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Parking changes to ease overflow

By JEFF OSBORNE

Parking problems and solutions have been a prime concern to the administration and the board of trustees since the shortage of spaces for automobiles during the last few years.

Currently, MCC is taking steps to end the parking problems with plans to build an additional parking lot near the old Waco High School building on 19th St.

"We know that we have a sizable parking shortage on this campus, and we also know we'll have needs at Waco High School," according to Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of MCC.

Plans approved by the board of trustees include extending McLennan Drive, which currently runs from in front of the Administration Building past the Health-Physical Education Building. The street would be extended to connect this area of campus with the old Waco High area.

According to Herman Betke, vice president of business services, MCC has 1,831 parking spaces, and 21 spaces for the handicapped. These figures exclude the parking by the baseball and intramural fields.

"There were 437 more cars this fall than last year, which is

a about a 10 percent increase," Betke said.

The new lot should give us the capability to eliminate on street parking, which is dangerous," he added.

Betke stressed the need for a "first thing in the morning" shuttle run from the parking lot to locations throughout the campus. The trip would take 12 minutes, round trip.

"The main thrust was convincing the board of our need for additional parking," Betke said.

The distance from the new parking lot to the Administration Building will be almost

half-a-mile, Betke said. "Hopefully, we can have it ready for next fall," he added.

He added that extending McLennan Drive will "allow people to move back and forth between the new building and the rest of the campus."

"This is the first step in integrating it (the old Waco High facility) with the rest of the campus. It will also "alleviate the parking situation," and begin development in a new area on campus, according to Betke.

The estimated cost for the project is \$442,000, he said.

Construction plans are currently being studied for MCC by Hal Stringer & Associates, who are designing models for the improvements on the old Waco High area.

Although parking is presently the main concern involving construction on campus, Betke also mentioned other improvements and projects that are being considered.

Plans are underway to "bring Waco High up to the standards of the rest of the campus," Betke said.

A football field located on the old Waco High area of MCC will be levelled to remove a

"visual barrier" separating the two parts of the campus, he added.

Other plans include a "business incubator" and relocation of MCC's Cosmetology Department to the old Waco High building.

The business incubator, designed to assist new businesses, will be in operation soon, according to Betke. It will involve several area organizations, including MCC and Baylor.

"We're working on a target date for opening right now. I estimate it will be 60-to-75 days once agreements are obtained," Betke said.

SG voting this week

By JEFF OSBORNE

Elections for Student Government will be held Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Center.

A new vice president, historian, and five representatives will be elected this semester.

The vice president must be a freshman, but the other SG positions are open to either freshmen or sophomores.

The vice president's duties will include serving as chairman of Inter-Club Council and as acting president in the president's absence.

The historian will be responsible for putting together a scrapbook for entrance in statewide competition. Last year, MCC's scrapbook was awarded second place statewide.

Representatives serve as voting delegates of Student Government. The number of representatives is based on the number of full time students attending MCC.

Also discussed during the Jan. 18 meeting was the Homecoming Dance scheduled on Feb. 13 following the basketball game against TSTI. The dance will last from the time the game ends until midnight, according to Greg Clark, director of Student Activities.

A Homecoming Queen-Valentine Sweetheart will be elected from among nominees from all clubs on campus. She will be crowned at half time of the game.

A Homecoming bonfire will be lit at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11. A chili cook-off between clubs is among the suggested ideas for Homecoming activities.

Students interested in working on the bonfire should contact Student Government members on campus for more information.



Photo by Ken Crawford

CHARGE! HENRY GOLIGHTLY of MCC wildly drives through two Cisco defenders to take the ball to the hoop. Golightly scored 12 points and added 11 assists in the Highlanders 79-78 victory on Jan. 16 in the Highlands.

Half of campus use non-school related

By TERI LYN EISMA

Almost 120,000 people visited and used the facilities at MCC during the fiscal year ending August 31, according to a recent report.

Nearly half of those — 55,228 people — belong to groups not

directly related to MCC classroom activity, including basketball tournaments, workshops, ACT testing, high school proms, organization meetings, teleconferences, cheerleader and drill team clinics, concerts, contests, banquets, and other activities.

Those groups schedule to use different meeting rooms, classrooms and buildings, such as the Performing Arts Center theatre, the Lecture Hall, the Highlands, the Student Center Cafeteria or Tartan and Highlander rooms.

Dr. Chester Hastings, senior vice president of Institutional Development, screens the schedulings.

He said allowing groups use the MCC campus is part of MCC's name. "We are a community college. We feel this is a community service. They are the real owners," Hastings said.

"It's a way for the community to utilize the college, for taxpayers to get more for their money.

"It's also a way to recruit people to MCC. If people come here, and see the beauty of the campus," they may consider

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Twelve students honored nationally by Who's Who

By ELIZABETH DELEON

What does leadership, participation, enthusiasm, motivation, involvement, and outstanding academic achievements spell?

For those few selected from many applicants it spells out two words—Who's Who.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges is a student-oriented honor achievement in which students are selected by faculty members or other students.

Selection is based on a student's outstanding achievements in academics, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success throughout his or her college career.

Twelve students out of 35 nominees from MCC were selected as national outstanding campus leaders for the 1988 edition of Who's Who.

These 12 members join an honorary group of students selected from more than 1,400 colleges and universities across the 50 states, including the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Those honored at MCC include Phylliss Hutyra, Mari Ichiki, Joe Jimenez, Jeff Osborne, Beverlon Jones, Emily King, Kerry Kusler, Donna Pursche, Cynthia Salinas, Monty Sharp,

Dessa Swearingen and Bettye Thompson.

Hutyra has represented the student body by serving as a Student Government representative and Highland Games chairman. She played on a team that won the national championship in the Czechoslovakian volleyball tournament, and was also awarded the Christa McAuliffe scholarship. Her major is education.

Ichiki serves as Baptist Student Union president and is involved in nursing home administration and the MCC Chorale. She is an exchange student from Japan majoring in business management and plans to transfer to Baylor. This is her second year at MCC.

Jimenez was captain of the "Cruzers," the Highland Games champions in 1987. He also served as sports editor of the Highland Herald for the fall of 1987, a member of the Press Club, copy editor in the spring of 1987, and was a recipient of the National Collegiate Journalism Award. Majoring in public relations, Jimenez has transferred to Texas A&M.

Osborne is editor-in-chief of the Highland Herald and a member of the Press Club. In addition, he serves as a Student Government representative, and was vice-president/president of Student Government for the spring of 1987, chairman

of the Inter-Club Council, entertainment editor in the spring of 1987 and also was a recipient of the National Collegiate Journalism Award. He plans to transfer to Texas A&M, and major in public relations.

Kusler works at the Methodist Home and is enrolled in mental health courses at MCC. She served as treasurer of the Mental Health Club and is also a member of Psi Beta. She plans to major in psychology.

Jones, a fashion merchandising major, is a member of the Student Supreme Court, and served as a Student Government representative last spring. In addition, Jones was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the Marketing and Management Club.

King is enrolled in the physical therapy assistant program at MCC. She is a member of Phi Theta Alpha, and served as student liaison from the physical therapy assistants to the state association. She has three children and works at two jobs in addition to attending classes.

Pursche is a night student majoring in data processing. She works during the day at the Veterans Administration in Marlin as a data processor. Pursche also has three children.

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Presidential selection expected next month

By JEFF OSBORNE

MCC's presidential search is expected to end on Feb. 9 following visits last week to the campuses of the two remaining candidates, according to Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of MCC.

Monte Blue, president of San Jacinto Central Campus, and Dennis Michaels, president of Paris Junior College, are the two finalists in the search which has lasted for nearly 10 months.

A committee of MCC trustees and faculty members visited the campus of each candidate on Jan. 19 and Jan. 22. A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Jan. 26 to discuss the search.

Ball said that the new president would probably be announced and introduced on Feb. 9 at the Board of Trustees meeting. He added that the board will make its selection and have a contract drawn up prior to the meeting.

The presidential search began in April when Ball announced plans for retirement in August, 1988.

Black heritage honored on campus in February

By NAHID FATHIMA

The Black Heritage Committee has been organized to plan and carry out activities at MCC such as recognizing the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 18 and celebrating Black History Month in February.

"The purpose of this committee was to increase black awareness, which is an enlightenment of the contributions that black Americans have made and are making to this country," said Eleanor Taylor, who heads the committee.

According to Taylor, history books and instructors mention blacks in a subservient role, such as "slaves or other occupations that are subservient."

"However, the blacks have from the founding of this great nation made an indelible mark in the success of this nation," she added.

Taylor mentioned that contrary to popular belief, "Blacks were doctors, inventors, engi-

neers, and educators in the formative years of this nation.

"Because of their position, they were kept in the background and the dominant culture took credit for their work," she added.

"Only in the recent years are the blacks being recognized for their contributions," according to Taylor.

Another purpose of this committee mentioned by Taylor was to let the black youth know there are people in the black culture whom they can emulate. Taylor mentioned that the major concern of black people was to make other people aware of their contributions, and to show that blacks can "think, produce and excel."

Taylor said that they "celebrate Black History Month to pay homage and tribute to the blacks who have contributed towards building this great nation, but whose names are often left out of the history books."

She added "it was unfortu-

nate that they have to do this, but what are blacks to do when they find that they are ignored completely, left out of history

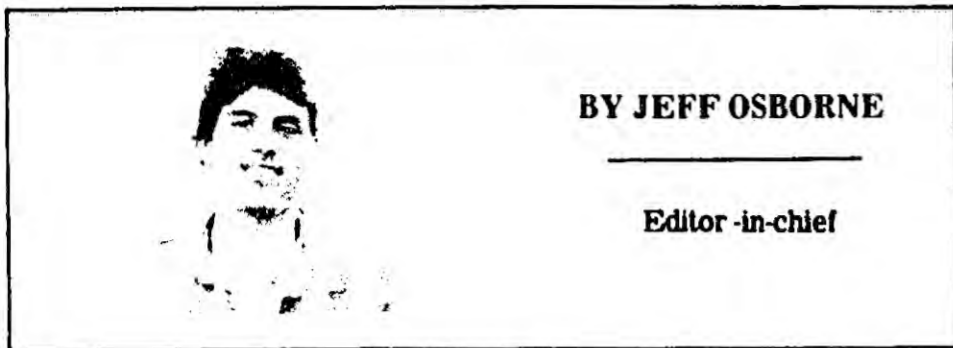
books, or information about them is mentioned in very little detail, and yet most history books are in thousands of pages."

"America is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society, so the non-black Americans should develop an appreciation and awareness of each other's cultures," Taylor said.

According to Taylor, Black History Month will hopefully achieve all of the objectives set by the Black Heritage Committee.

Other committee members are students Darryl Adamson and Stacy Thornton and faculty-staff members Tom Buckner, Ruby Burns, John Chalmers, Greg Clark, Jane Gamez, Willie Hobbs, Johnnie Talton, Patsy White, Bronnie Wilkinson and Bobby Williams.

Survival of 'Fast times at MCC'



BY JEFF OSBORNE

Editor-in-chief

New faces in new classes, long lines in the Student Center, cars racing at a frenzied pace to get front row parking places and beat the 8 a.m. tardy bell — it's all a sign of a new semester.

Jan. 11 was a special day for me, the beginning of my last semester at MCC! As I reflect on the last two years, several images of splendor and terror flash before me, all a part of my time spent here.

Trauma is waiting in long lines at the bookstore to sell back my books and finding out (Guess what?) — "Sorry, we're out of money." After finally selling back \$150 worth of books for a grand total of \$31, I wonder if it was worth the time. Oh well, money is money.

The classes have been both interesting and at times dull, but overall I feel like the two years spent here are among the best of my life.

From biting my nails to the quick worrying about those dreaded deadlines or doing my English homework in a seemingly endless biology lab, MCC has been a new experience.

Scurrying off to school after waking up at 6 a.m. is not what even the most dedicated student could call fun. In fact, it could be labeled a mild form of torture.

And finding a parking place at 9 a.m. (if you can) is even worse — it's a free-for-all. So much traffic with students wildly searching for some place (any place) to park is like something out of a Stephen King novel. What's really scary is that this is real.

Making it to class on time can be a real challenge for some people. Almost makes you wonder if the depths of hell have opened up, unleashing a mad onslaught of traffic bent on making you late for class (again!).

Don't bother inventing any excuses if they aren't true. Teachers have heard "my alarm clock didn't go off," "car trouble," etc. a million times before. Most teachers have learned to become experts at knowing if students are trying to pull the wool over their eyes.

Whatever your reason for being here at MCC, make sure you take time to enjoy it. Be bold, make friends, meet people and it will make the humdrum routine of going to school much more interesting.

With every challenge that you face and overcome (eventually, with a little luck), you can look back some day and be thankful that you took a chance and everything turned out okay.

For new students, don't pay a whole lot of attention to all the horror stories you hear (like Mr. Wijnhi is secretly the devil, or Ms. Gluck throws students in live volcanos for entertainment). Chances are, they really aren't all that bad (I hope).

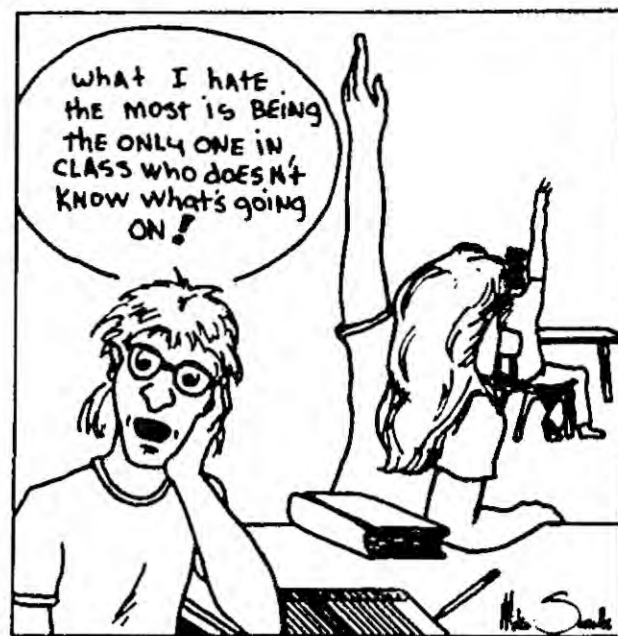
Hang in there if things get a little rough. Don't be so quick to give up. Struggling through courses is all a part of learning to handle the pressures of life.

When you get a job in the real world (scary thought for some of you, isn't it?), not everything about your job will be perfect.

Sooner or later (unless you have a fairy godmother or a genie to grant you wishes) you'll have to put up with demanding bosses and stacks of paperwork or other mountains of work to finish.

You'd better not sneak out and go for donuts or ice cream, then, or you may find yourself without a job. Trust me, it's better not to learn these things the hard way.

The problems you think you have at MCC could seem like child's play in comparison.



NO-PASS, NO-PLAY

Whose responsibility is it?

By DARRYL ADAMSON

Athletics are an integral part of college and high school life.

It brings about mass social interaction between students who otherwise would not bother to know each other.

The popularity of the athlete and the aspirations to become a professional with fame and fortune are what most people imagine when they think of football, baseball and basketball players in high school and college sports.

Most people don't realize that these athletes also have to make a commitment to excellence in the classroom as well. Because the athlete commits to grow mentally as well as physically, it also raises the responsibility of the instructor.

Recently, Waco has been scandalized by an event that took place at Waco High School.

After winning their way into the high school football playoffs and on their way to a possible state championship, the Waco High Lions were knocked out of the race.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules for participating in athletics state that if a student falls below a passing grade in a class during a six-week period, he cannot play. This rule is only fair and can only serve as motivation to excel in academics as well as sports.

Although this rule gives the high school athlete the responsibility of excelling in the classroom as well as in sports, the responsibility also lies on the teacher who issues the grades.

The only way a student's progress is monitored, by himself and by others, is by what the instructor issues him as a letter grade.

A sociology teacher at Waco High, issued a grade that has been questioned to a student who was on the school's football team. Because this was not revealed until weeks later, the student continued to play, thereby breaking U.I.L. rules.

Although the discrepancies of the grade change are still under investigation, the bottom line of the issue is that somewhere down the line a lack of responsibility has adversely affected teachers, students, parents, and administration.

How can the no-pass, no-play rule work if there are no students willing to make the grade, or teachers who are unwilling to issue a correct reflection of the students work, thereby giving the student a guideline as to what type of help he needs to excel in the classroom.

If high school and college athletes do not make a commitment to excel in academics as well as sports, their careers will be limited. However, if instructor fail to take responsibility for developing the student mentally, the future for high school education and athletics will become null and void.

NAMES in the news

Dick Gimbel, MCC music instructor, plays on his father Johnny Gimbel's, new album "Still Fiddlin' Around." The record is scheduled for release in February on MCA Records ...

Warren Connors, a former MCC music student, is to appear in Whitney Houston's first movie as an actor and performer ...

Susan E. Williams, a new student at MCC, had one of her poems published in *American Collegiate Poets*, spring 1987 issue. She will have another poem published in that publication's fall 1988 issue ...

The figure and weight control class honored instructor **Bob Ammon** with a surprise birthday party on Jan. 18 to celebrate his 34th birthday. The cake was decorated to simulate a golf course to signify his favorite sport ...

Counseling volunteers sought

The Center for Action Against Sexual Assault is seeking volunteers for counseling victims of sexual assault and giving emotional support. Volunteers are also needed for giving information about the center's work to local schools, church groups, and civic organizations and for fund-raising efforts.

A 30-hour training class for volunteer counselors will begin Feb. 2. Previous experience in counseling is not necessary.

Volunteers who have daytime hours available and those who have special skills, such as signing experience, working with the handicapped, or speaking Spanish, are especially needed.

Those interested should contact Cathy Moritz, volunteer coordinator, at 752-9330 between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Gilbert & Sullivan auditions

Auditions for leading roles in Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" were held Monday in the Performing Arts Center, and auditions for other rolls will be held later.

The operetta will be presented at MCC April 27 to May 1 as the final production of the 1987-88 season.

For more information, call John Kelly, MCC theater director, at 756-6551, ext. 461 or 283.

Pool hours remain the same

The indoor swimming pool in the Health-Physical Education Building will be open from 2-4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this semester when a lifeguard will be on duty. MCC students, faculty, and staff members are eligible to use the pool.

Scholarship applications available in February

By DARIN CHRISTIE

Private donor scholarship applications will be available at the financial aids office beginning in mid-February.

Persons and organizations from off campus will be giving 29 scholarships to MCC students for the fall and spring semesters next year. A total dollar value of \$5,600 will be awarded.

To be eligible, applicants must enroll in at least 12 semester hours, claim a specific major, and submit a complete transcript. College students should have an average of 2.5 or better. Students coming directly from high school need an "B" average or a GED score of at least 50.

"Most donors sponsor only

one student," said Financial Aids Director James Kubacak. "However, a few organizations such as Beverly Enterprises sponsor more," he added.

All applications will need to be returned by April 1. The scholarship committee will meet before May to decide who will receive the awards.

A new form of need analysis will be employed by the financial aids department beginning next fall. The department will be changing from uniform methodology to congressional methodology. The new method requires institutions to totally revise estimated student costs.

Students who are on the work study program can now pick up their 1987 W-2 statements at the financial aids office.

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Watch out for hidden messages!

By JEFF OSBORNE

Hidden messages, or subliminals, are becoming an ever increasing part of everyday life and are all around us—in movies, on television and in countless ads selling everything from soap to sour mash.

Almost everywhere we look, we can expect to find some type of message attempting to influence us to act in a certain way or buy countless consumer goods.

Probably more time than the average person realizes is spent on studying new ways to influence human behavior. Yes, it's true that advertisers have a field day with hidden messages—attempting to bypass our rational thought and go directly to our gullible subconscious.

Perhaps the most famous subliminal messages are those that have caused controversy in movie theaters. Not only in advertising for snacks (such as "Thirsty? Drink Coke," or "Buy some delicious popcorn now!") but also in horror movies for added effect on the audience.

You can never be sure where hidden messages might be located. Even in supermarkets, the so called "elevator music" often contains messages such as "Don't steal — you'll get caught." If you doubt the existence of hidden messages, I suggest taking an advertising class.

By using small print, some companies and advertisers often try to trick and mislead consumers. Time after time, outraged consumers find out too late the hidden details of their purchase.

Interesting examples on television include the use of subliminals to sell toys in the early 1970s (Husker Du is one example). Now, television companies are proposing short ads that are merely flashes on the screen. Blatant subliminals?

Rock music is one of the most controversial areas for subliminals. Supposedly, when played backwards, many records have hidden messages promoting anything from drugs to

Satanism. I do not suggest ruining the needle on your record player trying to listen to mystic voices. (Maybe you can borrow someone else's).

Too much attention can be paid to subliminals and their effects. Often, people see what they want to see and believe what they want to believe. Looking for hidden messages in everything encountered can cause a nervous breakdown or an extreme sense of paranoia in some people.

Harmless hidden messages often go unnoticed, unless people specifically look for them. The message can be as innocent as "Have a nice day," "I love you," or "Happy Birthday."

Definitions of subliminals can be confusing. Many people try to read something in to a message that has an entirely different message, or simply may not even exist.

An average person usually won't notice a hidden message unless he or she is told by someone else to look for it.

You can find some interesting messages hidden in ordinary images and phrases, whether it be in music, advertising or in television shows or movies.

Look closely at advertisements and you may be surprised at what you see upon close examination. (Example: Is that really a female profile hidden in that wine ad on the billboard?)

Intelligence is a key factor in taking notice of messages that really have a hidden meaning. Uncovering subliminals can be interesting, but it should not become an obsession.

Start trying to pay more attention to what you see and read. You may be surprised at what you find. The most effective messages aren't necessarily obvious.

Always remember that most subliminals are simply harmless reminders or attempts to get us to buy something (which may or may not work). It is surprising how many things can slip past us, yet still affect our decisions or attitudes.



Photo by Rose Polley

CAMPUS ELITE—new members of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities from MCC are standing, left to right, Phyllis Hutyra, Bettye Thompson, Dessa Swearingen, and

Monty Sharp while kneeling are Jeff Osborne, Mari Ichiki, and Emily King. Not pictured are Cynthia Salinas, Beverlon Jones, Joe Jimenez, Kerry Kusler and Donna Pursche.

Who's Who Announces

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Salinas is a physical education major who is getting ready to transfer to Baylor. Last year she was one of the lieutenants and this year she serves as captain of the Dance Company.

Sharp is a physical therapy major who serves as president of Phi Theta Alpha. In 1987 he also served as cochairman for the American Heart Association. He is currently working at a private practice center in Temple as a clinical worker in neurology and headache specialization. He has also worked

in special services as a tutor. Sharp will graduate from MCC in May but still wants to continue taking classes at MCC. He wants to get his bachelor's degree in biology and kinesiology.

Swearingen is also a physical therapy major and serves as secretary for Phi Theta Alpha. She also served as a representative from Phi Theta who screened for scoliosis at the mall. She also is active in the Bremond PTA and has two children. Swearingen plans to

graduate in May and then will start to work on her bachelor's degree.

Thompson is president of the Nursing Club and served as treasurer for Psi Beta last year. She is a registered nurse at Hillcrest and plans to transfer to the University of Texas

at Arlington to work toward a bachelor's degree. She was also involved in the National Nursing Convention and has been a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Also Marilyn Sue Fulp, Trina Donette Gay, Michael James Gerik, Stanley Joseph Glynn, Suzanne Michelle Godsey, Sherry Ann Gray, Ethel Lillie Faye Green, Sheila Ann Griggs, Jimmie Edwards Hanks Jr., Willie C. Harvey III, Carla Simons Hennig, Gwen D. Hessel, Sheila Kay Hoehn, Janette L. Holy and Thomas J. Hughes.

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108 students eligible for degrees

By JEFF CALAWAY

One hundred eight students graduated from MCC last semester and will be eligible to receive their diplomas in commencement exercises on May 13. The graduates include:

Lovie Jean Bouldin Anderson, Catherine Ann Antioine, Edward Asbury, Eva Baker, Carol Diane Ballestros, Glenna Gayle Bartels, Charlotte A. Bauman, Ernest C. Bauman III, J-Ana Beatty, Kathline Chanleure Bishop, Renea E. Brown, Kathleen S. Byrd, Joseph Scott Calley, Linda Fernandez Cardoso and Zuhair Charfeddine.

Also Billy E. Chollet, Ming Hwa Chow, Beverly Kay Cobb, Beverly Ann Quarles Colbert, Jutta M. Daji, Sandra L. Davis, Lisa Tramon, Debose-Walker, Patricia L. Degrate, Brian Glen Dodd, Hope Dominguez, Mary Margaret Dominguez, Melanie Denise Ervin, Lori Suzanne Flores, Dwight Phillip Foster and Donna Louise Fouts.

Salvation Army food drive big success in 1987

By KEN COPELAND

The joy of giving found new meaning for students before the Christmas holidays in the Salvation Army food drive as the Dance Company took first place in club competition with 519 items followed closely by Student Government with 445 items and the Press Club with 334 items.

Other MCC club participants were the Baptist Student Union, Mental Health Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Data Processing Management Assoc., Zeta Omega Eta, Pan American, Faculty Staff, and Psi Beta.

In inter-school competition, MCC came in second with a total of 1,701 total items behind Baylor's 3,550 items.

Paul Quinn, TSTI, and all the area high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools also had a helping role in the successful food drive.

Considering the person-to-item ratio, everyone involved seems pleased with the results, according to Mary Jaunzemis, administrative assistant with the Salvation Army.

"The 1987 food drive was much better than 1986, but still not as good as previous years," she said.

Jaunzemis said she hopes the increased participation this year will flow over into future food drives.

In a combined effort, the Salvation Army collected more than 10,000 food items to distribute to the needy throughout the winter.

Although the food drive took place in November, the Salvation Army is always accepting food, money, or clothing donations.

"We appreciate the effort of the schools in the 1987 food drive and look forward to even better food drives in years to come," Jaunzemis said.

MCC installs sensors in public areas on campus

By PATRICK KING

Students are gradually getting used to "magic hand" that is turning light switches on and off around campus and saving the school electricity.

The unseen force which is activated by a passing body are the light sensors which have recently been installed in several public places on campus.

Eight sensors were installed next to the elevator in the four lobbies in Administration Classroom Building and in the two men's rooms in the Performing Arts Center. Four sensors were previously installed in the men's and women's restrooms on the second and third floors of the Student Center on Oct. 13. In all, 24 light sensors were installed before the Christmas Holidays.

"For some reason, the women's restrooms has got five lights into one. The men's restroom has 11 lights. One restroom is T-shaped, so right inside the door we left one fluorescent light and a mercury vapor light off the door switch,"

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some of our other programs," Hastings said.

"We don't encourage any groups with a series of meetings. It limits our flexibility, and our own use. We don't encourage use of our campus for commercial purposes. If they are nonprofit and it is convenient for us, then we will allow them to have their meeting here. If they are going to make a profit, then we will charge them."

The office tries to limit activities that would compete with classes that MCC already offers, and tries to screen activities that will charge for its service but neglect to pay MCC. Other than church services and private party activities such as wedding receptions, most organizations are welcome to ask for a place to meet at MCC, according to Hastings.

The only time limitations include holidays, when the campus is normally closed. MCC has to be careful about "safety to property" and the cost of heating, lighting, or air conditioning a room or building during closing hours.

Texas cultural trip to be held Feb. 26-27

By KEITH JENKINS

Feb. 1 will be the last day to register for the Cultural Enrichment Trip that the Special Services Department will sponsor Feb. 26-27.

Students involved in Special Services may pick up forms in LA 109 or in the Special Services office on the second floor of the Student Center.

Transportation will be provided by Special Services; however, students are responsible for their own hotel room and food.

The University of Texas at Austin and the Alamo in San Antonio are some sites the students will visit on the trip.

Student enrollment remains steady

By SUSAN E. WILLIAMS

Spring enrollment at MCC ended Jan. 13 with about the same number of students as last semester.

According to Willie Hobbs, MCC registrar, 3,674 students are enrolled in the day classes and 1,268 students are enrolled in the evening classes.

Hobbs believes that at first parking will be hectic but as the semester continues, parking will not be a problem. Car pooling is suggested.

NEWS BRIEFS

High school artists invited

Area high school student juniors and seniors are invited to enter the 1988 High School Art Competition sponsored by McLennan Community College. Those who live in a 50-mile radius of Waco are eligible.

Deadline for entries is Feb. 4. Artwork in all media is accepted for the exhibition, including painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, photography, craft, collage and design. Students may submit up to three works each. All two-dimensional art is required to be on a rigid surface, matted or framed, and ready for hanging.

The competition will be judged by Mary Burke, education coordinator at the Art Center in Waco, who has an all-level education degree from Texas Christian University.

Accepted works will be displayed Feb. 10 through March 3 at the MCC performing Arts Center.

Awards will be given for first place (\$100), second place (\$50), third place (\$25), and honorable mention.

For entry blanks or more information, call MCC art instructors Barney Fitzpatrick or John Chatmas at 756-6551, ext. 282 or 279.

Art Center RSVPs due today

Reservations should be made today, Jan. 26, for the Art Center Associates fund-raising fashion show and champagne luncheon on Feb. 4. Theme of the show, "Oh, To Be In England," will serve as a preview of Cox's spring line of fashions.

All guests will receive a special Crabtree and Evelyn favor, compliments of Cox's. The raffle baskets will contain English spirits, food, English soaps, indulging toiletries, and many more specialties.

The luncheon will take place in the Brazos Room of Waco Convention Center. The cost is \$25 per person, and there will be reserved seating. Anyone can request an invitation by calling the Art Center, 752-4371.

Fishing set for disabled

Disabled persons who are 5 or older are invited to participate in a fishing event sponsored by the Waco Mayor's Committee for Disabled Persons, the Mid-State Beverage INC, and Lone Star Beer Distributor's Jan. 30, 1988 from 9-5 p.m. and Jan. 31 from 9-3 p.m.

The fishing will take place at the Exhibits Building at the H.O.T. Fairgrounds. Tackle and bait will be furnished and no license is required. The only requirement is that you call 799-3149 to make an appointment for the event. Groups or individuals are welcomed.

Black recognition continuing

With Black History Month approaching in February, several services and displays that honored Martin Luther King on his birthday on Jan. 15 are continuing on campus.

The MCC Library has an exhibit of books, a 24-minute biographical videotape and audio cassettes on Dr. King, and audio cassettes on black literature, leaders, and spiritual music.

The Student Center is featuring a display of books and posters and a videotape which has clips from Dr. King's speeches.

New vets assistance hours

The veterans assistance office on the third floor of the Student Center has extended their hours to accommodate veterans taking night classes. The new hours are 9-1 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and 4:30-6:30 on Monday evenings.

BSU to attend Leadership Training Conference

By KEITH JENKINS

The MCC Baptist Student Union will attend a Leadership Training Conference in Austin on Feb. 5-6.

The purpose of the conference will be to propose an executive council made up of students who have applied for the various positions such as president, publicity, and missions. Upon choosing members, requirements, participation, and qualifications are considered for each applicant.

The total BSU program is planned and carried out by the executive council. Each executive council member then must lead his or her group in the

planned program to carry out their specific responsibilities on campus for the purpose of spiritual growth.

The conference, headed by the Division of Student Work of the Baptist Convention of Texas, will be "a wonderful experience and opportunity" to meet others involved in enhancing their spiritual and leadership abilities while enjoying a Christian life both on and off campus, according to BSU Director Jeff Delfay.

The conference will also provide a series of speeches on leadership qualities by various speakers, and a concert given by different campus bands.

Continuing Education

By LESLEY WILSON

MCC's continuing education courses such as defensive driving, driver education, and exercise to music are scheduled to begin in mid-February, and some of the larger, more popular courses are set for March, according to Dean Gary Stretcher.

The program allows students to enroll in courses for their own satisfaction instead of earning credits to attain a degree. The program offers a wide variety of courses, according to Stretcher. It is divided into eight categories, four of which are health and human services, management,

sports and exercise, and insurance. The other four are special interest, safety, office occupations, and agriculture.

Of the main categories, Stretcher said the most popular courses have proven to be nursing home administration, computers and word processing, supervisory skills, and the police certification academy. Also popular are defensive driving and driver education, country and western dancing, antiques, and emergency medical technology.

Students can register for these non-credit courses at the continuing education counter in the Administration Building.

Tornado sweeps past Highlanders in OT

By JEFF OSBORNE & CLAY LASSETER

With a 14 point lead and less than six and a half minutes left, the Highlanders appeared to be on their way to a blowout over TSTI and their third consecutive conference victory.

What followed left the Highlanders and their fans stunned. TSTI fought back with an onslaught of three-point shots to take a 72-69 lead with 1:08 remaining.

As time dwindled, MCC's Jason Hooten hit a three-point shot to tie the game at 72.

Both teams were unable to score. The Highlanders had a chance to win the game, but Carl Love's shot at the buzzer

was unsuccessful, sending the game into overtime.

TSTI controlled the momentum during overtime with a combination of free throws and three-point shots, finally defeating MCC 85-80.

The Highlanders saw several large leads evaporate during the game.

Coach Carl Love of TSTI said "MCC's players just tired out, but we caught on fire in the last seven minutes."

MCC Coach Ken DeWeese disagreed, however; and blamed the loss on the three-point shot, which he earlier called "a coaches nightmare."

"We would have won the game without the three-point shot. The three-point line has

changed so much, anything under 23 points with less than three minutes left to go is not safe any more," DeWeese said.

In response to Coach Love's claim that the Highlanders were tired, DeWeese said, "He has no right to pass judgment like that about our team. He doesn't know our players well enough, just like I don't know their's. The difference in the game can be summed up in three words, *three-point shot*. It had nothing to do with our fatigue or their strength."

Another area of disagreement between the coaches was the effect of crowd intimidation.

"The death dome is hard to play in... The noise is deafen-

ing. It can really intimidate opposing teams. It even intimidated our players," Coach Love said.

DeWeese once again disagreed, saying, "I can't imagine a big crowd intimidating a good team."

"The students were great. If our players did as well as the fans from MCC, we would have won by 40 points. Our fans definitely won the cheering contest," he added.

On the impact of TSTI's win over the Highlanders, Love said "Anytime you beat MCC, it's a big morale boost. They're the class organization in the league. You always try to beat the top dog on the hill."

In response, DeWeese said, "There's no question... Every conference team we face is up for us and trying to knock us off. We generally attract the biggest crowd for road games."

"When you win the conference 17 out of the last 20 years, everybody wants to beat you. It's hard to play in these circumstances night after night. Everybody always expects us to win," DeWeese added.

High scorers for the Highlanders were Howard Turner with 33 points and 12 rebounds, Hooten with 17 points, and Henry Golightly with 10 points.

Former Highlander Reggie Degrate, now a starter for TSTI, was the Tornado's high

scorer with 19 points and six rebounds.

The loss dropped the Highlanders to 12-8, and 2-1 in conference. TSTI improved to 10-9, and 2-1 in conference.

MCC's next game against TSTI will be Feb. 13 at the Highlands in a homecoming game rematch.

Although DeWeese said that revenge will not be a big factor, some MCC students said they feel differently.

"When they come up to the Highlands and see the support of the MCC fans, it will make a difference. We'll send 'em back with another loss on their record," according to one fan who attended the game.



Photo by Ken Crawford

AIRBORNE! Rodney Diggs outjumps Stacy Moore (14) and Richard Derrick (32) and shoots for two of his four points in a loss to the Grayson Vikings there Saturday night.

Both Teams Have Gray Saturday In Grayson

By KEN CRAWFORD

Saturday night the Highlanders and Highlassies were swept by the Grayson Vikings on the road in conference battles.

The Highlanders were defeated 77-62. Byron Young was high scorer with 14 points and nine rebounds while Carl Love scored nine points and pulled down nine rebounds.

The Landers made 23 out of 70 field goal attempts in the game and shot only 20 percent

in the second-half. "The reason we lost was because our shooting was absolutely horrible," Coach Ken DeWeese said.

"One reason we usually win our conference is because in the past, we've won on the road," DeWeese said.

"This year, we've won two and lost seven on the road. This trend must change if we are going to win the conference championship," he added.

The Highlassies were over-

whelmed 65-44 in their first conference defeat this year. Leading scorers for MCC were Terri Porter with 11 points, followed by Christie Hill's eight points, five rebounds, and five assists.

"We are playing defense as well as we can," Coach Wendell Hudson said. "We forced Grayson to have 33 turnovers."

"We are just not hitting the open shots. We have to get the ball in the basket."

Baseball season begins next Friday

By BRIAN MAYR

Baseball season begins next week when the Highlanders travel to Laredo for a three-day tournament beginning Feb. 5.

Coach Rick Butler expressed concern about opening the season with an out-of-town tournament because of the

relative inexperience of his team this year.

Following the tournament the Highlanders will have 11 days to practice before playing Laredo here on Feb. 18 in MCC's home opener.

This spring will offer a challenge to the Highlanders, who only have three experienced players returning from the

team which last year lost the final game of the state play-off tournament to San Jacinto Junior College, the eventual winner of the national title.

Catcher Todd Shelton says that a strong freshman class will help add some depth to this year's team. Shelton is the only

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Highlassies stun Cisco in home-opening thriller

By JEFF OSBORNE

After trailing the Cisco Wranglers for most of the game, the Highlassies came from behind to pull out a 77-76 victory on Jan. 16 at the Highlands.

With 17 seconds remaining, Christie Hill of MCC hit two free throws to give the 'Lassies a 2-0 conference record and a 9-9 overall record.

Cisco called two consecutive time-outs to put pressure on Hill, but the ploy was unsuccessful and MCC held on to win.

The game was Cisco's first conference defeat "in at least two or three years, according to MCC Coach Wendell Hudson.

Aggressive play for both teams highlighted the game. The Cisco defense kept the Wranglers in control for almost the entire game, but strong outside shooting by Terri Porter kept the score close for MCC.

The Wranglers held a 69-65 lead entering the final five minutes, but Porter cut Cisco's lead to 69-68 with a three-point shot.

Porter hit another three-

point shot with 2:30 left in the game to tie the score at 73.

Both teams battled back and forth during the final two minutes, with the Highlassies and Wranglers each taking one point leads in the final two minutes.

Penalties and free throws were a key factor in MCC's win. In addition to the game winning free throws by MCC, Cisco lost two points in the final minute because of a charging foul.

After MCC took the final lead, Cisco raced down court but was unable to score.

Leading scorers for MCC were Porter with 20 points (including two three-point shots), Hill with 19; and Midina Fullbright, nine points.

Tough non-conference schedule

Although the Highlassies record stood at 9-9, Hudson said that the Highlassies had played "an extremely tough pre-conference schedule."

Included in the non-conference games were three games with Kilgore (ranked No. 1 in

the nation). Other games during the early season were games with Tyler (ranked third nationally), and Panola.

Hudson said that the non-conference schedule against such high caliber opponents was planned intentionally to prepare MCC for its conference games.

"The tough road games really helped us develop as a team. You learn real quick how good you are, or can be," according to Hudson.

"We really started developing against Fort Hood. Right now, we're playing as close to our maximum capability as we have all season," he added.

Hudson also commented on the involvement by fans at the Highlands. He commented on the strong vocal support the 'Lassies received that seemed to be absent during non-conference games.

"It seems like people around here don't think of October or November as basketball season, but they really get actively involved in January and February," according to Hudson.

Highlander's gun down Wranglers with final-second shot at MCC

By JEFF OSBORNE & CLAY LASSETER

Surviving a furious Cisco rally in the final two minutes, MCC's Howard Turner hit a game-winning free throw with one second remaining to slide past the Wranglers 79-78.

The game, held on Jan. 16 at the Highlands, was MCC's

home opener for conference play, and the Highlanders second consecutive win.

The Highlanders led by nine points, 74-65, with five minutes left in the game. Cisco refused to give up, however, and the Wranglers sliced MCC's margin to 76-75 with 50 seconds on the clock.

After overcoming a sluggish

first half, both teams erupted in the final minutes with a barrage of three-point shots.

MCC could only manage 33 percent from the field in the first half and trailed Cisco 29-27 at half time.

Both teams lacked consistency in the first half, (Continued on page 6)

MCC women smash Rebels

By JEFF OSBORNE

In their opening conference game, the Highlassies dominated the Hill Junior College Rebels 86-63.

The game was played in Hillsboro before an enthusiastic home crowd, but the 'Lassies quickly took control and outplayed the Rebels throughout the game.

"Hill really isn't a poor team. We just played extremely well defensively. We shot exceptionally well while they shot poorly," according to Coach Wendell Hudson.

"Hill will improve before the season is over," he added. MCC held a secure 41-28 half-time lead and coasted on to win the game.

"It's real important to win the first conference game, especially on the road," Hudson said.

The win lifted MCC's record to 8-0, and was the Highlassies first game since mid-December.

Leading scorers for the Highlassies were Terri Porter with 20 points, Midina Fullbright, 18; and Glenda Lott, 12.

Leading rebounders were Fullbright with eight, Sandara Jones with seven, and Lott with five.



Photo by Ken Crawford

GLENDALOTT reaches for a loose ball after being fouled by Shawn Williams (10), who admits the foul by raising her left hand. The Highlassies were defeated by the Lady Vikings in Grayson Saturday night.

Spanish exchange student experiences American culture in pursuit of degree

By TERI LYN EISMA

As much as she misses her own country, Chiqui Sanchez said she likes being here in the United States.

Maria 'Chiqui' Jesus Sanchez Perez Escalona Sierra is from Madrid, Spain, but she is working on her nursing degree here as a freshman at MCC.

She said she has no trouble making and keeping friends. In 1986, after 12 years of school in Spain, Sanchez enrolled in a foreign exchange program to the United States.

She could have transferred to another school in Europe, but she said she wanted to experience a culture much different from her own.

Sanchez attended high school in Crawford, a small town northwest of Waco, where she was one of the top five graduates.

She mentioned that she didn't want to take financial aid from someone who needed it, so she at first refused a McLennan

Scholarship. Sanchez discussed her decision with MCC President Wilbur A. Ball, and received a scholarship with five other Crawford students.

"Dr. Ball ... (said he) was a Spanish teacher before he was president of the college," Sanchez said. "He seemed really interested in having me at MCC as a foreign student."

She spent the summer after graduation with her family and friends in Spain. "Most people would have to get to know their friends again," but her friends did not change much in her absence, Sanchez said. "That's what real friends are."

"Chiqui" is a name with a story behind it, Sanchez says. "It's short for *chiquitita*, which means little one." She is the youngest in her family.

Her brother Carlos Jose is studying engineering in a public college in Spain, and her sister Gloria is using skills in English and French as an international secretary. Her mother Carmen teaches at a private school and sings opera.

Aside from her interest in nursing, Sanchez most enjoys art. "I love to draw. I cannot live without it." She displayed three original works here last year at an art exposition.

Sanchez noted some differences between the Spanish culture and the American culture. Namely, Spain has no speed limits and no drinking age, yet alcoholism and accidents are less frequent than in countries that limit drinkers and drivers, according to Sanchez.

She attended the private all-female School of Jesus and Mary in Madrid. "There, by the time you're in the 11th grade, you know (what career you plan to have). Here, you can come to college and you still don't know," she said.

Another difference deals with dating. She plans to wait several years before she decides whether she will marry, but those she dated in Crawford became possessive quickly, while she recalls that in Spain, her boyfriend "didn't mind at all" when she once

dated someone else. "We're still very good friends," she added.

Four years ago Sanchez spent a summer in England studying at a university in Sheffield. Her host family had two neighbors from different parts of England.

"I couldn't tell that they had an accent, but after a few weeks, I started noticing — yeah, there is a difference. It's about the same in Texas," she said.

Sanchez said she dreams of going to Australia to study, but that plan is postponed until she can afford to go.

Sanchez said she is happy to be living with her host family in Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Raley. She has offered to help Spanish students learn the Castilian version of the language while she studies nursing here at MCC, and a few students have expressed interest.

In the foreseeable future, she plans to finish her degree in nursing, return home to Spain and look for work. She said she

has spent more time away from home than she and her family expected.

But if she does not immediately find a job, she will consider specialization in this country. She said she is "keeping an eye out for a hospital

willing to sponsor her specialization."

Any foreign exchange student from Spain must cope with cultural differences, but according to Sanchez, "I am very adaptable, and that makes it easy."



Photo by Ken Crawford

CHIQUI SANCHEZ says she makes and keeps friends easily. She is a first year nursing student at MCC from Madrid, Spain.

MCC installs handicap water fountains

By PATRICK KING

MCC has installed four water fountains to better serve the handicapped and will be installing four more such fountains this week.

According to Dee Toombs, superintendent of the physical plant, one fountain was installed in the library, one in the original Student Center and two in the Student Center Annex. Two fountains are to be

installed in the Applied Science Building. Two other fountains will be installed in the Health-Physical Education Building, and "these would go in the main hallways on both floors," Toombs said.

In addition, eight bubblers, which add on to existing drinking fountains, will be installed to drinking fountains in the Applied Science Building downstairs, the Liberal Arts Build-

ing, the main lobby of the Administration Building, the counseling services area in the Student Center, and the hallways opposite Rooms 102 and 202 in the Science Building.

The unit price of the Halsey Taylor fountains was \$498, Toombs said, but "by buying the quantity we got them for \$390."

In addition to the water fountains, "we have handrails

to go in at least one unit in the major restrooms," Toombs said. In some cases existing mirrors need to be lowered. If the mirrors cannot be lowered, the school has a quantity of 16-by-20 mirrors which can be adjusted to a convenient height since some of the existing mirrors are built in, he said.

The handrails are to be installed as time permits, according to Toombs.

Highlander baseball

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returning starter in a 'skill' position, according to Coach Rick Butler, who points to the Highlanders lack of pitching experience as an example.

Only one pitcher with much game time is returning to that key position, red shirt freshman Phil Essex, who finished the season with an earned run average of 3.5.

Although the Highlanders have few players returning with college experience, they are by no means suffering from a lack of talent. Coach Butler said he feels that one of the strengths will be the outfield,

which will be anchored by J.J. Villarreal.

Other players returning with limited playing time include shortstop Hunter Brewton, pitcher Richard Levens, second baseman Craig Shirley, and outfielder Kevin Berry.

According to Butler, this year's most challenging opponents in Region Five should be Howard College and Northwood Institute.

The Highlanders' schedule through February is as follows:

Feb. 5-7, Laredo Tournament, there, (two seven-inning games each day).

Feb. 18-19, Laredo Junior College, here, double-headers at 1 p.m. each day.

Fellowship wins volleyball championship

By DARIN BROCK

After an extremely evenly-matched season with several teams in contention, the intramural volleyball championship came down to the third game in a best-of-three match as the Fellowship edged the No Names for the title Friday morning.

At the end of the regular season action the standings had two teams tied for first with perfect 4-0 records, the Fellowship and Triple Threat while the No Names, the Slammers, and the Wishbone were close behind with 3-1 marks followed by Student Government (2-2), Never Say Die (1-3), Benchballers (1-3), and the Guzzlers (0-4).

Play-off action

On Jan. 15 the Slammers and Wishbone played a tie breaker match for the last play-off spot. The Slammers went on to defeat Wishbone and meet the Fellowship in the first round of play-off match.

The Fellowship defeated the Slammers in three games. The Fellowship won the first game 15-6. The Slammers regrouped and won the second game 15-11. The third game saw-sawed back-and-forth before the Fellowship came out on top 15-13.

The second play-off game pitted the No Names against Triple Threat. The No Names won the first game handily 15-9. Triple Threat rebounded to take the second game 16-14. However, it was the No Names who won the final game 15-7.

The championship match

In the first game of the best-of-three championship game Jan. 22, the No Names jumped to an early 6-3 lead over the Fellowship.

Following several serves without any scoring, the Fellowship had a four-point run to lead 7-6.

The No Names were able to tie the game at 8. However, the Fellowship had another three-point run to lead 11-8. They never slowed down and defeated the No Names 15-10.

The second game started with some outstanding play on both sides. No one was able to score until Phyliss Hutyra served twice for the Fellowship with no return. The Fellowship then jumped to a 4-1 lead.

The No Names rallied for four points of their own, then built an 8-4 lead. The Fellowship fought back to take a one point lead 9-8.

Following an incredible spike by Ron Bible the No Names were able to tie the game. After being down by three, the Fellowship knotted the game at 11 on a controversial net call by the officials. They went on to build a 13-12 lead.

The score became tied at 13 despite the heroic effort by the Fellowship's Bill Geer to climb the wall and save the point. The No Names then fought to a 15-13 victory to even the series.

The third game belonged totally to the Fellowship. Behind the serving of Torie Lampkin it built a healthy 8-0 lead before losing the serve. The Fellowship increased its lead, this time behind Jerry Freedman scored seven more times to make the game 14-1.

Students interested in playing intramural basketball can receive a team roster from the student activities office or see Coach Wendoll Hudson. Rosters must be turned in as soon as possible. The first meeting will be Feb. 1. Play will begin Feb. 3.

For more information contact the student activities office at ext. 421 or Coach Hudson at ext. 259.

The No Names could only muster three more points and fell to the Fellowship 15-4.

The members of the Fellowship are Jerry Freedman, Phyliss Hutyra, Brain Wallace,

Torie Lampkin, Cheryl Cummings, and Billy Geer.

The runner-up No Names include Ronald Bible, Stephanie Gilbreath, Cindy Johnson, Keith Mann, Ronnie Satchell, and Stephanie Dixon.



Photo by Ken Crawford

A VOLLEY VICTORY— Torie Lampkin returns a volley for the Fellowship in the intramural championships to help her team edge the no names in three games for the title.



Photo by Larry Simms

ALL SMILES after winning the intramural volleyball championship, The Fellowship are, standing left to right, Billy Geer, Brian Wallace and Jerry Freedman, and kneeling, left to right, Phyliss Hutyra, Torie Lampkin, and Cheryl Cummings.

Spring drama itches with 'A Flea in Her Ear'

By DARIN BROCK

The MCC Drama Department's first production of the spring season will be a French comedy, "A Flea in Her Ear," Feb. 25-28 in the Performing Arts Center.

The play, written by Georges Feydeau, is a "farce on fidelity," according to director John Kelly. The play will be under the direction of Kelly and the technical direction will be done by Dave Borron. Lorana Cook will be the stage manager. Cyndi Prater will be her assistant.

Playing the female lead of Yvonne Chandel will be Laura Sulak, who also appeared in MCC's "The Real Inspector Hound" and "Oliver!"

Waylon Wood will be playing the male lead, a dual role, as Victor-Emmanuel Chandel and

Poche. Wood was featured in "The Glass Menagerie" and also stage managed "Oliver!"

Vlad Bouma will play the part of Camille Chandel. Bouma played the dead body as well as functioning as the student director of "The Real Inspector Hound."

Jo Ann Oliver plays the part of the maid Antoinette. She also played Bet in "Oliver!" this season.

Playing the role of the Chandel's valet Etienne will be Wes Milam. Milam has done drama in high school and has performed in civic theaters.

Richard Martin, a Waco High School student, will play Fanache. He has done several school plays and has worked in the civic theater.

Laura Yokus, playing the role of Lucienne, has also appeared in "The Real Inspector Hound" and "The Glass Menagerie."

Lorne Thomas plays Romain Tournel.

Lorne Thomas will play the part of Tournel. Lorne did several high school plays. He also directed a play in El Paso at one of the civic theaters.

Michael Reininger will play the part of Don Homenides. Reininger also had parts in "The Glass Menagerie" and "Oliver!"

Darin Brock, playing the part of Ferrailon the hotel owner, also appeared in "The

Real Inspector Hound" and "Oliver!"

Amy DuBose will play Eugnie. DuBose was featured in "The Glass Menagerie" and had a chorus part in "Oliver!"

Carma Walker plays the part of Olympe. Walker was featured in a play at Paul Quinn College earlier this year.

Michael Bettinger, another veteran from "The Real Inspector Hound," will play the hotel's resident sick person Baptistin.

Steve Mazanec will play Rugby. Mazanec served as stage manager this year for "The Real Inspector Hound."

The play revolves around a letter written by Yvonne and her friend Lucienne. Yvonne has the letter call for a secret rendezvous with her husband at a nearby hotel. She does not sign her name because she wants her husband to think its from another lady. She suspects that Victor is being unfaithful.

However, Victor and his friend Tournel think the letter is for Tournel, so Tournel goes

to the hotel. This would not be bad except for the fact that Tournel is secretly in love with Yvonne. To add to the complexity of the plot Lucienne's husband sees the letter and recognizes her handwriting. This sends him on a rampage trying to kill everyone.

The play then moves on to the nearby hotel, where everyone in the story is having some kind of affair. There we get to see a series of mistaken identities, near misses and Victor's exact twin Poche. No one is able to tell them apart so it adds to the laughter of the play. Will the story ever get resolved?

The set depicting a time in the 1930s will be one of the most elaborate and intricate stage settings MCC has had for a straight, non-musical play, according to Kelly.

"The whole stage will be utilized in the production," Kelly added. Actors will come all the way out to the end of the stage, with some of the set of the first and third act dropping into the orchestra pit. A revolving bed and a fountain will be some of the more unique parts of the hotel scenes.



Photo by Ken Crawford

TIMBER! Frank Brennan steps back after a hearty push as Bob Parks warns onlookers.

Speech Club plans spring

By REGINA MUNS

The Plaid Vests Speech Club, MCC's forensic team, is preparing for five major events this semester with perhaps the biggest to be held on this campus next month.

MCC will serve as host for the Phi Rho Pi Regional Qualifier Tournament Feb. 18-20.

More immediate will be the TIFA Spring Championship Feb. 5-7 in Tyler. The Forensic Team also plans on traveling to Houston for the TJCSTA State Meet on Feb. 11-13.

After the Regional Qualifier Tournament, the team plans on competing in the Gorilla Individual Events Invitational on March 4 and 5 in Pittsburgh, Kan. Last of all, the Phi Rho Pi Nationals take place in Minneapolis, Minn., on April 3-9.

In the fall semester, the forensic team received many awards. At the Lumberjack Forensic Tournament held in November, 35 colleges and universities from nine states com-

peted in speaking, acting, interpretative, and debating events. Seven "superiors" and 17 "excellents" in preliminary competition rounds were captured by eight MCC students.

MCC ranked number seven out of 35 in overall tournament standings for individual event competition held at Stephen F. Austin University.

At the Paris Winterfest in December, MCC students won six trophy awards in after dinner speaking, readers theater, prose, mixed genre, and group improvisation. Plaid Vests members also made the finals in persuasive speaking, informative speaking, and extemporaneous speaking in that meet.

For three of the winners, this was their first competition. In all, they received two first places, two second places, two third places and three fourth places.

This semester's team includes Shannon Doss, Bonnie Hillison, Shelia Jekel, Cindy Korenek, Tim Menchu, Karen Phipps, Carla Truitt, Waylon Wood and Scott Wright.

Men's Basketball

By CLAY LASSETER

The following story is a recap of non-conference games played by the Highlanders last semester.

After pulling out a last minute victory over the Alvin Dolphins Dec. 4, the Highlanders returned to the Highlands to host Temple Junior College on Dec. 8.

Three days later the Highlanders traveled to Corsicana to play in the Navarro Classic.

On Friday the Highlanders had another shot at the No.1-ranked San Jacinto Ravens who had beaten them earlier in the season. But the Ravens again proved to be too much for the Highlanders as the Ravens prevailed 111-67.

The next day MCC met Blinn in the second round of the classic. The Highlanders lost 56-54.

The Highlanders took a 31-day break before returning to the court to start their conference schedule this semester.

Variety expanding in music programs

By PATRICK KING

MCC's music programs offers opportunities for students who want to enrich their musical skills.

Classes offered at MCC include performing groups, such as chorale, stage band, concert band country and rock bands, small ensembles (including brass, percussion, vocal and woodwind). Other courses include class voice, piano and

strings, music appreciation and basic music.

Haskett said that when he first came to MCC in 1967, he was the second person to be added "and they envisioned to have eventually a full time music faculty of three."

MCC has the equivalent "of about 20 full time faculty," according to Haskett. Nine people are teaching part time this semester, he added

Highlander basketball

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missed on several scoring opportunities.

The Highlanders led 27-26 with 51 seconds in the half, but the Wranglers answered with a three-point basket with 24 seconds left. MCC had the chance to tie the game with three seconds before half time, but Freddie Williams missed the free throw.

Both teams struggled for control throughout the second half with several lead changes.

The Highlanders controlled the tempo midway through the second half with strong outside shooting by Lawrence Frazier and Carl Love. With five minutes remaining in the game MCC appeared to hold a commanding 74-65 lead.

Cisco took advantage of the three-point line to bring the Wranglers back, but their late rally fell short.

"I wish they had no three-point line," MCC Coach Ken DeWeese said. "Fans like it, but it can be a coach's nightmare."

"We should have lost by two," he added. "That kid from Cisco hit a three-pointer from five or six feet off the three-

point line. It should have been worth five points."

MCC had three players score from the three-point range. Frazier and Love each had three baskets from the three-point line, while Henry Golightly had one.

The Highlanders' leading scorers for the game were Frazier with 17 points, Love 13, and Golightly with 12 plus an additional 11 assists.

Turner's last second shot improved MCC to 12-7 overall and 2-0 in conference following a treacherous non-conference schedule.

MCC's non-conference opponents included defending national champion and nationally top-ranked San Jacinto. Also included in the Highlanders' early season were games with talent-laden Lon Morris.

DeWeese mentioned that the Highlanders had a different intensity level since playing in the tournament in San Jacinto.

"These guys can do it. We need more concentration and intensity," he added.

In addition to the classes, voice students have the opportunity to attend the National Association of Teachers of Singing contest, held during the fall semester.

"With all the turmoil in the public schools in the last 10 to 12 years, and now with (House Bill) 72...that's going to be felt here. I think we'll have a dip right now in the transfer student as a result of all that turmoil," Haskett said.

Haskett does not look for enrollment in music programs to go down, but at the same time does not look for enrollment to go up.

"Commercial music is picking up some, so I would say that later on there maybe a dip in commercial and there maybe a surge in the transfer. Who knows?" he said, but also added "We will be able to at least hold our own."

Special courses

By DARIN CHRISTIE

A series of courses designed to help people cope with divorce, single parenting, or death of a spouse are being held this semester with the next course scheduled Feb. 9.

The courses are open to students as well as other members of the community. Persons enrolling in the classes will not be charged a fee.

The series is mostly directed toward women who must enter the work force for the first time or return to it after a long absence. Many of these women gave up working during their marriages to become homemakers.

Left with the problem of supporting themselves and possibly children, they are often referred to as displaced homemakers.

According to MCC counselor Marylea Henderson there are 578,355 displaced homemakers statewide. Two in five live below the poverty level. One in five lives below what the Department of Labor considers

adequate.

Some women may not necessarily be displaced homemakers but are having to work again for economical reasons.

"As a rule women are not generally assertive," Henderson said. "Our classes teach them to ask for what they need."

Volunteer instructors from the Counseling and Student Services Committee will teach the courses.

The series is entitled "Developing Your Potential". The title is derived from what Henderson says would be their motto if they had one.

The next course will be "Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About College But Were Afraid To Ask". It will be held Feb. 9 from noon-1:30 p.m. and again at 7-8:30 p.m.

Other class titles include "Job Seeking Skills," "Becoming Assertive," "Single Parent Parenting," and "Growing Through Divorce." All classes are offered at more than one time.

Studio records professional quality music

The studio itself is a 24-track, analog-digital facility. It is operated and maintained by second-year audio-tech students. Additionally, these students are responsible for scheduling and overseeing recording sessions.

Students involved in the audio-tech course are able to receive hands-on training. Konzelman noted that such experience can be used as a resume in the recording industry.

Steve Dady, the house engineer at Rivendale Recorders in Houston, and Jim Johnson, an assistant engineer in Washington, are both graduates who have benefitted from their experience at MCC.

Built in 1985, the Performing Arts Center facility provides a training setting for the audio-tech majors at MCC while enabling student musicians to



Photo by Rose Polley

BRIAN KONZELMAN demonstrates state-of-the-art equipment in the MCC recording area.

record their compositions.

Comparable with many commercial facilities, recordings made at the MCC facilities are of release quality, according to Brian Konzelman, instructor of

audio technology. This means such material is suitable for submission to various record labels or even for independent release.

MCC's recording studio is

one of the most-used and overlooked facilities on campus, and in its three-year existence has already started paying dividends for the students who spend hours working there.

Commercial music program expanding

By BRUCE CUMMINGS

Over the past eight years MCC's Commercial Music Department has more than tripled.

The program was started in 1980 with less than 30 students, and its enrollment is now well over 100. Although the program originally offered only two degrees, three areas of study are now open to students — performance, songwriting and composition, and audio technology.

Although many types of music are studied, rock and country oriented styles are preferred by most of the students.

Despite the department's emphasis on the performance element in music, program director Dave Hibbard said that other careers in music are available.

"There is nothing to prevent

business and law majors from becoming involved in the music industry," Hibbard said. Such individuals are needed in management and legal areas of the industry, he said.

"There is a desperate need for women in the legal and management areas," Hibbard added. Students interested in pursuing such a career in these areas can contact Hibbard for further information.

Several former MCC students have made use of their training from the Commercial Music Department:

• Phil McNoose is currently the co-leader of Clockwork, a prominent jazz group in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

• Warren Connors is to appear in Whitney Houston's first movie as both a performer and actor.

• Rich Vasquez is now working as a musician in Las Vegas.