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Photo by Carrie Prewitt

JONNIE DUNCAN, DIRECTOR OF MCC'S INTERPRETER training and sign language department, looks on as Skip Workman speaks at one of the recent seminars for the deaf and hearing impaired. Workman, a former MCC student, is now an instructor in interpreter training at TSTC.

Deaf and hearing impaired hold interpreter training seminars

By DONNA DEATHERAGE

The Central Texas Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired presented six seminars to introduce the deaf community to the Waco area on Oct. 10 in the CSC building.

All college students, community leaders, concerned citizens, teachers of the deaf and all members of the deaf community were invited to attend three of the six seminars. Continuing Education credits were given to those students who attended.

Jonnie Duncan, director and professor for interpreter training at MCC, discussed certification requirements for interpreting as well as job opportunities for interpreters for the deaf.

Kathy Bartlett, a parent of a deaf child, gave a parents perspective of raising a deaf child and discussed different agencies that provide help.

Debra Johnson, a graduate student in the department of gerontology at Baylor, spoke of social alienation of the deaf in

the hearing community.

Glena Jo Marcum, a teacher at the Waco Regional School for the Deaf, gave a teachers perspective of working with the deaf community.

The final two seminars dealt with the instruments that the deaf community depends on and allowed the deaf community to speak out about their organizations.

N.S. Draughon gave an adults point of view of the many different developments that are occurring at Silent Telecom Systems for the Hearing Impaired in Temple. For instance, the doorbell that flashes a light to let the person know that someone is there. There are also baby alarms for new parents and TDD's, a telephone or telecommunications device for the deaf.

Ann Johnson, a speech pathologist for children with hearing impairments in the WISD, spoke of hearing aids for school children and other household

devices. Angel Ramos, director of the Gallaudet Regional Center for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, discussed different organizations and voiced the concerns and needs of the deaf community.

Kathy Whipple a professor at the Community Disorders Department at Baylor is on the committee who developed the seminars as a fund raiser for the Central Texas Council.



Photo by Mike Melton

A NURSE ASSISTS HIGHLAND HERALD feature editor Christina Mejia as she donates blood at the Red Cross. Christina said it was painless and

easy, and only took about twelve minutes. MCC will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Oct. 28 outside the Student Center.

Local school districts form alternative school for special needs students

By MIKE MELTON

MCC is teaming up with the Waco and La Vega school districts in the development of an alternative school for students who have jobs, special needs, problems relating to traditional campuses or want to earn advance credits toward junior college.

OPTIONS (Opportunity Program to Initiate Need Satisfaction) will be offered as a voluntary alternative to students ages 14-21 on Jan. 5, 1993. The alternative school will be located on campus with classes from 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. OPTION will offer students a flexible class schedule, content and instruction toward a regular high school diploma or a general education development certificate.

The program is designed to target students before they drop out, get into legal trouble or lose their jobs due to conflicts with the traditional campus and existing alternative school. OPTIONS will target, zero in and meet the needs of these students on an individual basis and increase their chances of getting an education.

The college and the two school districts will be pooling their resources of professional educators and the college students will be offering tutoring on a personal or small group basis for students requiring personal instruction.

The college will not be charging the school districts for the use of the facilities, but will charge participating districts a per student fee to cover utilities and other services. The proposed cost per student is \$2400, but the amount may be reduced at the end of the year when the money will be pro-rated on a per student basis.

Other districts may join the program, and OPTION will possibly become a county or regional alternative school.

The OPTIONS program is modeled after the PASS program at Northeast Texas Community College in Mount Pleasant. The PASS program was designed to provide students with an alternative to traditional education. The college became involved with the OPTIONS program to further fulfill its mission to better serve the county and its educational needs.

By LEARIE AUSTIN and MICHAEL COLLINS

Christina Mejia has been down this road before. She is relaxed and nonchalant about the whole thing. First-timers are often fearful, but it need not be that way.

As Mejia walks into the center, she is promptly greeted by the nurses and staff. Someone with reservations would easily be disarmed by the hospitality.

After Mejia registers, a nurse asks her to fill out a questionnaire about her medical history. Guidelines for medical problems are stringent. Hepatitis, malaria, illegal drugs by needle, cancer and AIDS would disqualify her.

Mejia is led into a private cubicle for the next phase of screening. In addition to a routine check of her vital sign, a drop of blood is extracted from her ear with an Autotest. It is taken from her ear because the process is less painful and easier for her.

'Student Success' department to begin work in January

By ANN JONES

A new department called "Student Success" will begin operation in the spring.

The college received a Title III grant last year to fund the program.

Title III is a federal grant given to two-year colleges to strengthen their institution and retain students. The grants are for approximately \$400,000 a year and will last five years. A school must apply for the grant each year and prove the money is being spent where it is supposed to be.

The program is aimed at spotting students who are at risk of dropping out and helping them before they drop. Administrator David England formed a committee last year to do a survey on what kind of student is at risk. They came up with some typical signs. That student most often is a single person, under 21, usually male, a single parent, unemployed and looking for a job, and failing more than one class.

With the help of faculty, counselors, administration and students, he also did an inventory of current programs to see what the college has and what is still needed to make sure that none would be duplicated.

Steve Shields is the interim director for the department. Through phone interviews and

reference checks, the candidates for the job of permanent department chairman has been narrowed to three. They are Joseph Williams, Vicki Hampton-Mitzell and Elizabeth Palacios.

All three were on campus last week for interviews with the search committee and Dr. Deborah Garrett, vice-president of student services. Later this fall the search committee will make its final recommendation to President Dennis Michaelis, who will then submit it to the Board of Trustees for final approval. The person chosen as head of the department will start work on Jan. 1. He or she will have a staff of five full time and several part-time employees.

The first goal of the department will be to train faculty to spot the early warning signs of a student who might need this program. The school must have a list of 100 students for the program by Jan. 1. Participation is not mandatory.

According to Garrett it will not be difficult to find students for this program because the tutoring center, which will be incorporated into the student success department, already helps over 300 students.

The department will offer help with academics as well as professional counseling with personal

problems. It will not offer financial assistance which will still be handled by the financial aid department.

It will also contain a mentoring program which will match students with a staff member to help them. After that, staff will keep track of the student's progress to see if the problem has been solved.

Faculty members who have been involved with getting this program started are Mary Hensley, who is no longer at MCC, who submitted the original application for the Title III grant; Lynn Abernathy from the counseling office, who will be in charge of evaluating the program; Rita Spinn from the Health Careers department, who is in charge of professional development; Janice Drake, the director of development education; and Nancy Neal of the MCC Title III office.

Currently about half the colleges in the country have a similar program or are in the process of starting one.

"It is becoming more important to accreditation for schools to show they are accountable in helping students achieve their goals. Not everyone wants a degree. Some students just want to take a couple of classes," said Garrett.

Student activities sponsors blood drive, issues challenge to Navarro College

The sample is then spun on a centrifuge to check the iron content. If it is below 38 percent, she will be disqualified.

The nurse goes over Mejia's questionnaire, asking her all the questions about her medical history. Mejia is then given a confidential card asking her whether or not her blood is safe to give to another person. The card comes with a number to call anonymously if she decides within the next 48 hours her blood should not be used.

Mejia is seated on a lounge-type chair in an open area. It is now time. She casually sits on the chair stretching out her right arm motioning to the nurse she is ready.

She has already given more than two gallons since high school. "I do it because I know it will help. This may be an old cliché, but the person I help may be myself or someone close to me," she says.

It doesn't take long for the bag to fill with blood—about

twelve minutes to be exact. The nurse places a small band-aid on her arm and it is all over.

The Red Cross Blood Center will give the MCC community an opportunity to have the same experience when it brings a bloodmobile to campus on Oct. 28.

MCC students, through the student activities office, have issued a challenge to Navarro College's students for their blood drive on Oct. 30. The challenge is for them to meet their targeted goal of 80 pints. MCC's goal is to donate 60 pints.

Press club issues challenge to other campus clubs to donate more blood

The Press Club has also challenged other campus clubs and organizations. Donors are going to be encouraged by club members to sign their names at the time of registration under the clubs that are sponsoring them.

The student activities office

will treat the winning club to a pizza party. Jennifer Riley, Red Cross donor resource consultant, said as we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, usage often increases because "more people are traveling and as a result, accidents often increase."

She said every 17 seconds somebody needs blood. "With one donation you can help up to four people because the whole blood could be divided into components including platelets, plasma and red blood cells," Riley said.

According to Riley, donors need to be 17 or older, and those who are under 18 must have a signed parental consent form. She also said minimum weight must be 110 pounds. Fifty-five days must be between donations and the donor should have eaten normally, preferably four hours prior to donating.

She said that MCC had 94 donors respond to the last blood drive challenge in 1989. On an average, during the regular blood drives, approximately 35 people usually donate.

Going the extra mile in a global village

In a time when the world is becoming more and more of a global community, it has become increasingly important to add experience in foreign travel to your resume. But according to the Texas Coordinating Board of Higher Education, Texas is dead last in travel opportunities for students. A spring 1990 report, "Partners on a Rising Curve, Higher Education for International Competence and Competitiveness," pointed out how the nations of the world and their economies were becoming more interdependent. As usual the administrators at MCC are one step ahead. Last summer they began offering a two week study tour to England. They have also formed a committee to internationalize the curriculum. And not a moment too soon. While business schools in other countries devote 40 to 60 percent of their curriculum to studying business practices and cultures of other countries, American business training gives only 5 to 10 percent of it's time to the study of other countries.

Visiting other countries makes a person more aware of other cultures. American businesses are opening branch offices in other countries, and foreign companies are opening offices in America every day. Currently foreign companies have invested \$2.5 trillion in the U.S., while U.S. companies have invested \$1.9 trillion in other countries. To be competitive in the job market, employees who are in a multi-cultural business must be familiar with the customs and language of that country.

As Americans we think we are the most technologically advanced country in the world, but the truth is we are not. Other countries are keeping up and in some cases surpassing us. If we are going to compete as a society, we must be aware of how other countries do things. Maybe their way is better. And maybe they could learn from us. The most important thing is to experience all the world has to offer.

Get into the holiday spirit--give blood

Volunteer blood donors are special people because they give selflessly again and again to save someone else's life. They give the most precious gift of all — their own blood. Human blood cannot be manufactured in any laboratory; it can only be made by the human body. Without the generous gift of blood, medical science would not be able to save lives every day of the year and our community would not have the blood supply to meet the needs of its residents.

It is impossible to contract any infectious disease from donating blood. Each needle is sterile and discarded as medical waste after each individual's single donation.

Join eight million Americans, both nationwide and locally, who donate blood by giving a unit of blood on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked near the Student Center.

Donating blood is safe, easy and takes only about 45 minutes to an hour of your time. If you are healthy, 18 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds, you may donate a unit of blood. Seventeen-year-olds may give with parental consent. You can make plans now to become a regular volunteer blood donor. For more information call Butch Pruett at Ext. 420.

The Second Coming

By KRISTEN NOBIS, guest columnist

Get out your guns, boys, ol' Ross is back. And, as Molly Ivins so accurately noted, isn't it underwhelming? Having avoided the cleansing by fire that every other candidate has had to endure, Ross Perot is once again declaiming from his podium of "popular demand"—but to whom is he speaking?

The economic realities of the '90s so far have shaped the election race in a fascinating and often inexplicable way, and Perot represents one of the most inexplicable facets of all. Perot in his first incarnation was understandable—the renegade candidate, the little guy (most little guys don't have two + billion in their bank accounts, but that only added to Perot's appeal as an image of the American dream come true) who would stand up to all the staid politicians in Washington.

But Ross Perot, "The Second Coming," is barely comprehensible. If Perot wants to sell his book, surely there are easier ways than re-entering the presidential race a month before the big day. If he wants to get his economic ideas heard in the capitol, he might try running for a lower office—senator or representative. As it is, people have had time to think about a few of Perot's more well-known personality traits: his famous inability to compromise, his total lack of diplomatic experience, and his overall inexperience in the political arena.

I realize that many people can find nothing appealing in either of the two major party candidates. However, does that justify voting for a man who embodies ambivalence in all its forms? So far, Perot has presented the public with an unflinching optimism. But so have Bush and Clinton, Bush by declaring that the economy has recovered and it is his own personal achievement, and Clinton by declaring that the economy has yet to recover, but that if he is elected president it will and he will be the catalyst. What can Perot offer except more of the same? In the debates he repeats over and over again that "We will get it done." What he never tells the voters is how.

Think about it Patience, hysteria part of paper production

By ANN JONES



Approximately every two weeks, you are walking down the hall in one of the buildings here on campus when you notice, or at least we hope you notice, that a new issue of the *Highland Herald* has magically appeared in the holder on the wall.

Well, not quite magically. If you've ever wondered what goes into making the *Highland Herald*, I'm going to tell you. If you've never wondered, I'm going to tell you anyway. A lot of hard work goes in to it. We have an editors

meeting on Friday, a week and a half before the paper comes out, where we assign reporters to stories. Then for the next week, we run around campus like crazy trying to get interviews. Each issue of the paper takes about a week and a half to do from the time stories are assigned on Friday until the time we take the paper to the printer, the *Waco Citizen*, on Monday two weeks later. The hardest day is Monday, page layout day.

Our newsroom had four Macintosh computers which meant four people could work on designing their pages at the same time. The problem is, our paper has six pages. So there was always someone waiting to use a computer.

Typical scene on Monday afternoon: Learie is going cross-eyed trying to measure pictures for the poll question. Kim is crying "I have no pictures for my sports page!" Micheal Collins laughs "So, I have no stories for my page, Ann took them all for the front page." Christina is waiting to pounce on any computer someone leaves. I am groaning "Calgon, take me away." And our adviser, Tom Buckner, is sprinting from computer to computer to the yells of "Dr. Buckner help, I can't get this story to transfer." "Dr. Buckner, would you look at this?" "Dr. Buckner, what's wrong with this computer?" Lucky for us, he has a lot of patience.

It's a real madhouse.

We are supposed to get our paper to the printer by 5:30, but in the year I have been here, we have only gotten it there on time once or twice. We have been here as late as 9 p.m.

So you can imagine how happy we were the first week of school when Dr. Buckner told us we were getting six additional computers which are being carried into the newsroom as I'm writing this. Someone will be here in the next day or two to hook them up. OH JOY! When you read this issue of the paper, we will all have our own computer to work on, and hopefully we will be getting done earlier.

Mondays are going to be so much easier from now on.

Another Deadline

Dear Governor, let's put education first

By LEARIE AUSTIN



In a recent letter to Nancy Atlas, chairman of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Gov. Ann Richards gave an indication of what is to come in budget proposals for higher education. Richards said, "Given the budget pressures and the limited revenues available, it is unrealistic for institutions of higher education to expect much in the way of additional funds in 1994-1995."

Because of increased enrollment in community colleges and universities, this is bad news for those who are concerned about

education. With 49 percent of all college students in community colleges, it is appalling that funding will be reduced.

Some may say, well it's not really a cut in spending. The governor is not going to allocate extra monies for higher education. But if there is record enrollment in community colleges state-wide and no additional funding to meet the demand, doesn't that represent a cut? The Texas Junior College Teacher's Association and student government associations should be up in arms about this one. With the Governor touting Texas as an attractive state for new industries to relocate, you would think adequately funding higher education would be a priority.

She has lobbied Congress to

resume funding for the Superconducting Super Collider project. The companies that are expected to build the SSS are going to need a well-educated and highly trained work-force, many coming from technical programs at community colleges and technical schools like TSTC.

Where are our priorities here? Do we really prefer to build more prisons than maintain high standards in higher education. No really! What about all the revenue from the state lottery promised for education. Really! In a constantly changing society and a negative growth economy, many students are going back to college for retraining or for additional education.

Some of these students are in college for the first time. Over 20

percent of the MCC student population are between the ages of 21 and 40 and have already been in the work force for quite a few years.

Students are not going back to college because they have nothing better to do. They are in college because they realize the stark reality of the market-place. Community colleges allow them to get a good education at a relatively inexpensive cost, close to their jobs and homes.

Because students do not have a strong voice to represent them, the budget ax will further mutilate degree programs that are considered not cost effective. Maybe we need to flood the governor's office with thousands of letters expressing our concern for these new developments.

Halloween: the controversy of its celebration

By MIKE MELTON



The world is filled with mysteries and enigmas which stimulate the imagination, create controversy and result in the questioning of their origins and purposes. They remain to be the gist of the charlatan, the doubter and the believer and the curious mind.

Halloween has arrived again and along with it the controversy of its celebration. I already have witnessed people in a heated debate over the necessity of Halloween's celebration. The argument lasted about 3-4 minutes and was quite possibly the result of alcohol consumption. On one side people were saying Halloween is an ancient hallowed day and has been celebrated since the 600s A.D. On the other side of the coin were deeply religious people saying that the representation of evil or Satan should not be celebrated and the mere act of celebrating it is an admission to the likeness of evil.

I absolutely felt no ability to relate to the lunatic fringe I was eavesdropping on. I knew nothing of Halloween's historical background. I knew I had a ring-side seat. I always have enjoyed Central Texas, religion, good versus evil and the entertainment provided by the lunatic fringe. When questioned as to my opinion I responded by say-

ing, "Get a life and if you can't do that then die and get an after-life. You're not dragging me into your perverted, self-gratifying little display of personal, public, self humiliation. It's just a good costume party to me."

Form Your Own Opinion

Both sides of the debate had great defenses, but I honestly felt as though I was witnessing the boring timeless struggle of good versus evil in the Bible belt, perhaps a well prepared case for a popular TV courtroom show or maybe dancing in the aisles in a local auditorium.

With this thought in mind I researched the issue and came to a quick conclusion. Throughout time, good has always existed with evil present. If you have a good heart, you have a good soul. It's what you make of it, folks. Be who you want to be and think what you will. Don't go where angels fear to tread or try to force your opinions on me or anyone else. Form your own opinion from the facts.

History

Halloween means hallowed or holy evening because it precedes All Saint's Day. It has been celebrated since the 600s A.D. It is believed Halloween was first celebrated by an ancient order of priests in Britain, the Druids. The Druid's celebration was called Samhain which means summer's end. Modern Halloween decorations such as

pumpkins come from the Druids. The Druids believed ghosts, spirits, witches and the like came out on this day to harm people and built huge bonfires to thwart any attempts on their person.

The early citizens of Europe had a celebration in the 700s A.D. They combined All Saint's Day with old pagan customs which evolved into our modern day celebration of Halloween.

The word devil is derived from the Greek and means slanderer or false accuser. Early man discovered the forces of nature which benefited him had come to be known as good powers. The forces of nature which had caused him danger had come to be known as evil powers and were consequently blamed for all of man's troubles. Sickness, injuries, death, famine and floods were all blamed on some kind of evil or another. Belief in evil spirits and powers were common to all religions. Zoroastrianism first developed the concept of one supreme evil being. He was called Angra Mainyu, later Ahriman, and was believed to be the creator of all evil things. He was purported to be almost as powerful as God, but not as wise. The Jewish Satan and the Christian Devil were also very powerful spirits. These evil forces were engaged in a timeless battle with God and were the enemy of man. They believed, however, Satan and the Devil were subject to the will of God because he had created them. The Moslem Devil

called Eblis was much like Satan because he had once been a glorious angel on the throne of God, yet he refused to bow before man which was God's new creation. According to Moslem belief, he was cast out of heaven and has been the tempter and enemy of man. This is a common theory or belief among almost all religions.

Have A Safe Evening

As the night of Halloween approaches, take into mind that in the 700s A.D. in Europe the children were mocking the evil that was supposed to be harming them. Our modern version of Halloween has been derived from their version of the celebration. Fifteen to 20 years ago a pillow case full of candy supplemented by a prank such as "soaping a window screen" was great fun. In modern times we have to use intelligent judgement everyday. Today great fun could be taking the kids to a large Halloween party where you know they will be safe, silently praying in church that the entire world won't come to a sudden cataclysmic end or a teenager who wants to take hallucinogens and recreate some ancient sacrifice ritual or something. Face reality, mystery and enigma. Enjoy Halloween for whatever it's worth to you. Don't force your opinions on other people. Also don't forget the local Waco P.D. are going to put in one heck of a night on duty for the safety of you as well as your kids.

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The HIGHLAND HERALD POLL

What are you superstitious about?



SONYA McGINNIS
"I'm not superstitious, God protects me."

ROBIN MONTGOMERY, computer data processing major.
"Black cats. They bring bad luck and are scary."

MARTHA SILVA, law enforcement major.
"Friday the 13th. It has always been my luck that something bad happens, it always seem to happen every Friday 13th."

JEANNIE SHRYVER, criminal justice major.
"Nothing. I don't believe in it."

EDDIE HOLYFIELD, commercial music major.
"I'm not superstitious about anything."

JULIE FERGUSON, nursing major.
"Nothing."

BLAKE DeLORD, associate degree nursing.
"I try not to feel too confident when I am taking a test, because usually when I think I am doing good, it is the opposite."

Photos and Interviews by Carrie Prewitt

NEWS BRIEFS

Student Government election results

Student Government elections were held Oct. 8 and 9. Only 11 people voted. All candidates were declared unopposed winners. They are: for Place 1, Margaret Ann Bohman; Place 2, Jack Ricks; Place 3, Tera Dawn Schwarz; Place 4, Amanda M. Scroggins; Place 5, Willie Ray Smith Jr.; Place 6, Sandra Gomez Ursua; Place 7, Shalonda Williams; and Place 8, Angela Young.

Candidates to speak here Thursday

A candidates' forum featuring those running for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Texas House of Representatives, the Texas Senate and the 74th District judge, will be held by the McLennan County Youth Collaboration in the Community Service Center Thursday at noon. Guests are invited to bring their lunch and listen to the candidates. Admission is free.

Management workshop here Thursday

The Non-Profit Center will be hosting the workshop "Introduction to Total Quality Management...TQM...A Doorway to Survival in the '90s and the 21st Century" on Thursday. The workshop will be held 2-4 p.m. in Room B-42 in the MCC Community Services Building. Registration is \$25 per participant or \$35 for two people. For additional information call 753-5683.

BSU International Banquet Thursday

On Thursday the Baptist Student Union will host an International Banquet. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will end at approximately 9 p.m. Banana Splits will be served for all who wish to attend and fellowship. The event will be held at the BSU House at 4401 N. 19th Street.

Circle your calendars for these events

- The Dance Company will hold a Variety Show in the Student Center on Friday at 10 a.m.
- Daylight Savings time will be Sunday; set your clocks back one hour.
- A 9-Ball tournament will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the game room.
- On Oct. 28 a Blood Drive will be held in the Student Center lounge.
- On Oct. 30 a Halloween Mini Concert and costume contest will be held in the Student Center at 10 a.m.

'Pumpkin Event' at Art Center Sunday

The 10th Annual Pumpkin Event will be held at the Art Center Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wearing a costume is encouraged. Activities for the Pumpkin Event include live music, cookie decorating, balloons, mask-making, apple-bobbing, face-painting, hat-making, haunted house, snacks and more. The Great Pumpkin Carve is at 2:30 by local artists. All activities are 25 cents and bring your own carved pumpkin. No admission charge.

Criminal justice recruiters due Monday

Criminal Justice Day will be Monday 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Center lounge area. Invitations for this year's Criminal Justice Day were mailed to over 120 recruiters. Some of the agencies that attended last year were Richardson Police Department, Tyler Police Department, Texas DPS and the Waco Police Department. This is an excellent opportunity for students to talk to recruiters from all over the state.

Pool tourneys every Monday next month

Pool tournaments will be held every Monday in November in the game room. The entry fee is three cans of food. On Monday Nov. 2 is 8 Ball, Nov. 9 is Ping Pong, Nov. 16 is 9 Ball, Nov. 23 is the Turkey Tourney (8 Ball). The game room will also host a pool tournament on Dec. 7 to benefit Toys For Tots. Entry fee is \$5 worth of toys. The winner will receive a new pool stick and case.

Fun runs and walks here Nov. 21

MCC will host its Second annual 5K and One Mile Run/Walk on Saturday Nov. 21. Early registration fee through Nov. 6 is \$10 and \$12 after that date. The One Mile Run/Walk will commence at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9 a.m. All paying participants will receive a complimentary T-shirt. In the One Mile Run/Walk, trophies will be presented to the first five male and female finishers. For those participating in the 5K, trophies will be awarded to the first male and female winners in each of the age divisions. Wheelchair participant winners will be awarded trophies based on the number of entrants. Registration forms are available in the HPE Building, Office 113.

Literacy, adult learning classes offered

The Kimberly-Clark Adult Learning Center at MCC offers literacy instruction, reading improvement and GED preparation to any person needing these services. Learners advance at their own pace with a special easy-to-use computer program, plus one on one tutoring. All services are free of charge. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at the Kimberly Adult Learning Center at MCC's Community Service Center, 4601 N. 19th St. Room B-41. For more information call 753-1044.

Second Great Britain study tour set

MCC is offering a Great Britain study tour as part of English 351 and/or 352. Students will meet on campus four evenings, beginning May 17 and leave for England June 1. The return date is June 17. The tour price is \$2,899 which includes air-fare, housing, admission charges and most meals. Course tuition is not included in tour cost. For more information contact Carol Lowe at 750-3427 or Debra Hull Fultz at 750-3662.

Ethnic participation workshop Nov. 5

The Non-Profit Center will present "How Are You At Coloring?" a workshop on Nov. 5 from 2-4:30 p.m. in MCC's Community Services Center. A panel will discuss ways a non-profit organization can include representation from a variety of ethnic groups. Discussion panel will include David Hurtado, Boys & Girls Club director; Cherry Boggess, MCC Adult Education director; Liz Palacios, Baylor University Community Services coordinator; and Donna Ragland, Center for Action Against Sexual Assault director. Registration is \$25 per person or \$35 for two people from the same organization. Please reply by Oct. 29 by calling the Center at 753-5683, or write P.O. Box 2027, Waco, TX., 76703.

'Food for Families' drive next month

The game room will hold its annual "Food for Families" food drive on Nov. 2-Nov. 20. Each campus club is asked to drop off donations at the game room. The club who raises the most food items wins a pizza party courtesy of Student Activities. The Game Room Club has issued a challenge to other clubs. Last year's drive raised 867 units of non-perishable items. All proceeds will go to Caritas.

Sales from softdrinks, books aid in scholarships, 'campus needs'

By MIKE MELTON

Revenues from vending operations and the campus bookstore are traditionally used to raise money for scholarships. The money generated from the sales of vending machine items such as soft drinks and

food, and the campus bookstore profits, are used to fund other campus needs as well and are a primary source of scholarship money as state law requires.

MCC officials met with vendors and discussed the possibility of lowering vending prices to gen-

erate more sales and revenues. After a comparison of cost/profit ratios with other campuses, it was decided MCC's prices were lower than most and higher than some.

The study concluded the vending prices should remain at their

current level to provide the largest profit margin. Johnette McKown, vice president of business services said, "It is good to support the enterprises because they are the only source of revenue we have for scholarships."

New business classes set to open

By GARY LASSETER

Two new classes will be offered by the Office Occupations Department in spring of 1992. The classes are BUS 390W (WINDOWS 3.1) and BUS 316W (WordPerfect for Windows.)

In BUS 390W, the student will learn about elements of WINDOWS 3.1 such as program manager, file manager, control

panel, print, manager, write, PaintBrush, and other accessories such as calendar and calculator. The BUS 390W class will meet Wednesday nights from 6:50 to 9:45 in AS 221. For more information contact instructor Beth Hill or the Learning Center office at 750-3564.

WordPerfect for Windows will be a beginning word processing

class teaching create, revise, formatting, spellcheck, headers and footers, and merge. The student will learn to operate WordPerfect in the windows environment. Techniques for operation of the mouse also will be included. BUS 316W will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:50 to 9:45 in AS 221. For more information, contact instructor Gloria Evans at

750-3665.

Both classes will be taught on the new 486 computers in the Learning Center. These computers operate at 33 megahertz, with 8 megabytes of RAM memory.

Pre-requisite: 30 words per minute keyboarding skill.

More courses being offered

By IVONNE RODRIGUEZ

New transfer and developmental courses have been initiated.

Some of the courses are ENG 311; MAT 100, 101, 102; BUS 331, 331L, 335, 335L; and CDP 115, 315.

These courses are for the benefit of the students, said Dr. Richard Drum, vice-president instruction. They are designed for students who have recently passed the TASP and are recommended to another class and for students who need remediation.

The transfer and developmental courses are for students who want to go on self-paced and obtain credits at their own speed. The courses will go through the end of the semester.

5K, 1-mile run scheduled for November 21

By EMILY NORTHRUP

MCC will serve as host Saturday, Nov. 21, for its second annual 5K and one mile Fun Run/Walk. This event is for all ages, and the college welcomes children, parents, grandparents and wheel-chair bound entrants. The event began last year to contribute to the celebration of MCC's 25-year anniversary. More than 300 people participated.

For the one-mile race, trophies will be awarded to the first five male and female finishers. For the 5K race, trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female winners and to the first three male and female finishers in the following age divisions: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

To register, pick up the blue entry forms on campus, or call 750-3657 or 750-3420. The one mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9 a.m. The entry fees for the races are \$10 for early registration (through Nov. 6) and \$12 after Nov. 6 and on race day.

Attention: STARLINK transponder coming

By GARY LASSETER

The Starlink transponder is scheduled to bring six more teleconferences to the school during the 1992-1993 academic year.

STARLINK, (State of Texas Academic Resources LINK) is a satellite based teleconference training network, a network of Texas community colleges and technical institutes supported by funds from The Carl Perkins Act, through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and managed by Austin Community College and The Dallas County Community College District.

For more information contact the office of regional representative Al Pollard.



Photo by Carrie Prewitt

Great Pumpkins! Halloween just around corner

H.E.B. BUILDS MOUNTAIN of pumpkins as part of their Halloween advertisement displays.

Local newspaper religion page editor speaks to Press Club

By ROBERT CERVANTES

The religion page editor for the Waco Tribune Herald spoke to the Press Club on Sept. 23.

Kristie Watthuber, 1987 graduate of Livingston High School, cum laude, received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Sam Houston State University in August, 1991.

At Sam Houston, Watthuber was the editor of the school newspaper, *The Houstonian*. In this, she coordinated news coverage, supervising staff writers, editors and photographers, layout and design, writing and editing.

While on staff of *The Houstonian*, Watthuber was also chief correspondent for the *Trinity*

Gazette May-July, 1990. Here, she covered two school districts, two police departments, sheriff's department, hospital district and city beats.

Watthuber came to the *Tribune Herald* from *The Huntsville Item*, for which she was the education and general assignments reporter.

Chihuahua ghost spotted on hilltop

By MIKE MELTON

Thirty-two Water holes to the east, and 200 deadly miles to the west. Nothing in your line of vision for miles but rocks, brush, a mesa, a hill, an occasional ridge or hill and Apaches.

If you were a soldier from Fort Davis or a traveler on a Concord Overland Stage you would see the Apaches only when they decided to ambush you. You were entering Fort Davis, Texas. Beyond the fort under the cottonwoods along Limpia Creek was a settlement named Chihuahua consisting mainly of adobe houses.

In Chihuahua was a girl named Dolores who lived with her father. The time was in the late 1800s. Dolores was a good woman who was equalled in her kindness only by her beauty. She was the most beautiful young woman of her township.

A shepherd named Jose Chavez was deeply in love with Dolores. He was truly her equal. He could shoot his rifle as good as any man from Tennessee, and fight like a Texan or the Devil, the choice was up to you. Herode his grey mustang like a wild Indian, but possessed a great fear of the Apache. All men in the territory feared the Apache, they were scared to stop at a water hole and envisioned them lying in wait behind every watering hole.

Jose finally gained the necessary courage and asked for Dolores' hand in marriage. Together, they built their future house of adobe brick by brick. They decided to be married upon the house's completion and considered the time spent building as their engagement period. When the house was finally finished they were to be married on the following Thursday.

Jose was known to tense Dolores about her fear of his line of occupation. It seems Jose had to drive his sheep down Musquiz Canyon, where many men had perished at the hands, or shall we say arrows and knives, of the Apaches. Jose was a loving, accommodating type of a guy and would console Dolores by agreeing with her request to build a fire atop the nearest hill. The idea was for Dolores to do the same on top of the mountain near their home. Therefore they would know each other was alive and well. On one hand it comforted Dolores, yet it was not a good idea to light a fire and let the Apaches know where you were.

Each night Jose was away from Dolores he would oblige her wishes and build the fire accordingly; after all she would soon be his wife. Each night Dolores would struggle up the mountain side, gathering firewood along the way and build her fire and stare into the blackness of the night awaiting Jose's

answering fire. She would fret and worry, then finally see a fire on a distant hillside. The future Chavez's would know each other was responsible for the fire and would sleep the night away with a firm contentedness in their dreams.

They were to be married on Thursday. Dolores climbed the mountain, gathered firewood and built a fire. She awaited the returning fire on the distant hill, but it never returned. They found Jose, dead, riddled and scalped. Dolores followed her husband to be to the grave, instead of the altar.

The townspeople noticed the change in Dolores. She no longer possessed the light of laughter in her eyes. She continued to live with her father and do her daily woman's chores, but on each Thursday she would mysteriously disappear. It was discovered she was returning to the mountain and building a fire. She would make hundreds of journeys up the mountain until her premature death.

Her last fire was seen by travelers on a lower mesa of the mountain. Several days later it was discovered she had perished on the mesa. Several people have had strange experiences in the territory. The common denominator of all reports is she has been seen courting her way up the mountain and several fires have been seen afterwards.

Doubles team wins regional Rolex tournament

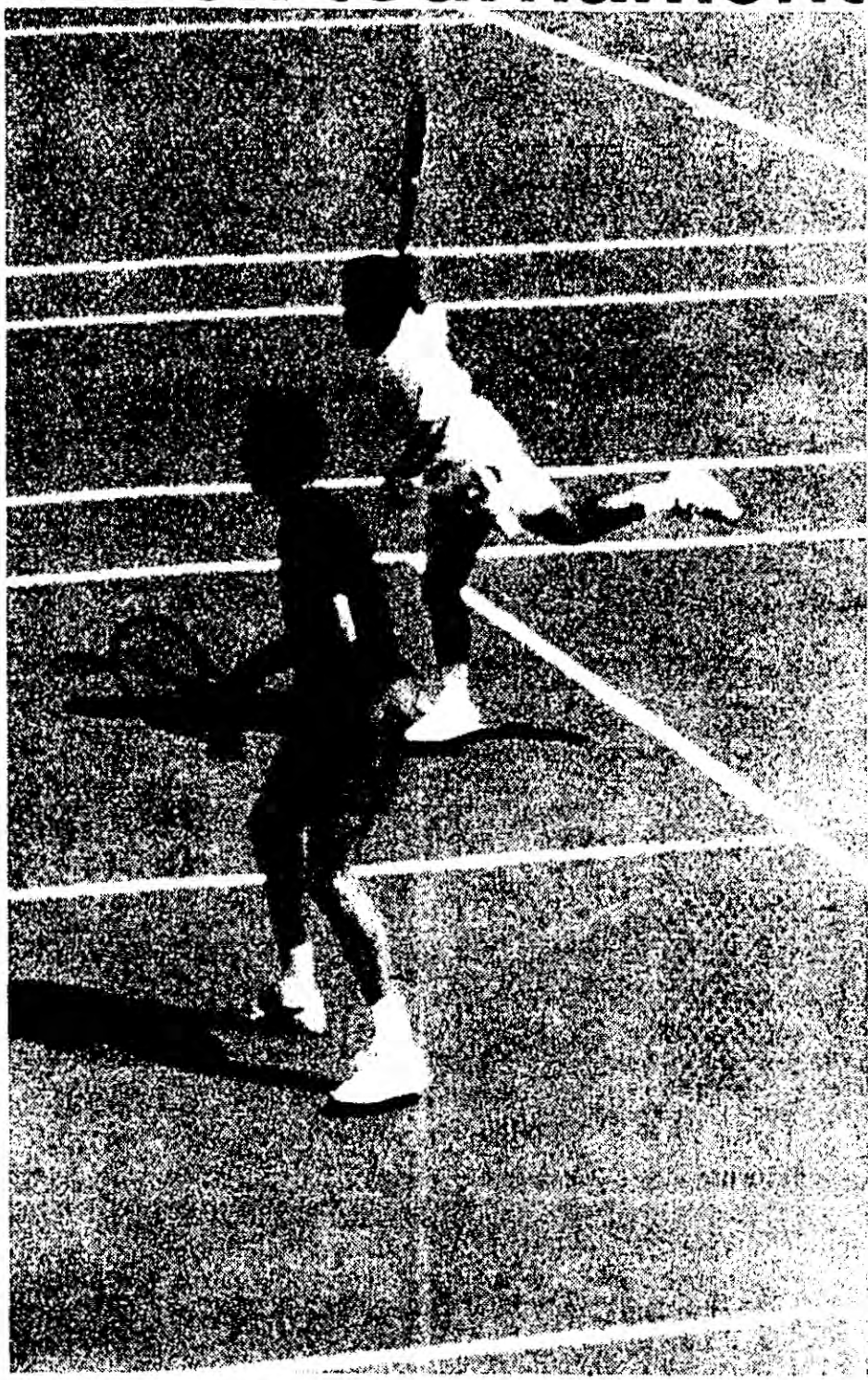
“Doubles is working together as a team and keeping your partner pumped.”

By KIMBERLY SUTTON
When they walk on the court together, spectators smile and opponents may want to laugh. But the doubles team of James Conda and Jose Gottschild is no laughing matter. The twosome will be competing in the ROLEX National Junior College Championships this Thursday-Saturday in Corpus Christi. The duo earned this right

by winning the regional ROLEX tournament defeating the No. 2 seed in the process. For male tennis players, Gottschild, 6-5, is unusually tall and Conda, 5-6, is unusually small. Gottschild stands 9 inches above his counterpart making the two a unique pair. Despite their difference in height, the two work well together complementing the each other's strengths and compensating for the other's weaknesses. Conda's aggressive style of play causes him to be positioned close to the net. This leaves a section of the court open making him susceptible to a high lob. Because of his height, these high lobs are sometimes hard to reach. “I don't worry too much because I know Jose will be there to cover for me if I can't reach the ball,” says Conda. Gottschild doesn't consider Conda's height a great disadvantage. “There's advantages and disadvantages with any partner,” says Gottschild. One definite advantage is

Conda's “Michael Chang-like” groundstrokes and consistent volleys which position Gottschild for the “kill” at the net. Both players are experienced in doubles and prefer it over singles. Gottschild, a 1991 All-American in doubles, enjoys the teamwork involved. “I like having someone to talk to while I play,” Gottschild said. Conda, ranked No. 3 in the boy's 18 doubles division, also enjoys playing as a team. “Doubles is working together as a team and keeping your partner pumped. It's great having someone to share the pressure of the match with while I'm playing,” Conda said. The two Highlanders will share the pressure of trying to outlast opponents and make it to the World Series of Tennis this weekend.

Conda and Gottschild begin play Thursday in the national Rolex tournament.



PARTNERS Jose Gottschild (left) and James Conda rally for the point during the regional Rolex tournament.

Rolex sponsors tourney as part of 'World Series' of tennis

By KIMBERLY SUTTON
The tennis team and Charlie McCleary Tennis Center played host to six schools Oct. 3-5 as part of the ROLEX Intercollegiate Regional Tennis Championships. ROLEX sponsored the tournament and supplied tennis balls, banners, and t-shirts for players and coaches. Winners in the singles division will enjoy an all-expenses paid trip to the National ROLEX Championships in Corpus Christi Thursday-Saturday. Doubles winners will participate in the tournament, but they won't have the luxury of an all-expenses paid trip. Players emerging victorious in the national tournament will compete Sunday and Monday in the World Series of Small College Tennis also in Corpus Christi. This tournament will feature the national junior college champions, the national NAIA champions, and the NCAA Division II and III national champions. The winners of the World Series tournament will be flown to Minneapolis to participate in the NCAA Division I ROLEX National Championships.

Freshman Highlassies shine while out-performing opponents

Gledhill, Moreno boost records with wins at Collin County tournament

By KIMBERLY SUTTON
She appears tiny and fragile like a newborn fawn, but she possesses the strength and fight of a tiger. Freshman tennis player Jodie Gledhill, who stands at 5 feet, towers above her competition. She faces opponents twice her size but does not consider it a disadvantage. “I don't think about my size when I'm on the court; I try to focus on each point. I've never been taught bigger is better,” says Gledhill. Gledhill's powerful groundstrokes and quick feet have given her a win/loss record of 10-2. She won her first tournament of the year, the MCC Invitational, losing only three games. She then rallied to the quarterfinals of the regional ROLEX tournament before losing in three sets. Most recently, Gledhill was a finalist in Flight 1 of the Collin

County Invitational Tournament. Playing Cooke's Karla Golfin, Gledhill dropped the first set 1-6. “At that point, I told myself to keep the ball in play and wait for her to make a mistake,” says Gledhill. In the middle of the second set, Gledhill twisted her ankle. “I wasn't dying in pain so I decided to keep playing,” she said. Playing with a fragile ankle, she held on to win the set 6-3. Gledhill rallied to 5-5 in the third set before falling 5-7. Although Gledhill's game is centered around her fast footwork and strong groundstrokes, her will to win gives her an edge over most opponents. She plays with a competitive spirit and a sense of determination that few people can match. “I really hate to lose. You learn when you lose, but I still don't like it,” says Gledhill. Another Highlassie enjoying

some success is freshman JoAnn Moreno. Moreno ousted her fellow competitors in Flight 3 of the Collin County Invitational Tournament wrapping up first place. In the finals, Moreno opposed Arza Taskin from Collin County. Taskin challenged Moreno in the first set, but Moreno played steady to win it 7-6. Moreno upped her level of play in the second set defeating Taskin 6-0. Having played on the Texas tennis circuit, Moreno said the competition in college is much stronger. She also said she feels a greater amount of pressure to perform well. “I know what I do here will be looked at by universities,” Moreno said. Moreno also enjoys playing for the team. “I feel like we are all a team, and whatever we do it's for each other.”



PLAYERS listen as Coach Ken DeWeese explains the next drill in preparation for the season opener against Blinn.



Terrance Bethel watches his teammates during practice.

First game, men here on Nov. 3

First game, women Nov. 5 in Odessa

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 3	.....Blinn	.....H 7:00
Nov. 6-7	.....Cen-Tex Classic	.....H TBA
Nov. 9	.....San Jac. Central	.....H TBA
Nov. 13-14	.....MCC/Gatti's Tourn.	.....H TBA
Nov. 20-21	.....Hill Classic	.....T TBA
Nov. 24	.....Mary Hardin-Baylor	.....T 5:00
Dec. 1	.....Collin County	.....H 7:30
Dec. 4-5	.....Temple Classic	.....T TBA
Dec. 9	.....Brookhaven	.....H 7:30
Dec. 17	.....Temple	.....H 8:00
Jan. 7	.....Brookhaven	.....H 7:30
Jan. 9	.....Weatherford	.....T 8:00
Jan. 13	.....Cisco	.....H 8:00
Jan. 16	.....Hill	.....T 8:00
Jan. 23	.....Grayson	.....H 8:00
Jan. 27	.....Ranger	.....T 8:00
Jan. 30	.....Southwestern Christian	.....H 8:00
Feb. 1	.....Collin County	.....T 7:30
Feb. 3	.....Temple	.....T 8:00
Feb. 6	.....Weatherford	.....H 8:00
Feb. 10	.....Cisco	.....T 8:00
Feb. 13	.....Hill	.....H 8:00
Feb. 20	.....Grayson	.....T 8:00
Feb. 24	.....Ranger	.....H 8:00
Feb. 27	.....Southwestern Christian	.....T 8:00
Mar. 5-9	.....Tx Jr. Coll. Tourn.	.....H TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 5-7Odessa TournamentT TBA
Nov. 10AngelinaT 6:00
Nov. 14San JacintoT TBA
Nov. 19-21MCC ClassicH TBA
Nov. 24BlinnH 6:00
Dec. 1BlinnT 7:00
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Top Gun Teacher Soars to New Heights

By LEARIE AUSTIN

Remember as a youngster the excitement that came with watching dad assemble that first dollhouse, maybe a model Camaro or even a model airplane. Jim Hail, psychology instructor, has finally realized his childhood dream. He has almost finished building a 24-foot long single-engine plane.

Circling his almost completed handiwork, he proudly ran his fingers across the bright shiny aluminum skin. As he explained the internal structures of ribs, spars and bulkheads which supports the aluminum skin, it was clear that a lot of time and many hours of labor went into the construction of this machine.

Hail said he always had an interest in flying. "Growing up during World War II, there was an emphasis on aircraft. I took my first lesson at the age of 16 in a Luscomb two place airplane."

An adage says that grown men replace their childhood toys with more expensive ones. But this airplane is far from being a toy. Hail is an experienced pilot who has flown about 15 different airplanes, from a single-engine Cessna he once owned to an open cockpit Stearman biplane belonging to a friend.

"I've always wanted to build an airplane that was safe as well as being a good performer. This airplane is all aluminum and riveted, making it lighter and faster," Hail said.

Some people would be skeptical about getting into a home-built plane. But Hail isn't.

Neither is his wife. Sue Hail had confidence in her husband's ability to build this plane. "I'm eager for him to finish it," she

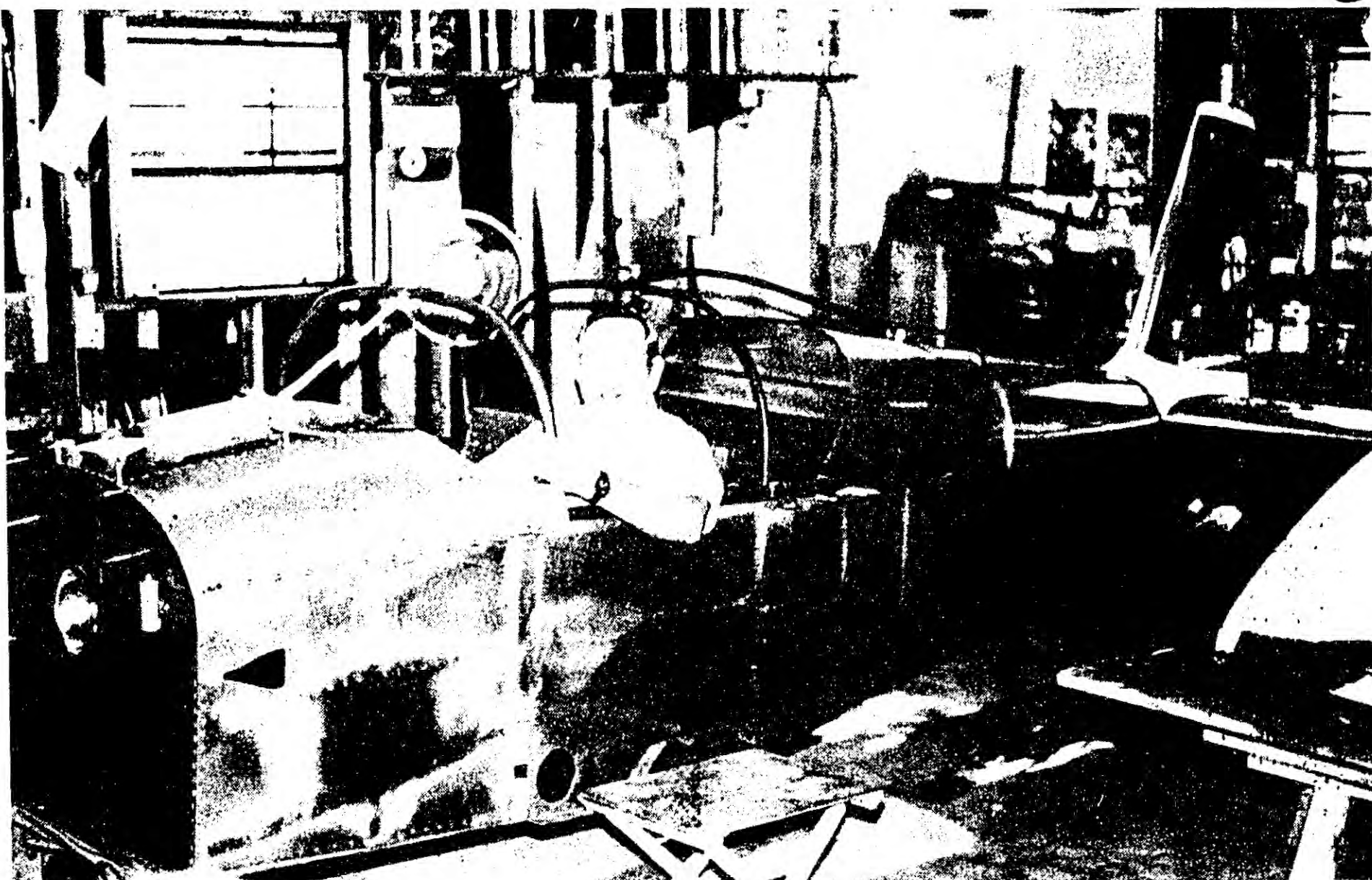


Photo by Mike Melton

Jim Hail sits proudly in his almost completed RV-6 A single engine two-seater airplane. He eagerly awaits his first flight.

said.

Sue also said Hail's mother, who refused to accompany his father on flights, once told him that she will have no problems getting into a plane he built. Hail's father also wanted him to finish building the plane so he could fly in it. He will not get the opportunity to do so. His father died a month ago.

"I have always been involved

in mechanical tinkering, welding, working on cars or rebuilding engines. The RV-6A plane comes in a kit from Van's Aircraft in North Plains, Oregon," Hail said.

The term "kit" is somewhat misleading. The metal is shipped to the customer who then cuts it out, shapes and hand-rivets it together according to specifications.

Hail said some of the work is done at the factory because usually customers don't have hydraulic presses or special machinery to bend the metal. The wing ribs came stamped out and bent, but he still had to trim and shape them.

The RV-6A kits qualify under the FAA's 51 percent rule which means the customer/

builder has to do over half of the work and the manufacturer the other 49 percent. These kits also qualify for licensing in the experimental amateur built category.

Due to Federal Aviation Administration regulations, only certified mechanics can work on aircraft. However, as its builder, Hail has obtained certification in order to work on the plane.

He also has to register the plane with the FAA before flying it. An FAA inspector has to inspect it and issue an air-worthiness certificate which must be displayed in the airplane at all times.

Hail said with over 30 years flying experience he has never had a close call while flying. According to Richard Smith, the general manager of Van's Aircraft, the safety record for this airplane is good.

"With over 2,400 kits sold to date and 350 RV-6A's already built and flown, we have had no problems with this aircraft. There have been only two accidents which were due to pilot error," Smith said. His firm has been a leading supplier of aircraft kits since 1973.

After 65 sheets of blueprints, each one detailing a particular part of the airplane and approximately \$20,000.00 in cost for the entire airplane, Hail is anxious to put it in the air. He plans to do just that next July.

"I have spent four years to date working on the plane. I plan to have it ready to fly to the National Fly-In at Oshkosh, Wis. Oshkosh is the 'mecca' for home builders of airplanes," he said.

According to Hail, the fly-in sponsored by the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) is the largest fly-in convention and airshow in the world. Hail's plane will be 19 ft. 11 inches long and 7 ft. high with a wing span of 23 ft. The wing area is 110 sq. ft. He will be able to take off at a distance of 300 ft. and reach speeds of 200 mph. With a 150 horsepower Lycoming engine and 2 place, side-by-side seating the RV-6A is primarily a cross-country airplane made for speed and long distance flying.

Music Inspires Success

By ROBERT CERVANTES

When Ruth Pitts was a little girl, she loved to sing.

Knowing also that she could play football and baseball with the other children even with a severe handicap in her legs and hands gave to her the attitude, "if others could do it, I could do it, too."

Besides singing, Pitts also wanted to play the piano, but she was not allowed to take lessons until the fourth grade because her parents feared her handicap might let her down, and they only let her take the lessons after hearing that she had been giving piano performances at school.

"They had to let me figure out my own fingering," Pitts said.

Her piano playing continued in high school and at church, she also enjoyed singing a cappella.

But it would be at Baylor University where she would discover where music would fit in her life.

"When the Missionary Board for the Southern Baptist Convention told me that they did not send handicapped medical missionaries to foreign countries, I decided to change majors," Pitts said. "But I always said that I would not go into music professionally, especially not teaching," she said.

However, in 1960, Pitts received a bachelor's degree in music. She was then approached by a dean of Baylor University and asked if she would like to pursue a doctorate's degree, which she attained from the

Peabody Conservatory of Music with the assistance from a scholarship from the National Defense Association, one of only six offered that year. Pitts' degree includes music history and music theory.

Pitts began her teaching career in Nashville, then moved to Houston. But she would not stop there. She found herself moving to Dallas and then to Waco to teach one semester at Baylor University. She has been at MCC for 15 years teaching private voice and piano, music theory, music literature and class piano. This year, Pitts is also teaching a course in basic college skills.

Besides all that, she also has a private studio in her home.

"This gives me the opportunity to share my love for

something with people," Pitts said. "I also try to share my love for life as well."

Pitts has also played the organ and led the choir at the Veterans Administration Hospital. According to Pitts, music is "very good therapy for the patients."

"I hope to pass on my enthusiasm for music on to my students," Pitts said. "I also want them to love music and become proficient enough to use it."

Pitts has two children, Billy, 28, and Jimmy, 25, both whom attended Baylor where her husband teaches history.

"Just the experience of music adds a great deal to education. It also adds to life."

El Muerto, The Headless One

By MIKE MELTON

The real headless horseman of Texas lies in a grave south of Ben Bolt, near Corpus Christi in La Trinidad's cemetery named Rancho Cemintario. The horseman's name was known only as Vidal.

Vidal was a rustler. He made his last mistake. He rustled some horses from a man named Creed Taylor. Taylor and a man named Flores decided to track down this bushwhacking horse thief. They came upon his trail, tracking him for several days before running into a man named Bigfoot Wallace. Wallace informed the pair that he, too, was in pursuit of the thief. The three men joined together and rode hard into the night. They awoke early to find they were in close proximity to Vidal's camp for the night. They got down on their bellies and crawled through the high grass. They got ever so close to Vidal. When he awoke they filled him full of lead, perhaps in fear more than reason.

A reward was on Vidal's head, but Bigfoot Wallace's sense of humor denied it. The three men beheaded Vidal.

The men selected the wildest

Mustang they could readily find. Vidal's headless body was secured to his new mount. His hands were tied to the pommel and his hat was secured by leather thongs worked through his jawbones, then his head was tied to the saddle horn.

The Mustang bolted off in the distance, the entire way bucking his rider with no success. The men responsible for this evil deed figured they had created an excellent warning to all rustlers in the area.

El Muerto, the headless one, would reign terror into the minds of everyone from Corpus Christi to Eagle Pass. Indians, soldiers, common man and uncommon man alike would see El Muerto and fire their weapon in fear. Their bullets would not end the terror. The horse would rear up and be off in the night. Finally his horse was captured at a watering hole and his remains, bullet ridden, were buried.

The citizens of this area in remote locations still see El Muerto despite the knowledge his body has been buried.

Halloween Ghost Stories

By ANN JONES

About a hundred years ago, when malaria was an epidemic, a 20 year old man from Georgia named Charlie Papworth fell in love with a girl named Jenny. She had brown eyes and was rather plain, but Charlie thought she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. They were soon married and had a baby boy they named Temple. Charlie had always wanted to live in Texas, so as soon as Jenny and the baby were able to travel, they packed up their meager household possessions in a covered wagon, hitched up the oxen and headed out.

The trip was very rough. They could only travel at a speed of 25 miles a day. The trip was long and dusty. They traveled down to New Orleans, where they crossed the Mississippi. They finally came upon a beautiful green spot in Greens Creek, a small community now located about 80 miles from present day Dallas, and it was there they made their home. Charlie and Jenny soon made friends with the local Indians and their neighbors, the Keith family, and the McDows,

who had given their name to the local creek, McDow's Hole.

Five years went by. The Papworth's began to prosper and life became easier. Jenny had another child. Then came the news that both of Charlie's parents had died. Charlie decided to make the trip back to Georgia to settle his parents' estate. Jenny stayed home.

He was afraid for her and the children to be by themselves, so every evening they would ride to one of the neighbors homes and spend the night.

One evening, a month after Charlie had left, Jenny failed to appear at either place. The next morning, when the Keiths and the McDows realized something was wrong, they went to the Papworth cabin and found blood on the floor and signs of a struggle. Six year old Temple was found hiding under the bed, but he was so scared he was unable to tell anyone what had happened to his mother and the baby.

A local man named Brownlow (not his real name), said it must have been Indians. But when Charlie returned home, he be-

came convinced it was Brownlow who had murdered his wife.

One night Brownlow led a group of vigilantes to the Papworth cabin. They dragged Charlie outside, threw a rope over a tree and hung him. But after they left, the little boy Temple got a knife and cut him down. Charlie and Temple left town.

Soon after that, a man named Charlie Atkisson bought the Papworth cabin. That is when the legend of the Ghost of McDow's Hole began. The morning after Atkisson spent his first night in the cabin, he was found dead with a look of utter horror on his face.

Next a father and son who were related to the Keith family moved into the cabin. The next morning they said that during the night they had suddenly felt a cold breeze come through the closed window of the cabin. Suddenly the ghost of a woman resembling Jenny Papworth appeared floating near the ceiling. When the two men tried to talk to her, she let out a blood-curdling scream and

disappeared. So did the two men.

In the following years there have been other sightings. Two train engineers reported seeing a woman on the railroad track. They thought they had run over her, but when they stopped the train and looked, they could find nothing. They reported seeing her every other night for months.

Another man who was out horseback riding late at night stopped at McDow's Hole to let his horse get a drink of water. He saw the ghost of a woman float up and ride behind him on his horse, then disappear.

On his death bed, Brownlow confessed to his daughter that he had murdered Jenny Papworth.

Twenty years ago the body of a woman and child were found just a few feet from McDow's Hole. No one knows for sure if they are the bodies of Jenny Papworth and her child.

Corrections

The following are corrections to the errors in the Oct. 8 issue:
In the News Brief section F.A. Gilderalee is a male and not a female.

ODP lab hours are as follows:

- Monday-Thursday 8am-9:50 pm
- Friday 8am-4:50 pm
- Saturday 10am-12:50pm

In the "Abuse of Pell Grants" story the Highland Herald reported that "...students have an account with the money they qualify for and can charge tuition, books, fees and supplies to the account." Students can charge tuition and fees to their accounts but must request authorization for book and supply charges.

Also in the same story it was reported that 1.9 million was spent on Pell Grants and student loans. It should have read approximately \$1.0 million was spent on Pell Grants and 2.3 million was spent on Federal Student Loan Programs.



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Bits and pieces

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I am going to tell you about the burning of heavy metal records, country and western records played backwards, the U.S. Post Office's upcoming musical releases, Jimmy Buffett's new craft and an update on Gilligan's Island.

While pondering the controversies of years gone by, I recalled the fanatic groups who burned heavy metal records because they played them backwards and convinced themselves they were hearing evil messages. What good did they accomplish by burning records? They made teenagers across the country mad enough to realize certain groups of people can become so fanatical they lose their original perspective. Love thy neighbor? Forgive and forget? The point here is the teenagers heard the songs on the radio anyway so all the groups accomplished was filling our atmosphere with thick, black, ugly vinyl smoke. My conclusion to this thought was a good witch hunt accompanied by a good burning at the stake really works for some people. I keep humorous thoughts concerning the day's trivial annoyances in the back of my head. It works for me, so here's a joke for all you fanatics.

What happens when you play a country and western record backwards?

You ride out of a sunset, live happily ever after with the woman you love, fall in love with the woman you love, get in a fight with the dude you see your woman dancing with, go to a honky tonk where you know you'll run into the woman you love, get back your recently repossessed pickup truck, have a tough time beating alcoholism, you're all alone, your dog gets run over, your woman leaves you, you get caught in the hayloft with your woman's best friend, your woman says not tonight I've got a headache, you come home drunk again. Records always sound better and have a happy ending if you play the record in the right direction, don't they?

Attention, musicians and music lovers. The U.S. Post Office has just announced the release of postage stamps with the pictures of famous singers Elvis Presley, Billie Holiday and the like. If you haven't mailed a letter to a long lost musician friend in a while, when the stamps are released, add some pizzazz to your postage.

All residents and fans of the "Margaritaville Man," beware. Jimmy Buffett not only sells T-shirts, saves manatees and gives live performances he calls "Cheap Vacations," but he is now a novelist. Buffett has just released his first novel "Where Is Joe Merchant?" Joe Merchant is a missing presumed dead rock star (sounds like Elvis) who has been spotted by the public. Joe's sister is a hemorrhoid ointment heiress who employs the aid of her ex-lover, pilot Indiana Jones type guy to track down her brother Joe. Also in the novel are a jet ski killer, a reporter for a cheap tabloid, a guy who tattoos his eyelids with eyes and a woman who gets psychic powers after making love under a satellite dish. Sounds like Jimmy? Buffett fans, this is a must.

Finally, a re-return to Gilligan's Island? Gilligan's Island III or IV? No way. Hard core Gilligan fans beware! A three-hour cruise turned into a three-season run time. The rest is history. Gilligan's Island rated in at no. 18 during its first season but enjoyed phenomenal success in its ability to remain on the air as reruns. A former employee at TBS who was a devoted Gilligan fan had read a book about Gilligan and learned there was a pilot made for test audiences only. The pilot was a success and prompted CBS to buy the series. TBS owns the negatives to Gilligan and began searching its inventory. TBS executives discovered they in fact had the negatives for the pilot and aired it on TBS recently. If you missed it, fear not. The series was rerun so many times, you can count on them rerunning the pilot.

'Yerma' leaves audience spellbound

Director Lou Lindsey's hard work pays off



Photo by Mike Melton

CARISA HERWICK AS YERMA in the closing scene. She has just strangled her husband Juan portrayed by Marcus Nelson as the township looks on.

By MIKE MELTON

A dim spotlight was high upon the red velvet curtain. The euphoric sound of the distant audience prevailed, yet you could hear the people closely whispering with inhibition. The acoustical ambience of the PAC auditorium came into place. You could hear several members of the audience simultaneously ask the time. Suddenly the house lights faded into darkness. The audience was so silent you could cut the atmosphere with a knife.

The curtain rose to its lofty height and the cast of "Yerma" appeared on stage, as the spotlights increased in intensity. The huge columns gave the stage a distinct perspective. In the first scene Carisa Herwick appeared as Yerma in her house and

quickly defined her character's role and psychological profile with definitive professionalism. Yerma's husband "Juan" portrayed by Marcus Nelson was convincing and impressive. Marcus's character was an olive field worker who was set in his ways and beliefs. The entire cast of Yerma literally came to life before my eyes. The cast was truly living the roles they were assigned.

The setting was in timeless Spain. The characters were of a simple nature, deeply rooted in the traditions and culture. Kevin Riley, music student, was a strolling guitarist providing a soft background of Spanish style guitar. The romantic, sometimes tragic guitar sounds provided a beautiful ambience and seemed

to make the stage become entranced. The laundress scene provided a pleasing visual stimuli which was enhanced by a beautiful melodic chorus.

Yerma was driven to practical insanity because she could not bear children. Her life and emotions had become a barren wasteland likened to a thistle on the dry desert. She tried to deal with these emotions and even incorporated the help of the local friendly sorcerer to no avail. The male and female mask scene drew oohs and aahs from the audience as they appeared in a spotlight above the rest of the stage. The final scene of the program also drew an unexpected audience response as it came to a shocking conclusion, Yerma killed her husband in a

momentary lapse of reason.

Director Lou Lindsey rehearsed the actors over 100 hours and the hard work paid off in splendor. The costumes designed by Cynthia Turnbull-Langley were quite impressive and helped create the illusion of a Spanish village. Jim Rambo designed the set which included a beautiful candlelight dinner table scene, a provocative bedroom scene and incorporated stimulating visuals which enhanced the reality of the play. Pollard Galipp designed the lighting and did a magnificent job creating the illusions of fantasy during the mask scene.

The drama department next production will be "Dance Machine" directed by Jerry MacLaughlin.

Art Center showcases Central Texans

BY MELANIE GERIK

Thirty-eight Texas artists are presently exhibiting their works at the Central Texas Competition at The Art Center. The exhibit will run from Oct. 16 to Nov. 22.

The artists were chosen by sending in slides of their works to The Art Center. Then the slides were sent to independent juror Lynn Castle, curator of Art Museum of Southeast Texas.

According to Sarah Logan, coordinator of the show, many media are represented, including paintings, drawings, prints, pottery, and photographs.

Out of the 38 artists represented in the show, 14 are from the Waco area and four are from the Temple area. The remaining artists are from across the state of Texas.

Among the works shown are a painting entitled "At Rest," by

Barney Fitzpatrick, MCC art and photography teacher. Another MCC art instructor, John Chatmas, is exhibiting a painting entitled "Trees, Blue Jays, and Bees."

Also included in the exhibit are students Chris Donaldson and Owen Towels. Donaldson is showing a multi-media painting entitled "Captive," and Towels is exhibiting a painting entitled "Structural Extensions #2."

Wind Symphony to perform Friday

By MIKE MELTON

The music department will present the MCC Wind Symphony in a performance Friday Oct. 23 at 10:10 a.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center.

The Wind Symphony will present a program of various literature written for the concert band. The program will include "Chicago Tribune March" by W. Paris Chambers; "Across The Wide Missouri" arranged by Claude T. Smith; "Tryptich II" by Elliot Del Borgo; and a medley of tunes from the "Music Man" by Meredith Wilson.

The ensemble consists of wind and percussion students from the music department as well as students in various degree programs. The performance will be conducted by MCC director of bands and percussion studies instructor, James Popajoy. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Today 20-21...call extension 679.....Auditions for "Dance Machine"
Tonight8 P.M.....WH...Waco Symphony Orch. featuring Alexei Sultanov
Friday 2310 A.M.....SC.....Dance Co. variety show
Sat. 241 P.M.....Art CenterOpen Workshop
Sat. 24-25772-1942.....Convention CenterArts and Crafts Show
Sat. 24-25776-1660.....H.O.T. FairgroundsPonies of America Show
Sunday 252 P.M.....Art CenterMaskmaking
Sunday 25Daylight Savings (set your clock back one hour)
Monday 2610 A.M.....Game Room9 Ball tournament
Monday 269-12 A.M.....SC.....Criminal Justice Career Day
Wed. 2810 A.M.....Game RoomCard tournament
Wed. 28SC LoungeBlood Drive
Thurs. 29776-1660.....H.O.T. FairgroundsDucks Unlimited Banquet
Friday 3010 A.M.....SC.....Halloween Mini Concert & Costume Contest
Friday 30-31H.O.T. FairgroundsOTRCA Old Timers Rodeo
Friday 30-31H.O.T. FairgroundsCTBRA Barrel Racing
Sat. 31750-5992.....Charlie McLeary CenterGoblins Tennis Tournament
Sat. 31750-5728.....call for locationsKeep Waco Beautiful (trash cleanup)
Sat. 31Halloween

NOVEMBER

Monday 2Express Registration until December 4
Monday 210 A.M.....Game Room8 Ball tournament

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