Greg Sparkman and Gerald Byrnes combined for 31 of Cisco's 35 points at half. "We knew they had those shooters but we just didn't key on them well in the first half," said Carter. Perhaps they key to victory was the Highlanders tenacious second half 1-2-2 defense which limited Sparkman and Byrnes to 13 second half points. After trailing the Wranglers the first 13 minutes, the Highlanders briefly went ahead on a steal and short jumper by Terry Suber. But that lead didn't last long as Cisco closed out the half with three straight hoops and a 35-33 lead.

Apparently inspired by a Carter sermon at halftime, the Orange came out with its fuse lit. Outscoring Cisco 12-2 the first three minutes of the second half the Highlanders never looked back. Their biggest lead ballooned to 22 points in the last minute.

The Highlanders also won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Cisco by a 54 to 32 count. Lee led the way with 15. Not to be outshone by the starters, Danny Harris contributed 12 points (10 in the second half) in a vital role off the bench.

With but two conference games remaining, Carter's squad appears to be jelling at the right time. "When you can play mediocre," said Carter, "and still win by 20 it makes you feel good."

...while 'Lassies hold on

by Robert Gough

With nothing but ice water in her veins, guard Kathy Westerfeld calmly sank a 15-foot set shot from the right baseline with one second remaining to give the 12th ranked Highlasses a hard-fought 76-75 win over a scrappy Cisco Lady Wrangler team at The Highlands Monday.

The clutch field goal capped a tremendous comeback that ended in the 'Lassies ninth conference victory of the year and set up a key loop game tonight at 5:45 with Ranger at The Highlands. The winner will clinch at least a tie for the conference crown as both teams have only one conference loss with two games remaining.

But the heroine who deserves the crown for Monday's win is Westerfeld, whose precise shooting gunned down Cisco. The Crawford sophomore connected on 11 of 17 from the field for a game high 22 points, but it was her final two that provoked her teammates and

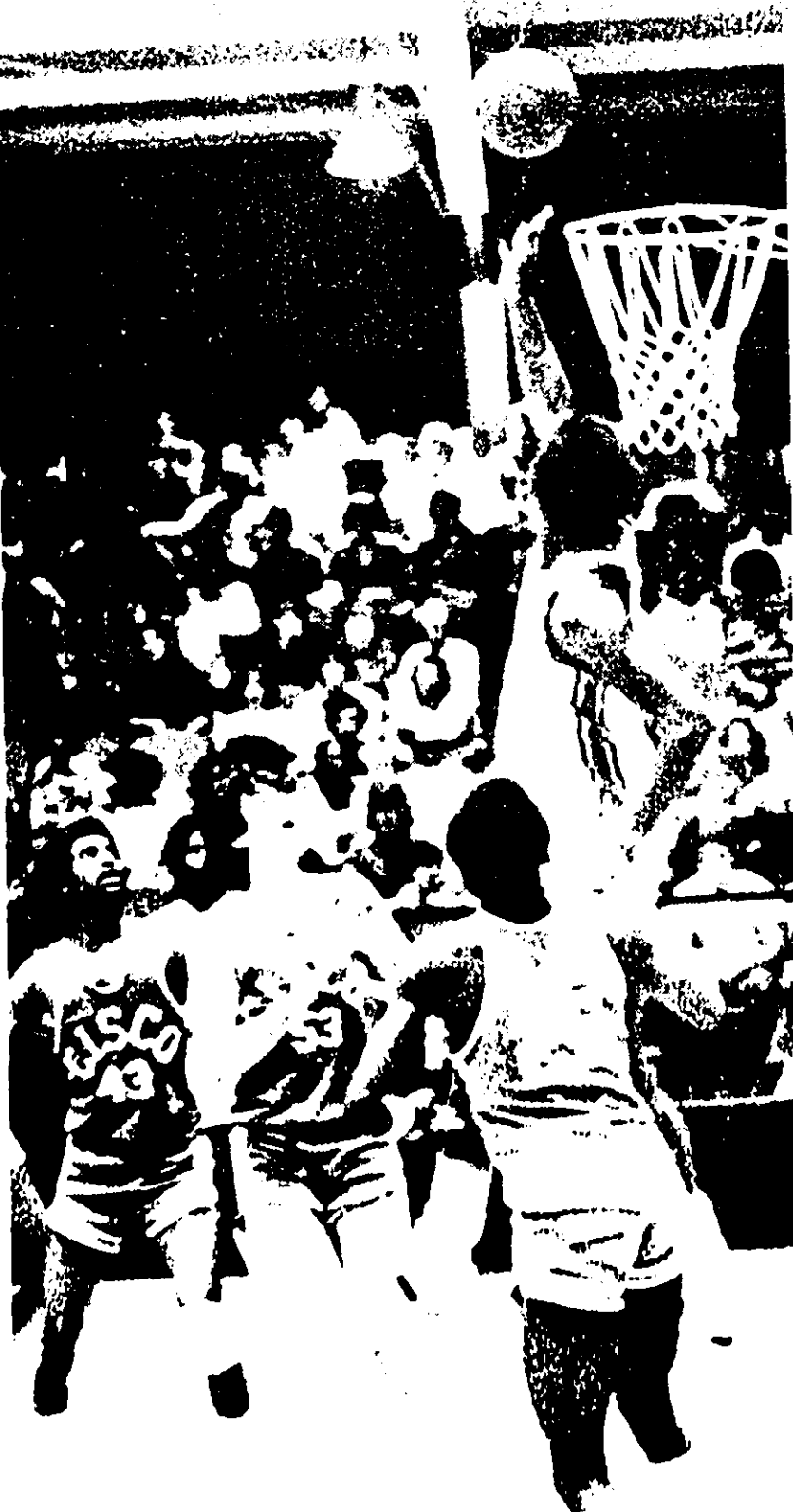


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HEAD, SHOULDERS and even torso above the rest, Highlander freshman Anthony (Doc) Lee swats down a Wrangler shot in the 'Landers' 92-72 win over Cisco. Coupled with Ranger's win over Weatherford, the Highlander victory moved the Orange into a first place tie with the Coyotes. The 'Landers entertain Ranger tonight in a key NTJAC tilt.

Sport

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shot with one second left to give MCC a 76-75 victory.

"What can I say about the first half, we had five people doing five different things," said Davis about the Cisco game. "They listened and adjusted to what I told them and went out and did it the second half."

"Kathy is just a class player. She was hot and we wanted her to shoot the ball."

Looking back to the Weatherford game Davis had a few comments. "We deserved to get beat. We just did not play together. The only thing we did together was lose."

And what about tonight's game with Ranger? "It's an important game. We only won by seven up there. We are in a slump defensively and offensively. All our opponents are ready to play us right now and I like that," Davis said.

The Lassies close out the season at Grayson Monday before heading to Big Spring March 1-3 in Abilene.

In both regionals the first three teams in the conference will play three teams from another conference with two at large teams to be chosen.

The Landers are led by Anthony "Doc" Lee in scoring. He is averaging 20 points a game and 15 rebounds. Freshman "Big Time" Jones is scoring at 14 points a game and carries a 16 rebound average. Roy Watson, who popped for 20 last Monday, is carrying a 12.4 average. Sophomore Charles Burley who was hurt early this year carries a 16.0 scoring average. Burley popped 25 last Monday and 26 against Weatherford. Point guard Terry Suber is scoring only 1.3 a game but is averaging close to 13 assists a game.

Reserves: Richard Williams, 5.6; Keith Godfrey, 3.0; Danny Harris, 2.5; and Jeff Higgins, 1.0.



Three weeks ago if you asked Johnny Carter how his Highlanders were going to do in conference you might find him a little hesitant to forecast. Today it's a different story. The Highlanders stand at 7-1 in conference and host Ranger tonight for their last home game.

The only setback in conference came at home at the hands of Weatherford, 107-98. Since then the Landers have returned the favor in a 72-63 win.

There are several key games left in the conference as they head into the last week. One was played last Monday as Ranger downed Weatherford 69-68. With that loss by Weatherford and an MCC 92-72 win over Cisco, the 'Landers are now alone at the top of the conference.

MCC has two games left: one tonight with Ranger and one Monday at Grayson. Both games are big ones. Ranger comes into the contest two games out of first.

Grayson, in fifth place in conference, has defeated Ranger at home and will be waiting for the Highlanders. After Monday's game the Landers will travel to Big Spring for the regional tournament, March 1-3.

Coach Pam Davis' Highlasses are 9-1 in conference and 21-4 on the year and ranked 12th in the nation. The Highlasses host Ranger, also 9-1 in conference, tonight at 5:45 in the Highlands.

The Lassies lost to Weatherford 62-60 and came close to another loss Monday but Westerfeld hit a jump

second remaining. Janet Dowel's desperation heave from mid-court hit the backboard support and Pam Davis' bunch held another celebration.

They were not nearly as happy in the first half as the lady Wranglers broke open a close game and turned it into a rout. Cisco took the lead 4-2 with 17:38 to go and slowly extended it by ones and twos the rest of the period. Sartain and Brinson led the way as they combined for 26 first half points.

While Cisco was finding the range, the Lassies were not. The Orange hit only 35 percent from the floor and were outrebounded 23-19. When Chaney penetrated the 'Lassie defense for an uncontested lay-up with 11 seconds left, the Lady Wranglers took a 15 point lead at 47-32 to the locker room.

What Davis actually told her team at the half is uncertain, but it certainly worked. The Highlasses broke from the cont. on page 8

'Racketeers' ready for loop

by Patricia Miles



Terry Ward--Age: 19--
Classification: freshman--Ward graduated from Kennedy High School in St. Louis, Mo. He is undecided about his major. Ward's favorite quote is "It's been real." He says he loves to drink beer, canoe, camp and chase women. "Terry has the potential to be the best tennis player ever at MCC," said Coach Berryman. "He has superior reflexes and the court savvy of a much older player." Ward will be playing No. 1 for the team this spring. To obtain his goal of playing pro ball he must increase the pace on his serve and overhead, Berryman said.

As winter comes to a close and trees start to green with the coming of spring, the Highland netters prepare for the start of conference play. The tennis team will have its first conference match against Weatherford Tuesday at 2 p.m. "A few of the player's timing is still a little rusty because of all the bad weather," said Coach Carmack Berryman, "but the outlook for this year is very good." "We have more potential and more depth this year than possibly ever before."

The women's team consists of three returning lettermen--Carol Martin, Janice Babbitt and Patricia Miles--plus freshman women--Chris Lucas, Mary Delano, Nita Matyostik and Teresa Carroll. "This is possibly the best women's team ever at MCC," said Berryman.

"The men's squad is young but also talented," he said. Terry Ward, Vic Baker, Mike Kerr, Jerry Sharp, Stan Bhend and Bruce Hershey make up the men's team. Coach Berryman said, "Terry Ward from St. Louis is potentially the best player we have ever had."

MCC will host the national tournament in May, but the team's first goal is to win the North Texas Junior College Conference. "Again Cooke is the pre-season favorite," says Berryman, "but I feel we have an excellent chance to come out on top."

Coach Berryman said, "We will be playing some of the top teams in Texas and anyone interested in seeing some good tennis is welcome to come out--admission is free."



Carol Martin--Age: 19--
Classification: sophomore--Martin graduated from Richland High in Fort Worth in 1977. She is a returning letterman who finished as runnerup in doubles and semi-finalist in singles at the conference tournament last spring. Berryman said, "She is an intelligent player who makes her opponent play her game." Carol played No. 1 for the team last year.

Her improvement will be in developing a more forceful backhand to pass her opponents, her coach said.

Meet the netters



Michael Kerr--Age: 18--
Classification: freshman--Kerr is a graduate of McNair Senior Secondary in Canada. Nicknamed "Trick," he is ranked 5th in Canada for 18 juniors. "'Trick' is very consistent off the ground," said Berryman. "He puts his opponent to sleep with soft floaters, then flows one past them." In Kerr's push for one of the top spots on the men's team he will need to gain confidence in his volleys and become more offensive minded, Berryman said. Kerr said his favorite hobby is chasing after DeAnna "Too Tall" Kroll.

Mary Delano--Age: 18--
Classification: freshman--Delano is from Mexico City and joined the tennis team at mid-season. Her hobbies include playing the guitar and listening to good music. She has not yet decided on a major. Delano has great ball control and placement, Berryman said. "She makes her opponents run all over the court dragging their tongues," he said. Delano has a real shot at the top position on the women's squad but needs to generate a little more power to make her passing shots effective, he said.



One at a time for baseballers

While the ultimate aim is to win the Region V championship, Coach Rick Butler and assistant Dub Kilgo hope the Highlanders will focus on a more basic goal; play 'em one at a time.

"From a coaching standpoint, we hope their goal is taking it one game at a time," said Butler exactly two weeks before the 'Landers season opener against Southwestern University's J.V.

That is good advice prior to a grueling 54-game schedule, but the Highlanders must be chomping at the bit to begin the season after being cooped up inside for weeks because of the combination of cold and wet weather. "We feel like a bunch of people where the walls are coming in on all four sides," said Butler, joking about the indoor practice sessions. "We're getting wall-itis."

But don't get the idea the baseballers have been taking it easy. With the aid of a specially constructed wooden pitching "mound" and a batting tunnel set up in the gym, the pitchers have been throwing, the batters have been hitting and everyone is getting plenty of conditioning.

"I'm real encouraged with our hitting, it's our strong point now. The pitchers are gaining confidence, building stamina and are more consistent," said Butler. "Once we get outside, our defense will be okay." Since the semester began Jan. 15, the Highlanders have worked out in the sunshine all of five days, but that is one more than last spring when the team had only four days outside before the season opener.

Most other teams do not work out on bad weather days because

the basketball teams are using the gym. "We're doing more than some schools," said Butler. "If we didn't have The Highlands, we couldn't work out until 7 or 8 at night."

Ranger and Hill will again provide conference competition for the 'Landers this season, and the Rangers, following their national juco championship last year, have to be considered the favorites. But Butler is conceding nothing.

"Ranger is the team to beat, but we have got to be ranking in there somewhere. They return their firstbaseman and secondbaseman and three pitchers, but they have some key positions to fill." Most notable is the need to find up-the-middle strength at catcher, shortstop and in the outfield. As for his club, Butler notes, "We have too many question marks right now. One position is close to being set and, going out on a limb, possibly two."

Besides Ranger and Hill, the Orange will line up against stiff outside competition as well. Central Arizona College will make a swing through Waco in mid-March and the Highlanders will face always tough Blinn and Bee County in tournament action.

Should the Highlanders win Region V, they would meet the Region XIV Independent winner and, possibly, the Region XIV champion in the District 6 playoffs in May. Further down the road is the NJCAA World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. But as far as Rick Butler is concerned, the most important game is the first one.

Spurrs, Trouble in finals

The Texas Spurrs and Trouble stand alone as the only unbeaten teams in this year's intramural basketball tournament. They will be severely tested as the finals of both the men's and women's divisions are scheduled for early next week.

In the men's division, the Spurrs will play Six Pack, which fought its way out of the loser's bracket, on Monday. The Spurrs defeated Six Pack 34-23 Friday, but the Pack downed the Stoners Wednesday to earn the right for a rematch.

Trouble is in the driver's seat in the women's division by virtue of its 16-13 win over the Orange Crush. Crush will get another shot at Trouble, though, as they bit the Bullets 33-16 on Wednesday. Should the Spurrs or Trouble lose on Monday, another game will be necessary.

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blocks fast and for the first five minutes of the second period, they whittled the deficit to eight before Clseo regained a 12 point margin at 56-44 with 15:00 to go. The 'Lassies then rattled off a streak of EIGHTEEN (count 'em) unanswered points on the strength of a savage press. The guard tandem of Westerfield and Pack forced a rash of turnovers and De Anna Kroll and Valentine helped out in the scoring spree. The Lady Wranglers went almost a full six minutes without a point and when they finally did score, they found themselves behind in a close ballgame.

Behind Westerfield's 22 points, Valentine had 19, Pack 12, Kroll 10 and Davis nine. Pam Green added four free throws in the first half. Pack had an excellent floor game as she plucked off six steals and dished out whopping 14 assists.

LAST HOME GAMES

Tonight's games with Ranger will be the final home contests of the season for both the Highlanders and the Highladies. With both teams fighting for a conference championship, everyone is urged to come to The Highlands and support the Orangol. Game times are 6:45 and 7:30.