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Photo by Sam Allgood

JEAN PHILLIPS, teaching assistant in the computer lab, checks faculty and students' disks for the Stone II virus that has infiltrated the campus.

Virus invades campus

By SAM ALLGOOD

When Rhonda Medina arrived at her desk-top publishing class Oct. 25, she learned first-hand of a bizarre virus spreading across the campus.

"I came in and was told my disks were infected," said Medina. She was told her three 5.25 inch floppy diskettes had a computer virus but had been disinfected, she said.

Virus identified

Also in the Applied Science Building, Beth Hill, office occupations/computer data processing instructor, said the virus had been discovered the day before. She identified the virus as Stone II. "It puts a message on your disk that your disk has been stoned."

Stoned translates into a crashed or corrupted disk, said Hill. It makes the disk unusable. The data on it cannot be recovered, she said.

The Stone II virus stays on a computer's hard disk infecting any disk exposed to it, can be transmitted from computer to computer, operates on a time delay and spreads quickly, said Hill. "We found it every place — some computers were infected in each of the four (computer) classrooms." As of Oct. 25, "All of the micros in all of the rooms (in AS building) have been disinfected," she said. "To prevent them from being re-infected, we have to disinfect all students' disks."

"We've found several students' and instructors' disks containing the virus," Hill said. "You'll never know it's there until it does its damage unless you run a program on it."

She advises organizations and businesses to develop plans to check microcomputers for viruses. "It's something you may as well plan for. It's going to happen."

"I look at it as a new procedure we have to implement," said Hill. "It's an inconvenience to the faculty and students but it's also a learning experience."

Downstairs in the computer lab the virus has also visited. "We found it in practically every machine in this room," said Jean Phillips, teaching assistant.

All of the lab computers were disinfected Oct. 24, she said.

Virus clearing service

Phillips advises students and faculty members, "Before they use any computers, they can come by the lab and we'll check their diskettes and take out the virus." Furthermore, "If we find the virus on the diskette and they have a computer with a hard disk, we will lend them software to disinfect it," she said.

She said the virus was at TSTI several weeks ago. "We have students who go there and here. It's probably how it got so widespread." She added, "I hope we

never get another one. This one's been bad enough."

Across the hall from the computer lab, on the other side of the glassed-in main-frame computer room is Robert Ritchie's office. The campus microcomputer programmer/support specialist, he said the virus would not affect the massive main-frame unit, which is the heart of the college network.

Campus-wide eradication

On Oct. 26, a plan of attack was scheduled to be established and was to be put into action Oct. 29, he said. The Administration building will be the first target and the entire campus (about 300 computers) will be cleared in three weeks, said Ritchie.

The City of Waco has spent \$3,200 to rid itself of this virus and TSTI has spent \$6,000. MCC's cost is \$6,775, minus a 10 per cent college discount, said Ritchie.

Pit puzzle solved

By MARY KUJAWA

Editor's Note: Sherry Berger, criminal justice major, and Pattie Ondrej, data processing major, are the winners in the Highland Herald's "Puzzle of the Pit" contest. Berger and Ondrej work at Central Duplicating on campus. The "Puzzle of the Pit" began when an Englishman tipped the Highland Herald about a mysterious pit on campus. Berger and Ondrej were the first ones to correctly guess the mystery of the pit. Their story follows.

It looked like another quiet day in the life of "Indiana" Berger and her sidekick, Ondrej, until they happened to pick up that fated Highland Herald. On the front page was a picture of a mysterious pit. The picture seemed to leap at them, and in that moment they knew they must be the ones to find the pit and solve the mystery.

After carefully reading the article and analyzing the picture, Berger and Ondrej sent out their faithful scouts to inspect the area. The scouts twice came back empty-handed.

Giving up on the scouts, Berger and Ondrej decided that it was a job meant for the "brains of the outfit."

They began to search in the dense brush and woods behind the Art Center. Their exploratory efforts led to the discovery of

an old greenhouse and an old skeet shoot, but no pit.

They returned to civilization to re-read the article. They analyzed each word, looking for clues amidst the nouns and verbs. They went home to rest, only to dream about it at night. They had become obsessed with the mystery of the pit.

In desperation, they called the distinguished Englishman for clues. He was the only person who seemed to know about the pit.

The Englishman gave the sleuths some general clues. "He pointed us in the right direction," said Berger.

They went back into the woods in another direction from the parking lot. After much struggling in the undergrowth, they came out of the woods, only to be greeted by the sound of laughing spectators.

In a last attempt, they re-entered the woods at a clearing at the far end of the parking lot. Armed only with big sticks for protection against copperheads, they practically crawled through the briars. They had decided to "work their way westward."

Unexpectedly, Berger and Ondrej stumbled upon an above-ground barbecue pit. The pit was large enough to roast whole sides of beef. A short distance away, a second brick barbecue pit stood

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Photo by Nathan Sandusky

SHERRY BERGER, left, and Patty Ondrej pause in their search for the illusive mystery pit. They struck pay-dirt after searching the dense brush and woods behind the Art Center.

American Smokeout: leaving the pack behind

By SHAWN RISENER

Millions of smokers across the country will take a break and try not to smoke for 24 hours on Nov. 15 during the Great American Smokeout, while non-smokers can adopt a smoker for the day and promise to help that friend get through the day without a cigarette, according to the American Cancer Society.

Free survival kits will be provided to interested students and faculty in the Student Center 10-11 a.m. on Nov. 15.

The event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, that suggests the following "quit" tips: —hide all ashtrays, matches, etc.

—obtain a supply of sugarless gum, carrot sticks, etc.

—drink liquids, but pass up coffee and alcohol.

—tell everyone you are quitting for the day.

—when the urge to smoke hits, take a deep breath, hold it for 10 seconds and release it slowly.

—exercise to relieve the tension and try the "buddy system" and ask a friend to quit too.

Off campus enrollment shows slight decrease

By AIMEE FARR

The fall 1990 enrollment figures don't show much change from previous fall semesters, except the off-campus credit enrollment has fluctuated, ending in a small decrease.

Much of this is due to the drop in enrollment at Mexia State School. Enrollment dropped by 216 students from the 1989 fall semester. Also, the Waco Center for Youth, Waco V.A. Medical Center and Smithville report zero enrollment.

The Waco Center for Youth could not come up with a negotiable contract due to finding problems and had to drop the program, said Karen Clark, a trainee. The program enabled new employees to get college credit for their mandatory mental health training program, she said.

A representative for the Mexia State School said many factors contributed to the lower enrollment this semester. "For instance, when the employee rate is down, it makes it harder for employees to make time to attend classes. As for the program, we couldn't

have asked for better," said Cathy Taylor of staff development.

Another reason the enrollment at Mexia State School seems low is because they have several fall enrollments. They have two to three enrollments, said Donnie Hagan, Director of Human Services Programs.

The classes range from dorm management to how to feed a mentally retarded adult, he said.

Willie Hobbs, director of admissions and registrar, said they are currently working on an update, but don't expect any significant changes in the enrollment figures.

"We won't close the off-campus centers. A newly appointed off-campus coordinator will hopefully assist in increased enrollment," he said.

These figures for the off-campus enrollment can sometimes be misleading, Hobbs said. For instance, some students enrolled in October and were not counted in the census. The census was taken on the twelfth class day.

The Texas Department of Corrections, Crossroads West, and the Downtown Center are

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OFF-CAMPUS FALL CREDIT ENROLLMENT

	1989	1990
Midway H.S.	19	65
Texas Dept. of Corrections	0	99
Waco Headstart Centers	11	21
Mexia State School	396	179
Bryan	0	31
Temple	45	62
Marlin	25	55
Methodist Home	18	26
Waco Center for Youth	81	0
Waco V.A. Medical Center	46	0
Smithville	32	0
Crossroads West	0	63
Downtown	0	54
TOTAL	673	655

Trustees approve

Child development center

By SAM ALLGOOD

The Board of Trustees members approved a \$300,000 child development center, received clarification of enrollment figures and volunteered for several college re-accreditation self-study committees in their regular meeting Oct. 22.

The board approved a 1990-91 school year Physical Plant Fund Budget of \$498,704. In addition to the child development center, money was allocated for both the library and the Health and Physical Education Building's so called "asbestos gym," from which all asbestos has been removed.

Off-campus enrollment

A report on potentially misleading enrollment figures was given by Willie Hobbs, director of admissions/registrar. On paper, the Mexia State School was down about 200 students and 20,000 contact hours from this same time last year. He attributed the loss to a large number of flexible entry classes. The classes started in October and are counted in the spring semester, he said.

President Dennis Michaelis said, "We don't know that we've

lost those 20,000 hours. We probably have not." He added, "It will probably be up 20,000 in the spring."

The Waco Center for Youth dropped from 81 students in 1989 to 0 in 1990. The program at the center had been dropped, said Michaelis.

Cosmetology enrollment

The cosmetology program showed decreases in its third and fourth quarters but picked up some this fall, said Hobbs. The college operates a high-school program along with the college program. Hobbs said the trend is for fewer students in the college classes if we run both programs at once.

Cosmetology high school student enrollment figures are separate from college figures. "The program does well," said Michaelis. The costs are the same for each program, he added.

To lure students into the college program, specialty courses have been approved for students already having licenses, said Michaelis.

Self-study committees

Board members were informed the college's annual 10 year re-

accreditation self-study was underway by Michaelis. "It is an extremely vital process. It is the actual life-blood of this institution," he said.

If the college lost its accreditation, it would lead to dire circumstances such as the loss of financial aid funding and the inability of students to transfer college credits.

Mary Hensley, director of institutional research and program development, asked the board for volunteers to serve on the various committees. Trustees Don Hays, Carl McIntosh, Pauline Chavez, Danny Uptmore and Cleoda Bables answered the call.

Trustee sworn in

Bables, District I trustee, was given the oath of office. "I'm honored to administer the oath," said County Judge Raymond Matkin. Applause followed the ceremony.

Bables was also appointed to the board of the MCC Foundation. He will fill the vacancy left by City Councilman Lawrence Johnson.

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EDITORIALS

Voting decides the future

People are all abuzz about the governor's race, freedom of speech, abortion and flag burning. Today is the time to tell the country how you feel. GO VOTE. The governor's race has been hot and heated. Which candidate, do you think, would be best suited for the job, Ann Richards or Clayton Williams? Well, if no vote is cast then no vote will count. GO VOTE. What else is more important than helping decide the future of the state and the country? TAKE TIME AND VOTE. People are starving in the streets. The environment is dying around us. What can we, the people of the United States, do to solve these problems and questions? That's right, GO VOTE TODAY!

Pain at the pumps

Commuting students have a new song to sing on the way to school, "It's a gassing situation." Rising gas prices due to the Mid-East crisis has everyone, especially students, nervously watching the gas pumps. A recent Highland Herald poll questioned students about the effect of gas prices on their lives. Several replied that the rising gas prices have nearly doubled the cost of going to school. For these students, no solution seems in sight at the present time, except maybe having Saddam Hussein calling the whole crisis off. Dream on. Until that time, commuting students could carpool with students from the same town. Students living close to the campus could walk or ride bikes to school. Those living in Waco could take public transportation. MCC students and faculty with an ID can receive a 2 cent per gallon of gas discount at Bell Gas on 602 S. Valley Mills Drive, according to manager Terry Dickinson. At this time, every little bit does help. For students watching their wallets, comparison gas shopping has become as fashionable as comparison clothes shopping. Everyone needs to pitch in and help conserve gas during the crisis. Share rides, walk, take the bus. Do whatever it takes to tell Hussein to stick it in his ear.

Life blood needed

Accidents can and do happen to someone we know: a friend or loved one may end up in the hospital and need blood. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays coming up, many students and faculty will leave MCC and the Waco area to visit friends and family. The holidays should be a happy time for one and all. However, tragedy often strikes without plan or thought. Suddenly someone you know is facing surgery or for one reason or another, needs blood. The American Red Cross blood supply in the past has always had certain times during the year when they are low on blood. However, the holidays are always more crucial because of the traveling involved, according to Johnnie Riley, donor resource director of the Central Texas Red Cross Center. "The fact is that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays is the period that we are the lowest on blood," stated Riley. "It's very hard to get people to donate blood during this period because they are often going on vacation or to get anyone to sponsor a blood drive." "(Blood)usage is up during this period while donations are usually down," stated Riley. The AIDS scare has not helped raise donations because many people still believe the myth that a person can contract AIDS from giving blood. A person CANNOT contract AIDS from giving blood. On Nov. 21, the Student Government will sponsor a blood drive to help raise donations for the Central Texas Red Cross. The Student Government will be holding a contest involving other clubs on campus by challenging the clubs to get more donors. The club with the most donors will win a pizza party. "We really appreciate MCC for sponsoring a blood drive right before the holidays," stated Riley. "Usually, we cannot get anyone to sponsor a drive during this time because of the holidays." Blood is the most precious thing a person can contribute to another. If someone you love needs blood, it could be too late to donate. It takes 24 hours to process blood. MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!! DONATE BLOOD!!! It could save a life, may be your life or the life of someone you love.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pit puzzle produces perplexing proposition

Editor,

The puzzle of the pit? That's no puzzle! It's a significant piece of the history of Huaco, Yellow Hand and the Souix Indians and the suspension bridge and should not be taken lightly, especially on the Eve of All Saints when disbelievers are the most at risk because they know they won't get any toys from the Great Pumpkin. I'm here to tell you why. It was a dark and stormy night and a long time ago in Wisconsin. Chief Joseph had just uttered his immortal words, "I will fight no more forever." He spoke those words during an interview with Barbara Walters because she was looking for her big break in television. She told Chief Joseph that it was for pictures that fly through the air and since he had been smoking the peace pipe he believed her. She paid him two Willie Nelson bandannas and an "elect. Clatie Williams" hat. Besides, she didn't know he couldn't fight anymore because he was out of bullets and had never learned to make arrows. After the interview Chief Joseph and his friend Ocon decided to walk to Texas where they'd heard it was warmer and where they could get a scholarship in arrow making at a community college near Huaco. A side bar here (that's news- paper talk for when you want to say something but don't know where it fits); Joseph and Ocon

stopped off near the Rushmore family mountain (you know, George, Tom, Teddy and Abe Rushmore) in the Dakota territory to visit their friend Crazy Horse. But Crazy Horse said they could only stay for supper since at the rise of the next sun he was penciled in to meet with General George Armstrong Custer, the hopeful next President of the USA, and who had just hired Claytie Williams' campaign manager to see to it, at a place called Little Bighorn. Joseph and Ocon journeyed on to Huaco and as they crossed the Brazos River near the suspension bridge they met another native American who was from the high plains and he was named Tawak. Tawak was 6 feet 12 inches tall and had a strange round sphere under his arm. He said Coach had offered him one Willie Nelson picture, two Chief Setting Bulls and an ice cream cone if he would bounce that thing and throw it through a round hole every night except Sunday. All he needed to do was to get to Huaco and Coach would see to the rest. Wisconsin had been a long way north and Ocon was tired. He said, "Oconomowoc" Tawak agreed. He said if he had to go a step further it would feel like he would have Tawakonis. Chief Joseph said he needed a limo and since it had worked once he said Barbara didn't care. She was busy auditioning for Jane Pauley's job.

THE EVOLUTION OF PRES. GEORGE BUSH

(YOW! WATCH CLOSELY NOW, KIDS !!)

- NOV. 1988: GEORGE BUSH IS ELECTED PRESIDENT-- HE LOOKS PRETTY MUCH LIKE A NORMAL GUY.
- IRAQ INVADES KUWAIT-- BUSH COMMITS U.S. TROOPS TO MIDEAST-- GEORGE STARTS TO LOOK A LITTLE TIRED.
- ECONOMY STARTS TO SHOW STRAIN OF MIDEAST CRISIS -- GAS PRICES SKY-ROCKET-- GEORGE'S POPULARITY PLUMMETS.
- SADDAM CONTINUES TO MAKE POOR GEORGE LOOK LIKE A YO-YO
- PRESNET DAY - WOW! LOOK HOW MUCH GEORGE LOOKS LIKE EX-PRES. JIMMY CARTER!

(THE SIMILARITY IS UN-CANNY!)

FISHWRAP

By SAM ALLGOOD

Editor

"He shot her because he loved her," headlined the Waco Tribune-Herald's Oct. 29 issue. A Wacoan's intense fear of losing his wife caused him to lose her forever. Although this situation was extreme, the same thing happens every day, all over the city. Jealousy, fed by low self-confidence, will kill a relationship. In the beginning, a little flare of jealousy from your partner is almost fun. It makes you feel wanted. Soon the relationship starts to tighten up. Friends and outside social activities soon become restricted. The little flare becomes a burning anger. Jealous feelings expand enormously when one partner suffers a loss in status such as being fired. It mates with the imagination making every minute you're late a sign to your partner that you are with an unknown lover. Combine a mate's loss of self-esteem, low self-confidence, active imagination and penchant for drinking with jealousy and you have a lover turned killer.

To Our Readers:

Because you, the readers, are the most important focus of our work, the Highland Herald staff would like to hear your opinions. We strongly urge you to express your views and suggestions on any aspect of this newspaper. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PRESSING A POINT

By BETH CAPLINGER

Knights in shining armor did not just vanish, they rusted away, and with them they took chivalry. The code of chivalry states that men should be courtesy to all ladies. However, most men put women at the bottom of their list. The deer lease, betting on football games, working on cars and playing with the dog all come in line before women. What's the deal? These guys could be spending more time with their girlfriends and not quite so much time sitting in a deer stand in the middle of nowhere or losing money betting on people in pads kicking an oblong pigskin through a big Y. Then there are the guys who lay under a greasy car for hours on end and never really determine what's wrong with it or have a dog rub and slobber all over them. Another rule in the code of chivalry is death before dishonor. Over half the men on this planet should have been dead a long time ago. Most of them have no outward respect for anything except their own over-sized egos. When they walk in a room, they expect girls to grovel at their feet. This is ridiculous. I would like to find a guy who is not jealous, who shows respect for his girlfriend and who will offer "noble service cheerfully rendered." What happened to the honor, courtesy and generosity which were characteristic of a noble man?

MARC MY WORD

By MARC MORMINO

Editorial Page Editor

Recently in Houston, a paramedic decided he wanted to help burn victims. He came up with the idea of making a calender of shirtless firefighters and selling them for charity. The gentleman, Manual Chavez, borrowed the money on a personal loan to start the project. The project cost him approximately \$7,000 and will hopefully raise \$33,000 for the cause. Chavez had no problem getting the firefighters to pose for the charity, but he now has the problem of getting businesses to sell the calenders in Houston. Houston is not exactly, shall we say, the "holiest" of towns. So why are retailers having the problem of selling the calender? It is for charity. According to one company's spokeswoman, who will go un-named because no one knows or cares who she is, "Charity or not, our company would not sell the product if it 'did' have an acceptable amount of flesh." This brought up the questions, "Why not sell it if it 'did' have an acceptable amount of flesh? And, what is the acceptable amount of flesh?" The answer seems simple to me. Merchants don't want to sell the calender because they will not make a profit. And, they're most likely jealous of the idea and possibly the models. Now, the "acceptable amount of flesh" question is up to your imagination and yours alone.

THE FARR SIDE

By AIMEE FARR

Senior Associate Editor

The Waco City Council has just appropriated over \$80 thousand to conduct a study on the Lake Brazos Dam. I've completed my in-depth study of the Lake Brazos Dam- all two feet of it. The dam certainly has its ups and downs. Perhaps we should have a nightly news forecast to let us know on what ground we stand. Here are some of the problems with the dam: The Drag Boat races are really starting to drag. MCC canoeing classes may have to add training wheels, and Baylor is having trouble scheduling sailing classes. Indians on Lover's Leap would splat instead of splash. The Brazos Queen has given up paddling for a puddle. Fish, in their confusion, have no idea where to lay their eggs. At times, people can commit aerial suicide from the Brazos Riverwalk. The Lake Brazos Dam, an offspring of Waco politics, has cost the taxpayers indecent amounts of money for construction, maintenance, and "studies". And they still can't get the Dam thing to work! Research shows no simple answer to the "Dam Question". The best solution to be voiced is to sell pieces of it like the Berlin Wall. It could make up for all the money that's gone under the bridge.

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Aburdly submitted, Randy Schormann, Director, Institutional Resources

Journalism scoops up awards

By CAROL WILSON

Nine awards were won by members of the Highland Herald staff at the Texas Community College Journalism Association convention in Kilgore, Texas on Friday, October 26.

Tom Buckner, Highland Herald advisor, Mrs. Helen Buckner, Jennifer Warren, entertainment editor, Mary Kujawa, feature editor, Mark Mormino, editorial page editor, Nathan Newberry, co-sports editor and photographer, and Melissa Highfill, co-sports editor attended the convention.

Also, four new staff members, Shawn Risener, Beth Caplinger, Jennifer McMaster, and Carol Wilson were also able to make the trip.

Kilgore is nestled in the piney woods and the crystal clear lakes of East Texas. Once a quiet agricultural community, Kilgore was transformed into a thriving boomtown with the discovery of oil during the 1930's.

The trip began Thursday, October 25, at 2 p.m. when the van was packed and the long drive began. After reaching Kilgore later that evening we attended a "get acquainted" party

where writers from other colleges around the state were introduced.

After eating dinner at the hotel, we walked about ten blocks - no exaggeration - to Kilgore College's Homecoming street dance. We danced and mingled for an hour or so, then headed back to the hotel to "goof" around for the rest of the night.

Friday morning after breakfast we attended a seminar where a writer from the Longview News Journal critiqued our paper along with those from other colleges. We then went our separate ways to different seminars such as: Newspaper Advertising and Design; Documentary and Photography; and Feature Writing to Make a Difference.

A luncheon sponsored by the TCCJA was a welcome break in the busy afternoon of seminars.

Around 4 o'clock on Friday we all hopped in the van and drove to the East Texas Oil Museum at Kilgore College. According to the brochure the museum is "a tribute to the independent oil producers and wildcatters, to the men and women who dared to dream as they pursued the fruits of free enterprise."

After the museum we drove back to the hotel and prepared

for the awards banquet. We each wore a red rose on our left shoulder to distinguish ourselves from the other colleges.

After we ate the world renowned Kilgore College Rangerettes performed a dance routine for our entertainment.

Finally the time came to present awards. Several members of the Highland Herald staff were honored.

Awards were: Aimee Farr, Senior Associate editor, first place-Newswriting; Sara Wartes, second place-Feature story; Wade Carpenter, second place-sports photo; and John Davidson, third place-cartoon.

Four honorable mentions were awarded for in-depth investigative writing: Sara Wartes; Aimee Farr; John Davidson; and David Faulkner. Also, Ken Crawford won an honorable mention in sports photo.

The banquet was ended with a round of applause and we all returned to our hotel rooms.

After changing our clothes we walked the same ten blocks to a haunted house we discovered the night before. After being scared out of our britches, we walked, skipped, and ran back to the hotel. We were too hyper to sleep

so we "goofed around" just as we did the night before.

We got up the next morning after a few hours of sleep and loaded the van. We said our goodbyes and headed northeast to Jefferson.

Jefferson, named after Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, is a quiet little town with a considerable amount of history within it.

We rode a covered tour wagon lead by two mules. Our tour guide told us bits and pieces of history as she drove us through the streets of Jefferson.

We split up after the ride to eat lunch and tour the town on our own.

After the sightseeing we gathered back together at 1:30 p.m., loaded the van once again and drove up to Caddo Lake. We looked around a bit and headed for home.

One last stop on our schedule was the Tyler Rose Gardens in Tyler, Texas. After 30 minutes wandering the garden it was time to come home.

We reached Waco around 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The trip was fun, the staff learned a lot and is ready to put it to use in the newsroom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Supervisors seminar today

Dr. Hap LeCrone and Wayne Hoskins, Waco police officer, will speak today on "How to Assist Employees Who Are Experiencing Personal Difficulties" as part of the professional development seminar for supervisors. The seminar is open to faculty 2-4:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the AC building.

CPR classes this week

CPR certification classes will be held Wednesday and Friday 1-5 p.m. in room B44 of the Community Services Center. The classes are open to faculty and will be instructed by Rene Michalski. Michalski will also instruct the first aid certification class on Nov. 16, 1-5 p.m. in room B44 of the CSC. For further details, contact Jennifer Putty at ext. 684.

Healthy heart program slated

Candace King, patient educator from Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, will speak on "Healthy Heart Habits" noon-1 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the AC building on Wednesday. Contact Jennifer Putty at ext. 684 for further details.

Course advising process begins

Course advising forms for the spring semester are available in the registrar's office in preparation for early registration Dec. 3-5, which will be by permit only. New students, transfer students, students with less than 15 earned hours, those required to take the TASP but who have not taken it, students required to be in remedial programs, and students on academic probation or suspension are required to be advised before getting a time permit for early registration. Technical education majors should see their program director or faculty adviser.

After being advised, students should return to the registrar's office to get their registration time permit or to be cleared for registration.

Pool, ping pong tournaments set

A mixed doubles 8-ball pool tournament will be held on Monday in the Student Center game room beginning at 10 a.m. On Nov. 14, a ping pong tournament will be held at the game room at 10 a.m. A women's 8-ball tournament will also be held in the game room beginning at 10 a.m.

Real estate careers night set

A special program has been planned to inform prospective real estate students and other interested persons in career opportunities associated with the real estate profession on Nov. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Representatives of several real estate brokerage, appraisal, property management, mortgage and title companies will be available to talk with individuals. For additional information, call Pam Brewer at 750-3594.

Quit smoking seminar next week

Arthur Dorsey of the VA Medical Center will speak at the "I Left the Pack Behind" Smoking Seminar on Nov. 14 noon-1 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the AC building. Also, free survival kits will be available in the Student Center 10-11 a.m. on Nov. 15 in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout. Contact Jennifer Putty at ext. 684 for further details.

Next TASP test Nov. 17

The TASP test will be administered Nov. 17. Students who missed the mid-October regular registration deadline may sign up for the test during the late registration period. Instructions for late registration are in the registration bulletin which may be obtained in the counseling office or the registrar's office. Those who register late must first call an office in Austin to be cleared to take the test and must then submit their registration form along with the appropriate fee.

Blood drive contest set

The Student Government will sponsor a blood drive on Nov. 21. The blood drive will help raise donations for the Central Texas Red Cross. The Student Government is also holding a contest involving other clubs on campus for the most donors. The club with the most donors wins a pizza party.

Another Gong Show Nov. 21

The Gong Show will be held in the Student Center on Wednesday, Nov. 21 during the 10 o'clock activity period. R & R Productions will provide the music. Students, faculty and staff may participate but must sign an agreement that the act will be morally acceptable and comply with MCC policies. Participants will be given one minute for their acts. A panel of staff and students will judge and may stop an act by hitting the gong contributed by the Performing Arts Center.

Those leaving should be advised

Students who may qualify for graduation in the spring, and those who plan to transfer to a four-year institution should visit with a counselor or program director to determine readiness for graduation or transfer. It is particularly important that student's TASP status be verified, according to the counseling services office.

Students who began their college level work in the fall of 1989 or later must pass all three sections of the TASP before they can graduate from a degree program or before they can take junior and senior level courses at a public four-year institution. Education majors must pass the TASP regardless of whether they plan to transfer to a public or private school.

Communications class returns

The introductory course in mass communications, Jou. 301, will return to the main campus next semester to better serve students, instructor Tom Buckner announced Monday. The course explores such mass media as television, newspapers, radio, movies, the music industry, and related professions in public relations and advertising. The class has been held in the Community Service Center, but will move to a room in the Applied Science Building for the spring. For information on the course, call Buckner at 750-3517.

Cosby to perform Saturday

Bill Cosby will perform at the Ferrell Special Events Center Saturday at 8 p.m. A Ferrell Center spokesman said 7,500 tickets have been sold with 3,000 tickets remaining. Tickets are \$17.50. For more information, call the ticket office at 755-1918.

Female barbershoppers harmonize

Chisholm Trail Chorus of Harmony International, formerly Sweet Adelines, Inc., will perform in the Fine Arts Center on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and available at CASA Arts Showense, Lake Air Mall. The performance will benefit the Mayor's Committee for the Disabled. For further information, contact Gwonn Wayland at 755-0281.

Don't take a chance

Degree plans guide students

By JENNIFER McMASTER

Degree plans help students pick the right path toward their future. A degree plan is a list of the courses required for a student's particular degree. A plan can be made in the Counseling Office. Lynn Abernathy, counselor, said that everyone is supposed to have a degree plan, but making one is not enforced. "It is important for a student to have a degree plan so that he is taking courses that he knows will count."

A degree plan conference is required for a grade of an "A" in Orientation 101. Undecided students are encouraged to do

career planning activities in the Counseling Office.

These activities can help a student decide on a career choice. The offices also have computer programs to help plan a career.

Abernathy said, "Just because a course transfers does not mean that it will apply toward their degree." Without having a degree plan, students are taking a risk of wasting time and money.

The Counseling Office has degree plans from various colleges already made up. The office is open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday.

Improvements planned for HPE 'asbestos gym'

By MARC MORMINO

New looks might be in sight for the larger gym in the Health-Physical Education Building after being closed for several years because of asbestos pollution.

Now that the asbestos problem has been cleared, a task force of faculty and staff members have been exploring what to do with the facility.

According to Johnette McKown, no definite plans have been made at this time. But an idea that the gym might be split into two halves with one-half

having two levels has been suggested, she said.

One-half would have a dance floor on the top level with a weight lifting room underneath. And the other half would have a volleyball and basketball court.

The plans have not been completed and have no deadline at this time. They are expected to be ready sometime this fall, said McKown.

The gym was originally closed due to asbestos material in the ceiling. The asbestos has now been removed and the gym will be put to use again.

Fashion students tour Dallas

By BECKY FIKES

Twenty-nine fashion merchandising students went on a fashion study tour to Dallas on October 29, 1990. The group toured the Apparel Mart and saw the Great Hall where shows present the upcoming fashions to prospective buyers.

After the students toured the Apparel Mart, they went to the Samuel Alexander and Associates showroom to see a preview of several leather and denim lines for next season.

At the Apparel Mart the group

viewed the fresh and exciting Ocean Pacific swim wear lines that should be a hit at the beach next summer. The line consists of the ever popular neon colors of lime and pink which were all the rage last summer.

"This was a wonderful way to see what it is actually like to be a buyer and all of the hard work that it takes to become successful at merchandising fashions," said Gloria Ortiz, freshman.

Next, they stopped at Ginnie Johannsen Designs. The Texas-born accessories designer creates ladies belts, scarfs and has creative and original jewelry designs.

The group also toured her place of business where they have a factory that makes the merchandise.

After leaving the Apparel Mart, they visited Cotton Incorporated and met with Tracy Delisoe who promotes the use of cotton fibers, fabrics and prints.

"The trip was a great opportunity to learn all of the upcoming colors and clothing so I can share the information with my customers," said sophomore Dusty Mangino.

The colors to watch for will be of the environment. Olive, coral, lime, mustard yellow, different

hues of green and brown will be seen in force along with black and white, she said. The clothing will have symbolically embroidered environment symbols. The colors will be soft, muted colors like fuchsia and teal, along with deep and rich colors such as jades and emeralds. The colors will be like the color of leaves in autumn. Clothing styles will have polka dots, florals, stripes and solids.

"This was a great experience seeing all of the exciting trends for the new season. I had a good time," said Michelle Mays, sophomore.

Paul Quinn's closing has little affect on enrollment

By MARC MORMINO

Paul Quinn University's closing is showing little, if any effect, for this semester's registration at MCC.

The number of black students attending this year are only 19 less than last year, according to Willie Hobbs, director of registration/administration.

"The percentage of local students that Paul Quinn pulled were low. The majority were from out of county and state. But that is an assumption," Hobbs said.

"There have been a handful of

students asking for Paul Quinn degree plans in the past, but I couldn't say this semester," said Ramon Alaman, director of counseling services.

John Nobis and Ruby Burns, counselors, both said they have not had a student this semester ask for a degree plan for Paul Quinn.

Nobis said, "I only counseled two or three last semester for Paul Quinn. But I couldn't help them anyway, after requesting a new catalog several times, Paul Quinn still has not sent me one."

Student Government visits with trustees

By JENNIFER SIMONS

Student government representatives met with the Board of Trustees last Tuesday night to discuss plans and objectives for the school year.

The two groups met at 6 p.m. to have dinner. Three student government representatives sat at a table with one trustee. During dinner they discussed future plans for each group.

Following dinner, both groups went to the Highlander Room in the Student Center for the

monthly trustee meeting. Each student government representative introduced themselves and gave a brief speech about his or her past and future. Following the introductions, Student Government President Scott Beckworth told the trustees the plans for the student government. Representatives were then given the opportunity to stay for the remainder of the meeting. The main goal of the two groups was to get acquainted and exchange views on various issues concerning the campus and student body.

Women-owned businesses on the increase

By SHAWN RISENER

Women-owned businesses in the United States grew from 2.6 million in 1982 to 4.1 million in 1987, a 57 percent increase, according to a U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau survey recently released.

The survey revealed that the rate of growth in the number of firms owned by women was more than four times greater than the rate of growth for all businesses combined, which increased by 14 percent during the five-year period.

Of the 1,025,617 firms in Texas, 208,138 were owned by women in 1987 or 20 percent. Texas compared closely with the percent of women-owned businesses across the United States, which was 20 percent.

Also, the total receipts for women-owned businesses was nearly \$280 billion, about

14 percent of the U.S. total. In comparison, Texas businesses owned by women had receipts totaling nearly \$13,400,000 or 12 percent of the total receipts for Texas.

The small business incubator located on campus in the Community Services Center houses a total of 11 small businesses of which six are owned by women, according to the Business Resource Center. Therefore, 55 percent are women-owned, a comparatively larger amount than the nation's total.

However, the trend of women-owned businesses is definitely on the increase both locally and nationwide, according to the census bureau's survey.

States with 100,000 or more women-owned firms were California, Texas, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

GIRL TALK

By MELISSA HIGHFILL
Sports Co-Editor



In the past year, a lot has been said and done about cholesterol levels and how cholesterol affects the body.

In most people, a combination of high levels of saturated fatty acids and cholesterol can cause a rise in the blood cholesterol level. The older generation has been taking this condition seriously by having their cholesterol levels checked. If their cholesterol level is too high, they have been altering their diets. Now more attention needs to be directed toward the younger generation. If young adults would start altering their diets today, they would produce lower levels of cholesterol and reduce the risk of heart problems.

The National Cholesterol Education Program's guidelines recommend that all adults age 20 or older have a blood-cholesterol measurement performed. The test can be done by the rapid capillary finger-stick method.

Diet is a key factor in reducing blood cholesterol levels. A low-fat, low cholesterol diet is not a short-term solution to a specific health problem. It's a first step to a lifetime of healthful eating and living. People who alter their diet and also exercise feel better about themselves.

CEN-TEX TIP-OFF
CLASSIC

November 8, 9, 10

THURSDAY:

- 4:00 TEMPLE JR. COLLEGE VS. EASTFIELD
- 6:00 WHARTON JR. COLLEGE VS. MCLENNAN
- 8:00 NAVARRO COLLEGE VS. BROOKHAVEN

FRIDAY:

- 4:00 EASTFIELD COLLEGE VS. NAVARRO
- 6:00 TEMPLE JR. COLLEGE VS. WHARTON
- 8:00 BROOKHAVEN COLLEGE VS. MCLENNAN

SATURDAY:

- 4:00 WHARTON VS. BROOKHAVEN
- 6:00 TEMPLE JR. COLLEGE VS. NAVARRO
- 8:00 EASTFIELD COLLEGE VS. MCLENNAN

Pickleball to begin

By JOHN PESCAIA

With flag football ending, and after volleyball has just begun, pickleball will be the next sport on the intramural sports schedule beginning Friday.

Lately, intramurals have been involved in flag football. The winners of the championship game were the Young Guns. Members of the champion team were Brad Nichols, Chad Gilstrap, Steven Glaser, Kevin Gilman, Chris Lowe, and Jeremy

Carroll. The Young Guns defeated the Weekend Warriors on Sept. 30 by a score of 27-13. They defeated the Warriors again on Oct. 3 by a close score of 42-40. The Weekend Warriors finished in second place in flag football.

Coach Wendell Hudson, director of intramurals, reported that co-ed volleyball began Monday and people can still enter by picking up an application in the Student Center from Greg Clark.

Pickleball will be the next sport starting Friday.



MARK ROBERTS relaxes a moment during a hard practice as the Highlanders prepare for their season opener against Wharton Junior College Thursday at 4 p.m. in The Highlands.



Men's Basketball Schedule
1990-1991



Nov. 8-10	Th-Sat	Cen-Tex Tip-Off Classic	TBA	MCC
(Temple Jr. College, Eastfield, Brookhaven, Navarro, Wharton, MCC)				
Nov. 16, 17	Fr-Sat	MCC-Mr Gatti's Tournament	TBA	MCC
(Eastern Oklahoma, Kilgore, Paris, MCC)				
Nov. 23-24	Fr-Sat	Brookhaven Tournament	TBA	Dallas, Tx.
(MCC, Panola, Southwest Christian, Brookhaven)				
Nov. 27	Tue.	Wharton Junior College	7:00	Wharton, Tx.
Dec. 4	Tue.	Howard Payne U.	7:30	MCC
Dec. 7	Fri.	San Jacinto Central	7:30	Pasadena, Tx.
Dec. 8	Sat.	Lee College	7:30	Baytown, Tx.
Dec. 10	Mon.	U. Mary Hardin-Baylor (J.V.)	7:30	MCC
Jan. 4-5	Fr-Sat	Navarro Classic	TBA	Corsicana, Tx.
* Jan. 7	Mon.	Collin County Comm. College	8:00	MCC
* Jan. 10	Thur.	Temple Jr. College	8:00	MCC
* Jan. 12	Sat.	Weatherford College	8:00	Weatherford, Tx.
* Jan. 16	Wed.	Cisco College	8:00	MCC
* Jan. 19	Sat.	Hill College	8:00	Hillsboro, Tx.
* Jan. 26	Sat.	Grayson County College	8:00	MCC
* Jan. 30	Wed.	Ranger Jr. College	8:00	Ranger, Tx.
* Feb. 2	Sat.	Southwestern Christian Coll.	8:00	MCC
* Feb. 4	Mon.	Collin County Comm. College	8:00	Plano, Tx.
* Feb. 7	Thurs.	Temple Jr. College	8:00	Temple, Tx.
* Feb. 9	Sat.	Weatherford College	8:00	MCC
* Feb. 13	Wed.	Cisco College	8:00	Cisco, Tx.
* Feb. 16	Sat.	Hill College	8:00	MCC
* Feb. 23	Sat.	Grayson County College	8:00	Sherman, Tx.
* Feb. 27	Wed.	Ranger Jr. College	8:00	MCC
* Mar. 2	Sat.	Southwestern Christian Coll.	8:00	Terrell, Tx.
March 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Texas Jr. College State Tour TBA MCC				
* Denotes North Texas Jr. College Athletic Conference Games				

Cen-Tex tip-off
starts Thursday

By JOHN PESCAIA

The men's basketball team will be one of six teams participating in the Cen-Tex Tipoff Classic beginning on Thursday at the Highlands.

The tournament will begin at 4 p.m. with Temple J.C. playing Eastfield College. At 6 p.m. Wharton will play MCC and the final game of the night will be at 8 p.m. when Navarro plays Brookhaven.

On Friday, action will start at 4 p.m. again with Eastfield battling Navarro. The 6 p.m. game pits Temple against Wharton, and at 8 p.m. Brookhaven will play MCC.

The tournament concludes on Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. with Wharton playing Brookhaven. Temple plays Navarro in the 6 p.m. game, and the final game of the tournament pits Eastfield against MCC.

Probable starters for the Highlanders are Hulon Reed, a 6 foot 2 inch player from Houston; Perry Hill, a 5 foot 4 inch guard from Beaumont; and Alan Bradley a 6 foot 3 inch player from Houston.

Also seeing some action will be Lavon Perrin, a 6 foot 2 inch returning player from Copperas Cove. Kelly Henry who is a 5 foot 11 inch returning player from Waco Christian high school.

Others include Andre Tucker, a 6 foot 6 inch freshman from Elsie High School in Houston; Torrin Valley, a 6 foot 5 inch freshman from Wheatley High School; and Sean Zone who is a 6 foot 8 inch freshman from Furr High School in Houston.

The Highlanders will participate in the MCC-Mr. Gatti's Tournament on Nov. 16 and 17. The teams involved in this two day tournament will be Eastern Oklahoma, Kilgore, Paris, and MCC.

Highlassies open
here against Blinn

By MELISSA HIGHFILL

Last night in the Highlands the Highlassies opened their basketball season against Blinn College.

Coach Hudson said that the starting players were not considered starters, but players.

His line-up for the game was Tabitha Truesdale, Shrona Cyrus, Tracy Jarosz, Martine Empsine and Kalen Parkinson.

Due to a sprained ankle suffered during a scrimmage against

Mary Hardin-Baylor, Parkinson has been seen around campus on crutches. Hudson said that if she is unable to play by game time, Shonda Reeves will take her place.

Tomorrow The Highlassies are in Odessa for a tournament. Hudson said, "This tournament is a preparation for the regional tournament held in the spring."

Hudson also said, "I would appreciate support from the student and faculty, this makes a big difference in the outcome of the game."

HALLOWEEN
HAVOC



SPOOKED OUT OF HIS/HER GOURD, a carved pumpkin shines in the limelight at the Halloween Dance last week in the Student Center.



TELLING HER FORTUNE, Morris Ann Hughes, Student Government historian, tells of some interesting things to look forward to for Stephanie Valdez, SG treasurer, at the Halloween Dance.



NOLAN BLAIR, left, practices on his tenor sax while Dave Munroe relaxes in the Performing Arts Center. Blair and Munroe



Photo by Nathan Newberry

are both enrolled in the audio-tech program. With the help of handicapped services, they are able to attend MCC classes.

Second in a series

Audio-tech majors pursue dreams

By MARY KUJAWA

Nolan Blair opened his saxophone case and began to put his instrument together. Ever so slowly, he began to loosen the keys on the tenor sax.

Dave Munroe sat on the floor and joked with friends as they paused to greet him. He listened to their problems and gave advice.

Most people walking by either of these scenes in the Performing Arts Center would not give a second glance to Blair or Munroe. That is the way they prefer it. Both are legally blind.

Blair suffers from optic nerve atrophy. While he can see some out of his right eye, he is totally blind in his left eye. Blair takes it as a "compliment in a sense" when people can't notice his blindness.

When people do notice, they usually don't say anything about it. "They don't ask about my visual impairment. Most people are real relaxed about it," said Blair.

Munroe began to go blind at the age of four as a result of being born with water on his brain. His blindness stabilized at the age of eight. He is able to see figures and some colors in sunlight.

Music Program

Both Blair and Munroe are enrolled in the commercial music program.

This is Blair's first semester at MCC in the audio-tech program. His speciality is the saxophone.

"I'm doing this because it's something I've always wanted to do. My music started in kindergarten with violin lessons," said Blair. He has also played the clarinet, piano and soprano saxophone, as well as the tenor sax.

"My plan is to get a degree in business," said Blair. He plans to go to a 4-year college and pursue hotel management. Blair is currently taking 12 semester hours.

"I wanted time to soak everything in, to get all the knowledge I can. I went to a college preparatory class during the summer," said Blair.

Munroe has been at MCC for two and one-half years. He has been playing keyboards since the age of 14. He will graduate this May and may move to Austin or find a job out of state in a studio.

"I don't want to be a musician first," said Munroe. He is currently a member of Fivovus, a local band.

Adjustments

Both Blair and Munroe have had to make adjustments for their classes.

"The classes require a lot of visuals, such as theory class, sight singing and ear training. It's a problem. But I knew what I was getting into. I'll get by," said Blair.

"One of the reasons I'm here is because the doors are always open. The teachers will help," he said. Blair explained that the teachers allow him to come by

their offices for extra help. For his part, Blair must put in extra time in his classes.

He records all his classes and then talks to the teacher if he has any questions. Blair also uses a large print computer.

Blair also depends on the office of Services for the Handicapped. Marylea Henderson serves as coordinator/counselor for handicapped services while Johnnie Talton serves as support services specialist. "Whatever equipment or necessary things that I need for class, they have helped me to get," said Blair.

At the beginning of the semester, Blair used his cane to map out the campus. Now he does not use the cane as much as possible. It gets in the way," he said. Blair added that by not using the cane, it is one more step to being normal for him.

Munroe also has the campus mapped out. "I know where the Student Center, the Lecture Hall and Liberal Arts Building are located. I have to take classes there," he said. Like Blair, Munroe lives in the apartments across from the campus and walks to class.

Munroe also receives help from the office of Services for the Handicapped. "I use the reader services all the time," he said. Reader services provides someone to go with Munroe to the library and help him do research and to help him take tests. He uses readers for his speech and

algebra classes.

"If it hadn't been for Marylea (Henderson), I wouldn't be at school. Johnnie (Talton) has also helped. Marylea has helped me get adjusted and informed teachers about me. She guided me in the right places when I needed it," said Munroe.

Munroe is able to work in his music classes with the help of his teachers. "The teachers are very cooperative and very personal," he said. Munroe uses his own braille and has a computer for writing. The braille allows him to produce braille/ink print documents. He has his text books on tape. He has a reader record the books that he cannot buy on tape.

Family Support

Both Blair and Munroe give credit to their families.

"Whatever I'm happy doing, my family will support me. They know I enjoy my music. My parents don't get in the way," said Blair.

Munroe said, "My mom and dad figured there wasn't much use in holding me down. As long as it's not too dangerous, they're very supportive."

On dealing with prejudice from other people, Munroe said, "I'm used to people underestimating me. I have to figure out where they're coming from and then go around it."

SECOND IN A SERIES

This will be a continuing series concerning the handicapped and the handicapped services on campus.

Second in a series Down Under at MCC

By MARC MORMINO

Kirsty Gledhill, freshman, is from Australia and has now made the United States her home without any regrets.

Gledhill has come to MCC on a tennis scholarship and is glad everyone is so friendly.

"I was happy from the first day I got here," said Gledhill. "If I had to choose what country I could live in, it would definitely be here."

People are nicer here than in Australia and things are much cheaper, according to Gledhill.

A movie cost \$20 in Australia and eating out as a family is only done once a month if you were lucky, said Gledhill.

Steak and Prawns

Food is a difference between the two countries. "We eat steak and vegetables three times a week in Australia," said Gledhill. There are no extra fixings for salads and dinner plates, according to Gledhill.

Australians eat a great deal of seafood according to Gledhill. "Seafood is a very big thing, but we don't ever put shrimp on the barby. That's just something Crocodile Dundee (Paul Hogan) made up for Americans."

"We don't even call them shrimp. They're called prawns," said Gledhill. "Our Australian theme is probably 'pies and peas.'" "Pies and peas" is a pasta filled with hamburger meat and with sauce and peas on top, explained Gledhill.

Sports

Sports are different as well. Australia has rugby instead of gridiron football and cricket instead of baseball. Cricket is so popular in Australia, international games are played.

Similar sports and games include Trivial Pursuit, Uno, cards, horse racing and golf. Basketball has also become a big sport in Australia, said Gledhill.

Tennis is another similar sport between the countries and is one of the reasons Gledhill is here. "My first call is tennis and I would like to be a pro player and go play in France and Switzerland," said Gledhill.

Personal Pursuits

If she doesn't make the professional tennis circuit, she is studying to become a lawyer.

Gledhill has become the secretary of the student council, so she can learn more about American government and meet more people.

Meeting people isn't difficult for Gledhill though. "People always ask where I'm from because of the accent, but I don't mind it. It's a good way to meet people."

"Moving to the U.S. hasn't been perfect though. Courses cost international students \$80 each. She also had been sent a license and social security card with the incorrect spelling of her name."

Life in the U.S.

Some things take getting used to according to Gledhill. Her home town Brisbane, Queensland, is bigger than Dallas and has much more of a night life.

"Waco is so slow compared to some places, like L.A. But I don't find it bad, and I'll study better this way. It's new," said Gledhill.

"The only disadvantage is that I miss the beach and my friends. You only have to go an hour to get to a beach from anywhere."

"Other than that, I see myself benefiting better in the future being here. I can sacrifice not seeing my friends until I go back to visit," said Gledhill.

Gledhill plans on staying in the U.S. until she makes enough money to go back. "The government is awful over there. The economic situation is poor."

"That's another reason my family moved over here. We couldn't afford to live there. Even with a good wage, we couldn't afford to live there."

"People are complaining here how bad it is over here and in Australia, it's just poverty." Cars and homes don't have air conditioning, said Gledhill. Not all of Gledhill's family are strangers to Central Texas. Gledhill's mom is originally from Riesel. The family has now bought a house in Central Texas.

SECOND IN A SERIES

Barriers of time and space have shattered with improved communication and transportation. Our college has a part in the Global Village. In this issue and coming issues we will show how other students and faculty are part of the world's neighborhood.

Trail of Deception

By BETH CAPLINGER

If you delight in a sense of the supernatural accented by dark twisting paths, the marina trail is for you. The adventure trail is decorated with serpentine vines, crumbly cliffs, and hair-raising hollows. Upon arrival, the trail looks simple and peaceful. However, looks can be deceiving.

Not far into the foot-worn path, the trees and undergrowth become much more dense giving a sense of eerie seclusion.

The uprooted trees seem to grab at clothing and vines try to wrap around ankles, pulling their careless victims to the cold, damp ground.

Deeper and deeper into the overgrown thicket, fallen trees create an archway that black out the afternoon sun and disorient the unsuspecting hiker.

Suddenly, the sun appears from nowhere. The traveller is thrown into desert-like surroundings with high cliffs and a gravelled path. It is not quite the place for an afternoon picnic.

Buzzards flying around the top of the 100 foot cliffs create an uneasy feeling of death. Though

the river flows only 15 feet away, the hot-burning sun and the sense of dehydration overwhelm the innocent journeyman.

Then, when all hope of ever finding shade has fled, the dense foliage once again springs up. Tangling vines and twisting branches repeatedly reach out and snatch their victims. However, the weary traveller now welcomes the damp, dark, beastly forest.

After resting in the cool shade of a gnarled old tree, it is time to head back. (And a hasty retreat is definitely in order at this point.)

Travelling much faster now, the hiker does not take the time to notice the rotten smell of decay and the moldy smell of the Brazos. The only thing thought of is the safety of civilization.

When the journeyman finally reaches the start of the trail once more, he thinks to himself, "Well... that wasn't so bad."

The Student Government is planning a nature trail clean up for this month. If you would like to help contact Greg Clark in the student activities office. Entertainment and food is being considered.

Geology at its best at Enchanted Rock

By SHAWN RISENER

Groups of Geology 411 students visited the Enchanted Rock State Natural Area on Oct. 20 and 27 to see, feel and even adventure into some of the obviously visible geology of the area. Mary Battles, geology instructor, said the purpose of the trip was to allow students to view geology in a real-to-life situation rather than just reading about it in a text book.

Several students who went agreed that the trip was more than just enjoyable. It helped them actually see and be a part of what they had been learning in class.

The area boasts scenic landscape dominated by massive dome-shaped hills of pinkish

granite. It is located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, 18 miles north of Fredericksburg and 15 miles south of Llano in Gillespie and Llano counties.

According to a state department publication, the pink granite of Enchanted Rock has a measurable age of one billion years and is among the oldest exposed rock in North America.

Battles said that the granite makes a crackling sound when it suddenly and spontaneously breaks due to weathering. One legend suggests that Indians thought the massive hills of granite were magical because of the sounds the rock produced. This is how it received the name Enchanted Rock.

Battles and her students were

able to climb the rocks and study the geologic features of the area.

Once they reached the 1,825-foot pinnacle of the steeply-sloped Enchanted Rock, Battles and the students who "felt adventurous" entered Enchanted Rock Cave, one of the largest known granite "caves."

Battles said that by definition the "cave" should actually be called a rock fall.

The groups maneuvered their way through the "cave," climbing up and down jagged rocks. They literally crawled through narrow cracks and helped each other to reach their common goal: the much sought after exit. Their trek through the "cave" lasted for more than an hour.

After leaving Enchanted Rock,

each group made several stops to collect rocks for their required collection. At one stop in Llano, students collected a unique rock called Llanite, an igneous rock containing sparkling blue quartz crystals.

Battles said Llanite has not been found anywhere in the world except in Llano, as reflected in the rock's name. She said rock collectors from around the world come to collect pieces of the rock.

Referring to the Llanite she said, "Once it's gone, it's gone."

Her geology students have taken two other "field trips" close to the campus this semester. These were a walk through the trails along the Brazos River and a trip to the gravel pit near the Lake Waco Dam this semester.

TRUSTEES

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New personnel

In personnel matters, the board approved the hiring of six people. Calvin Lewis will serve as the director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Mary Bauerle will serve as volunteer coordinator for the same program.

In the Developmental Education-Adult Education Department, Cherry Boggess will serve as coordinator and Shirley Crockett will be the lead instructor. Also, Lora Perry will serve as full-time instructor.

Evelyn Angelovich will serve as office supervisor in the Admissions/Registrar's Office.

Student Government President Scott Beckworth gave a report on his organization's past, present and future activities to the board. After which, all Student Government members stood up and introduced themselves to the people assembled.

ENROLLMENT

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all offering fall classes for the first time. This should be taken into consideration, according to Hobbs.

Henry Tucker has been responsible for the Downtown, Crossroads West and Midway High School programs. He said the report only shows the people

enrolled in courses for credit. What it doesn't show is the number of people enrolled at these centers in non-credit or continuing education courses. Some continuing education courses have not started yet, he said.

Midway High School has a total of 125 people enrolled in MCC classes. The Crossroads West location has 148 and the Downtown center has 149 people taking credit and non-credit classes, according to Tucker.

"Right now we don't have a lot to compare on the initial stages. Things are going along reasonably well. These off-campus centers open up a lot of opportunities in these areas," Tucker said.



Photo by Nathan Newberry

STUDENTS DANCE into the night at the Halloween Carnival Oct. 31 at the Student Center.

His dream becomes a reality

By JENNIFER WARREN

With the release of his third album 'absolute blue', Rick Moore's dream of being a recording musician has come true.

"When I first got started, I was just a serious songwriter. I was working with Ronna Reeves at the time," stated Moore. "I had a soundboard available to me at the time and it gave me the freedom to record demo tapes and send them to independent producers."

Moore originally attended MCC from 1983 to 1987 and was hired as a part-time instructor in 1988. The Bolo Bros. are composed of Moore, Jimmy Jones, and other people that Moore recruits for each album.

"I am always looking for people to play for me. If I hear a sound

that I like, I will recruit them to be a part of my project," stated Moore. "In the past, I've used the people who were on tour or playing at the clubs I've been at. Now, I'm interested in recruiting MCC students."

In 'absolute blue', Moore's 17-year-old daughter, Mira, sang on the album. Moore commented that she enjoyed being included on the album. "She loved it. This isn't the first time she has been a part of a project," stated Moore. "On the second album, she wrote a song called 'Where the Sky Ends, Texas Begins.' She wrote the song for a PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) talent contest."

"The contest was open to poems, prose, art work and music. When she came home, she went her room and came back out with

this rap song. She received an honorable mention for it in the region," stated Moore.

Moore also commented that eventually he would like for her to produce a record for Mira. He stated that every six months he produces a new project or record.

"As far as my albums are concerned, the first one was accumulated material that I had. However, the second album was more of a concept album," Moore said. "This album was more planned out than the others."

"The way I place the songs on the album is according to how I want the album to turn out," stated Moore. "A lot of the material comes from real life."

While Rick Moore originally started his career as a songwriter, he has come full circle as a songwriter, singer, and instructor.



DICK GIMBLE'S country western commercial music class performs in the Student Center during the 10 o'clock hour on Oct. 26. The class consists of Chris Fikes, bass guitar;

Tony Hilarlo, bass guitar; Missy Bice, keyboards; Jana Martin, vocals; John Haskett, bass guitar; and Dwayne Goodwin, drums.

Photo by Sam Allgood



TWO TEACHERS from the Child Development Center lead a group of 3-year-olds around the parking lot near the center.

Photo by Nathan Newberry

New album shows diversity

By JENNIFER WARREN

Bluegrass musicians would applaud the diversity that the Bolo Bros. take on in their new album, "absolute blue...."

The album is reminiscent of the music performed by such groups as the Traveling Wilburys. Several of the songs leap at the listener with a message. "Summer in the South," "Texas Chili Boogie" and "My Hometown" all emit a Central Texas flavor and appeal to the Texan in all of us. "Summer in the South" talks of present and past and of relaxing on the front porch. "Texas Chili Boogie" smells of chili. Its descriptive lyrics talk of Waco and the Brazos River. According to Rick Moore, his lyrics are fictional, but they also talk about real life situations.

"Daddy Is a Money Machine" features Mira Moore telling the story of a girl who always needs money.

The Bolo Bros. bring out the best of Texas in all of us.

He likes 'Living Dead'

By ADRIAN VILLEGAS

George Romero's original 1969 "Night of the Living Dead" has earned the title of an undisputed horror classic.

Like "It's a Wonderful Life" at Christmas, it has become a favorite, and is televised repeatedly during the Halloween season. Obviously, Romero and fellow investors got cheated out of profits from the first low-budget ghoulish fest, hence the color remake.

The new "Night of the Living Dead" is a tense, restrained and ultimately effective screamer. It pales only in comparison to its inimitable predecessor, but is a class-act horror movie when viewed beside the shock that passes for horror today.

The film is directed by Tom Savini, make-up effects maven, in his film making debut. Savini's direction is tight and sinewy, and more than one scene surpasses the original's in suspense, due to his shrewd use of unbearably claustrophobic shot composition.

Again the cast of victims in "Night of the Living Dead" is comprised of unknowns, and the new army of zombies is as grotesque, frenzied and hungry as ever.

The new Dead's story line takes a few unexpected twists and turns certain to catch devotees of the original off guard. The gore is used sparingly for a genre film, the filmmakers no doubt realizing implied rather than explicit violence is often more effective on an audience.

For a good fright or simply for a new look an old classic, go see the new "Night of the Living Dead." But take a friend...or they might get you.

ZZ Top thrills crowd

BY LIDA STANFORD

"She's got legs and she knows how to use them...Mmmm they're gonna move you...." one of ZZTOP's best known songs, sung at it's recent concert.

The ZZTOP concert on Oct. 20 at the Cotton Bowl was, in this reporter's opinion, one of the best. Four bands, including SANTANA, warmed up the crowd for the grand finale.

The crowd stood up and cheered when ZZTOP came on stage and most remained standing throughout the two hours ZZ played. The music ranged from current hits to not so current but it was as exhilarating as it was exceptional.

The lasers and special effects were among the entertainment planned for the event. At one point the lasers made the crowd in the pit (estimated 2,000-4,000 people) look like green stars in the sky. Another time the lasers created a large funnel around the band.

The entertainment was as thought-out as the refreshments. Those who wished to drink alcoholic beverages had to get a white wrist band before the concert started, after showing the proper ID to the police officers. Those who chose to be designated drivers for the evening wore red wrist bands and received free Cokes throughout the concert.

Cast set for play

By JENNIFER WARREN

The cast for the production of "The Philadelphia Story" has been set. The play will run Dec. 4-9.

The cast includes Gwyn Robb as Tracy Lord, Amy Barber as Dinah Lord, Jo Carnahan as Margaret Lord, Dave Stanford as Sandy Lord, and Jason Kirkpatrick as Seth Lord.

Also included in the cast are Byron McCauley as Uncle Willie, Jill Bowen as Liz Imbrie, Len Carrell as Macauley Connor, John Dimas as George Kittredge, and Keith Adair as C.K. Dexter Haven.

Also cast in the play are Larry Umberger as Mac and Edward, Anita Arnold as May, Erin Roberson as Tilly, and Beth Caplinger as Elsie.

For more information concerning tickets, call 750-3500.

PIT

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in the shadows. No deep pit seemed to be in sight.

The adventurers were about to give up when Berger exclaimed, "There's something over there!" They ran over to a half-buried cement slab. There in the middle of the slab lay the entrance to the pit. Success at last.

As they peered into the pit, they were haunted by the words of the Englishman, "You'll know what it is when you see it." But by gosh, they didn't know.

Berger and Ondrej racked their brains for possible answers. Was it a septic tank, a cistern, a storm cellar, an icehouse, a sauna or a wine cellar? The possibilities were endless.

After much debate, they decided it was either an attitude adjuster or a ment locker. The latter seemed practical since it was located next to the barbecue pits.

The exhausted sleuths called the journalism department to confirm their findings. As their findings were verified, they exclaimed, "All this just to get our pictures in the paper."



Photo by Sam Allgood

THE ART CENTER sponsored a fun day for 24 fourth graders from J.H. Hines Elementary School. The Art Center adopted the school as a part of the Adopt-A-School program. As a part of the program, the Art Center goes to the school and discusses the basic elements of art with their students.

Okay if you like classical

By SHAWN RISENER

Walt Disney's revolutionary "Fantasia" remains a prodigious blend of cinema and music as it returns to theaters across the United States this fall.

The "Fantasia" seen in theaters today blends restored, rich colors and dynamic sound. Nevertheless, this restored version of the 1940 classic prevails as Disney's animated tribute to classical music and requires moviegoers to use the best of their imagination.

Leopold Stokowski, legendary conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra, smoothly directs throughout the rendition as colorful lights illuminate his every move and brightly depict instruments of the splendid orchestra.

"Fantasia" triumphs such musical masterpieces as Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor," Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite," Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring," Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony," Ponchielli's "Dance of the Hours," Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain" and Schubert's "Ave Maria."

As the theater filled with the sounds of these masterpieces, animated characters and abstract designs gracefully overtook the screen.

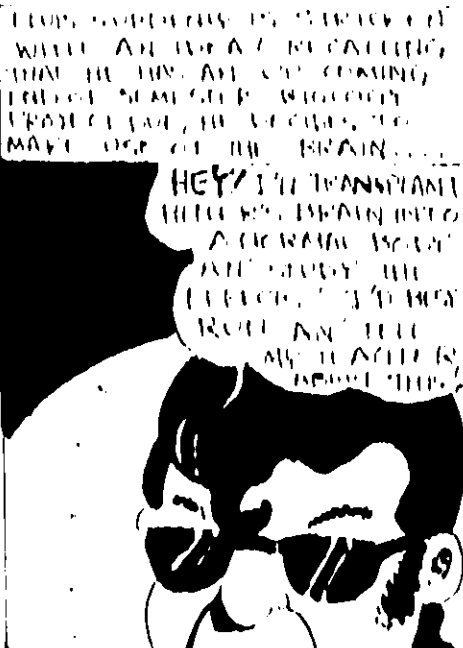
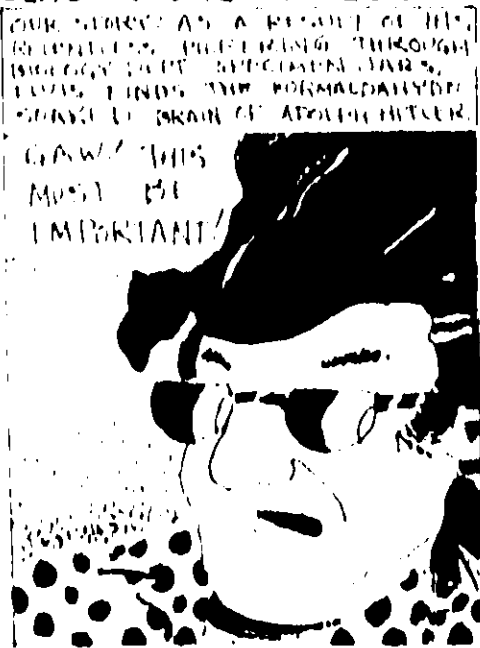
While the blend of music with animation was film's strongest point, the depiction of such controversial issues as sorcery and evolution sorely stood out.

Basically, the movie could be compared with watching two hours of a classical, animated MTV if it had existed in Bach and Beethoven's time.

Overall, "Fantasia" is an outstanding movie for those who enjoy classical music. But for those who do not, it's a chance to take a two hour nap.

Any news tips for entertainment? Let us know at 750-3444.

ELVIS GOES TO COLLEGE



BY J.D. DAVIDSON

