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## Club Observes Heritage Week

A program presented by the Acapella Choir from Paul Quinn College at 10 a.m. today in the Science Lecture Hall will highlight the observance of Black Heritage Week on campus.

Sponsored by the Afro-Student Kindred Club (ASK), the program will emphasize the social and spiritual viewpoints of black students.

Rev. George S. Willis, pastor of St. Luke A.M.E. Church and chairman of the Paul Quinn Religion Department, will be guest speaker at the assembly.

Black Heritage Week is traditionally set aside for the black man to learn about his past history, contributions to the

"American Dream" and the nationwide awareness of black experience.

Today's program will be moderated by ASK president Miss Catherine Griggs, freshman.

ASK members stressed the point that black heritage is not reserved for Blacks only but also for other persons interested in the history of the black man in the U.S.

The program is open to both students and faculty members.

Last year's campus Black Heritage Week activities included a fashion show, an informal discussion, a banquet and guest speakers.

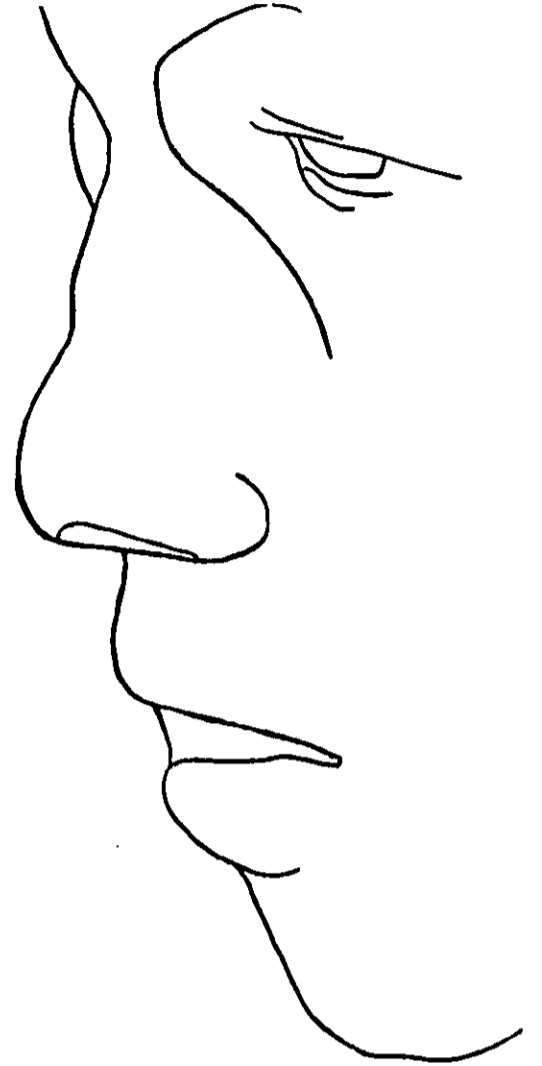


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## Hot Checks Cause Policy Change

By Jim Munson

During registration for the fall semester, MCC received over \$5000 in bad checks from students. As a result, the administration is considering revisions for its check cashing policies.

The Student Services Council has come up with several pros and cons as they

consider redrafting the check cashing policy.

Points against a check cashing service are:

1) The business office staff would have to rearrange their present schedules to allow someone to handle the cashing of checks.

2) The business office staff would have to rearrange present schedules to allow someone to track down bad checks.

3) The business office would have to keep more cash money on hand to cash checks.

4) There are other places where students

can cash checks.

5) Additional man power will have to be employed to handle check cashing.

Points in favor of a check cashing policy include:

1) A check cashing policy would be a service to students and faculty.

2) Many out-of-town students have great difficulty cashing checks in Waco, and a check cashing policy would be of great service to them.

3) A check cashing policy may indirectly increase the business of on-campus enterprises, such as the Student Center cafeteria.

In keeping the above points in mind, the Student Services Council has made these recommendations:

1) The students and faculty will be allowed to cash checks in the business office from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

2) A \$15 limit will be placed on all checks.

3) No second party checks will be allowed.

4) A student or faculty member will be required to present his ID and drivers' license when cashing a check in the business office.

5) A \$5 fine will be levied for each bad check that the college receives.

6) Upon failure of the student to clear up any bad checks written to the college, the transcript, honors, scholarships and grants that a student would normally receive will be withheld until the checks are paid.

7) This recommendation will be used on a trial basis for two months to determine the student-faculty response. At the end of the two month period, further recommendations will be made.

The above recommendations are not final.



—Photo by Rennie Morroquin

### 1974 HOMECOMING QUEEN---

Miss Gigi Fulbright, sophomore Student Government nominee, was crowned Homecoming

Queen. The ceremonies were

Saturday night during the half-

time of the game between the

Highlanders and the Cooke County

Lions.

## Editorial

# Winter DST - Flop of the Year

By Bill Gammage

"Winter Daylight Savings Time (DST) is not very effective, like that cartoon of Nixon sewing one end of the blanket onto the other to make it longer," said Grant Pendleton of the Utah Power and Light Co.

It's been a little more than a month since the grinding wheels of Congress came up with the idea of switching to DST in an effort to conserve energy and, now that the 'new' has worn off, the consensus of the American population seems to be wondering, "Who came up with such a crazy idea?"

Pendleton's Utah Co. conducted a survey which showed a decline of just .3 of one percent for residential usage of energy, .1 of one percent for commercial usage and .1 per cent for industrial usage.

And the Utah survey results appear to be a correct indication of the effectiveness of DST throughout the nation.

John Grindly of the Fulton County School Board in Georgia, said, "We know that more gasoline is being used because more and more parents are taking their children to school."

In Chicago, Francis B. Cronin, director of the Bureau of Plant Operation and Maintenance of the Board of Education, said, "At present we doubt there has been

any significant savings. The kids are going home in the daylight and coming to school in the dawn. I would say we haven't experienced any saving in the use of energy."

The Bonneville Power Administration in Oregon said it had conducted a survey throughout the northwest United States and had concluded that to date DST had saved "less than one per cent" in energy use.

A Dallas school board administrator said that some elementary schools had changed hours so lights would be on when children arrived for school. The same source noted that more heat had to be used for that reason.

Majority Leader Sen. Mike Mansfield has voiced his disapproval of DST and favors repealing it because of the hazards it poses to children going to school in the early morning darkness.

Mansfield said he doubted DST had saved much fuel or electricity anyway.

On the local front, opinion on DST seems to run about the same.

John E. Davis, Waco division manager of Texas Power and Light Co., said that although no conclusive tests had been run,

he figures the energy saved by DST amounts to less than one-half of one percent.

"Personally, I don't think it's saving us anything," said Davis. "I contribute any energy savings we might have to people making a conscious effort to keep their level of electrical usage down."

Superintendent of the Waco Independent School District Avery Downing said, "Let me say that from our point of view this (DST) was not a good decision. It has caused us to impose a lot of inconvenience on students and parents... and that's not even considering the danger factor. I've been deathly afraid some of our kids will be hit... and we are still running that risk."

Representing the Waco Public School System, Downing said that they feel that they haven't conserved any fuel, gas or electricity.

Daylight Savings Time hasn't met with earth-shattering approval on the campus, either.

Superintendent of the Physical Plant T.W. Chaffin said, "We feel that DST hasn't been responsible for saving any energy on campus. Any energy we are saving can be contributed to the spirit and cooperation we are receiving from people who are helping us conserve."

Miss Trudy Jander, freshman, said, "I don't like coming to school when it still nighttime; I don't like taking night classes when they're supposed to be daytime classes."

Miss Alana Lindville, sophomore, said, "I don't like it (DST), I can't even find the damn buildings, much less my classes."

Mrs. Carolyn Dodson, journalism instructor, said, "I almost killed three students one morning; the lights weren't functioning and I couldn't see."

According to the Dallas Morning News, since DST went into effect, at least 15 children have been killed while walking to school in the dark. And most ironically, one of the latest victims was hit by a school bus carrying a busload of his own classmates.

I agree that something definitely needs to be done to conserve energy. But should the inhabitants of our nation suffer under a system that was instigated, obviously, without much planning or forethought, and is being proven more and more ineffective every day?

Unfortunately, it appears that the much-publicized change to Daylight Savings Time has been nothing more than a much publicized flop.

## Guest Editorial

## Black History: Proud Fight for Rights

By Michael Jones

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Thus states the Declaration of Independence, yet it has been 198 years since it was written and many of the principle beliefs and ideas of that document are still being fought for today.

This week is Black Heritage Week, a week-long celebration that is designed to honor the many heroes of the black struggle.

Unlike many other ethnic groups, the black man has had an extremely difficult time in gaining his rights.

I am not just speaking of his rights as a citizen guaranteed by the U.S. Con-

stitution, but rather of his rights to dignity, self-respect and individuality that insure the individuality of all men.

Contrary to modern belief, black history goes far beyond Dr. King, Malcolm X and George Washington Carver.

In actuality, the history of Blacks in America goes as far back as Christopher Columbus and a black man by the name of Pedro Alonso Nino.

Nino was one of the first Blacks to enter the Western Hemisphere, and he did so not as a slave, but as a crewman on a ship that made history.

There are a few white Americans who will point back into history and reminisce how their forefathers built this country with blood, sweat and tears.

These same Americans have stereotyped images of Chinese, Mexicans and Blacks

as being a lazy, uninterested group of people.

On the other hand, as I look back into history it seems ironic that these so called "lazy and uninterested people" were imported to do the hard work of building a nation.

Americans say this country was built on blood, sweat and tears—but who's?

Can you see George Washington being lashed until blood covered his back because he did not pull his quota of cotton?

Can you see Thomas Jefferson chopping cotton day in and day out, year after year until he died?

Can you see Alexander Hamilton crying because he was separated from his family which was on some other plantation far away?

To many white people, these examples were only stories, but to far too many

black people they were reality.

Black history is as old and as strong as America itself. Blacks have fought in every major conflict this nation has been in, and more often than not, Blacks who were second class citizens at home were first class soldiers at the front line.

Looking back through history, I see 198 years of hard work and dedication to a country. I see millions of humans given a purpose in an inhumane era of life.

Looking back, I see a small, silent minority that has become one of the most vocal and active groups in the country.

I am proud of this heritage, and I know that men before me died so that I might be able to live in honor, dignity and self-respect.

They made it possible for me to say that I am proud to be a black American.

## Valentine's Day Evokes Feelings of Love

By Gail Windham

Valentine's Day today evokes feelings of love and romanticism. Candy, flowers, and hearts inscribed with poetic expressions are showered upon loved ones with ardent admiration.

But Valentine's Day has not always been celebrated in this manner.

February 14, in the year of A.D. 260, was a bad day for Valentines. At least three people named Valentine were beaten and beheaded by the Emperor Claudius for being Christians.

Another Valentine, the lucky one, was imprisoned for being a Christian.

He fell in love with the jailer's daughter, cured her of blindness, and as one story goes, sent her a card signed, "From your Valentine"

A more logical but less romantic theory is that the Norman word "galantin," meaning "lover of women," was sometimes written and pronounced "valantin," since "v" and "g" were then interchangeable letters.

During the Roman feast of Lupercalia, names were written on pieces of paper which were then put in a box and drawn out. People were matched for the year in this way.

This practice shocked and horrified Christians, who altered this custom by substituting the names of saints instead. A person drawing the name of a saint was expected to emulate the virtues of that saint for the next year.

In New York, a printer by the name of John McLaughlin earned the credit for inventing an X-rated one-cent Valentine called the "ponny dreadful."

Twenty-five thousand of these obscene cards were rejected by Chicago post offices in the early 1900's on the grounds they were not fit to go through the mail.

Since that time, numerous methods have been devised to send messages of love on

Valentine's Day. Regardless of how Valentine's Day

came to represent romance, it is universally celebrated for that reason.

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# Sessions Broaden Insight

By Larry Payne

To describe the personal growth groups arranged by the counseling staff would be difficult without describing the personality of every individual involved in them.

The group is a personal thing to each member, with each person having a different reason for being there—whether it be curiosity or problems or wanting to meet and talk with single girls.

Some just want to make new friends. Each has a different goal to reach in his or her personal growth and development.

Having a greater understanding of one's self, improving one's communication skills, establishing new relationships and sharing personal experiences and feelings are some of the goals set by the group members for their personal growth and development.

To reach these goals, the members meet for two hours each week and talk with one another, discussing anything that comes to their minds.

The sessions are completely subjective, meaning that nothing anyone says is right or wrong, no matter what the topic, said John Nobis, counselor. The members do not criticize what is said but react to it with their own feelings and experiences. This positive feedback creates a healthy atmosphere for discussion, allowing each member to see what motivates others and to see different viewpoints of life.

Everything discussed is strictly confidential, which helps build trust and a family feeling within the group. This atmosphere makes it easier for everyone to speak freely and makes the group more relaxed.

The groups are moderated by Miss Joyce O'Rear, counselor, and Nobis.

"We think of ourselves not so much as leaders but facilitators, providing the proper atmosphere for people to reach their individual goals," said Nobis. "We aren't running any deep, probing psychological encounters, just self-improvement through group process."

The individual reactions to the current groups have been positive. "I was really surprised how open and honest everyone is," said Sam Osborne, a member of the group.

"They have established a family type atmosphere where everyone feels relaxed and at home in the presence of the others.

"The group agrees that their personal insight and perspective on life has broadened since their first session, and that it has been well worth their time and effort."

The groups now established are closed to new members, but by students' request, another group is now being formed.

Students interested in joining can sign up in the Counseling Office.



—Photo by Ronnie Marrequin

Students share individual ideas and warm spring weather during one of their personal growth sessions. The group includes, from left to right, counselor John Nobis, Harry Bass, Vera Crim, Ray Pappas, Jack Wood and Louise Zedd.

## Pipeline

### Sailing and Canoeing

Registration for an additional section of HPE 128 Canoeing and Sailing is set for Monday and Tuesday of next week at the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building.

The courses will be offered from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

No additional tuition and matriculation fees will be charged for students taking 12 or more semester hours. However, a \$10 lab fee will be charged along with the required \$1 building use fee.

### RN Enrollments

The Associate Degree Nursing Program will begin a new class on June 4. Deadline for application is March 15.

"Any students who have made an application prior to September 1973 must reapply," said Mrs. Joann Schoen, nursing director. "Registered Nurses are urged to apply as soon as possible."

This is a 24 month program. Upon completion students receive an Associate Degree and are eligible to take the National-State Test Pool Exam for Registered Nursing.

### High School Students Visit

Seniors from five high schools missed a day of school to visit the campus yesterday. Students from Axtell, China Spring, Crawford, Riesel and Moody came with their counselors for a day at MCC.

The visit was part of MCC's Project Outreach, activities to bring students to MCC.

About 125 students went to the HPE Lecture Hall yesterday morning, where they were welcomed by Rick Butler, an Outreach coordinator and organizer of the program.

The students viewed a tripto-screen slide and sound presentation about the campus. Dean of Student Services Dr. Larry Gilliam then gave a presentation explaining the community college concept. Several MCC students who graduated

from these high schools attended the activities as college representatives.

They joined the students in watching a comedy skit on the works of Ogden Nash by Plaid Vest members under the direction of Mrs. Ann Harrell, speech instructor.

Another presentation explained the programs and majors offered by the college. Representatives from instructional areas gave information about their areas.

Student financial aids were discussed by Willie Hobbs, director of financial aids.

The students then toured the campus for an hour and a half.

### Singers to Perform

The McLennan Singers are to give a double performance at the Waco Plaza Hotel. The performances are scheduled for this afternoon.

The McLennan Singers will perform first for the Waco Founders Lions Club.

The ensemble will then perform for the Mental Health and Mental Retardation dinner where they will present another performance.

### Phi Theta Kappa Installation

Phi Theta Kappa, the National Junior College Honorary Society, initiated new members Monday in the Science Lecture Hall.

Dr. Ronald Smith, dean of instruction, gave a speech at the candlelight ceremony on the qualities that make a successful student.

The members of the honor society will be attending the state convention Feb. 28-March 1 in Dallas.

Mrs. Betty Smith, business instructor, received an honorary membership in Phi Theta Kappa for her last three years of service to the club.

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# Highlanders Fall to HJC Rebels

By Louis Haak

MCC 91, Hill 95

The Hill County Junior College Rebels defeated the Highlanders on Monday night in Hillsboro 95-91. The win moves Hill into the No. 1 spot in the Northern Texas Junior College Conference, with only three games left in the season.

The Rebels won the game with their rebounding and free-throw shooting. The Rebels gathered 51 rebounds against 37 for the Clan. They converted 27-32 free throws while the Clan hit only 21-31 and missed 8 straight at one point in the first half. This gave the Rebels a 54-34 lead with 1:07 left in the initial period.

The Rebels enjoyed an advantage over the Highlanders with three 6-foot-7 post men.

The Highlanders got into foul trouble early and had three starters on the bench for most of the game. Ralph Booker had four fouls in the first half and was joined on the bench by Don Gay and Mark Lappa.

Steve Colwick sparked the team in the game with his leaping rebounds. Colwick stands only six feet, but led the Highlanders rebounding at the half with 6.

Don Tyson led the rebounding for the Highlanders in the game with 13 and Mark Lappa grabbed 10.

The Hill press forced 22 turnovers by the Clan.

The Highlanders had five players in double figures. Tyson hit 21 points, Booker 17, Gay 18, Lappa 10 and Colwick 18.

After the game, Coach Johnny Carter said, "I'm proud of them (the team) for never giving up. We had two guys in foul trouble; Booker and Gay, and we almost pulled it out."

The Highlander's next game will be Thursday night at home against Ranger Junior College.

MCC 84, Cooke 71

The Highlanders wasted little time Saturday night showing that good teams can have a bad night and still win. Despite being held to only 26 points in the first half, the Clan came on in the second half with 58 points to take an 84-71 win over Cooke County Junior College in the Gymnasium.

After the game, Coach Carter said, "In the first half we couldn't buy a basket. Then we came out in the second fired up and played better defense."

The Lions came out in a 1-2-2 zone with Tolbert Owens, 6-foot-7, 300 pound post-man causing quite a bit of action under the boards. He collected 10 rebounds and scored 10 points in the first half, while his teammates used him effectively to set their picks around, leaving Don Gay or Chuck Miller plastered to Owens' huge chest,

while they drove for layups.

Don Tyson, who was dormant in the last two games, exploded for 21 points and a career-high 24 rebounds. Tyson hit 9-10 from the line along with 6 field goals for his total.

"Tyson had a helluva game. He got those 24 rebounds," Carter said.

Booker collected 13 rebounds, and along with Tyson, controlled the boards during the last 10 minutes of the game. Don Gay hit 24 points, most of which came from more than 20 feet. Booker hit 25 to lead all scoring.

MCC 77, SCC 72

Eight free throws by the Highlanders in the final minute of play enabled them to take a 77-72 victory over Southwest Christian College (SCC) on February 8 in Terrell.

Although the Rams out scored the Highlanders from the field, 32 field goals to 31, MCC won the game from the free throw line where they hit 15 points to only six for SCC.

The Highlanders jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the first four minutes and never trailed in the game, although the Rams, in their attempt to derail the "Highland Express", battled back to only a four-point deficit at the half.

Hungry for a chance to return to the playoffs, the Highlanders blew open a lead of 65-56 with only five minutes left in the contest. The Rams stayed within 10 and closed the gap to 69-64 in the final minute.

Guard Steve Colwick had five free throws, four in the final minutes, to go with his seven field goals for 19 points.

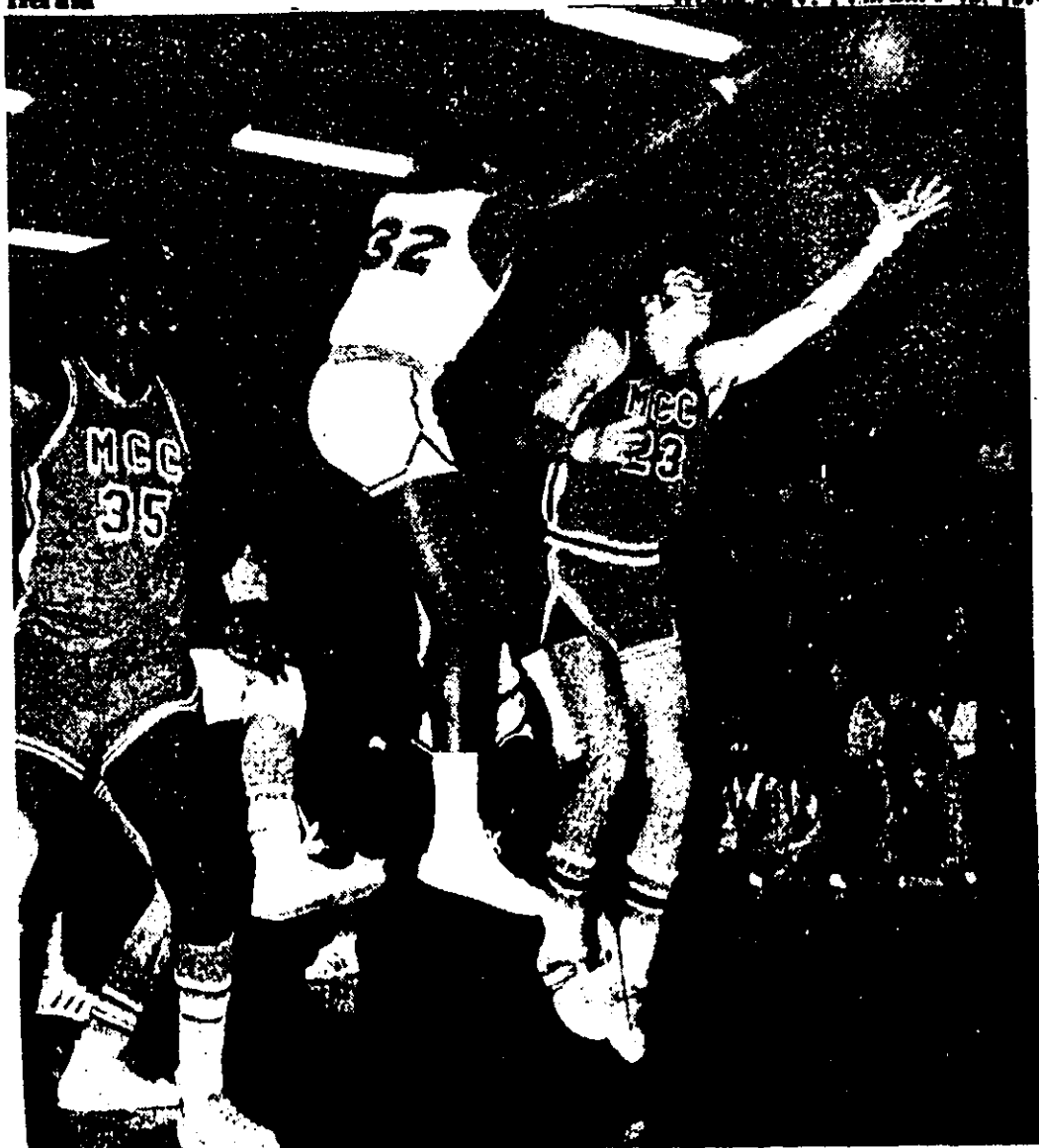


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Guard Steve Colwick fights a Hill player for a rebound in MCC's 91-95 loss to the Rebels Monday night in Hillsboro.

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