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Highland Herald

Golf program reinstated

By CLAY LASSETER

After shutting down the golf program three years ago, the Board of Trustees voted Tuesday night to bring the program back next fall. Athletic Director and head basketball coach Ken DeWeese and Stan Mitchell will serve as co-coaches for the new program. Mitchell is a former faculty advisor of the golf program at Western New Mexico University in Silver, N.M. Mitchell is currently teaching accounting and general business here at MCC. "Stan will do a good job. He's a good person and he's athletic-minded," said DeWeese.

DeWeese said that they will begin to look for players immediately. "We are proceeding with recruiting and plan to start competing in September," DeWeese said. "We don't have a specified number (of scholarships). We have a certain amount of money to operate with, and we will distribute it among the players as of their need and our need. We're looking to fill the team with eight people." The golf program was a huge success before being dropped in 1986. From 1974-1985, the Highlanders qualified for the NJCAA national tournament for 11 consecutive years.

"They were national runners-up six times and were national champions in 1984." Returning the golf program to such a lofty status will be difficult but a top priority for the new program, according to DeWeese. "We're certainly going to work in that vein, but we have to be realistic about it. We're not going to come back on that same level," said DeWeese. "We'll be competitive as possible. It will take three to maybe four years to get it back on the same level." The Highlanders were forced to forfeit their regional title and national tournament berth due to using an ineligible player three years ago. The player was dropped from a class because of the school's attendance policy, thus lowering his semester hours below the required 12 minimum for an athlete.

According to DeWeese, interest is high among prospective players. DeWeese stated that he has already been contacted by eight to 10 people concerning playing for the Highlanders next year. The golf program will only bring positive results for everyone. "It's good for the athletic department, the school, and the whole community," said DeWeese.

Tuition hike due to state funding cuts

By SARA WARTES

The tuition increase which will take effect next fall is a necessary response to reduced state funding for junior colleges, according to President Dennis Michaelis. "One thing we all hate to do is go up on tuition," Michaelis said. But he said an 11 percent reduction in state funding over the past five years has left them no choice. "It has put more of a burden on local taxpayers and on students," he said. MCC faced an additional financial set-back two years ago when Governor Bill Clements vetoed state funding of health insurance for all junior colleges. The nearly \$1 million budgeted for insurance was taken from

MCC's reserve funds, Michaelis said. Michaelis said the tuition increase would help to cover the reduction in state funds but is only a part of what is needed. "We absolutely must have additional state funding," he said. Johnette McKown, vice president for business services, said the tuition increase will add a projected \$227,000 to next year's budget. "We know that the (current) tuition is not generating enough to cover what it needs to cover," McKown said. "We can't do as much as we'd like to do for students when we have less money to operate with," she said. Last December Business Office Supervisor Betty James surveyed fees charged by other Central Texas junior colleges. James said tuition

ranged from \$12 to \$18 per semester for the spring 1989 semester in comparable schools. James said that in addition to tuition rates some schools have fees such as building use fees which are added to the total cost. She said this makes comparisons more complicated. Michaelis said students who want to compare fees between schools should estimate the number of hours they plan to take and include all fees to get a total cost. He explained that four year state schools will charge \$18 per semester hour beginning in the fall but said that additional fees can make these schools considerably more expensive. At their March meeting MCC trustees approved the tuition in-

crease from \$12 to \$14 per semester for McLennan County residents. Out-of-county Texas residents will pay \$18 per semester hour, up \$3 from the current \$15. Out-of-state residents will continue to pay \$80 per semester hour. A \$1 per semester hour building use fee will remain the same for all students. Despite the increase, MCC's tuition can still be considered a bargain when compared to other state schools like Southwest Texas State and the University of Texas at Austin. Students taking 15 hours at Southwest will have to spend \$491 for tuition and fees, while those at UT-Austin will pay \$436.85. These costs are estimates from both school's admissions office.

Sessions to speak here

By REBECCA PERKINS

Director of the FBI, William Sessions, will be the keynote speaker at MCC for the Drug Abuse Update Conference here April 28 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. A Former Wacoan, Sessions practiced law here for 11 years. He also served as U.S. district judge for the Western District of Texas, and chief of the Government Operations Section, Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C. He received his current title of FBI director in 1987. The conference is sponsored by MCCDAPP (McLennan Community College Drug Abuse Prevention Program.) Funding was made possible partially through a two-year grant awarded to MCC from FIPSE (Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education). Lois Kerr, instructor/coordinator of continuing education, and John Porter, instructor of mental health, are the conference organizers.

Conference objectives are to provide current information about various areas of drug abuse, its treatment, and prevention not only to the campus but extending its message to the community. "It's really an up-date conference. We want to continue helping people detect their addiction, recovery, and functioning with it. But it is really a two-pronged objective. Here at MCC we are on focusing students, their dependence, and keeping them in school," said Porter. Some of the topics addressing the subject of drug and alcohol addiction will be "Alcoholism-the Disease," "Dual Diagnosis," "Early Detection," "Early Detection of Drug Abuse in the Family Unit," "Minority Issues in Substance Abuse," "The Role of the FBI in Drug Abuse Prevention." There is no charge for attending the conference, but a registration form must be completed and turned into the continuing education department before April 26 to reserve tickets.

Student candidates face election week

By KEBANA REED

Four students have entered the race for next year's office of Student Government president-Terrence Ames, Tanya Clark, Robin Davis and Juanita Walton. Ronald Janek, Paul Sulak and Christopher Taylor challenge each other for 1989-1990 SG parliamentarian. Rebecca Brunson and Jimmy Grmela face off for position of treasurer. Susan Polley runs alone for secretary.

Candidates drew yesterday for ballot positions after the Friday deadline to turn in candidate applications in the Student Activities Office. Elections are set for 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Student Center. Those who wish to support their choices for these offices must bring their current student I.D. cards to vote.

Assembly salutes students

By SUSAN POLLEY

The following people received awards at the Annual Awards Assembly held in the Lecture Hall April 12: Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges were: Ken Crawford, Teri Eisma, Brian Mathis, Donna Wells, Deborah Duke, Valerie Grimm, Karen Phipps, Jeannie Swank, Donna Schoenemann. Students selected for Outstanding Scholarship in Arts & Sciences subject areas and in technical areas were: Accounting-Diana Rodriguez, Agriculture-Debra Cummings, Art-Brad Cowanover, Biology-Eva Flock, Chemistry-Veronica Cepak, Child Development-Pam Briggs, Commercial Music-Mike LaRue, Computer Operations-Lee Van-Wagner, Computer Programming-JoAnne Durant, and Cosmetology-Richard Verba. Also Criminal Justice-Tommy Estes, Drama-Chuck Ellis, Economics-Stanley Koester, Engineering-Peter Blaskiewicz, English-Patty Barton, Fashion Merchandising-Debbie Vestal and Jeannie Swank, Geography-Rick Mathek, General Business-Sandra Lehman and Willie Wayne Cormer, Government-Kerry Mason, Health & Physical Education-Julie Jackson, History-Syve Parke, and Interpreters Training-Barbara Stembrenner.

Also Journalism/Communications-Teri Lyn Eisma, Management Development-Amy Fenn, Mathematics-Bobby D. Coulter, Medical Laboratory Technology-Sandra E. O'Connor, Mental Health-Renee Sims, Nursing/Associate Degree-Carolyn Cloggett (Freshman), Jamie R. Wehrmann (Sophomore), Nursing Home Administration-Myron D. Meier, Office Occupations: Information Word Processing-Judith Ann Carter and Royce Scott, and Legal Secretary-Rhonda Faye Dreye. Also Postal Service Administration-Gerald Hoskins, Physical Therapy Assistant Program-Gail Doskoil, Physics-Peter Blaskiewicz, Psychology-Cynthia Pike Dickinson, Radiologic Technology-Dana Badwm, Real Estate-Nance Wilkinson, Religion-Ronald Barnett, Respiratory Therapy Technology-Michele Postma, Spanish-Earl Keim, Speech-Jason Stringer, Vocal Music Education-Brian Mathis, Vocational Nursing-Joanna Glaze (Freshman), Barbara Griffin (Sophomore), Wall Street Journal Award-Terry Lechler. Students Selected for Outstanding Service in Campus Organizations: Cosmo Phi-Ora Benson & Dorothy Williams, Criminal Justice Society-Tommy Estes, Dance Company-Dorothy Matthews, Data Processing Management Associations-Ronald Hennessy, International Student Association-Maria "Chiqui" Sanchez,

Mental Health Club-Kerry Kusler, and Music Educators National Conference-Kamlin Martin. Also Nursing Student Association-Gwen Greepe, Nostros-Antonio Dominguez, Phi Theta Alpha-Valerie Grimm, Phi Theta Kappa-Donna Wells, Psi Beta-Derek Nafe, Press Club-Teri Lyn Eisma, Returning Student Association-Lee Velazquez, Student Government-Brian Wallace, Students on the Move for Christ-Tracy Benson, Zeta Omega Eta-Terrill Miller. Advisors to Campus Organizations: Baptist Student Union-Jeff DeHay, Cosmo Phi-Ron Robinson, Billie Popp and Nadine Johnson, Criminal Justice Society-Hugh Belger, Data Processing Management Association-David Burgett, International Student Association-Patsy White, Mental Health Club-Martie Sauter and John Porter, Music Educators National Conference-Doris Scott, Nursing Student Association-Rita Spinn, Nostros-Fred Bernad, Phi Theta Alpha-Barbara Greshman, Phi Theta Kappa-Ruby Burns, John Nobis and Karen Norwood, Psi Beta-Juan Mercado, Press Club-Tom Buckner, Returning Student Association-Pam Brewer, Keith Geisler and Hazel Martin, Students on the Move for Christ-Eleanor Taylor and Winfred Watkins, Student Government-Greg Clark and Winfred Watkins Supreme Court-Paul Holder, Zeta Omega Eta-Linda Beatty.



Photo by Neal Lawson

RECEIVING RECOGNITION at the recent Awards Assembly are Jeannie Swank (left) and Debbie Vestal of the fashion merchandising program. The two were among 107 students and 27 faculty members who were honored for academic excellence and outstanding service to their clubs and organizations. Presenting the awards is Dr. Richard Drum, vice president of instructions. (See story on page 3.)

Job hunting: gear up with the proper ammunition

By LESLEY WILSON

Getting a job is never an easy thing to do, but by following the advice of Martha Whelan and the job placement office, it can be accomplished. Students who know what to expect at an interview and go prepared will no doubt be more successful in their attempt. According to Whelan, director of the job placement office, some aspects to take into consideration before the interview are dress, mistakes applicants frequently make, and various questions an interviewer could possibly ask. Whelan says that the type of attire worn to an interview depends on the job applied for, but the most important factor of an applicant's appearance should be cleanliness. A job applicant should always take a shower, wash his hair, and brush his

teeth before an interview as that is the main thing an employer looks for in a possible employee. It is important to be "clean and polished from the top of the head to the tips of the shoes," according to Whelan. Although smelling nice is a major factor of cleanliness, applicants should avoid wearing too much cologne or perfume and the lingering smell of smoke or the clumping of gum to try and get the body of that smell, are considered unattractive to the interviewer. Once cleanliness has been effected, a person can start taking his wardrobe into consideration. Whelan states that the applicant should "dress for the world of work." Women don't have to wear a suit, but a dress or skirt with a blouse, sweater, or jacket is appropriate. Pantlines, however, are not. Low necklines, shorter skirts, and excessive jewelry (more than one chain, one bracelet, or two rings) should be

avoided. It is also a good idea to wear a watch (even if one isn't needed) to create an image of punctuality. Men need not wear the traditional three-piece suit, but can opt for the sports coat with slacks and a tie. Since tennis shoes do not accommodate this look, either loafers, boat shoes, boots, or dress shoes (worn with socks) are the best footwear for the occasion. All shoes should be polished. Also, those males who normally wear an ear ring should go without one to the interview. Although a person is dressed appropriately, there are other mistakes he or she can make to turn an employer off. For instance, the applicant should never bring a friend with him to an interview as that demonstrates a lack of independence. Other weaknesses to be avoided are failure to do "homework" about the company, admitting a flaw (never volunteer any information un-

less asked), inquiring about benefits too soon, and arriving too early or too late. Also, crying, discrimination, bad-mouthing the boss, glancing at one's watch, and failure to shake hands (a firm grip works the best) can reveal irresponsibility on the part of the applicant. In order to create that responsible, dependable image, an applicant should always go to an interview prepared, knowing what questions to ask and what could be asked of him. By asking certain questions, an applicant can show that he is really interested in a job. Some aggressive, but not overly anxious questions to ask are as follows: "What are the job duties?" "Does the job require union membership?" "What are the hours and salary?" "Will there be job training?" "When can I meet my prospective supervisor?"

Other subjects the applicant can cover are fringe benefits, working conditions, and opportunities for advancement. Naturally, some of these questions will be answered throughout the interviewer's description of the job, during which he, too, will be asking quite a few questions. Rather than going in and thinking up various answers on the spot, applicants should have an idea of possible questions and their most competent answers. The following are questions that an interviewer will not be afraid to ask: "Tell me about yourself. This includes such questions as Why should I hire you? What are your strengths and weaknesses? How can you contribute to the company?" "Why did you choose the career for which you have prepared? This includes such questions as What rewards do you expect in your career?"

Which is more important, the money or type of job? Has your college experience prepared you for this career? "What do you know about our company? This includes Why did you seek a position here? Do you have a geographical preference and why? In what kind of work environment are you most comfortable? Describe the relationship that should exist between a supervisor and an employee? Basically, the gist of those questions are to find out a person's standard of success and to see how it can be applied to the company. Applicants can also rehearse questions they had difficulty with at previous interviews. By remembering what to wear, what not to do, and what kind of questions to ask, an applicant will not be guaranteed that they will get a job. However, it is better to be safe than sorry.

Smoking policy

Salute to long-awaited act

By TERI LYN EISMA

Arguments for a campus smoking policy started their drift about the campus air three years ago.

Students in the Health Careers Building began petitions to ban smoking from the building where health is a major concern, and students clamored for similar bans in other buildings.

Dr. LaVerne Wong, vice president of student services, began polling different campus departments and organizations about her first draft of the smoking policy. The response, she said, "was overwhelmingly positive for the no smoking policy."

The policy will limit smoking after June 1 to the designated smoking areas of the Administration Classroom Building lounge, the Student Center cafeteria section opposite the ramp, Student Services Center corridor A-38 and faculty and administrative offices except when a student is present. The policy will prohibit smoking in campus-owned vehicles and in offices shared by smokers and nonsmokers.

The policy does of course segregate smokers from nonsmokers, if discrimination is to be criticized. However, until someone invents a gadget that will take the smoke out of a cigarette without dissipating it into the air, no other way presently exists to protect the lungs of those who prefer them without tar, nicotine and other substances.

It's a matter of physical comfort. If cigarettes did not create smoke and unhealthy effects including lung disease, heart disease, brown stains and bad breath, nonsmokers probably would not mind. Such altruistic concerns could not be said of the racial discrimination that still rages the world.

After June 1, when nonsmokers walk down the second story hall of the Administration/Classroom Building, they won't have to hold their breaths.

Smokers, at least the more mature ones, will be downstairs in the lounge where some ventilation can clear the air when the doors open and close. Some may certainly puff away anywhere they please despite the new policy, but nonsmokers now have the right to ask them to extinguish or to extricate themselves to a designated smoking area.

If any of the smokers don't budge, nothing else can be done about it. But as in cases of belching or other bodily excretion, smokers must have a little consideration.

Criticism of discrimination

By DARIN BROCK

Beginning June 1, smokers on the MCC campus will only be allowed to smoke in certain areas. These areas will be the Administration Building lounge, the east end of the dining area in the Student Center and in corridor A-38 of the Student Services Center. This is a great injustice to those people who smoke.

To begin with, this policy discriminates against those who smoke. The school is telling smokers where to be. This is similar to the "John Crow" laws enacted in America during the days of "separate but equal."

Those in favor of the policy say it is good because smoking is annoying and non-smokers should not have to breathe the smoke. But can anyone tell me that someone can't find a place on this roomy campus where there is no smoke. What I am trying to say is that if the smoke bothers you, get up and move. Sure smoking is annoying, but so is biting your nails, popping your knuckles, and belching, but we don't have separate areas for these.

"Smoking is dangerous," say the non-smokers. But so is driving, eating raw fish, and with the ozone depleting we'll probably all get cancer. So what does it matter?

Sure, most of my arguments are silly, but so is the new policy. When it comes down to it, I would just like to say that the new smoking policy is unfair and I am opposed to it.

Commendation for dedication

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We commend the Annual Awards recipients for their work and dedication to scholarship, citizenship, and their fellow-man.

The 1988-89 Annual Awards ceremony was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall.

One hundred seven students and 27 faculty and staff were recognized with awards for their work in various areas.

Two Outstanding Organization Awards were presented to the Mental Health Club and the Nursing Club.

Who likes baseball?

Opinion

By TED MESSICK

"I don't like any game where the defense can't score!" Tom Butler told me a couple of weeks ago as we sat and watched MCC split a double-header with San Jacinto Junior College. I asked him then why he was there, and he said something to the effect that he didn't hate baseball just didn't like it as much as football.

My roommate, Paul Whitney, kind of subscribes to the same school of thought. "I think if a fielder can hit the runner with the ball as he's rounding the basepads it should be counted as a point. It would make the game more interesting, don't you think?" Then again, Paul is an avid hockey fan for the more obvious reasons.

No matter what changes Paul and Tom would like to make to the game, one thing remains consistent—they both love baseball. It's the "great American pastime," and you'll hardly ever find anybody in the U.S. who doesn't somewhat like the sport. It's the greatest sport played in America in that there's always something that someone can find to like about it.

Even girls like baseball! True most of them just like it for some silly reasons, but they do like it. I've heard girls say stuff like, "Oh, I like to cheer for the team with the cuter players," or "I like watching all those guys in their tight uniforms." Why I've even heard a girl say that she cheers for the team that spits and scratches themselves less than the other.

One of the things that makes baseball so great is the excitement of it. Now I'll admit that watching baseball on the tv may not be the greatest experience, especially if you're stuck having to watch someone like the Chicago Cubs, Baltimore Orioles or of course the dreaded Seattle Mariners, who could probably put even Howard Cosell to sleep. But being there at the game is a completely different feeling. The apprehension in the crowd at times seems like a physical thing you could reach out and touch. Every time someone comes to bat you wonder, "Will he strike out? Will he walk? Will he hit a home run or just a bloop single into right field?"

In football or basketball you pretty much just throw the ball, but in baseball the pitcher does more than throw. Each time the pitcher hurls the ball to the plate it could be any number of things. It could be a fastball, curveball, slider, sinker, off-speed, knuckleball, split-finger fastball, forkball, or a change up. There are pitches that dance, fade away, run up, drop, tail out, sweep, and hang. A pitcher can throw these anywhere from up and in, low and away, high and wide, and even a pitch that jams the batter (which is an inside pitch).

To me, I can't really understand how anyone can not think that baseball is the greatest, but then again I've grown up with it and played it ever since I was a kid. I strongly believe, though, that if you take anyone who says he doesn't like baseball to a major league game he will change his mind.

'12 Alternatives to whacking your kid'

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Half the student body are parents. These student-parents must be commended for their efforts—their's is no easy job.

Being a parent in the 1980s is more stressful than it was in our parents' day. With the additional burden of obtaining an education student-parents need all the help they can get.

Parents who get over-stressed can become abusive with their children. The National Committee for the Prevention of child abuse suggests "12 alternatives to whacking your kid"

1. STOP in your tracks—step back—sit down.
2. Take five deep breaths. Inhale. Slowly, slowly.
3. Count to 10. Better yet, 20. Or say the alphabet out loud.
4. Phone a friend. A relative. Even the weather.
5. Still mad? Punch a pillow. Or munch an apple.
6. Thumb through a magazine, book, newspaper, or photo album.
7. Do some sit-ups.
8. Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts.
9. Take a hot bath. Or a cold shower.
10. Lie down on the floor, or just put your feet up.
11. Put on your favorite record or tape.
12. Water your plants.

REMEMBER:

When those pressures pile up in your life—as they are bound to do—take TIME OUT—rather than taking it out on your children.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Compassion needed, not retribution

"Respect: Love their property"—a response to an Opinion Editorial subject, published in the Highland Herald, April 4, 1989.

The article dealt with a complex problem, deviant behavior, with simple terms such as gall, simple disrespect, and the Golden Rules. It even used Biblical quotes to promote the cause of punishment, defined by Webster, "as a penalty as pain of loss, inflicted for a crime or fault." The key word in this definition is inflicted.

If I recall the Golden Rule correctly, it states, "Do unto others as you would have the do unto you." Jesus was a fine example, he gave up his life. The person in the parking lot just lost a couple of rear tires. I may have real problem with understanding things, but it seems to me we just put people away because we don't want to take the time or energy needed to make sense out of what we think is offensive behavior.

To me offensive behavior is when you deprive an individual of the right to grow in a health environment and make them submit to whatever rewards deemed necessary to be inflicted. This is child abuse in its purest form and I dare to say our criminal justice system is full of children who need love, the kind of stuff that makes hearts grow warm and builds souls together.

If you still want to get Biblical, there was a story about a man who awoke once morning and found his cloak had been stolen. He asked

Jesus what he should do, and Jesus told him to go find the man who stole his cloak and ask him if he needed his shirt also. This is the moral of Biblical teachings, not retribution!

Most of the individuals who are out there stealing tires have the kinds of problems that aren't resolved by inflicting, "a just reward." In fact, their ill deeds are multiplied by a society which is unable, unwilling and ashamed to address their grievances.

"They will be heard! If they haven't the skills and understanding to communicate directly they will undermine authority and all aspects of society which enforce a rigid code of discipline that doesn't know compassion, wisdom and honor. You see, there is no honor in teaching the Golden Rule and not applying it."

Society is too large to think that we can just put away our brothers and sisters when they offend us to the point we can't tolerate them anymore and some of us here at MCC are planning to move into the criminal justice system. To do what? Perpetuate ongoing, unjust unworkable form of resolving issues with a technique that is a shame?

I do have a passion for this subject, but you see, I used to steal tires from school parking lots and now that I'm on the other side I'll be "damned" if I pass through this world without trying to raise an old banner that society as a whole has swept under the rug. Signed: a student David H. Rudder

NAMES in the news

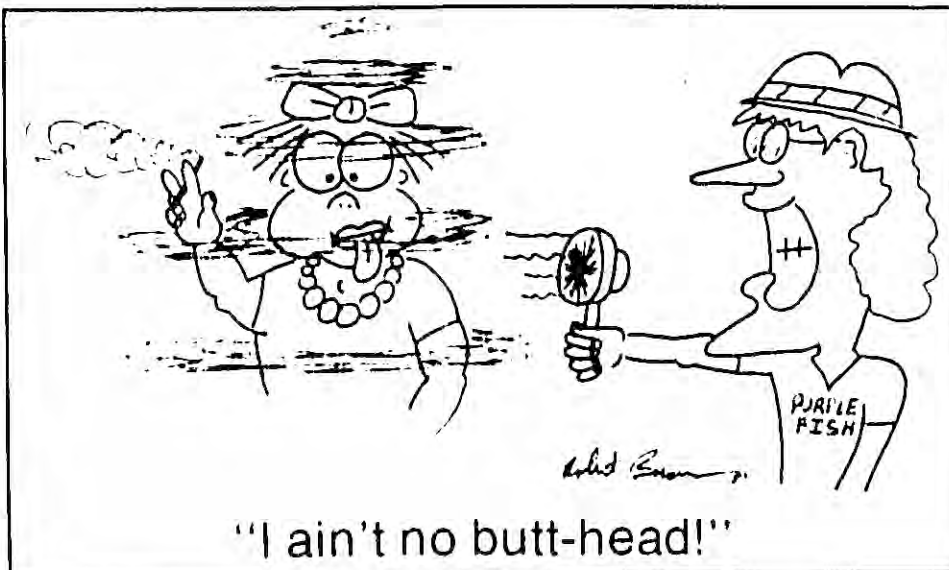
Gary Stretcher, dean of Continuing Education, has just completed his requirements for his doctorate work in supervision, curriculum, and instruction. He will receive his degree from East Texas State University after completing the course requirements in his free time over the last 11 years, which included 54 graduate hours above a masters degree, two semesters of residency, nine hours of classes each semester, and commuting from 140 miles away.

Cheryl Bohde and Nancy Mitchell have been selected to attend the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Summer Conference out of 40 people

nominated. Alternates are Rita Spinn and Pat Brown.

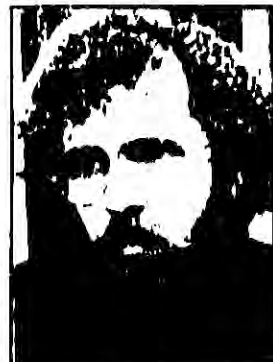
James Storrs, MCC returning student, is exhibiting examples of his calligraphy work at the Waco-McLennan County Main Library through April. Storrs is a member of The Waco Calligraphy Guild, which is sponsoring the exhibit. He has pursued his hobby of calligraphy since his retirement as a teacher.

Dwight Hewitt is proud of daughter, Giselle, a China Spring school student who has been named to the honor roll at that school. Giselle's mother, Sandra, is also proud of her accomplishments for the second year in a row.



THE HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

What do you think of the college's new smoking policy?



RAYMOND HULLEY, sophomore, mental health. "Designated smoking areas are alright, but a teacher should be allowed to smoke in his office at any time out of courtesy for his position."



NANCY LOPEZ, sophomore, education. "I agree with what they're doing because when other people are smoking, you are getting that air and it's harmful for people who don't smoke."



ANNETTE DAVIS, sophomore, elementary education. "I'm in favor of it. I can't hardly breathe when I'm in the hallway with people that are smoking."



STEVE JEAN, sophomore, communications. "I don't think that people should smoke around others. They should have courtesy towards others."



NANCY HUBKY, sophomore, education. "I think it's right. I guess everybody's air is public. So if you want to smoke, there should be a place set aside."



MARCI DeSHAZO, freshman, interpreter training. "Smoking in the hallways is something that everybody has to deal with. It's not fair to non-smokers to have to put up with the smoke."



LEANNE RALSTON, returning student, business. "I'm in favor of only having smoking in certain areas so that non-smokers will not be affected by it."



LIBA HEDINGU, sophomore, chemistry. "I think it is great. If people want to smoke they can smoke at home."



CHAD ALLEN, sophomore, psychology major. "I think they should be able to smoke wherever they want to."



TANYA CLARK, freshman, business administration. "It's sorry! People are just begging for all of our rights to be taken away."



PAUL RICHARDS, sophomore, music. "I don't smoke, but smokers should have some freedom, especially if only the teachers can really smoke."



TERRENCE AMES, freshman, undecided. "I think that it's great. No one has the right to pollute someone else's lungs."

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Campus News

Five chosen for workshop

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

On April 27 and 28, MCC help sponsor the Seventh Great Teacher Workshop which will be held on the TSTI campus.

Twenty teachers—five each from MCC, Baylor, TSTI, and Paul Quinn—have been chosen to attend the workshop along with an administrator from each campus.

Purpose of the event is to enable outstanding teachers from the four schools to exchange ideas on teaching methods.

The five from MCC include Sharon Kenan, library; Winfred Watkins, medical lab technology; Janis Jackson, biology; Karen Norwood, CDP; and Pat Brown, nursing. The administrator from the MCC campus has not been chosen at this time.

The five teachers and administrator chosen for the workshop were selected through a nomination process from the faculty. Sixty names were then compiled and narrowed down to five participants by deans Gail Burrier and Al Pollard.

Working closely in planning the two-day program is Randy Schormann, director of instructional resources, who helped originate the Great Teacher Workshop several years ago. Also assisting as facilitator from MCC will be Dr. Tom Buckner, who participated in last year's workshop.

Participants are being asked to complete challenge statements that are expected to facilitate discussion: "As a teacher (or support person), what do you do that is particularly successful with/for your students?"

"As a teacher (or support person), what challenge have you met successfully?"

According to Schormann, "The first challenge statement basically asks what do I do the best? The second challenge statement asks what is it that I want to know more about?"

"The sole purpose of the workshop is to share teaching techniques," he said, adding, "Only good things can happen at the workshop" with such great teachers and administrators joined together.

Some of the objectives that will be discussed at the workshop are providing and discussing new ideas, problem solving, sharing experiences, using ideas in self-evaluation, combating burn-out, establishing the beginnings of a resource list that will later be shared in class exchange, and providing the bases and ideas for an action plan that will lead to self-analysis and self-selected change.



Photo by Mike Cavazos

NATIONAL WINNERS Karen Phipps (left) and Jason Stringer (right) stand with a proud college president Dennis Michaelis. Phipps and Stringer placed in the Phi Rho Pi National Speech tournament April 1-8 in Concord, California.

Plaid Vests take national awards

By SANDRA M. HEWITT-PARSONS

Two forensic students earned awards at the Phi Rho Pi National Speech Tournament on April 1-8 in Concord, Calif.

Jason Stringer, freshman, took the silver award in extemporaneous speaking. He also received two bronze awards, the first for the Lincoln-Douglas debate and the second for persuasive speaking. This was Stringer's first national competition.

Sophomore Karen Phipps garnered a bronze award in dramatic interpretation. Phipps won the gold award in this event in 1988.

"Terrific...no time for sleep...exciting" is how Ann Harrell, speech instructor described the tournament. "Our region is the most fraternal...other competitors think it's one school from Texas instead of nine or 10...the special camaraderie is so close in our region," said Harrell.

The benefits for students Harrell said is to be able to "step beyond competition...to communicate skills and appreciate others performances."

Harrell said the 50-year-plus forensics organization, Phi Rho Pi, "softens the cut-throat behavior which is present in other organizations."

Cindy SoRelle, speech instructor, described the tournament, "In one word intense. An emotion filled week. Great for students. You just had to have been there."

"There was a tremendous amount of pressure on the kids during one full, full week," SoRelle said. Twelve hours a day were spent in competition plus rehearsals in hotel rooms at night. "It was sort of like--yes--intense."

Other students who went to tournament were Donna Schoenemann, James Bone and Laurel McCormick. Seventy-one other colleges attended the national competition, with a total of 427 competitors.

State funding bill trimmed for second vote in House

By JENNIFER JOHNSON and BRIAN YATES

The Texas Senate is returning the bill proposing the reinstatement of Texas junior college insurance funds for a second vote in the House of Representatives.

According to Dr. Dennis Michaelis, the bill previously contained an amendment to which supporters in the Senate objected and removed last week.

Campus enrollment increased over 19 percent this year while funding for junior colleges has been reduced by 6 percent. The increase in enrollment coupled with inadequate funding has a direct effect on students, such as the recent increase in tuition.

MCC currently relies on reserve funds. Trustees have requested that

at least \$510,000 be put into reserve funds to cover the loss, but are still negotiating the amount for reinstating funds.

Comparatively, the cost of faculty health and insurance over the next two years will exceed \$900,000.

"The problem does not involve the reinstatement of health and insurance funds," said Board of Trustees Chairman James Hardwick. "The problem is whether there will be adequate funding for community and junior colleges for the next two years."

The bill began as a \$45.3 million appropriation bill, Michaelis added, but has been reduced to \$24 million because House leaders felt that the state did not have sufficient funds. Michaelis described the bill as being "temporarily stalled," but said that he and other supporters of the bill are optimistic.

Help with your GPA

By JEFF CALAWAY

For those trying to understand grade point averages because of plans to transfer to another college, or perhaps worried because the GPA is not quite what it should be, these tips from Dr. Keith Geisler, an MCC counselor, can help.

First, understand how many points each grade is worth. An "A" is worth four points and a "B" is worth three. A "C" is worth two points and a "D" is worth one, while an "F" and "WF" is worth nothing.

Grades of "W" (Withdrawal), "CR" (Credit), or "NC" (Noncompletion) do not affect one's GPA. So if you make an "A" in a three hour course, you multiply the points the grade is worth times the number of hours the class is worth. For example, 4 x 3 = 12, and then divide that by the number of hours taken like the following: 3/12 = 4, this would give a student a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Unfortunately, most GPAs are not that easy to figure. A "C," "D" and God forbid, even an "F," might grace a student's transcript, but it doesn't matter because the same formula applies.

Dr. Geisler points out that while this formula does apply to all colleges, different factors can effect one's GPA.

For example, at MCC and Baylor, only the last attempt of a student's grade counts on their GPA, while their first attempt is canceled out completely. In other words, if a student makes an "F" the first time he takes a class, but makes an "A" the second time, only the "A" will count on his GPA.

This does not work for all schools, some of them being the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M. So it's important to find out which schools do this.

Geisler stressed that students should sit down with counselors and look at their previous ACT and SAT scores and other courses they have taken when deciding to plan for classes.

This will help you plan your schedule where you can take some harder classes along with some easier ones to boost your GPA.

Student Government suggests activity hour un-scheduling

By LISA HORNE

Complaints from students and some faculty members who said they were unable to attend many 10 a.m. functions because of classes led Student Government to try its influence on campus policy.

The resulting proposal, if passed, would limit activity hour classes to those offered more than five or six times in the semester schedule, such as history and English.

Before anything is done to pass the proposal the Student Government must get the approval of the administration. If needed, the organization may make a petition and present it to the deans. If all is approved the Student Government then has the

option to put it to a vote.

Critics of the proposal say because of the rapid growth of student enrollment more classes are needed. Therefore, it is necessary to have classes during the 10 a.m. hour.

A member of the Student Government states that she would like to be able to make the choice of whether or not to have a class during that time, and that it should not be made up to the administration to make the decision for her.

The proposal if passed would allow people to participate more in student activities, club meetings and intramural sports.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 18**
4 p.m.--Baseball game MCC vs. Blinn. The game will be played there.
- April 19**
10 a.m.--Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander Room in the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Alcoholics Anonymous meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.
10 a.m.--Mini concert in the Student Center.
- April 20**
8 a.m.--2 p.m. Student Government Elections in the Student Center.
8 p.m.--Presentation of "The Reluctant Dragon" in the Performing Arts Center.
- April 21**
10 a.m.--Dance Company performance in the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Baptist Student Union meets in room 214 of the Liberal Arts building.
10 a.m.--Emotional Support group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.
8 p.m.--Presentation of "The Reluctant Dragon" in the Performing Arts Center.
- April 22**
8 p.m.--Presentation of "The Reluctant Dragon" in the Performing Arts Center.
- April 24**
10 a.m.--Student Government meets in room 301 of the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander Room of the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Narcotics Anonymous group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.
10 a.m.--Mini concert outside the Student Center.
- April 25**
1 p.m.--Baseball game MCC vs. San Jacinto. The game is in Houston.
- April 26**
Noon-4 p.m.--HIGHLAND GAMES! Games will be outside the Student Center. No classes after noon.
- April 27**
8 p.m.--Drama presentation of "You Can't Take It With You" in the Fine Arts Theater.
- April 28**
8 a.m.-5 p.m.--McLennan Community College Drug Abuse Prevention Program. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.
10 a.m.--Interclub Council meets in room 301 of the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Emotional Support Group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts building. 10 a.m.--Baptist Student Union meets in room 214 of the Liberal Arts building.
2 p.m.--Baseball game MCC vs. Frank Phillips. The game will be played here.
8 p.m.--Drama presentation of "You Can't Take It With You," Fine Arts Theater.
8 p.m.--Waco Colton Palace Pageant at Waco Hall.
- April 29**
10 a.m.-5 p.m.--Brazos River Festival at Fort Fisher.
1 p.m.--Baseball game MCC vs. Frank Phillips. The game will be played here.
8 p.m.--Drama presentation of "You Can't Take It With You" in the Fine Arts Theater.
- April 30**
10 a.m.-5 p.m.--Brazos River Festival at Fort Fisher.
2:30 p.m.--Drama presentation, "You Can't Take It With You" in the Fine Arts Theater.
- May 1**
10 a.m.--Student Government meets in room 301 of the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Baptist Student Union meets in the Highlander room of the Student Center.
10 a.m.--Narcotics Anonymous Group meets in room 115 of the Fine Arts building.
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.--Early registration for Summer I session in the Student Center.
- May 2**
1 p.m.--Baseball game MCC vs. Alvin Community College. The game will be played here.
3-4:30 p.m.--Early registration continues in the Student Center.

CLUB NEWS CLUB NEWS

Data Processing Management Association will hold a picnic at the campus marina May 6. The organization changed its charter to allow non-computer data processing majors to participate in the club's activities.

DPMA has had speakers such as placement director Martha Whelan to talk about resume's and David Parker of the Texas Farm Bureau to talk about interviews. The club recently took a trip to InfoMart, a computer center in Dallas, and held their annual spring banquet with Killeen and Temple chapters. DPMA's next meeting is tomorrow at 10 a.m. in room 101 of the Applied Sciences Building.

Nosotros is planning a meeting with LULAC on May 3, and members are also scheduling for that day to model Mexican clothes at the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center at 6:30 to 7 p.m. The club will hold a Hispanic musical at 7 p.m. that day. Nosotros members are also planning to serve as hosts for some students from University Junior High as they

visit the school. Students on the Move for Christ recently returned from their trip to the National Black Baptist Retreat in Atlanta. Two thousand people from all across the United States attended this year's retreat.

While in Atlanta, the students toured throughout the city and were able to see some very interesting sites. Not only were the members busy at touring, but they were also able to attend the many seminars that were held at the retreat such as: "Teenage Pregnancy," "Sex before Marriage" and "Can Christians be in a Greek Organization."

One member of the organization, Reggie Robinson, returned with a rank of seventh in the Mr. BSU pageant. He beat out 150 contestants for his honor and was escorted by Tracy Benson.

Students on the Move for Christ are also planning their next event to Six Flags in Arlington. The members are planning to raise money by car washes and a bake sale.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time
MC	Friday & Monday May 19 & 23	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
	Friday, May 12	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Monday, May 15	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Friday, May 18	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Monday, May 22	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Friday, May 12	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
	Monday, May 15	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
TT	Thursday & Tuesday May 11 & 16	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
	Thursday, May 11	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Tuesday, May 16	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
	Thursday, May 11	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Tuesday, May 16	11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
	Thursday, May 11	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
SATURDAY OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES	Saturday, May 13	9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
	Tuesday, May 16	2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
	TO BE ANNOUNCED--CHECK WITH INSTRUCTOR	
	ON REGULAR MEETING NIGHT PER WEEK DURING MAY 10 - 15	
MC Classes	M, M, May 10 & 15	8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
	Monday, May 10	8:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Monday, May 15	8:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
TT Classes	T, T, May 11 & 16	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Thursday, May 11	8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, May 16	8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	*The schedule precludes the option of an interrupted period of 105 minutes.	
	NOTE: GRAB REGISTRATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO INSTRUCTOR BY NOON MAY 17.	

NEWS BRIEFS

Cinco de Mayo exhibits due

The University of Texas Institute of Texas Cultures in San Antonio will sponsor a display at MCC April 25-May 12 in observance of Cinco de Mayo week, May 1-5. The exhibits in the Student Center will include "Pinatas," "Mexican Folk Toys" with 250 handmade toys, and "El Vaquero: Genesis Del Cowboy Texano," which consists of more than 100 photographs of Mexican vaqueros at work in northern Mexico. In addition, books by award-winning Hispanic authors will be on display in the Library. For more information call Jane Gamez at 750-3563.

Courses begin here tonight

"Professional Development for Secretaries" is being offered by MCC's Management Center. The course will discuss methods of wardrobe planning to achieve a professional image and will look at techniques to managing stress and have a more productive career. The course begins on April 18 and will meet for three weeks on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m.

"Advertising and Publicity for the Small Business" will teach businessmen and women how to design and use marketing plans, advertising campaigns, newspapers, special events and telemarketing. Linda Cross of Cross Clanton Cross Associates, a Waco advertising and public relations firm, will teach the course which also begins tonight, April 18, and will meet for three weeks on Tuesdays from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. The cost is \$28.

Supervisor seminars begin

Supervisory management mini-seminars will be offered in April by MCC's Management Center. The popular non-credit series is designed to sharpen, upgrade or develop supervisory management skills. "How to Generate Creative and Innovative Ideas" will be held Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. and "Dealing with Organizational Politics" on April 26 at the same hours. Advance registration is \$13, or \$15 the day of the seminar. For more information call Continuing Education at 750-3507.

Job-seeking workshop Thursday

"Job Seeking Techniques/Life Skills Workshop" is the topic of a free seminar that will be held Thursday from 9 a.m.-Noon. This workshop is designed for those who are alone because of separation, divorce or death of a spouse and who plan to return to school or work.

The course provides personal assessment, goal setting, assertiveness training, job market information, job seeking techniques and other skills. For more information, please contact the MCC Continuing Education Division at 750-3507.

Air Expo this weekend

The fourth annual Texas Air Expo will be held April 22-23 at the TSTI airport. The gates will be open 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. with events beginning at 10. Highlighting the expo will be the precision flying team, Team America, along with a large number of military aircraft demonstrations.

Student tickets are on sale in the Book Store for \$3. Advance tickets, available at all Pay-Less Convenience stores, are \$7 for adults and \$2 for children (children under 6 free).

Black historian speaks here

Clayborne Carson, Paul Quinn's Woodrow Wilson Scholar, spoke here on April 12 on the historical significance of the Civil Rights Movement. Carson is currently the editor and director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Papers Project and has authored such books as "In Struggle: SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960s," and "Eyes on the Prize: A Reader and Guide."

Scholarship applicants reviewed

The MCC Scholarship Committee will meet within the next two weeks to choose the recipients of various scholarships in such fields as general academics, music, journalism, and Student Government. The winners will be announced on May 1.

Since application procedures are different in each department, students are asked to contact their department chairmen in order to find out the requirements.

'Landers split with San Jac

By LESLEY WILSON
and
CLAY LASSETER

The Highlanders exploded for five runs in the first inning to defeat the top-ranked team in the nation, San Jacinto College, 6-3 two weeks ago at MCC.

The Gators slipped past the Highlanders in the second game 2-1 in 10 innings.

MCC rocked San Jacinto's starting pitcher off the mound with a leadoff double by Steve Medina and gathering four walks before Joey

Herring hit a run-scoring single in the first inning. Denny Bowles then added a three-run double to spark the Highlanders to the lead.

Highlander Billy Winkler allowed three runs and six hits in the first five innings to get the win. Winkler received relief from Jeff Mills and Jerome McGary, who got the save.

In the nightcap, the Gators took a 1-0 lead against starter Tracy Hobbs in the third inning as Randy Brown walked with two outs and was then driven home by a triple by Scott Bethea.

MCC bounced back in the next inning off starter Jason Bullard as Herring scored off Chris Sitka's

triple to tie the game at 1-1.

The tie lasted six more innings, until the 10th inning. San Jacinto's Dan Robinson singled off reliever Shannon Albright and then stole second before Perry Duffey knocked a hard grounder to score Robinson and win the game 2-1.

Despite losing the second game, Highlander skipper Paul Miller remained optimistic about his Highlanders.

"It was an excellent game. Anytime you go extra innings with the former national champions and current No. 1 team in the country, you've played well. I'm proud of these kids," said Miller.

Highlanders defeat Hill, Ranger

By CLAY LASSETER

The Highlanders won the first game of a three game series, 7-3, against 11th-ranked Hill College Sunday. The win put the Highlanders (26-13 for the season and 11-5 in conference), a half game ahead of Hill (34-18, 9-4) in Region 5 play.

MCC pitcher Rusty Silcox had a no-hitter going until the fifth when Hill's Terry Tuttle hit a single.

The Highlanders broke the game open with five runs in the seventh inning. Eddie Nocker drew a lead-off walk and back to back bunt singles by Mark Rudis and Joey Herring. Chris Sitka and Denny Bowles then hit two-run doubles for a 4-0 lead.

The Highlanders scored another run by an RBI single by Luis Gomez.

Hill bounced back in the seventh to score three runs. But, the Highlanders stopped the Rebels rally and added two more insurance runs in the eighth. Silcox retired the last seven batters to pickup his fourth straight win.

The Highlanders met the Rebels in a doubleheader yesterday in Hillsboro.

Last week, MCC pounded out 23 hits, including five homers to win a wild 17-15 Region 5 contest against Ranger.

Homeruns were knocked out by Denny Bowles, Mark Rudis, Steve Medina, Eddie Nocker, and Chris

Sitka to spark the Highlanders. Ranger scored five runs in the fifth inning to knock out MCC starter Bret Lowry to take a 12-6 lead. But, the Highlanders bounced back to score

six runs in the sixth and four more runs in the seventh to regain the lead, as Shannon Albright came on in relief to get the win.

The Highlanders split the doubleheader the next day, winning the second game 7-5. MCC scored five runs in the third inning singles by Chris Sitka, Kevin Steffenauer and Luis Gomez, as Jahn Finke and Nocker drew walks as Joey Herring hit a two-run double. Nocker then hit a double in the fifth that proved to be the game winner.

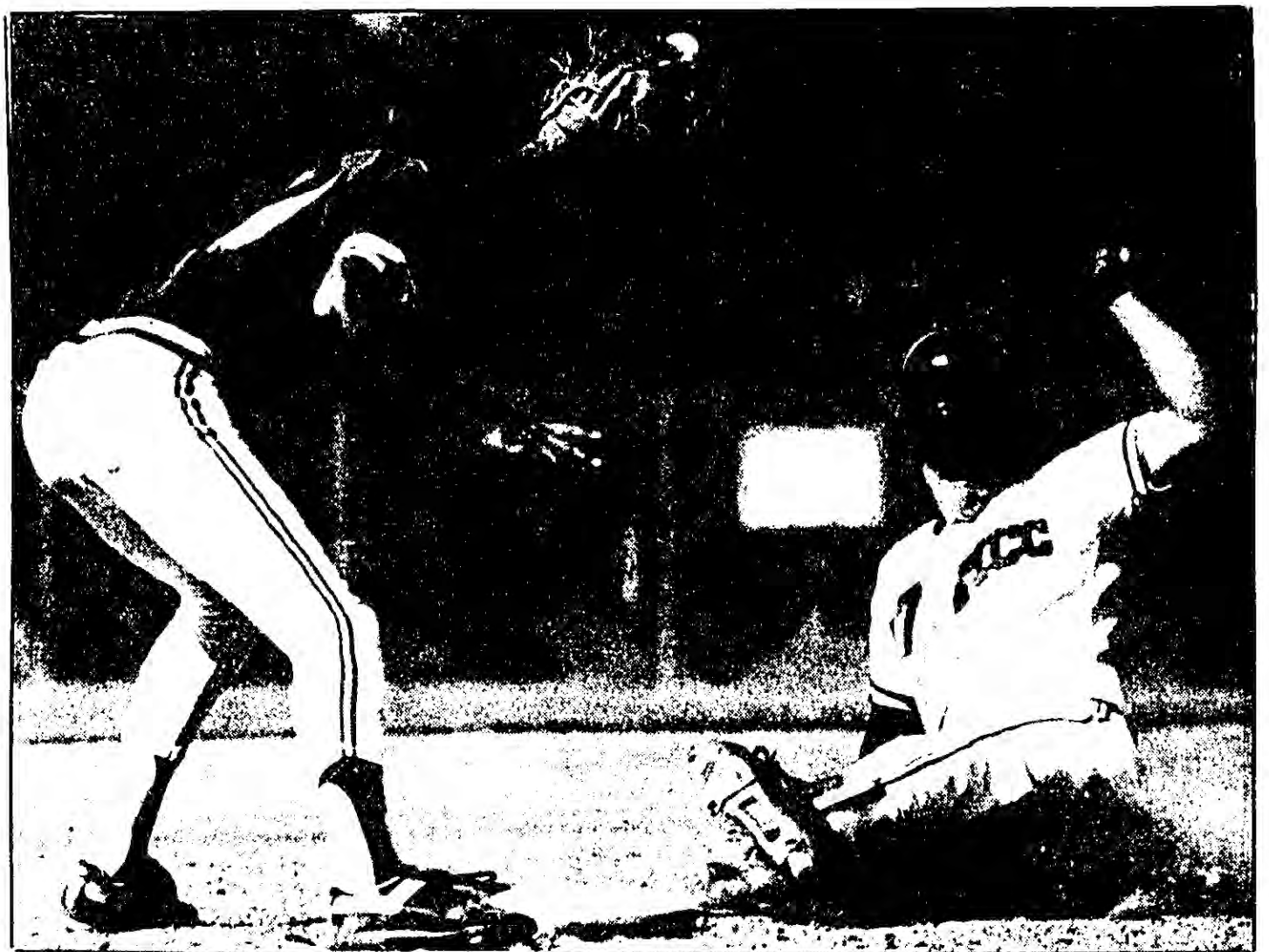


Photo by Ken Crawford

SAFE SLIDE... Highlander Denny Bowles slides safely into third against San Jacinto. The Highlanders split a doubleheader with the top-ranked Gators here on April 4.

Students to participate in 1989 Highland Games

By KEBANA REED

A fun-filled afternoon is planned for April 26 as the Highland Games get underway. Students and teachers will be participating in various activities and having a picnic at the same time.

Planned events are the Highland One Mile Run, a jalapeno pepper eating contest, a pie eating contest, a caber toss, a stone throw, volleyball, an earth ball relay, an egg toss, a three-legged race, and a tug-of-war.

All teams participating in the competition must have a captain and a name for their team. Each team will be required to have an updated roster. Each team may have as many members as desired, but a person can only play for one team.

First, second, and third place ribbons and points will be awarded. The team with the most points at the end of the day will be proclaimed the winner of the 1989 Highland Games. This team name will be placed on the Highland Games Trophy displayed in the Student Center.

Even though team participation is encouraged, an individual may compete in any event without being on a team.

The Highland One Mile Run will take off from the ramp outside the Student Center at 10 a.m. This is a fast mile, down hill most of the way, but with a hill at the end. The run will have five different categories for men and women. Age divisions will

be 17-24, 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 and over.

Tears will begin to flow on stage in the Student Center at 10:30 a.m. when students compete to see who can eat the most jalapeno peppers in one minute. The record is 16. Participants are encouraged to get drinks ahead of time for this game.

All "sweet tooth" will want to participate in the pie eating contest at 10:45 a.m. on stage in the Student Center. In this event two people face each other. One person feeds the pie to the other. The winner will be the first team to finish its pie.

The Dance Company will perform outside the Student Center at noon. New Student Government members will be sworn in immediately afterward.

Three events at 12:15 will be the intramural volleyball finals, the caber toss, and the stone throw.

Intramural volleyball is being played Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting April 10 through 26. The top two teams will compete in the finals at the Highland Games.

The caber toss uses a 12-foot-long, log-like pole that weighs 80 pounds. The caber is held in front of the participant with one end against the thrower's body. The thrower runs and throws the caber as far as possible. The caber must make one end-

over-end revolution. Thirty-five feet is the record set by Val Fuller in 1987.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to be actively involved. No afternoon classes will be held, but morning classes and evening classes will be conducted as usual.

The stone throw consists of a 12 pound shot which participants will have one try at throwing the greatest distance.

The earth ball relay rolls into high gear at 1:15. Participants maneuver a 4.5 foot, air-filled ball along an obstacle course. Teams will consist of two women and one man.

Eggs abound as teams compete in the egg toss at 1:30. Each team will have two members, one woman and one man. Once a team cracks the egg, it's out of the competition.

At 1:45, participants start hopping in the three-legged race. Teams will consist of one woman and one man. Winners will be chosen based on the best time.

Tug-of-war will begin at 2 p.m. Teams will consist of five males and 10 females. Participants are encouraged to wear gloves. Highlanders vs. Highladies will compete in tug-of-war at 2:30.

Food booths will be provided by Psi Beta, McLennan Community College Office Personnel Association, and the MCC cafeteria. Psi Beta will have a Coca Cola stand with hot dogs and kolaches.

MCCOPA will sell snow cones and baked goods. Chili dogs, hot dogs, reuben sandwiches, barbecue sandwiches, assorted cold sandwiches, chips, and canned soft drinks will be sold by the school cafeteria.

Monday's results

1st game--
MCC 0, Hill 6

2nd game--
MCC 6, Hill 3

Netters overcome obstacles

By JUDSON BURROUGHS

Although there has been a shortage of players on the men's team and the women have had poor weather conditions to deal with, the MCC tennis teams have won their last nine dual matches. In men's tennis, MCC has claimed six straight victories in dual matches. The following are the results of these matches.

Men's tennis

Against Navarro College, April 4, there, Grant defeated Morris 6-2, 6-2, Bystrom defeated Fair 6-1, 6-0, Galligan defeated Reames 6-4, 6-3, and Brown defeated Eichenjen 6-3, 6-2. In doubles, Brown and Grant defeated Greedence and Fair 6-3, 6-4, Bystrom and Galligan defeated Jeff and Eichenjen 7-6, 6-0.

Against Grayson College, April 7, here, Grant defeated Carter 7-5, 6-3, Bystrom defeated Griffin 6-4, 6-2, Galligan defeated Dahl 6-3, 6-4, and Brown defeated Silvertooth 6-1, 6-0. In doubles, Galligan and Garcia defeated Carter and Griffin, and Bystrom and Cambal defeated Dahl and Silvertooth.

Against the University of Texas in Arlington, April 6, there, Grant lost to Lopez 6-3, 6-4, Brown defeated Olaya 6-3, 6-4, Bystrom defeated Jozz 6-4, 6-2, Galligan defeated Devereaux 6-3, 6-3, Cambal defeated Dana 6-4, 6-2, and Garcia lost to Camacho 6-0, 6-2. In doubles, Brown and Grant defeated Olaya and Jozz 6-1, 6-2, Galligan and Garcia defeated Dana and Devereaux 6-2, 6-2.

Against Wharton, here, April 10, Grant defeated Orellana 6-3, 6-4, Cambal defeated Bruce 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, Brown defeated Goldhurst 6-3, 7-5, Bystrom defeated Romgren 6-1, 6-3, Galligan lost to Calderon 7-5, 7-5, and Garcia defeated Morales 6-4, 7-5. In doubles, Garcia and Bystrom lost to Orellana and Calderon 7-6, 6-1.

Against Temple, here, April 11, Bystrom defeated Cantu 6-3, 6-0, Grant defeated Murphy 6-4, 6-4, Cambal defeated Kruger 6-1, 6-0, Brown defeated Wilbur 6-1, 6-2, Garcia lost to Trahan 6-0, 7-6, and Galligan defeated Limpie 7-6, 6-3. In doubles, Brown and Grant defeated Cantu and Farthing 6-4, 6-2, Cambal and Bystrom lost to Murphy and Trahan 2-6, 7-5, 7-6, and Garcia and Galligan lost to Limpie and Wilbur 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

Against Weatherford, here, April 15, Cambal defeated Robertson 6-0, 6-0, Galligan defeated Downing 6-1, 6-1, Bystrom defeated Wilking 6-1,

Intramural finals

By SARA WARTES

Finals for volleyball intramurals will be held this year in conjunction with the Highland Games on April 26, according to Coach Wendell Hudson, intramural director.

Volleyball games are played at the 10 a.m. hour on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Health and Physical Education gym.

Intramural softball began last Friday, but according to Hudson it isn't too late to sign up for a team. "We need a couple more softball teams," he said. Students can sign up at the student activities office.

6-1, and Garcia defeated Clayton 6-4, 6-3. In doubles, Cambal and Galligan defeated Wilkinson and Holliday 6-0, 6-0, and Bystrom and Garcia defeated Downing and Robertson 6-0, 6-0.

Women's tennis

In women's tennis MCC has claimed three straight victories and was winning in another match, but had to discontinue play due to weather conditions. The following are the results of these matches.

Against Navarro, there, April 4, Schreurs defeated Duncan 6-2, 6-3, Haag defeated Booty 6-3, 6-1, Carlsson defeated Viens 6-1, 6-1, Massa defeated Holms 6-1, 6-1, Lopez defeated Labbe 6-3, 6-3, and Hotz lost to Stamphill 6-4, 6-1. In doubles, Carlsson and Schreurs defeated Viens and Stamphill 6-3, 6-0, Haag and Hotz defeated Booty and Duncan 7-5, 6-4, and Lopez and Massa defeated Holms and Labbe 6-3, 6-2.

Softball games are played on the intramural field by the baseball field on Fridays at the 10 a.m. hour. All male and co-ed teams are available.

A mini-pickleball tournament will be held following the Highland Games. Hudson said pickleball is "a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong." He said it is played with wooden paddles slightly larger than a ping pong paddle using a whiffle ball. It is played on a badminton court with the net lowered like tennis. Hudson said the rules are a combination of the three games. To sign up contact the student activities office or see Hudson in his office at HPE room 112 for more information.

Against Temple Junior College, here, April 11, Schreurs defeated Rey 6-1, 6-0, Carsson lost to O'Grady 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, Hotz lost to Garza 6-0, 6-1, Haag lost to Claiborne 7-5, 7-5. Lopez defeated Casey 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, and Massa defeated Tedesch 6-3, 6-4. In doubles, Schreurs and Carlsson defeated Rey and Claiborne 6-7, 6-1, 6-0, Haag and Hotz lost to O'Grady and Garza 6-1, 6-1, and Lopez and Massa defeated Casey and Tedesch 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

Against Mary Hardin-Baylor, here, April 3, Schreurs lost to Quintana by default, Haag lost to Morales 6-3, 6-3, Hotz defeated Wright 7-5, 6-0, Massa defeated Wilson 6-1, 6-1, and Lopez defeated Fiest 6-1, 6-2. In doubles, Carlsson and Schreurs defeated Quintana and Morales 7-5, 6-3, and Lopez and Massa defeated Wright and Wilson 6-2, 6-1.

The tennis team's next tournament will be Region Five championships at Sul Ross April 22 and 23.



Photo by Ken Crawford

STERN CONCENTRATION... Rob Grant strives to pick up a volley against an Chavez of Mary Hardin Baylor. Chavez won the singles match 7-6, 6-2. The Highlanders defeated the Crusaders 6-3 here Friday.

Brazos Canoe Classic to be held

By ELIZABETH DELEON

With the warm weather rapidly approaching, many are finding it easier to spend more time outdoors. Whether your sport is playing baseball, tennis or just basking in the sun then you have the advantage. However, if these sports don't agree with you then perhaps canoe racing is an alternative.

The first annual "Brazos Canoe Classic" will be held on April 29, at Indian Springs Park beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The race, which is designed for competitive, recreational and beginner level participants, will consist of 10 kilometers of flat water level racing.

"This is the biggest promotional race that Waco has ever had. It's a good idea for MCC students to get involved as well as for the community around us," according to Greg Clark, director of student services.

A LeMans start will highlight the classic event which means that one team member will line up against the canoe while his or her partner lines up for a short foot race across the Suspension Bridge and then back to the canoes that will be positioned on the east bank of the Brazos River.

Spectators will be able to view the entire race from the various bridges and vantage points along the river.

Early entry fees for each person entering the race are \$10 prior to the pre-race day. Fees for the day of the race registration will be \$12.50, and fees for a corporate cup are \$20 per person.

All entry fees will include a t-shirt per contestant and beverages after the race, as well as prizes which are to be raffled to contestants throughout the race.

Proceeds will go to the Waco Parks and Recreation Center and the Greater Waco Beautification Association. There are no refunds and all starting positions are assigned on the basis of the date that the completed registration form is received. Con-

testants are asked to register early for best position.

Specifications for all canoes are to be no longer than the maximum length of 17-ft., 3-inches with a minimum width of 35 inches, single blade paddles and bent shaft, with two person teams. Not allowed will be beaver boats, racing hulls and double-blade paddles.

Rules state that boats are to remain in the river at all times and any illegal portaging will lead to disqualification. No one is allowed to touch or help other contestants with their equipment, except to pick up food, water or extra paddles during the race. Intentional damaging of any opponent's property or canoe will cause for immediate disqualification to the offender. All disputes will be settled by the Rules Committee, where the decision will be final.

Other rules include that all contestants in all divisions must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver during the entire race. All preservers are to be worn as the manufacturer designed them to be worn, and any violations of this rule will automatically disqualify violating participants.

Also, to be eligible for a prize drawing a person must be an active participant in the race to claim his/her prize.

Any participant that is unable to have access to a canoe before the day of the race may rent one for \$10 at the Outpost. This fee also includes a delivery of the canoe to the start of the race at the Brazos River. For more information concerning the canoe rentals contact Dick Weinkauf and Associates at 662-8364.

Camping facilities are also available in various Waco areas for those out-of-town participants involved with the race. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be obtained by calling 753-0222. Hotel information may also be obtained by calling 1-800-234-5244, and when calling you must identify yourself as a canoe race participant for the

"Brazos Canoe Classic"

Several divisions for the race include men's, women's, mixed, masters, adult/child 14 years and under, juniors 14-18 years, college division, high school division, and corporate cup division. To be a member of a corporate cup division, at least one team member must be employed by the sponsoring corporation or business, and the possession of the corporate trophy will be for one full year at the designated place of business.

"The Brazos Canoe Classic" will begin at 10:30 a. m. with registration and check-in at Indian Springs Park. At noon the reading of the rules and schedule changes for the race will take place in the amphitheater at Indian Springs Park. At 12:15 the contestants will line up next to their canoes for the beginning of the LeMans race. At 1 p. m. all canoes must be in ready position for the start of the race.

Trophies will be awarded to those race participants finishing in first, second, or third for each division. Prizes will also be given away to entering race participants, and will be awarded on a drawing only basis.

Prizes are to include three 17-ft. Sawyer Canoes (valued at \$3,000), tickets to Sea World in San Antonio, tickets to Texas Safari in Clifton, tickets to Six Flags Over Texas, free dinners at local restaurants, and free lodging at local hotels.

Local area sponsors for the race include 97-FM, Waco Hilton, Coca-Cola, Miller Family Steakhouse, The Wharf, J.T. McCords, The Waco Citizen, Centex Waste Management, Waco Parks and Recreation, Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Waco Downtown Optimist Club.

For more information concerning the race contact Tom Dietman, race director, at 754-8484, Greg Clark at 848-4080, or 756-0551 ext. 574, or the Waco Tourist Information Center at 1-800-WACO-INFO.

Student-directed plays next week

By TOM BUTLER

The drama department will be presenting four student directed plays on April 28-29, with two performances each night beginning at 8 p.m.

Each of the four plays will be directed by different students that have had three years of acting experience.

These plays are to include "Am I Blue" to be directed by Chuck Ellis,

"Why Did the Lord Come to Sand Mountain?" directed by Denise Maze, "Hooters" directed by Tina Wilburn, and "After the Fall" directed by Jari Todd.

All sets and costumes are also being designed and made by students.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children. All MCC students are admitted free when they present a current student ID.

Dance Company wins national sweepstakes

By REBECCA PERKINS

The MCC Dance Company, a recent "sweepstakes" winner in national competition, will hold tryouts Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the small gym in the HPE building.

The defending national champions won the sweepstakes award in the college division in the American Dance/Drill Team Championships in at Southern Methodist University in Dallas on April 1.

Their winning competition routines were in the categories of pop, novelty and jazz.

Friday night the group showed their talents to faculty and staff with a performance at the annual Awards Banquet in the Waco Convention Center.

And the search for talent to spark a continuing tradition of excellence continues April 22 with the tryouts for the coming year.

Those who desire to participate in Saturday's tryouts are advised to wear leotards and tights or shorts with tennis or ballet shoes.

The tryout schedule calls for a routine to be taught in the morning. After a lunch break, the group will

practice. Then tryouts will be held in groups of three or four.

Poise, posture, projection, rhythm, flexibility, and high kicks, and enthusiasm are the qualifications. Also, two letters of recommendation from a high school administrator and drill team director are required.

For those chosen for next year's Dance Company, the college will provide uniforms, capes, hat and all props. Personal items such as leotards, gloves and tennis shoes must be provided by individual members.

Dance Company members also receive course credit in physical education for participating, and the officers (freshmen and sophomores) receive scholarships.

Officer tryouts will be held in June, and candidates for those positions must choreograph their own 2-3 minute routines and perform it before judges.

Capt. Dorothy Matthews and Lt. Jeannie Swank lead this year's award-winning group. Other members are Julie Cernosek, Melissa Clark, Diane Craig, Angie Elkin, Marti Gibson, Michelle Meister, Amy Muse, Julie Nuckols and Jill Pearson. Sandy Hinton is the director.

In Case You Were Wondering...

By DARIN BROCK



New and improved English

You know, I'm awfully glad I already speak English. Just think how difficult it would be to learn our language. It has so many little quirks and different rules it's a wonder that English speaking nations ever learn to communicate with each other. I find myself amazed that so many foreigners learn the language. It's even more amazing that English is considered the universal language. It is such a nerdy language compared to the "romance" languages like Spanish and French. Still, people want to learn English, so I have devised a plan to make the language easier for everyone.

To begin with, there are a couple of letters in the alphabet that I have deemed useless. The letter C is one of these. C makes two different sounds, but either sound could be replaced by a K or an S. So "cat" would be "kat" and the word "certain" would be "sertain." X is another letter that needs to go. The only sound it makes is a Z sound. Though X is a neat looking letter, appearance doesn't make the grade. Q is probably the most useless letter of all. It can only be used with the letter u and then that sound could be replaced by putting KW together. Words like "quail" would be "kwail." Therefore, we would only have 23 letters in our alphabet, instead of the present 26.

Secondly, I would do away with cursive writing. I feel this only confuses children as to how letters look. Some cursive letters don't look anything like the print style. Besides, how many textbooks and other reading materials are in cursive anyway? I think, somewhere in history, cursive writing was invented as some teacher's sick idea of a joke.

Next, I would spell words exactly how they sound. Words like "sign" and "tough" would no longer be spelling nightmares, spelled "sine" and "tuf." I would do away with the PH combination and spell words like "photo" with an F. There would no longer be any silent P's in words like "psychology." It would be spelled "sikology." Then the letter Y would never be used as a vowel, thereby cutting out more confusion. The vowels would be A,E,I,O,U, and never Y.

I would then straighten out the sounds G and J make. Words like "giraffe" and "general," which have a soft sound, would be spelled with a J. They sound like a J, so spelling them that way would be much easier.

Finally, I would do away with words that sound alike but have different meanings. Words like "write" and "right" would no longer exist. We could keep "write," meaning to transcribe on paper, and the word "right," as in right hand, would be changed. You would have your left hand and your "smert" hand. All other words like that could be treated the same way.

When you stop and think about it, it is a wonder that foreigners ever learn our language. Hell, now I see why some don't. I know why America is lagging behind in the world of science, we're too damn busy trying to learn our own language.

'Rubber Band' makes rounds

By JUDSON BURROUGHS

The Rubber Band, an ensemble from the music department, has been playing parties and the Waco club circuit for the last few months and having a good time doing it.

"We want to keep playing and plugging away, but most of all we want to keep having fun with it," said John Pisciotta, lead guitarist for the

group.

The members of the "Rubber Band," include Pisciotta, Shannon White on bass guitar, Wayne Duncan on drums, and Brian Lee on keyboards and vocals.

The Rubber Band is currently scheduled to play at Honeybears on April 14-15 and at Chelsea's Street Pub April 17-22. Performances begin at 9 p.m. each evening.

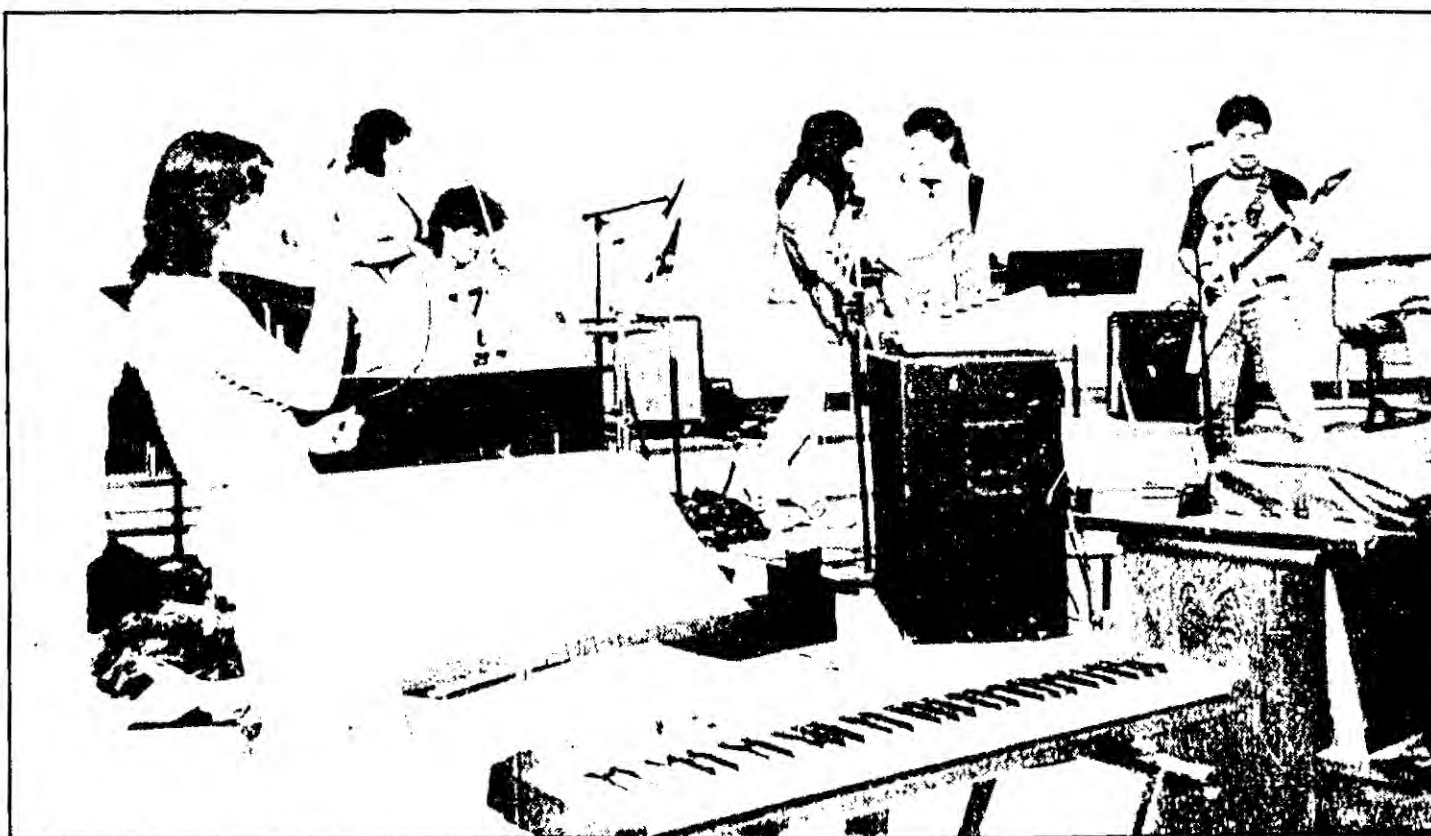


Photo by Neal Lawson

JUST A-SWINGIN'--Practicing for the Brazos River Festival...Pat McKees Day Rock Band are from left to right, Don Gurney, Steve Ivy, Scott

Marestein, David Gonzales, Bill Hunter and Steve Rosas.

Local band performs

By JUANITA MILLAR

The Jazzbos will be performing April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

The ensemble will play numbers by such composers as Duke Ellington, Chick Corea, band member Julian Jones, and Los Angeles vocalist Bobby Shaw. Shaw will be joining the group for a May 26 concert here.

The band has done a three-day tour of schools this semester in Rockdale, Academy, Salado, Stephenville, Hillsboro and Cleburne. Members include Roger Rush, drums; Rob Page, arranger and saxophone; Julian Jones, guitar and vocalist; Bill Howard, keyboard; David Hibbard, trumpet; Bill Haskett, trombone; Dick Gimble, bass and vocalist; and Ken Frazier on the guitar.

Tribute scheduled for rock musicians

By JUDSON BURROUGHS

Teachers and students will play musical tributes to late musicians in the third annual MCC Rock Concert on April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

"It gives the kids experience to play in a real concert situation and is a real highlight for them at the end of the semester," said guitar teacher Julian Jones. He went on to say that the teachers divide themselves up among the music students into bands at the beginning of the semester and teach them how to perform and play as bands.

"You don't have to be a music major to take a rock ensemble class... anyone interested in playing can sign up for the class," said Jones.

Each band will present a tribute to certain late rock musicians by performing their material. The concert will include songs by Elvis, Marvin Gaye, Roy Orbison, and Buddy Holly.

Music of contemporary artists such as "Poison" and "ZZ Top" will be featured as well.

Four music teachers and their bands will be featured, including Jones, Clark Nauert, Rick Moore, and Pat McKee.

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In his piece "Manson Girls," or the artist's personal thoughts. This allows Haveron to sustain a running dialogue with the audience.

Charles Manson and his two female disciples are portrayed in vivid detail. Manson is above the two Evelyn women, with golden talons. The body of a snake wraps around his picture.

Not all of Bill Haveron's pieces deal with things of a serious nature.

In "A Rabbit Cage for My Girl," Haveron sets a picture of a beautiful girl in a meadow on one side, a wooden man in the middle, and a rabbit cage on the other. The rabbit cage is in the shape of the rabbit. It seems Haveron has a sense of humor as well as artistic talent.

TASP tests required for new freshmen

By REBECCA PERKINS

All Texas colleges now are requiring potential students to pass the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) requirements. Students with less than 60 hours will be tested in the areas of reading, writing and math skills.

The standardized test will help identify the deficiencies in basic educational skills. Texas colleges will then offer special developmental courses to cater to these deficiencies.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates that 40 percent of the state's entering

freshmen will need remedial course work in one or more of the tested academic areas.

"The TASP is different from the SAT or ACT in that the score has no bearing on the student's acceptance to the school. It just helps indicate the area or areas that he student needs to improve," said Lissette Carpenter, chairman of the language arts department.

MCC already has a testing placement program. A student can take a standardized test or provide SAT or ACT scores to determine English or math class placement. The school also offers The remedial classes like the ones proposed in TASP, such as English 301.

A review...

Bill Haveron's works run gamut at Center

By AIMEE FARR

issues and subjects, intermingled with splashes of fantasy.

At the same time a viewer recognizes the familiar aspects of his work, the artist influences the viewer to think about the unusual.

Several of Haveron's pieces stand out-literally. Painted wooden shapes of people, animals, houses, and insects are protruding from several of his pieces. This "3-D" art has the effect of focusing the viewer's eye on the projectiles, then to the overall picture.

Haveron is not only an artist but a competent storyteller. Many of his

pieces feature painted dialogue, reflecting on the characters portrayed

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Annual student art exhibited in PAC

A review...

By SANDRA M.

HEWITT-PARSONS

Four students won Juror's Choice Award of \$50 each for their entries in the Annual Student Exhibition. The exhibit is on display in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

Students receiving awards and their works include:

-Melissa Wood, sculpture, "Frustrations."

-David Stone, painting, "Norman's World."

-Miko Field, painting, "Black Beauty in a Blue Blouse."

-Heather Moon, photography, "Pancake Pond."

Seventy-two entries from 30 students were received and 27 works were selected for exhibit.

The works were juried by Her-

shall Seals, co-visual art director of the Cultural Activities Center in Temple and art instructor at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Seals noted that he judged the entries "from the simple gut level" at first glance and went on to a "more intellectual analysis of formal properties...which...confirm...initial reaction."

He said that he "chose work that had a command of technique and a subject matter of interest together lends some sort of intrinsic substance."

Wood's sculpture, Frustrations, has a good use of space and presents the sulking mood of a body frozen in time-caught up in its own emotions.

Black Beauty in a Blue Blouse, Feast of Pure Reason, and Fresh

Kansas, paintings by Field, use dramatic brush strokes and bold primary colors which give feelings of strong emotions that reach out and involve the viewer in the work.

Seeded Median, a textile by Pam Gibson, hangs as a woven textile of interesting texture and pleasant colors.

Orange Flower, a painting by Corrine Hughes, is set on a background of black-much like a fiery

topaz set off by a black velvet drape in a jeweler's case.

Untitled, a painting by William Twichael, shows just what can be done with an old piece of metal screening and a few wooden lattice strips on a muted-multi-hued background. The feelings are those of being awakened in an old camp cabin and seeing the first rays of daylight-interesting.

Blue Gorge and Orange Valley, paintings by Dale Hughes, are reminders of the Big Bend area and the Southwest. The colors are bright, natural geological tones.

The Card Game and Afternoon in the Park, paintings by P. Hoffman, are character studies which reveal inner emotions. The colors are strong but somewhat subdued which gives depth to the characters.

Blue, a wall hanging by Twichael, evokes feelings of flowing motion in blue.

Landscape and Untitled, paintings by Owen Towels, project feelings of escapism into a dream world where things aren't what they seem. Or are they?

Release, a painting by Brad Cowover, has a quality of emotional release revealed in the face of the young woman. Cool peaceful

colors are used.

Pancake Pond, a black-and-white photo by Moon, is seen in the ho-hum world of breakfast-a pair of ducks, swimming in maple syrup-what a delightful surprise to the senses.

Da Plow, black-and-white photo by Michael Cavazos, was a common sight in days gone by, a work man's tool-here set off like a piece of sculpture.

Bonnie, black and white photo by Chris Jackson, is a reminder of the notorious twosome-Bonnie and Clyde-complete with 1935 tags.

Waco, a black-and-white photo by Rose Polley, gives another way of looking at our city. It is reminiscent of photos by early Waco photographer, Fred Gildersteeve, famous for his views of the city and its people.

Fall, a black-and-white photo with colored pencil by Janice Ramey, is pleasant with its bright red berries and green leaves.

Reflection of a River and Barn Window are black-and-white photos with colored pencil by Gary Dutschmann. The use of color livens up an otherwise ho-hum river photo. A barn window lifts the viewer out of today into yesterday when the old barn was new.

Rose on Driftwood, a charcoal by Rhonda O'Bannon, has fine detail in the flower veins and rough texture of the driftwood.

Norman's World, a painting by David Stone, is a bit bizarre in its black and white glossy enamel frame. Is it a pen-a girl-or some mystic in-between magic?

The exhibit will be on display daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until May 5.

50,000 miles to graduation

By SARA WARTES

Renee Sims has driven over 50,000 miles to graduate from MCC's mental health program.

A resident of Caldwell, Sims has been making the 200 mile round trip for two years to attend classes at MCC.

"I can say it was all worth it, the things I had to give up. It was well worth it, and I'd do it again," she said.

Sims was chosen as "outstanding student" from the mental health department this year. When she learned of the honor, she said, "I was really shocked. My feet did not touch the ground for several days. I never thought that anything like that would happen to me."

While working in a nursing home in Caldwell, Sims, who is divorced and the mother of 9-year-old Michael, made the decision to return to school. Her motivation was "wanting to do better for myself and my son."

She has maintained an overall GPA of 3.9. Sims said she was determined to make good grades even though, "I had been out of school for 10 years, and it hasn't been easy."

In addition to attending classes, she has completed the necessary hours of field placement, working the first year at the Mental Health and Mental Rehabilitation Center in Waco. This year Sims works two days a week at the Caldwell public schools.

Sims said her job with the school this year has included working with elementary students with speech problems. She also teaches a class in the middle school learning center on Fridays, working with sixth, seventh and eighth graders with various disorders such as mental retardation and emotional disturbances. It is a regular classroom situation where she "teaches them on their level."

"Outstanding" is how Sims describes the mental health program. "The instructors are unbelievable," she said. Sims said her field placement supervisors have been willing to drive to Caldwell for site visits, a four-hour drive.

Financial help from a Pell grant and from her family has helped Sims stay in school. "Financially, emotionally, any kind of support a person could need, my family has given to me," she said. "My mother has been more determined for me sometimes than I have. Without her help I couldn't have done it."

With her busy schedule, Sims said she has learned to really appreciate music during the hour-and-a-half drive to and from Caldwell. "It really relaxes me," she said. "I can just let go with the stereo."

Sims plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall. "I would like to get a masters in special education," she said. She added the 35 mile drive from Caldwell to College Station will seem short next year.



Photo by Rhonda Hargrove

ALL SMILES...Renee Sims expresses her happiness for being selected as this year's "outstanding student" from the mental health department. Sims has driven 200 miles round trip each day for two years to complete courses at MCC.

Coming next issue:
How to survive finals.

Center teaches teachers as well as child charges

By TERI LYN EISMA

On the short wooden rack, brown paint smudges and red paint strokes hang drying. So do the mini smocks, on pegs along the wall, splattered in spots with other colors.

Two rooms down in the Child Development Center on 1728 Powell Drive, three preschoolers are dressed in cowboy gear, ready to play cowboys and Indians under the supervision of student teacher Serta Barsamian.

Later she takes the children outside to play on the jungle gym. "We are learning to love," Barsamian said of herself and her fellow child care workers. "We are enjoying here because we love children and love to work with children. The payment is not too much, and the work is too much, but because we love the children, we love the work."

Barsamian and the other student teacher this morning, Laura Summers, are students in the last semester of their associate degrees in child development.

Established in 1968, MCC's child development program offers four two-year certificate programs: child development, special persons, associate, administration, and teacher aide, according to the MCC catalogue.

Some students who became involved in the program started out "working in a child care facility, taking a child development class in high school, some have children of their own, some became interested by reading an article in a magazine," said Geri Carey, director of the child development program.

In several courses, future caregivers learn about the growth and development of every age group, how to plan a curriculum of activi-

ties appropriate to children from infancy to adolescence and how to implement these activities in lab work.

"The breadth of the program scatters throughout the central Texas area," Carey said, adding that MCC holds child care courses in Temple, Rockdale, Mexia, Smithville, and Bryan-College Station as well as the Child Development Center on campus.

The MCC Child Development Center is the on-campus lab school where child care students fulfill their lab hours. The center on Powell Drive accommodates children of 3-5 years old, while the one at 4301 Mockingbird Drive accommodates infants from 3 months to toddlers of 35 months. Right now the lab schools care for the maximum 45 children, said CDC director Earline Caudle.

The child development program has grown since its implementation in 1968. The CDC was added in August 1974, serving children from 28 months to five years of age, according to Caudle. Infants and toddlers were not added to the curriculum until September 1986.

Many of the students enrolled in the child development courses do not wish to complete a degree and are supplementing their education for their present jobs in the industry with one or two courses, Carey said.

"There is a great demand for teachers of young children, but there is a high turnover because of low pay and limited benefits," Carey said.

"I think we're going to see the future of child care grow tremendously," Carey said. "We're going to see more corporate child care, because in most families both parents work. Mommie goes to work and Johnny goes to day care right beside the business."

Campaign fun, not successful

By SUSAN POLLEY

Student Government members enjoyed Austin during the annual Texas Junior College Student Government Association state convention, though they lost the election for president school to host school Trinity Valley.

Nevertheless, they made a lot of new friends.

"We met people from all over the state and we had a great time," Marci DeShazo said. "Meeting at the Capitol building was exciting."

DeShazo was one of MCC's delegates at the last general session which was held in the Texas House of Representatives on Sunday. Four delegates from each school could vote and participate in floor debate. MCC's other delegates were Paul Sulak, Jerry Freeman, and Stephanie Crumpton.

MCC SG President Brian Wallace praised the delegates for a job well done. He said he thought they did a very good job representing the school.

"I'm glad that everyone had a good time," Wallace said. He was also pleased, he said, that they didn't have any problems while they were there, and that they had a safe trip.

As vice president, MCC was in charge of getting speakers for the weekend. The convention-goers were apparently pleased with the guests.

One incident that had everyone laughing centered on a note passed mistakenly to Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Hightower during Friday night's convention dinner. The note, which read, "I find you extremely sexy. Can I see you tonight?" was intended for Blair Blackburn from Tyler Junior College.

Blackburn's girlfriend, who was sitting at another table, handed the note to the waiter and asked him to give it to Blackburn. The waiter unfortunately gave it to Hightower who thought it was so funny that he used the story as an opener to his speech.

MCC received a plaque for serving as vice president, and Wallace got one also for representing the school in this position.

Workers cook with a smile

By CARMEN FRENCH

While most of us are sound asleep at 5 a.m., the dedicated cafeteria staff is already up preparing food for

that day's menu.

Helen Hamilton prepares the food as the rest of the workers set up the line.



Photo by E. G. Rogers

HOW SWEET IT IS...Margaret Page, Nelda Miller and Mon Tina Williams share a laugh as they set up the cookie stand in the cafeteria in preparation for that day's menu.

"Everything is made fresh daily," says Hamilton.

According to Evelyn Pratkan, assistant to the president, no time is wasted in the morning trying to figure out what to cook because the menu is planned six weeks ahead of time by Nelda Miller, cafeteria supervisor, and herself.

"We sometimes ask the athletes what they would like on the menu," said Miller.

As Miller prepares a student's breakfast she talks to Linda Snider about the times Linda and others have been so frustrated by the 9 and 10 a.m. rush that they had to go to the back and scream.

The workers are not usually stressed by their jobs because each looks out for the other.

"We help each other out when the other is not busy," says Margaret Page.

With everything moving at such a fast pace you cannot miss the male face of Lynol Pruett, who has been working for the cafeteria for over a year now.

"I like the job and I like the students," said Pruett.

The students feel the same way about the workers.

"I love them to death," says tennis player Jennifer Hotz as Snider checks out her meal.

"Most of them call us mama," said Snider.

"Athletes would call me at home and talk to me about their problems and triumphs," she said.

As Billy Carlock, basketball player and student worker, eats lunch with Hamilton and Page he pats one on the back and says, "They are just like a family to me and if I have problems I just go to them."

The workers have a close relationships with the students and the athletes.

"They are just like our own kids. We spend more time with them than we do our own," said Snider.

Overcoming obstacles in withered wardrobes

By LESLEY WILSON

French poet Montesquieu said in his work *Pensees Diverses*, "I have always observed that to succeed in the world one should appear like a fool but be wise." Perhaps this is why the name Montesquieu does not ring a bell.

After all, if that poet's statements held true, there would not be such a flourishing interest in image consulting, color analysis, and the fashion retail business in general.

Today, the fact that appearance is a secret of success is becoming common knowledge. Since appearance plays such a pivotal role in a person's career, the best way to enhance it is by dressing appropriately for all occasions.

Of course, in order to understand successful dressing, a few myths must first be exposed. 1) *Sharp dressing is the result of spending a lot of money.* If this is true, how can Dallas' Bobby Ewing look so effective wearing a coat, a tie, and a pair of Wranglers that cost \$10.95 at the local K-Mart. 2) *In order to dress successfully, one must have a good figure.* Even before she lost 60 pounds on her all-liquid diet, Oprah Winfrey emitted an aura of accomplishment, partially due to her choice in wardrobe. 3) *One option to consider when dressing to get ahead is wearing sexy attire so that others will notice your assets.* This falsehood is pretty much self-explanatory. 4) *All successful business people own a multitude of dark and dreary suits.* Nowadays, bright colors are being considered more tasteful in the business field. The trend is heading away from that arrogant, starchy look of stuffed shirts and starched suits.

No one can dictate one specific way of dressing that will satisfy everyone; each individual must develop his or her own style. In doing so, a number of

factors should be taken into consideration—colors, figures, activity (occupation), and personal preference in relation to styles.

It is a recently proven fact that color has a great impact on a person's appearance. Each individual has a specific color palette. This palette is a set of colors which looks the best on that person. The palette is determined by such characteristics as skin tone, hair, eyes, lips, and even fingertip color.

The basic color palettes are divided into four main categories. Those that fall into the "winter" category look their best in dark, vibrant colors such as black, white, navy, red, and emerald green.

Those people defined as "summers" look their best in cool pastels, such as lavender, off-white, sky blue, pink, and mint green.

"Autumns" look their best in colors representative of the fall season. Some of those colors are rust, burnt orange, brown, gold, and olive green.

Finally, members of the "spring" category look their best in beige, coral, peach, aqua, and lime green. The research and development of color palettes have led to the writing of such books as *Color Me Beautiful* and *Color Wonderful*, as well as the computerized system of make-up selection by Clarion.

Furthermore, even though a system of color palettes seems somewhat feminine, it can also be applied to men.

A second factor of dressing to the max is the overall appearance of the body in selected attire. As stated earlier, a good figure is not a necessity in successful dressing; however, certain styles can either accentuate or obscure one's figure flaws.

A recent article in the Fort Lauderdale News & Sun Sentinel established some guidelines on how to hide those problem areas. For instance, if the problem lies in the hips, a full top over tapered bottoms

will hide it. Loose T-shirts, oversized shirts, and long jackets worn over slim skirts or capri pants for women serve just that purpose.

For an expanding waistline, pants or skirts with an elastic waist are comfortable and slenderizing. In addition, a wide belt worn with such pants gives an even more trimming effect.

For heavy triceps, a shirt or dress with "batlike" dolman sleeves will hide excess flab while at the same time creating a slender silhouette. This look applies to both men and women alike.

An outfit of one color, especially a dark hue, is also slimming for both sexes. It keeps the eye on one solid line, while two or more colors break that line at the waist, emphasizing other problem areas.

For women who have heftier thighs, flared, full skirts help hide them because they don't cling to the wardrobe. Sarong skirts are even more ideal because they can be adjusted to fit one's personal dimensions.

It is not only when buying clothes that people should take their bodies into consideration. When shopping for accessories, both sexes should remember to take their proportions into consideration. Taller people can wear larger accessories, while the same accessories would overpower a more petite person. The same philosophy holds true for heel heights on shoes, and for women more than men.

Tall women are able to wear high heels because they enhance their proportions. However, shorter women have a no-win situation with their heel height. A higher heel elongates the body and gives a more slender appearance; on the other hand, the calves have a tendency to bunch up under such pressure, making the legs look stocky. Flats, more often than not, are the best bet, but they should only be worn with casual attire.

Once color schemes and figure enhancement have

been achieved, they can be applied to a person's occupational wardrobe, as well as to leisure attire.

According to Marbeth Hardin, owner of Olga's in Westview Village, suits are much in style for the career-minded woman. "The best-selling suits right now are the three-piece suits with a hip-length, loose jacket, creating the image of a straight line. Also coming on strong are two-piece suits and two-piece knitwear."

Hardin also said that another intelligent choice is a well-tailored dress, with proper accessories, which can be worn with or without a jacket.

Fortunately for men, their attire is not as complicated as women's. According to Anthony Hogeland, a buyer for Goldstein-Migel in the Lake Air Mall, the double-breasted suit with pleated pants is a hot item (particularly for males with a trim physique). Older men still prefer a single-breasted coat because it is more conservative. However, mature men may choose the pleated pants because they are comfortable and figure-flattering.

Hogeland also said that the best-selling dress shirts at the time are those with spread collars. Also ranking high in sales are solid shirts with white collars, as worn by Michael Douglas in the movie *Wall Street*. He added that while pinstriped ties are still (re)in, those with large prints, some being geometric, are rapidly becoming popular.

Making a comeback in the men's shoe department is the wingtip; of course, loafers are still widely accepted.

Leisure dressing is more freestyle than any other type, as it depends on a person's personal preferences and activities. Whether the activity is playing golf or tennis, soaking up the sun at the lake, or just plain being a couch potato, a person can always be dressed to kill, at least in his or her own mind. After all, as William Shakespeare once said, "The soul of this man lies in his clothes."

Student Focus

Growing up can be hard

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Thinking back to elementary and high school, many fond memories come to mind like "the quiet game," "seven-up" recess, superhero lunchboxes, "open-house," having your name on the board, field trips, food fights, that first date, pep rallies, class pictures, football games, senior parties, prom and graduation.

For most, growing up is just a care-free time filled with fun and no worries. You could always be as stupid and obnoxious as possible to get a good laugh because you were considered to be in that immature stage.

After graduation, it's hard to believe how so much time slips away. Once you begin college, you have the realization that you're not in high school anymore and that you're just a few steps away from living your own life. For most students, responsibility and maturity are the developing characteristics that begin to set in as they progress in college and start focusing in on a career.

But some young people find it difficult to stay on the path of growing up for various reasons and eventually the problems of being irresponsible and immature take over.

Along with starting college, many students are faced with leaving home. This alone creates many changes in one's life that includes taking on new responsibilities. If a person had been used to their parents always doing every single thing for them, it can be difficult for that person to accept the challenges of living away from home.

For some, moving away only means paying bills. You don't realize what life is really like until you might have to get a job or start putting money back for rent, food or a telephone bill.

If you're going to make it in college and try to live your own life, you have to realize that you're not still in high school or at home. You've begun a new stage in your life where the world is going to expect you to act like an adult and make responsible decisions.

Having the attitude that you can continue to just breeze through life without exhibiting any actions of maturity won't cut it. With most people including parents, there is only a limit to how much they will endure as far as a person being careless.

People always recognize it when you are responsible and can be trusted. This attitude can be rewarding when trying to achieve goals and starting your career.

It's great to be young at heart no matter how old you get and not always worrying about things. But there comes a time when you have to grow up and face reality.

If there comes a time when you're constantly faced with problems and misery, life won't be a laughing matter anymore.