



Virus cripples MCC computer network

Recurring Nimda leaves McLennan in remission

Justin Loosier
Staff Writer

"Nimda," a virus that crippled Internet access for users across the country, infected MCC's Administration network on the morning of Sept. 18.

"This is the worst virus that has ever hit the campus," said Karen

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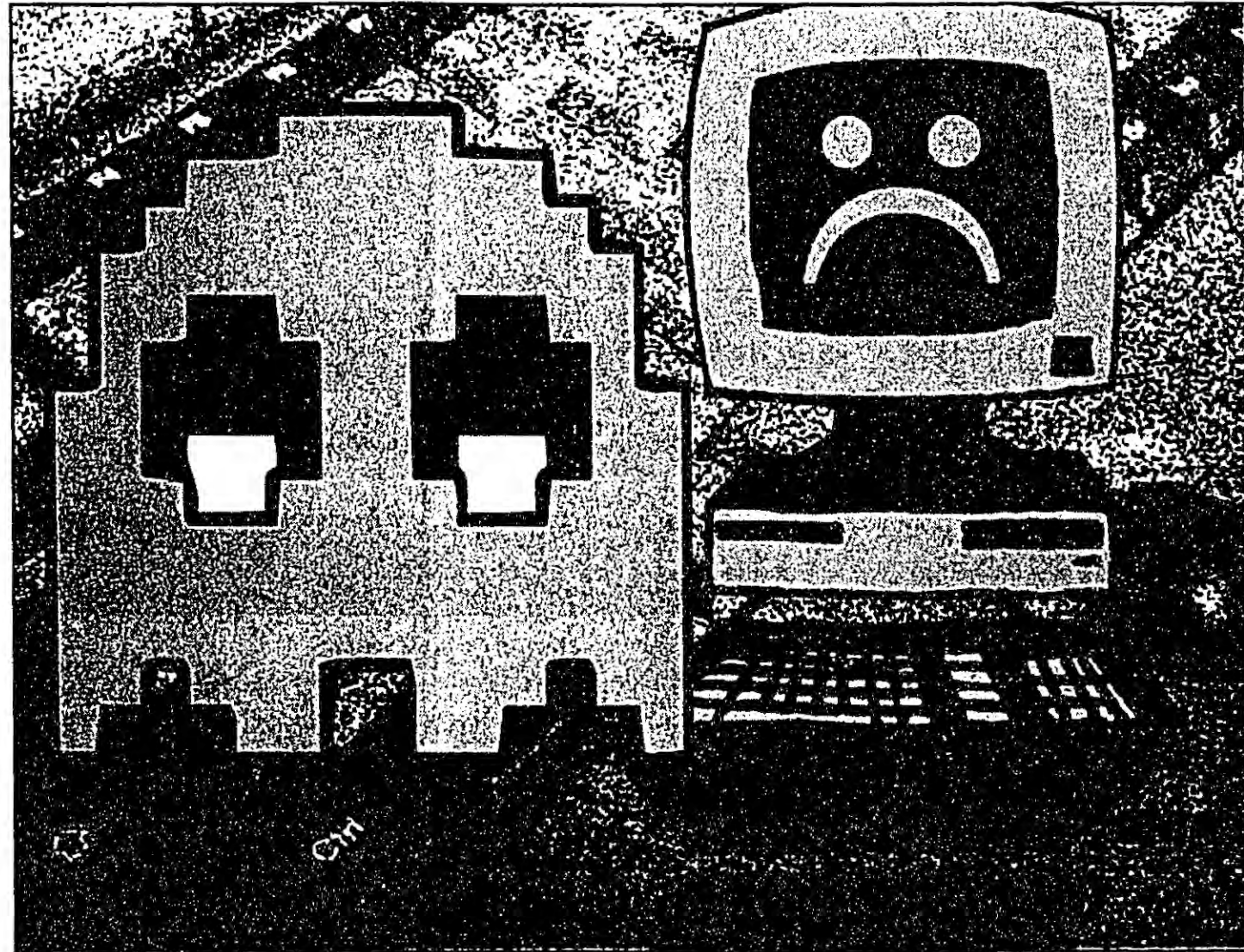
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The last Anti-Virus installation worked effectively and no major problems have occurred since Nimda's damage. Conine said that the virus did not infect the student network, and that it continues to work properly.

Repairs will continue until the end of next week on T-REG, the dial-up server for registration. Students who need to register for Flextrack classes will need to do so through WebAdvisor or in person.

Although some problems remain evident, Conine said she is confident that the situation is under control and that all remaining errors will be corrected shortly.

"We think we have a handle on it," she said.

Students ponder war, unlikely draft

Jodi DobbsWhite
Staff Writer

Many MCC students have displayed symbols of patriotism on their vehicles, clothing, and backpacks since the September 11 terrorist attacks, but questions remain among students and faculty about the justice of the "war on terrorism," and the possibility of a reinstatement of the draft.

MCC student Ashley Daly said he feels that aggressiveness towards countries that harbor terrorists would be unjustified.

"Violence is not the answer. I don't think we should punish innocent people," she said.

"I'm not for violence or killing innocent people, but our government needs to take care of business. I don't want what happened in New York to happen again," said Kris Kahler, freshman Student Government representative.

"I think we should go over there and find Bin Laden," Sarah Byrd said.

Kevin Cloud said he feels he should retaliate with violence.

"I think we should gather up all the Afghans and drop them from a plane," he said.

"Just as logic works only on logi-

cal people, calls for nonviolence will fall on the deaf ears of the violent," said government instructor Paul Holder, adding, "Appeasement is viewed as weakness by those who respect only power."

"At this point in my career I have undoubtedly taught scores of Muslims. I liked all of them. We can not condemn a faith, Islam, or a people (Arabs), for homicidal acts of evil beings within those groups," Holder said.

"The virtual world-wide condemnation of his (Bin Laden's) murdering over 7,000 human beings will provide President Bush a stepping stone in eliminating this ilk from our presence," he said.

Most MCC students who spoke with the Highland Herald staff said they support Bush's stance on the conflict with terrorism, but only a few said they support reinstating involuntary conscription, the draft.

"I don't think they'll have to draft, but if that's what they have to do, it's what they have to do," Amanda Bennett said, but added that if she is drafted, she could see herself saying, "I didn't mean to shoot you. I'm sorry."

Nany Gamiz said that she would play dead if women were drafted and

she went to war.

Micki Graham, Operations Manager for Region II Selective Service, spoke with the Highland Herald and said that his office has had no direction from the President or Congress to reinstate the draft.

She emphasized that no heightened measures have been taken which would bring the nation closer to a draft.

However, Graham said women would not be drafted as the law stands now.

"The Military Selective Service Act states that all young men between the ages of 18 and 25 must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. It states 'men', not women. Congress would have to make a change in the law for women to be drafted. However, the Defense Department has taken a look at the role women play in the military over the past ten years, and as women take a more active role in the military, women being drafted could be a possibility. But, we've had no direction that such a change will be made," Graham said.

She said she does not anticipate potential lawsuits if women are not drafted because the Supreme Court ruling in the early 1980s that the con-

stitutionality of the all-male draft would be upheld.

Graham said if the draft is reinstated, it would be done by a lottery held in Washington, and that dates of birth for all eligible men will be randomly drawn; then, a number would be picked for that birthday in a separate drawing.

"These two things would tell a young man where he stands in line," explained Graham.

There will be three main categories of postponements: physically disabled; conscientious objector, someone who has objected to war and violence over a long period of time; hardship, someone with substantial financial difficulty such as a man with a large family to provide for, and ministerial students, said Graham.

She said men in any of these categories will have to file for a change, go before the draft board, and convince the board of their sincerity as well as providing proof that they fall under that particular category.

Graham also said that being married, having children, or being a student would exempt a man from the draft.

"Getting married has no relevance, no bearing, and neither does having children on draft eligibility. Students

who are drafted could finish their current semester or finish the year if they are a senior at the time they are called," said Graham.

"I would protest and not go willingly if there was a draft. I don't want to be put on the front lines to die," said Cloud.

"In the event of a draft, I doubt that there would be protests at MCC," said Holder. "Students at MCC in the late 60s' and early 70s' did not protest U.S. actions in Southeast Asia."

Regardless of how students feel about a reinstatement of the draft, Graham said that they should still register with Selective Service because, "sometimes when you're young you don't realize that not registering with Selective Service is a felony and could effect your life forever."

If there's a draft and eligible men are not registered, their names will be turned over to the Justice Department and they could have to pay up to \$250,000 and possibly face imprisonment for up to five years. If men don't register before age 26, it will make it impossible for them to get federal training, a federal job, federal student aid, or any job involving the law, Graham said.

Graham said that Texas also passed a law stating that Selective Service

registration is a prerequisite for state student aid and employment.

Texas just passed another law that will link driver's licenses with registration. This will make it easier for men to register when they get their driver's licenses, but will also make it easier to find men who do not register, added Graham.

Graham emphasized that men who don't choose to register will still be able to get their drivers license, but that this information will be turned over to Selective Service, and they could suffer the consequences.

"I think women should be drafted. I think the country is ready for this (drafting women)," said Ron Sievert, Assistant US Attorney Civil Division, the division that would defend any suits filed concerning the draft.

Sievert says he feels there would be lawsuits filed because if the government only drafts men, some women will feel discriminated against. If women are drafted and later file lawsuits, "legally that wouldn't fly."

Sievert said he sat down and talked with his three daughters and wife about the possibility of women being drafted, and his wife is totally against it.

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Former coach fills in after b-ball resignation

Aaron Smith
Sports Editor

Less than a week before beginning fall practice, the McLennan Community College men's basketball program is changing coaches.

Head coach Ray Farrell resigns.

However, the players won't have to get used to a new face, Ray Farrell, who coached the Highlanders for one season after being hired to succeed Steve Shields last year, told the Tribune-Herald Tuesday that he has resigned to pursue an assistant coaching position with NCAA Division I Cleveland State University. Replacing Farrell on an interim basis for this season will be MCC athletic director Wendell Hudson. Hudson, who coached the MCC women's basketball team for 13 years before becoming AD after the 1998-99 season, met with school president Den-

nis Michaelis Tuesday Sept 25 and tossed around several ideas for replacing Farrell.

With basketball practice beginning Monday — unlike Division I schools, who start in mid-October — MCC didn't have much of a choice. Among the options discussed by Hudson, Michaelis, and the MCC board, which met Tuesday night, was promoting men's assistant Byron Smith, who was just hired this summer, and bringing in a new coach altogether.

"We went over all our options," Hudson said. "We talked about advertising. But you've got to go through the process of advertising the job for several weeks, and then it's got to go to committee, and by the time you're through basketball season is too close. We also talked about Byron Smith, who's a good young man and a good coach, but he's really only been here a month and it

wouldn't have been fair to put that (head coaching job) on him," Hudson said.

"You know how it is in this business — when an opportunity presents itself, you've got to jump at it," Farrell said.

Farrell took over the Highlanders last year after a two-year stint as head coach at the University of Texas at Dallas. He led MCC to an 18-12 record, but the Highlanders missed the Region V Tournament after a sixth-place conference finish. It's been something of a nomadic career for the 40-year-old Farrell, whose stop at MCC was the eighth different coaching job of his career. He made stops as an assistant at The Master's College, UNLV, Collin County, the University of Rochester, St. Lawrence University, SMU and the University of Dallas. Though he's leaving, Farrell said he still be See 'Coach on page 2' loves MCC

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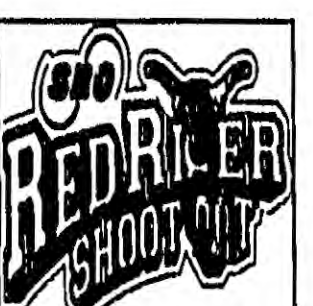
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SGA takes Red Cross donations

Dale Price, student government president, is heading up an effort to raise funds for the American Red Cross through donation boxes on campus and a Student Government Car Wash at the Genie Car Wash in Hewitt on October 6.

There are patriotically decorated donation boxes located in the MAC café, the CSC library, and the student services building, all well-trafficked areas, said Price.

Student government members will also take turns passing another donation box around their classes at MCC and places of business such as M&M Mars, Price added.

Price said that he got the idea for the boxes from Golden Key, a club at Baylor, who challenged MCC only to participate in the effort - not meet a certain money amount.

The boxes should be available till the middle of October and all checks should be made payable to the American Red Cross, said Price.



Members of the MCC Student Government Association ready to collect donations for the American Red Cross.

Digital image by Jorge Trujillo

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draft and current case law, Sievert said he had the pertinent information available, but had yet to research the issue.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said there was no possibility of a draft, and according to Dave Helfert, Press Secretary for Congressman Chet Edwards. The passing of a draft would depend on the seriousness of the world conflict and the number of able bodied soliders needed to fight, he said.

"Really, it would depend on the needs," Helfert said.

A rarely known fact is that that the Selective Service Act, put in place at the close of the Vietnam War, prohibits the

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MCC will return to its past winning ways, when region tournament berths were commonplace.

"I was very excited about the guys we recruited (at MCC)," Farrell said. "They should have a really good team this year."

With Farrell's departure many players like Baylor transfer Micheal Degrate were left confused and uncertain about their futures at MCC.

"He (Farrell) was a real good guy and the reason I came here from Baylor," Degrate said. "But I feel the program is in good hands with coach Hudson."

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What's Happening!

AIISA meeting

American Indian and Indigenous Students Association will have a meeting on October 5, 2 p.m. in the Student Center Cafeteria.

Sigma Kappa Delta meeting

Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society will hold a meeting on October 10 at 2:15 in LA 212.

Satellite Seminars

On October 9 and 23 are the next Phi Theta Kappa Satellite Seminars 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Theater's Royal Hunt

The Theater Department will perform Royal Hunt of the Sun from October 10-13 at 7:30 p.m and October 17 at 8 p.m. The performance tells the story of the Spanish expedition under Pizzaro to the land of the Incas. However, the Spaniards come in conquest instead of reverence. Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office 299-8200

C.O.W. meetings

The C.O.W. will have their meetings on October 16 and 30 at 6 p.m. in LA

Room 201. Meetings are every other Tuesday.

Alcohol Awareness Week

Alcohol Awareness Week, October 15-19 will be sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Meet N Greet

The Phi Theta Kappa Meet 'n' Greet, will be October 24 6 p.m in the Student Center.

Course Advising Forms

Course advising forms for Spring 2002 will be available October 29.

Pumpkin Carving and Halloween Blood Drive

Pumpkin Carving Contest, 10 a.m.-noon, October 31 in the Student Center. The Phi Theta Kappa Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Financial Aid Deadline

Financial Aid Application deadline for Spring semester is November 1.

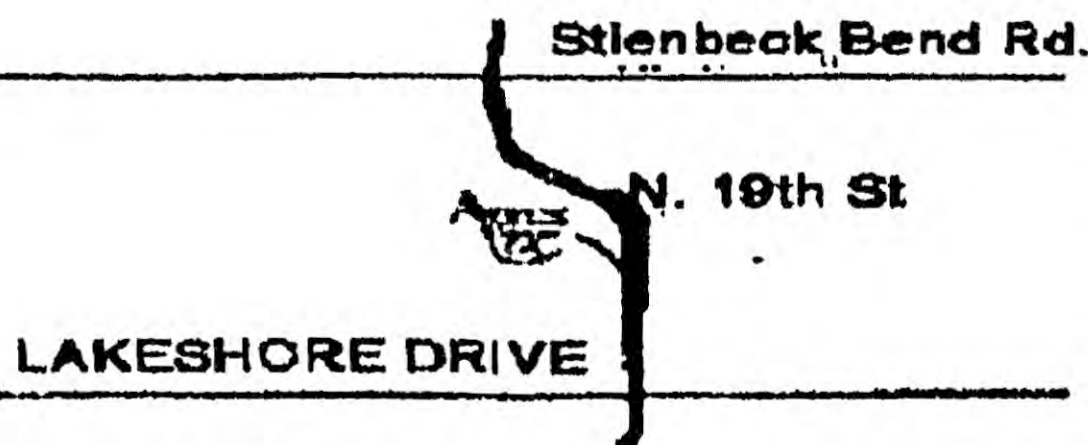
Holiday Food Drive

Phi Theta Kappa's annual Food/Toy/Books Drive November 1 through the 30.

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Patriotism shines through the grief

Jana M. Vaculik
Editor in Chief

Since the terrorist attack, America has banded together to show their support of the country. I have seen citizens reach out to the victims with donations of blood and money. I have also noticed people are more proud to be an American and the rise of patriotism.

I did not see this display of patriotism before the attacks.

Now American flags hang in front of houses at every block, on car antennas, flag t-shirts, and bumper stickers. The stores are sold out of anything red, white, and blue.

Everyone should be grateful and proud of the United States. Sure our government has made mistakes and some things are not worth being mentioned but our democracy has lasted over 200 years. Americans have never been without our freedoms; we have always been a free country. Veterans of wars have risked their lives or died for the United States. In times of war I wonder how many people would step up to the plate and give the ultimately sacrifice. Veterans of wars have been forgotten with only a name on black granite.

We think the fourth of July is only for barbecues, pool parties and fireworks.

The fourth of July is celebrated to remind us of the courage our founding fathers reflected in the Declaration of Independence. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and John Adams were some of the individuals who worked tirelessly to ensure the solid future of our great nation. They wanted to have freedom to do what they wanted but not as an anarchic society.

Americans consistently do not know enough about our constitution and civics, who are their elected senators and representatives and do not bother to vote. Voter apathy has increased over the years and then people complain about everything the government does wrong. If you do not vote then do not complain.

Then there is the subject of jury duty. Sure the individual states need to increase the pay and offer some conveniences but people need to serve on juries. I would take a trial with a jury of your peers than a judge deciding your fate by firing squad.

I think Americans should be proud of their country not only on federal holidays but yearlong. I do not mean to wear the American flag and make cupcakes with sprinkles on them but be more grateful for the everyday moments in life. We learned from this tragedy is that life is short. Those innocent people on the planes did not deserve to die but it was their time.

This tragedy has shown the world and even among ourselves how a strong nation we are and how America is able to survive hardship. Through our common bond as Americans we can show Osama Bin Laden he can not stop our spirit or aircraft carriers and missiles.



Patriotism: Keep it up

Kasia Redden
Staff Writer

I am so proud to live in the United States of America. I always have been, even before I had such a wide variety of patriotic memorabilia to choose from.

Where else in the world could I be free to go to any school, apply for any job, or attend any church that I wanted to, without fear of retaliation or violence?

America does have its problems. We do have small wars to fight on our own soil every day, whether it be gangs, drugs, or unemployment. The great thing about America is that these things are at the top of our list of worries.

Granted, these are major problems. My point is that we have time to worry about solutions for these problems. We don't have to worry every day about whether the whole nation will starve to death or succumb to disease. We don't have to worry about getting shot when we leave the house to go to the grocery store.

On the whole, this is a pretty safe nation to live in. For the most part, we as Americans have it pretty good. It's a shame it took so long to recognize that.

I am proud of the patriotism. I just hope that it lasts until the inevitable HBO special and the Lifetime Movie-of-the-Week.

Post-madonna or pre-madonna?

Kim Carter
Managing Editor

Tigers, pythons, and belly dancing oh my! Britney Spears debuted her new song "I'm a Slave 4 U" at New York's Metropolitan Opera House during MTV's 18th annual Video Music Awards, and I loved every second of it.

For the record, I should state that I already have pop music issues. I can almost come to grips with a slight affection for NSYNC. It seems to be a little more difficult to count myself as a Britney fan. After her performance, though, I may have to take a deep breath, stand up and calmly state, "Hi. My name is Kim. I like Britney Spears."

The song itself is a mix of Max Martin pop vocals with heavy jungle beats from The Neptunes. The sound further pulls Britney away from the realm of bubblegum pop and into a new, more mature sound. This is the type of song that you come home to,

put on, and dance your hectic day away to.

As far as her performance, she showed the world that last year's controversial performance was not a one-time deal. As she strutted down the stage in her colorful, belly danceresque outfit, I could only give her my full adoration for dancing so well in those heels with a python carefully balanced on her shoulders.

Yes, she lip-synched. Yes, I was disappointed that she did. I understand her reasons, though. I can only imagine the pressure of performing in front of your peers with a python that close to your neck, knowing that a few thousand people may be willing the creature to squeeze real tight, all the while pulling off perfect choreography.

In a world where pop reigns supreme (whether you want it or not), Britney merely re-established her dominance as queen of the pop diva jungle.



Korean censorship or justice?

Sung W. Whang
Staff Writer

The suicide of a newspaper owner's wife has made many Koreans fearful that the Korean government suppresses newspapers.

The Korean government has insisted that many newspapers are guilty of tax evasion, and prosecutors said they have evidence of money laundering by media firms. However, the probe's focus on a limited group of newspapers has intensified political controversy over it.

The recent tax audit and the ongoing

criminal investigation into large newspaper companies and some of their founding families are expected to have lasting repercussions in Korean society, observers said.

The Korean government and the ruling Millennium Democratic Party, said the investigation would put the powerful and reclusive media firms under greater legal and tax scrutiny. Some of the media firms slapped with heavy taxes may be forced into radical restructuring. This may lead to a partial reorganization of the Korean media industry.

Opposition party Grand Nation Party's leader Lee Hoi-Chung accused the government of using the tax investigation into media firms to facilitate North Korean leader Kim Jong-

Il's visit to Seoul. GNP condemned the government's probe, accusing it of investigating major newspapers which present differing opinions against the government. GNP believes the tax audit was aimed at suppressing media criticism of the government.

Newspaper companies will face many financial difficulties, including a fee of about \$62 million in penalty taxes. Due to this issue, there is pandemonium in Korea between those who support media reform and those claiming suppression by the government. A congressman in Korea is on a hunger strike for 20 days to protest the faults of the government. MDP and GNP agreed to create a special committee to ensure the governmental probes are without any political intent.

Some international press organizations such as the International Press Institute and World Association of Newspapers placed Korea on the IPI Watch List with Russia, Sri Lanka and Venezuela.

Indeed, which opinion is correct? Correcting taxation justice or suppressing media? At this point, no matter what the answer is, Korea and the Korean government need to notice how significant the freedom of press is. Korea might need a kind of First Amendment.

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From the Fourth Floor:

Business services

Taking care of the money, the cops and the yard work

Dr. Johnette McKown,
Vice President for Business Services



Chief Larry Radke discusses campus plans with Dr. Johnette McKown

MCC is a special place, and it is the goal of the employees in the Business Services Division to make your experiences here as positive as we can. We are the folks who (1) collect your money in the business office or distribute loan checks; (2) protect the campus and yes, unfortunately, write the parking tickets; (3) cut the grass; heat, cool, repair, and clean the buildings; arrange and supervise the construction; (4) deliver the campus mail, answer the central phone number, and provide the copy service; and (5) help to hire the faculty and the staff. Responsibility for the bookstore, food services, vending operations, and the MAC card all fall within our area.

I'd like to share some of the things that are happening at MCC in our area, and I would certainly invite your input.

BOOKSTORE/FOOD SERVICES. When the Learning Technology Center (LTC) opens in the spring semester, a new food service provider will arrive on campus. There will be an exciting new look and a different kind of service since food service on campus will be provided in the LTC as opposed to being in the Student Center. It will look a lot more like the food court at the mall than the typical college cafeteria you're used to seeing. There are advisory committees for both the bookstore and the food services, with both having student representatives. Students, faculty, and staff may contact Gary Willis (glw@mcc.cc.tx.us) for more information or to make suggestions

or ask questions.

PARKING/SHUTTLE/CAMPUS POLICE. Parking is a problem at virtually every college in the United States, but we do not accept that there is nothing we can do. That's why we are continuing to make changes and trying to get the word out that there is ample parking, but it takes planning to be able to park every day without the frustrating experience of circling the campus and arriving late to class. We have added a parking lot at the Community Services Center (CSC) as close to the heart of the campus as possible. There is virtually no place within the center of campus to add a parking lot of any size. A parking garage could be built for approximately \$7,000-\$8,000 a spot. To compare, the new lot at CSC cost approximately \$1,500 per spot. In other words, we could build more parking spaces closer to the center of campus, but your parking fees would

have to increase significantly. This semester we have begun using the college bus rather than vans for shuttle service from the CSC, and this has been popular with students. We are continuing to seek better parking solutions, and the newly appointed Master Facilities Planning Committee will include a sub-committee to study circulation and parking.

We are fortunate to have a very safe campus. Yes, there will be the typical car break-ins periodically (although very infrequently), but crimes against individuals have been virtually non-existent. Please approach any of our officers for assistance at any time. Most are certified peace officers with the same training and experience as city policemen. We do have 24-hour security coverage, so you can feel safe on campus at any time. During late spring and early summer, we will also be replacing campus walkway and parking lot lighting, so the campus will be much brighter

than it now is. Contact Police Chief Larry Radke (lwr@mcc.cc.tx.us) to discuss parking, shuttle, or campus safety issues.

CONSTRUCTION. For the spring semester, you will arrive on campus to the newly opened Learning Technology Center (including the return of the Library to the heart of the campus), but other things are happening now and are scheduled for the spring as well. Numerous campus doors are in the process of being replaced for more accessible entry for those with disabilities; the elevator in Health Careers will be replaced; there will be new roofs for part of the HPE building, the Faculty Office Building, and the Child Development area of the CSC; the HPE Lecture Hall will receive a tremendous face lift including better lighting and new carpet and seating; and by the end of summer, the Applied Sciences Building will have a new air conditioning system. Contact Dianne Feyerherm (df@mcc.cc.tx.us) to discuss construction or any physical plant issue.

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Wellness program focuses on quality of life for MCC family

Treva Browdin
Staff Writer

The mission statement of the MCC Wellness Program is to raise awareness, educate, and involve faculty, staff, and students at McLennan Community College in wellness programs, which include physical, mental, social, vocational, and spiritual wellness; to ultimately improve the quality of life.

Doug Gibson, chair of the Wellness Committee, says there are a variety of programs the committee encourages students to get involved in. A health fair is one of these programs. The fair will offer students, faculty, and staff health screenings, such as blood tests, lung tests, and immunizations. The Health Fair will be on October 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Highland Gym. This event will be free to students and employees of MCC.

Relatively new programs the committee encourages students to get involved in are intramural leagues, which include tennis, volleyball, basketball, golf, horse shoes, and softball. These programs are also available to staff and faculty. Anyone interested in joining a team can form their own, or contact the chairs if they do not have one.

"The committee is really interested in having students join and participate in the leagues and encourages them not to be shy because it's a lot of fun," Gibson said.

To get involved in the leagues, students need to contact the league chairs or register by the Community Programs Office in FA 105 by filling out a registration form and picking up an instruction/rule sheet. The league chairs

for the programs are: Tennis- Jay Box 299-8602, Volleyball- Rita Davis 299-8756, Basketball- Terri Mozec 299-8777, horseshoe- Sid Ross 299-8849, softball- Angie Everett 299-8833. Trail hiking on October 26 and the guide is Steve Cook at 299-8755 or at stc@mcc.cc.tx.us

The golf league chair is to be announced at a later time.

The committee is sponsoring a brown bag lunch with featured wellness presenters on the second Fridays of each month at noon. On October 12 in the Student Center the speaker will be Martin Heese and topic is

Simple Techniques of Self Protection.

"All the subjects covered in the presentations should be pertinent to everyone," Gibson said.

There will also be Wellness Walks held on the campus and the next one will be the Walk for the Cure for Diabetes scheduled for October 20. Gibson says the committee would really like to see improved participation in these events. The Wellness Committee is made up of faculty members, staff members, an administrator, and may soon include a student representative. The committee will try to be at most student organization meetings and events.

"We'd really like to see students get involved in more extracurricular activities so they'll get to know more students, staff and faculty members. It's a really good way for them to connect to the campus and make their experience more enjoyable," Gibson said.

Students can go to the Wellness Activities webpage under Community and then Wellness Community for more information on any of the events.

Building Homes for Humanity

Marie Rent
Entertainment Editor



As the number of students in MCC's Building Construction Trade Tech program increases, so does the number of projects the department participates in.

Compared with last year's mere two students, this year over 30 people are enrolled in the program.

Quick said that this increase in enrollment is "because it has been promoted more; nobody knew about it."

The Construction students have worked with Habitat for Humanities four times within the past year, on the same house as President George W. Bush worked on when he was here, on Reverend Carter's house, built the ticket booth for the Bosque River Stage and plan on working with a new program, similar to Habitat for Humanities, benefiting the elderly said Frederick Quick, the Construction coordinator and instructor.

Because the carpentry program consists of hands-on courses, with construction site visits, for people looking to improve or learn carpentry skills, safety is an important issue.

"Safety is our priority," said Quick. Only one person has been injured aside from expected and unavoidable injuries such as splinters.

One student enrolled in carpentry, Jorge Remos, wants to learn more about construction so he can help improve his father's company.

Another student was recently divorced and needs to know how to maintain her home herself because she can't afford to hire someone to do it, said Quick.

Quick said he plans on teaching a course next semester "for females"

specifically focusing on home maintenance with another instructor.

Currently, out of over 30 students, seven are females and of the four graduates Quick has had, one has been female.


The program offers concurrent enrollment with high schools and currently has nine high school students enrolled.

Quick has been an instructor in the program since the first week of September 2000. Although this is program's fourth year, Quick is its third instructor.

The first year MCC offered a carpentry program, there were 15 or 20 total students and all quit for various reasons.

Local chapters of The Associated General Contractors of America (AGCA) and the Heart of Texas Builders Association (HTBA) endorse and support MCC's Building Construction and Trade Technology program.

"I don't work in any kind of carpentry, construction trade right now, but possibly get into that," said Deann Burley, Building Construction student.



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Sports

"If you put the ball on the ground, you lose. If you get a punt blocked, you lose. If you fumbled punts and kickoffs, you lose. If you throw interceptions, you lose. It's very simple."

-Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Dave Campo on Sunday's loss to the Eagles

Red River Rivalry Back

Aaron Smith
Sports Editor

In the early 80's the Texas-Oklahoma Red River battle was one of the premier games between two of the best teams in all of college football, but in recent years it has been reduced to just a game between two teams that don't like each other much.

Well it appears that the rivalry is finally back.

Going into Saturday's game the two teams are ranked in the top five, making it the biggest Texas-OU game since 1984 when they were the nation's top two ranked teams and has gone a long way in helping resurrect one of the best rivalries in all of college football.

Just like in the past when the game featured such big names as Billy Sims, Brian Bosworth, Barry Switzer, Fred Akers, and Eric Metcalf. This year the game once again features the big names of the future in Chris Simms, Quentin Griffin, Mack Brown, and Bob Stoops.

Both teams come into the showdown with 4-0 record for the first time since disco, and both consider the game pivotal in their prospective runs at a national championship. The Longhorns head into the game looking to exorcise the demons that have haunted them ever since last year's 63-14 debacle in the Red River Battle. Ever since the spring and summer workouts, the Longhorn players and

coaching staff have circled the October 6 battle on the calendar. The Longhorns 4-0 start marks the first time they have gone into the Red River game undefeated since 1985, proving for once that maybe they weren't looking ahead.

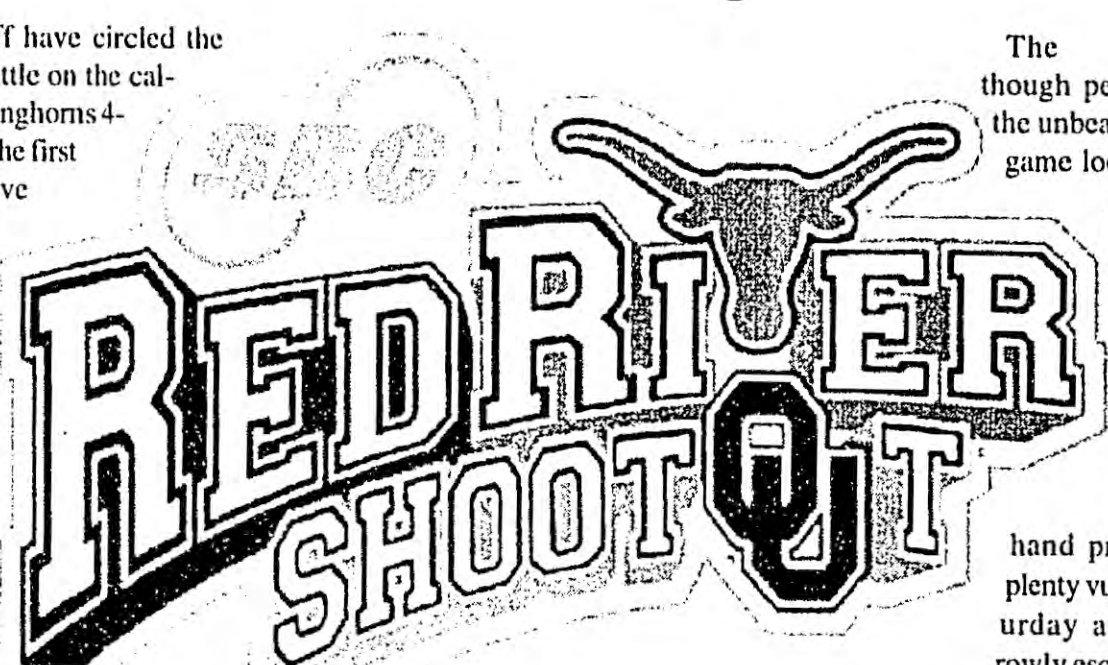
"OU was not mentioned this week," Brown said. "Our kids were watching us very closely."

OU coach Bob Stoops on the other hand let it be known his staff was working on Texas preparations during the Sooners three-week layoff as much as it was its readiness for Kansas State. The week after its Tulsa game was canceled because of the terrorist attacks, the Sooners spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of their normal bye week working on nothing but Texas.

And how much time did UT defensive coordinator Carl Reese spend on the crimson and cream?

"None," he said.

The Longhorns are coming off their best showing of the year in a 42-7 rout of Texas Tech in which Chris Simms looked magazine cover-worthy and



The question, though persists. With the unbeaten Sooners game looming in six days hence, is it good enough?

OU has to believe it might be.

OU on the other hand proved to be plenty vulnerable Saturday as they narrowly escaped Kansas State pulling out a 38-

37 victory in Norman, a place where they rarely lose at.

One thing is for sure out of all this mess and that is the Red River Rivalry is finally back.

has never been crisper, completing his first 10 passes and 21 of 26 passes with two drops. Roy Williams was downright legendary with a whopping 10 catches.

Notes:

Texas-OU events calendar

Thursday, Oct 4

Burnt Orange Blast Off: Texadelphia, 5500 Greenville Ave., 5:30 p.m. Buffet and music; special appearances by UT mascot Bevo and the Longhorn singers. Admission \$5.

Beat Texas Happy Hour: Damon's Sports Grille at Holiday Inn Select, 10650 N. Central Expressway, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5

OU Scholarship Golf Tournament: Tour 18 in Flower Mound Play starts at 8 a.m. \$125 entry fee, includes breakfast, lunch, and gifts. Proceeds go to the DFW chapter of Oklahoma Black Alumni Society's scholarship fund.

Bash Before the Clash Street Party: The Quadrangle, 2800 Routh St. 7-2 p.m. \$5 at the door. 972-702-8839.

SuperSooner Rally: Eddie Deen's Ranch, 944 S. Lamar. Barbecue starts at 8 p.m., \$30 per person (includes beverages).

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Saturday, Oct. 6

Dallas Texas Exes Tailgate Party: Southeast corner of Fair Park near the Natural Science Museum, 10:30 a.m.. Live music, rally featuring UT band and cheerleaders, \$15 for lunch/beverage. 972-702-8839.

Broken Record? Who Cares?

Lacy Witt
Sports Editor

If I were Barry Bonds right now, I think that I'd be pretty angry. Here he is, with the strong potential to break one of the most prestigious records in Major League Baseball, and no one is paying any attention.

He maintains that getting his team into the playoffs is more important to him than any record, but the American public cannot be fooled.

In the past, anyone who came within 5 or 6 runs of the single season home run record was immortalized.

When Roger Maris hit his 61st homer to break Babe Ruth's record in 1961, the world was shaken. There was much controversy because very few people wanted the record broken; they did not want Ruth's legend to be tarnished. Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris battled it out for much of the season until Mantle, clearly the people's favorite, suffered a season-ending hip injury. The rivalry between these two was rumored to be filled with jealousy, when actually it could not have been further from the truth. Maris and Mantle were roommates during the 1961 season and were very good friends. When the record was finally broken that year, the league refused to replace The Babe's name in the record books, and instead gave Maris a completely separate record. He was the record holder...with an asterisk (*). The league commissioner, Ford Frick, a former ghost writer for Babe Ruth, justified this by saying that Ruth set the record in 154 games. The season was expanded in 1961 to 162 games, in order to make room for two new teams, the Washington Senators and the Los Angeles Angels. Although it may not have been positive attention, still, there was attention.

Then, in 1998, there was another feud for the record between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. It was much less controversial than the 1961 season, but was still an exciting one for fans. There was a spirit of baseball around the country that had not been seen for many years. Sosa and McGwire were neck and neck for much of the season, but on September 27, 1998 the world stood in awe as McGwire hit his final home run of the season, number 70, which long surpassed that of Maris. Sosa finished out the season with 66 homers.

Now, just three years later, Barry Bonds has the opportunity to tie and even break McGwire's record, and hardly anyone knows about it. As of September 30, Bonds has 69 home runs on the season with six games remaining. He has more than ample opportunity to break the esteemed record...and no one seems to care.

This could be due the recent New York tragedy. People simply have bigger fish to fry than to devote their attention to major league baseball.

It could also have something to do with the fact that the record has only stood for three years, whereas the Ruth and Maris records stood for 34 and 37 years respectively. The new just hasn't had time to wear off yet...there's no nostalgia involved. Or it could be that there isn't a big rivalry this year and as Americans we like to see competition. Whatever the reason, lets give Barry a break here.

The man has hit 69 home runs in a single season. If he does make it to 71 within the next 6 games, wherever you are, applaud him. He went above and beyond the call of duty and deserves a little credit for it. Whether the Giants make the playoffs or not.

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Sports Writer

There's no "I" in team, but there is an "I" in Individual. The word sports usually makes people think of football, basketball, baseball, or other team sports. People generally seem to think of team sports, but there are also individualistic sports. Sports that are thought about, but not publicized as much.

I am going to talk about one of those sports — skateboarding.

Now I know that some of you know what I'm talking about. Yeah, team sports have been around for decades, even centuries, but so has skateboarding.

Now, here's a little history lesson for you. People have been skateboarding since 1959. The main difference then was that the wheels on skateboards were made of clay. The first professional boards were made in 1963 and the first contest was held at a school in California. By 1965, national competitions were being held.

Yes, skateboarding has been around for a while. So why doesn't it get the same recognition that football and basketball do? We have Monday night football, but do we have Wednesday night skateboarding? No.

I don't think that's fair. I see people skateboarding around MCC and the streets of my hometown all the time. There is a growing interest in skateboarding. My brother is even into skateboarding and many of my friends are skateboarders. Now, I can't skateboard. I don't quite have the right coordination. But I love to watch people skateboard and they have my respect. It takes more skill to

ollie a skateboard or do kick flips and grind on a rail than it does to be a football player and be on the line and run and tackle someone.

I never got into watching football on TV, but over the summer I was in front of the TV in the morning catching my daily dose of BlueTorch. My dad never understood how I could sit there and watch people skateboard, rollerblade and do BMX bike tricks, but I didn't care. I think he has a little bit more respect now. My brother got a skateboarding tape to learn some tricks and my dad actually sat there and watched it with him and was totally amazed.

I think it's cool that they have national contests like the X Games, but I wish there was more publicity. More people should get into individual sports. There also should be more girls entering into sports like skateboarding. True, skateboarding is a male dominated sport, but there are professional women skateboarders, too. These days the number of girls who skateboard is increasing, yet women compose a mere 15 percent of the competing athletes in the X Games. Just three of the eight sports feature a women's only division. There are only six female in-line competitors to the 20 male bladers, and no women at all in skateboarding.

This isn't cool, since there are 25 active female professional skateboarders. Unfortunately ESPN organizers said there was not enough of a public demand for a female contest.

Patty Segovin, the founder of the All Girls Skate Jam said, "ESPN chose to keep it out. I think it's pretty sexist and it still remains sexist."

Guys, brothers and parents of potential girl skateboarders tell these

girls not to enter into sports because they don't want them to get hurt. I think some of those guys are worried that these girls will become better than them and make them look bad. It's like a guy telling a girl not to get a tattoo. Don't choose to voluntarily inflict pain on yourself, but us guys can. I have a tattoo and yes, it hurt, but it was so worth it, and if a girl really wants to skateboard, she'll get past the pain on her own.

"It's so important for the girls to have somebody to look up to," said pro skateboarder Jen O'Brien. This guy knows what he's talking about. While the gender disparity in the Summer X Games continues, the female extreme sports movement is making significant progress.

There was an All Girl Skate Jam that ended in San Diego. This three-stop tour came to a smushing halt when 97 female skateboarders got together and turned up the heat. There were girls from three years old to 50-something that showed up to skate at YMCA Skate Park. Some of the pros such as Vanessa Torres, Cnaan Omer, and Amy Caron came out for a bit of the action.

There are people of every race, nationality, gender, and age that skateboard. It's a worldwide sport, and yet it gets less respect or exposure than football, which is a male only US sport. It's not really fair and things need to change for every sport that is treated this way. Hopefully, the interest will increase much more in the months and years to come, and people in individualistic sports will get the respect they deserve.

Arts Fest sparks creativity for all

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The sunny sky and cool air drew crowds to the 2001 Open Door Arts Fest on Sept. 28-30, which was held at the convention center and the freedom fountain plaza in downtown Waco.

All ages were encouraged to participate with music and dance performances, art displays for everyone to enjoy, and activity centers for kids.

Local bands and performance groups as well as others from around the state were present to give an eclectic array of entertainment. Among the bands were a few consisting of MCC students, along with a dance ensemble dubbed 'Dance Machine' which was directed by Jerry MacLauchlin. The live shows were performed on both an outdoor stage along with the McLennan room stage inside.

The Kidsville Art Studio provided children the opportunity to make get-well cards for children in the Hillcrest Kidsville hospital. "The cards are really a pick-me-up for the children and their families," said Regan Buckaloo, a volunteer from Hillcrest.

The painting center was where many patriotic paintings, such as American flags and "God Bless America" posters, were created in response to the New York tragedy.

"This is perfect for kids and family and it's a great way for little kids to express themselves," said parent Kim Abercrombie.

In addition to painting and making

sculptures from both wood and clay, children were encouraged to make objects such as jewelry boxes and binoculars out of objects that can be found around the home. "Don't ever throw anything away, because it could be used for art," stated Pamela Marcum, an Arts Fest volunteer. Other art mediums were provided such as marblizing, where pieces of paper were dipped in water and then sprinkled with paint to create swirling designs.

Children could also create bricks for the millennium wall, which will be built on the MCC campus. They used a mixture of sand, cement, and water, which was made into bricks to mold and scratch designs into for the wall.

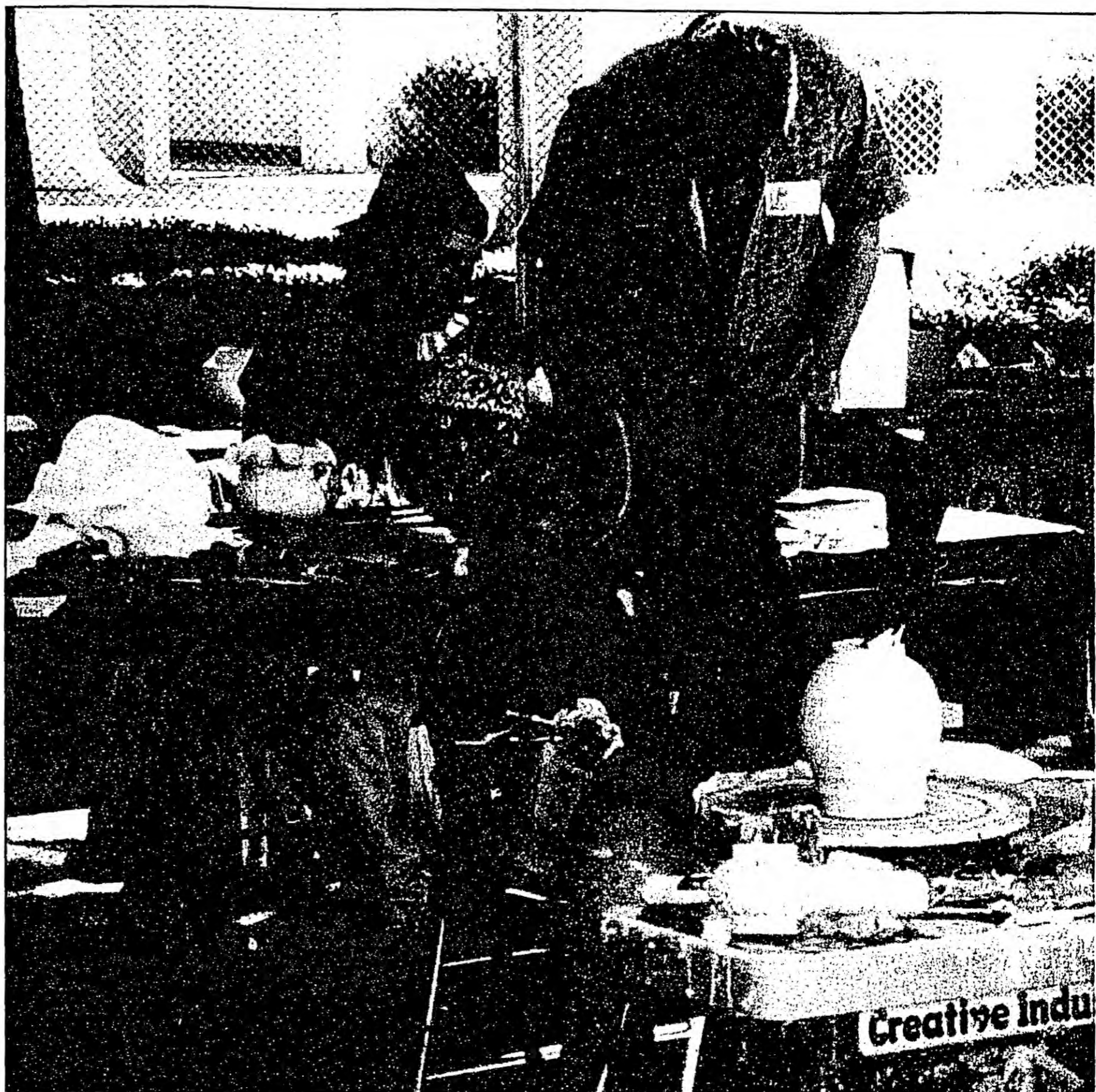
Also available was face painting and paper sculpture hats.

"It's really funny how even the parents are painting," said participant Laura Herbert.

Adults were given the opportunity to view and buy many different styles of artwork, by artists from across the state of Texas.

Among the different styles were Japanese woodcut prints, abstract figurative painting, wood lathe, sculpture, needlework and photography, just to name a few. There were also demonstrations outside where spectators could watch the actual creative processes. These included pottery and stained glass work.

Another demonstration was the steamroller printmaking. Tom Druecker, a photography professor at Texas University of Austin, headed a team of his close friends in what was truly a community effort.



Students and artists alike were asked to submit wood cut designs to be used in the activity. The side of wood with the design on it was covered in ink, then a piece of drapery cloth was placed on top, and finally a steamroller was used as a press; and when the cloth was removed from the wood, what was not cut away was printed on the drapery. When asked if he would do it again, Tom Druecker said, "Yeah. It's fun."

With a crowd of around 3000 there were varied reasons for attending. Some like Mrs. Morgan who comes year after year because she 'enjoys seeing what people can do' and 'where their imagination can take

them'. Others came mainly for the enjoyment of the kids.

Mark Tullos, the new director of the Arts Center, said, "This festival was directed by a group of volunteers. This is their fifth year and it has grown each year." As of Saturday, he was estimating up to 3000 people would have walked through the gates by Sunday evening when the arts fest was over. This is a new record of attendance for the Open Door Arts Fest.

All in all this was a successful year for the arts fest. The clear weather, seemingly good reactions, and record attendance, supports Mark Tullos when he said, "This is the best year yet."



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