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BRIGHT LIGHTS — Model Vickie Dees demonstrates the 'total look' for spring and summer during the fashion show Tuesday sponsored by the cosmetology chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

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Clement's budget labeled too low

by Julie Richter

Students may find themselves in larger classes and making fewer school trips in the future if the Texas Legislature adopts Gov. Bill Clements' proposed 1979-80 budget and if the trend toward lean budgets continues, according to President Dr. Wilbur Ball.

Clements' recommendation of \$4,269,250 for MCC is the lowest of three proposed budgets including the Legislative Budget Board's proposal and the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System's proposal.

The LBB, a joint committee of the House and Senate that prepares the state budget every two years, has recommended a budget of \$4,427,170. The Coordinating Board's proposal is \$4,833,610.

"Any of these is fairly conservative," said Ball. "The LBB's is unrealistic. The governor's is...even more unrealistic."

A difference of \$564,360 separates the governor's and the Coordinating Board's proposals. If adopted, the governor's lean budget could be very restricting, said Ball.

"We would not be able to do a lot of things that we need to be doing," he said. "Salary increases would not be as great as with higher appropriations. Other elements like services, supplies, travel and equipment would be affected."

Ball's primary concern centers on the debate between proponents of the governor's proposal and supporters of the legislature's budget. He fears the conflict may delay MCC's schedule of issuing employee

contracts.

Teachers' salaries would be protected as long as possible, he said.

Salary increases are customarily approved in April. If the budget has not passed by next month, contracts may be issued at old rates and amended later.

Long range effects of a lean budget would be more acute.

"If the appropriations are very, very, lean, and they continue for a number of years, we may see larger class sizes and less travel for contests," Ball said.

"Student employment would probably be lower. Although we get those funds from the federal government, MCC still con-

tracting our old, good ones."

"We have a tendency to do without other things before we get salary increases down to a low level," he said. "We try to keep them as high as possible."

Money does not insure quality instruction, but it is important in maintaining morale, Ball said. And morale does affect instructional quality.

"There would be long faces and poor spirits around campus," he said. "The faculty and employees might feel demoralized. MCC would not be a happy place, but a sad place to go to school."

Money is also a factor in the number of programs the school

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tributes 20 percent to work study. We spend about \$10,000 on non-work study student wages. These are students who don't qualify for work study, but have special skills, like a chemistry lab assistant."

Teachers would feel a budget squeeze more than students.

"Teachers will go somewhere else if they can't make enough to feed their families," Ball said. "And if salaries are not high enough, we don't attract new teachers, which is just as bad as

losing our old, good ones."

"One measure of the quality of an institution is the breadth of its offerings," Ball said. "In a sense, the quality of education at MCC is diminished if we're not able to start new programs like the nuclear medicine program we're considering."

Despite the gloomy predictions, there still is hope. A number of factors may help prevent passage of the governor's proposal.

The Legislature has treated junior colleges well in the past and appropriations have been adequate, Ball said.

"MCC compares very favorably with other community colleges in faculty salaries. We rank in the top fourth of the 47 colleges in our district."

The Legislature probably will

Instructor lobbies for junior colleges

While legislators discuss three proposed budgets for Texas colleges and universities, members of junior college organizations are not sitting by twiddling their thumbs.

The executive committee of the Texas Junior College Teachers' Association, headed by history instructor Dr. Michael White, is representing junior college interests by lobbying.

"We meet with key chairmen of committees and those who are our friends," he said. And junior colleges have many friends in the Legislature."

White, who will complete his term as president in April, acts as main spokesman for the TJCTA committee. He testifies before House and Senate committees.

"We get a daily report of legislative events," White said. "When a bill comes up that interests us, we are present at the meetings."

Lobbying is an effective technique, White believes.

"Junior colleges have the best success rate among institutions of higher education in getting

not adopt the governor's proposal, according to Paul Holder, government instructor.

"The final budget usually looks more like the Legislature's than anything else," he said.

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"That success rate may be in danger. We are afraid Gov. Clements' doesn't always make a distinction between teacher organizations," he said. "The Texas State Teachers' Association came out publicly for John Hill during the election. Our association did not come out for or against any candidate."

"Clements seems to have a negative opinion about educators' associations," he said. "We're all going to get some of this negativism."

But junior colleges will still come out ahead, White said.

"It looks like the Legislature will not go along with the governor's budget," he said. "They will be reasonable and fair."

If anyone is hurt, it will be senior colleges, White said.

"Some senior institutions have suffered a drop in enrollment," he said. "They are begging the Legislature for money to bail them out."

Pipeline

Softball sign-up ends Friday

Friday is the deadline for interested teams to submit a roster for the upcoming intramural softball tournament, the first such tourney held here. Intramural Director Ray Murray or the student activities office will accept entries.

Rules will be the same as those published in the Highlander's Guide with a few changes. Ten players will be allowed on the field and eight are needed to start a game. Five innings or 30 minutes will constitute a game and extra innings will be played in case of a tie. Other changes made in order to speed up play include a 45-second limit between innings and a nose-to-toes strike zone.

Have a taste

MCCOPA's four seasons tasting luncheon will be April 4, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of the administration building. Tickets costing \$2.25 each are available from any MCCOPA member. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Weston presents photo show Friday

A slide lecture entitled "Edward Weston: The Man Not the Myth" will be presented Friday at 8 p.m. in the HPE lecture hall. Cole Weston, son of the acclaimed photographer, will speak.

Weston was a pioneer in the direct approach to photography according to Gordon McConnell, curator of the Art Center.

"Weston advanced photography as an art," he said. "He took photography beyond journalism and just recording the facts." Admission is \$5 and can be paid at the door.

The presentation is sponsored by The Art Center.

Student art displayed

Selected works from art students are on display in the fine arts building for the annual MCC Student Art Show. The winning entry, a wood sculpture entitled "Redwood Reduction" by Matt Mitchell, is only one of the 55 entries on exhibit through March 30. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

BEOG will be issued Wednesday

A final disbursement of Basic Educational opportunity grants will be made Wednesday. Students should go by the business office and pick up checks.

Firefighters attend seminar

Approximately 30 fire fighters from 10 area fire departments attended a hazardous materials transportation seminar recently. According to John Cook, program director for fire protection technology, the purpose of the program was to acquaint fire fighters with the safety features of railroad tank cars and hazardous material transports commonly used in the greater Waco area. The seminar was presented as an ongoing part of MCC's Volunteer Fire Fighter Certification Program and the AAS Degree Program course in Hazardous Materials. Similar programs are planned for the future.

Handwriting course to be offered

A special mini-course on good handwriting techniques and acceptable manuscript form will be held Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Tutorial Center, liberal arts building, 102. The mini-course will be conducted by the special services.

Forum to discuss grief

In cooperation with the Waco Tribune-Herald, MCC will hold the third in a series of four community forums on death and dying Monday. "Grief and Bereavement," the third community forum, will be led by Curtis Holland, chaplain and director of the pastoral care department at Hillcrest Hospital. The forum will be offered from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and from 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held in room 101 of the health and physical education building. Further information concerning the community forums is available by calling 756-6551.

School to close for UIL events

Classes will not meet on March 27 due to Interscholastic League competition. Gail Burrier, Hazel Martin and Al Pollard, who are organizing the four district competition and judges, expect a turnout of approximately 750 high school students. Competition will consist of typing, shorthand, debate, individual speaking events, ready writing, spelling, science, slide rule, number sense and journalism.

Dr. Laverne Wong, dean of student services, and committee members Don Bynum, Mary Cantrell, Tana Carpenter, Billy Dowdy, Hoagie Karelis, Bill Mygdal, Randy Schormann, and Doris Scott, are planning outreach and recruitment activities for students.

Schools expected to attend the competition include: Class 11A - China Spring, Clifton, Hamilton, Ilco, Lorena, Meridian and Moody; Class 28A - Buffalo, Calvert, Centerville, Franklin, Mart and Riesel; Class 22AA - Groesbeck, Hillsboro, La Vega, McGregor, Mexia, Robinson and West; Class 11AAA - Brownwood, Cleburne, Crowley, Connally, Everman, Gateville, Granbury, Jefferson-Moore, Marlin, Midway, Stephenville and Waco High.

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In tornadoes— stay low

The frequent dark clouds over Waco the past weeks have brought a great deal of rain and they have the potential for bringing much more than rain. The possibility of thunderstorms and tornadoes should not be overlooked. Newcomers to the area should be alerted to the fact that the "tornado season" for this part of the country has begun.

Whenever skies look threatening, listen to the radio or television for information regarding storm conditions. A **tornado watch** means that tornadoes are expected to develop. A **tornado warning** means that a tornado has been spotted and persons close to the storm should take cover. Safety steps to follow during a tornado are listed below:

1. If you are in open country, move at right angles to the tornado's path. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression or ditch.

2. If you are in a school or similar building, stay inside, **AWAY FROM WINDOWS**, near an interior hallway on the lower floor. **AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS**, because the wide span roofs offer poor support.

3. If you are in a home, stay inside. Stay away from windows, in a central portion of the house, in a small closet or bathroom, or under sturdy furniture. Keep some windows open on the side of the house away from the tornado to help reduce damage to the building.

4. **DO NOT STAY IN A MOBILE HOME** during a tornado warning. Seek refuge in a sturdy building, or in a ditch, culvert, or ravine.

Another storm condition not to be overlooked is the thunderstorm. The average annual death toll for lightning is greater than for hurricanes and tornadoes. Being struck by light-

ning is not nearly as unlikely as we like to think. Follow these steps during a thunderstorm:

1. Stay indoors, away from doors, windows, fireplaces, stoves, sinks, and metal pipes.

2. Don't use the telephone or electrical appliances such as hair dryers, razors, etc. during the storm.

3. Don't use metal objects like fishing rods and golf clubs when a thunderstorm is threatening. Cleated golf shoes are particularly good lightning rods.

4. Stay out of small boats and bodies of water.

5. Stay in your auto if traveling.

6. If caught outdoors, avoid hill tops, wire fences, metal clothes lines, and exposed sheds. Keep yourself lower than the highest object in the area. Don't get under isolated trees -- crouch in the open. Keep twice as far away from isolated trees as the trees are high.

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Detour

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Theater

'Anything Goes' delights packed house

by Mark Lockridge

"Anything Goes," undoubtedly the finest entertainment in Waco, has had spectators overflowing into the aisles since it opened on campus Friday.

The setting for this beautifully done play is aboard the oceanliner U.S.S. America in the mid-1930s. The lively tempo aboard the liner contrasts magnificently with the depression decade taking place back on the mainland.

Drama instructor James Henderson, who directed and choreographed the play, has done a superb job. Music instructor Dr. Ralph Dowden gave special voice instructions, and music direction was by music instructor Donald Balmos.

Costumes and hairstyles are

At the movies

authentic. Stage and set are well designed.

One of the fine talents on stage is Rusty Wooldridge as Bill Crocker who gives a performance worthy of a veteran actor much his senior.

Les Stevens as Moonface, public enemy no. 13, performs memorably while his sidekick, Bonnie, portrayed by Susan Whitson is adorable as the typical gum-smacking, dumb blonde.

The character of Reno Sweeny, played by a gifted Laura Sterling, is absolutely captivating. She sings and dances with just the right amount of hip-swinging sass.

Perhaps most talented of the players is Cliff Sharpless as Sir Evelyn, a wealthy Englishman

with plenty of zest. He is brilliant when he and Reno give a charming adaptation of Cole Porter's "Let's Misbehave."

Also giving good performances are Liz Stanford as Hope, Laurie Jean Bently as Mrs. Harcourt and Craig Dupree as Whitney.

The first act of the play seems a little long, perhaps because I was sitting on the floor. However, the final act races to the finale and leaves the audience begging for more.

The play continues tonight through March 24.

Reservations must be made in advance at 756-6551 ext. 283. MCC students, faculty and staff are admitted free, otherwise tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students. Curtain time is 8 p.m.



TAKING IT ALL DOWN — Actors from the musical comedy 'Anything Goes' are playing to standing room only crowds. photo by Tommy Poppin

Fonda, Lemmon give 'Syndrome' energy

by Julie Richter

Proponents of nuclear power will not like "The China Syndrome." The film personifies the "what ifs" fears of nuclear power plant opponents and portrays the plants' parent electric companies in the worst possible light.

But despite the film's obvious biases and "what ifs," it far exceeds the cliches and hype of recent disaster films.

"The China Syndrome" tells the story of a news team visiting a nuclear power plant near Los Angeles when something goes wrong at the installation reporter (Jane Fonda) and cameraman (Michael Douglas), who foxily films control room operators panicking, leave with a hunch that authorities are covering up a major accident.

The film succeeds where other disaster movies fail. The disaster in this case is what nuclear

experts call "the China syndrome." The theory says if a plant's uranium core loses its water coolant, a melt-down will ensue, and the core will burn its way through the floor, all the way to China.

Rather than blowing a possible disaster out of proportion, Director James Bridges focuses on the psychological reactions of the main characters.

Fonda and Jack Lemmon, supervisor at the nuclear controls, both give fine performances of characters who undergo a change.

Fonda, called a "performer" by her boss, does the human interest tiger-who-had-a-birthday party-at-the-zoo stories. While liberal-minded Douglas rants and raves that the

film must be aired, Fonda sides with the station manager and owner who are scared of a lawsuit. Fonda is mainly concerned with protecting her career on the television screen. But Douglas and Fonda's conscience persist and gradually she seeks out the electric company's devious tricks.

Lemmon does even more with his character. He is a man faced with the conflict of telling the world about the unsafe plant and betraying the livelihood he loves. The honest emotions that cross Lemmon's face as he watches the dials in the control booth go haywire are rarely equalled in other disaster films.

Although the film deals with a technical subject, the manner in which it is presented to the audience is simple and unobtrusive.

The complex operation is explained in a scene where Douglas shoots footage of Fonda interviewing the plant's public relations man as he discusses the nuclear mechanism. By using this unobtrusive viewpoint, Bridges avoids the pitfalls of preaching to his audience.

Several incidents in the film are strikingly familiar to an actual event that happened in Oklahoma in 1974. Karen Silkwood, an employee of a plant that produced fuel rods for nuclear reactors, was killed in a car accident on her way to meet a New York Times reporter. Silk-

wood claimed the plant had carelessly exposed employees to dangerous levels of plutonium.

The evidence she was carrying was gone when the car was towed. Marks on the back of Silkwood's car raised questions to whether she had been forced off the road.

"The China Syndrome" incorporates similar incidents in its plot.

Nuclear power supporters may not appreciate the film, but even they cannot deny the impact and excitement of "The China Syndrome." The frenzied pace and element of true-life danger make the film a classic thriller.

Review

Pelican's catch: frustration

by Mark Lockridge

Out for an evening of total frustration? Then visit the Pelican's Restaurant.

After entering this supposedly plush Lake Brazos getaway, my companion and I were intercepted by a semi-charming hostess who explained there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. We were then asked if we would care to wait in the bar. Wait we did. After 35 minutes, a frantic waitress asks what spirits, if any, we would care to indulge in. I ordered a Bloody Mary, my companion, a Brandy Alexander. The Bloody Mary was excellent but the Alexander was weak and runny. After 35 more minutes, we were finally led to our table, a

booth by the restroom with a brighter light than Edison ever hoped to see.

Here we encountered the best asset the Pelican had. An extremely courteous and efficient waiter. He presented us with the menu, a very limited selection, printed with magic marker on a large grocery bag. Perhaps this is nostalgic elegance, but it reminds one more of a stroll through a Piggly Wiggly. We ordered, then proceeded to the salad bar. By this time I wished I was at the other bar. However, the lettuce and cabbage were fresh and tasty. After hastily eating our salads, we waited 35 more minutes for our food to arrive. I had shrimp, my com-

panion Hawaiian chicken. Like many restaurants now, baked potato was extra. Both entrees were fair and the prices moderate.

In fairness, we possibly hit this restaurant at a bad time. It was St. Patrick's day and specials at the bar kept the place busy the entire evening. However, the task of a fine restaurant is to adjust to a busy evening while keeping its standards up to their promises.

The evening was marred by long waits, that perhaps could have been avoided if the Pelican had accepted reservations.

Overall, the Pelican gets a C- but only because a fine waiter made a fiasco just tolerable.

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Putting on spring, summer

Behind-the-scenes preparation was sometimes hectic and tense during The Total Look — Spring and Summer '79 fashion show Tuesday night, but the effort yielded high fashion in make-up, hairstyle and fashion.

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"There may be some compromise with emphasis on what the Legislature has recommended. But they'll appropriate more than Clements."

Holder said Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who heads the LBB, may give junior colleges extra sup-

port.

"Many people feel Hobby may want to run for governor in 1982," he said. "He would probably want the support of teacher organizations."

The Texas Junior College Teachers' Association and the

Texas Public Community Junior College Association are both working with legislators to secure a reasonable level of funding.

The organizations are generally effective, said Ball.

"The great majority of representatives and senators

have at least one community college in their district," he said. Community colleges enjoy a favorable reputation with legislators and most legislators are convinced that money spent on junior colleges is a good investment."

Funds decrease for student loans

By Chuck Ortlip

Until about four years ago any college or university in the state of Texas was eligible to receive an almost unlimited amount of loan money for students, said Financial Aids Director Stephen Crump.

However, the amount of money a school may receive has been lowered. Limitations have been brought on mostly by delinquent loans, either by students who are unable to pay back the loans or by ones who refuse to make the payments, said Crump.

He does not have statistics on the number of MCC students who default on loans but said they are "pretty good" at making payments on time.

Loans are considered delinquent if they are six months past due.

The state-supported loan program, known as the Hinson-Hazelwood College Loan Program, is financed by the issuance of State of Texas bonds.

It not only pays for tuition and books but helps pay for food, gasoline, and room and board.

MCC's yearly allotment of the loan is \$28,841.

Crump said the Hinson-Hazelwood loan should be used as a last resort after other sources of financial aid are "exhausted."

Limitations have been brought on by delinquent loans

According to Crump, students who are eligible for the maximum loan of \$1,500 for a nine-month academic year are, for example, students widowed or divorced with children, or ones with excessive medical bills. Another factor determining who receives the loan is family income. According to Crump, family income may depend on the number of children in the family and financial resources available to the student, such as

a job, any social security money, G.I. benefits and any scholarships or grants.

Complete payment must be made within 10 years, with the first payment due nine months after the student leaves school. Payments are a minimum of \$30

per month with 7 per cent interest. While the student is in school the government will pay the interest.

Also, Crump said, payments are temporarily postponed if the borrower joins the armed forces, the Peace Corps, or has "bad luck" such as being unable to find a job or has excessive doctor bills.

He said the State Coordinating Board is sometimes lenient on past due loans.

"Maybe that student got married or lost his job, most of the time they will take this into consideration and will give a temporary deferment," explained Crump.

He said students should write or call the board, and not stop

making payments without an explanation.

If a student leaves school, and does not begin making the payments in the allotted time, a lawsuit can be brought against him.

He said there are some students who "flat refuse" to pay back a loan.

As a result the State Coordinating Board is cracking down on the collection of the loans and is making loans more difficult to obtain.

Anybody can get a loan," said Crump, "if they show a need, but

"Anybody can get a loan... but they're harder to get now"

they are harder to get now."

He credited more paperwork and the limited amount of money a school may receive as the biggest factors in making loans

more difficult to acquire. He must make a recommendation for each student, and no less than 10 forms and letters of recommendation must be processed.

Agents are also required for each student. An agent is any member of the borrower's family who is responsible for getting the board know where the student is. Agents help the board in "tracking down" any person who is behind on payments.

"When collection starts they (the board) need all the help they can get," explained Crump.

Crump said another of his jobs is to make sure the student is enrolled in school and is taking at least six hours of accredited courses before he receives the loan.

He said he knows of students in other schools who stayed in school just long enough to receive their loans, dropped out, and then used the money to help buy a car or, as in one case, to take a trip to Europe.

Retention also targeted

Hastings heads student recruitment project

By Frank Fitzpatrick

Administrators plan to find more students and keep ones they have through a campus-wide survey given to full-time college employees recently. The survey will help administrators gather ideas on outreach and

retention.

To strengthen the outreach and retention programs on campus, Dr. Chester Hastings, vice-president of program development, has been assigned general administrative responsibility for both programs

according to a report issued by President Dr. Wilbur Ball.

According to the report, this will expand the responsibility and authority of Hastings' position, and amounts to a promotion, although no title change will be made immediately. Hastings will now have administrative authority over the other Administrative Council members, with respect to outreach and retention.

While action concerning the programs is still in the planning stage, Hastings already has some ideas. "We need to keep attuned to the community -- what they need or what they want, he said. He also stressed keeping up with technology within the educational field.

Hastings hopes to have data from the survey soon to set priorities and study cost efficiency. Although the employee survey is important, Hastings said students are in the best

position to answer questions about what attracts them. He plans to survey students this spring or next fall.

A sub-committee on student attrition has submitted some recommendations to the administration. Continuation of programs and policies such as the Special Services-Tutorial Center programs, reading courses, reading labs and ACT reading requirements were recommended. Requirements and placement policies regarding English 311, Math 309 and 319 and chemistry and physics prerequisites in math were also commended.

The continuation of low tuition rates, the open-door admissions policy, the flexibility and wide variety of courses and programs, as well as flexible class scheduling, were also advised.

In addition, the report made some recommendations for

possible changes.

The list of recommendations includes making more kinds of diagnostic material available in counseling students to help insure each student is in the type of course he or she is likely to be successful with. Special academic counseling for students on scholastic probation, reviewing the possibility of reinstating the mail mid-term grade report to students or the possibility of giving students both mid-term grades and attendance records were also mentioned.

Other recommendations were to make workshops available for instructors specifically dealing with special student problems and to provide special academic counseling for students entering on the GED.

The committee also favored advertising of loans, grants and programs such as Special Services-Tutorial Center.

Viewpoint

State babysits public

In the Jewish faith after a ceremony called Bar Mitzvah a boy of 13 has attained the age of religious duty and responsibility.

In other parts of society the age of responsibility is less clear. At one time it was generally thought to be when a person reached 21. Then during the '60s the age of accountability was moved down to 18 under the rationale that anyone old enough to be drafted to fight for his country was old enough to be an adult.

Now the age seems to be changing again. The state of Massachusetts is one of several states that has upped the legal age for drinking alcohol from 18 to 20.

Once more government is stepping in to protect us from ourselves and, at the same time, take away some of our freedom to be responsible for ourselves.

One gets the feeling that government is going to baby us all our lives.

Just look at the safety features that have been put on products because some people are not adult enough to keep medicine out of the reach of children or to work a lawn mower without safety in mind.

This idea of governmental daddy-lam has reached an all time high in the car industry. The average car has a buzzer to tell when the doors are open or when the key is left in the ignition, when the seat belts are not on and when the baby in the back seat needs its diaper changed.

Why all these little reminders of things that should be done by an accountable adult?

In the issue of the 18-year-old drinking laws the state has told young people that it's okay to be irresponsible for their actions for two more years. About the only thing such laws do is to make more citizens break the law.

The state has punished the majority for what the minority has done.

As a country we must not fail to raise our young people to be accountable for their actions. If they are not given some form of responsibility at an early age they will never learn it at any age.

The tragic events in Jonestown are an example of what happens when persons hand over the responsibility of their lives and the lives of their children to one person and his staff. Giving up the rights and duties that come with being a responsible adult is the first step toward having no choice at all.

By Anthony DeMarco

Oops... More honor students found

In the last edition of the Highland Herald, a listing of Distinguished Honor and Honor students were published. We regret that some names were mistakenly left off the list.

Distinguished Honor students must have earned a 3.8 - 4.0 grade point average (a possible 4.0 scale) and be enrolled for 12 or more semester hours. Honor students must have earned a 3.5 - 3.79 grade point average and be enrolled in 12 or more hours.

Distinguished Honor students according to hometowns, are:
WACO - Donna Luedke, Lorita Manning, Marjorie Martinez, Sara McCauley, Mark McCoo, Dixie McIntosh, Anneliese McMurtry, Kenneth Mitchell, Janice Mooney, Kathy Nash, Joanna Nawara, Jerry Newcom, Deborah Olson, Kelley Patton, Janet Picha, Brenda Price,

Cheryl Ramsey, Tresa Raspberry, Linda Reich, Patricia Reinhardt, Sherri Reitmeyer, Karl Rhinehart, Sally Sandlin, Stacy Schultz, Carolyn Self, Charles Sharpless, Stephen Trzelnski, Marlene Villano, and Denise Walton.

WALNUT SPRINGS - Donna Pierson

WEST - Doana Bohannon, Richard Gerik, Pauline Hargrove, Sharon Hanlan, Annette Hromadka, Eldon Jupo, Daria Money, and Pamela Wolf.

CLEVELAND, OHIO -

Kathryn Smith.
Honor students are:
ATHENS - Stanford Hill Jr.

AXTELL - Joe Brozina, Denise Snider

BELTON - Michael Craig,

Belva McNamara

CHINA SPRING - Terri Goldston, Teri Hall, Kimberly Pass

Debunking ERA myths

By Donna Johnson

MYths, fears, and unrealistic expectations of changes that would occur because of the Equal Rights Amendment have caused confusion among the public as to what the amendment will and will not do.

Because of the vague wording of the amendment many are frightened it may have effects which cannot now be foreseen.

Some changes, however, can safely be foretold. These will occur in state welfare laws, state property laws, the draft, colleges,

and in the hiring practices of many employers.

ERA's affect on state welfare laws is considered crucially important by both sides of the opposition.

In many states families receive welfare payments only if the father is absent. An optional program available in less than half the states is Aid to Dependent Children of Unemployed Fathers.

A family qualifies for welfare under the program if the father is unemployed, but a family cannot qualify if the father is the homemaker and childcare parent and the mother is the unemployed breadwinner.

Feminists say this is a classic example of laws pressuring individuals into stereotypic molds and life styles. ERA would alter the "unemployed father" phrase to unemployed parent, and this would, according to proponents, encourage mothers and fathers to fill the family roles

they are suited for without fear of penalty.

Opponents agree this change in the welfare program would encourage a breakdown in traditional family roles but they are not optimistic about the outcome. They say that such a breakdown could result in a loss of direction among men and women and could eventually lead to the disintegration of the family.

Fear that ERA would threaten the family unit is the motivating force behind most of the opposition.

Proponents say this fear is unfounded and that by offering women alternatives to marriage ERA would strengthen the family in that women would marry because they wanted to and not out of dependency.

One alternative to marriage provided by ERA would be a broader job market, according to feminists.

Protective legislation which

limits the hours and shifts women may work would be struck down and traditionally male jobs requiring physical strength would be available to women.

Educational opportunities would also broaden for women since ERA would equalize college admission standards for men and women and require all public schools and colleges to be co-educational.

Opponents realize ERA would offer many benefits to women, but, they say, women would pay for these benefits by losing many privileges, the most important one being exemption from the draft.

Under ERA women would be drafted in wartime and assigned combat duty on the same basis as men.

Proponents point out that Congress has always had the right to draft women in an emergency, and that women would be exempt from combat

on the same basis as men.

The Senate report on ERA states "Those women who are physically or mentally unqualified, or who are conscientious objectors or who are exempt because of responsibilities (certain public officials or those with dependents) will not have to serve ... Thus the fear that mothers will be conscripted from their children is totally and completely unfounded."

Feminists say opponents have perpetuated this fear in an effort to cloud the issues. Fear that ERA would create unisex public toilets is also blamed on the opposition. Proponents say the constitutional guarantee of the right to privacy would prevent unisex restrooms.

Although the future of ERA is uncertain, feminists say that discriminatory laws will be changed. Without the Equal Rights Amendment the changes will take longer, but feminists believe they are inevitable.

Swedish student says...

U.S. too reserved about sex

By Athena Elliot

Americans think of themselves as some of the most sexually liberated people in the world, but Swedish student Katerina Levinsohn thinks sex in America is a closed subject.

"Americans are too reserved toward sexual feelings," said Levinsohn.

She believes that Swedish people view sex from a totally different perspective.

A person's body is a thing of beauty, she said, not an object of sex. The majority of Swedish people share this idea and therefore they engage in an activity that is socially unacceptable in America.

"I go down to the beach and sunbathe nude," she said.

Levinsohn believes sex education she received in school has shaped her opinions about sex.

"We talk about sex from the

time we are very young," she said, and young people are much more open about sex with their parents than the youth of America.

Levinsohn has also noticed the inequality of sexes here. "Men and women are much more 'liberated' in Sweden," she said. She had never seen a problem with wages or any aspect of inequality until she came to the United States she said.

Opinions about sex are only one of the differences Levinsohn has noticed between this country and her native land.

Since Katerina Levinsohn came to America seven months ago, she has started school and begun to further appreciate American autonomy.

She said the Swedish government gives citizens free services (medical, educational, etc.) in return for 50 per cent of their income. In Sweden citizens

depend too much on these services, she said, whereas in the United States everyone is given a right to choose such benefits.

"In Sweden the government takes care of the people too much and they don't learn to take responsibility," she said.

The differences in standards of living of the two countries has been one of the biggest surprises. In Sweden everyone enjoys a high standard of living, she said.

"There are no poor people and no different classes in Sweden like there are in the United States," said Levinsohn. She said there are no slums in Sweden.

Levinsohn was surprised at American dependence on automobiles because in Sweden the basic modes of trans-

portation are bicycling or walking. "I think Americans have to use a car for everything," she said.

Levinsohn has had more freedom of choice in America than she did in Sweden. When she decided to attend college she liked the opportunity she had to choose her classes. In Sweden she would have to attend school to study a selected trade. Here she chose classes in English, piano, basic music, and voice because they interest her.

Although her preference for America's freedom of choice played a big part in the decision to come to the states, she also came from Sweden with her boyfriend, Johnny, for a vacation.

The first step of her vacation in the U.S. began in New York City, where she kept close guard for "people running around with

guns." Levinsohn had heard stories about crime in New York and wanted to be sure of her safety.

After a tour of the United States, she came to Waco where she already had friends. Levinsohn found it difficult to adapt to Texas slang at first, but now she is picking up some slang of her own.

The language barrier was one of the reasons she decided to attend college. Although she had learned the English language in school, she thought she could improve. "I have a hard time expressing myself," Levinsohn said.

For the future she has no definite plans. If she continues to get a good education, she plans to stay here. Levinsohn still misses the beautiful Swedish summers and plans to visit her home this summer.

\$15 million restored to TRIO

The Texas Association of Student Services Programs announced recently that \$15 million of the \$25 million federal budget cut in TRIO Programs proposed by President Jimmy Carter have been restored.

According to Omega Rodriguez, director of special services, the decrease in the budget cut will still hurt special services programs across the nation.

The association said, "... we are \$10 million short of current service levels and if we adjust this figure for an inflation rate of 9 percent we are \$23 million short of our base."

Tutorial centers, such as the one here, and two national high school programs - Upward Bound and Talent Search will be affected by the cut which will go into effect after June 31, 1981.

The budget cut would mean a reduction in the number of tutors and new programs.

Rodriguez said appeals made by students, tutors and school personnel have helped in restoring the funds.



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Sports

Highlanders cop own tournament

by Robert Gough

Faced with a must-win situation, Coach Rick Butler's Highlanders came through with a clutch 6-4 victory over the Panola Ponies to win their own baseball tournament held recently.

It marked the second tourney championship the 'Landers have won this season. Earlier they copped the weather-shortened Carl Reynolds Classic at Wharton. The championship was also the first outright title the Highlanders have won in the history of their six year classic. Last year the Orange shared the title with the Bee County Cougars.

But this time there would be no sharing. Going into the Panola game Butler's troops had won three of four games in the round robin schedule and needed a win to clinch the crown. Ranger held second place with a 2-2 record and their 35 runs scored meant that if the Ponies beat the Highlanders the Rangers would take the tournament, if they won

their final game with Blinn. The Buccaneers had Ranger on the ropes, but a four-run seventh inning rally gave the Rangers a 6-5 win that put the pressure back on the Highlanders. Undaunted, sophomore pitcher Perry Kilgo came on in relief and pitched a brilliant six innings to nail down the win. Afterwards, Butler had nothing but praise for his team.

"I can't say enough about them, they played super ball," said Butler. "We hoped Perry could go three or four innings, but he kept going on guts." Pitching was a big part of the success as several hurlers drew praise. Freshman Craig McMurry had a good outing against Ranger and also helped Kilgo by putting down a late Panola rally in the final game. Freshmen Ted Tobolka and Jeff Patterson combined to stop Blinn while another freshman, Carlos Hidalgo, teamed with Kilgo to edge the Seminole Trojans. And Kilgo proved to have an iron right arm as he beat Bee County, the first of his three appearances.

The bats were also alive as sophomore leftfielder Mark Simon went 5-15 (.333) and scored four runs. Freshman catcher Charlie O'Brien made his three hits count as two went for homeruns while he drove in eight runs. On the year O'Brien leads the 'Landers in RBI's with 19.

Only a slight concern to Butler was his team's defense. "We're still making combination mental-physical errors," explained the 'Landers' mentor. "We're not thinking properly on defense. Once we play sound defense it's going to be hard to beat us."

Before the downpour the 'Landers owned a 9-7 season record and a 1-1 region mark after a split with Ranger March 14.

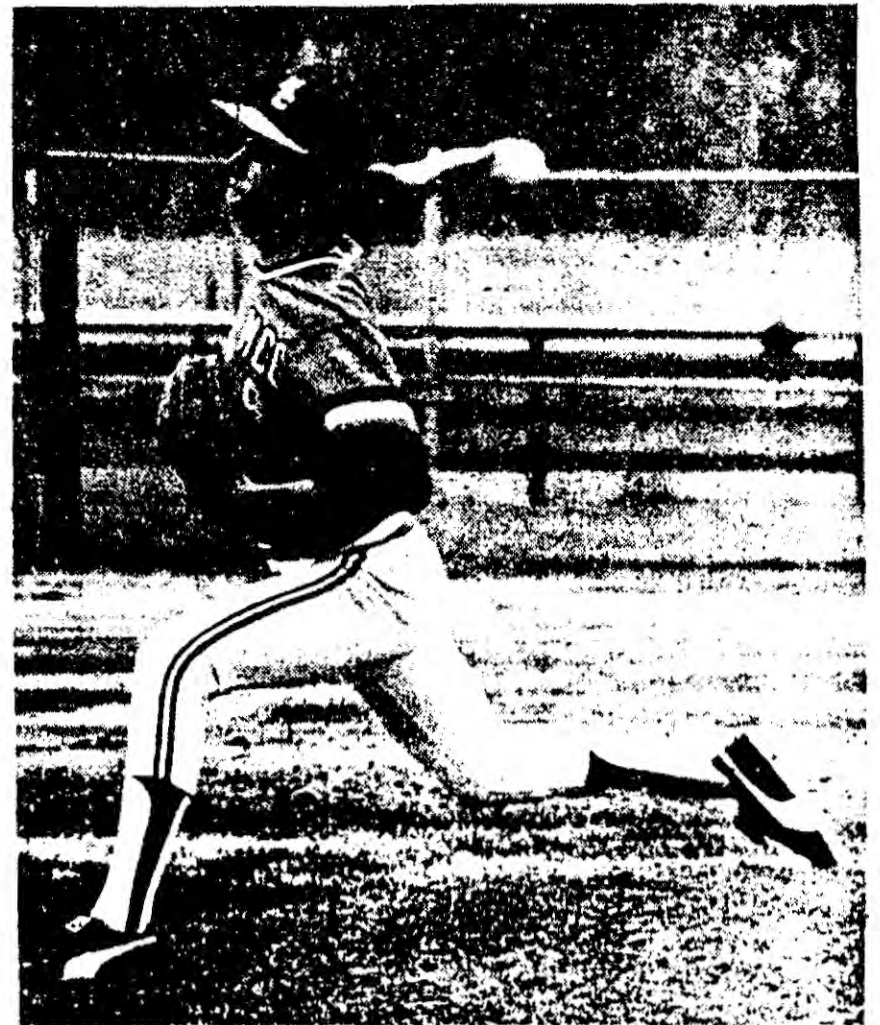
This afternoon at 2 o'clock, weather permitting, the Highlanders host Central Arizona College in a nine inning game. Region action is slated to continue Saturday at MCC Field with a twinbill against the Hill Rebels.

Huff shines at Bevo

Sparked by sophomore Kenny Huff's two-under par round of 142 at the Lakeway Country Club in Austin, the Highlander golf team soared to a three-stroke victory over Texas A&M's junior varsity with a 609 in the Bevo Classic March 12 and 13.

Huff earned medalist honors at the tournament with rounds of 69 and 73. Greg Aune shot 154 with Jim Kidd following close behind with 155. Mike Orren added 158 to the winning score.

Texas A&M junior varsity was second at 612, followed by TCU IV at 623, Western Texas at 626, Weatherford at 631, Texas freshmen at 636, Midway at 637, and New Mexico Junior College at 647.



PERFECT FORM- Sophomore pitcher Perry Kilgo glides off the mound on his way to a 6-4 defeat of Panola.

photo by Mary Goodwin

Lady Bumpers face Trouble in VB semis

Trouble and the Lady Bumpers lead the field in the women's power volleyball tournament with two victories apiece. The only unbeaten teams remaining in the seven-team tourney, they will meet in a semifinal match Monday.

The Bumpers reached the semifinal round by virtue of a forfeit win over the Sweet Things and a 15-6, 10-15, 15-8 defeat of the Orange Crush. Trouble advanced with wins over the Force (forfeit) and the Angels, (11-15, 15-8, 15-3). Two consolation bracket matches on tap for Monday include the Orange Crush versus the Force while the Angels meet the Officers of the Court.

In the men's division, the Saints advanced to the semifinals with a 15-1, 15-4 conquest of the Green Machine Wednesday. Their opponent will be the winner of the Pool Patrol-Spikers match scheduled for Friday. The other men's match to be played Friday will pit the Insiders and Ketchup in a loser's bracket contest. No men's games are slated for Monday but men's play continues Wednesday with two matches involving yet undetermined teams.

Looking ahead to the championship rounds, the men's and women's consolation finals will be held April 2 with the championship matches scheduled for April 4.



PUT ME IN, COACHI- Highlander coach Rick Butler and batboy Ike Ingram survey the action during the Panola game.

photo by Mary Goodwin

Key match for netters

It's showdown time for the tennis team when it meets Cooke at 1:30 this afternoon. Both teams are tied for first place in conference play.

MCC is coming off of a 12-0 win against Grayson last week. Winning matches for the team were: Terry Ward over Billy Ashburn (7-5) (6-3); Mike Kerr defeated Kelly Holder (6-0) (6-0); Stan Blend defeated Mark Stubbs (6-4) (6-1) and Bruce Hershey over Rusty Phenix (6-7) (7-5) (6-1). For the women's team Mary Delano defeated Donna Skuggs (6-1) (6-1); Carol Martin

over Bertha Catta (6-3) (6-7) (6-1); Chris Lucas swept by Donna Christholm (6-2) (6-2); Janico Babbitt won by default. The doubles team of Ward and Kerr won (6-1) (6-1) over Ashburn and Stubbs. Hershey and Sharp defeated Holder and Phenix (6-7) (6-4) (6-3). For the women Babbitt and Lucas teamed up to defeat Catta and Christholm (6-3) (6-3). Martin and Miles won the other doubles match by default.

"There should be some excellent matches this afternoon," said Coach Berryman. "We welcome anyone who wants to come out and cheer us on."

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A case in point

Chauvinism State vs. Title IX ruling

Title IX, the HEW ruling on equal athletic funding for men and women, has been on the books for some time now, so this observer decided to have a look around, to see how the major colleges and universities were complying with the ruling.

the huge picture window one had a spectacular view of the brand-new Machodome with a seating capacity of 80,000. Directly behind the football facility the 25,000 seat Pandemonium Gardens glittered in the sunlight and a new baseball stadium was under construction.

Sport
by Robert Gough

I stopped off at a typical university, a football and basketball powerhouse representative of most athletically supported institutions. Meeting there with the athletic director and head coach of Chauvinism State, I asked him how the school was complying.

"What the (bleep) are you talking about?" replied Coach Zonk Crabwich. "I haven't heard of any ruling."

"I'm talking about the Title IX ruling, the one giving men and women equal funding in all phases of athletics," I answered.

"Oh, (bleep), why did you have to bring up The Trouble again, just when I thought that it had blown over," he snorted disgustedly. "Those (bleeping) politicians in Washington don't know the first thing about running a first-class athletic program. They just want to get their (bleeping) names in print and win women's support in the next election."

"But coach," I protested. "The politicians are just answering the demands of the feminist groups wanting equality. The voice of the woman athlete has been heard."

"Those women have had their say, why don't they just leave us alone," Coach Crabwich replied while working over a sizable lump of Red Man chewing tobacco. "I want you to look at something, sonny," he added as he opened the curtains in his sprawling office suite. Through

"Every velvet covered seat in these stadiums is full each home game, be it football or basketball," boasted Coach Crabwich swelling with pride. "We rake in more revenue in one Saturday afternoon than the entire school receives in annual tuition. And now those women, like they were Michelle Marvin or something, want half of everything. Don't they realize that big time football and basketball keep their field hockey and intramural badmitten programs going? Next they'll demand a new athletic dorm and a carpeted Universal weight room. Geez!"

"But Coach," I pleaded. "That's exactly what Title IX means. The women deserve all of that and more. Since big time men's athletics began, the women's programs have been ignored. Now that women's athletics has arrived, aren't they entitled to the same opportunities as men?"

"WHAT?" Coach Crabwich screeched in terror. "Blasphemy, blasphemy, out of my office you (bleep bleep bleep)! I give you some of my precious time, let you sit in my office, let you admire my trophy case, and what do you do? You not only bring up 'The Trouble,' but you actually agree with it! Get out of my sight, you miserable traitor!" he yelled as he chased me with a Louisville Slugger.

As I fled I yelled over my shoulder, "You can run me out now, Coach, but sooner or later the federal courts are going to come in and force you to comply." To which he replied in a booming, triumphant voice, "I'll shut down the entire athletic program before I retreat a single inch. I shall overcome, I shall return..." he said as his voice trailed off.



FIELD GENERAL AT WORK- The season has ended for Highlander coach Johnny Carter, but the work never ends when the recruiting begins.

photo by Frank Fitzpatrick

Recruiting time for Carter

by Mark Lockridge

With the Highlander's basketball season over, head Coach Johnny Carter must start a new game: recruitment for next season.

Competition for top notch players is fierce and recruiting is top priority. On the phone one minute, on a plane the next, coaches are always planning for next year. Carter is no exception. "During the school year I'm on the road just about every weekend and in the summer, I try to get up to Chicago and New York," said Carter. "Recruiting is a full time job; you can't let up for a minute or that top talent will slip away."

Due to the time element and restrictions governing the number of out-of-state players a school can have, most of Carter's recruiting efforts are centered in Texas. "I've been here six years and seen the talent in this state improve rapidly," said Carter. "When I was recruiting Anthony Lee out of Tyler's John Tyler High School, I was on the road to Tyler constantly. I felt he was the best high school talent in the nation, so I spent many hours at his doorstep. Anthony wants to go on to Marquette, so the influence that Sam Worthan had on him was tremendous. He loved the way Sam played," said Carter. Worthan is now at Marquette.

Heavy recruiting in Texas however, doesn't mean that Carter ignores exceptional out-of-state talent. Because of a rule limiting the number of out-of-staters on a squad to four, Carter focuses on obtaining the best players in the nation.

Such stars as Vinnie Johnson, Sam Worthan and Terry Suber from New York were lured by the appeal of less crowded surroundings, he said. "Many kids want to get away from the cities. They want to go to a good, growing basketball program under a coach they can trust," said Carter.

A coach must build this trust into his program. "It will pay off down the line. One of my former players, Craig Smoak, lives in New York and helps me tremendously in my recruiting up there," said Carter. "Any coach can tell a city player how great

his school's program is, but the player won't believe it until he hears it from a player who has played under the system.

A winning tradition is also vital for a strong recruiting campaign, he said. The Highlanders have won the conference five consecutive years and won 21 or more games the last six years.

Without assistants to aid him in recruiting, Carter often finds himself short on time. Fortunately, there is some outstanding talent right in his back yard. With such local standouts as Daryl Bachum and Ozell Hall of University High School and James Bailey of Richfield, it appears Carter will be making more local visits than usual this spring.

With the Highlanders already strong in the height and rebounding departments, it seems likely that Carter will be eyeing some quick backcourt men. "I have some good

ballhandlers in mind, but generally, I'm interested in the best available ballplayer. If he has enough talent, he can adjust well to either the guard or forward position," said Carter. "I stress the open game concept, which lures a lot of the quick, offensive-minded ballplayers to MCC," said Carter.

"If I find the quickness I'm looking for this recruiting season, we should have a super team next year," said Carter.

One could hardly disagree. With standouts Anthony Lee and Charles Jones anchoring the inside, a quick guard or two could be the final catalysts for a strong national championship contender.

Could winning a national championship prompt Carter to move on to bigger, possibly better things? "It is the dream of every coach to land a major university coaching job. I'm very happy here, but if offered such a chance, I would certainly consider it," said Carter.

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