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THE 1986 HOMECOMING bonfire lights the sky for miles around as MCC students look

on with pride as they helped celebrate Homecoming '86 and MCC's third annual bonfire.

Photo by Nora Fulton

Audit report accepted

Board approves contracts on insurance, catalogues

By LEANNE LEWIS

Contracts for insurance coverage and the printing of the 1987-89 and 1989-91 general catalogues were awarded at the Dec. 4 meeting of the MCC Board of Trustees.

Insurers of Texas, a local company, outbid four agencies to unanimously receive the contract for two of MCC's insurance policies.

Property and casualty insurance, costing \$31,739.00, will be carried from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1987. At a cost of \$5,195.00, the general automobile insurance policy will be carried from Jan. 1, 1987 to Jan. 1, 1988.

The total increase in cost of insurance over the 1985-86 policy year is \$9,000.

The property insurance will not cover glass on the buildings and the automobile insurance will not include the newly purchased van and bus.

Of the 22 companies invited to bid, Evans Press, Inc., outbid six other companies to be awarded, with one opposition, the contract to print MCC's general catalogues.

The Fort Worth-based company agreed to print 20,000 copies of the 1987-89 catalogue for \$18,143.10. The price may vary, depending on the number of changes, additional pages, and color separations needed.

The price bid for the 1989-91 issue, \$15,353.85, provides for MCC to supply the printer with camera-ready pages. Negotiation of the price is contingent on fluctuation in the price of paper.

After further discussion, the board members accepted the proposal with only one opposing vote. "Our term ends in 1988 so I don't think that we should be making a contract for the general catalogue of 1989-91," board member Lawrence Johnson said when asked why he did not approve the proposal.

Board members took into consideration the report of the independent auditor for the 1985-86 fiscal year. Gary Bonds, a certified public accountant with the firm of Greenstein, Logan & Co., presented the audit report. The audit takes a look at financial statements prepared by the business office of the college. The statements are tested and checked to make sure they balance. All board members received a copy of the audit.

A letter of suggestions from the auditor will be presented to the board at its next meeting.

The board meeting, held at 4 p.m. instead of the usual evening meeting time, had the dual purpose of discussing business

for the months November and December, since no meeting was held last month.

Other business included a suggestion by Norma Podet that trustees review journal articles on the "The Quality of Education" and discuss them at the January meeting of the board. President Wilbur Ball said that topic will be brought up with the deans at the next board meeting in January. Board Chairman Eric Hooker also introduced a resolution that was unanimously accepted by the board commending Mrs. Podet on her recent term as chairperson of the board.

The board also commended the work of Highland Herald copy editor Patrick King, who has been covering board meetings this semester. King will be retiring from the newspaper staff at the end of the semester.

Hooker encouraged every member to attend the faculty and staff Christmas Open House, Dec. 19, at MCC.

(This story was compiled by students in the "news gathering and writing I.")

Students apply for graduation

One hundred sixty-seven students have already applied for fall graduation as of Dec. 1.

The registrar's office will evaluate each applicant for the degree or certificate for which he or she applied to determine eligibility before Dec. 17.

Eligible applicants will receive their degrees and/or certificates about six weeks after Dec. 19.

The registrar's office will still accept applications from students who feel they meet the requirements for a certificate or degree at the end of the full semester. Students who plan to graduate this fall and have not completed their applications should do so before Dec. 17.

Pre-Homecoming Activities a first for MCC Campus

By MARK LUCAS

Most of the activities that preceeded Homecoming '86 were a first for the MCC campus, but campus organizers say they hope that they will become tradition in the years to come.

Some of the activities that were planned for this year's Homecoming are already tradition, like the bonfire and dance, while other activities were tried for the first time.

One first was Student Government vice-president Rocky Deschaine's idea to have clubs and campus organizations compete and participate in a spirit contest.

The spirit activities that were a part of the Homecoming '86 spirit contest were a canned food drive to help needy families in Waco, a pep rally complete with cheers, a bonfire building activity, bonfire attendance and a dance decoration activity.

Clubs and organizations competed for spirit points with the winning club being a new club on campus, the Returning Students Association. Student Government took second place, Afro Kindred Students came in third, Physical Therapy, Psi Beta, and Cosmo Phi tied for fourth place and Phi Theta Kappa came in fifth place.

Greg Clark, director of student activities said, "I think overall this year's homecoming activities went smoother than in previous years and we had more participation. One reason

for this was the spirit awards which brought the clubs and organizations closer together to help make this a great Homecoming."

Clark also wished to express his appreciation for all the help with the bonfire, especially to Mike Anderson and the RSA, and to Robert Russel, who DJ'd the bonfire and dance.

During halftime at the homecoming game the Homecoming '86 sweetheart and princess were announced. Tracey Salyer of Cosmo Phi was elected as sweetheart and was presented the crown by last year's winner, Lisa Vonner. Salyer was escorted by Armando Palacios. Sonia Voice of the Physical Therapy Club was elected as princess and was escorted by Pat Listach.

Homecoming bonfire and dance both had good turnouts with about 350 people attending the bonfire and approximately 400 people attending the dance which followed the game.

When asked her opinion on Homecoming at MCC, Renee Jarvis said, "It was OK, but I was expecting it to be a lot better. The attendance at the game and dance could have been better, and more people could have come and shown their support. But attendance was good for a school night."

On the topic of tradition at MCC, Jarvis said she was pleased with the new events and hopes a parade will become part of the future homecoming activities.



Photo by Ken Crawford

FORMER MCC Sweetheart Lisa Vonner embraces 1986 Sweetheart Tracey Salyer at the Homecoming Ceremony held at the Highlands last week.



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In with the new, out with the old

By **KIMBERLY MOORE**

With the close of the fall semester at hand, the spring semester and all the new MCC activities are in the making.

This past semester was filled with numerous fun and exciting events that ranged from Homecoming to basketball games to dances; and those not so fun, like orientation and those never-ending labs.

In order to get all that MCC offers, a student needs to participate in the activities offered to him. The activities that were scheduled were well attended this fall, and we hope that the spring will be just as well attended, or better.

In January, the activities and events planned include the chance to run for Student Government representative, attending Brown Bag Luncheons and listening to mini-concerts.

If one wants to take an active part in planning for these activities, the Student Government is an excellent opportunity to do so. The requirements to run for SG are to have a standing 2.0 or higher grade point average, to be enrolled in 12 semester hours, to have the 10 a.m. hour open on Mondays, and to be willing to work hard.

The SG will hold its first meeting on Feb. 2. Also in February new tournaments, mini-concerts, and programs are scheduled. The big event of this month will be the Valentine's Dance which will possibly be one of the highlights of the spring semester.

"Spring Break," the time to which every student looks forward midway through this semester, will begin March 9 and continues through that week. Everyone will be off in different directions such as to Padre Island, Fort Lauderdale or Galveston, in order to soak up some of those new sun rays that up until spring break have been hidden behind stacks of books.

April will be filled with spring conventions for various organizations, the elections for officers for the SG, the MCC Awards Assembly, the Easter Holiday and the biggest extracurricular event of the year—the Highland Games.

The Highland Games is an all day celebration where students participate in contests between clubs and organizations. The events include the tug-of-war, jalapeno eating contest, the pie eating contest, volleyball games, egg toss, earth ball roll, one mile run, wheel chair race, egg swat, and other crazy and fun games.

Also at the Highland Games the various clubs and organizations will set up booths to sell hot dogs, snow cones, sweets and drinks; or possibly a dunking or other type of game booth.

The beginning of May will start with the end-of-school dance and the semester will end with what all students striving for a degree from MCC hope to achieve — GRADUATION! Graduation will be held Friday, May 15, in the Highlands.

This is a long outline of some of the activities coming up, but it is an outline of which students who want to know what's happening next semester ought to be informed.

If you have any new ideas for our paper next semester please let us know either through a letter or by stopping by the journalism department on the third floor of the Student Center.

The staff of the Highland Herald would like to wish you a merry Christmas and looks forward to informing and entertaining you again next semester.

Tis the season to forget

By **MARK LUCAS**

On a winter's night long ago a child was born in a manger. This child was called the Messiah, his coming was heralded by angels, and a star marked his birth. He was called the Christ child and three wise men traveled from afar bearing gifts for this savior. Two thousand years later we still celebrate his birth at Christmas time.

Christmas is the season for giving and receiving gifts, for merry making, and for peace and goodwill toward men.

It is also the season for profits at least in the eyes of most merchants. You've all heard the saying, "Let's put Christ back in Christmas," but how many times do you see it done?

Christmas should be a time of celebration, but it has degenerated into a season of tinsel and neon. Instead of a Savior we revere a fat jolly old elf in a red suit and eight tiny reindeer.

We revere this elf so much that you can find him in every mall and on street corners waiting to hear what kids want for Christmas, posing for pictures, and collecting money for charity.

Every Christmas eve this jolly old elf takes to the skies delivering toys to good girls and boys and exclaims as he flies out of sight, "merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

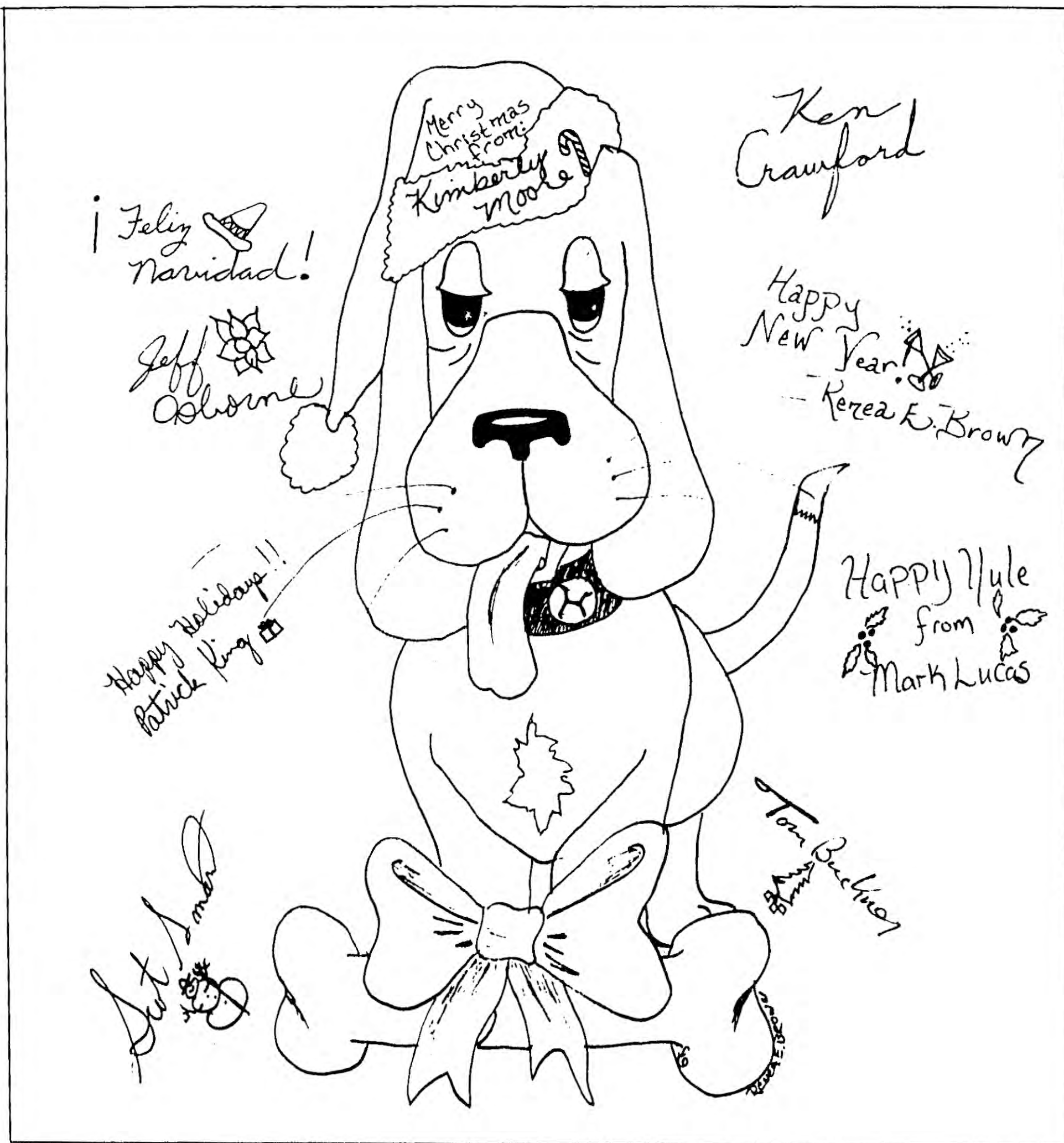
Somehow I don't think that's what the religious scholars who wrote the books of the Bible had in mind for the holiday commemorating the birth of our Lord—but maybe it's just me, I could be wrong.

Maybe the reason that this time of year has gotten to be so commercial is that people got too busy trying to make a buck that they forgot the real meaning of Christmas.

It might be a good idea if the few people who do happen to remember what this holiday is all about got together and spread the word to the rest of the world.

Who knows? Just maybe if that would happen we would have peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

Happy Yule!



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Can we keep their hopes alive?

By **KEN CRAWFORD**

Though most people look forward to the Christmas holiday season with memories of Christmas past and hopes for the present and future, there are many who regret the past and dread the present.

For many people it won't be a merry Christmas at all, but a constant reminder of the ever-widening social and financial gap that separates them from the rest of the world.

Why do we close our eyes and ignore the unpleasantness we see in our society? Could it be because we are so caught up in ourselves that we don't care about others, or perhaps we think if we ignore the problem it will go away.

We must be determined to alleviate this problem in Waco, in America, and in the entire world not only at Christmas but all through the year. Almost everyone has heard about "U.S.A. for Africa," and many have contributed to the war against famine and starvation in Africa. But most people do not realize that poverty is rampant right here in our own town.

In order to solve a problem we must first realize that there is a problem — then we must decide to do something about it. Once we have made up our minds, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Caritas, one of the largest emergency relief organizations in Waco, dispersed more than \$3 million worth of food last year to needy people in the Waco area. Though food, clothing and donations meet many of these needs, volunteer help is also desperately needed. We as college students may not be able to donate money, but some of us may have a few extra hours a week to spare. You can volunteer for as little as one hour a day or as much as 40 hours a week. Call 753-4503 to see how you can help.

Another opportunity to help is with the Salvation Army which needs volunteers to work at its "Christmas Kitchens" from noon to 8 p.m. during the Christmas season. The Salvation Army is installing a computer system and would appreciate students trained in this area to share their skills. For more information call 756-7271.

While you are enjoying your Christmas, don't block out the poor and needy. Open your heart and bleed with and for these many unfortunate people throughout the year, especially in the season when giving is so prevalent.



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT president Ronnie Martinez introduces Homecoming '86

nominees during the pep rally last Wednesday. The nominees pictured are (left to

right) Renee Jarvis, Linda Gonzales, Lori Vance, Trae Evans and Melanie Lewis.

Photo by Nora Fulton

Taylor talks to students

By JEFF OSBORNE

State Representative M.A. Taylor visited MCC on Nov. 25 to discuss government-media relations with students in a mass communication class.

Taylor was questioned on subjects ranging from advertising to the effect the American arms deal with Iran would have on the Reagan administration and the Republican Party.

On the subject of relations with the media, Taylor said that he sometimes sees bias in the media. One example he gave was when Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby publicized the need for a tax bill. Although the speaker of the house disagreed with Hobby, he was not given any publicity on the matter.

Taylor said that the media provides a vital role in our society, and that only a minority of

journalists seem to try to make the news more sensational.

"How exciting news is determines how much time is devoted in crisis situations," he added.

Taylor's comments on the arms deal with Iran were that there has been an "adverse reaction" to the deal. "But things are not always as they seem to be."

Taylor credited the president's actions for the freeing of American hostages in Lebanon, and he holds the opinion that all the hostages might have been released if the media had not given so much publicity to the deal.

On the topic of negative advertising in the recent elections, Taylor said that such mudslinging was "terrible."

Taylor said that he had submitted some campaign material to Clements' election

committee that focused on positive accomplishments of the candidate, but his ideas were not used. Taylor cited the rising prominence of negative advertising on a new theory that the public does not necessarily vote for a candidate, but against the candidate that receives the most negative publicity.

On the subject of special interest groups, Taylor said that they present what they believe to be the best choice. He further commented that "state agencies use the media in order to publicize horror stories so that their budget will not be cut."

When making a decision on an issue, Taylor said his first obligation is the "state as a whole" and then his second most important responsibility is to "those who represent your constituency."

MCC to offer new courses

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

McLennan Community College will be offering new courses for the spring semester.

The new courses to be offered by MCC include micro-computer networking; CDP 315, microcomputers for business; RE 210, real estate contracts; CJ 325, security management; IT 200, special projects; and an infant toddler course.

A "new local area network of microcomputer" enables students to learn to use connected microcomputers and hard disks in an office environment in the microcomputer networking course.

CDP 315, microcomputers for business, includes a survey of microcomputers that allows hands-on experience with word-processing, spreadsheet and data-base software. This course is designed for the non-major.

RE 210, real estate contracts, is a new course designed to develop understanding of the various real estate contracts used in the practice of real estate and is recommended by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

CJ 325, security management, provides an overview of organization, administration and management of security in business, industry, government and transportation.

IT 200, special projects, is a refresher course that will include any content that is needed at the time.

The infant toddler course is an expansion of the child development program. "In the past, students had to go off campus to work with infants (3-17 months) and toddlers (18 months-3 years). Now we have a renovated building on 4301 Mockingbird Lane for infant toddler care," according to Al Pollard, dean of technical education. The building is adjacent to the campus. MCC already has a center for preschool children (3-5 yrs.) at 1778 Powell Dr.

The nursing home administration program will have a NHA 317, principles of patient care, meeting two times a month for three months. The classes will be held all day on both Feb. 4-5, March 18-19 and April 22-23.

Also included in the program will be NHA 325, training nursing home employees, which will

held all day Feb. 6, March 20 and April 24.

The two NHA courses were designed for students who live as far away as Dallas.

The vocational nursing program has changed its format from an August-August or February-February year to a regular fall, spring and summer semester year.

Also on schedule for the spring semester is HPE 112, jogging and distance running; ART 307, oil painting for the non-art major; and DRA 311, acting I.

In HPE 112-jogging and distance running will be an individualized approach to meet the needs of students who enjoy jogging a half-mile or competition in a marathon.

In each semester of ART 307, oil painting for the non-art major, the art department will feature a well-known Texas artist who will teach a course in his or her area of specialty. Due to popular demand, Ron Vaughan is back for the spring guest artist series.

The DRA 311, acting I, class is open to all students, but is especially suited for people with little or no stage experience.

Theft outbreak hits at MCC

By JEFF OSBORNE

An outbreak of theft in MCC parking lots has recently been reported.

Items taken from cars have included hubcaps and stereos, and students as well as MCC employees have been affected by the thefts.

Cloddy Poole, an MCC employee who works in the Administration Building, has re-

ported two spoke-wheel hubcaps missing.

According to Poole, only the hubcaps on the passenger side were removed from her car. Poole reported the theft to campus security, which in turn reported it to the Waco Police Department, she said. The Campus Police not be reached for comment on the matter.

Although Poole's hubcaps were stolen at night, two stu-

dents have reported that stereo systems were removed from their cars in daylight. Both students said they had locked their doors.

Poole urged that students be cautious and take steps to protect their valuables from potential theft.

Students are also advised to be more observant and report suspicious activity to the campus police immediately.



THE AFRO Student Kindred leads MCC students in a yell

which was voted first place during the pep rally held

Wednesday, Dec. 3 in the Student Center.

Photo by Nora Fulton

Computerized English course set for spring

One section of English 311 this spring will be taught using word processors. The section is scheduled for M-W-F from 10-11 a.m. in the microcomputer lab (AS111).

Students will learn how to use word processors in a special CDP 115 section to meet Tuesday from 8-9 a.m., also in the microcomputer lab.

Students must enroll in both courses and will receive four hours of total credit (three in English 311 and one in CDP 115).

"Writing with a word processor is easier than writing with pen and paper," according to Marlea Hawkins, English instructor. Quality of writing usually improves too, she said.

"This skill will make students more attractive to employers looking for applicants with computer knowledge," Hawkins said.

For more information on the new course, call 756-6551, ext. 317.

Librarian assistant runs for office

By SHARON RODEN

MCC Librarian Assistant Margaret Harbaugh is running for vice president of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association.

The elections for vice president begin Feb. 20. The nominating committee of the TJCTA has nominated two members of the TJCTA to run for the office of vice president.

The TJCTA has 5,000 members, and 3,500 of the members are teachers who represent junior colleges from all over Texas.

Harbaugh was formerly treasurer for the TJCTA, and

presently she is the secretary. This is Harbaugh's first time to run for the office of vice president, and her final goal is to run for president.

Teachers and administrators

from Texas junior colleges will be attending the TJCTA convention that will be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Houston in February where the election will be held.

Registration to begin Jan. 7

Regular registration for the 1987 spring semester will be held Jan. 7-8 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Jan. 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registration will be held in the Student Center with the same procedure being used as in the fall semester, registrar Willie Hobbs said.

"There may be a problem of not getting into a class at the regular registration because we expect many students to take advantage of the early registration," Hobbs added.

More information is available in the MCC Spring 1987 Class Schedule in the counseling office.

Chorale to perform tonight

The MCC Chorale will perform its annual Christmas concert tonight (Dec. 9) at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The program will consist of a variety of music the chorale has worked on this fall. The majority of the music will be Christmas music — a variety of Christmas carols and some longer works with instruments.

"There will be some smaller solos sung by members of the choir. Primarily, it's just the choir and piano," according to choir director Donald Balmos.

The accompanist for this concert will be Gail Geary.

Admission to the concert is free, and it will run approximately 45 minutes.

S.G. to have pizza party

The MCC Student Government is celebrating its success in raising support for the recent Red Cross blood drive by having a pizza party at Mr. Gatti's on Lake Shore Drive Dec. 10 at 8 p.m.

All students who donated blood in the name of the Student Government are invited to attend the event.



Photo by Ken Crawford

MCC PRINCESS Bonita Vance and escort Pat Listach represent the Physical Therapy Department during the Homecoming game Dec. 4.



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MCC defeats Cooke in conference opener

By SCOT SMART
& KEITH HENRY

The Highlanders beat Cooke Junior College 95-66 at the Highlands Thursday Dec. 4 during MCC's second Homecoming game.

In front of the biggest crowd of the season so far, MCC gave its best team performance.

"The crowd really supported us. We have had several good crowds this year," said Coach Ken DeWeese.

Six players registered doubled figures in the Highlander's balanced attack. Calvin Moore and Leonard Perry led the way with 17 points apiece, Nathan McCoy added 11, Ed Johnson, Anthony Booker, and Anthony Young put in 10 points.

McCoy headed up the assists column with four, Booker had three and Young, Billy Newbill, and Floyd Macon each had two assists.

In rebounding, Johnson led

the team with 10, Howard Turner brought down nine, and Moore grabbed eight off the backboards.

The Highlanders again played an excellent defensive game. The Lions were held to only 25 of 68 from the field for only 37 percent.

Through 13 games the Highlanders are holding their opponents to 42 percent from the field.

"Any time you hold a team below 44 percent you are in good shape," said Coach Ken DeWeese.

MCC was led in the steals department by Young with five while McCoy pilfered three, and the team totalled 13 steals for the evening.

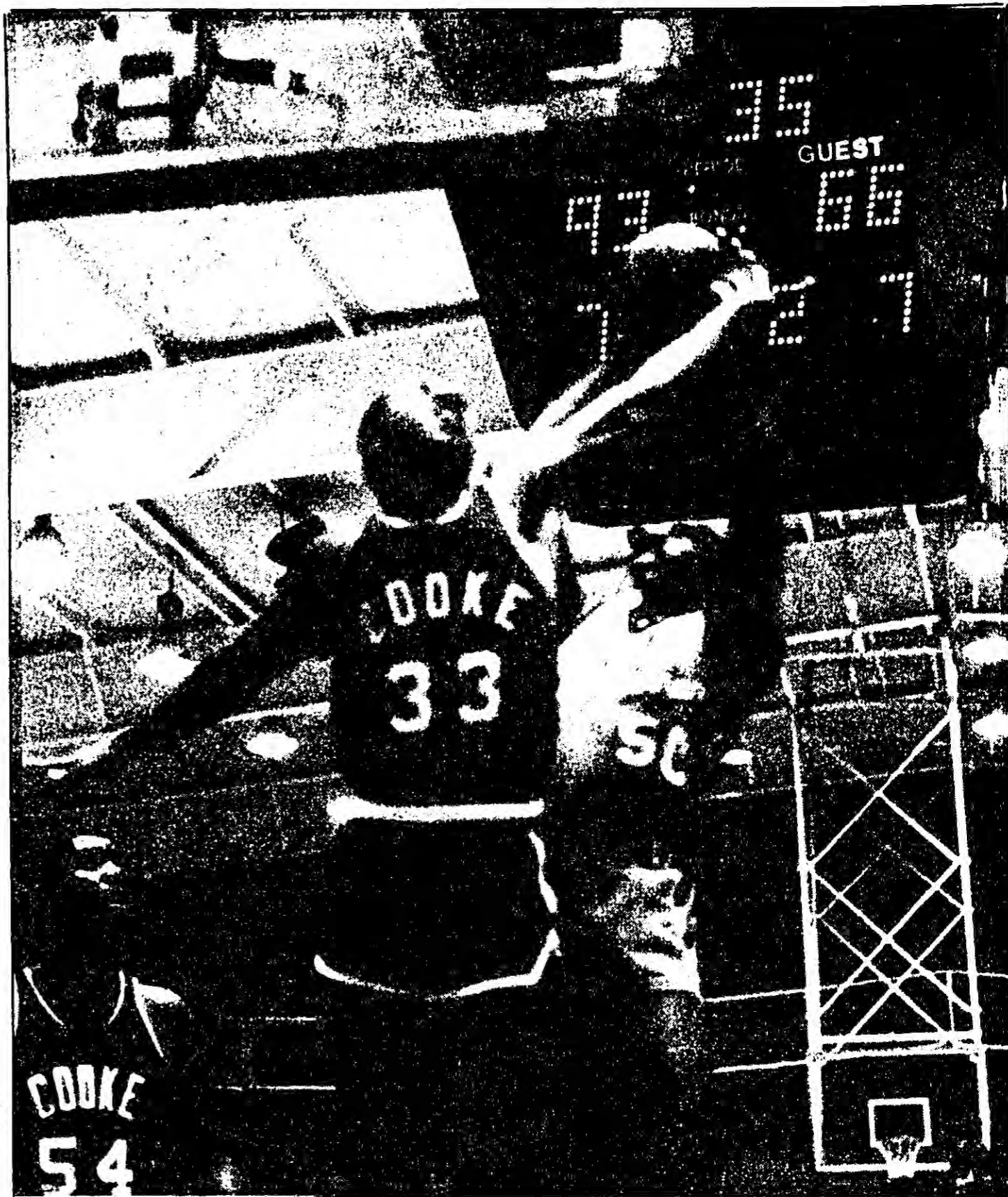
MCC won its one-and-only conference game before the Christmas break.

"I wish we could play more conference games before the break or none at all. The way we are playing now I wish we

could play more conference games before the break," said DeWeese.

The Highlanders were 19-25 from the free throw line for 76 percent, while the Lions were 16-24 for 67 percent. MCC was good on two-of-three from the three-point line and Cooke was none-for-four. The Highlanders led at the half 49-37. With this win it brings the Highlanders record to 10-3 and 1-0 in conference play.

MCC still has two games remaining before they take the Christmas break. They will play Blinn College in Brenham Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. and will finish out with Kilgore College at the Highlands on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. The Highlanders will not resume action until after the Christmas break when they will take on T.S.T.I. on the road Jan. 15. The rest of their regular season will also be against conference opponents.



HOWARD TURNER puts up a jump shot over the outstretched arms of a Cooke County player

during the Highlanders' Homecoming victory.

MCC falls to Jacksonville

By KEN CRAWFORD

The Highlanders were handed their second loss of the season by the Jacksonville Jaguars Nov. 25 at Jacksonville, 101-93.

MCC led at halftime, but in the second half the team quickly lost its seven point lead.

The final three minutes were marred by foul calls against MCC that allowed the Jacksonville to hold onto its lead.

Anthony Young led MCC with 25 of the 93 points. Ed Johnson scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds while Anthony Booker and Leonard Perry contributed 10 points each. Calvin Moore led with 10

rebounds, eight of which he pulled down off the defensive boards.

After the game, coach Ken DeWeese told his team "We didn't get beat by bad officiating, we got beat because we didn't move our feet the second half like we did in the first."

MCC brings all-around athletes to basketball program

By MONTINA WILLIAMS

Jeanne Conde

Jeanne Conde, 19, a sophomore from Troy, began playing basketball in the sixth grade.

The Highlassie forward/post, also participated in volleyball, tennis, and track in high school.

Conde, a returning player for the Highlassies, is majoring in nursing (pediatrics).

Conde's high school basketball team received first team all region, first team all state, second AA state champs.

"Basketball has meant a lot to me through my high school years. I hope that it goes as well in college, I consider basketball an important part of my life until I can't play anymore," said Conde.

Recruiting calls for Conde

came from Schiener Junior College Tarlton, McLennan Community College and Baylor (in softball).

Conde considers her strengths as defense, taking control, and rebounding. Her weaknesses are shooting and dribbling the ball.

She sees the team's strengths as quickness and the ability to communicate with each other and mainly play as a team. Their weaknesses are their lack of height, turnovers, and rebounding.

Conde's hobbies include cooking, playing tennis, touch football, walking, and softball.

Her personal goals after MCC are to attend and succeed at a four year college and to be a successful nurse in pediatrics at a major hospital.

Leonard Perry

Leonard (Fresh) Perry is a freshman from Chicago Ill. He attended Dallas Kimbal High School where he was a member of student council and the Spanish club.

Perry began playing basketball in the third grade. "Basketball is my life, other than my religion, school and my family. Basketball is the most important thing in my life," said Perry.

Perry has been recognized in McDonald All-American player of the year '86. His high school basketball team were recognized as first team all-state.

Perry believes his strengths are seeing the court well, passing and shooting and his weaknesses is ball handling.

"The teams strengths are their overall experience and

willingness to work hard, and their unselfishness," added Perry.

Perry plans to graduate from MCC with an associate degree in Physical Education and to attend Hutchinson University in Kansas.

Perry outside interest is rapping and performing in front of a large room of people "like in MCC Student Center, I performed at most of MCC dances and student social gathers," said Perry.

Terri Porter

Terri Porter, 18, a freshman from Mesquite, is a physical education major.

Porter attended North Mesquite High School where she earned MVP and junior varsity player of the year honors.

Other than basketball, Porter participated in track and

softball.

The 5-8 forward began playing basketball in the sixth grade. "Basketball is a very important thing in my life, Ever since I began playing I have loved the sport," she said.

Porter sees her strengths as outside shooting, hustling, and defense. Her weakness, she said, is rebounding.

She said the team's strengths are in taking the ball to the goal and their quickness. Their weaknesses are their lack height and turnovers.

Recruitment calls for Porter came from Blinn Junior College, Henderson Junior College, Tyler Junior College, and Grayson Junior College.

Jim Stigliano

Jim Stigliano, 19 a freshman from Robinson where he attended Robinson High School.

Stigliano began playing basketball when he was 10 years old in the Lions Den in Waco.

Stigliano, a 5'10" guard, is an Engineer major.

"Basketball has made me more competitive in life and helped me to be a stronger person," said Stigliano.

Stigliano sees his strengths as his outside shooting and ball handling, and his leadership and basketball sense.

He believes the teams strengths are their quickness, depth and their ability to score well.

Stigliano has received such honors as All-District Guard, Super Centex and All Region his junior and senior year in high school.

Stigliano hobbies include weightlifting, studying and fishing.



Photo by Ken Crawford

THE 1986-87 MCC TENNIS TEAM--Craig Whitaker, Chris Lapore, Nora Zalnal, and Lauri Hardage all contribute to the winning ways of the tennis program.

1986-87 Men's Basketball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Dec. 10	Wed.	Blinn College	Brenham	8:00
Dec. 19	Fri.	Kilgore College	MCC	8:00
Jan. 15	Thurs.	* T.S.T.I.	TSTI	8:30
Jan. 17	Sat.	* Grayson College	MCC	8:00
Jan. 22	Thurs.	* Hill Jr. College	MCC	8:00
Jan. 24	Sat.	* Southwest Christian	Terrell	8:00
Jan. 26	Mon.	* Weatherford College	MCC	8:00
Jan. 31	Sat.	* Ranger Jr. College	Ranger	8:00
Feb. 2	Mon.	* Cooke College	Guineaville	8:00
Feb. 5	Thurs.	* Cisco Jr. College	MCC	8:00
Feb. 9	Mon.	* Grayson College	Donison	8:00
Feb. 12	Thurs.	* T. S. T. I.	MCC	8:00
Feb. 14	Sat.	* Hill Jr. College	Hillsboro	8:00
Feb. 19	Thurs.	* Weatherford College	Weatherford	8:00
Feb. 21	Sat.	* Southwest Christian	MCC	8:00
Feb. 23	Mon.	* Ranger Jr. College	MCC	8:00
Feb. 28	Thurs.	* Cisco Jr. College	Cisco	8:00

* North Texas Jr. College Conference Games



Balmos to work on doctorate degree

By PATRICK KING

Donald Balmos, MCC choral director, will be leaving for the spring semester to work on a doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting degree at the University of Texas.

Balmos had received the faculty development grant for this year. When he originally applied, he had intended to take

the fall semester off, "but because of several factors I changed that plan and had moved the leave to this spring semester," Balmos said.

Balmos will be taking some course work at UT that will enable him to finish all the course work for the doctoral degree.

"My intention is (that) I will finish the course work at the end of this spring semester and then begin work on the dissertation during the summer time and spend probably the majority of the next year doing the dissertation," he said.

The doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting is the equivalent of a Ph.D. with the

primary difference being that in the dissertation the emphasis is on performance in addition to the written paper, he said.

The degree program calls for courses in the student's performing major "in my case

conducting — I have studied private conducting just like music students study private voice or private piano," Balmos said.

The dissertation consists of three performances and a written paper that goes along with one of the performances.

Balmos went into music "because there was never any question and never any doubt that I was most qualified to do. I went into it never really thinking about a job. I knew that was what I was going to

major in (while) in college. It wasn't until I actually had all my course work on my master's degree and went out to apply for a job, that I really thought about what specifically I was going to do with a music degree," he stated.

"I applied at the Waco School District with as much or more hours in instrumental music than in vocal music. I remember to this day a question being posed to me: Do you want to be a band director or

do you want to be a choir director? My immediate thought was the Friday nights in marching band and I said, 'I want to be a choir director,'" he said.

Replacing Balmos for the spring semester will be Larry Guess, who will direct the

Waco Civic Chorus and the vocal ensemble of MCC, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Guess is the former chairman of the music department of Temple Junior College and director of the choir program at TJC, director of the Temple

Civic Chorus, former faculty member of the University of Texas and director of the concert choir at UT. He has nearly completed his doctoral degree at UT.

Guess has already selected Mozart's "Requiem Mass" for the major work for the civic chorus, which will be performed April 10.

Doug Claybrook will direct the MCC Chorale. Claybrook is a part-time teacher at MCC and currently teaches theory.

After nine and a half years, "I still enjoy what I do. It's a very exciting place to be. There's been a tremendous amount of growth and change within the music department and in the choral department," Balmos said.

"I look forward to seeing what happens next semester having a different person come in and give the students a little bit different perspective. Both the gentlemen that are replacing me are very capable and very talented, but they are different from me. No two musicians are the same. I think it's a very healthy growing experience for the singers to experience different conductors and different choral directors," he added.



Photo by Ken Crawford

NATHAN McCOY "jams down" at the Homecoming Dance held in the Student Center last Thursday night after MCC beat Cooke County in the Homecoming Game.

Band plays in SC

By ROXIE JOHNSON

Bill Howard's band played at a mini-concert at MCC on Nov. 21. The band played a wide range of music from the Beatles' "Can't Buy Me Love" and Steve Winwood's "Freedom Overspill" to Amy Grant's "Love Can Do."

Members of the band who played include vocalist Kelly Downing, Kristine Nilson on

keyboards, Steve Sheffield on vocals, Doug Baum on drums, Wade Martin on bass, and guitarists Tim Womaek, Cecil Rodriguez, Todd Seale, and Roy Lewis.

Bands change every semester and any one can take a music class. The only require-

ments are that one has ability on his or her respective instrument.



Photo by Ken Crawford

RONNIE MARTINEZ and Bucky hold each other during one of the slow songs at the dance last Thursday.

Nominee to graduate with honor

By ROXIE JOHNSON

Kimberly Cox — homecoming sweetheart nominee, accounting major, and now a candidate for graduation at MCC

— there's no holding this woman down.

Cox was born with cerebral palsy. She has always needed some type of assistance walking, and has been in a wheelchair since she was 12.

Now she is 20 and has plans of attending Baylor for her bachelor's degree.

Since coming to MCC from Robinson Christian Academy

where she graduated as salutatorian in 1984, Cox has made many friends. She says that col-

lege is fun, she loves it, and "I'm really going to miss this school."

Cox said she doesn't find anything really difficult and

she considers herself to be a "school person."

Being active at church, Cox is a youth group member and participates in other church-sponsored activities.

At MCC she was inducted into the scholastic honor organization, Phi Theta Kappa, last

Don't bet that these plans and dreams will not come true

— Kim Cox is a woman who is hard to hold down.

After Baylor, Cox plans to be a certified public accountant. This is one of her dreams, along with owning her own ac-

counting firm. Her parents Ruby and Cecil Cox are happy about her career choice.

spring and was a member of the Association of Disabled Students. This semester she was a candidate for Homecoming

sweetheart where she received strong support from her friends in the school's cafeteria.

Student Activities hires Meroney

By JOE D. JIMENEZ

The student activities and health services department has hired a new secretary, Michelle Meroney.

The first day on the job for Meroney was Nov. 1. "I'm trying to get used to the new surroundings," she said.

Meroney went to high school in Ohio. She attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where she attained her associates of arts degree in 1976.

Meroney was informed of the vacant position at MCC by a newspaper advertisement and a personnel bulletin she had seen.

Before coming to MCC, Meroney worked for two years at Providence Hospital in the public relations office. "For the public relations department I would schedule special events such as 10K runs and films to be viewed by small children so that they would not be afraid of hospitals. I also taught an aerobics class for people over 50," she said.

"I've been married a little over a year now, so I guess I'm still a newlywed," Meroney said.

In her spare time at home, Meroney works with her pressed dried flower craft and

enters three or four craft shows a year.

Also keeping Meroney busy are her pets and plants. She has seven pets—two dogs and five cats—and 110 plants, including African violets and ivy.

CLASSIFIED ADS

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PIZZA PLACE: All positions available.

SALES: Show and demonstrate mechanical flying birds, earn commission, flexible hours.
COUNTER HELP: Wait on customers, use cash register, prepare sandwiches, etc., will train, 15-20 hours a week, must be available for the Christmas season, \$3.35/hour.

TEMPORARY INVENTORY: Work in January, outgoing personality, dress neatly, some evenings and/or weekends.

FOR SALE

FIVE YEAR-OLD bay mare. Started on barrels and poles. Call 857-4294.
FEMALE FISCHER love bird and cage. Call 857-4294.

FOR FREE

FREE KITTENS: Four left—three males, one female. Call 857-4294.

Tutors available

The Special Program/Tutorial Center has tutors available to assist students in organizing, studying, and reviewing for finals exams.

The general studies lab (LA 109) will be staffed with tutors during "dead week" Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-11 a.m. and from noon-3 p.m. Tutors will also be available Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from noon-3 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday night tutors are available from 7-9 p.m. in the basement of the Library.

Students are encouraged to utilize these free services in their preparation for final examinations. Students may also come by the special services offices, located on the second floor of the Student Center, for tutorial assistance.

Legal advice to be continued

The Waco Young Lawyer's Association will continue giving free legal advice on the Call-a-Lawyer hotline between 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesday by dialing 753-3668.

The Credit Management Association of Waco also continues the free advice hotline for credit related questions, the Consumer Credit Hotline, 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays by dialing 753-3668.

Both hotlines are sponsored by the United Way of Waco-McLennan County and provide free advice to the community by professionals in the legal and credit fields.

Scholarship applications

Boston College is accepting applications for the Boston University Transfer Trustee Scholar Program from sophomore students who are interested in transferring to the college.

The scholarship requires the applicant to write an essay on a given topic as well as being nominated by Willie Hobbs, chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

For more information, contact the office of financial aid located on the third floor, Student Center.



Photo by Ken Crawford

JOE JIMENEZ and Melody Estrada sway to the music at the "Shoot for the Stars" Homecoming dance in the Student Center following the game.



Photo by Ken Crawford

HOMECOMING SWEETHEART Tracye Salyer and date Jim Stigliano dance in the glow of the spotlight designated for the honored couple.

FINAL EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time	
MWF	7-7:50 a.m.	Mon., Wed., Dec. 15 & 17	
	8-8:50 a.m.	Monday, Dec. 15	
	9-9:50 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 17	
	10-10:50 a.m.	Monday, Dec. 15	
	11:10 a.m.-noon	Wednesday, Dec. 17	
	12:15-1:05 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 15	
	1:15-2:05 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 17	
	TTH	7-8:15 a.m.	Tues., Thurs., Dec. 16 & 18
		8-9:15 a.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 16
		9:25-10:40 a.m.	Thursday, Dec. 18
10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.		Tuesday, Dec. 16	
12:15-1:30 p.m.		Thursday, Dec. 18	
1:40-2:55 p.m.		Tuesday, Dec. 16	
SATURDAY	Saturday, Dec. 13	9-11:15 a.m.	
OTHER DAY CLASSES	Thursday, Dec. 18	2:30-4:45 p.m.	
OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES	To Be Arranged—Check With Instructor		

EVENING SCHEDULE

Classes meeting only one night per week

On regular meeting night per week during Dec. 15-18

Classes	Exam Day	Exam Time
MW	5:20-6:35 p.m.	Mon., Wed., Dec. 15 & 17
	6:45-8 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 15
	8:20-9:35 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 17
TTH	5:20-6:35 p.m.	Tues., Thurs., Dec. 16 & 18
	6:45-8 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 16
	8:20-9:35 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 18

Renee Jarvis,
Have a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year. I am looking
forward to the new year, hope
you are too.
Mark

Wishing all the coaches of the campus
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
That Includes you too, Coach Hudson!
Montina

Yule Greetings to my children,
May the winds of the heavens
dance between us. Perfect
Love and Perfect Trust
forever

To Nelda and her hard working crew
Thanx for all of your love and understanding.
Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year,
P.S. Especially for you Shannon.
Have a very happy holiday season.
with love
Montina

May all the World be richer
For Christmas Day because of
the birth of our Lord! Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year
Patrick King

To all the Men and Women basketball
players and coaches:
Best of luck during the conference games!
Make this a year to be remembered
GOD BLESS YOU ALL! Be GOOD over
the Christmas Holidays.
Love
Renee Jarvis

To: Trey Better
Sometimes, I've felt like giving up
and sometimes I've
felt like holding you to the break of dawn.
It doesn't matter how many hard
times we go through
or how sometimes we find it hard to say
"I'm sorry."
We both know in our heart that
we were meant to be.
Trey, along with the change of season.
Comes a New Year that
we will bring our love to a
deeper depth.
Love Always
Eulonda

Merry Christmas to all my friends,
Family and of course Robert!
Love ya!
Kimberly Moore

Mark,
This Christmas let the
Waxy Whoovie Whistle live!
Have a wonderful Holiday.
Renea

Have a Merry Christmas and a
Wonderful New Year "Tiger"
Luv U forever,
The Scot Dude

Dear Friends,
Wishing you having the great
time on these holidays.
Ched
Bangcole, Thailand.

Au revoir to the backwards Oreo!
Gone but not forgotten
Home to Houston Party!
L'essential est invisible aux yeux.
Nora

Dear Instructors,
All I want for Christmas
is 25 bonus points.
Mike Barrington

To Alaina Kluk,
Thanks for all the help you've
given me . . . Best wishes with
Scott!
Mazell
Renee Jarvis

Scot Dude,
"Ebrii Fiamus et Torquemus" this
Christmas Season (in abundance)
Luvya Lots Renea

Have A Merry Yule and a very
Prosperous New Year to the dude
with the "party face."
Sincerely
Scot

To The Dance Company,
Thanx for the putting up
with me and listening to
my problems. Have a Merry Christmas
I LOVE YOU ALL!
Miss Renee Jarvis



Photo by Ken Crawford

STUDENT GOVERNMENT members Tori Spivey and Randy Gustafson enjoy the MCC Homecoming Dance by dancing to the music of Professional Sound and Lighting.



Photo by Ken Kallenberger

JOHN DAVIS hits a bullet shot over the net during one of the intramural volleyball competitions held in the Highlands on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.