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Surgery Improves Sophomore Better Mobility, Speech - - Different Person

By Terry Goodrich

Sandy Anderson is back in Waco. And she is a different person. For the first time in her life, the 24-year-old sophomore has complete use of both her hands.

Due to a cerebellar malfunction which caused speech and mobility disabilities, Mrs. Anderson had always needed assistance with actions most people do without a thought—things such as dressing or cutting up meat.

As a result of a three and one-half hour surgery on Oct. 23 at St. Barnabas Hospital for Chronic Diseases in the Bronx, N.Y., Mrs. Anderson's walking ability, mobility and speech have improved. She has experienced the greatest amount of improvement in her left hand and leg.

"When I wake up, my left side isn't cold—it's warm. I can move my left hand right away. Not in 10 minutes or five minutes or one minute, but right away," said Mrs. Anderson in an interview Monday at MCC, her first stop in Waco after returning from New York.

Before the surgery, Mrs. Anderson could not move her hand for 15 to 20 minutes when she first awoke.

Mrs. Anderson was accompanied to New York by her husband Andy, also a sophomore. He and Mrs. Anderson compiled a list of 21 improvements they had noted in her since the surgery.

Anderson detailed some of these:

"It has improved her speech a little bit. It's improved her vision. Before, she was a little farsighted and had eye trouble. Her eyes were dry. Now they're moist. She has almost completely stopped drooling," he said.

"It has also improved movements on her right side. When she used to pick up a cup, her left hand would lock. Now, she can pour with her right hand and her left hand doesn't lock. She smokes a pipe. Now she can hold it and light it perfectly."

Anderson said that before the operation, Mrs. Anderson could not put on her shoes and socks. Now she can completely dress herself.

"I've gotten buttoning down to three and a half minutes," said Mrs. Anderson. "I can cut my own meat-steak, but I can't afford it any more. My handwriting has improved."

"I've been so sore. I'm discovering muscles I never knew I had before. It hurts—but it's a good hurt."

Anderson said the operation is expected to improve Mrs. Anderson's intelligence quotient (I.Q.) from five to 30 points. "She's got the highest I.Q. that's come through that hospital," he said. "Right now, she's four points shy of a genius."

Securing the transforming surgery involved a long wait for Mrs. Anderson. Last October, she was informed that she was a candidate for electric stimulation. Students and faculty at MCC worked for more than a year to raise more than \$9,000 to secure the surgery. Combined cost of the surgery and travel expenses is expected to total \$14,000 to \$16,000. One fourth (\$3,500) of the hospital bill will come from this fund. Civilian Health and Medical



Photo by Jim Munson

HAIRY PROBLEM—Since her head was shaved for her operation, Sandy Anderson, left, said people do a double-take when she walks hand-in-hand with her husband Andy, right.

Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) will pay three fourths of the hospital bills. Without financial assistance, the Andersons would have been unable to afford the surgery.

One she arrived at St. Barnabas Hospital, Mrs. Anderson underwent a five-week series of tests to determine the nature of her illness.

The main reason for the tests was to be sure Mrs. Anderson's brain would be large enough to support electrodes which would help her brain control her limbs.

Once the tests were completed, Mrs. Anderson was told by Dr. Joseph Waltz, head neurosurgeon at St. Barnabas Hospital, "Cryosurgery is eliminated -- that was eliminated a long time ago. We don't know that a stimulator will help you. But you are a good candidate."

Usually, patients having an illness similar to Mrs. Anderson's must wait four months after testing before they undergo surgery. For the Andersons, the wait would have meant a return trip to Waco and another trip back to New York -- something they could not afford.

"I was so scared," said Mrs. Anderson. "I said, 'I can't wait that long.' He said, 'Can you wait a week and a half?' I said, 'Yes, I can wait a week and a half.'"

After her interview with the doctor, said Mrs. Anderson, "I went to the chapel and

just sat there and bawled. I can't believe it happened. I can't believe I've been there and back."

Before the surgery, Mrs. Anderson had one more scare. "He (Dr. Waltz) sat me down the night before the operation and told me, 'It may not work at all on you. I don't know what your problem is—I can't find it. Do you still want the operation?' I told him, 'Now!'"

The operation did in one three and a half hour period what used to be done in two separate, lengthy operations.

During the operation, electrodes were placed in the right and left sides of Mrs. Anderson's cerebellum and a receiver was implanted in her chest. Tiny wires placed underneath the skin connect the receiver to the electrodes.

Mrs. Anderson also wears a battery-operated "power package" on her left hip. This package, which cost about \$1,800, is about five inches wide, six and a half inches long and not quite an inch thick. Wires from the pack are taped over the receiver in her chest.

To stop muscle spasms, Mrs. Anderson pushes a button on the power package. Electrical impulses pass through the wires, are picked up by the receiver and passed to the brain. Doctors have termed Mrs. Anderson's disorder "cerebellar malfunction."

"It's really sort of an electric-chemical breakdown," said Anderson. "A chemical in her brain doesn't produce enough electricity."

For the operation, Mrs. Anderson's entire head was shaved. Mrs. Anderson said of her appearance when newly-shaven, "I couldn't brush my teeth, I was laughing so hard."

The 24-year-old estimated that it will take her about three months to heal completely from her operation. Research on patients having similar surgery indicates correction of the disabilities continues for several months after treatment.

"She's a little like a baby learning to crawl," said Anderson. "She's improving and she will continue to improve."

During the surgery, doctors found it necessary to cut a muscle in the right side of Mrs. Anderson's neck. It will be about two months before the muscle heals and she recovers full strength in her right arm, which was affected by the cut.

The Andersons had one last scare before starting their trip home to Waco after the operation.

On the morning of Nov. 13, Mrs. Anderson woke to find her muscles locked up. The batteries in her power package had run down, and she could barely talk. Muscles in her arms had locked so tightly that doctors could not move them.

Before that morning, it had been eight and a half years since Mrs. Anderson's muscles had locked to that extent. "I was in pain, just like I used to be," she said. Mrs. Anderson was given a valium pill to relax her until "everything got loose."

To avoid a recurrence, the batteries in Mrs. Anderson's power package will be replaced about every seven days. Anderson will measure the power of the batteries with a volt meter, to be sure she will receive sufficient stimulus.

Besides the surgery, the atmosphere of the Bronx was one of the highlights of the trip. The Bronx was the film site for "The Godfather."

"In one night, there were three murders within three blocks of the hospital," said Anderson. "One night I watched them strip three cars until there was nothing left but the frames."

Anderson divided his time between visiting his wife in the hospital and operating a taxi service to the airport to earn part of the travel expenses.

Now that she is back in Waco, Mrs. Anderson said that her biggest goal is "to get back to normal. To get back into school. To get out of psychology (her former major) and into public relations."

Besides her speech and mobility improvements, Mrs. Anderson said, "I feel so much more relaxed inside. I have a feeling of calmness."

Dr. Irving Cooper, director of neurological surgery at St. Barnabas Hospital, is now semi-retired. Mrs. Anderson's story will be told in part of a book he is writing.

Mrs. Anderson summed up her feelings about the operation and her improvement: "I'm fine. Oh hell, am I fine."

Editorial

Ego Rules Out Drama Hopefuls

By Cathy Sulak

Drama students are being cheated. They came to MCC because they heard it had a good drama department, they paid hard-earned money to take drama courses, they tried out for parts in the fall play production, and they were then turned down for a handful of people who are not even students.

It just is not fair!

Out of some 30 students who tried out for parts in "The Servant of Two Masters," which is now being presented on campus, more than one-half of them were turned away. Yet four of the parts for the 13 member cast were given to non-students.

Why? Because it now seems the purpose

of the drama department presentations is not to teach learning actors how to become experienced actors, but use already experienced actors to win that almighty first-rating at the junior college play contest this spring.

That is not right!

If it were right, then an experienced journalist could be asked to edit The Highland Herald, a political science graduate could run the Student Government and professional athletes could wear MCC's orange and white uniforms--All for the sake of winning.

And what are the poor forsaken souls who were turned down for parts doing? If

they have the determination (or if they were talked into it), they are doing the dirty work behind the scenes on a set that was designed by a history professor at another college because MCC students supposedly could not be trusted to do that either.

Of course, if students are majoring in stage design, directing or some other off-stage field, then they can certainly benefit from working on a stage crew. But a person who is intent on being a professional actor cannot learn how to convincingly portray a character on stage by sewing lace hankies in a back room. The class might as well be called Homemaking 301.

It is fine that former and non-students are interested in the theatre. But that interest should be explored in civic theatres, not on campuses where they can easily take advantage of less-experienced actors to flaunt their names and abilities.

What is more important to the drama department--earning second place fairly with a group of budding student actors who have actually learned from the experience or walking off with a first place trophy, compliments of outside help, to satisfy its almighty ego?

Winning must be awfully important, because all the drama department has to lose is its students.

Play Review

Variety Spices Up Side-splitting Comedy

By Francy Richings

With a flash of acrobatics and a flourish of color, the drama department presented its fall production Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m.

The play "The Servant of Two Masters" was well received by the audience. On a scale from tear-jerker to side-splitter, the performance rated an uncontrollable snicker.

The dialogue and action were fast-moving and humorous. Two of the characters, Truffaldino, the servant, and Brighella, the inn-keeper, leapt into the air and tumbled around the stage to travel from one place to the other. At the same

time Smeraldina, the maid servant, was racing across the floor giggling with her long skirts flying along behind her, saying most of her lines with twitters and blushes.

This is not to say that the entire cast was performing a circus. The waiters were quite graceful. Indeed, they may have been the eighteenth century version of the Three Stooges.

While any self-respecting play would have at least two lovers, "The Servant of Two Masters" has six. Clarice and Sylvio: Clarice is a delicate, pretty, weepy sort of girl and yet somewhat sly as well; Sylvio, her lover, is a strong and masterful man,

thrashing about with his sword in defense of his dignity, a true cross between Tarzan and Dudley Do Right.

Florindo and Beatrice: Florindo, is a debonair, level-headed man; Beatrice is a crafty yet feminine woman dressed in men's clothes for reasons one must see the play to uncover. Truffaldino and Smeraldina: in the area of romance, these two servants are not to be overcome by the aristocrats.

Variety is said to be the spice of life; if so, Dr. Lombardi, Sylvio's father was surely the spice of the play. In carrying out the Comedia d'ell arte style with its con-

stant exaggeration and characterization, the play was enhanced by the short appearances of Dr. Lombardi, whose Latin quotes and rich, slow movements were a delight.

Signor Pantalone, Clarice's father, was also a hilariously rich character. His dirty-old-man type character emerges in a sweet sort of way from a noticeably rheumatic yet quick old man.

From the viewpoint of most of the audience the play was "good and enjoyable" and is highly recommended to the rest of the campus.

American Life Different for Liberian Student

By Marilyn Jones

"My people think of America as a country which offers great opportunity to all man-kind," said Oscar Fahnbulleh, a foreign sophomore from Liberia, Africa.

Fahnbulleh's first trip to America was in 1970 with the help of Dr. Michael White, history instructor and media center director. Dr. White was in Liberia on a Peace Corp mission when he and Fahnbulleh met.

"I was his house-boy," said Oscar, "he helped prepare me for the American

College System, and I started MCC in the fall of 71."

Completing one semester, Oscar returned to Liberia for a short period and then moved to New York for two years. In 1973 he began his second semester at MCC. He is now parliamentarian of the Afro-Student-Kindred.

"There is very little difference in the American culture and the Liberian culture; therefore, I feel very comfortable," said Oscar. But there is a dif-

ference in the celebration of holidays.

"In America, Santa Claus give gifts; in Liberia, he takes gifts," Fahnbulleh said. "Santa Claus is usually someone young, who goes from door to door telling jokes, singing, dancing and doing other funny things. In return for his performance, the people will give him money."

Fahnbulleh attended a Teacher Planning School sponsored by the Liberian government before coming to America and, in return for his schooling, he taught French in Liberia for one year. English is the national language in Liberia, although they speak 20 different languages. "Liberia was settled by runaway slaves, so the English they speak is a form of that spoken just before the Civil War called Pidgen English," said Dr. White.

Fahnbulleh was also an interpreter for the Peace Corps when they went into the tribal areas.

Because of the immigration problems Fahnbulleh had when he came to America, he married an American woman.

"I paid the young lady to marry me," he said. "Then we split." Marrying an American made him an American citizen, allowing him to stay in America.

Fahnbulleh is majoring in accounting and plans to transfer to Baylor after graduation. He is employed by the city of Waco as a water technician.

"The Liberian philosophy of America is that anyone can make it if they work hard enough, and that the freedom is good, but the Americans abuse it."

Fahnbulleh intends to return to Liberia after completing his degree in accounting.



Photo by Jerry Lynn

"... ANYONE CAN make it if they work hard enough ... but Americans abuse their freedoms."

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College Attracts Middle-aged

By Kay Newburey

A person over 30 who steps into a college classroom may feel right at home.

Older students are becoming familiar faces on campus as more and more middle-aged men and women take part in the educational revolution called "continuing education."

Jobs, careers, families and other adult responsibilities have prevented these people from attending class as full-time students—until now, that is.

"I came back to school because I wanted more education," said freshman Max Seirer. "My wife encouraged me to come back and helped me to overcome the idea of being the older student among so many youngsters."

Seirer has three children and seven grandchildren.

"Within 15 years, you won't recognize the American university as we know it today," said Samuel B. Gould in the Chronicle of Higher Education. "Twenty-five years from now, one out of every two adults will be involved in the educational process as a teacher or learner or, more probably, as both."

Earlier retirement has lengthened the retirement years, enabling many older people to pursue more than one career. The computer-age knowledge explosion has whetted intellectual appetites.

Today's affluent society with its added leisure hours allows many older adults to seek and enjoy the education they could not afford in their youth.

"My wife passed away, my children had graduated from college, and I had a choice of using the money saved over the years to travel, attend school or invest in business, said freshman Ezra Piper. "I chose school to start the learning process again, to get into the swing of things on a daily basis, to stay involved."

What do adults expect from education? A Syracuse University survey placed a simple "desire to know" first among the reasons for adult enrollment. Personal goals ranked second and social goals, third.

Although many adults claim lack of interest in academic degrees, others are able to turn later-in-life degrees into careers and life-styles.

Dick Oliver, sophomore, said, "I came back to school because I did not have the

education required to work at the job I want. My career goal is to be a Certified Public Accountant."

The most common success factor among the married adults seeking degrees is the attitude of the spouse toward the goals of education. Agreement between husband and wife will usually ensure success, while disagreement can cause failure.

"I came back to school to realize my full potential, said Sam Hooten, sophomore. "I have two daughters attending Abilene Christian and one daughter here at MCC. The classroom experience has made me aware of the world around me. My wife encouraged me to attend school and pursue a second career after my retirement from the Marine Corps."

LaVona Vardeman, freshman, said, "As a widow I needed more education to find a better job. I had never had the opportunity to go to school. I raised two sons, who are now married, and I have five grandchildren. My husband passed away from a heart attack and I feel if I would have been more qualified in the medical area I might have been able to save him. So self-

satisfaction, and wanting to help others, was a deciding factor for me to come to school to study to become a registered nurse."

"I am already a LVN, but I felt like I needed more education to fulfill my desire of helping people, said freshman Louise Hatley. "My husband retired due to ill health. Therefore, the nursing area is very close to home. I want to become a registered nurse, not for the status and pay, but for my own satisfaction."

Editorializing the success of today's education programs has proved that age is no barrier to learning and that going back to school is not a waste of time.

Brad Underwood, campus veterans assistance officer, said, "Many veterans after retirement from the service have returned to school to further their education and value to the current job market."

"Adults who think they missed their chance for an education are wrong. The opportunity is still there and so are the rewards," said Piper.



Photo by Jim Munson

VETERANS CLUB presented Hope with an Oscar and an MCC Veterans shirt, both of which will be included in the Bob Hope Memorial Building souvenirs.

Vets Club Presents Oscar to Bob Hope

When Bob Hope arrived in Waco Friday, the Veterans Club was on hand to welcome him. Club president Larry Payne, sophomore, presented Hope with a small Oscar statuette in appreciation of the millions of miles traveled during his Christmas tours to entertain the American service personnel overseas.

Hope performed for the Baylor Student Foundation as a fund-raising activity for its first endowed scholarship fund.

Many of the Veterans had seen Hope's Christmas Show either in Europe or in Vietnam. It brought back a lot of memories of what was happening the last time they had seen him, said Payne. An MCC Veterans shirt was presented to him with lettering "Bob-Thanks for the Memories-Hope, 1941-1973."

The gifts Hope received during his stay in Waco will be included in the Bob Hope Memorial Building souvenirs when it is completed early next year. It will be located across from the NBC Studios in Burbank, Cal.

During a personal interview with Hope during rehearsals at the Heart of Texas

Coliseum, Hope said he and his family now visit major military hospitals during the holidays instead of journeying overseas to entertain troops.

Although he is an acclaimed entertainer, Hope has never received an Oscar.

"I felt 'The Seven Little Foys' was Oscar material, but due to poor merchandising, it was not presented to the Academy in the proper manner. Had it been presented to the Academy in the right way, it would have at least gotten a nomination." In that movie Hope played the leading role of Eddie Foy, Jr.

"Merchandising of entertainment packages is ever constant and so important - to be able to project the product in the vein it was created. I plan now to direct and write, but no more serious roles. My television specials and personal appearance tours keep me very busy," said Hope.

"I retire at least once a week to become a professional golfer, until I look at my handicap. No, seriously, I do not plan to retire. As long as I can be of some help to the entertainment field, I will continue."

Journalism Workshop to Offer Schools Opportunity

The Campus Publications Department will introduce journalism opportunities to area high school students Thursday at MCC's first journalism workshop.

High school students from Richfield, Waco High, Relcher, Clifton, West, La Vega, Hubbard, Midway, University, Rosebud-Lott and Jefferson-Moore will attend the workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on campus.

Dr. Loyal Gould, chairman of the Baylor journalism department, will speak on his coverage of the Berlin Wall. Gould has been a reporter for the American Globe News. He covered Eastern Europe for the Associated Press and Europe and Viet Nam for the National Broadcasting

Company. Gould taught at Texas Tech University and has begun journalism programs at Ohio State University and Wichita State University.

Jeannie Janus, assignments director for KBUE television station in Austin will speak on what it is like to be a young journalist.

A workshop on news writing and lay out will be conducted by Carolyn Dodson, director of Campus Publications. Mrs. Dodson has worked at the Waco Tribune-Herald, the Garland Daily News and the McKinney Courier-Press.

Additional speakers will include, Kurt Wallace, an MCC ex-student who is presently working for the Dallas Times-

Herald; Cathy Sulak, sophomore and editor of The Highland Herald; Max Stewart, Texas Daily Newspaper Associates of Houston; James Tountas, retail advertising manager at the Waco Tribune-Herald; and Joe Kendrick, advertising manager of the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Assisting the session leaders will be sophomores Terry Goodrich and Gail Windham, Highland Herald associate editors; Louis Haak, sports editor; Jim Munson, photographer; and staff writers Debbi Bruning and Mary Ann Case, freshmen, and sophomores Kay Newburey and Francie Richings.

Contests for the visiting students will be held in general newspaper categories

(AAA division and smaller schools) and photography (general and sports) in one division.

"This is the first time MCC has had this type of workshop and it has been more than five years since anyone has had a press meeting for high school students," said Mrs. Dodson. "We plan to continue these programs from now on."

A display of Dallas Times-Herald news pictures will be posted during the day. Mrs. Dodson said students interested in seeing the pictures can do so during the day between sessions.

Students interested in hearing Miss Jones speak at 9:15 a.m. or Dr. Gould at 12:30 p.m. can attend, said Mrs. Dodson.

Nature Trail - - Fantasy World of Silence

Behind the barrier of leaves and vines a feeling emerges that has been suppressed by class schedules and the search for a parking place.



Photo by Bob Cosby

AT THE BEGINNING—Botany students Cheryle Dawson and Dianne Benson, sophomores, prepare to tour the nature trail.



Photo by Jim Munson

FANTASY WONDERLAND—Life is protected in MCC's valley.



Photo by Bob Cosby

RABBIT BURROWS can be seen along the trail.

In "Alice in Wonderland," Alice had to go through a looking glass to get to her fantasy world, but at MCC one needs only to cross the street next to the Liberal Arts Building and step past the cedar post marking the beginning of the nature trail.

Behind the barrier of leaves and vines a feeling emerges that has been suppressed by class schedules and the search for a parking place. Time along the nature trail rests leisurely on the grassy bank. The sunlight occasionally breaks through the foliage, but the noise circling most of the campus is lost somewhere in nature's random patterns.

Signposts offering information on the plant and animal life are the only formal reminder that nature had a little help constructing the trail.

Grass along the trail is uneven and uncultivated. It breaks apart for the twisting roots exposed by the eroding side of the gully. Occasional logs point the prepared way down into the valley, avoiding the poison ivy and uneven footing often just a step off the path. Beneath fallen trees, rabbit holes suggest the life the casual stroller may miss. Woodpecker holes dot dry trees.

The trail has little to offer—no fast movement, no people, no amplified music.

What it has to offer is minor, practically useless, certainly unpolished and unstable: the prints of small animals who live on the campus edge, the fallen, rotting logs infested with life and activity, rabbit burrows and squirrel holes, the babble of a stream falling over logs and a bridge and a dam little-used by man.

Despite the natural setting, nature has suffered from the proximity of the campus. A 10-foot crevice, barely a foot wide at some points, continues to cut deeply into the valley fed by water rushing off an acre of parking lots.

The trail itself is threatened by children who see it as a bicycle hot-rod path, by poison sprayed by campus maintenance to kill the grass (an attempt to keep the trail passable), and by an occasional beer can or candy wrapper dropped by a hiker insensitive to the purpose of the place.

Yet, what man tries to do to nature is overcome by time. The grass continues to grow. The cups and cans are covered by mud and leaves. The crevice deepens into a curiosity and a danger for the people who care to see it. Below the trail an ancient dam blocks the water, but water has worked below its foundation and seeps clearer and fresher than before. Nearby, a rough log bridge tries not to intrude on the decor.

People who walk past the post marking the entrance to the trail may be tired of sidewalks and clean buildings and sidewalks. It is for them that the nature trail is protected. But they must take the time to walk it, or it is a waste.



Photo by Jim Munson

DOWN IN THE VALLEY—A 16-foot crevice is continuously cut by water rushing off the parking lots.



Photo by Bob Cosby

TWISTED LOGS point the way down into the valley.



Photo by Bob Cosby

WILDLIFE is allowed to take its natural course.



Photo by Bob Cosby

AWAY FROM IT ALL—Bob Cosby, sophomore, enjoys the scenery.



Photo by Jim Munson

AWAY FROM SCHEDULES—Calla Landfried, sophomore, and freshman Dennis Thompson share the solitude of MCC's wilderness.

Cokes, Clowns, Camels

Vets Bring Children, Circus to Zoo

Cokes, popcorn, peanuts and suckers flowed freely among 30 children from the Methodist Home at the Cen-Tex Zoo Sunday as their hosts from the MCC Veterans Club raced to the pace of squeals of delight in every corner of the zoo.

The sun peeked through the clouds only occasionally on the cold afternoon as the children visited the animals under the leadership of sophomore Larry Payne, president of the club.

Payne, dressed as a clown, said, "I am getting a lot of reaction from the monkeys

They think I am the main attraction."

"Two of the kids climbed into the bear pen but the bears survived," said sophomore Sam Wheat, vice president of the club, who ran the concession end of the trip.

Entertaining the children during the trip was "Gertrude," a purple camel owned by Nancy and Jay Owens and operated by Gary Boyd, the front, and Bill Dunlap, the end, both of whom are area high school students.

The afternoon at the zoo was ended by a

performance of Bongo, the zoo's trained chimp, and his trainer Beatrice Dante. Bongo entertained the children with his tricks and antics.

Coordinating the trip were Payne, Wheat, sophomore Ray Pappas, and his wife Nancy, Marvin Wheat, father of Sam Wheat and several other club members and their families.

A head count at the zoo exit saw it that all 30 children were boarded back on the bus, full and giggling over the day's activities.



WHAT KIND OF animal is this? Larry Payne, sophomore clown, introduces his camel to Nancy Pappas at the Cen-Tex Zoo.

Photo by Jerry Lynn



CHILD leads sophomore veteran John Mangum around the zoo.

Photo by Jerry Lynn

Financial Aid Office Changes Check Policy

The Financial Aids Office has developed a new method for students to receive scholarships, grants or loans.

Formerly, students who received financial assistance picked up their checks in the Business Office. Now students will receive their checks in the Financial Aids Office.

"It's a little more convenient for this

office and for the student," said Emory DeBose, director of financial aids. "It's easier for the student because he comes here to apply. He can come here to see if his check has arrived, and he can pick it up here instead of having to go to the Business Office."

DeBose said students who want to apply for financial assistance for the spring

semester should contact the Financial Aids Office as soon as possible.

"It takes four to six weeks for students to have their applications processed and approved," said DeBose. "We like all applications to be processed by Dec. 1 so by registration students either have their money or know where it's coming from."

DeBose reminded students of the

Financial Aids policy concerning work-study checks.

"Students should pick up their checks as soon as possible after the first of the month. Checks are ready and in this office the first working day of the month, whether it be a Friday, Tuesday or some other day."

Students Win Thirteen Speech Festival Awards

Speech students competed along with 30 other universities and colleges from five states at the Southwest Texas State University Speech Festival on Nov. 15 and 16 in San Marcos. MCC students brought back thirteen awards from the competition.

David Wiley, freshman, received a superior rating in Oratory and an excellent rating in Extemporaneous Speaking. Jamie Oliver, freshman, took a superior rating in Extemporaneous Speaking.

In discussion, Jerry Waldrop, freshman, and Bill Carter, sophomore, earned superior and excellent ratings respectively. Excellent awards in Poetry Reading went to Glenn Whatley, freshman, and Lon Robbins, sophomore, while Jackie Higga took a superior rating in the same event.

Whatley received superior and Oliver received excellent ratings in Original Poetry. Wiley took excellent in Dramatic Interpretation.

Debators Wiley and Waldrop won four out of five debates and received excellent awards for their speaker point averages.

In early October, Jamie Oliver and Harold Holcomb won all four debates and accumulated 177 speaker points to take second place in Central Texas Novice Debate Series competition at the University of Texas at Austin.

They were outdistanced for first place by ten speaker points by a team from the University of Houston. Twenty-three teams from eleven schools entered the tournament.

Holcomb won third place in the in-

dividual speakers competition. Wiley and Waldrop also represented MCC in the debate competition.

Holcomb and Oliver, and Wiley and Waldrop will compete in the Central Texas Novice Debate Series at East Texas State University this weekend.

Palmist to Demonstrate Psychic Ability

Psychic and palmist Carl Logan of Dallas will speak Friday at 10 a.m. in the Science Lecture Hall during which he will perform psychic readings and palmistry.

Logan devotes much of his time to his psychic work, including public demonstrations. He also has a flair for palmistry, an ability he discovered by accident.

Born in Lewistown, Pa., as a youth Logan sometimes went on long trips around the country. During the 1930's he was visiting in Santa Fe, N. Mex., where a young woman introduced him to a local palmist.

Only at the insistence of the girl did Logan submit to a reading. He was

shaken when the palmist started telling him all about himself, including a lot of things he didn't want the young lady to overhear. He snatched his hand away and denied that the palmist had been accurate, but was so fascinated that he began studying palmistry.

Some days later at a church party in the young lady's home, Carl met the same palmist, who was there to entertain the

guests. To make fun of the palmist, Logan announced that he was going to tell everyone's future. He took the guests' hands and started telling them whatever

came into his head. Doing this in jest, the

palmist came over placing his hand on Logan's shoulder and said, "Now, Carl, you're having a good time and think you're making fun of me, but you're better than I: am and I've been doing this for 35 years."

Back in Pennsylvania, Logan developed his gift enough to entertain at parties, but he did not really turn professional until he and his wife moved to Texas in 1962.

Meanwhile, Logan has engaged in various types of businesses ranging from used cars to a restaurant which he has operated for 15 years.

Famed Musician Displays Talent



REGINALD JACKSON

A feature performance by famed saxophonist Reginald Jackson will be held in the Fine Arts Theater Wednesday, at 10 a.m. The recital will center around the alto saxophone and is sponsored by the music department.

Jackson will be accompanied by Jean Mainous in performing five alto saxophone

compositions including: "Introductie en Dans" by Guy Duijck, "Ballade" by Marcel Poot, "Duo" by Walter S. Hartley, "Brilliance" by Ida Gatkovsky, and "Sonata" by Paul Creston.

A student at North Texas State University, Jackson obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees before performing for three years with the studio band of the United States Army Field Band. On the invitation of Elie Apper, guest lecturer at NTSU from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, Belgium, Jackson went to Europe for further study last year.

While in Europe, Jackson was asked to join the Saxophone Septet of Francois Daneels, and won the Premier Prix with Grand Distinction at the Brussels Conservatory Concours in June. Jackson then went on to win the Premier Prix with Distinction as soprano saxophonist in a saxophone quartet.

In July he performed with the Belgium Saxophone Septet at the World Saxophone Congress in Bordeaux, France.

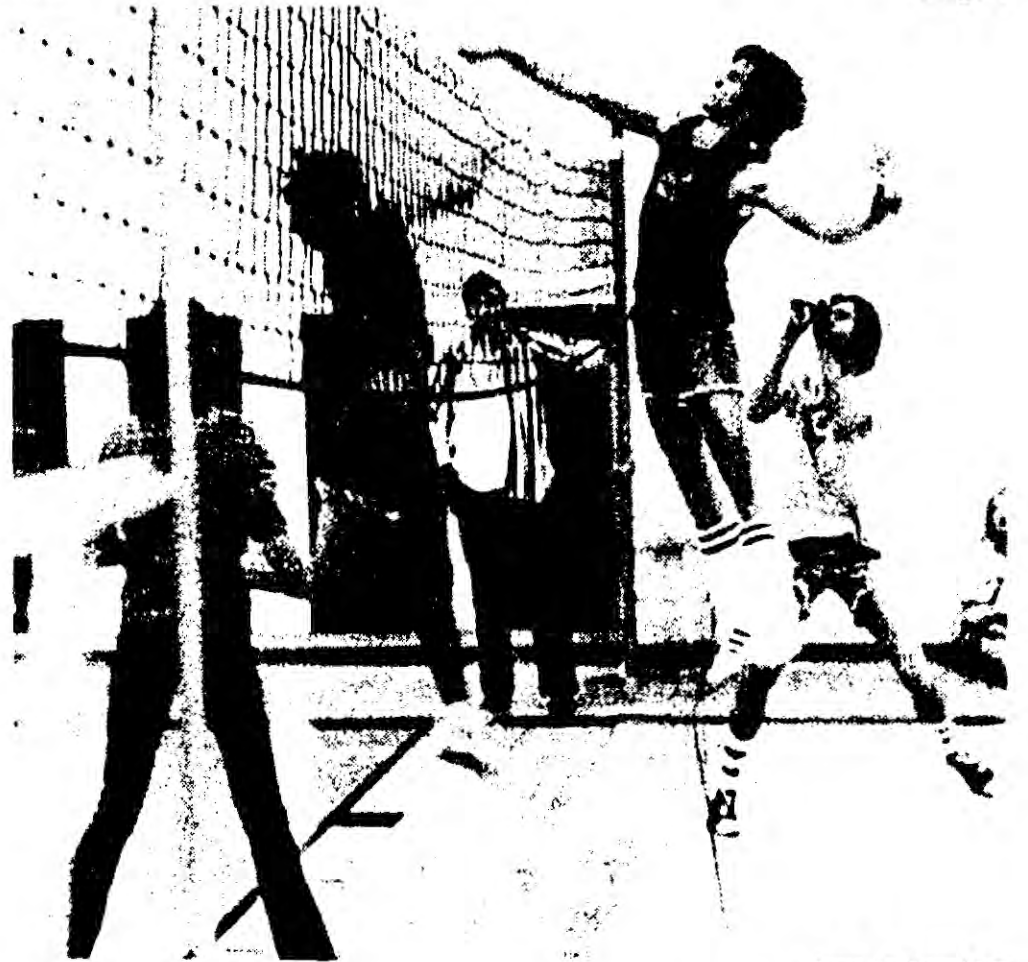


Photo by Jerry Lynn

VOLLEYBALL--Men's intramural winners: The Crazy Eights, 1st place; the Spartans, 2nd place. The Unknowns are to play the No Names in women's competition today at 10:00 a.m.

Registration Procedures Set for Spring

Students who plan to register for the spring semester must do so by presenting signed degree plans or course advising forms to the Registrar's Office.

Sophomores will receive numbered card packets for forms submitted between Nov.

25 through Dec. 13. Freshmen must submit forms Dec. 5 through 13. After Dec. 13, signed degree plans or course advising

forms will not be required for students to receive numbers. Evening students do not need numbers to register.

The purpose of requiring these forms is to give sophomores first chance at classes.

Vocational - Technical students may attend advising sessions or have course approval forms signed by Technical Program Directors. Packets may be

picked up in the Registrar's Office Nov. 19 by these directors.

For students planning to transfer to a university, advising sessions are also offered. These students may sign up for the sessions by contacting the Counseling Office through Dec. 13.

Pipeline

Diet Elite Club

Diet Elite members will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Aid Room. The last weigh-in and weigh-out will be Dec. 16. A trophy and prizes will be given to those who have shown the greatest weight loss.

Mrs. Blanche Willis, director of health services, said that interested persons still have time to join the organization.

Thanksgiving Drive

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) is sponsoring a canned and packaged food drive for a needy family at Thanksgiving.

Decorated boxes are in the Student Center and the Baptist Student Center at 1713 Powell Drive.

Deadline for contributions is 1 p.m. on Nov. 27.

Post-Game Dance

The Student Government will sponsor a dance from 10 p.m. until midnight Thursday in the Student Center.

Two events preceding the dance are the MCC basketball classic game matching the Highlanders with TSTI and the drama department production, "The Servant of Two Masters."

The music for the dance will be provided by "Carnival," formerly known as "Chester."

"I hope that the group participation will be as good as the last dance," said president of Student Government Harold Nolte, sophomore.

Veterans' Project

On a farm eight miles north of Waco, a young Episcopal priest has turned a vision

into a reality. Rev. Charles Chatham and his wife Melynda have founded the St. Andrews Farm for unwanted children.

As licensed foster parents, the Chathams care for a varying number of foster children, along with three children of their own.

The Veterans Club became aware of the farm and its need for financial support early last spring and pledged \$10 per month as a start.

The goal of St. Andrews Farm is to meet the basic needs of the children both individually and as a group.

United Way Drive

MCC's United Way Drive proved to be a success said Mary Cantrell, director of mental health, who served as chairman for the drive. Last year's total contribution was \$5,100, compared to this year's total of \$8,100.

The drive lasted for three weeks. The total contribution was turned in Oct. 20. The contribution was given to the Education Committee of the United Way Drive.

Mrs. Cantrell has been a part of the drive since the time when she worked at the Veteran's Hospital several years ago.

"The drive is over, and a good job was done," said Mrs. Cantrell. "I'm really grateful to all the people who contributed."

Student Art Exhibit

Student art will be on exhibit from today through Nov. 26 as part of the mid-semester activities in the art department.

All works are student assignments and projects and will be on display in the Fine Arts Building.

Drill Team Proposal

Plans for organizing a women's drill team are being made. A meeting Oct. 16

was attended by 22 women who are interested in forming a drill team.

"The success of a campus drill team

depends on whether the students want one or not," said Don Bynum, director of student activities. Students interested may

sign a list in the Student Activities Office on the first floor of the Student Center.



Photo by Jim Munson

STUDENTS APPEASE the mid-day munchies in the Student Center.

On the Ball

Highlanders Ready for Classic



By Louis Haak

Coach Johnny Carter has been preparing the basketball team for their upcoming season which begins with the MCC Classic Thursday and Friday in the gymnasium.

"The overall picture is that we should be a much better rebounding team than in the past," said Carter. He said the overall offense should be better because the team has better outside shooting.

MCC will host Navarro Junior College, Hill Junior College and Texas State Technical Institute in the Classics.

The team has four transfers and combines with the two returning sophomores has a good balance of experience.

Ivan Gordon, sophomore, Chilton, 6'8", Gordon returns from last year's squad after seeing action in a reserve role. The first year at MCC was a learning year for Gordon and he now has the knowledge to use his ability to his best advantage.

"He has been a real consistent player for us this fall," said Carter. He said that Gordon is a good hustler and that he is going to the boards real well this fall.

John Derick, freshman, Garland South Garland, 6'7", Derick has possibly the most natural basketball ability of anyone on the squad.

Carter said, "Derick is a super jumper." He said that Derick is an outstanding board man and a good shot. "He has a good sense of timing required to block shots," said Carter.

Walter "Weasel" Johnson, sophomore, transfer from San Jacinto Junior College, 5'11", Walter spent a year on campus after being enrolled at San Jacinto Junior College to become eligible this year.

"Walter is extremely quick and a good shot," said Carter. He said that Johnson is also a good ball handler and is very dedicated.

Danny Kasper, sophomore, transfer from Texas A&I, 6'4", Carter said Kasper has had several bad things happen to him earlier but has begun to get things back together.

Kasper had an operation on his arm and is just now getting his timing and shooting back in form. "Kasper is an extremely good outside shot," said Carter.

A. C. Kuykendall, freshman, Bay City, 6'2", Kuykendall is one of the best passers on the team. Carter said he is a fine outside shot and a good ball handler.

Paul Lamb, sophomore, Kennard, 6'6", Lamb returns from last year's squad with starting experience in some of the early games.

"Lamb is a very strong player who goes to the boards well," said Carter. Carter said that Lamb is a good hustler and will help the rebounding of the team.

Blake Rasner, freshman, Robinson, 6'1", Rasner is a local player from a AA school. Carter said, "Blake is a good outside shot and a good ball handler." Rasner has a lot of desire and is a good team player said Carter.

Malcom Patton, sophomore, transfer from Sam Houston, 6'4", "He makes up for anything he lacks in talent with a lot of hustle and desire," said Carter. He is a smart player who hustles as well as anyone on the team said Carter.

Craig Smoak, sophomore, transfer from Eastern Michigan, 6'7", Smoak has a wealth of natural ability, "He is a good jumper and offensive player," said Carter. "I know he will get better as we go along," said Carter.

Tom Box, freshman from Dallas Greenhill, 6'1", Box is good outside shot said Carter. "Box has a lot of desire and a strong will to do well," said Carter.

James Mitchell, sophomore, Kennard, 6'0", Mitchell was on campus last year but did not play basketball. "He is a good passer and a good ball handler," said Carter.

Craig Baggot, freshman, Richfield, 6'2", Baggot is also a local player who played in AAAA ball at Richfield. "Craig has a beautiful outside shot," said Carter. He knows how to use picks and screens to get open and get good shots said Carter.

Carter said the inside attack will be better. The bench strength is much better than in the past.

"In the defensive area we still have some things to learn," said Carter. These things will come as the season progresses and we get the experience of playing together said Carter.

"If we can get together as a unit we will be a pretty good ball club," said Carter.

Coach Carter said he would like to see the students come out and support the team in their first home game against TSTI.

Hunting: Doe Not Worth Bread

It seems that I am the only person on campus besides President Dr. Wilbur Ball who went deer hunting the opening week of the season.

The tight economic situation has put the squeeze on many hunters. The money required to lease the property, buy guns and travel across the state are more than many people seem to believe it is worth.

Keith Geisler, director of counseling and testing, said, "The last deer I killed cost me \$2 a pound and it is not worth it." He said if you figure the expense of hunting it is just not worth the money or the trouble. "This year I am going to buy a side of beef for my freezer instead," said Geisler.

There are other reasons for the decline in hunting. Clark Williams, freshman, said, "After two hours of hunting in the cold I did not care about getting a deer; I just wanted to go home and get warm by the fire."

Patty Prim, freshman, said that when she went hunting a few years ago that she got closer to killing a deer with the car as she was leaving the lease than she did in the deer blind.

"I don't see what people see in killing little innocent deer," said Miss Prim. I have received reports from hunters in

Gatesville that the year there is not as good as in the past. Though a nine point buck was killed opening weekend.

The hunting in Llano County this year has been hurt by a die off of deer during the drought this summer. I noticed no difference in the population of deer on our lease between Llano and Castel.

I saw ten deer opening morning most of which were does and their fawns. That afternoon I stayed in camp to listen to the Baylor game until halftime.

I left for my blind at four p.m. and had just sat down in my stand when a doe entered a clearing about 75 yards away.

I saw visions of deer chops and steaks as I pulled the trigger. The deer fell and I had my first deer this season. I hurried back to camp in hopes of hearing the end of the Baylor game but was too late.

I had to wait until I returned home Sunday to find out that they had defeated the Texas Tech Red Raiders 17-10.

There are three hunters on our lease and each of us got one deer. We passed up the does the second day in hope of getting a trophy buck.

The buck was able to escape for now but we will be back and hopefully so will he.

MCC CLASSIC

Thursday

Hill	6:30
Navarro	
MCC	8:30
TSTI	

Friday

Hill	6:30
TSTI	
MCC	8:30
Navarro	

All games will be played in the HPC gym.



Photo by Jerry Lynn

BASKETBALL TEAM--Back row, left to right, Mike Smoak, Carroll Rice, Danny Kasper, Malcom Patton, Ivan Gordon, John Derick, Craig Smoak, Paul Lamb, Coach Johnny Carter. Front row, left to right, James Mitchell, Tom Box, Craig Baggot, A.C. Kuykendall, Walter Johnson, Blake Rasner.