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Three seats open

Board of Trustees election nears

by Donna Richter

Meeting

MCC trustees Tuesday approved a \$13,537.88 bid for repairs to the Health and Physical Education Building roof and approved an order for a trustee election April 1.

Johnson Roofing Co. of Waco submitted the low bid for repairs to the HPE building roof, which "has been leaking on and off" since the building was constructed, said Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC president.

Three trustee positions currently filled by Henry Griffin, Bob Sheehy and Mrs. Laura Smith will open in April. The board of trustees is comprised of seven members elected to six-year staggered

terms.

Sheehy and Griffin are charter members of the board

and have served since 1965. The board appointed Smith to her position last spring to fill the unexpired term of Guy King, Jr.

Filing deadline for the election is March 2 in the Business Office.

The election will be held in Waco City Council and Waco Independent School District polling places. Rural county residents will vote in one of the 19 public school district polls outside Waco.

Trustees awarded a low bid of \$3,373 for a campus police car to Marsteller Motors. Ball said campus police have logged about 50,000 miles on one car in two and one-half years.

The board authorized the

president and financial vice-president of the college to conduct business with the Texas Education Agency.

Trustees also awarded Davis Brothers Publishing Co. a low

bid of \$6,687 for printing of MCC's ten year report and a low bid of \$7,225 to Jacobs-Cathey Co. for air conditioning in the computer services center.

Home Care Agency. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the board of directors for Planned Parenthood.

A Waco resident for 13½ years, Podet received her

bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Chicago and her master of arts in social work from the University of Utah.

Candidates

Mrs. Norma Y. Podet, 2617 Lake Oaks, and C. Ray Perry, 1717 Royal Oaks, filed Wednesday for election to the MCC Board of Trustees.

Podet filed for Position 2, while Perry filed for Position 1. Podet is Project Administrator of the Waco Family

She worked as Director of Staff Development at the Methodist Home for 10 years and served as an adjunct associate professor of sociology at Baylor University for five years.

"I feel that education is important and basic for making one's way in life, and I believe MCC supports those efforts," she said.

Perry is president of Equipment Manufacturing Corporation of Waco. He received his bachelor of arts in mathematics, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and master of science in industrial engineering from Texas Technological University.

He is a member of the Industrial Advisory Board of the Industrial Engineering Department at Texas Tech.

"I've been interested in MCC since it was first voted into being. This would be my first time to take an active part in supporting the college," Perry said.

MCC trustees elections will be conducted April 1. Filing deadline is March 2 in the MCC Business Office.

SG discusses plans for fight song

Committee reports in continuing business plus discussions on several recommendations to be written filled the 10 o'clock hour for members of Student Government.

After swearing in newly elected treasurer Mark Henson, several committee reports were submitted for approval and or additions by SG members. Rene McWest read a portion of the essay to be submitted for state competition. The essay, in part, dealt with the activities on campus and the involvement that must be initiated between SG members, faculty and fellow students.

The mini-concert report included the possibility of the band "Too Smooth" performing here if funds could be appropriated and a date set.

The games room committee reported the billiards tournament is still in progress. James Bergman said the women's tournament could possibly end Monday, but the men's tournament could continue until March 8. The reason behind this is that there are several men who have not begun to compete as of this week.

Martha McConnell presented

a song to be considered for the school fight song. She said that she would have an additional song at next week's meeting after she had met with another girl who was writing a song at that time. Rita McNamara volunteered to help on that committee.

Susan Johnson presented the cover for the MCC Scrapbook to be submitted in competition later in the year. The wooden cover, painted in school colors, is three dimensional with three Highlanders on the front. She said page design will include a silhouette of three Highlanders on each page with various pictures inside the borders. Outlines of the silhouettes will be alternating black and orange.

President Kelley reminded SG members of club spirit night Saturday for the MCC-Hill basketball game. He urged support from all members and asked them to stress the importance of attendance at the game.

Rene McWest read the recommendation she and Don Bynum had written requesting repair of blow dryers in the HPE dressing rooms. The recommendation was unanimously voted to be of great importance. It will soon be submitted for approval.

Tom Gabbert reviewed the SG list of priorities originally drawn up last semester.

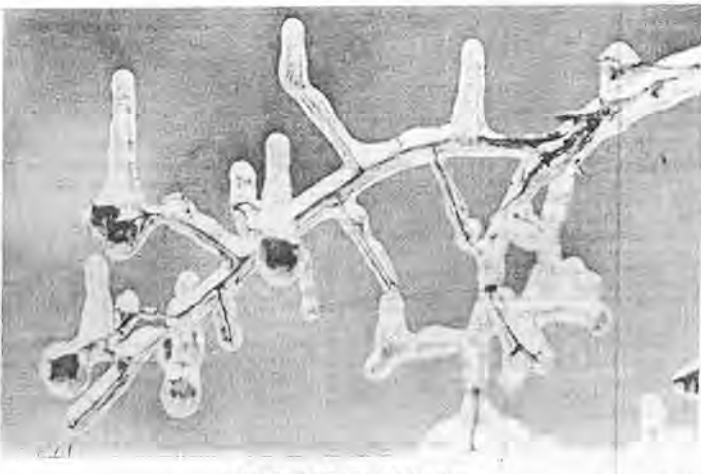
Among items on the list is a recommendation for shelves in the Student Center restrooms. The possibility of a sidewalk between the HPE building and the tennis courts was also

discussed. Rita McNamara will prepare a recommendation for the shelves and Tom Gabbert will prepare one for the proposed sidewalk.

Cindy Burt reported that she will meet with Dr. La Verne Wong, dean of Student Services, this week to discuss lending of

school equipment to students' for a longer period of time than is now allowed. Burt will report on her findings at the next meeting.

Other possibilities included on the list are MCC night at Magic Music and perhaps a corigan week or weekend.



JACK FROST STRIKES AGAIN

Last week's icy roads and yet another accumulation of snow cancelled day classes for the second time this semester, and caused yet another casualty. Science instructor Pat Norton received a broken arm and several bruises in a fall at her home.

Photo by Marvin Clynh



JUICE MACHINE

Freshman Frank Fitzpatrick enjoys a drink between classes from a recently installed juice machine. Several other machines were installed on campus to improve the nutrition content of snacks.

Season for flu arrives

"The season to get sick is here but the campus seems relatively unafflicted. The flu, which has reached epidemic level in other areas, was officially reported only 12 times last week," said Director of Health Services, Carolyn Rodabough.

Most flus last two to seven days, she said, and occur during winter and spring months. They are highly contagious.

"Because we are right in the peak of that season, we are likely to have a number of cases," said Rodabough.

Because of varying symptoms, it is almost impossible to pinpoint the type of flu or even determine if it is a flu, she said.

The flu causes fever, chills, nausea, vomiting and headaches.

Rodabough suggested flu victims see doctors and stay home. She said instructors will be informed of the student's illness if the student obtains a doctor's statement.

Students who are not sick and wish to remain that way should watch eating and drinking habits and avoid crowds of infected persons said Rodabough.

Pipeline

Gong Show sponsored by MHA

Mental Health Associates is sponsoring a Gong Show Feb. 24 in the HPE Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. Auditions are open to the community and will be held in the HPE Lecture Hall today beginning at 3 p.m. Prizes will be given for the best and worst act. Entries are free. Tickets are 50 cents.

BEOG checks ready today

Students who are due money from their Basic Educational Opportunity Grants for the 1978 Spring semester may pick up checks in the Office of Financial Aids Monday.

The Office of Financial Aids has received financial aid forms for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant to be used in the 1978-79 academic year. Students are encouraged to apply early.

Classes cancelled for convention

Classes will not be held Friday so faculty members and professional staff may attend the Texas Junior College Teachers Association Convention in Houston. The college will be open on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. All regular activities, including classes, will be conducted as usual on those days.

'Harper' features talented cast

"Harper", the second offering in the English Film Series, will be shown in the HPE Lecture Hall Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. This tautly-directed mystery contains a talent-packed cast including Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall, Julie Harris, Arthur Hill, Janet Leigh, Pamela Tiffin, Robert Wagner and Shelly Winters.

MHA's sale raises \$53

Mental Health Associates netted \$53.00 in a Valentine Bake Sale Monday. The money will be used to send delegates to the National Mental Health Associates Convention this June in Syracuse, New York.

A St. Patrick's Day bake sale is planned.

Elkins to speak on 'Moonies'

Chris Elkins, a former national leader in the Unification Church, will be in the Science Lecture Hall at 10 a.m. Feb. 22 to discuss the religious, sociological, political, philosophical and economic aspects of one of the fastest growing and most influential religious cults in America. Elkins will discuss why he resisted efforts to "deprogram" him but later voluntarily left the "Moonies." He will explain why he is spending eighteen months traveling over the country to present these lectures. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Elkins is being sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. Admission is free.

CLEP exams given March 13-14

Any student wishing to receive advanced credit through CLEP examinations must make application in the Counseling Office prior to Feb. 20 for the March 13-14 test dates.

Orientation due conference

All orientation students should have a conference with their counselor before Feb. 20. The deadline has been extended due to the bad weather.

Club spirit night this Saturday

The re-scheduled home game against Hill Junior College has been designated as Club Spirit Night. Clubs will be competing for an award that signifies they were the most 'spirited' group supporting the basketball team.

Deadline near for nursing program

Deadline for application to the associate degree nursing program is March 15. Classes begin May 31. Prospective students must submit an application to MCC, an application to the nursing program, a high school transcript or a high school equivalent certificate, a transcript of any previous college work and ACT scores.

Prospective students must also take the Psychological Service Bureau Aptitude (PSB) exam. Information concerning the PSB and ACT exams and application forms is available from the Counseling Office.

Editorial

'King' still inspiration

The observance of Black Heritage Week on campus last week was highlighted by speeches and art displays which presented the problems, accomplishments and goals of blacks. Ironically, the most touching and profound words came not from campus, but from television's six-hour dramatization of the life of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., called "King."

The inspiration and pride King gave to black people and all minorities was directly responsible for passage of Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But the irony of it is the unrelenting stance of nonviolence King and his supporters maintained throughout their long and painful ordeal. Countering curses and hatred with love and perseverance was the characteristic which made King the legend he was, and is.

For young persons, especially white young persons, it is easy to forget the painful struggle waged by King and his followers to gain the freedom promised by our democracy. It is both disheartening and painful to recall the segregation, deprivation, hate and even murder so recently faced by black reformers.

Despite the momentous accomplishments and reforms instigated by King, the goal of "freedom for all" is still far from complete. It is important that all Americans, regardless of race, never forget the courage and the examples set by men and women such as Martin Luther King, Jr.

The greatness of the man is the legacy he left behind for all Americans to share and to remember. It does seem the good die young, but the idea of freedom King died for 10 years ago, can never be hushed.

Enrollment decreases

Spring enrollment for 1978 is 122 persons less than the fall enrollment of 1977, but according to Registrar Willie Hobbs, the decrease is normal. "There is almost always a drop of enrollment in the spring," he said.

Spring enrollment for 1977 was 3,535, 50 more than this semester. Of the 3,485 students enrolled this semester, 1,962 are females and 1,523 are males.

There are 2,452 day students, two-thirds or 1,460 of whom are women. Evening students number 1,033, about 50 per cent are women. Part-time students at 1,933 outnumber fulltime students, of which there are 1,552.

The LVN and cosmetology students are not included in the total enrollment count. They number 75.

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Entertainment

Movie Review

All-star cast highlights 'The Betsy'

by Bryan Davis

Harold Robbins has been churning out novels for years, and although his readers ultimately turn them into best-sellers, their literary value leaves something to be desired. But in bringing Robbins' "The Betsy" to the screen, director Daniel Petrie, along with an impressive cast, has turned beef jerky into caviar.

Petrie, known for television productions "Eleanor and Franklin" and "Sybil," has taken one of Robbins' more interesting works and made it extremely interesting. "The Betsy" spans four generations and 40 years of the rich and powerful Hardeman family of Detroit. Owners of the Bethlehem Motor Corporation, the Hardemans' power in the auto industry is equalled only by the Fords.

Laurence Olivier, considered by many the world's greatest actor, portrays the founder and genius behind the corporation.

Although 86, Olivier's character remains the dominant force behind the empire his grandson (Robert Duvall) now manages.

Crippled by age, yet brighter than his younger colleagues, Olivier plans his final triumph as an auto genius. "Before they start throwing dirt in my face," Olivier says, "I'm going to build me a car the world will never forget."

To build this wonder car, called the Betsy in honor of his great granddaughter, Olivier commissions a prominent race driver (Tommy Lee Jones). Olivier hadn't expected, however, the opposition he would receive from his grandson, who secretly despises his grandfather for having an affair with his mother and causing his father's suicide.

The constant reopening of old wounds and family hatreds is revealed through Olivier's flashbacks over a 40 year

period. Olivier's uncontrollable urge for power results in the destruction of many and the rise of few. Nothing, including murder, will keep Olivier and Jones from manufacturing their 60 mile per gallon Betsy.

Olivier, as always, impeccable. At 70, he is the shining light of the film, and better than ever. Aside from effectively portraying the same character at age 42 and 86, Olivier's presence alone tends to guarantee fine performances from fellow actors.

Jones, whose previous roles have been primarily for TV, is in his best role to date. He is particularly effective in scenes with Olivier and the beautiful Lesley-Anne Down. And yes, as in all Robbins' novels, love abounds in the film version.

Duvall, lacking a decent script since "The Godfather," is effective as the stern and embittered grandson. Also worth mention are Paul Rudd as Olivier's homosexual son; Katharine Ross, as Olivier's daughter-in-law; and newcomer Kathleen Beller, who, as Olivier's great granddaughter, is very appealing.

Perhaps as a good luck charm, Petrie reunites Jane Alexander and Ed Herрман, better known as TV's "Eleanor and Franklin." Both are fine, but their cameo roles are not enough for their talent.

In addition to fine performances, the film offers Petrie's superb direction, attractive period costumes, settings and beautiful music.

This is not to say, of course, "The Betsy" is for everyone.

The film lacks the excitement and grandeur of today's blockbusters, and might be a bit slow for some. But don't be misled, "The Betsy" is about people, not cars. Interplay of emotions between people makes "The Betsy" work. This quality fosters a sympathetic understanding in the viewer for the characters as well as the film.

Indeed, the Hardeman wonder car will not be forgotten. As a matter of fact, the film is rather memorable too.



ROMANCE ABOUND

Tommy Lee Jones and Lesley-Anne Down compose one of many romances to be found in 'The Betsy.'

'Two Down Then Left'

Scaggs takes wrong turn

by Matt Mitchell

After the release of "Silk Degrees" in 1975, Boz Scaggs was sitting pretty. But his latest effort, "Down Two Then Left" is a much too pretty attempt to achieve the same result as did his previous work.

Most of the rhythms and arrangements here seem borrowed from "Silk Degrees," but they are not nearly as effective. David Paich, who collaborated with Scaggs on most of the "Silk Degrees" songs and also handled the arrangements on that album, is absent this time. He has been replaced by Michael Omartian, whose arrangements and song writing fall short of Paich's standards.

Scaggs' voice, however, is as strong as ever. He does seem to be working at a disadvantage due to lack of good material. While Boz is dynamic in "Still Falling for You," "Hollywood" and "Gimme the Goods," he falls short on "A Clue" and "Tomorrow Never Came."

"Gimme the Goods," with its tight vocals and jazzy rhythms, sounds as if it were taken from one of Steely Dan's albums. "1933" is a nice song, or so it seems until a final instrumental break is ruined by a robot-like growl. The sound was probably

meant to add a computeristic effect to the song, but comes off sounding like Darth Vader talking in his sleep.

There is definitely a token bow to disco taken here. "Hollywood" and "Hard Times" (the first single to be released) are tasteful examples. The appeal for radio and disco popularity has forced Scaggs to abandon the balance of smooth ballads and fast moving songs he used prior to this release.

Gone is the old Boz Scaggs made famous by songs like "Somebody Loan Me A Dime" and "Slow Dancer." Scaggs seems more concerned with his new-found image as an elegant rock star than with being the competent rhythms, blues, and pop-rock singer he was prior to 1975.

While this album and most of its songs will probably become popular, due partly to Scaggs' classy following and his clever production, most of its success can be attributed to its sparkling predecessor "Silk Degrees." And while most new Boz fans will be pleased (new being post "Silk Degrees"), die-hard Scaggs followers will recognize the latest release as a timid attempt to please the general public.



SUPERB ACTING

Laurence Olivier lends his talents to 'The Betsy' as a rich and powerful auto king.

Lincoln, Kennedy compared

Ford's Theater, the building in which President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, recently was the subject of a televised anniversary hour. The event brings to mind the coincidences between Lincoln, and another slain president, John F. Kennedy.

For instance, both Lincoln and Kennedy have seven letters in their last name. Lincoln was elected in 1860, 100 years before Kennedy. Both presidents were

killed on Friday, in the presence of their wives.

Both presidents were warned of their fates. Lincoln by his secretary, named Kennedy, and Kennedy, by his secretary named Lincoln. Both men were directly concerned with Civil Rights, and both men were succeeded in office by men named Johnson. Both of their vice presidents were Southern Democrats who had served in the U.S. Senate. In addition, both vice presidents were born

100 years apart.

Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, and Kennedy's killer, Lee Harvey Oswald, were both Southerners favoring unpopular ideas. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and hid in a theater. Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and hid in a warehouse. Both Booth and Oswald were killed before a trial. And both men were born 100 years apart. In addition, each name has a total of 15 letters.

Editors charge bias

"To educate the pure, and educate the contaminated," is the stated motto of a weekly black newspaper formed two years ago in Waco.

Two editors from the paper, "Grass Roots," spoke to a journalism class recently about their reasons for forming the newspaper.

"We saw the need for communication between the masses of our people," co-editor Donald Freeman said. Blacks were only covered in the local media through religion, sports or when they commit a crime, he said.

Freeman called the "Waco Tribune Herald" a "social page for middle class whites.

"The Waco Tribune covers stories in the black community from downtown," he said. "Is that investigative reporting? That is what they call it."

He said the "Waco Tribune Herald" has only one reporter to cover news from the black community. He attributed the lack of adequate coverage to advertising control. Advertisers, he said, would be unwilling to support the newspaper if it printed more news from the black community.

"Grass Roots" receives little advertising from local businesses, he said. Its support comes mainly from young blacks and a circulation of about 3,500 persons.

The lack of advertising support results in a small staff and some dependence on third-

hand information. Although Freeman admitted this system results in some inaccuracies, he said "Grass Roots" comes closer to the truth about situations that confront blacks than other local media.

Because of white influence in education, he said, many blacks accept the "Waco Tribune Herald" over "Grass Roots." "The media form of education dilutes the real concept of life," said Freeman. Shows like "Good Times" and "The Jeffersons" do not portray the lives of blacks realistically, he said.

He parodied the "The Jeffersons" by saying that an episode would show George Jefferson about to be hanged by the Ku Klux Klan but the next episode would show him being saved. The problem in the black community, he said, is "to survive without the knowledge that someone is going to save you."

"Grass Roots" tries to help the community by illustrating positive aspects of the black community, stimulating ideas for improvement and presenting problems as they really are, he said. The paper works for the people, Freeman said, as a representative in their behalf.

For instance, he said "Grass Roots" recently helped to free a youth who had been in jail since June. The youth had originally been charged but the court had found him not guilty. Freeman claimed that officials were holding the youth until evidence

could be found on another charge.

The reason was not corrected because no one knew the law which states a person must be released from custody if not charged within 24 hours, Freeman said.

A student asked if the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was not set up to help the blacks.

"The NAACP is a joke, and has been bought off," Freeman replied.

Another student from New York asked why blacks did not protest the lack of coverage in the local media. The student said New York blacks protested and were successful.

The problem in Waco, said Freeman, is that Waco is "more backwards in attitude than New York was in the 1930s."

"Waco is set up in a systematic way. There are no jobs or political power in the black community," he said, "and people are easily bought off."

Another problem in gaining support for a protest, he said, is that the media uses offensive words to turn people off. Words like militant are used to give a bad meaning to someone who is trying to better a situation, he said.

"Some would call Donald Freeman a militant," he said, "which is different from calling him someone who wants to do something for his people."

Let's call it quits

A program designed to help people stop smoking will be presented Feb. 24 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the Student Center. "Let's Call It Quits," sponsored by the Health Services, will provide information on smoking and tips on how to stop smoking.

Also on hand will be a group from the Health and Physical Education Department of Baylor University that has

conducted numerous "stop smoking clinics." They will discuss their approach used in helping people to stop smoking

and to sign up persons interested in participating in such a clinic.

A U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory panel is recommending that women be warned of dangers involved in smoking while on birth control pills. The risk of heart and blood vessel disease is increased. A

recent report from an English medical journal says mortality rates from circulatory diseases for pill users who

smoke is 39.5 per 100,000, almost triple that for nonsmokers, and 4.4 times that of smokers who do not take the pill.

DTC performs here

A traveling group from the Dallas Theater Center performed here recently before small crowds.

Two presentations, which drew a combined crowd of 84 persons, included a discussion led by Dr. Cameron Northouse, humanities director of the Dallas Theater Center.

According to Northouse the first presentation, "Anthem, Texas," centered around two conflicts; one between city and farm life and the other between parents and children.

The action arose from the son's desire for country life and his sister's love for the city. Northouse said that in the end, however, the city was no different from the country.

On Friday the cast presented "Huckleberry Finn is Dead", the story of the industrialization of rural Texas.

Set in Progress, Texas, the introduction of an industry, Agro Inc., begins to change the personalities and life styles of the townspeople. For example,

the mayor's wife, wanting to sophisticate Progress, tries to bring music and art to the town.

The last scene shows an old man displaying his hatred for the mayor and Agro Inc. The community, Northouse explained, was analyzing what had happened to their town.

Billy Dowdy, English instructor, expressed disappointment with the turnout. Northouse, however, remarked that he was pleased with the overall attendance.

J-M takes first

The second annual MCC Dance Company Clinic Contest awarded trophies to four Central Texas high schools this weekend. In Division 1 (15 girls or less) Jefferson-Moore took first place, with Marlin taking second. In Division 2 (more than 15 girls) Killeen High School was awarded the first place trophy and University High School took second.

Pageant begins Friday

Students compete for Miss H.O.T.

By Suanne Wiese

MCC students will be contestants in the 1978 Miss Heart of Texas Beauty Pageant: Friday and Saturday at the Waco Convention Center. Held in conjunction with the Waco Boat Show, the pageant will be coordinated by sophomore Lisa Ferris, a former Miss H.O.T.

Karen Ashley, Sylvia Caballero, Lynn Callentine, and Donna Goates are pageant entries from the school.

Karen Ashley is a freshman physical education major from Lorena. She is a member of Circle K and is cheerleader. Ashley is sponsored by the Heart of Texas Athletic Association. She is 5'4", weighs 110 lbs. and has blonde hair and green eyes.

Sylvia Caballero is a former first runner-up in the LBJ Beauty Review. She is a freshman legal secretary major from Austin and is sponsored by Mayberry and Associates. Caballero is 5'7" and weighs 120 lbs. She has long dark hair and brown eyes.

Lynn Callentine will be sponsored by Goldstein-Migel. She is a sophomore business major and a member of the Dance Company. She is 5'3" and weighs 115 lbs., has blonde hair and green eyes. She is a graduate of Richfield High School.

Donna Goates is a sophomore

physical education major from Waco. She is 5'7 1/2" and weighs 125 lbs., has brown hair and eyes. She is a cheerleader and secretary of Student Government and Circle K.

Hermunia Pacheco, 20, is a student at McLennan Community College and is employed at Citizens National Bank. She enjoys swimming, tennis, and hiking. Hermunia is sponsored by Outboard Sales and Service.

Cindy Schacher, 19, attends MCC where she is a member of Gamma Sigma Tau and the International Club. She was named the Computer Science Sweetheart and was listed on the president's honor roll. Cindy is sponsored by Zumwalt Homes.

The pageant begins Friday night when the girls will participate in evening gown competition. Saturday night will be highlighted by the modeling of swimsuits.

The beauty pageant is judged one-third poise and personality, one-third swimsuit, and one-third evening gown. The winner will receive, among other things, an all-expense paid trip to El Paso and a chance to become Miss Texas USA. The winner of the Miss USA Pageant advances to the internationally televised Miss Universe Pageant to be held this year in Mexico City.

In addition to the pageant, the boatshow will feature performances of the Dance Company Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Photos by Donna Richter

The Highlassies appear bound for another trip to the Region V in Abilene. They are alone in first place in the North Texas Junior College Conference. Three conference games are left on the Highlassies' schedule. Winner of the regional tournament advances to the national tournament in Kansas. Clockwise: Jackie Swaim goes for two against Tyler Junior College; Carolyn Johnson and Sally Sandlin harass Ranger Range Ann; Kathy Westerfield guards Temple Leopardette; Highlassies huddle for strategy; Coach Pam Davis expresses hope, concern and mild frustration; Highlassie defense works on Mary Hardin-Baylor; Debra Davis draws foul against Ranger Junior College.



'Lassies high' for playoffs

Black Heritage Week

Pastor says facts distorted

The fallacy and fantasy of black history was the topic last week when Reverend Robert L. Gilbert, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Bremond, Texas, spoke here as part of Black Heritage Week.

Gilbert said that black history is inaccurate, incomplete and distorted. He added that if history was accurate there would be no need for Black Heritage Week.

Blaming the media partially for this, Gilbert said that controllers of the media edit out black accomplishments and go for the dollar market. "The media was pro Martin Luther King as long as he advocated non-violence, but backed off when he took a stand on other issues, such as the Vietnam war," he said.

Gilbert said that black students are either ill-informed or uninformed about black history and there was a need to de-program and re-educate blacks. Because history is distorted, he said, you can't learn any lessons from it.



REV. ROBERT L. GILBERT

Art show features paintings by Paul Quinn art director

The work of artist Chesley Smith, Jr. was featured during Black Heritage Week, sponsored by Afro Student Kindred last week. Smith, director of the art department at Paul Quinn College, was present in the Student Center Tuesday to discuss his work.

A native of Waco, Smith began art work at the age of six. Intrigued by magazines, he was

always fascinated by art. Encouraged by his parents, Smith continued through college and received his M.S. in art education from East Texas State University.

Smith's art revolves around societal problems. One of his paintings, called "Inflation," portrays difficult life experiences. It was inspired by a song from Stevie Wonder's album, "Songs in the Key of

Life."

"I'm always experimenting and try to try a new approach," says Smith. In his painting called "The Tiger," Smith uses acrylics for realism.

Although this is his first year of competition, Smith says that he plans to step up on the production of his work so he can send paintings to more art shows. He said he hopes to produce 40 paintings a year.



CHESLEY SMITH, JR.

Smith displays examples of his work in relation with Black Heritage Week.



United States fulfills dreams for Nigerian

Emeka Agu, a twenty-three-year-old Nigerian, has always thought of the United States as a land of opportunity where anyone with determination can succeed. After living here 17 months he still believes it.

Although Agu says he had heard racism was especially bad in Waco and was apprehensive about living here, he has been surprised by the lack of discrimination.

"The students are friendly to me," he said. "They ask many questions about my country."

One of the questions often asked is about the political uprisings in Africa. The answer he gives is simple. "The black Africans believe in democracy, and want to determine their own future by holding free elections."

The concept of majority rule, he believes, has helped make the United States a strong nation and will also help African nations.

Nigeria has been under military rule for thirteen years. Plans are now being made to turn the government over to civilians.

Agu describes Nigeria as being modern with great emphasis placed on education.

"It is easy to get a college education in my country. The government pays for everything except boarding cost," he said. "For this reason many people earn doctor's degrees."

Although this contradicts the stereotype of Africans as hunters and Tarzans, it fits the image Agu presents. Tall and good looking, he speaks softly in a polite, always grammatically correct fashion.

"A lot of people have the impression Africa is nothing but jungle and wild animals. I lived in the city," he said, "and have never seen a wild animal just walking around. If I ever do, it will scare me to death."

According to Agu, there isn't a big difference in the social lives of young Nigerians and young Americans.

"We go to movies, concerts and soccer games," he said. "I always enjoyed movies about the United States."

The drug situation, however, is a bit different.

"There isn't a problem with hard drugs in my country," he said, "but many young people smoke marijuana in spite of the tough laws. By tough I mean a minimum of five years for any amount."

After studying four to five hours a day, Agu likes to relax by playing ping pong or reading suspense novels. One of his favorite pastimes is listening to albums he brought from Nigeria.

"The music I brought from home is different from any music you have here," he said. "When I get lonely I play this music. It keeps me company and makes me feel good."

This is Agu's last semester here. Soon he will transfer to a university where he will continue his studies until earning his doctor's degree. He hopes to work in the United States for one year before returning home.

Presently, a sophomore journalism student, Agu hopes to become a foreign correspondent. He chose journalism because of the excitement of traveling and meeting interesting people.

"Of course it all depends on how good you are at your job," he said. "If you are good, the press badge can be your ticket to anywhere."

"It also is a good opportunity for an activist. Journalism will give me an opportunity to serve the public by upholding the truth. That may get me into trouble at times, but in the final analysis truth will prevail," Agu concluded.

Sports

MCC outlasts Vikings

by Robert Gough

The Highlanders played like Jeckyl and Hyde against Grayson Monday night. At times they were very, very good; and at times they were very bad.

Despite committing 21 turnovers in the second half and being outscored 15-4 in the last four minutes of the game, the Highlanders escaped with a hard fought 81-76 win over the Vikings in the Highlands.

MCC trailed by as many as seven points early in the first half, but fine play by Abe Davis and Sam Worthen brought the Orange back to a 15-13 lead they never relinquished. Slowly but surely the two built the lead to as many as 18 points behind the scoring surges of Charles Burley, Goldie Suber and Johnnie Dawson. In fact, the 'Landers played almost flawlessly in the first period, forcing 16 Viking turnovers and outrebounding Grayson 20-16. MCC also shot a blistering 47 per cent from the floor to go along with a swarming press as they raced to a 47-29 halftime lead.

The Highlanders also held a comfortable margin through most of the second half stretching the lead to as much as 20 points late in the game. Worthen and Suber each had eight points during this surge and Dawson and Jim Soukup each added six. The irrepressible Worthen and Angelo Grimes cleaned up on the boards as they combined for 16 rebounds and the outcome seemed evident.

However, when the Highlanders went into their delay game with 4:14 to play, the roof came down in the form of mistakes and a hot Grayson team.

Burley hit a jumper with 3:24 to go to give MCC a 79-61 bulge,

but baskets by Robert Nash and Anthony Scott, who came off the bench to score 21 points, cut the lead to 14. Soukup followed with a fine rebound shot to make the score 81-65, but the Vikings caught fire.

Andre Bailey, who finished with 19 points, scored on a jump shot and then Randy Ryan stole the inbound pass for an easy lay-up. Brian Bailey scored with 1:24 left to bring Grayson to within 10 points and baskets by Andre Bailey and Scott plus a Bailey free throw cut the margin to five.

However, Keith Godfrey and Roy Watson both came off the bench and succeeded in controlling the ball for the last few minutes.

Worthen had another superb night, registering 20 points, nine rebounds, and a whopping 15 assists. Davis contributed 14 points and Suber tallied 12, while Grimes and Burley pulled down seven and four rebounds respectively. Dawson (10), Watson (9), Burley (8), Soukup (6) and Grimes (2) rounded out the MCC scoring.

The Highlanders won the battle of the boards 31-22, but were plagued by foul trouble. Grayson, on the other hand, did not commit a foul until more than seven minutes had elapsed in the first half.

Both teams shot well as the Highlanders hit on 47.4 per cent of their attempts while Grayson fired away at a 53.2 clip.

MCC finished with 31 turnovers to Grayson's 24, which was the key factor in the Viking's late surge, but the early 'Lander lead was just too much to overcome. The victory upped the Highlander's record to 19-5 on the year and 6-2 in conference action, while the Vikings dropped to 13-8 and 4-5.



Photo by Donna Richter

FAST ACTION

Goldie Suber jumps high to score for the Highlanders against Ranger Junior College.

Hill defeats Highlanders by slim margin

By Trip Stidham

The Hill Rebels and the MCC Highlanders fought out their annual battle Saturday night at Hill and the Rebels edged the 'Landers 96-95, to give MCC a second conference loss.

With MCC down 92-91, and Hill with the ball, Roy Watson came up with a needed steal and passed the ball to Goldie

Suber who scored to give MCC the lead 93-92 with 48 seconds left. But Hill came right back downcourt and laid the ball in to regain the lead at 94-93 and 96 seconds left. MCC ran down the court and called time out. After planning their strategy, Sam Worthen took a shot with 14 seconds but it would not drop.

Three follow shots also failed to fall and Hill rebounded. The Rebels' Taylor went line after being fouled and sank two free throws to give Hill a 96-93 lead. With five seconds, Suber's 20 foot jump shot popped the net but it was a little late as the clock ran out and MCC fell 96-95. "Defensive lapses in certain

spots cost us the game," said Coach Johnny Carter. "There were not that many turnovers and we dominated the backboards."

"We did not shoot that well from the free line and they did."

The first half saw MCC start slow. With 16:31 left, MCC trailed 8-6. Before the 'Landers scored again, Hill had reeled off 10 points to lead 18-6. Sam Worthen sank a free throw to bring the score to 18-7. They began to gain ground with 7:34 showing. Hill led only 26-23. When the Buzzer sounded at the half, MCC trailed 42-39. There were very few fouls the first half and only six turnovers apiece. Both presses seemed to be working effectively.

In the second half, the game was tied numerous times before Hill took the lead 81-79 with 6:32 left. They held that lead until the last minutes of the game.

The Highlands got great play out of everyone, especially

Charles (Bean) Burley, who lead MCC in rebounding with 8.

He also tossed in 14 points. Goldie Suber played a good game the second half by gunning in 20 of 24 points. Sam Worthen and Abe Davis each had 14. Jim Soukup, 11; Johnnie Dawson, 8; Angelo Grimes, 5; Roy Watson, 4; and Keith Godfrey, 1.

The Highlanders outrebounded Hill 42 to 28. Besides Bean's 8, Davis and Worthen had 6.

Tonight the 'Landers will travel to Cooke, and hopefully revenge an earlier defeat. Since the last time those two met, Cooke has come on strong and now leads the Conference by a half-game over MCC.

"We are going up there with our backs to the wall," said Carter. "We will have no trouble getting up for this game. We will be emotionally high."

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Intramural teams get new format

In order to give each team a chance to play more games, the format of this year's intramural basketball tournament has been altered from a double-elimination affair to a modified round robin.

The new layout divides the 10 teams into two divisions. The blue division, which is made up of the Natives, the Cowboys, Funk and the Gang, the Bombers and the 12 Nuts, consists of teams that won their opening round game while the red division (Alcohol, the Marekesh Express, the Jazz, the Ricky Rats and the Wild Bunch) includes clubs that lost their first contest.

On Monday, Funk and the Gang defeated the Cowboys 53-54 behind Mo Roberts' 19 points and Reggie Thomas' 11. Terry Westerfield and Mark Horak led the Cowboys with 10 and nine points respectively. Funk and

the Gang increased their record to 3-0 with a 60-25 victory over the Bombers Wednesday. Mike Wells (18), Don Alley (15), Bobby Littles (12) and Mo Roberts (11) led the Gang while Randy Robinson scored 11 for the Bombers. Also, the Alcohol won by forfeit over the Marekesh Express.

In other action, the Rickey Rats topped the Marekesh Express 49-30 behind Mike Hodges' 15 points and Mitch Bragg's 10. Craig Young and Greg Boyd led the Express with eight apiece. The 'Rats then ran their record to 2-0 with a win over the Wild Bunch 37-25.

Bragg netted 13 points for the winners while Robert Gough had 12 for the 'Bunch. Also, Funk and the Gang whipped the 12 Nuts 54-42 as Don Alley and Roberts combined for 40 points. Bert Maddux scored 22 for the 'Nuts.

Viewpoint

Roundballers need campus support

By Trip Stidham

You would think when a team posts a 19-5 record, a 7-2 conference mark and is in the running for the conference championship, and another team that boasts a 17-8, 5-0 record and are in first place, there might be a lot of excitement and enthusiasm among the student body. But at McLennan Community College, it is apparent that none exists.

With one exception the Highlanders have performed better than no more than a couple of hundred fans this semester. Attendance was good at the Ranger game but at other contests attendance has been disappointing. The Highlassies have played before even

smaller crowds that are often less than one hundred.

MCC just opened a new gym called The Highlands. It seats more than 2,500 and has theater type seats, a big four-sided scoreboard and a complex speaker system which features the sounds of disco music.

At home this year both Highlanders and Highlassies have winning records dropping only two games. Whatever type of basketball you like to watch, it's played at the Highlands, whether it is run and gun or slow paced or high scoring.

A lot of hard work has gone into this season by both teams and it is a shame that the support is not what it was last year. The Highlanders featured

Sam Worthen who is on everyone's recruiting list, including nationally ranked Marquette. Sam is one of only three sophomores on a freshman oriented team that has some stars and a bright future.

The Highlassies are led by All-American Jackie Swaim who is also being recruited. She is backed by a competent team that performs consistently well.

If there is spirit among the students of McLennan Community College then let's see it this weekend when both teams will be in action. The Highlands host Hill Saturday night and the Lassies play the Baylor Bearettes Saturday at a place and time to be determined.

Lassies slam Vikings

The MCC Highlassies continued their countdown to the Regional finals by downing the Grayson Vikings 105-64 in a conference game Monday night at The Highlands.

For the first six minutes of the contest the Lassies had to play catchup before taking the lead for good at 18-17. Jackie Swaim and Ellen Lindemann caught fire and pushed the Lassies to 43-30 lead at intermission.

If Grayson had known what they were for the second half, they would have stayed in the dressing room. Swaim and Lindemann continued their assault and found some help from Deb Davis. The Lassies were working their fast break to perfection and playing good solid defense that allowed Grayson, usually, only one shot.

When it was all over, the Lassies had scored 100 points for third time this year and

dismantled the Vikes 105-64.

Jackie Swaim finished the game with 42 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in playing a very fine game. Also playing exceptionally well, was Ellen Lindemann who netted 22 points and keyed the Lassie defense.

"The first half we played their type of game," said Lassie coach Pam Davis. "But the second half we played basketball. We outrounded them, ran our offense and played great defense. I also thought we played well together on our Fast Break, which we ran great. They know what they want now."

The Highlassies next action will be Saturday night when the Baylor Bearettes and MCC tangle for the third and final time this year. Earlier this year the Bearettes have taken wins over MCC, both times by narrow scores.

'Landers defeat Cisco

In a game definitely out of the junior college norm, the Highlanders withstood delay tactics of the Cisco Wranglers to take a 54-44 victory in the Highlands Feb. 7.

Cisco, which spent most of the game playing catch in the backcourt, took 18 shots in the first half, hitting only four. The Highlanders never got their running game going in the first period due to the Wranglers stalling when they did, they could hit only 38 per cent of their shots.

The 'Landers luck from the free throw line was even worse, as they connected on just five of 14 charity tosses in the first half.

However, the MCC press was working full force producing Cisco turnovers galore. The Wranglers committed 18 mistakes in the first half, and 29

for the game. The opportunistic Orange capitalized on every one of them.

The Highlanders started rolling with 5:46 to play in the first half as Sam Worthen, Abe Davis and Goldie Suber combined to take a lead they would never relinquish. The threesome scored six points each as the Highlanders took a 29-20 halftime lead.

The second half was almost a carbon copy of the first with Worthen and Suber keeping the Highlanders well in front. Carl Walker's two free throws brought with Cisco within five points with 4:09 left in the game. The 'Landers countered with eight unanswered points and a stall of their own.

Charles Burley scored with 56 seconds to play, giving MCC its biggest lead of the night at 54-40. The team coasted the rest of the

way for its sixth conference victory in seven outings.

Suber led the Highlanders with 22 points, while Worthen hit for 13 and Davis 10. Burley (5) and Angelo Grims (4) rounded out the scoring. Davis pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Highlanders and Burley gathered nine. Worthen handed out five assists while Keith Godfrey and Roy Watson had two steals. Cisco's Michael Robinson led with 16 points and Walker with 13.

The Highlassies kept rolling along with an 85-60 victory over Mary Hardin Baylor in the Highlands. Jackie Swaim led the 'Lassies with 35 points while Debra Davis (14), Ellen Lindemann (12) and Kathy Westerfield (10) all scored in double figures. The Crusaders were led by Kathy Hoelscher's 21 points and Michele Hacker's 12.

The Highlassies jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead, but the pesky Crusaders fought back nip and tuck, staying with MCC all through the first half. The 'Lassies needed two field goals from Swaim with less than a minute's play to take a 38-34 lead to the dressing room.

The Highlassies quickly ended all hopes the Crusaders might have had as they bolted to a lead of 80-50 late in the game. Swaim, Davis and Lindemann led the charge in the second half as the Orange Crush defense held Mary Hardin to only 12 points in the first 10 minutes of the second half. By the time the Crusaders could get untracked, the Highlassies were out of reach.

Linda Linam (7), Sally Sandin (4), Sharon Whitney (2) and Carolyn Johnson (1) rounded out scoring for the 'Lassies. Swaim had 15 rebounds and Davis garnered 12 while Lindemann dished out six assists. Swaim, Westerfield, and Whitney each contributed three steals to the Highlassie cause.

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