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## Club interrogation shows impropriety

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under any circumstances, be condoned. They have cast aspersions on the college and are contrary to the philosophy of MCC.

As a result of the incident and the subsequent investigation, action has been taken to insure that this type of activity will not occur again. Any act by students directed toward other students that would cause them to be humiliated, intimidated, demeaned, or placed in a hazardous situation will not be tolerated.

Circle K, in addition to receiving a reprimand, has been restricted to having no social activities off campus until the Fall Semester of 1978. Moreover, in the future all initiation activities must meet the following requirements: 1) they must be planned and approved according to the prescribed guidelines; 2) a club sponsor must be present for every group activity; and 3) all initiation activities must be held on campus.

According to Dr. LaVerne Wong, Dean of Student Services, the recent investigation of the Circle K initiation held last fall has revealed that the allegations concerning the initiation, as printed in the "Waco Citizen", were false except that the allegation about the drinking intoxicating beverage was at least partially true due to the fact that drinking did occur.

In spite of the fact that indictments made in the anonymous letter printed by the "Waco Citizen" were false, activities did occur which were improper, inappropriate, and in direct violation of college policy. Administrative officials at the college have indicated that these activities are reprehensible and cannot,



### ROLLER-COASTER

Mockingbird Lane will have speed breakers installed if 75 per cent of the street's residents and property owners request them. Residents must relieve the city of all liability for damage caused by the bumps.



ROGER WINTER'S PAINTING

## Artist's paintings feature life

"These works show Texas houses and landscapes, rural England, my Dallas neighborhood, people I know, animals, trains, cars, places I visit," said Dallas artist Roger Winter whose works are now on exhibit at the Waco Art Center.

The exhibit, entitled "Roger Winter: Paintings, Prints, Collages", contains work done between the years of 1970 and 1977. "The exhibition provides

insights into the development of the artists' work and into Winter's relationship to his world," said Paul R. Harris, director of the Art Center.

"In looking at Roger Winter's earlier work in this exhibition," Harris added, "We are privileged to be voyeurs of his family and his view of life. Although the later works retain the intimate subject matter, they attain a more universal

level of communication."

Winter's paintings are either collaged or have the appearance of being collaged. Winter uses the camera extensively in his work as he paints from or cuts out images from photographs he takes.

Winter has also taught art at Southern Methodist University for the last ten years. His work will be on exhibit at the Art Center through March 26.

'Too Smooth' may play

## SG to seek state treasurer post

Over the past eight years, MCC Student Government held an office in the state student government association every year. Presently, the group is parliamentary for the association, and this year members plan to run for the office of treasurer.

Martha McConnell and Joy Wiese were selected to write other schools in the state about the school's intent to run for an office once more.

In other business, Kelley mentioned that counselors were still in the process of making trips to area high schools to recruit students. He added that counselors might allow SG members to accompany them to the schools to make presentations to prospective students. Members agreed to volunteer, if possible, and perhaps offer information about MCC student life that could only

be seen from a student's point of view.

Chuck Hill reported that "Too Smooth" could possibly play for a mini-concert on March 29. SG members appropriated funds for the concert and discussed the possibility of having the concert outside, weather permitting.

Martha McConnell proposed members

consider the fight song contest, proposed last week by Paul Holder, as a possible conclusion to the search for a school fight song. Members agreed but rules and regulations will have to be drawn up and perhaps a prize of some sort be designated for the contest winner. A committee of

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## Correction

The "Highland Herald" made several errors in two stories printed last week.

In a story about thefts, the canoe and small outboard motor that were reported stolen were in fact not recovered. In a separate theft, a canoe was recovered in the brush along the Brazos River.

A further footnote to that story is that Ray Williams, to date, does not exist on the MCC security force. The officer interviewed was Ray Kaluzu.

In a story about Mockingbird Lane, the "Herald" said Kaluzu could issue tickets off campus. Kaluzu said the campus police cannot issue speeding tickets.

# Editorial

## Defense budget low

By Chuck Ortlip

It is my firm belief that the United States is not spending enough money on its military defense budget. The Russians are slowly but surely gaining a dangerous military advantage on the U.S. and in some cases have even taken the lead. I propose that, at all costs, the United States should appropriate more funds to its military budget.

When the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks, known as SALT I, were signed by the U.S. and Russia in 1972, the nuclear striking power of both nations, according to former Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, was roughly equal. However, since the agreements were signed, the Soviets have taken full advantage of every possible loophole. It is more than obvious that the Russians are cheating.

President Carter certainly does not seem to be helping matters. He has slowed down the development of the MX mobile missile, ended production of the Minuteman 3 missile and completely scrapped the B-1 bomber program. The president seems to think that the B-52 bomber, which has not drastically changed since it was first built in the early 1950's, can still be the backbone of the nation's heavy-bomber force. The B-52 bomber can be compared to the Volkswagen Beetle, although it has been modified throughout the years, it is still basically the same.

The United States is going along with the SALT treaties in every way but the Soviets are not. The following evidence speaks for itself.

Since the agreement was signed the Russians have tested a radar for use with an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system - a violation of the treaty.

The Russians have placed around 110 urban areas the strongest anti-aircraft defenses the world has ever seen. Yet another violation.

The Russians are now producing a new intercontinental ballistic missile, the SS-16, a missile which has the range and power to destroy any city in the United States. Not only that, the Soviets are doing all they can to keep us from finding out how many of these terrible missiles are being built or where they are stationed.

Even the U.S. Navy, once the mightiest in the world, is now aircraft carriers. The U.S. has 13 carriers while the Soviets have fleet while the U.S. has only 458. We only outnumber the Soviets in aircraft carriers. The U.S. has 13 carriers while the Soviets have only one relatively new carrier.

The Soviets, according to U.S. intelligence experts, are presently allotting at least 17 percent of their Gross National Product to the military in comparison to the U.S. allotment of less than 6 percent. In modernization of ground forces, they are outspending us by a whopping ratio of three to one. All this, despite the fact that the Soviet economy is racked with inflation.

The question is whether we are going to allow ourselves to become militarily inferior to the Soviets. The SALT II talks will be coming up in the near future. Washington should take a lesson from what has happened in the past.

## Board members honored

The board of trustees Tuesday night established two new scholarship funds to honor retiring board members J. Robert Sheehy and Henry V. Griffin.

The scholarships will be established on a perpetual basis, funded by interest accrued from the investment of \$2,000 per scholarship.

Sheehy and Griffin have served on the board for more than 12 years. Both are charter members.

Griffin was chairman of the college steering committee in 1965 and served as the first chairman of the board of trustees. Sheehy had served as chairman and vice-chairman of the board.

"I'm hoping that Bob (Sheehy) and I are setting a precedent to limit board members to two complete terms and not have someone 'homestead' this thing," said Griffin. "The college deserves to develop new leadership.

Trustees voted to purchase the Baptist Student Center at 1713 Powell for \$18,000 from the Waco Baptist Association.

The board revised the 1977-78 operating budget with a \$10,986 total increase. The revised total budget is \$6,063,591. President Dr. Wilbur Ball said the budget increase is "the least I can ever remember."

In other action, trustees voted to pay the increased cost of health, hospitalization and life insurance premiums for employees. The increase reflects an additional \$1.41 per person per month for the remainder of 1978. Total insurance increase is \$1,700 for this year.

## Pipeline

### School closes March 19

MCC will be closed March 19 through March 26 for spring recess. Classes will meet Saturday, and some vocational nursing classes will meet during the spring break. Classes will resume and offices will open March 27.

### Biologist to speak Friday

Joe Stevens, a wildlife biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., will lecture on "The Endangered Species - Wolf" at 10 a.m. Friday in the Science Lecture Hall. Slides and sound tapes will highlight the talk. Stevens will continue speaking at 11 a.m. about Texas wildlife conservation and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

### Groups perform for Denton

A fund-raiser for Lane Denton will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Ranger Room of the Waco Convention Center. The West High School Beseda Dancers, the Conjunto Chavez band, a country-western band, folk singers and a square dance exhibition are among scheduled entertainment. Food will also be available. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children under 12 may attend free. Tickets may be purchased from any campaign worker or at the door.

### Psychological test to begin

The Psychological Services Bureau test will be given March 28 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. The test is required for persons entering the RN or LVN programs. Applications are available in the Counseling Office. A registration fee of \$2.50 must be paid in advance.

### Guest Comment

## Board's role explained

by President Wilbur Ball

With the MCC trustee election only a little more than two weeks away (April 1), a few comments about this important MCC group seem in order.

The Board consists of seven members, elected at large from the Junior College District (McLennan County) and serving staggered terms of six years. The staggering of terms assures continuity of membership and results in an election every two years to elect two members, except three places are filled every third election. This year's election involves three members.

The Board's major functions are to employ the College President and to provide broad policies under which the College operates. The Board has the dual responsibility of representing the electorate to the College and the College community to the electorate. As a body, the Board has ultimate legal authority and responsibility for the College. Rewards for service on the Board are few and far between and are strictly non-financial, although the monetary value of their collective time devoted to the Institution to date would amount to many thousands of dollars.

Two members whose terms are now expiring and who are retiring from the Board (Henry V. Griffin and J. Robert Sheehy) are charter members, having been elected when MCC was created in November, 1965. Mr. Griffin was Chairman of the Steering Committee responsible for bringing about the creation of the College. Both men have served as Board Chairman during vital periods in the development of the College, both have espoused the general Board philosophy that MCC must be a community college of the first class and both have earned the respect and gratitude of all who are interested in the welfare of MCC. Both feel that the equivalent of two full terms on the Board is about the maximum a member should serve -- that it is in the best interest of MCC to make room for "new blood".

Most members of the MCC community are eligible to vote in the April 1 election; they should not pass up the opportunity to learn about the candidates and to help determine the persons who will join the other four Board members in the vital business of governing your institution of higher education.

## SG — from page 1

(three McConnell, Rita McNamera, and Tom Gabbert, are to draw up the rules and submit them for approval at the next meeting.

Kelley reported hair dryers in the HPE building should be repaired by the end of this week as a result of SG's action on the matter.

Members appropriated funds for the basketball banners, designating the men and women's teams as Conference co-champions and champions, respectively. Banners will be hung in the Highlands with banners from previous years.

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## Letters

### Nurse thanked

Dear Editor

We, the members of Student Government, wish to thank Carolyn Rodabough for supplying MCC students with juice machines which are found in several buildings on campus. The response from the student body has been more than favorable. It is her extra effort as a faculty member that makes the job of student government so much more pleasant.

Sincerely,  
The MCC Student Government

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# Entertainment

## Race begins for Academy Awards

# 'Julia,' 'Turning Point' vie for Oscars

by Bryan Davis

The "Oscar" horse race has begun.

Nominations for the coveted Academy Awards were announced recently, and insiders predict competition for the best films of 1977 to be the toughest in the Academy's 50 year history.

### Best Picture

Despite the mark science-fiction left on the movies of 1977, the year will be remembered for the return of women to the screen. Four of the five films nominated for Best Picture are female oriented: "Julia," "The Turning Point," "Annie Hall," and "The Goodbye Girl."

Best Picture of the year however, will most likely go to "Star Wars." Although the overpowering messages of "Julia" and "Turning Point" make them superior films, in Hollywood money talks, and "Star Wars" has made more money than any film in history.

### Best Actress

The most competitive category of the year is Best Actress. Regardless of the final

outcome, all five women deserve the award. Marsha Mason is fine as "The Goodbye

Girl!" but a comedy in a year of drama? Rule Mason out. Diane Keaton's nomination for "Annie

Hall" will certainly be aided by her powerful performance in "Looking for Mr. Goodbar."

Chances for a second Oscar going to Anne Bancroft don't look good. Bancroft is overpowered by co-star, co-nominee Shirley MacLaine of "The Turning Point." "Turning Point" is a comeback for MacLaine, and she's never been better. This is MacLaine's fourth nomination. Having never won, MacLaine is the sentimental favorite.

Because Bancroft's nomination will probably cancel a MacLaine win, that leaves Jane Fonda to pick up her second Oscar, for her role in "Julia." 1977 could have been "Jane Fonda Year." Suddenly she can do no wrong in the critic's eyes. Certainly she does no wrong in "Julia," her most powerful work to date.

### Best Actor

The race for Best Actor should prove less exciting, but is nonetheless composed of five deserving candidates.

Firstly, rule out Marcello Mastroianni in the Italian film "A Special Day." His performance is that of a genius, but the film is foreign. So long Marcello. Although John Travolta's performance in "Saturday Night Fever" is my personal favorite, at 23, he hasn't a chance. But look out Hollywood, Travolta's got the years to leave his mark.

Woody Allen is a strong candidate for his performance in "Annie Hall." Not since 1941, when Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" was released, has an individual been nominated for Best Director, Actor, and Screenplay writer. Allen has repeated this extraordinary feat with "Annie Hall."

With six Oscar nominations and no Oscar to his credit, Richard Burton is a sentimental favorite for "Equus." But don't

forget Richard Dreyfuss. Aided by his performance in "Close Encounters," Dreyfuss has the best odds at award time for his role in "The Goodbye Girl."

### Best Director

The five nominees for Best Director are proven talents. Stephen Spielberg managed a citation for "Close Encounters," despite its omission as a Best Picture nominee. "Annie Hall" has been a bit over-rated, and Woody Allen a bit green for a win in this category. Fred Zinneman is the old pro of the crowd. In his career he has managed seven nominations and one victory. Count Zinneman out, unless "Julia" sweeps the awards.

The tightest competition figures to be between George Lucas for "Star Wars," and Herbert Ross for "The Turning Point." Ross is certainly the more deserving. For the first time in Oscar history a director has made two films, both receiving nominations for Best Picture. In addition to "Turning Point," Ross also directed "Goodbye Girl." Between the two films, Ross has garnered an unprecedented 16 nominations. But Best Director usually goes with Best Picture. For that reason count on Lucas to get the nod (and deservedly so).

### Supporting Actress

The remaining awards are seldom as publicized but often as competitive. There should however, be no competition for Best Supporting Actress. Vanessa Redgrave is long overdue recognition by Oscar. Her brilliant work in "Julia" shines among fellow nominees Leslie Browne of "The Turning Point"; 10-year-old Quinn Cummings, "The Goodbye Girl"; Tuesday Weld, "Looking For Mr. Goodbar"; and

Melinda Dillon, "Close Encounters."

### Supporting Actor

Best Supporting Actor should be a closer race. Former Oscar winner Alec Guinness was fine in "Star Wars", but the action tended to overpower his performance. Mikhail Baryshnikov's dancing in "Turning Point" was brilliant. Maximilian Schell's tiny role in "Julia" will go unnoticed due to the nomination of co-star Jason Robards. Robards' performance is better of the five men, but in addition to Schell's nomination, Robards' victory last year for "All the President's Men" should rule him out. That leaves best bet for his performance in "Equus."

### Best Song

The Best Song race should be primarily between the popular "You Light Up My Life", and the classic "Nobody Does It Better." Unfortunately, record sales often figure more than class, in that case, mark up another victory for Debby Boone.

Should you be interested in numbers, "Julia" and "The Turning Point" are tied at 11 for the most Oscar nominations. "Star Wars" follows with 10 nominations. "Close Encounters" managed an impressive eight nominations.

Regardless of predictions, April 3 should prove to be a night of surprises, because politics, as well as talent, play an important part in an Oscar win.

Whatever your favorite films, keep your fingers crossed. April 3 figures to be a night Hollywood will be talking about for the next 50 years.



ANNE BANCROFT

A former Oscar winner for 'The Miracle Worker,' Bancroft heads an impressive list of Best Actress nominees, including co-star Shirley MacLaine of 'The Turning Point.'

# 'Nether Lands' labeled all day music

by Matt Mitchell

Dan Fogelberg's latest album, "Nether Lands", released late in 1977, is a collection of songs that bring to mind Southern California in an offbeat way.

Most of Fogelberg's harmonies sound vaguely like some of the Eagles' better structured songs, but here Fogelberg has managed to incorporate a graceful touch of symphonic flair. The title track

is the best example of this. The orchestra is spine-tingling, and Fogelberg's introspective lyrics come off very powerfully.

Fogelberg's voice is resoundingly crystal clear and almost bell-like, which adds dimension to songs like "Sketches" and "Nether Lands". It is this quality that makes the cuts "Loose Ends" and "Scarecrow's Dream" two of the best on the LP.

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Most of the songs are soft, easy going tunes, save one; "Love Gone By", an up-tempo, guitar oriented track that is the only thing close to genuine rock 'n' roll.

Fogelberg has made the comparison of his previous albums in reference to time of day. He called his LP "Home Free" a morning album; "Souvenir" was labeled as an afternoon LP; and "Captured Angel" the night LP. He hasn't made a comparison to "Nether Lands", but if anything is applicable, it would be the term "all day music."

Fogelberg has put ringing melodies with a full clear sound to form a dynamic combination.

On each song Fogelberg plays most of the instruments. His

piano playing is excellent and his guitar work and bass lines are above average. He also over-dubs all the vocal harmonies himself. Even with this over-recording, the sound isn't thick, and the effectiveness isn't lost. To make such a combination of symphony and rock 'n' roll isn't easy, yet Fogelberg does quite well.

'Nether Lands,' combination of symphony and rock 'n' roll.

Fogelberg's collaborators deserve credit also.

John Stromach's engineering is next to flawless, considering the scope of activity he had to capture. Norbert Putnam has teamed with Fogelberg in producing what is a very strong emotive album.

It would be hard not to like "Nether Lands", which speaks very highly for Fogelberg's

craftsmanship. The music here may not be as easily identifiable as that on "Souvenirs" or "Captured Angel", but as far as quality is concerned, Fogelberg has outdone himself. Hopefully, he will continue to do so in the future.

# Sports

## Bee County wins

# 'Landers take second in tourney

by Robert Gough

The MCC Highlanders used some fine pitching and timely hitting to capture second place in the 1978 MCC Baseball Tournament. The 'Landers finished with a 3-2 record, the same as third place Seminole, but gained the runner-up spot by allowing fewer runs (13-27) than the Trojans.

Surprising Bee County won the three-day affair with a 4-1 mark while Blinn and Ranger finished at 2-3 and Paris was 1-4.

Things started slowly for the Highlanders on Thursday when they dropped two games to Bee and Ranger by 4-2 and 2-1 scores. Kevin Weibold took the loss, his third of the season, in the opener. Trailing 2-0, MCC tied the score in the fifth inning when Rodolfo Vera singled and

Tim Boyce lined a two out triple center field. Boyce then scored on Kelth Houck's double. However, Bee regained the lead for good in the sixth on singles by Rene Soliz, Kevin Kalich and George Cabasos and a double by Larry Kiesling. The Highlanders threatened in the bottom of the inning when David Stanford singled, but he was erased on the game's only double play.

In the second game, Donald George lost a heartbreaking 2-1 decision when Ranger scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Boyce again led the hitting attack for the 'Landers with a double.

On Friday things turned around, however, as the Highlanders won two games on

excellent pitching performances. Bill Eady upped his record to 2-0 with a 5-1 victory over Seminole while Brian Combs won his first game of the season against two losses as he defeated Blinn 2-1.

Eady struck out six Trojan batters and was helped along by the offense of Boyce, who was 2-4, and Terry Wiedenfeld's 2-3 performance. MCC scored two runs in the first when Boyce and Wiedenfeld singled and were driven home on Bert Maddux's single. Three Seminole errors accounted for two more runs in the fourth and Boyce added a solo home run in the sixth.

Against Blinn, Combs kayoed six batters and walked eight but seemed to be struggling throughout the contest. "The wind helped him but he struggled and was not real sharp," commented Highlander coach Rick Butler. But the sophomore righthander held a 1-1 tie through nine innings and gave up just two hits before the 'Landers won it in the tenth when Vera reached on an error and eventually scored on Jiff Moody's RBI single. Houck and Moody paced the hitting attack with two hits apiece.

The Highlanders won their third and fourth games in a row with victories over Seminole and Paris on Saturday. Gary Wilcox hurled a four-hitter as MCC beat the Trojans 10-1 in a non-tournament game and

Perry Kilgo increased his record to 2-1 with a 7-5 win over Paris.

Todd Yancey had a field day against the Seminole pitchers as he went 4-4, including a triple and a home run.

Kilgo had his troubles in the first inning against Paris as he walked three men, but was helped when one baserunner missed third and was called out on an appeal play. Kilgo seemed to settle down after that as he finished with three strikeouts and six walks. Terry Williams and Vera had RBI singles in the first inning while Wiedenfeld drove in a run in the second and

Maddux plated a run in the fourth inning.

Mark Simon had a 3-2 day at the plate and turned in a superb running catch to end a Paris rally in the third inning. Brad Mongwasser led Paris with a double, a homer and three runs batted in.

MCC meets

Mary-Hardin Baylor at home on Wednesday. They open conference play against Hill in Hillsboro on Saturday.

The four wins and two losses over the weekend increased the Highlanders record to 8-7 for the season.

## Highlanders split with San Jacinto

Terry Williams rapped a triple and a home run while driving in two runs and Donald George scattered seven Raven hits as the Highlanders defeated San Jacinto in the second game of a doubleheader 6-3.

San Jacinto won the opener 3-2 as Bill Eady suffered his first loss of the season. Tim Boyce and Terry Wiedenfeld stroked doubles to pace the Highlander attack.

In the nightcap, MCC hitters clubbed seven extrabase hits

and garnered 12 in all. Boyce, Wiedenfeld, Mark Simon and Todd Yancey had doubles and Bert Maddux added a triple to the offense. The win was the third of the year for George against only one defeat and it increased the Highlander's record to 9-8.

MCC pounded out a total of 20 hits in the twin-bill for their most impressive display of firepower of the young season while San Jacinto managed 11, only three of which went for extra bases.

## Natives beat 'Gang in overtime play

Intramural power volleyball for both men and women got underway this week as two games were played Wednesday and two more are scheduled for Friday. Bippy Bam edged Aurora 13-11, 9-11, 12-10 and Ice at 100 Degrees Centigrade froze the Bru Cru 14-6, 15-5. On Friday, Cowboy Cooke's Angels will meet the Question Marks while the Volleyball Wizards entertain the Posi-Nasal Drips.

More rosters will be accepted throughout the week, according to Intramural Director Ray Murray. Currently, eight mens and five womens teams are entered in the double-elimination tournament. The tourney will get into full swing after spring break.

In a game that could not have been much closer, the Natives needed an overtime period to edge Funk and the Gang 48-44 in a grudge game that marked the end of this year's intramural basketball season.

The encounter meant nothing as far as the regular season standings were concerned because Funk and the Gang had already clinched the title. But it meant everything to the Natives who avenged an earlier 42-41 loss to the 'Gang that kept them from winning the tournament.

The score was tied 14-14 at the half and 40-40 at the end of regulation time. The Natives outscored the 'Gang 8-4 in the extra frame, mostly on fast-break layups.

Johnny Reed and Willie Brown each scored 13 points and Donald Hooks added 12 for the Natives. Mo Roberts (17), Don Alley (11) and Mike Wells (9) paced Funk and the Gang.

Each team hit 14 free throws in the foul-plagued game. The 'Gang was whistled 20 times while the Natives committed 19 personal fouls. The difference, however, came from the field, where the Natives connected on 17 field goals to the 'Gangs 15.

## Catcher doubles piano lessons during off season

When New York Mets catcher Stan Hough isn't hitting baseballs, he's hitting piano keys.

Hough, in his fifth year with the Mel's minor league team, the Jackson Mets, is "doubling up" his piano class with Doris Scott this semester.

"I've had piano before, but this is the first time I've enjoyed playing it," he said. "Mrs. Scott's helped a lot; she's patient too."

Hough started piano lessons at age seven, but quit when baseball and Waco's Little League program caught most of his attention.

"I didn't have to be urged to get onto the baseball field, in fact half of the time my parents were trying to get me off of it to play the piano for awhile," said Hough.

Hough was drafted by the Mets as an outfielder in 1974 "by a scout from Tennessee that I never got to meet."

"I went to spring training and saw that outfielders were a dime a dozen, but they were short of catchers, so I asked if I could catch," he said.

At first his request to play catcher was denied; the team management didn't want players changing positions, Hough explained. But later the management saw what Hough saw -- a lack of catchers -- and his position was changed.

Hough has "mostly caught" since that time, played some

infield and outfield and, of course, the piano.

Hough says he doesn't have a favorite style of music, but wishes he could "play it all." "I'm glad I stayed with it. Sometimes if I don't have anything to do that (playing the piano) cures that really quick; otherwise I might be out stealing hubcaps or something," said Hough.

He notes two similarities between baseball and piano -- both require concentration and practice. He might also have mentioned patience, which has gotten him through five years of minor league baseball and helps him view the coming season with optimism.

"I'm getting a chance at triple A ball this season, which is right below majors. I'm tired of minors," said Hough. "And I feel it's time for something to break. So I might get a shot at the big leagues."

"You've got to be patient. I know a guy that's been in minors for 12 years, but I don't think I'll be in them that long. 'Yeah, I might just get a shot, if I have a good season this year."

## Netters beat Grayson, 12-0

The MCC tennis took an important conference victory over Grayson last week as they won 12-0.

The win put MCC into a tie for first place with Cooke with 4-0 marks. The netters will meet Cooke Friday in what could be a very tough match for MCC.

In men's singles action

against Grayson, Jagan Suri dished Art Martinez (6-4), (6-2); Richard Stephenson edged Bill Sandlin (6-7), (7-5), (7-5); Darrell Darling beat Bill Ashburn (7-6), (6-2) and Art Hobbs took Bill Cochern (5-7), (6-2), (6-3).

In women's singles, Carol Martin trounced Julia

Alexander (6-0), (6-0); Lillith Eberle took Denise Lafoly (6-0), (6-0) and Patricia Miles did the same to Denise Burrage.

In doubles action the mens team of Stephenson and Darling downed Sandlin and Martinez (7-5), (6-1); Hobbs and Suri took Cochern and Ashburn (6-3), (6-3).

The womens team also took victories as Eberle and Miles smashed Lafoly and Burrage (6-0), (6-0); Babbitt and Martin trounced Nealy and Alexander (6-0), (6-1).

Earlier in the week MCC took part in the Navarro Tournament as they finished 4th out of 15 teams.

### Calendar of Events

Friday	March 17	Cooke	Tennis	There
Saturday	March 18	Hill	Baseball	There
Tuesday	March 21	Central Arizona	Baseball	Here
Wednesday	March 22	ETSU	Tennis	There
Saturday	March 25	Paris	Baseball	There
Monday	March 27	Ranger	Baseball	Here