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Construction workers and an assortment of equipment began putting pre-fabricated walls on the sides of the new fieldhouse. The new building is expected to be completed late this spring.

Inside...

Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson entertained a "thirsty" crowd at the Convention Center Friday. But the concert was marred by several technical flaws. For a review of the show, see page 3.



The Highlasses and Highlanders came close to winning "big games" this week. The Highlasses lost to South Plains Saturday, while the Highlanders fell to Hill at the game's buzzer Monday night. See pages 3 and 4.

Governor, Budget Board Propose Less Money Than Junior College Request

Recommendations for Texas junior college funding for the 1977-79 biennium are less than the \$9.17 million appropriations increase request made by Texas junior colleges.

The Legislative Budget Board and Gov. Dolph Briscoe have made differing recommendations concerning junior college funding. Both of these are less than what junior colleges are asking for, said Dr. Wilbur Ball, president.

Rep. Bill Presnel, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, has also introduced a bill that is a modified version of the LBB proposal.

Gov. Briscoe recommends \$1,827,415 for MCC academic programs for both 1977-78 and 1978-79. LBB proposals reflect a recommendation of \$2,142,155 for MCC academic programs in 1977-78, and \$2,251,405 for academic programs in 1978-79.

For MCC technical-vocational programs in 1977-79, Gov. Briscoe recommends \$1,430,042, while the LBB recommends \$1,640,341 for 1977-78 and \$1,723,998 for 1978-79.

MCC currently receives \$2.6 million from this fund. Funding for the next two years is attributable to appropriations granted junior colleges during this legislative session.

In both academic and technical-vocational areas, the LBB recommends increases in funding for the 1978-79 omnium. Governor Briscoe's proposals reflect no increase for the second year.

MCC gets 70 per cent of its

operating funds from these appropriations.

The request by junior colleges reflects a seven and one half per cent increase over funds for 1976-77. MCC received a 9.6 per cent increase for academic programs and an 8.7 per cent increase for vocational-technical programs for the present biennium. Forty-four per cent of the money appropriated is used for vocational education.

Some of Rep. Presnel's modifications to the LBB proposal will affect MCC, said Ball.

One such modification would provide funds to increase the state's contribution for employee health insurance premiums from the current \$15 per month (included in another proposed bill) to \$25 per month for 1977-78 and \$27.50 for 1978-79.

According to Ball, the Presnel modification which would cause the most controversy is one eliminating funding for all off-campus courses taught by community colleges.

Such a modification reflects a \$23.5 million cut in funding. Another of Rep. Presnel's proposals would provide that only 50 per cent of amounts recommended by the LBB for organized research in community colleges and universities be used.

The proposal reflects \$36.9 million less in general revenue funds for the biennium that recommended by the LBB.

This proposal would not affect MCC now, but might in the future, said Ball.

Students Voice Opinions On Carter Pardon

By Janet Faubion

Jimmy Carter officially became the 39th President of the United States Thursday thanking Gerald Ford "for all he has done to heal our land." His first act as President was aimed at further healing the country but drew fire from many.

Carter's pardon of thousands of draft evaders still fugitives from the Vietnam era fulfilled his first campaign promise. Many MCC'ers were critical of the decision.

Veteran Terry Reese said, "I don't like what he had done by pardoning the draft dodgers." Another veteran said, "I think he did the right thing."

A female veteran said "I'm against it."

James Shedfield said, "The amnesty for draft dodgers I am against. As far as the deserters, I am for." Helen Shedfield said, "I am against pardoning the draft dodgers."

The pardon question is only one of several issues Carter will face now that the parades, parties and receptions drop off and the job's demands take over.

In his address, Carter urged a fresh faith in the American dream and renewed confidence and trust in the nation and in each other.

He spoke of his hope to limit the world's armaments to those necessary for each nation's own domestic safety and said he hopes to move closer to the goal of "elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth."

By the end of his term, Carter hopes the world will say "that we had built a lasting peace, based not on weapons or war, but on international policies which reflect our own most precious values."

Whether Carter will instill confidence or bring peace or arms control is a matter debated by many citizens at this time.

Student Susan Bayett said she thinks Carter will be a "good president" and one MCC baseball player said he expects Carter to be better than Ford.

One freshman said she expects inflation to go down because the democrats are not in control.

"I think he'll be a good president because of his old fashionedness and informality," said Carmen Moore.

"He'll help us a lot; he's different from any other," said Janice Thibodian.

"I think he's a decent man," said Tim Riley.

Marcia Mathews said "I hope he'll be able to fulfill all of his promises."

"We don't need another four years like the last four. Americans will appreciate any change no matter how significant," said Mark Kutschеровsky.



(Artwork from National Observer)



photo by Terry Tacker

The group 'Tucson' performed a mini-concert Friday morning during the activity hour in the Student Center. The concert was sponsored by the MCC Student Government. The quintet, who frequently performs at 'The Water Works', appeared at MCC last year. With enough equipment to rattle anyone's ears, the group made a definite hit with the MCC students.

calendar

Wednesday Jan. 26

Mr. Richard Spinn will speak on "Hypnosis", 10 a.m., LH
Intramural basketball and chess begin, 10 a.m., HPE

Thursday Jan. 27

Highlassies vs Ranger, 5:45 p.m., Here
Highlanders vs Ranger, 7:30 p.m., Here

Friday Jan. 28

Deadline for singles billiard tournament in games room.
Highlanders vs SCC, 7:30 p.m., Terrell

Tuesday Feb. 1

Deadline for Homecoming Sweetheart nominees.
Twelfth day of class-- No refunds

Wednesday Feb. 2

Candidates for the elections will draw ballot positions
and have pictures made, 10 a.m., student activities office

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SG Opposes Proposal For Activity Hour

A proposition to move the activity hour to 12 p.m. was unanimously opposed by Student Government, Monday.

Vacancies in Student Government and Cheerleader positions were discussed also.

The resignations of representatives Sherri Rhea and Darlene Ditto were approved.

Alpert Apel, Bernard Rhoede and Mark Henson were appointed to a Public Relations Committee.

MCC Student Government will host the Region VI meeting Feb. 11.

Paul Holder, government instructor and a student government sponsor, said the council is discussing ways and means to improve the council's image.

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'Super Bowl Mama' Proud Of Son

By Eddie Wiley

"Queen for a Day" was how Mrs. Eunice Barnes described her recent trip to the Super Bowl.

Mrs. Barnes, who is employed as a custodian in the Student Center, is the mother of Rodrigo Barnes, Waco Carver athlete who now plays for the world champion Oakland Raiders. She attended the Super Bowl game in Pasadena, California as the guest of her son and the Raider team.

Mrs. Barnes did enjoy getting to see her son even though much of his time was taken with practice before the game. He did pick her up at the airport on the day she arrived, and they were able to spend some time together before the game, and also at the Awards banquet

following.

Mrs. Barnes went on to explain that the training and discipline of the team was almost unbelievable. "Why, you even had to have a telephone pass and had to be registered with the club to call up your own son."

The only unpleasant aspect of the game was the trip in the heavy traffic to the ballgame. "It took us around an hour to go less than ten miles," she added.

But the traffic problem was very minor considering the over-all trip. "After all," Mrs. Barnes went on to say, "nothing was more rewarding than to watch my own son play in the Super Bowl--and on the winning team too."

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Spinn to Speak on "Hypnosis"

Dr. Richard Spinn will speak on "Hypnosis" at 10 a.m. today in the Science Lecture Hall. His presentation is open to all students and is sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Phi Science Club.

Tax Statements Ready for pick up

Placement Director Cathy Dominguez urges all student employees to come by the Placement Office and pick up their Wage and Tax Statements for 1976. The sooner these are picked up, the quicker it will be to file income tax reports, said Miss Dominguez.

BEOG applications available

Basic Education Opportunity Grant Applications for 1977-78 are now available in the Financial Aid Office.

Director of Financial Aid Stephen Crump encourages all interested students to apply now.

Also all students who are planning to work under the college Work-Study Program need to apply early, for it takes four to six weeks from the time the application is submitted until notification of applicants eligibility, Crump said.

Learn to Learn to Relax Workshop

"Learn To Learn To Relax" in a four-part workshop to be held Feb. 21, 23, 28 and March 2 during the 10 a.m. Activity Hour.

Purpose of the workshop is to demonstrate and discuss methods of lessening tensions within us. Applications may include nervousness before tests, insomnia, anxiety in social situations, etc.

The workshop will be held in the Health Careers Building, Room 114. For further information students may contact John Nobis in the Counseling Office.

Cosmetology Students Enter Competition

Three MCC cosmetology students will enter the state's largest cosmetology competition Feb. 7 in Dallas.

Allen Johnson, Dianne Hardin and Benny Byrd will enter the contest, which is held in conjunction with the All-State Beauty Show beginning Feb. 4 in the Fairmont Hotel.

The show is the first release of summer 1977 hair fashions. All cosmetology students will attend the show, and the cosmetology department will be closed that day.

Growth Groups Now Forming

Personal Growth groups of 12 students will meet for two hours, one afternoon a week for a total of eight weeks beginning Feb. 7.

Purpose of the group is to provide the individual student with an opportunity to develop greater understanding of self and others through more effective communication and sharing.

Psychology, mental health and orientation students may receive extra credit in their courses for participation.

Interested students may sign up in the Counseling Office by Feb. 4.

Nelson, Parton Perform To 'Thirsty' Audience

By Bryan Davis

"The Queen of Country Music," Dolly Parton, and that Texas "Outlaw", Willie Nelson, began a Southwestern tour together Friday night at the Waco Convention Center. Sponsored by radio station KKKK, "Dolly and Willie" each attracted a huge crowd of followers.

The concert was continuously plagued by difficulties, both audio and technical. Finally, the concert got underway about 9 p.m. (an hour behind schedule) with the fine musical talents of Milton Carroll.

However, it was quite obvious who the crowd had come to see. Finally, Dolly Parton bounced on stage and charmed the crowd by stating her affection for Waco and Texas in her Tennessee hills accent, saying, "The thing I remember most about Texas is that the people down here are so friendly . . . I'm glad you haven't changed."

Miss Parton brought the audience to the isles belting out tunes such as: "Your Love Keeps Lifting Me", "Silver Threads and Golden Needles", and ending with "I Will Always Love You." Miss Parton left the

stage with a very deserving standing ovation.

There was another quite long delay when a large group of overhead lights fell to the stage smashing speakers and stage equipment. Although no one

was hurt, Nelson himself appeared to quiet the audience. Chants of "We Want Willie!", coaxed Nelson to begin performing before the lights were replaced.

Nelson filled the room with the music which has made him

a "superstar." Tunes like: "Whiskey River", "Stay A Little Longer", "I'm Crazy", Despite the delays and problems, the crowd received what it had come for: the beautiful music of two of the music industry's finest talents.

New Members Chosen For Drill Team

By Amy Dunlap

The MCC Dancy Company's spring tryouts brought 10 new members to the drill team, making a total of 20.

Newly chosen members are Thelma Crump from Richfield, Diann Horne from Robinson, Rhonda Majors from Mexia, Lynn Callentine from Richfield, Janette Kennedy from Bryan, Joyce Mateck from Bryan, Donna Goates from Waco High and Cynthia Leno from Jefferson Moore.

The new members are awaiting the arrival of their uniforms, boots and hats.

Judges for the Jan. 13 and 14 tryouts were LaQuita Freeman, a former Apache Bell, Cindy Ruetten, a present Apache and Susan Gorham, a present Kilgore Rangerette.

The 10 members returning from the Fall semester are Captain Beverly Gartman from Gatesville, newly elected lieutenants Jo Burns from Waco

High and Tricia Tighe from University, Becky Dean from Riesel, Rita McNamara from Temple, Martha McConnell from LaVega, Lauria Woodards from Dallas and Joy Wiese from University.

These women practice for an hour and a half, Monday through Friday.

Drill team instructor Sandy Hinton said, "All members are dedicated to making an excellent drill team."

On Jan. 15, the drill team performed at the Riesel Beauty Pageant. They have also been performing at men's and women's basketball games.

The Dance Company will perform a jazz routine Thursday night in the Highlander Gym during halftime of the Ranger game. They also plan to perform at the Waco Boat and Sports Show Feb. 11, 12, and 13 at the Waco Convention Center.

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Hill Rebels Nip MCC In Final Seconds Highlanders Absorb First Conference Loss



Guard Sam Worthen tries to add to the Highlander scoring in the first half of the MCC-Hill game played Monday night in Hillsboro.

The Hill Rebels upset MCC 91-90 Monday night in Rebel Gym. MCC's season's record drops to 16-4 and the setback also dropped the Highlanders from first place in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference standings. Grayson is now in first place followed by Hill and MCC with 3-1 marks.

It was just not the Highlanders night. Hill's pressing defense befuddled the Orange's offensive maneuvers

to build up an early lead that the Highlanders could never overcome.

The Rebels could do no wrong at the beginning of the contest. Willie Jackson led a Hill surge with his hot shooting hand and before the MCC fans could find a place to sit, down, the Highlanders were behind 21-4.

But then the Highlanders began to cause some turnovers for themselves. Angelo Grimes and Sam Worthen rallied MCC to within seven at halftime 51-

44. The inefficiency of MCC's postmen to score was one of the major differences in the game. Worthen and Vinnie Johnson accounted for 55 of the Highlander's total points.

With 7:24 left, Easy Ed Marshall put MCC in front for the first time in the game 77-75. The lead switched hands after that five times before Tyrone Emerson sank a tip-in at the buzzer to give the Rebels their hard-earned victory.

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South Plains Squeezes By Hustling Highlassies

By Terry Tacker

It was a case of the best team not winning the ole ball game.

The Highlassies had played their best game of the year, leading by as much as twelve points at one point, against the nationally-ranked South Plains Texanettes.

But with 12:30 left in the game and the Lassies leading 43-37, freshman post Jackie Swaim was forced to leave the action, having committed her fifth foul. Whenever Swaim is not in the game, the Highlassies suddenly become unable to rebound efficiently.

Such was the case in the Saturday night game in Highlander Gym. The Texanettes, now 12-1 on the year, began to receive two and three shots at their basket, finally overcoming MCC in the final one and a half minutes of the contest. South Plains won 64-60.

The Highlassies were in foul trouble the whole evening. Guard Kathy Jarvis picked up three personals in the opening three minutes. But post Carolyn Johnson was not far behind, for the freshman from Dallas also fouled out early in the second half.

The Texanettes, like any good team, took advantage of the 'Lassies fouling. The visitors converted on 22 of 33 attempts from the line.

MCC shocked South Plains at the beginning, grabbing a quick 6-0 lead. The 'Lassies defense dominated the taller Texanettes. The defensive job done by Swaim on 6-2 post Capri Kimbrow was the Azle-native's best of the year. Kimbrow was held to two points before Swaim

fouled out of the action.

Sharon Whitney scored 11 points coming off the bench and did an excellent job in leading the 'Lassies offensive efforts. Claire Morris also tallied 11, the majority of which came from outside.

South Plains grabbed its first lead of the game, 61-60, with 1:53 left. MCC had several chances to take the lead but was unable to do so. Three free shots

by Wilma Ruff gave the visitors their final victory margin.

The Highlassies record fell to 9-5 for the season.

MCC 37 23-60
SPC 31 33-64

MCC scoring: Swaim 6 - 4 - 16, Loewe 1 - 2 - 4, Morris 5 - 1 - 11, Lindemann 3 - 2 - 8, James 3 - 2 - 8, Johnson 1 - 0 - 2, Whitney 5 - 1 - 11. Team Totals 24 - 12 - 60.



photo by Donna Richter

Claire Morris shoots for two points during MCC-South Plains battle Saturday night.

Scoring Points

By Terry Tacker

Today, representatives from the Houston Astros National League baseball team will be in Waco to meet with area press. Last year at the same event, players Cliff Johnson, Ken Boswell, Greg Gross and later to be all-star Ken Forsch did not try to promise anything, unlike past seasons when the Houston executives promised the fans a pennant. This might have helped, for the Astros vaulted from last place to third in the National League's toughest division, the western. The Astros have indicated that several of their players along with front office personnel will be in town today. It will be interesting to see what they have to say.

For the first time in years, there isn't a dominant team in college basketball. UCLA (12-2) is good, but if Richard Washington hadn't prematurely turned pro, the Bruins would have been much tougher. At defending national champion Indiana, four starters graduated and several players have balked at Bobby Knight's drill-instructor coaching techniques.

Elvin Hayes, 6 ft. 10 in. forward of the Washington Bullets, when asked in a hotel lobby if he was a basketball player: "No, I clean giraffe ears."

James Haller accepted the position of head basketball coach at Baylor last week, and was greeted with losses to Texas Tech and Houston. But almost everyone that knows the former coach of the Highlanders believe that the Baylor personnel made the right decision in hiring Haller. Only time will tell. In his only year at MCC, Haller inherited a squad with two returning starters that was picked to finish in the second division at the beginning of the year. He guided this team to a final record of 25-5 and a berth in the National Junior College Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. He would have been fortunate enough to have four starters back from his first MCC team, but the Dallas-native accepted the assistant's position at Baylor. One of the behind the scenes aspects is the fact that not only Baylor wanted Haller's services, another Southwest Conference school (rumored to be A&M) found him to be very appetizing for the future. But Haller liked Waco, and decided to sign with the Bears.

MCC Tames Cooke Lions

The defensive-minded Highlanders rolled to their third Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference win with a 87-69 victory over the Cooke County Lions.

The visitors from Gainesville never figured out how to cope with the Highlanders full court press, committing 28 turnovers for the game. If it were not for hot-shooting David Thornton's 35 points, the Lions would have been totally embarrassed.

MCC took advantage of the Lion's turnovers to take a commanding 31-18 lead midway through the first half. But Cooke gathered some momentum to come within four at the half, 43-39.

MCC took the shooting battle as it hit 39 of 84 field goals for 46.4 per cent. Cooke connected on 27 of 64 for 42.1 per cent. The Lions, however, held a 46-42 lead in rebounding. Vinnie Johnson gathered in 11 rebounds and Glenn Minnex had six to lead MCC in that department.

Johnson, who sat out much of the night on the bench, still had 20 points to finish behind Thornton as the games leading scorer.

MCC 43 44-87
CCC 39 30-69



photo by Donna Richter

Freshman Sharon Whitney (45) drives up the middle of the Texanette defense during first half action of the MCC-South Plains contest.

'Lassies Beat Richland; Ready For Range Anns

The Highlassies pushed their record to 9-4 with a solid 109-28 victory over Richland College Thursday night in Highlander Gym. The contest was played before the MCC-Cooke County encounter.

The 81-point victory margin was the most ever recorded by a Highlassie team. Freshman Jackie Swaim led MCC with 39 points while Claire Morris chipped in 13. Gaye Loewe was the only other 'Lassie in double figures, hitting 11 points.

MCC 51 58-109
RC 18 10-28

MCC scoring Swaim 16 - 7 - 39, Kemp 2 - 0 - 4, Speer 2 - 0 - 4, Jarvis 2 - 0 - 4, Lindemann 3 - 0 - 6, Bullock 1 - 0 - 2, Loewe 5 - 1 - 11, Bell 2 - 0 - 4, Morris 5 - 3 - 13, James 3 - 1 - 7, Whitney 3 - 0 - 6,

Toh 2 - 1 - 5, Johnson 4 - 0 - 8. Team Totals 48 - 13 - 109.

The Highlassies take on the Range Anns of Ranger beginning at 5:45 in Highlander Gym Thursday. Coach Pam Davis' crew presently own a 0-1 conference mark.

The Highlanders try to regroup after their loss at the hands of the Hill Rebels Thursday night in Highlander Gym when they play host to the Ranger Rangers. Ranger is much improved over last year, so MCC fans can expect another exciting contest.

Coach Johnny Carter takes his team to Terrell Monday to play Southwest Christian in another important conference struggle. Gametime is 7:30.