

NEWS BRIEFS

Interclub Council meets tomorrow

First meeting of the Interclub Council will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Tartan Room, third floor of the Student Center. Each club on campus should send at least one representative to the meeting so that plans can be coordinated for special events on campus. "This will lead to more effective communication campus wide," said Student Government Vice President Christianna Rhoads, who will chair the council.

Poetry contest deadline extended

The deadline for submitting poetry in the college's poetry contest has been extended to Friday. The contest is open to all current MCC students, faculty, and staff. Poems must be typed and a separate cover page should include name, address, phone number and what relationship the author has to the college (student, faculty, staff or administrator). Only five entries per person may be submitted for entry in the contest. The deadline is Oct. 4 and must be sent to the Faculty Office Building, room 218. Winners will be notified Oct. 15. All winning poems will be published in a special insert to the *Highland Herald* and a public reading at Casa De Cafe, to benefit Storybook Christmas. For more information, contact Jennifer Black at 299-8918.

Flex-entry classes continue to open

Students who wanted to attend MCC this fall but whose schedules did not allow them to begin classes in August still have time to earn a semester's worth of credit before the end of the year. MCC has created more than 35 flex-entry classes that offer three hours of college credit condensed into much shorter time frames, in some cases as little as six weeks. A section of English, Freshman Composition begins Oct. 3. A computer Literacy course begins Oct. 7 on the MCC campus, and a second section of the course begins Oct. 10 at Midway High School. Also beginning Oct. 10 at MCC will be a course on Introduction to Microcomputers. The week of Oct. 16, students may begin three office administration courses — Introduction to Keyboarding and Keyboarding I begin Oct. 16 and Keyboarding II/Skills Building begins Oct. 17. On Oct. 21, Freshman Composition II, and U.S. History after 1877, the most condensed flexible-entry courses, begin and will continue through Nov. 26. For more information, call 299-8MCC.

Don't put off attending this workshop

Overcoming Procrastination will be the topic of the first PASS workshop in October. Student activities director Wesley Walker will provide students with tips and tactics to help them stay on task. The workshop will be held in room 101 in the HPE on Oct. 2 at 10:15 a.m. and Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Golf tourney to help athletics

The MCC Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday at the Lake Waco Country Club. The meal begins at 11:30. Proceeds from the tournament help the MCC athletic programs. All employees and spouses can play in the tournament for a special price of \$60 per player. The fee includes green fee, cart, golf shirt, golf cap, lunch, snacks and assorted prizes. Those who are not a golfer can bid in the silent auction (autographed baseballs, etc.). An e-mail with the items was to have been sent out yesterday. To enter the tournament or bid on an item, call Steve Baker at 299-8655.

Violence, anger workshops next week

On Oct. 9, Officer Sherrie Martin of the Waco Police Department will speak at the PASS workshop on Confronting Violence. Martin is a five year member of the Crime Prevention Unit and is a state certified crime prevention specialist. The workshop will be held at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. in room 101 in the HPE. On Oct. 10, Dr. Mary Lee Henderson will speak on How to Get a Grip on Anger. Tactics on how to identify anger and make it work to your advantage will be discussed in this workshop at 4 p.m. in room 101 of the HPE.

Bookstore drawing winners announced

Ten students each won a \$100 gift certificate from the MCC Bookstore following a recent drawing. The winners were Janet Crocker, Sandra Gomez, Vicki Griffin, Molly Hillard, Nicole Perez, Rob Robinson, Sharon Self, Joyce Schroeder, Lanelle Tate and Jeanette Wellman. This is the third year for the gift certificate drawings, which are held at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. The next drawing will be for a collector's edition jukebox radio/cassette player on display in the bookstore. The drawing will be held on Halloween.

French Club elects officers, makes plans

The French Club recently held its officer election. Tara Briscoe was elected president; William Peoples as vice president; Jame Dutton as treasurer/secretary; and Emily Gravitt as historian-parliamentarian. The club, who meets every two weeks, has plans this semester for a field trip to Austin and another to Dallas to see the French opera "Carmen."

Dealing with time, motivation, test anxiety

Several workshops will be offered by the student activities office in the coming weeks. On Oct. 16 and 17 time management and motivation will be discussed in the workshop "Reaching Your Potential." "Coping With Test Anxiety" will teach testing strategies on Oct. 23 and 24. Oct. 30 and 31 the workshop topic will be "We'll Laugh About This Tomorrow — Why Wait?" Students will learn to relieve stress by looking for humor in situations, laughing at themselves and using aikido.

Wide range of art offered in new classes

Those wanting to sharpen their artistic talents can take advantage of two continuing education classes beginning this week and two more later this month. "Interior Decorating" begins tomorrow night and will be held on successive Wednesdays for six weeks from 6-8 p.m. Stacy Willis will teach the course that covers the principles of color, texture and pattern; space utilization, styles of furniture, accessories, and room arrangement. Cost is \$29. Saturday morning "Painting Barns and Rural Scenes in Watercolor" begins under the tutelage of Julia Hamilton. The class will be held 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays for three weeks. Cost is \$34 plus supplies. "T-shirt Art for the Holidays" is slated to begin Oct. 15 and continue through Nov. 19 on Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. And "Gardening with Perennials" begins Oct. 17 and continues on Thursdays through Nov. 7 from 7-9 p.m. For information on any of these courses call 299-8784.

Application deadline Oct. 16

Tartans meet new challenges

By BROWN SMITH

Since the spring of 1994 the Tartan Scholar program has accepted 102 students. These students demonstrate a sense of belonging to a discipline and to scholarship, the skills of a serious student and challenges in real and hypothetical tasks involving higher level thinking skills.

"The major purpose of the program is for students to broaden their areas of knowledge and become more

sophisticated in problem solving and ways of thinking," Marilyn Kelly said. "We try to mix business with pleasure."

Students accepted to the program receive a scholarship that pays for tuition and fees for up to 18 hours per semester, which includes one required three hour Tartan course per semester. The scholarship also includes a bookstore allowance used for purchasing textbooks and one-day or two-day study tours per semester.

Fifteen new members were

accepted into the program this fall. Among those chosen were Tiffany Aviles, Sean Beatty, James Bergauer, Ashley Cox, Brian Ingram, Kimberly Klentzman, Sandra Karnes, Nora Justice, Zachary Moore, Cynthia Moroz, Richard Roberts, Brown Smith, Neil Surguy, Beth Truman, and Brian Zuehlke.

There are about 30 other students currently active in the program.

Three courses were offered this semester for the Tartan Scholars. Critical Thinking is

taught by Dann Walker, Psychosociological Issues in the Workplace is taught by Nancy Mitchell and Susan Spooner, and Statistics and Research Design is taught by Peter Blaskiewicz and Marilyn Kelly.

Introduction to Humanities through the Arts will be offered in the spring and taught by Ruth Pitts, Cindy SoRelle and Joe Kagle.

"We try to constantly challenge our students," Kelly said. "These courses may be easy and exciting for some and a real eye

opener for others."

Applications are now being accepted for students interested in joining the Tartan Scholar program next semester. A selection committee will study all the applications and interview 20-30 students before it selects up to 15 new Tartans for the spring.

Deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 16. New applicants should stop by room 410 in the Administration building. Students may also reactivate their file by calling Doris Thompson at 299-8642.



SENIOR GROUNDSKEEPER Don Aldrich, above, lays edging for jasmine beds in front of Student Services, while Bob Parker, below, tills another bed nearby.

Physical Plant

Budget provides irrigation, renovation of rent house on Mockingbird Lane

By ROBERT STONE

The Physical Plant's budget for the 1996-1997 school year met approval, meaning two major projects for grounds keepers and building maintenance crews are in the works.

In weeks to come, Senior Grounds Keepers Don Aldridge and Lester Byer will be installing a much-needed and long-awaited irrigation system in the grass islands between the Student Services building and the Student Center.

According to Aldridge, these new irrigation systems will be "a convenience to students, free-up employees (grounds keepers) for other jobs, and make water control easier for the lawn mower man."

Physical Plant Director Dianne Feyerherm said the benefits of the new system are "better water coverage, less man hours to water, and better-quality grass."

The project will require an estimated 2,000 feet of PVC pipe

and two weeks worth of insulation, trench work and sprinkler head adjustment.

Feyerherm estimated the costs of supplies at \$3,000. Bids were accepted and the lowest bid went to Irrigation Speciality and Supply in Hewitt.

After all the work is finished, Aldridge and Byer will have installed approximately 40 spray head sprinklers (sprinkler similar to the ones in the produce section at a grocery store), 55 rotor head sprinklers (sprinklers which shoot out a stream of water in a circle) and 40 electronic solenoid control valves.

In an interview with ground keepers in February, Lead Grounds Keeper Bob Park and Aldridge discussed irrigation systems as one of their problems.

Park said he believed these systems "will save money in the long run because less manpower is needed and water can be controlled."

Past methods of watering

found ground keepers watering by hand with garden hoses putting in extended hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

In the meantime, building maintenance crews will be remodeling a rent house on Mockingbird Lane MCC recently bought.

Bids are still coming, but Feyerherm said she is looking to keep the cost of the project under \$5,000. Work which will be done includes installing central heat and air, updating the electrical system, painting and carpeting.

Other projects Feyerherm accepted bids for are the re-roofing of the Baptist Student Union house, re-roofing of the Student Services building and the re-roofing of another MCC rent house. The lowest bid on the BSU house went to Parson's Roofing and the lowest bid on the rent house went to Johnson's Roofing. Bids are still coming in for the Student Services building.

Transfer students plan ahead

By NANCY CARLTON

"Guiding Light," "Young and the Restless," these are not soap operas but actual reasons that students mention for seeking out transfer counseling.

Betty Zuspenn lives in Waco. Her home and family is here so she does not want to leave central Texas. "I just need a guiding light to point me to the right place for me," she said.

Zuspenn was offered degree plans for Baylor, the University of Central Texas and Mary Hardin Baylor.

Miles Hagar said that he was "young and restless and wants to leave Waco." Hagar has his eye on Florida State, so his de-

gree plan will take more time and planning.

If you have been in college for a year, it is past time for you to consider your transferable degree. Here are some helpful hints from John Nobis.

• Do not start college with the assumption that you can take the "basics" first. There is no such thing as "just the basics."

What will transfer to one college will not transfer to another.

A good example is religion. If students want a degree from Baylor this course will be a must, but if students are going to go to Texas A&M, then religion would be a waste of time and money.

• Have a major picked out, or

at least have some idea where you want to transfer to.

• If students have a major out of the main stream, then the students need to call and make an appointment so that adequate time can be given to the planning of their degree.

• Students should plan early and get input from parents or others that might be affected by their decision.

• Transfer students should not waste time taking courses that will not transfer to the college of their choice.

• The student advisory department has 300 degree plans for the most common majors. All a student needs to do is ask for

one.

If students have more than one college in mind, they can get a degree plan for each college.

Another source for course advisory is the professor in a specific major. These professors can give advice about the required course and give advice about the best college.

Johnnie Talton of the support services gives this advice to all students who will be transferring to colleges away from home.

"Find a mentor at the college that you will be attending. College life adjustment will be easier if you have someone help you make the transition from home town to new town."

Doris Stevens: Still capturing student's imagination after 30 years

By PATRICK M. WALKER

The speaker tells the story and the audience sits hanging on every word. The suspense builds, and then the punchline comes. Laughter erupts in the room.

Though it may seem like the scene at a comedy club, it's not. It's Dr. Doris Stevens making another point.

After nearly thirty years of teaching at MCC, Dr. Stevens can still relate to her students like she is a college student herself. And it has some of her students amazed.

They like her

"I like her very much," says freshman Barbara Darr, a health information technology major. "I find her lectures very informative and interesting."

Freshman Christopher Welch, an occupational therapy major, says, "I think she is funny and insightful. She teaches the way I expect college professors

to teach."

To hear Dr. Stevens talk, her ways of keeping on the level of Generation X are no secret.

"I have always made an effort to read the current magazines and the paper each day to keep up with what's going on," she says. "I think if something happens in Waco and I can use it to illustrate a point, then it's more relevant than using something that happened in the 16th century or the 1930s."

She gets her stories and examples from a rich personal life that includes her husband, friends, church work and travel. For a course as detailed as sociology, she brings a breath of fresh air to class.

Getting down

"I try to get down on the level where I think the student is because out here you've got older students, you've got middle aged students, you've got students fresh out of high school," she

says.

She says the experience of teaching on the junior high and high school levels has given her an advantage. She says this experience has given her an idea of what public schools are like. But she says, she'd like to go back and observe again to get an idea of how much they may have changed over the years.

She works at it

She has already gone back to school once as an observer. A few years ago she took developmental leave and went to the University of Texas where she attended numerous undergraduate classes to see what today's college students experience.

There she met with the head of the psychology department who advised her what to take in order to get the most out of her time. Then the work started.

"I got up early in the morning and went to the Student Union," she says. "I ate with the stu-

dents, I bought different types of clothing than what I teach in and I did a great deal of student-watching."

Dr. Stevens says she took notes "religiously" in many different psychology classes taught by different instructors. Her favorite, she says, was an introductory class in a huge lecture hall.

The instructor was very dramatic in his presentation of the material, she says, adding, "He made it so exciting you could see why everyone wanted to be in his class." She also says large lecture halls are her favorite place to teach. It gives her the freedom to be more dramatic which, she says, helps keep people interested.

On the other hand, she says, one instructor was so boring the class had difficulty staying awake. "I got to see the good, the bad and the in-between," she says. "I ate with the stu-

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New housing for student athletes

By BROWN SMITH

MCC athletes say farewell to Lake Shore North apartments and hello to Village Green.

"We are changing several things in the athletic department and location is just one of them," athletic director Stan Mitchell said.

While Lake Shore North was occupied mostly with families, Village Green provides more of a college atmosphere. The athletes fit in better with their neighbors because the apartment complex is more modern and youth oriented.

"It's like flying first class after you have been riding coach," said Roger Robinson, returning sophomore second baseman for the Highlanders. "Last year's apartments were livable but Village Green is much cleaner and more up to date with better surroundings."

Athletes living at Village Green do so as part of their scholarship to the college. The athletic department has rented seventeen two-bedroom apartments. Approximately 68 athletes are living at Village Green this semester. The college pays for rent and utilities while the athletes are responsible for phone and cable bills.

"Considering it is paid for, I treat everything as a positive," said Steve Soles, new recruit for the baseball team. "The complex is in a convenient location and our apartments are spacious, the noise level is low and everyone gets along."

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International Club plans a potluck

The International Students Club will have a party Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at 601 North 33rd St. Club members have been asked to prepare a dish that is native to their home country.

Recruiters busy, solicit help

Recruiting is in full swing and MCC will be on hand (and could use some volunteer help) at the following events:

- Tonight, Mid-Tex College Night at the Bell County Expo Center, 7-9 p.m. with a barbecue dinner before the event.
- Oct. 2, Moody High School 8:45 a.m. where Alice Meyers will speak to classes on careers in nursing.
- Oct. 4-12, HOT Fair and Rodeo where MCC has a booth.
- Oct. 8, Midway High School, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the college will have a table at lunch.
- Oct. 10, McGregor High School, 11:15 a.m.-12:10 p.m. with a table at lunch.
- Oct. 15, Axtell High School, 9-9:55 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
- Oct. 16, University High School, 11:35 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
- Oct. 17, Connally High School, 8-9 a.m.
- Oct. 26, Axtell PTA Fall Carnival, 4-6 p.m.
- Oct. 29, Lorena High School, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Oct. 30, Lavega High School, 8-9 a.m.
- Oct. 31, Waco High, 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Call Teresa Duron at 299-8620 if you'd like to help spread the good word about MCC at one of these events. Help is especially sought for the visits to Midway, Connally, Lorena and Waco High.

Auditions for Youth Wind Ensemble set

Auditions for the Waco Area Youth Wind Ensemble will be Oct. 6-7 in the Ball Performing Arts Center. The college sponsors the ensemble, which is now entering its fourth season. Band students in grades 9-12 may audition by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Sunday and 5-9 p.m. Monday. Participation in the ensemble is free. James Popejoy, the college's director of bands, is conductor for the group. For more information, or to schedule an audition, call him at 666-6101.

First 'Meet & Eat' session Monday

In an effort to encourage interaction between students, faculty, administration and staff on campus, the commercial music faculty will be holding its first "Meet & Eat" Monday, Oct. 7, from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in front of the Ball Performing Arts Center. Bring a bag lunch to hear some good "pickin'" music and enjoy the visiting. "We expect to do this the first Monday of each month," says Rob Page. "We are committed to increasing our interaction with students in non-instructional situations."

Chorale concert, recital this month

More formal music on campus in coming weeks includes the MCC Chorale concert Oct. 14 under the direction of Donald Balmos, and a faculty recital by Lise Uhl and Clark Nauert on Oct. 21. Both will begin at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

Faculty meeting next week

A faculty and staff meeting will be held Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m.

Junior high girls to 'Expand Horizons'

About 300 seventh and eighth grade girls are expected to take part in "Expanding Your Horizons" in the Community Services Center Oct. 12 from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, the workshop focuses on opportunities in technical areas and features successful women in math and science careers. Lisette Carpenter is the campus contact person, 299-8903, for this project.

Press Club bring in more guest speakers

The Press Club elected officers, prepared for a convention trip, and heard a published romance novelist and a popular discjockey at its past two meetings. Patrick Walker was elected president of the club, Janice Turner vice president and Sonya Johnson secretary-treasurer. Guest speaker at the Sept. 18 meeting was Connie Harwell, who told about the writing process and how to work with agents and publishers in getting a novel into print. Harwell visited with the editing and graphics design class following the club program. Aaron Tudor, former editor of the Highland Herald, visited the Sept. 25 club meeting and told about his experiences as DJ for KBRQ-FM "The Bear" this past year. Tudor goes by the name of Aaron Sexton when on the air in the evenings. Any interested student or faculty member is welcome to attend the meetings in the journalism newsroom on Wednesday's from 10:20-11:15 a.m. to hear other guests in the field of communication. Members are planning to attend the annual convention of the Texas Community College Journalism Association in Houston Oct. 17-19.

Explore the culinary arts in new classes

Savory odors should waft through the halls of the college this month with three specialty cooking classes planned in continuing education. The first begins Oct. 8 as Tom Sergent leads the class "A Matter of Taste" through three Tuesdays of culinary art, 6-8 p.m., for a \$49 fee. Those taking the class will get the meal they cook, of course. On Oct. 14 Tom Pardaen will begin "Six Sumptuous Soups" that will be taught on four Mondays 6-9 p.m. with an enrollment fee of \$69. On Oct. 17 a course on "Stir-Fry Cooking" is slated to begin on Thursdays 6-8 p.m. through Nov. 21. For more information, or to enroll, call 299-8784.

Toys for Tots needs help from campus

Christmas is soon for those working on the Toys for Tots project. Like last year, the college will be the distribution center for the program. About 20,000 toys and gifts for as many as 7,000 children are expected to be distributed on Dec. 18, 19 and 20 in the Community Services Center. The sponsoring committee and Marine Corps volunteers invite others on campus to help by bringing a new and unwrapped toy to the staff Christmas party or by dropping stuffed toys you won in the TFT barrels at the HOT Fair; by volunteering to help distribute; by spreading the word to civic groups, churches, etc.; and by donating money. Contact Susan Copeland at RSVF in the CSC, 299-8716.

Youth to have swim team here

Swimming competition for young people, first through 12th grade, will be taught by coach Vincent Taylor and assistant coach Katey Booker beginning Oct. 7 in the indoor pool. The five-day-a-week workouts will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4-5:15 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meets with other teams in the area will be held on Saturdays. Cost is \$89 per month. Call 299-8784 for more information or to enroll your child.

Reading Development Center to relocate

By JOE GINGERICH

The offices of the reading development program will move to vacant space in the Community Services Center by January if all goes as planned, said Jack Schneider, dean of arts and sciences.

Presently the reading faculty have their offices in the Health Physical Education building, but they teach their classes in the CSC.

Crossing College Avenue during heavy traffic with an armful of instructional materials makes it difficult, said Johnette McKown, vice president of business services. "This move gives us an opportunity to give the faculty a home close to their classes." The planned move is in the final stages of approval.

The move involves 13 people — the division director, five full-time and eight part-time faculty members.

The reading program helps students "become more proficient to help them deal with the magnitude of reading they face in the college level," Schneider said.

Students are placed in the

program based on the results of their TASP test or placement test during the college entrance process.

At times students are unprepared for the magnitude of reading they face in the college level. "One of the shocks freshman students face is that there is so much reading to do," Schneider said.

Over 500 students are attending reading courses in the Community Services Center this semester.

"The reading program involves about 60-65 percent of the student population," said Janice Beran, director of the developmental studies division.

The curriculum for the courses is determined partially by the TASP test, as well as by the simple question, "As a good reader in college, what do you need to be able to do?" Beran said.

It's working. "Our institutional research shows that the developmental programs are effective in providing the skills students need to succeed," Schneider said.

120,000 hours of help given by 900 senior volunteers

By CAROLINE BLAHOVA
RSVP - the Retired Senior Volunteer Program — is an institution that employs retired people who work as volunteers. It is located in MCC in the CSC.

"The goal is to document all work being done by them," said employee Ester Quinn. Volunteers share their work in six counties, which is the area the headquarters in MCC is responsible for. They work for certain hours and record their work in a computer.

Employees in MCC send the records to the main headquarters, so when government needs to financially support some organizations, it would know where to send it.

"We have now about 900 enrolled volunteers who work in hospitals, churches and other institutions," said Quinn. "People here work 10 hours for a day, some of them one day a week." The volunteers in those six counties complete an average total of 28,000 hours of volunteer work each three months.



DAVID FOGG, registered massage therapist, demonstrates the neck routine, one of several stress-relieving techniques he will teach in a continuing education course here this month. The class, "Health Massage for Couples," will begin Oct. 8 with a second class on Oct. 15, both from 7-9 p.m. Call 299-8784 for further information and to enroll.

Library elevator on hold, awaiting parts, hinders the handicapped

By MALYSSA GRAHAM

It seems to be getting harder and harder for students to get up and down their way around campus.

The elevator located in the Library has become a sore spot for many on campus. Although the elevator is currently running, it can occasionally be a very bumpy ride. Going to the ground floor of the library is no problem, but in order to get to the second floor you must hold down the button the entire time. In the original budget for this

year the Library had been allotted money to have the elevator renovated, but due to lack of finances the plans were cut from the budget. But hope is not lost. The money originally meant for the Library elevator was subsequently re-routed for the renovation of the elevator in the Liberal Arts Building, said Jane Vargas, library director.

It was found that the elevator in the Library would cost up to \$20,000 more than the one located in the Liberal Arts Building.

Safety first at the crosswalks

By SONJA C. JOHNSON

The speed limit on College Drive has campus police keeping a close eye on the busy crosswalk.

Many students have to walk from their classes located on the main campus to the ones in the CSC because of the lack of parking spaces available. In order to get to and from one side of campus to the other, a crosswalk is there for pedestrians to use for their safety.

Chief of Police Larry Radke states, "The crosswalk on College Drive is being closely monitored because it gets very crowded. And the speed limit is higher on that street than the 20 m.p.h. speed limit on campus."

Radke says compared to last year, no pedestrian complaints have yet been brought to police's attention that drivers aren't yielding.

Does this mean the driver and pedestrian relationship is improving?

Perhaps not, some say.

"It's always been bad," expresses junior Ryan Beck, a witness to many "close calls" involving drivers on campus.

Even though pedestrians have the right of way, they still need to take caution in crossing the streets. Two student drivers, a freshman, Meredith Walker and a sophomore, Nancy Carlton say they have experienced on many occasions where pedestrians pop out suddenly into the middle of streets.

"Pedestrians need to play a part in their own safety and use the crosswalks," stated Carlton.

Parts for the Library elevator have been ordered, but no date has been set to begin renovations. The unpredictability of the elevators affect disabled students in particular. "If it's raining outside, you can forget going upstairs," said student Nancy Carlton, about the elevator in Liberal Arts Building.

The library staff is willing to retrieve materials for disabled students if the elevators are out of service, but it is still difficult on everybody, says Vargas.

Auction helps Center

By JANICE N. TURNER

If you were looking for items that ranged anywhere from the practical to the frivolous, the first annual Child Development Center silent auction was the place to find it.

Among the 200 interesting things up for purchase were Norman Rockwell prints, quilts, handmade home furnishings. They had clothing for all ages, services from the MCC cosmetology department and autographed balls from the Baylor football and baseball teams. You could also bid on coupons for numerous culinary creations, such as cream cheese pound cake and Italian cream layer cake.

The event was organized by the development center's Parent Advisory Committee, which is made up of parents whose students attend the center. The committee began working on the project in April with parents and teachers collecting donations until September 13.

The money raised will be used to send the staff to Dallas to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference in November.

"It is important that we attend the conference when it comes to Dallas because it is usually held in places we can't afford to make it to. It is only held in Texas every 10 to 12 years so we are fortunate to be

going," said Dorothy Cardwell, development center coordinator.

Items were on display and could be bid on from Sept. 23-26 in both the Library and the development center. The person who placed the highest bid by 6 p.m. Thursday, could pay for and pick up their items on Friday at the center.

The Child Development Center, which is located in the Community Services Center, is a state and nationally accredited child care provider for students as well as other members of the community.

The staff consists of certified teachers who are assisted by child development majors from Baylor and MCC, nursing students, and mental health students who need experience interacting with children.

The center currently cares for 62 children with a waiting period of one year for bringing in new children though students have priority. Because of the large number of infants in their care, Cardwell says it is easier to get an older child, between the ages of three and five years, enrolled in the program.

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Enrollment important in counting year

By MALYSSA GRAHAM

This school year is an important one for MCC and surrounding state-supported community colleges and universities.

1996 and even-numbered years in general are funding years for the public institutions of this state. This is when the local and state government decides how much money will be allocated to the schools within the next two years.

Preliminary figures last week showed that 5,407 students were enrolled at MCC, but only 2,877 are enrolled full-time (12 hours or more.) The more students that are enrolled full-time, the more funding will be allowed to the school.

Another factor in deciding funding is how many of those students are McLennan County residents. Tentative figures show that for this fall semester 872 of the enrolled students are

residing out of the McLennan County area.

Enrollment for this semester have gone down since that of 1995. Head counts for all semesters in 1996-1997 school year will be taken into account before deciding the budget, according to Linda Ramirez, assistant reg-

istrar, there are strong recruitment programs being installed to promote a higher enrollment in the semesters to come. These programs include information circulation throughout area high schools, and an improvement in the student services available at MCC.

Reasoning behind Bookstore bloopers

By RACHEA McMURRAY
Two weeks ago, it seemed that every other sentence out of my mouth was a criticism about the MCC Bookstore.

I complained that the lines were too long and the mark-ups on the books were too expensive. I was on a soap box for days when I found out that I bought a book I didn't need, even though the little yellow tag on the shelf said I did. I tried to return it, but I didn't have the receipt and was denied when I asked to get my money back.

On top of that, the book that I did need was never in stock, and I felt as if I was harassing the employees when I voyaged daily into the dreaded bookstore to ask if it had arrived.

I tried to take my business to other places, such as the Highlander bookstore on the corner of 19th and Lake Shore next to Mr. Gatti's, but they didn't have the book either. By this time, I was ready to pull my hair out.

Playing book tag
I felt like I was playing book tag on the funny-farm. So I decided to go on a mission to find out who was to blame for my troubles before the proverbial padded wagon "comes and takes me away."

I asked a few of my instructors on how they ordered books through the bookstore. Their answers were basically the same, "We just fill out the form that the Bookstore gives us and send them in."

I forced myself to take one last trip to the bookstore, positive that the bookstore and its employees were the cause of my book saga. But after I visited with the manager, Susan Burgard, I completely changed around my prejudice toward the Bookstore.

The big, blue notebook
When I asked her how she

ordered the books, she pulled out a huge, blue, three-ring notebook and flipped through the well-organized dividers, showing me a few of the forms that my instructors spoke of and explained the entire process.

"The instructor's end of the process is relatively simple," said Burgard. The departments get together and decide which books they want to use during the semester and fill out the forms, writing in how many books each instructor will need to cover their classes.

The complicated part
Then, things get slightly complicated. The forms are sent to Burgard, who, with the help of her staff, count how many books they already have in stock and estimate how many used books will come in when the semester is over.

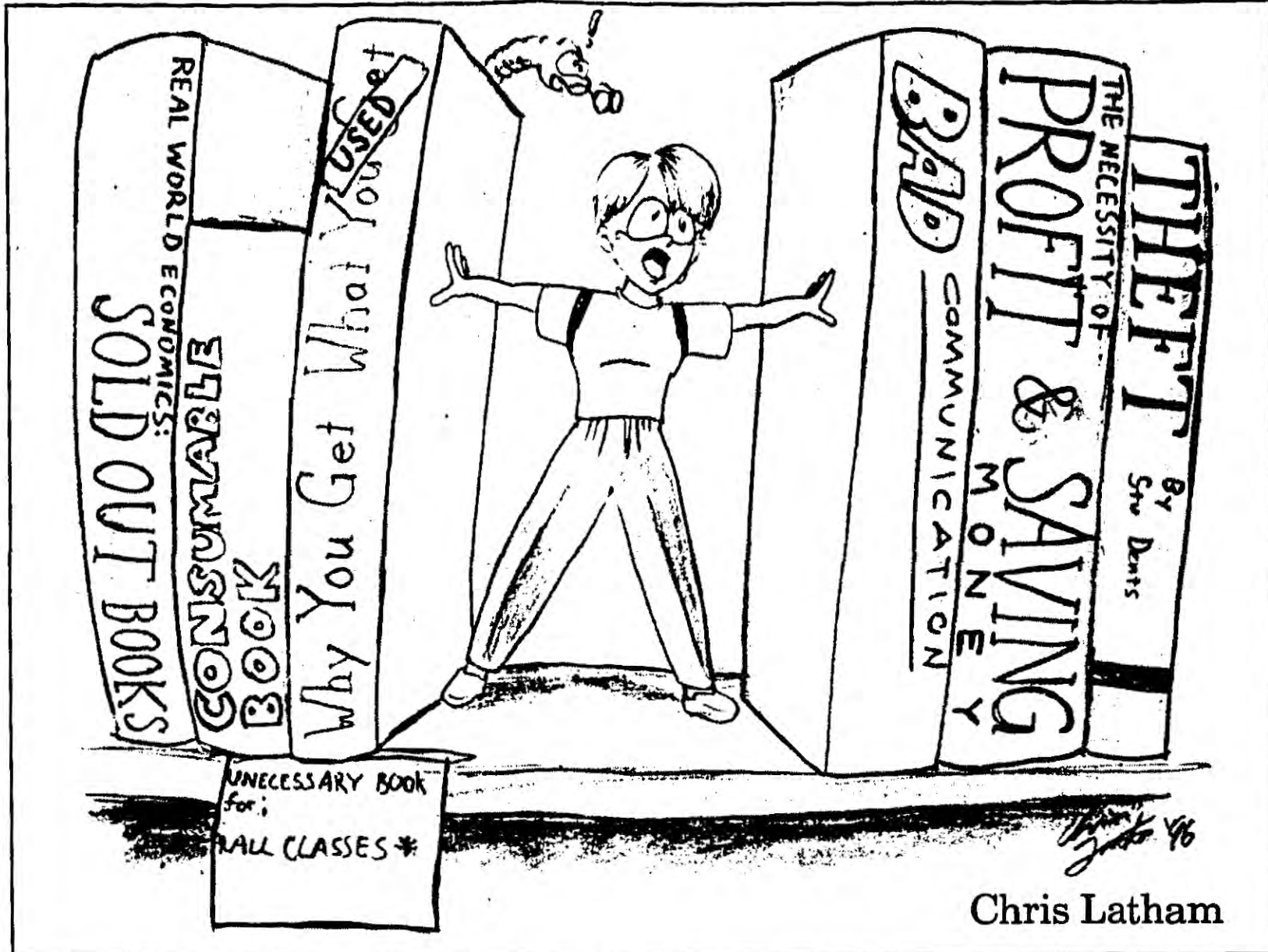
They subtract this total from the instructor's total and then order that number of books from the publishers through purchase orders.

Although it seems that this estimation process can be inaccurate, Burgard is simply trying to save money. "This way, we can order 30 books instead of 36," Burgard said.

Burgard's suggestions
Then she commented on how she thought that the book ordering system might be revamped.

"I think there should be more communication between the Bookstore and the departments. I don't know any other way to do it. There are electronic ways to order nowadays, but we just don't have the technology."

Burgard said that she frequently sells out of books, but reminded me that she "can always re-order more." However, she explained that the reason she usually sells out is because classes where added or ex-



Chris Latham

panded to fit in more students. "It is the department's responsibility to inform me if there are class changes," but she rarely hears about them in time to compensate for the enlarged demand for the books.

A top priority
One of Burgard's top priorities is saving money, not only for the bookstore but for the students as well. Used books save students and the bookstore money because they aren't purchased from the publishers.

"We buy back used books from students at about half the cost. I prefer to sell the used books to students."

However, publishers are trying to find ways to get around book re-sale. One way they are doing this is through "consumable books," which are books

that have tear-out pages and worksheets in them. "I can't buy these books back because some of the pages will be missing," Burgard said.

Used book prices, like all other book prices are slightly marked up. "Most colleges mark up their books from 25 to 30%. We only mark ours up 20%." Used books are marked up a third of what they were bought back for.

Marking up the books is necessary to obtain some sort of profit. However, this profit ends up benefiting the students. "Any profit made in this bookstore stays on this campus and goes back into student programs," said Burgard.

Problem with theft
Another concern of Burgard's is the problem the bookstore has with theft. This

is the reason that students should always keep their receipts after they purchase their books, especially if they pay in cash.

"If a student writes a check or pays with a credit card, we can look in their check register or dig through the piles of receipts and prove that they bought it. But if they pay in cash, there's no way to tell."

Proof of purchase is required for any returns or exchanges. This deters people from stealing books and trying to get money for them.

However, students should beware not to leave their receipts in their purchased books. "Once, a girl came in and told us that she left her book in the classroom and it had been stolen.

She had left the receipt in

the book, so the guy who stole it had proof of purchase and got the money for it," Burgard said. Fortunately, the fiend was caught by campus security and the stolen property returned.

How to stop thieves
Burgard recommends that all students who have misplaced their books or had them stolen, report it immediately to bookstore employees.

"We keep a list of missing books at the registers, just in case someone comes in and tries to get money for a stolen book."

Talking with Burgard was almost like taking a dose of sanity. I finally understood the reasons behind all of my troubles with the bookstore and decided to myself that it wasn't so bad after all.

Now all I have to do is convince my friends I'm not crazy.

Editor's Corner

A question of bias

By JOE GINGERICH

Bias.
As a journalist I should be unbiased in a story, presenting the facts as they occur.

But, which story? The fire ant takeover of the chicken house? Or the murder on main street?

And whom should I interview to get the facts? The chicken who suffered multiple bites to her egg-laying apparatus, or the 20,000 fire ants who were just trying to make a living by cleaning up after the chickens? I can't write everything that is occurring, spoken, or seen. So what information should I include?

Decisions have to be made while journalists hold to the ideal of objective newspaper reporting.

But, bias is sometimes good.

Suppose my wife — make that beautiful wife — meets Mr. Handsome Wealthy. As all Wealthys preceding him, he lives on Considerable Lane in Culture City, Paradise.

Well, I hope she exercises some bias as she visits with him.

In fact, I hope she interprets any smooth talk in a very biased manner.

"Are you married?" he might ask.

I'm sure she'd reply, "Definitely!" Now that would be unbiased reporting.

"Do you think Joe can give you what I could offer you?" he could ask.

"Well, not really," she would say. She's definitely sticking to the facts.

"Don't you want to be happy?" he might say softly, looking into her eyes.

Now comes the bias. "I am happy. My husband is wonderful. He is handsome, not too wealthy, considerate, and cultured," she would say, a frown beginning to form on her face.

"I could make you a very happy woman." At this point she would get downright rude. "You poor man," she would say.

Turning on her heel, she would gracefully walk out of the room and leave him scratching his head.

Now that's bias I could live with.

In fact, is it possible to love and be loyal without being biased?

Stone's momentary commentary

Differences between OPTIONS, alternative school

By ROBERT STONE

Throughout the past two years, the integrity of the OPTIONS program has come under fire, and those discharging the bullet are the Waco Independent School District School Board.

After some major miscalculation in the 1994-95 budget, school board officials were looking to cut all "unnecessary" programs and spending. One such program was OPTIONS. After many discussions, the board, with the help of state auditors, agreed upon an alternate budget. Luckily, OPTIONS survived the drastic budget cuts.

The offensive actions
Just recently, I again was offended by something the School Board did. This time, its members have put both the alternative school program and OPTIONS in the same context, "alternative education."

I found this offensive because it presents to the Waco public the wrong idea about OPTIONS. On campus, I have witnessed this all too well. On several occasions, I have heard both MCC students and faculty refer to the

were criminals, deadbeats, or just plain high school thugs.

These actions put the alternative school program and OPTIONS on the same level. Had I not been familiar with the two, I probably would have thought the two programs were alike. I am familiar with the two programs because I have been a student in both.

The only similarity between the two programs is both are set off campus from the regular high school. To dispel any "pigeonholing" about these students, the differences between the alternative school and OPTIONS need to be presented.

Choice vs. no choice
One difference between OPTIONS and the alternative school is choice. At OPTIONS, the student is the one who decides to enroll in the program. This student may choose the program because of its flexible four-hour shifts or self-paced learning style.

Problems which could cause the student to choose OPTIONS are the student has a part-time job interfering with a school schedule or has pressures stemming from the regular high school

atmosphere.

If a problem does arise and the student gets in trouble, he or she has the choice of completing 40 hours of community service (work done on the MCC campus) or being suspended from the program and returning to his or her high school the following semester.

At the alternative school, a student has no choice in the matter. A student is placed in the program after violating disciplinary procedures and school rules. Here, the student must attend a regular eight-hour day with hours set by administration.

Problems which would cause a student to be put in the alternative school are drugs, fighting, truancy and/or a disrespect for authority. If the student gets in trouble, the student is expelled from school for the rest of the year.

Care vs. no care
Another difference between the two is care. At OPTIONS, the teachers and tutors are concerned about whether the student passes or fails. For this reason, the director conducts

monthly progress reports with each and every student enrolled. The director checks to make sure every student has at least a B average in every course the student is taking.

Mainly, teachers and tutors are there to teach a student the right way. Sharon Newman, the English teacher, taught me the right way of doing a research paper and at the same time made it fun and interesting.

Simply put, some of the teachers at the alternative school act as if they do not care. If a student does not pass a class, it is not the teacher's fault.

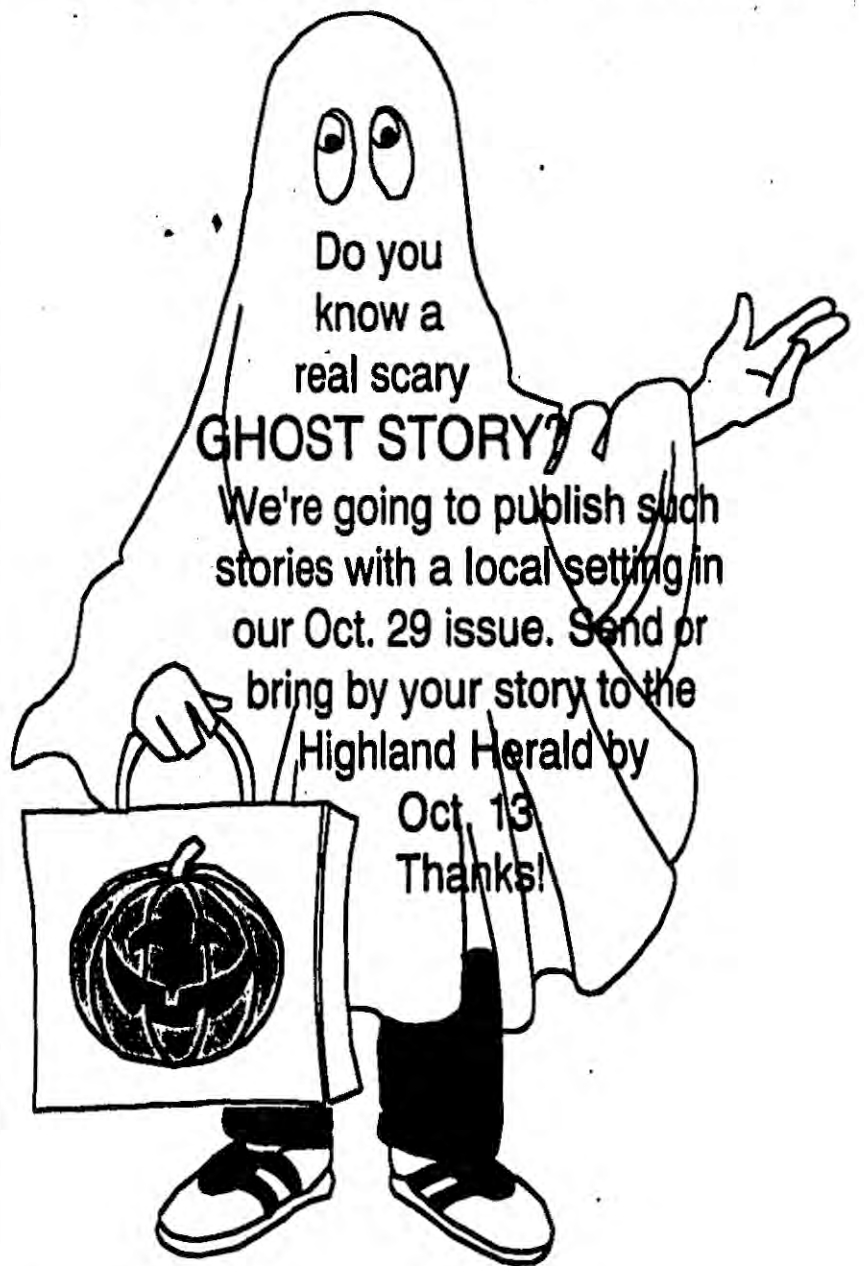
On several occasions, when I was a student there, my teacher would hand us an assignment, and without any explanation at all, prop his feet up on his desk and stick his nose in the newspaper. Then, when another student or myself asked a question, he acted as if he did not know what he was teaching. Fortunately, my time was cut short because of good behavior.

Peace vs. hostility
The major difference between the two programs is learning environment. At OPTIONS, the

room remains quiet during production time. Many types of materials are available to cater to the different learning styles of students. Because the OPTIONS program is located on the MCC campus, its students have access to the research materials in the MCC Library. In addition, all students in the classroom are studying, not disrupting. If a student does become disruptive, he or she is asked to leave.

At the alternative school, it is hard to find an up-to-date book, let alone a good encyclopedia. The only learning style used is reading. The student is in the classroom only because he or she is required to be there. I had to constantly put up with someone trying to pick a fight with me or other students fighting.

The differences are clear. OPTIONS is nowhere near in the same context as the alternative school. In short, the students who care about their education and future are enrolled in OPTIONS. The students who have a disregard for authority are at the alternative school.



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Highland Herald Poll

Who will get your vote for U. S. President? (8 of 20 students interviewed did not know who was running)



KELLY ROCKETT
"I'll vote for Dole even though I think that Clinton is going to win. I believe Perot will split the Republican vote causing Clinton to win."

JENNIFER PARKER
"I will vote for Bob Dole. Clinton is too liberal and can't make up his mind. Also as an ex-military wife, I don't like the fact that he was draft dodger."

ROBERT SAUNDERS
"I am going to vote for Clinton because I agree with his platform."

RENEE HOPKINS
"I'll vote for Clinton because I believe in the issues that he is stands for."

DESTINY DULOCK
"Clinton and Gore because they passed the minimum wage bill."

LAKISHA WEAVER
"Clinton because he is doing a good job with the deficit, helping minorities, and working with welfare."

JENNIFER COOK
"Perot because we need a change in the nation and he is the only one who can bring about that change."

SUSAN WARREN
"Clinton because Perot has no political background, and Dole has no idea of what the nation wants. Clinton has his act straight."

DARREN JONES
"Clinton because he is the lesser of two evils."

MISTY CROUCH
"Bob Dole because he stands up for values that I believe in. He agrees with the welfare reform and I like the tax cuts that he plans to make."

Let the games begin

Hoop time in the Highlands

Men's team loses Hodge

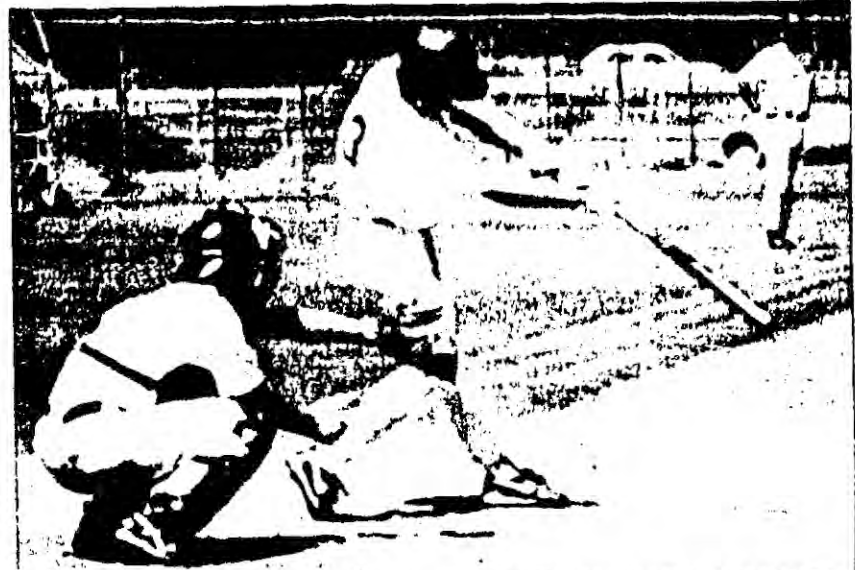
By ROBERT STONE
Starting official practice today, the men's basketball team will work out with one less team member.
About a week before Coach Steve Shields and his squad started conditioning exercises,

Killeen High School recruit Will Hodge broke his hand. As for as Hodge returning to play, the prognosis from Shields was not good. Since the hand became infected, Hodge had to be admitted into a hospital for a week for treatment and causing him to fall behind in his classes.
Shields said the hand will heal in four to six weeks, but due to the missed classes, he advised Hodge to withdraw from his classes. Due to this, Shields will have to "red shirt" the player for

the entire season.
Despite the loss of Hodge, Shields said he is pleased with his other players. He said this year's team is working hard in establishing a good work ethic and the same team goals. Compared to other teams in which he has been involved with in coaching, he said this batch of Highlanders are really working hard.
In fact, he added, "I see no reason why we can't reach that potential (championship quality)

as long as we maintain the same work ethic and continue with the same common goal. In last issue's basketball article written by Robert Williams, Shields described this common goal: to win the championship.
Shields said he also sees leadership potential in all his players. This comes to the delight of Shields, for he is a coach who welcomes individual talent, but promotes team unity and team talent.
In his article, Williams

quoted Shields as saying, "If they focus on team goals and not individual goals we can win games."
Win is just what the Highlanders intend to do when they serve as hosts in their season opener to Lee College on Nov. 1. To accomplish this, Shields has spent the past two weeks getting his team in shape. Five days out of the week, the team is busy conditioning, whether it be running out on the track, lifting weights, or playing pick-up games.



ANTHONY HENSLEY smashes a game-winning homerun with two outs in the bottom of the seventh against San Jacinto last weekend. The Highlanders continue their fall schedule and will be on the road this weekend as they participate in the Blinn tournament.

Highlassies focus on teamwork

By ANITRA COTTON
The women's basketball team is concentrating on "working as a team" in its early season preparations.
Upon entering the Highlands in the early afternoon of a weekday, one may find the Highlassies in a pick up game or a fast paced execution of the three-man weave drill.
The sound of shoes squeaking against the court, clapping and a "good job" can be heard. They are involved in one of the many pre-season workouts.
The Highlassies are now "trying to get into game shape," says

Lisa Wachsmann, a returning sophomore. The team is doing so by doing a variety of sprints and long distance running as well as ladders and jump roping.
"Right now we are not really into the full season but we are working on defense which will in turn help us on the offense," says freshman Holly Youngblood from Robinson. She expects the season to get started approximately in "early October."
The group is working on "learning each other and seeing how one another plays," says Wachsmann.
Returning sophomore post,

Diane Mynarcik says the team is striving to "work as a team, overcoming physical ability with mental ability." Mynarcik also "wants to get stronger underneath the basket as well as on the outside."
Wachsmann simply hopes these strategies will simply help in "winning." The ultimate goal of the team, she said, is to "become number one in the conference."
Team members have a plan at working towards these goals. "Be mentally prepared and ready to play at all times," says Mynarcik. Youngblood hopes to keep a

"positive attitude because you are what you think."
Others feel there "needs to be a continuous push" and "helping each other," says Mynarcik.
"Every one gets along on and off the court," says Youngblood.
Mynarcik adds, "It's very important to have a good relationship on the court and to "leave personal business off the court; there aren't a bunch of I's."
As for the participation of the Highlassies in the workouts, "every one's upbeat in helping each other through. No one wants to do it but we know it's what is

best," says Wachsmann.
"It's not always easy but it will help us in the long run."
Furthermore, "a lot of depth and a solid bench" will be some of the key points for the Highlassies.
"There are no weak links," Youngblood says, "not one person on the team is lacking." Wachsmann hopes to utilize size of the newcomers to "add to depth" and sophomore leadership.
"Everything will help us later on," says Youngblood, "I think we can go all the way."

Dance Company stepping into action

By SCOTT MATTLEDGE
The MCC Dance Company is preparing for another bid at national finals at Daytona Beach which will be broadcast on NBC.
Last year, The Dance Company, one of only of three two-year college teams invited, earned a bid to compete at the national finals in Daytona where they placed 13th in the nation.
The team consists of twenty girls. Second year members are Captain Tina Steinbrenner, Lieutenant DeLeah Caro, Joan Galvan and Terri Shepherd.
Other second year members are Elizabeth Allgood, Amy Hartstack and Julie Portillo.
First year members are Kasey Bennett, LaSonya Calhoun, Melinda Corbitt, Anitra Cotton, Michelle Dees, Angela Dunn, Mandy Ellison, Jessica Gaydosch, Amber Harris, Stephanie Meyer, Rene' Ortiz, Angela Rodriguez and Kelly Stromquist.

The officers competed at a NCA camp in Dallas where they won first in "Fight Song Individual" for the first time, said Hinton. While at the camp the officers learned different routines, while also having to do one of the dances they learned there to win first place in fight song individual.
Also at the camp, Caro, an All American, won the "Top Gun Funk" award. Caro is only the second All American in Dance Company history. The first was Heather Hinton, Hinton's daughter, who is now attending Stephen F. Austin University, last year's national championship team.
The team practices every day from 12:45 p.m. to 2:05 p.m. working on different dance elements and routines, Hinton said.
This month the Dance Company will put on several performances.
• On Oct. 4, the team will be performing at the MCC golf tournament held at the Lake Waco golf course from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
• On Oct. 5, they will perform in the Heart of Texas Fair parade on Lake Air Drive at 10 a.m.
• On Oct. 6, a variety show practice will be at the MCC dance studio at 2 p.m.
• On Oct. 7 at 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the H.O.T. Fair on the outdoor stage.
• They will also be performing at the Texas State Fair in Dallas on Oct. 16, at the Creative Arts building at 5 p.m.
• On Oct. 26, The Dance Company will host a clinic for youngsters at the Highlands from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The clinic will offer each age group a chance to learn different dance techniques, including advanced routines. Age groups are second-12th grades. Cost is \$30 a person and each participant will receive a free T-shirt.
Try outs for The Dance Company's spring semester team will be held sometime in December. For more information concerning try-outs, contact Sandy Hinton at 299-8851.

Stevens still capturing students' imagination

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says of her stay at UT.
She says she fell in love with sociology while taking it as a correspondence course, although she advises against taking courses by correspondence because they are so boring. "I had never heard of sociology," she says. "I thought it was some sort of religious approach to social problems."
But while taking the course she realized she had found an area of great interest, she says. She first majored in English and minored in sociology and then earned a master's degree in sociology. Later she would return and complete her doctorate.
She is in her 30th year at MCC but plans to retire in December. "I think people can sense

when it's time to go and maybe go out in new directions," she says. But she says she would like to keep open the possibility of returning and teaching on a part time basis after she does some travelling with her husband, catches up on her reading and sees a few good movies.
Before then, however, she will attend the National Council of Families in Kansas City, Mo., in November. She says she hopes to come back with some fresh ideas for her sociology classes when they study the family at the end of the semester.
When asked what she has most enjoyed about MCC she did

not hesitate. "The students," she says. "I don't think I would enjoy teaching an intro class at a major university because everybody is eighteen, nineteen or twenty years old. It's a challenge here. You've got all kinds of people with different experiences in life."
"I love the students and the interaction with the students," she says. "I enjoy finding a good illustration. It does something for me and I think it does something for the listener."
And she says she loves the people she's worked with through the years. "[They've] been like an extended family. There are

people here in this building that, when we get in the lounge, we can disagree and we can really get on one another about something, and the next day it's just like a family when you disagree with your brother or sister" and it's forgotten.
Dr. Stevens says the biggest problem our society is facing is population. "We've got tremendous environmental devastation. And if we don't do something, planet earth could be turned over to insects," she says. "We've got a tremendous water shortage here in Texas. There are all these chambers-of-commerce trying to get interested people to come

and there's not even enough water."
She says that housing, crime, health and economics are all factors that deteriorate as population expands. She says there are answers out there, "but nobody thinks the problem is theirs."
"We need to have some people thinking about economic solutions without this idea where you have to have more and more people buying more and more things in order to keep things going," she says.
"There are answers out there, but until we get serious..."

Health Fair

Senior citizens, and the entire campus community, will have an opportunity to benefit from the Senior Source Health Fair Nov. 1 in the Community Services Center from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Last year more than 1,000 attended the event, and an even larger crowd is expected to benefit from 65 booths that will feature such varied services as hearing and ear wax removal, total blood cholesterol, vision screening, blood pressure, glucose testing, and resting EKG - all free of charge.
Flu shots will also be given, free to seniors and \$6 for others.
There will also be a number of free seminars at the fair.
Proceeds from the fair will benefit the Retired Senior Volunteers Program headquartered at the college.
For more information call 299-8715.

Stage set for 'Taming of the Shrew'

By HELENMARIE DELEON
As the players are startled by Katharina's "HA" the audience will feel that effect at the showing of "The Taming of the Shrew" that opens Oct. 10, 7:30 at the Ball Performing Arts Center.
The stage stair steps towards the back of the set with a hidden trampoline underneath the back of the stage. There are two mini-trampolines on stage left and stage right. These trampolines are used for some of the acrobatics in this show.

The final polishing is happening this week as the actors stay on the stage at all times with some actors in mask. They become a part of the audience reacting to the actors' dialogue and all that is going on.
Jim Rambo, director of the play, told the players that they must play out the masks by bringing character to the masks.
"The masks in and of themselves are not that interesting. The actor must play out the

masks bringing a different character to the show."
The masks are used as a prop and must be played with in order to get into the characters. "The masks need to talk," Rambo said.
When speaking about the players on either side of the stage and their reactions to the plot Rambo said they need to be "living on every word, dripping to every phrase."
Expect to hear plenty of oohs, aahs, sighs, sss, and arghs in this production of "The Taming

of the Shrew." It will be showing Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Ball Performing Arts Center.
"... living on every word, dripping to every phrase."

Students stroking sweet sounds

By HELENMARIE DELEON
Two MCC students, violinists in the Temple Chamber Orchestra, will play in a concert Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Mayborn Auditorium in the Cultural Activities Center.
Joya Blackstock and Helenmarie DeLeon will play in the second violin section of the orchestra. Also playing in the string section from Waco are Michael Evans, Joe Ortiz, and

Seth Allen.
The program will consist of a modern piece, "Pacific 231" by Honneger, that gives the impression of a train moving from its slow start up, picking up speed to a fast pace, then slowing down to a stop again.
Other standard works are "New World Symphony" by Dvorak and "Orpheus and the Underworld" by Offenbach.
Though many of its members

played together previously in the now dissolved Central Texas Orchestra, the Temple Chamber Orchestra has only been organized since January of this year.
Tom Fairlie, musical director of the orchestra, has high hopes concerning its future.
Fairlie said, "We hope to be programming four concerts next year and future plans include pops and educational programming. A tremendous amount of

work is going on behind the scenes on our behalf."
The orchestra played "The Mozart Requiem" last May and plans a Christmas concert that will consist of Handel's "Messiah" and Christmas pop music.
This concert is part of the Texas Train Festival which celebrates Central Texas' rail road heritage. Tickets are available at the box office of the Cultural Activities Center in Temple.

A culinary revue Golden variety at the Corral

By MICHAEL SERGENT
If you're looking for a restaurant with unlimited dining options, then Golden Corral Family Steak House is the place for you.
Upon entering, you will notice the spacious dining facility and casual family atmosphere. The motley of smells will tantalize your taste buds right from the beginning. The workers are friendly, helpful and always po-

lite. These factors make Golden Corral ideal for family outings or socializing.
The only problem with this restaurant is deciding what to eat. Like most places, Golden Corral has a vast menu featuring classic favorites.
The menu ranges from a mouth-watering T-bone steak with all the trimmings and Tex-Mex classics like steaming hot enchiladas.

The prices vary according to what you order.
If creating your own meal is what you like then you might will enjoy the all-you-can-eat buffet. This is where your freedom of choice is pushed to the limit.
There are over a hundred dishes that you can pick from such as potatoes au gratin, creamy macaroni and various casseroles.
The salad bar, dessert bar and

baked potato bar all offer a variety of ways to enjoy your favorite dish.
You may dine at the buffet for \$5.19 before 6 p.m. The best time to hit the buffet is before 12 o'clock when the food is hot from the oven. In the morning a breakfast bar is also available.
Golden Corral Family Steak House is located at 618 North Valley Mills Dr. For more information, call 751-0088.

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