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Quality talent lines up for Review

By B.J. JENSEN

This year's talent show at MCC, being heralded as the Dazzling Review and set for Nov. 11, got off to a shaky start.

Bryant Burleson, director of student activities, said Nov. 3 prior to auditions that if there weren't enough applicants, the annual event would not be held. "I don't know what the problem is this year, but I'm disappointed with the turnout so far," he said before auditions.

With student enrollment being as large as it is this semester, one would think there would be plenty of talent to be tapped. It appeared as if there was a problem, either with advance notice of the show itself, or a terminal case of stage-fright among students.

There was mention of this event in the Oct. 26 issue of *The Highland Herald* so some notice was given. Also, space was devoted to the story in the *Chanter*, a bulletin from the office of Student Activities. And walking around the campus, one couldn't help but see the notices tacked to billboards and telephone poles. The marquis at the main entrance of the Student Center was — and is — littered with praise for this event.

Were the expectations of Dazzling Review promoters and sponsors too high? Stay tuned.

Promoters were hopeful early Wednesday morning that Murphy and his law would fall flat on his face in this case.

Sandy Hinton, director of the MCC Dance Company, indicated she saw no reason why this year's show wouldn't be as successful as those in years past. "Last year, we had only 10 applicants, and the year before, eight. Both of those years, we had an excel-

lent crowd. Three to four hundred people came to watch. The acts were of good quality and we all had a great time."

Again this year, the dance troupe will fill in between the contestants entered in the show. If for no other reason, Hinton thinks her students are worth the trip to the show.

Auditions took place the afternoons of Nov. 3-4, which also happened to be the third or fourth days of the week, Wednesday and Thursday. It couldn't get any more coordinated. Perhaps this was an omen, meaning that this year may be the best of all.

Case in point: Gloria Zamarripa, captain of the dance troupe is single, 19 years old, and watchable. Zamarripa, pronounced "Za-ma-rip-pa," has been dancing for five years, and will perform in the show. Aside from working hard as a student, Zamarripa has an admirable aspiration: to try out for a spot as a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader next year.

She has an excellent chance. Her attitude matches her beauty. "I think if any girl likes and enjoys dancing, she should check out MCC's program. We probably have the best program anywhere." If you want to catch Zamarripa's act, you'll have to come to the Review Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

There are two other students from the Dance Company entered in the contest, but they will not be dancing. Rhonda Staas, 19, and Joanie Cernosek, 19, will be playing the piano and singing, respectively.

Staas has been playing the piano for eight years. Her first loves, though, are athletics and dancing, in that order. She's been dancing 15 years. So it's understandable why dancing comes first in her life. "I don't really have a voice for singing, so I play

Mostly for fun though, because I want to teach after I get my degree in HPE." Staas is another act you might want to catch Thursday.

Her partner, Cernosek, is also a HPE major. She, too, wants to teach after she gets her degree, but for her, teaching could be far into the future.

"Right now, I just want to finish here and go to Sam Houston University. Really, I can't wait. My boyfriend plays football there now, and Sam Houston is a great school." Cernosek wants to try out for the Solid Gold Dancers someday, if they happen to be around when she finishes her schooling.

Aside from being a very good tenor, she is busy. Cernosek is the president of the MCC Psi Theta Kappa organization. She is also involved in MCC Student Government and is a lieutenant in the MCC Dance Company.

B. J. Jensen was another entrant at the auditions the first day they were held. Jensen is a transplanted student from Los Angeles who hopes someday to be a psychologist. "I like the idea of trying to find out why we do the things we do. I know we can never really know precisely the reasons, but it's interesting to try," said Jensen. Jensen will be playing the piano and singing two songs he has written. He played in bands in L.A., but is now devoting his time to being an MCC student.

Only one other entrant was available for interview. Janie Witt, 19 and a HPE major, will be dancing a solo number set to the music of the pop group, Asia. She is a second-year dance minor at MCC and will also be performing with the dance group between acts. When asked about her plans for the future, Witt replied with a wait-and-see.

"I think maybe I want to go to the University of Texas, but right now I'm not really sure. I guess only time will tell," she said.

Although she may not know what she wants to do in the immediate future, Witt has a good handle on what to do at this point of her life. Aside from being a member of Sandy Hinton's Dance Company, she is a cheerleader at MCC.

"I really have to organize my time these days. I spend a lot of time at school. Then, too, I work part-time and teach some cheerleading on the side. But, I like being busy."

Among those entering and not available for interview are Tracy Tomchesson, who will be dancing a duet with partner Lisa Woodliff.

Tina Comer will be doing a deaf-interpretation. Comer was formerly a contestant in the Junior Miss Waco Pageant in which Hinton was a judge. "Comer nearly won," Hinton said.

Ruth Foster, singer, will perform a solo.

Hinton did give away a couple of secrets by leaking a couple of the numbers being readied for the show. "Our group will be opening the show with a great number danced to the music of Magnum P.I. It's a jazz kind of thing, which is going very good in rehearsals. One of the others is our interpretation of 'Eye of the Tiger,' by the group Survivor. I think maybe this may be the best number of all, but it's hard to say. They're all very good."

Burleson turned optimistic about the upcoming show after hearing the auditions the first day. "I think what we heard today were were quality performances, given by quality talent."

"This year, I know the third Dazzling Review will in fact, be dazzling," he said.



'Come on baby, hook!'

John Derrick fires his second shot toward the number eight green during a golf tournament hosted by MCC at the Connally Golf Course Nov. 4-5. First round leaders were Harvie Welch, Arthur Lopez, John Derrick, Mike Board and Keith Howard. All five leaders are members of the MCC Golf Teams. (Photo by Jeff Bright)

Speech Squad wins honors at Trinity forensic meet

By LONNIE FOY

University Oct 15.

MCC's speech squad traveled to the South Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association tournament at Trinity

University Oct 15. Eighteen colleges competed, of which seven were junior/community colleges. Nine senior colleges and four junior/community colleges won

awards in 12 events.

Seven MCC students competed in 11 events and five advanced to the final rounds after two preliminary rounds.

In Debate, Terry Garrett and Deborah Laubert — out of six teams — ended in a third place tie.

In Impromptu Speaking, Garrett won fifth place out of 40 contestants.

In Group Improvisation, Liz Allen, Casey Curry, Joe Chapa and Sonja Glauser won fifth place out of 13 groups.

Chapa won sixth place in Dramatic Interpretation out of 31 contestants.

Preliminary round awards went to Glauser in Prose Reading and Allen won two Excellent awards.

In Extemporeous, out of 35 entrants, Garrett won two Superior awards.

Curry, Allen, and Tucker won an Excellent award in Poetry Reading. Garrett and Laubert won Excellent awards in Informative Speaking and Impromptu speaking.

With 13 teams entered, the MCC team won one Excellent and one Superior award in Group Improvisation

Chapa won one Excellent and one Superior award in Dramatic Interpretation, while Glauser, in the same event, won two Excellent awards.

In Duo Interpretation, with 18 teams entered, Curry and Allen won one Excellent award.

The MCC Speech squad also participated in the Baylor "Bear Hug" Interpretation Festival Oct. 28-30.

Doris Moten, Shirley Tucker and Lonnie Foy performed an original play, "Tell God." The play was written, adapted to stage and directed by Foy. Chapa also performed a Dramatic Interpretation and Allen performed "Soundless Evening."

During the Baylor festival, the speech squad visited with Amy Johns, a former MCC student who was performing with West Texas State University.

Another speech student, Rocky Connor, is on scholarship with the National Shakespeare Company in New York City.

Ann Harrell, speech coach, is attending the Speech Communications Association Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Since being re-elected as recording secretary of Phi Rho Pi, I will be making arrangements for the National Speech Tournament in San Antonio on April 5-11," said Harrell.

Harrell will also be serving on the American Forensics Association membership committee. "My specific role will be to help build junior college membership in the organization," said Harrell.

The speech squad will travel to the Roadrunner Classic Nov. 6 at UTSA.

"I am extremely impressed with the quality of talent and work being done by this year's squad. The sense of teamwork exhibited by students this year is the best I have ever seen. Cooperative pooling for each other, friendship and concern will make a difference in months to come," said Harrell.

Survey shows how MCC stands

A community telephone survey last July revealed how MCC stands in the community. MCC staff members called 234, randomly-selected residents age 16 and older. Overall response about MCC was positive.

The results of the survey have been tabulated by the MCC data processing department and a report was released by MCC Vice President Chester Hastings. Hastings' report said the survey showed that MCC has a very positive reputation in the community. MCC, according to residents surveyed, is doing its job and is serving a perceived need. Eighty-five percent of the respondents have been on the MCC campus and 41 per cent have taken one or more courses at MCC.

The percentage of people who have not attended MCC indicated an interest in lectures by prominent people, dramatic productions, concerts and art exhibits.

The highest ratings were given by people who had attended MCC, according to the survey report.

One major problem the survey indicated was the clash of class time and work hours. Transportation, availability of time and convenience were other problems reported.

The survey also investigated the images of Baylor and TSTU. Both schools also have positive reputations.

This information can be put to use in helping MCC in the future with the planning of education services and programs, according to the Hastings report.

The telephone was used in the survey because it takes less personnel and financial resources. The telephone survey also has a higher response rate, said the report.

Research was done on how other community col-

leges conducted a survey. The telephone survey was used by several colleges. These included colleges in Minnesota, New Jersey and Florida, said the report.

According to the procedures and methodology section of the survey report, "Eight persons were chosen from the professional staff at McLennan Community College to conduct the interviews. All have graduate degrees, know MCC very well, and have the ability to communicate."

These staff members had a training session and were pre-tested with the questionnaire. As a result of this, a few changes were made in the wording and procedure used in this survey.

All people who were called were asked: "Community colleges serve many purposes. What do you think MCC should do or offer?" The staff members read a list of 11 items to the respondents, asking which items were of more importance.

Of the 11 items listed, the following are the top four chosen as more important were: 1) education available on a part-time basis; 2) the first two years of a four-year college/university program can be completed; 3) vocational or technical training for employment; and 4) counseling about college and college programs.

According to the survey report, "The population sample is not a true representation of the 1980 census data for McLennan. Ages 60-plus are over-represented, as are ages 18 - 21. The three age groups between age 22 - 59 have less representation on a percentage basis than they should, but enough people were interviewed (range 44 - 59) in each age group to include them on the charts."

New compact spaces help ease parking woes

By CHRISTY LEWIS

Are you getting parking tickets? If you are, it's probably because you are parking illegally or you don't have your valid decal on your car.

Bryant Burleson, Director of Student Activities, says there is a plenty of parking spaces.

Work was recently completed on a new parking lot adjacent to the Student Center. The lot is intended for compact and sub-compact cars and will accommodate 65 vehicles.

With the addition of these 65 spaces and other projects, there are now 1,788 parking spaces on campus,

according to Gary Luff, Vice President of Business Affairs.

Burleson said there are 4500 cars registered at MCC.

Reasons you might get a ticket are: no valid decal, parking in faculty or in visitor's spaces, parking against an unstriped curve (unless it says you can) or in a handicapped zone.

"If you have any doubts that you shouldn't park where you are, don't park there," said Burleson.

"We have adequate parking. However, there is a shortage of parking close to the building. It may not be convenient or close to your classes,

but there are parking places," Burleson said.

Most of the students pay the tickets, but the ones who don't are contacted. If the ticket is still not paid, the license plate is run down. After 10 days, there will be a hold on your transcript. There is an automatic \$5 fee on late tickets. Burleson said that he expects the students to be familiar with the regulations of parking. They are on page 30 of the Student Handbook. (Parking is also restricted in the loading and unloading docks.)

Chief of MCC Police Jim Gammel said, "A lot of students think we are here to harass. But really, we are

here to assist you. We have jumper cables, a slim Jim to open your door, and an air bottle to air up a flat tire. There are six Campus Police Officers on the staff. If you receive four or more tickets within one semester, you have to see Dr. LaVerne Wong, Dean of Student Services. The tickets range from \$5 to \$10 for different offenses.

The new Liberal Arts parking lot is for small cars. Starting November 12, tickets will be issued for people who park there with oversized cars. After 5 p.m., large cars can park in the parking lot.

Students are urged to follow these rules so tickets can be avoided.



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Halloween's ghostly ghouls and goblins invade campus

MCC Child Care Center lab student Rhoda Trammell adjusts the Halloween costume of Brandye Sullivan, daughter of Valory Sullivan who works in the admissions office. The children enrolled at the Center trick-or-treated on campus Oct. 29. (Photo by Consuelo Arriola)



Wylanta Taylor, a cosmetology student, dresses for the occasion as she participates in a Halloween dress-up day during school hours Oct. 29. Her costume depicts a space woman. Cosmetology students presented a different look to customers at the campus lab. (Photo by Steve Elsik)

NEWS BRIEFS

Opera designs on display

Robert Indiana's set and costume designs for the Virgil Thomson/ Gertrude Stein opera are on display at the MCC Art Center through Nov. 14. Thanks to the McNay Art Institute in San Antonio, the Art Center can present these costumes and set designs. There is no charge for visiting the Art Center, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Sunday, the hours are 1 - 5 p.m. The Art Center is closed on Mondays.

Night students get 'break'

The Student Government is sponsoring an "Evening Break" for night school students. The annual event will take place Nov. 9 and 10 from 7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the student center. The purpose of the "evening break" is to give evening students a chance to meet other night school attendants.

Pep Rally arouses crowd

Attendance at MCC's first pep rally of the season filled the Highland Physical Education Gym almost to capacity. The pep rally, held Nov. 3 at 10 a.m., offered an opportunity for coaches to introduce players to the audience. All teams were represented, including the men's and women's basketball teams, the men's and women's tennis teams, the golf team and the baseball team. The MCC Dance Company performed between introductions.

Rolf stresses more on math

"If you don't struggle in high school, then it's just going to make it that much more difficult in college," said Dr. Howard Rolf, chairman of the Mathematics Department at Baylor. This was the central idea Rolf conveyed to a large group of high school students in the HPE Lecture Hall at 1:15 on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Rolf's lecture covered the growing opportunities in the Math/Science vocations. Rolf stressed the importance of learning as much as possible while in high school and searching for more challenges at the same time. "If your math teacher's giving you easy problems, go demand harder ones." Rolf noted that math and science are relied heavily on in almost every field. He used an example of the space launchings to illustrate the importance of math majors. "If I were in charge of that project (the launchings), I would want someone in charge who knew what he was doing, not someone who let someone else do all their math homework in high school," said Rolf. Rolf added, "Somebody had to do a lot of work figuring out mathematical equations to make it work." Rolf said that many large companies call him and ask him about his math majors. "They (the companies) would rather have a math major than a business major to do the job. The reasoning for this is simple enough. They need someone to solve problems." "Math helps you learn how to solve real-life problems as well as mathematical problems. You're going to be solving problems and making decisions all your life," said Rolf.

Cont. Ed. sponsors shop

A workshop designed to help the unemployed, underemployed or those who are facing unemployment in the future is being sponsored by MCC's Continuing Education Division. The workshop will be on two one-half days, Nov. 11-12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Highlander Room, third floor of the MCC Student Center. Topics to be covered include how to search for a job, updating resumes, going back to work, retraining, relocating, coping with feelings about being unemployed and making lifestyle adjustments. MCC faculty and administrators who will conduct the workshop are Lynn Abernathy, coordinator and counselor for the Career Testing and Information Service; Mary Cantrell, director of Mental Health; Jerry Scarborough, psychology instructor and Martha Whelan, Placement director. Coordinator for the workshop program is Donna Pleasant, Health and Human Services programs, MCC Continuing Education Division. The program is free to the public. Interested persons are encouraged to pre-register for the workshop by calling 756-6551, ext. 217 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Pan-Am planning trip

The Pan-American Club has been very busy raising funds for a trip to Houston sometime in April. Members of the club were selling candy sticks Friday, Oct. 29 and will continue selling them until their supply is exhausted. They will have a dinner meeting at Trujillo's Restaurant on Friday, Nov. 12. The guest speaker will be former mayor of Waco, Roland Arriola.

A.S.K. reaches out

By LONNIE FOY

interaction with other black people." Waveolyn Mack, another member of A.S.K., came to the club to "learn more about the history of the black movement. A.S.K. is a place where I can freely discuss my problems and needs." "It is not a job like some clubs are. Meetings are a time to take care of business, but also a time of fun," said Daniel Mayberry a member of A.S.K. One of the fun times was a bake sale which the club sponsored. Mary Jones said the bake sale was a chance "to raise funds to try to buy T-shirts for the club and help sponsor a speaker for Black Heritage Week during the month of February." There was a guest performance by the Reader's Theatre class on Oct. 27 during the 10 a.m. meeting time. The play was titled "Tell God" and depicted a black prayer meeting in a rural Baptist church. The play was written and directed by a black student at MCC, Lonnie Foy. "We do not want to isolate ourselves from other clubs on campus. Our plans are to participate with other clubs on campus and learn something about different cultures," said Taylor. The slogan of the club is "We Are Reaching Out." When asked what the college could do to aid the club in its endeavors, "There could be more publicity given explaining the goals, purpose and events of A.S.K.," said Anderson. The club meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in AC 208.

"The purpose of the Afro Student Kindred Club is for the black students at MCC to recognize that they are black and unique. We have a responsibility to find out about ourselves, culture and heritage," stated Terri Anderson acting president of the Afro Student Kindred Club (A.S.K.). Anderson stated that A.S.K. was a place for blacks to discuss problems and get to know one another. Willie Evans is secretary. Sponsors are Imogene Scott and Eleanor Taylor. The constitution for the club was written in 1974. There are about 15 active members. Taylor said that she was motivated because "I was made an honorary member after giving a speech to the club in 1976. There is a need for black students to know who they are and where they are going. Sponsors should serve as role models. Sponsors should help students develop in all areas, especially academic excellence. Blacks have always been a proud people and proud of their heritage." Danna Porter, a member of A.S.K., said that "If black people stick together when discriminated against, the other blacks could act as a support group. Blacks should stick together and try to resolve some common problems. We need each other." Laurie Duhl, member of A.S.K., was attracted to the club by "the need for

First-timers adjust to new environment

By B. J. JENSEN

At MCC, the median age for students is 21.

First-timers have to adjust not only their academic schedules, but in many cases, their lives as well.

Those who have been out of the academic scene for a substantial length of time, there is sometimes a feeling of anxiety about attending lectures, writing notes, studying and taking exams.

"I am 30 years old, and have been out of school for 10 years. I thought I had the discipline necessary to be successful in school. I saw right away that I had to change my thinking about that."

This remark made by Chris Estes, states a feeling shared by many of his contemporaries. Estes, a business major, feels the main problem for him was developing study skills.

"I had a hard time sitting down and reading what I had to read. I had to make myself do something I hadn't done for a long time," he said.

Estes is not unusual in this respect. There's a growing concern for students at academic institutions who fall into this category, especially at the community college level. The administrations of these institutions are recognizing more that these students have a difficult situation to overcome.

Mary Ann Dyer, a nursing student, is single and had been out of school eight years before deciding to attend MCC. "I was ready to come back, and I wanted to be a nurse. At first though, my main concern was how to organize my time.

"To me, reading is most important if you want to keep up. But I work 22 hours a week and go to school full time. So I don't have any time to myself. My social life has really suffered, Dyer said.

Although there are no social statistics available, allocating one's time appears to be the main problem; however, there is an organization at MCC that offers to help students do that: Second Wind.

One of the services offered by Second Wind is helping returning students to develop study skills and organize time schedules. Johnnie Talton is one of the counselors, which is another service offered by the organization.

"Reading and studying are not the only problems. Economic factors often dictate various obstacles to overcome. Most of these students were working prior to their returning to school. The sudden loss of income can sometimes be devastating. To overcome this, the students take a job, either full or part-time.

"When this happens, they are less able to devote most of their time to study, so they stay up late at night to make it up. In turn, this leaves the individual tired and not necessarily primed for classes," Talton said.

Talton's ideas are consistent with many feelings expressed by student interviewees. As Dyer said, "You have to organize between family, school and job."

"We act as a go-between for the student and any difficulty in any area they might be having. We're in fact, known as the 'matured group'."

This is easier said than done.

Roger Capps is 28, single, and a business major. He had been out of school eight years, during which time he traveled extensively. "I was a salesman, traveling around Texas and Louisiana. I was on the road four to five days a week. I wanted to make more money, and was lucky that my folks offered to finance my education," he said.

Capps also said that at first, his biggest problem was learning how to study. "Reading was no problem, because I read all the time. I probably have 300 books in my library. But I didn't know how to study. I think there is a big difference between reading and learning," he said.

Capps feels that school is a very

serious business and should not be taken lightly. For the older student, returning to school is serious business.

"Going back to school should be like going to a new job," Capps said. "If the person doesn't have the right attitude he is predisposing himself for failure.

"If you don't happen to know what you want to go for right away, take the basics. At least you won't be wasting your time. Also, you might learn, during that time, just what it is you want to do."

Capps' view and his feelings are consistent with many of the other students interviewed for this story.

If you're 25 years old or older and would like to meet some of your contemporaries, you might consider Second Wind. Johnnie Talton intimated she has not yet found a situation that could not somehow be benefited by the organization. "I would really like these older students to come and give Second Wind a 'look-see.' I'm sure they could benefit from us," she said.

"We act as a go-between for the student and any difficulty in any area they might be having. We're in fact, known as the 'matured group'."

Second Wind meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in LA 206. "Our offices are right next to the bookstore in the Student Center," Talton said. "So it's very easy for students to drop by. We're very accessible to anyone. We can help transplanted students get acquainted, help you devise a budget, learn to study, and even help you if you happen to lose a book," said Talton.

"For example, the other day, a student lost a book and all the notes to a particular class. Understandably, the student was very upset and feeling a little helpless. The student called me, so immediately I called the bookstore about a used book. However, the student couldn't afford it. Well, I called the instructor, Javel Jackson, for the student."

Jackson was completely understanding about the situation, even mentioning the student was indeed a very good student. It all worked out very well for the student. Jackson allowed the student to make up an exam, even taking a book over to the student's house," said Talton.

Talton added that even though this could have been handled by the student, incidents such as this is what Second Wind is all about: helping people.

Second Wind is devised to help with the transition into academia for the student who has been out of school for a while. And the students involved in MCC seem to think their struggle is worth it.

As 31-year-old Milton Edwards, who had been out of school for 11 years before attending MCC, said, "After 10 years in the military, I could see that I was as far as I could go with my high school diploma.

"In this goal-oriented society, I could see a dead end approaching. Hence, I'm back in school," Edwards said.

And opening up dead ends is what MCC is all about.

Notes are important

By HAROLD MANNING

Reading, Writing and Arithmetic — the "Three Rs".

Ever wonder why reading was put first in this expression? Probably not, but most students probably don't realize that reading could be the most important of the three.

Reading is certainly the most fundamental skill needed in the development of anyone's education. Those color-coded SRA skills tests back in sixth grade weren't just designed to help students learn how to get from the front cover of "Moby Dick" to the last. They were also stepping stones leading up to the development of such skills as note-taking, inferential thinking, contextual prediction — even learning how to take an exam.

MCC offers three different reading courses aimed at honing and developing skills such as these. Basic College Reading, Intermediate College Reading and Advanced College Reading are all non-pressure courses tailored around each student's individual needs in refining their reading and study skills.

Each of the three classes center around four basic areas of development: vocabulary, comprehension, study skills and speed.

Margarita Sanchez, MCC instructor of reading explains that, "Many freshmen just out of high school are thrust into college life and never really learned how to take notes the right way and it's hard for most without help."

Note-taking is essential for all students, especially since portable tape recorders are still fairly expensive to the college student. To the student who hasn't quite grasped the art of note taking, deciphering the hazy scratching labeled "lecture notes," can often lead to long, frustrating hours lasting well into the early hours of exam-day.

Sanchez explained that there are many simple tips on note taking that students could use to facilitate easier and more effective note-taking. For in-

stance, in taking lecture notes, trying to take down every word said would be like trying to find a front row parking space at 10 a.m. and still make it to class before 11 a.m.

Just try getting the main ideas down. This also will give the student a chance to listen to more of what the instructor is saying, another important part of taking notes.

A good way to recognize just what the most important ideas are is to anticipate. Ask questions about the material before it is presented.

Tips such as these are only a fraction of what the reading curriculum is all about. "Our classes are tailored around what each individual needs and our grading system is based on improvement," said Sanchez.

The three classes offered by Sanchez are merely levels of improvement for each of the 250 students currently enrolled. Sanchez elaborated on this saying that, "Students now focus on refining skills such as note-taking and exam taking skills that apply to most other academic courses.

As a student advances to Intermediate College Reading, he learns how to use skills developed thus far as a tool in pursuing college and vocational goals.

Finally, Advanced College Reading classes attempt to hone reading skills to a point where a student utilizes reading as a cognitive skill or simply put, to learn easier and better. Speed reading is also incorporated into this level of reading and study development.

Here at MCC, we try to stress the phrase that you never outgrow the need to know. It can also be said just as factually that you also never outgrow the need to know how to know.

Sanchez is more than happy to help students in any way possible. Starting next edition, *The Highland Herald* will carry the first in a series of articles by Sanchez aimed at presenting students with other tips and suggestions to help them make those long hours of lectures, studying and note-taking a little easier.

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'Rain, rain, don't go away. Please come again another day.'



(Photos by Consuelo Arriola)

Female administrators give views on liberation

By LONNIE FOY

"I don't consider myself a 'liber' but I want women to have freedom of choice to maximize personal potential," said Dr. Ysleta Kudlaty, MCC counseling department director.

Kudlaty said, "The women's movement began with the woman's right to vote. The liberation movement has also had an effect on men. Many men are not physically fit to do many jobs when women are."

The liberation started in "agrarian society with the Industrial Revolution and the division of labor. Now, with the number of increased divorces, more women have the chance to decide what vocation they want to assume," said Kudlaty.

Kudlaty has worked on many non-traditional jobs. "In my household, my parents believed in maximizing personal potential. When I was 12, my father was an umpire and hired me to handle scores. I was very interested in sports," said Kudlaty.

Kudlaty admits there are still barriers between men and women in all areas, especially employment.

"Lots of different kinds of controls exist that influence whether one can be liberated. One of these factors is wealth," she said.

Kudlaty does not think liberation should be limited to women alone. "Men should have the right to be house husbands if everyone in the relationship agrees," said Kudlaty.

Prior to coming to MCC, Kudlaty was Director of Counseling and Testing at Lamar University. She also had a private practice and worked as a consultant.

"In my particular situation, my husband is a very encouraging and helpful person. One thing we do not do is spend our time discussing problems. We are both in problem-solving professions," said Kudlaty.

"The liberation movement gave women an identity. There should be no barriers because you are a woman," said Dean of Arts and Sciences, Gail Burrier.

Burrier does not look at the negative side of being a woman. "Women have to use different tactics from men. Being a woman can be an advantage," said Burrier.

"If I were not liberated I wouldn't have applied for my job at MCC," said Burrier.

Burrier came to MCC after teaching biology at South Plains College for 11 years. Prior to that she was on the faculty of Texas Tech for 10 years.

"It was a big jump to go from faculty to administrator. Most of the MCC faculty didn't know me as a peer or as an administrator. I had to establish credibility. One thing that helped was knowing several of the faculty at MCC from the Texas Junior College Teaching Association."

Burrier is president-elect of the Texas Association of Junior College Instructional Administrators Association. "There are only seven women in the association and five are deans. There are only three who are college presidents," said Burrier.

"The politics of ERA do not influence me. I have my own way of deal-

ing with people. Some things in the 'lib' movement would not be suitable for the way I interact with people," said Burrier.

"I like being a woman. Men have mentors. Women usually don't have these kind of heroes. Women need to help each other along the way," said Burrier.

Burrier feels that her strongest asset is her love for people. "If you don't like people education is the wrong profession," said Burrier.

Burrier gave this advice to male and female students: "Be an assertive person. Be good at whatever you do. Just remember that capable people are what the employers are looking for — not just a person who believes in a particular philosophy."

Dr. LaVerne Wong, dean of student services said, "A change in the philosophy of business and industry has helped women. Business and industry is not subscribing to the notion that women are more competent than men in certain situations."

Wong saw this philosophy evolving

"when there are a shortage of men during war times." She also cited social factors such as the divorce rate forcing women to provide for families as a cause for the change of attitudes about the employment of women.

"Changes were taking place and the rhetoric of women's liberation rode on the cotton sack," said Wong.

"Youngsters growing up in the '60s and even '70s began to ask, what is it I can do? — not what they could be? They were interested in role, rather than goal," Wong added.

"As an administrator I had a role model. My mother was a principal of a school for 23 of her 29 years in education," said Wong.

"My advice to students is that there is dignity in work. You must show that you can do a good job at whatever you do. Don't be ashamed about what job you're aspiring to. It's important to see your job as important and feel the whole world depends on your performance. If you are not intrinsically motivated, there is no dignity. Dignity

comes from hard work and not from a label," said Wong.

"A liberated woman is one who makes choices about life. However, real identity comes from within," said Imogene Scott, director of human services at MCC.

"I view the women's movement as another civil rights struggle. The movement has had some effect on the male lifestyle. Men have had to stop and take a second look at the assertiveness and individuality of women. An example of this is Charles Simmons, one of the players in the World Series, who was a homemaker while his wife went to school," said Scott.

"Once you decide what is good for you, there is no reason to worry about judgment," said Scott.

Scott's advice to students is to "develop long-and short-term goals. Don't be afraid to change. You may even have a one-hour goal."

"Many times these are necessary for making it through a day. Remember, identity comes from within — not from a simple label," concluded Scott.

To register or not: a personal decision

By GORDON OWEN

If you are an 18-year-old male, or soon will be turning 18, the law requires that you register for the draft.

Whether or not you do is a personal choice that every young man must make, as the observance of any law is up to the individual.

On the MCC campus students interviewed all said they had registered, although according to TIME Magazine 7 percent of the eligible men do not register. Some students said that they registered because the law said that they had to, and the others said that they registered because they felt a responsibility to do so.

One who registered because the law required it was Ken Whitworth, an 18-year-old MCC student who registered in February of this year. Whitworth said, "I registered basically because the law said that I had to." When asked if he would have registered if the law did not enforce registration, Whitworth said, "No."

Another MCC student questioned was Billy Huber. Huber turned 18 in 1975, just one month before the old system of draft was ended. When asked if he would register today, if he were 18 again, Huber said, "I would for one simple reason: I would get arrested if I didn't."

This was typical of those who registered because the law said that they had to. They registered largely because of the statement that is written on the back side of the Selective Service Registration form:

Your failure to provide the required information may violate the Military Selective Service Act. Conviction of such violation may result in imprisonment for more than five

years or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both imprisonment and fine."

There were, on the other hand, those who did agree with the draft registration. They registered because they felt a responsibility to do so. However, among these young men, few saw a need for an actual draft. One who said that a peace time draft would be a good idea was Remian Emil, who is presently enrolled in the AFROTC program at Baylor. Emil said, "The draft would improve the quality of the armed forces."

Pat Turner, on the other hand, did agree with draft registration, but not an actual draft. Turner, an 18-year-old MCC student, said "If I were to be drafted I would not like it, but it's a responsibility."

If you decide to register, because of the law or because it is your responsibility, the process is very simple. There are Selective Service System Registration Cards located in the lobbies of all U.S. Post Offices.

This form is easy to fill out. It has only eight items to be filled in: date of birth, sex, social security number, full name, current address, permanent residence, current telephone number and signature. You must, however, wait to sign this form until the postal clerk can witness the signing.

The clerk will then initial the form, stamp it and send it to the Selective Service System, where it will be filed for possible future use. The Selective Service System will then send you a letter of verification. If you don't receive this letter within 90 days, you should write the Selective Service System at: 600 E. Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20435.

This could become important in the future. The letter of verification is your only proof that you have registered.



Gail Burrier



LaVerne Wong



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Imogene Scott

Democrats rack up impressive wins at polls

By TRACEY THOMPSON

Election Day Nov. 2 broke over the Central Texas area as a cold, rainy day. By the day's end, the Democrats were engaging in their own form of reigning as they stormed their way to victory in every decisive election both locally, and statewide.

Heading the Democratic avalanche was Mark White, who defeated Gov. Bill Clements, Texas' first Republican governor since the Reconstruction.

U.S. Sen. Lloyd Benson won reelection for a third six-year term over Republican Jim Collins. Benson had 59 percent of the vote to Collins' 41 percent.

In other statewide races, Democratic Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby defeated Republican George Strake, 58 percent to 41 percent for another four-year term.

Dallas Democrat Congressman Jim Mattox won over State Senator (from

house offices.

Decisive victories were posted by Democrats George Allon, Vic Feazell, Bob Thomas, and Don Cantrell.

Allon captured the judgeship of the 54th State District Court defeating Republican Walter Smith, Jr.

In the district attorney's race Feazell won over Republican Paul Gartner, Jr., by a vote of 25,868 to 15,042.

The Democratic candidate for associate justice of the 10th Court of Appeals, Thomas, defeated Republican George Chase by a margin of more than two to one.

Practically 4 County Commissioner went to the Democratic incumbent Cantrell, as he overwhelmed Republican Jack R. Donnan.

The lone Republican bright spot was State Representative Rollin Khoury's victory over Waco attorney Jim McDermitt in the 55th District

House race. The balloting was close throughout, with Khoury edging out a win when the final boxes were tallied.

Reactions by MCC students to Tuesday's results were varied.

"I don't feel the sweep by the Democrats will make a significant change, but I thought that the election of White was a surprise. I think Clements could do a better job," said freshman Lisa Leos.

Sophomore Roger Kitchell said, "I'm not really surprised by the way the changeover went from Republican to Democrat. Clements is a little radical. White is more appealing to the middle class and minorities."

Cosmetology student Robin Dietrich felt that "It happened because everybody is tired of Reaganomics. A lot of people are out of work and they feel that, with Democrats in there, things will improve."

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Ball looks forward to deer season

By KYLE COLE

Deer hunting season opens Nov. 13 and you can bet that deer hunters won't spoil their season with a strike.

By now, your gun should be sighted-in and your knives should be sharpened.

MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball is an avid deer-hunter. "I've hunted for 25 years at least. We have 320 acres in Bee County that I go hunting on," said Ball.

Ball added, "We have a cabin in a very secluded place and the deer get used to it. I was down there a couple of weeks ago and I could of shot two or three deer standing around the cabin."

"We have only one blind, made of metal posts and a plywood box, and my wife usually hunts in that. I like to hunt on boards up in a tree, a stand. The only trouble with that is deciding

which stand to get up in. You have to take in to consideration the wind direction, time of day, and the direction you want to be scouting for deer.

"Another aspect is choosing which trails to be watching. The important thing is to stay wherever you first go and wait for them to come to you. Deer can smell, hear, and see better than we can, so stay still," said Ball.

The biggest deer that Ball has killed was close to him. "He was about 40 feet away from me when I got him in my sights. I almost pulled the trigger, when I realized I still had my gun's safety on. He went into some bushes and I switched the safety off. He finally came out of the bushes and I shot him," said Ball.

Ball added, "Another big one I dropped was coming to the tank to get a drink of water. I fired while he was drinking and he fell in. I had to get a rope around him and drag him out of

the water. Another time, it was real foggy and I saw a deer's back through the denseness. He was about 30 yards from me and I shot at him three times and he didn't move. On the fourth shot, I hit him."

Ball uses an 88 model Winchester .308 rifle to hunt deer.

Another annual hunter is MCC counselor Keith Geisler. He hunts on a

lease just outside of Crawford. "I only have to go 30 miles to get out into the woods," said Geisler.

"I think that deer season is a great excuse to just get outdoors. I think it is in our genes to go back to nature," Geisler said.

Every now and then I say I won't go hunting, but I start talking to somebody and they get all excited. I always end up out in the cold weather again. Deer hunting goes in the same cycle every year. First, there's all the talk. Then you go look at your lease and talk with the farmers about feeding and the roads you will be using.

"Next you check your blind or stand. When you get back into town, you get your license and shells for your gun. Then, usually, a local hardware store has a sight-in party. This is where everybody sights-in their gun. They usually have some hunting and gun experts at the store party to talk with. It's a big get-together and I hope that they don't change anything about it. It's a great service and all of us hunters really appreciate it," commented Geisler.

Geisler also said, "After the sight-in, the cycle continues climaxing on opening day. Sometimes it's the only day that some hunters get to go out. If you get a deer, then, cleaning and processing the venison is the last step on the cycle."

"The main reason I go hunting is to get together with my two boys.

"My wife claims to be a deer hunter's widow. She doesn't like anything about hunting. Once I got a deer with a very nice rack and I dragged my wife out of the house to look at it. She was unimpressed. A couple of days later, we were driving by a store and there was an elk trophy standing from the floor to about head high. She told me that THAT was a big deer. She really doesn't appreciate the season," added Geisler.

Geisler hunts with an 1898 German Mauser. It was made in Germany for an Argentine uprising that ended before the guns were shipped out. He got the gun for \$24 in 1958. It's a 7.65 mm with bolt-action.

About the deer population, Geisler said, "There are more deer in Texas than there used to be. The Wildlife Department has done a fantastic job in deer management."



Counselor Keith Geisler stalks a kill with his German Mauser

Greene grinds court

By TRACEY THOMPSON

There's 10 seconds on the clock. The crowd and gym are foreign. The Highlanders are down by one. A young, lithe 6' 5" frame receives the ball on the baseline, floats into the air, and with a flick of the wrist, sends the spheroid into the twine clinching a come-from-behind victory for MCC.

That rangey frame belongs to none other than Vincent Greene, starting center-forward for Coach Ken DeWeese's 1982-83 edition of roundballers.

Greene, a Jefferson-Moore product, hit for 19 points on that Nov. 1 night against Tyler Junior College. "They were pretty big, huge," said Greene. Tyler boasts a height-laden line-up that consists of young Goliaths at 6' 10", 6' 9", 6' 8", 6' 7" and 6' 6". But MCC's players all proved to be young Davids with a pressing man-to-man defense that allowed Tyler's 6'10" center a meager four points.

Greene said, "What we lose in size, we make up with quickness and hustle. Man-to-man is a more effective game. It utilizes our quickness and puts a lot of pressure on the other team."

Although the Highlanders came out of the contest with a one point victory, Greene felt the team was a "little rusty but we did well for our first game."

At 6' 5", Greene is the tallest member of the MCC squad. Last year he played forward but this year he's being used mostly at the post, a position he played in high school. "I'm not a true center, but I have the mobility and quickness to go around a lot of people."

Greene's greatest strength is his shooting and says that his best move is appropriately enough, the baseline

jumper.

Because of the Highlanders' lack of size they'll "fast break a lot this year. We're all the same size and everybody can handle the ball, everybody can take it downcourt. We're a team-oriented ball club."

As for where Greene plans to further his b-ball career he's still undecided. He's received letters from McMurray State and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. If he had a choice, Greene would prefer to play for a major college such as Arkansas or DePaul.

When asked how he'd feel about playing ball for a disciplinarian such as Arkansas' Eddie Sutton, Greene said, "I feel I could go to any coach after Coach DeWeese. It would be no great transition."

Greene is in the second year of a two year scholarship. He's majoring in elementary education.

Greene began playing roundball on Waco playgrounds when he was eight years old; growing up with such idols as Moses Malone, Sidney Moncrief and Julius Erving.

Dunking the ball is Greene's specialty. He was in the ninth grade when he first hurled one through the hoop. His favorite is 360 where he does a complete spin in mid-air and slams it on down. A definite in-your-face move to bring the crowd to its feet. Greene had a chance to pull off this stunning maneuver against Tyler on a break-away, but settled for the more conservative two-handed job. "I want to get on (360) before I leave here," says Greene.

So if you've never seen a 360 performed before, or if you just appreciate poetry in motion, Vincent Greene is a class act to catch on and off the basketball court.



Dr. Wilbur Ball, 1962

'Landers begin season with victorious battles

By KYLE COLE

MCC defeated Navarro, 70-58, in their home-opener at the Highlands last Thursday. Jeremiah Everett led all scorers with 18 points in his MCC debut while Vincent Green added 17 points.

With the score tied 13-13, MCC switched to a full court defense to try and open the game up. Monte Wainwright and Rod Belcher bombed in two 18-footers to push the Highlanders in the lead.

Navarro kept the game close tying the score at the half. Navarro led by a point with five seconds to go in the half, but Everett was fouled and sank one basket to even the score at 32-32.

MCC came out of the locker room on fire. Wainwright put another ball in the hoop from way out, followed by Everett erupting for five unanswered points, as the Highlanders shot into a 39-34 lead, forcing the Bulldogs to call a time-out with 17:40 left in the second half.

After MCC came out on the court, they switched to a man-on-man, full-court press and forced Navarro to commit costly errors: one on a steal by Belcher, who threw downcourt to Everett. He slammed it through to extend the Highlander's lead to 49-42.

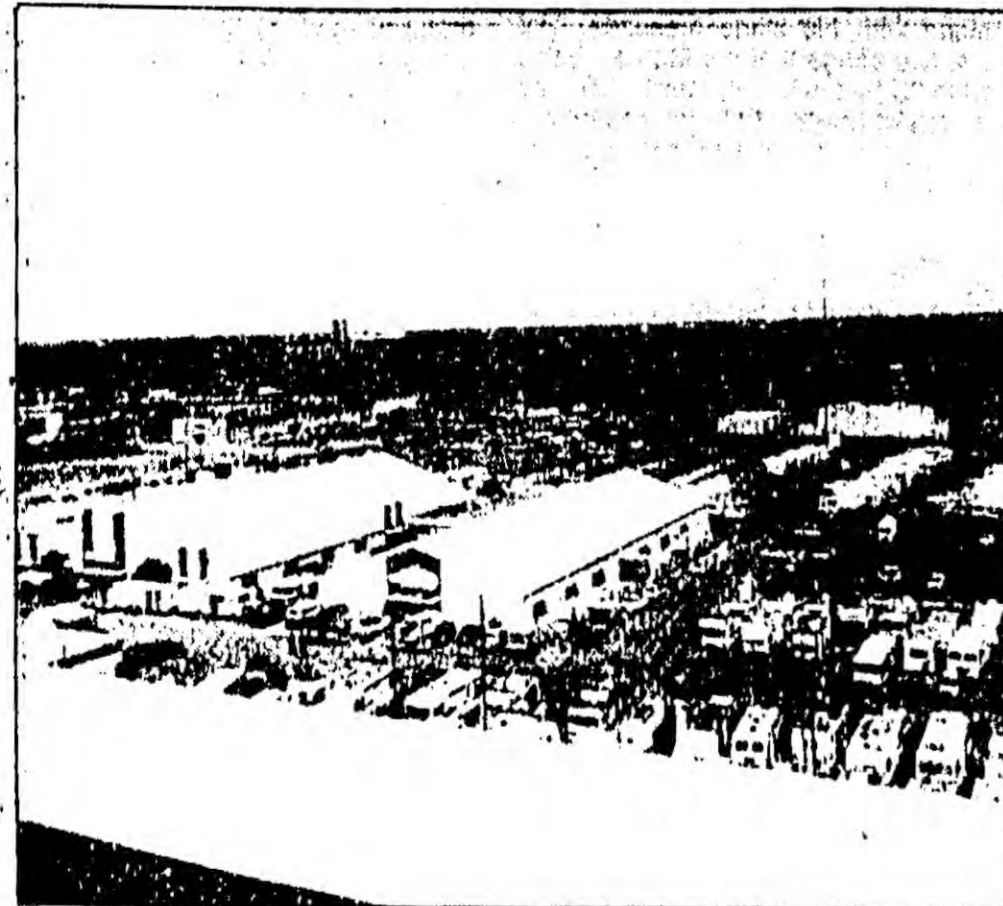
Calvin Carrier was also hot in the second half, scoring 8 points, including a beautiful tip-in and a long shot, to pull the game almost out of reach for the reeling Bulldog team. MCC went ahead 64-48.

Highlander Coach Ken DeWeese then had his team run a spread offense to run out the clock. MCC got three buckets and held off a final Navarro rally to win it 70-58.

The Highlasses also won their first game this year, 78-65, over the Navarro women.

Coach Charlotte Mason had her team on the top at the half by 10 with a 39-29 tally. Highlassie Rita Martin led all scorers with 16 points, and Debra Degrate added another 15 for the win.

Samboree provides patriotic Christian entertainment



Above: site of the Samboree viewed from the air. Below: flags beside the truck (toting an RV) give an indication of the patriotic Christian atmosphere that surrounded the Samboree. (Photos by David Dollens)



By HAROLD MANNING

The first wave of the invasion force approached the Heart O' Texas Fair Grounds early Monday morning, Oct. 25.

Over 1,100 strong, they arrived in caravans of steel and fiberglass and began setting up encampment.

Armed with limitless supplies of coffee and donuts, the initial strike force immediately began seeking control of their prime objective — the Texas 11th Annual Good Sam State Samboree.

The army consisted of a contingent of over 2,000 "Good Sammers," and about 1,100 travel trailers — all part of a national organization of travel trailer owners.

Throughout the United States, there are over 50,000 Good Sam members equipped with a total of over 25,000 "rigs."

Present at the hoop-a-la, the 25th in Waco, were representative Good Sam Chapters from 15 or 16 states.

State rallies such as the Heart O' Texas Samboree are held throughout the United States each year—basically week-long parties held in an atmosphere of patriotic joviality and Christian spirit.

Texas alone has 117 Good Sam chapters, at the present, with the Huaco Good Samms hosting the October rally. Another Texas rally will be held some time in April.

Festivities began on the 25th, three days before the official opening of the Samboree, with a feast of coffee and donuts served in the General Exhibits Building.

This ritual of coffee and donuts continued at 7 a.m. throughout the entire course of the rally. The Jolly Good Samms sponsored bingo games. Music by Al Aylor, of the Lowrey Organ Center provided entertainment during this first day of festivities.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, saw the Sammers boarding shuttle buses during the morning and afternoon hours, and heading towards the various shopping centers and malls in the Waco area. Together with souvenirs and supplies, the Sammers headed back to the Fair Grounds just in time for a parade

around the area of 4 p.m.

Evening entertainment included the Czech Dancers, from West, Texas, and a sing-along with Al Aylor and the Rev. Brad Ramsey State Chaplain.

On Thursday, Oct. 28, the Samboree officially began with an invocation by the Rev. Brad Ramsey, the posting of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and "God Bless America," lead by Gifford Malloy.

Newly re-elected Lt. Governor Bill Hobby gave the welcoming address, followed by the traditional ribbon-cutting by all officials. Domino, horse-shoe and bridge tournaments provided the rest of the day's activities, and a parade of flags by all states represented at the Samboree was held during the evening in the Fair Grounds' Fine Arts Building.

Good food, seminars and a special appearance by "Crazy Ray" of the Dallas Cowboys (remember — of the NFL?) filled the week-end schedule of activities. There was even a Texas Good Sam Olympics held in the Livestock Building started by Bill and Velma Jackson, International Samba-sadors to the Samboree.

Sunday morning brought a more serious atmosphere to the Heart O' Texas Fair Grounds. A Memorial Service to past Good Sammers was held by Charles Smith and a worship service followed at 9:30 a.m.

Music during the service was provided by Al Aylor and a choir comprised of members of the Huaco Samms and the Colton Palace Samms, both Waco Good Sam chapters.

And so during the noon hours of All-Hallows Eve, the Good Sammers headed off into the — uh — sunrise.

It had been decided that, at this and the April Samboree, the following will always hold true:

"Our schedule of events is subject to change.

It can be changed due to weather, undermining of the Samboree by a Giant Armadillo, Indian attack, a cattle stampede, or possibly a Union Army invasion.

But under no circumstances will the schedule change if Texas secedes from the union."

Pony Express hurdles Silver Bullets by T.D.

By KYLE COLE

The Pony Express and their ball-control offense defeated a tough defensive Silver Bullets squad 14-7.

Melvin Smith of the Pony Express said, "We are the only team that will run the ball. All the other teams are all pass."

The game started as the Express received the kick-off. They tried two runs and a pass, but the Silver Bullets held them and they had to punt.

The Silver Bullets wasted no time getting to the end zone. On the first play, quarterback Danny Reid hit his target on a 41-yard touchdown bomb. The Silver Bullets made the one-point conversion and were ahead of a stunned Pony Express defense 7-0.

After the kick-off, the Bullet defense looked awesome. But, on fourth down and 18 yards needed for a first down, the Express decided to go for it. A 25-yard completion to Paul Hennigan kept the Pony Express drive alive.

Then the running attack that the Pony Express is known for came alive. On first down, Wade Wiley took the pitch from quarterback Dwayne Walker for another first down. Two runs later, the Express had the ball on the Silver Bullets six-yard line.

Walker then called a pass and hit Kevin Scott for a touchdown. The Pony Express went for two points and

made it. They led the game 8-7.

The first half ended after the kick-off and the Silver Bullets only had the ball for one play the whole first-half. This showed the ability of the ball-control offense to score and run down the clock at the same time.

The second half was all defense. The pass rush of the Pony Express front line of John Embry, Clayton Hall, and Paul Hennigan was unstoppable. Embry had three sacks alone and pressure on quarterback Reid was relentless.

With the two-minute warning, the Silver Bullets had the ball. On a big third-down play, Reid faded back to pass, but Embry broke through blockers and sacked Reid for a 10-yard loss, making it fourth down and 11 yards to go for a first down.

On the next play, Reid was pressured out of the pocket and gained only five yards. The ball went over on downs to the Pony Express.

With time running out, the Express cruised down-field and scored on an 18-yard pass to Melvin Smith on the last play of the game. The Pony Express won 14-7.

Silver Bullet quarterback Danny Reid had three completions for five passes and one touchdown. Dwayne Walker was seven complete passes on 14 pass attempts, two for touchdowns.

Classifieds bring results

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Manning gives tips for eliciting favor

editorial
By HAROLD MANNING

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The hour of confrontation is upon us. You always knew, from the day you registered, that the time might come when you'd have to take that long cold walk over to the Faculty Office Building.

You've used up all possible absences before being dropped. Everybody else handed in their research papers in English this morning and all you could do was turn to the person sitting next to you and say, "When did he assign that?" And now you have to face up to the fact that you plain and simply messed up, big time.

What to do? Well, you either join the Army and see the world, or you go talk to your instructor about the problem.

Here are a few tips that might help in such trying times.

- 1) Dress appropriately. No Izods. Alligators mean that there is no reason other than laziness and Toga parties why you shouldn't be doing better. Boots, a sweat shirt and ragged Wranglers are appropriate for guys. As for women, well every female has her own special style for just such occasions.
- 2) Carry lots of books. Preferably, Chemistry and Business Law. Throw a Philosophy book on top for a deeper psychological effect.
- 3) The best image to carry into the Faculty Office Building is the clean-cut, struggling working student. Remember, the key word is "sympathy."
- 4) When you enter the first door to the Faculty Office Building, you'll notice that there's another door to go through. There is a reason for this. That little space where the stairway is located is called the "sweat room." It is here where the men are separated from the boys and the women from the girls. Once you go through that second door, there's no turning back. Odds are ten to one that, even if you don't see the teacher you planned to see, the instructor whose class you just skipped will be right around the corner. At any rate, make your decision and go for it.
- 5) When you greet your instructor, never shake his/her hand. Be courteous, but let the teacher know that you have much on your mind — that if a little mercy isn't shown somewhere, you will be driven to suicidal tendencies.
- 6) Lie through your teeth. This is your future on the line, and if he/she doesn't go for it, at least he/she will get a good laugh out of your story. That may have something to do with the decision. That is, if it ever gets to that point where you lay that little yellow slip on the desk.
- 7) Strike up a conversation about something depressing — the economy maybe — as a good lead into your own sob story.
- 8) One can always use good old honesty as an alternative to the approach described above, but honesty can tend to be a bit boring. And besides teachers are always looking for a little creativity.

The safe way to play it is to simply go at a time when you know the teacher won't be in. A practice run never hurt anyone.

Whatever the outcome, just make darn sure that at least you can say you tried your best. There is some consolation in being able to say that much, especially this late in the semester.

Next semester, it would be nice if you could say the same for day one.

Dropping may be feasible for some

editorial
By ARTHUR FLOWERS

The biggest problems teachers, counselors and students face are absences, tardies and incomplete homework.

There are many reasons for this, the main one being the student's extra-curricular activities.

Many excuses for these absences and tardies include some of the all-time great stories such as: "I had a flat," "The car wouldn't start," "My dog jumped off the balcony," and "I was attacked by the measles monster." The list goes on.

However, some of the causes for absences are valid. As MCC Counselor Keith Geisler said, "This is true in the case of someone who works full-time and is trying to go to school around his work schedule."

On the other hand, skipping a class because of working 48 hours straight the previous day, not completing homework, is not an acceptable excuse. This is because of the school's absence policy.

If a student misses more than 20% of class time, whatever the reason, he/she will be automatically dropped by the teacher. This can result in the student's receiving an "F" as a semester grade. This "F" or "WP" remains on the student's permanent record. At some four year colleges the grade will be averaged with the rest of the student's average.

If you are working full-time and can't handle a full class load, go by and talk to an MCC counselor. He or she will advise you as to whether you should talk to the instructor, rearrange your class schedule or maybe drop one or two classes.

So the next time you're thinking about skipping a class where you already have accumulated many absences, drop the course. This will keep you from receiving an "F" or having to make up an unbelievable excuse that the teacher won't buy and perhaps your receiving an "F" anyway.

Editor's Notebook

Seven-letter word scares children, cowards

By AMY NEAL

I know a seven-letter word that scares children so much their teeth chatter. Dentist.

Even though I am no longer a child, I am still petrified at the prospect of "seeing the dentist."

Recently, I visited the dentist because I thought I was having problems with my wisdom teeth. Instead, I found out I have an infection of some kind. Some fun!

I hadn't been to the dentist in two-and-a-half years. I wasn't eager. Last time, the "dreaded dentist" performed two root canals. I was in excruciating pain for days.

The evening before this little excursion to the dentist, I had one nightmare after another. I kept dreaming my teeth were falling out and I would never be able to smile again. When I'd finally get back to sleep, I'd wake up choking. I could already imagine all

the cotton shoved down my throat. Yuk.

But, the dreaded day approached. I put one brave foot in front of the other and entered the waiting room. There was only one other car parked in front of the building, so I figured I would be in and out in a hurry. Wrong. For a good 30 minutes, I read various editions of "Dentist Monthly" and learned how flossing can be fun. Then (it must have been my lucky day), I found a recent issue of "Redbook" magazine. I then learned all about Marie Osmond's marriage to a basketball player. As I was starting to get sick from all the "cutesy photos" of the lovebirds, I happened to overhear the receptionist talking to the nurse. Unfortunately, I heard their topic of conversation... butcher knives. That was enough of a hint for me.

As I reached the door, I heard, "Miss Neal, we're ready for you." Panic. What to do? Unfortunately, common sense didn't take over. I

nervously followed the nurse into the back room.

I didn't intend to be rude to the dental hygienist, but every time she asked me questions (trying to be friendly, but obviously bored), I had three or four utensils probing around my mouth. I couldn't answer without gagging.

By the second time she said rinse, my paper cup was empty. I was too scared to open my mouth and ask for more water for fear of her shoving something else in my mouth.

After rinsing a couple of times, she asked me if I had a problem with drooling all my life. I told her it had only started after I dropped the Kleenex she gave me on the floor.

By the way, the new ideas for the offices are just great. Now, they put a big window in front of your chair to give you a view and to supposedly take your mind off the pain. There was a very pretty garden right outside the window. (I think it was supposed to

represent tranquility and calmness.) I watched some squirrels playing together.

At that time, I would have given my last dollar to be chased by one of those mad squirrels, than to be sitting in the dentist's chair.

Amazingly, I spent the majority of the time with the dental hygienist. I only spent two or three minutes with the actual dentist. He looked in my mouth, prescribed some nasty medicine, and said if I wasn't "all better" in two weeks, to come back. Needless to say, I couldn't get out of there fast enough.

But honestly, for the benefit of all children and cowards who may be reading this, going to the dentist isn't all that bad. Mine gives balloons when you leave. I wonder if they give bigger prizes when you have your wisdom teeth extracted? Actually, it's really pretty good. I can't wait to go back to continue my balloon collection.

Cownover's Comments

A fly left you a note in the refrigerator . . .

By DEBBIE COWNOVER

This saga is about flies, refrigerators and messages — in that order. It makes sense. You'll get the message. So hang around until the last paragraph.

Speaking of hanging around, flies do that a lot. They're great hang-arounders. They're pesky, puny and down-right puggly.

Flies are classless. You find them in the best and worst dwellings. Ours is no exception.

In our dwelling, the flies fly in gangs. There's the Hell's Rebels, The Four Flysketeers and my favorite covey, Felix Fly and the Wings.

The Hell's Rebels are known by their comrades as the dirtiest flies around town. But they're so cute in those tiny leather jackets as they surround the garbage can. Sort of a S.W.A.T. team in the smallest form.

Felix Fly and the Wings are a higher class of flies, if there is such. They occupy the living room. Late at night, when everyone has gone to bed, Felix and his friends buzz the piano. I don't think they'll ever hit gold, but they play



a wild version of "Shoo Fly."

The Four Flysketeers stake out my bedroom. They emerge when the last light goes out. They have several fascinating maneuvers, the most irritating of which is a bomb-the-ear routine. They have perfect timing. Just as you're about to drift off to wonderland, they execute a kamikaze dive.

Other nighttime fly activities include raiding the kitchen. There's hardly an untouched crumb by the time they've salivated themselves, except for my cooking — even the TV dinners. It makes you feel like the flies know

something you don't.

Of course, they have to be true troopers of the third kind to make it to the refrigerator. At our house, you open the "frig" carefully, if at all.

You pry open the door, take a quick peek inside, and quickly shut the door again. Then, curiosity takes hold and once again you open the door. This time, you unravel one of the conglomerated aluminum foil masses. Your nose wrinkles. Your eyes shut. You gasp a "yuck." To your surprise, something squeaks a calm, "yuck yourself." Wow. It's alive!

Refrigerators not only hold a vast array of exotic foods, but the exteriors have the capacity to magnetically hold hundreds of Dear Abby's advice, recipes and personal messages.

Sometimes, we even put the ol' utility bills behind the banana-shaped magnets on the "frig." This is just to remind us that they do have to be paid sometime.

Personal messages outnumber the bills. I think Western Union has competition.

Messages, messages and more messages. Our refrigerator is beginning to look like Friday night on Valley Mills Drive.

If you're lucky, maybe one of ten messages will have an actual addressee and returnee name. The only way to answer the question is to ask it.

"Any messages for me today dear brother?"

"Oh yeah Debbie, I forgot to tell you. Jane called and said to tell you to call her back as soon as you got in. She said it was important."

"Oh, gee thanks Brad. What time did she call?"

"Last week."

"Thanks."

This one's always a crowd pleaser: "Debbie, somebody with a low voice called around 2 o'clock. He said he'd be here to see you at 5:30 p.m." Who? say? An old boyfriend? A new one? A lawyer? The milkman?

As they say, "the best is for last. Well, here goes.

Imagine the setting: you have exactly five minutes to finish getting ready to go out on a Saturday night. While you're frantically slapping on the last dab of make-up, the phone suddenly rings. You're too busy to answer it. Your kind brother once again helps you out. He says, "It's mom." You tell him not to hang up the phone, that you need to talk to mom about going somewhere tonight. Just as you scramble to reach the phone in an Olympic attempt, your eyes bulge as you view your brother. He's sitting on the couch next to the phone. He has a silly grin on his face. In one hand, he dangles the phone. With the other hand he holds down the button. "Mom was at a pay phone. She just got back from the mall. She's headed for the grocery store. She said not to leave until she got home. She said she'd be home in about an hour. Why are you eating the haircurier Debbie?"

"Thanks."

Maybe this should have been an article on brothers.

Oh brother!

Concert Review

Motels rock Mayborn Center

review
By SCOTT THORNTON

"Well, let's go," I said to my friend Tracey Thompson in a depressed voice. "We've got to go cover this story."

I was depressed because I was having to cover the Motels-Roger Fisher group concert at the Mayborn Convention Center in Temple.

I had seen the Motels do their video of "Only the Lonely" on MTV. I wasn't excited about the concert.

We arrived at the convention center at 7 p.m. and talked to Jim Kalk, promoter for the concert and a partner in J-SEK enterprises. He said that the Motels were on their last leg of their tour of Texas. They had already played Lubbock and Arlington and were to play in San Antonio the next night.

After waiting around outside for over 30 minutes while the Roger Fisher Group did a sound check, the security people finally let us in and

seated us at a reserved table. People were already crowding around the stage.

The Mayborn Convention Center is not another Reunion Arena or Summit, but it held all of the 2,000-plus crowd that attended the event. This was Temple's first rock concert.

The lights went off at 8:20 p.m. Crazy sounds started coming out of the fairly large speakers on each side of the stage. Lights started flashing and the Roger Fisher group made their appearance on stage.

My spirit started rising fast as they ground out their first heavy metal song. I knew this night wasn't going to be a total loss. The high point of the Roger Fisher Concert was when Roger Fisher played a guitar solo with a violin bow. When he finished the solo, he and the other guitarist, made a fabulous over-under jump in the middle of the stage.

Almost an hour after they had started, they were through and the stage hands started clearing the stage of Fisher's equipment and started put-

ting out the Motel's equipment.

The Motels came on stage as soon as everything was ready and started rocking. They really knew how to rock. The main stage figures were Martha Davis, lead singer-guitarist, and lead guitarist Guy Perry, who was dressed in an orange, yellow and red vertically striped jump suit. His outfit went right along with his stage presence. The last two songs that the Motels played were "Only the Lonely" and "Take the 'L' out of Lover." But that was before their encore during which they did six more songs.

Yes, my spirits were flying high again after the concert as I went backstage to see if I could get an interview with one of the Motels. Just as the band was coming out of the dressing rooms to get on the bus, the biggest security guard I have ever seen told me to get out of the building. That's the way it goes sometimes.

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Koehne keeps staff straight; readers stay in touch

By TRACEY THOMPSON

Clyde Koehne told student publications advisor Cassy Jordan to forget it. But *The Highland Herald* staff aims to get published information correct the first time it's printed. Unfortunately, it sometimes takes more than one issue to print the truth.

Two issues ago, we gave you some incorrect information about the Berlin Blockade and the Berlin Wall. Koehne brought the error to our attention. So, in the last issue, we printed a retraction.

Alas, the retraction was also printed incorrectly.

Here are the facts, as told to us (again) by Koehne. The Berlin Blockade began in 1948, rather than in 1949, and was ended in 1949. The Berlin Wall was begun in 1961 and is constantly being made more escape-proof. The Blockade and the Wall are two completely different items.

The staff appreciates the fact that Koehne reads our newspaper so carefully and then takes the time to help us out.

We also goofed in a cutline on the front page of the last issue. Carrie Fisher told us she is really Carrie Dugan — not Fisher. We apologize for our error. And we would like to thank

you for bringing it to our attention.

Editor Amy Neal said, "Even though we are only students of journalism, we feel a professional responsibility to get our facts straight. We are all grateful for the learning opportunity your assistance in pointing out our errors affords us."

In other letters after the last issue, Ralph E. Reynolds, editor of an international publication for the John Deere Company in Moline, Illinois, said, "Your *Highland Herald* is about the liveliest most spirited and readable college paper I've seen. The Sept. 28 feature on working at 7-11 stores was terrific."

"We have the same problem here, and I've always wondered why anybody would be nuts enough to work at such a place. The story is interestingly written and a great feature idea," Reynolds wrote.

Marylan Henderson, director of MCC's Displaced Homemakers Center, wrote us two letters — one to *Highland Herald* reporter Lonnie Foy and one to Jordan. Her letters read in part, "The newspaper is eagerly looked forward to in our office. . . . You (Foy) are so intense on getting the feelings to go with the facts and that makes your writing so interesting to

read." Said Neal: "We're happy you took the time to write us such nice letters, and we are inspired by your remarks. Your praise gives our staff the

Letters to the Editor

Baylor prof praises paper

To the Editor:

I want to commend you on the creativity exhibited in the pages of *The Highland Herald*. The paper keeps non-MCC people like myself informed about MCC activities — Henderson's nomination for Piper Professor, Geisler's ice cream recipe, the trustees' decisions, and the basketball schedule. Articles on Waco like the movie reviews, the churches, and the zoo expose one to the larger community. But I particularly enjoy the articles where the students unleash their descriptive powers. The level of creativity is uniformly high whether a student is describing her realization of the losses incurred with death, the problems of recognizing true need in a world full of con games, reminiscences of the good ol' days of childhood, the power of fantasy, or the handling of one's laundry problems. As one familiar with many college papers, "The Highland

motivation to do a better job each issue." *The Highland Herald* staff encourages your comments and suggestions.

Book Drive successful

To the Editor

I was disappointed not to see any information about the book drive in *The Highland Herald*. If you want to follow it up, the drive was a great success.

According to Dee Toombs, there were about three or four large (applicable size) boxes and about 30 small boxes of books collected. He estimates that about a thousand books were collected.

Thanks.

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