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Tell us what you think.
We're listening.

In the cafeteria
Wed., Nov. 13
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Let's chat about what you want in the *Highland Herald*. You can come and go as you please. Look for the "Meet the Editors Forum" sign.
— the editors

NEWS BRIEFS

'Cooks for Books' tomorrow at Library

"MCC Cooks for Books," a campus-wide dessert baking contest benefiting the Living Library Fund, is set for Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Library. Cooks may enter in any of five categories — cheesecakes, cookies, pies, cakes and other. The baked goods must be delivered to the second floor of the library, along with a \$5 entry fee and recipe for each dessert, by 10 a.m. Entry forms may also be picked up in the Library or the public information office located in the Community Services Center. First prize will receive a \$25 gift certificate for Hastings, second prize a \$15 gift certificate to HEB, and third prize a Subway Meal Deal certificate. After judging, samples of the desserts may be purchased for \$1 a serving. The MCC Living Library Fund was established in 1991 by William Stanford to help the library purchase new materials and expand technology. For more information about MCC Cooks for Books or the Living Library Fund, call Vargas at 299-8463.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts tomorrow

The Phi Theta Kappa honorary scholastic fraternity will induct new members on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The induction ceremony will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Community Services Center. Jack Schneider, dean of arts and sciences, will be the keynote speaker. Friends, faculty and family of the inductees are invited to the ceremony, said longtime PTK sponsor Ruby Burns. Refreshments will be served.

1 Mile/5K Walk, Run Saturday

Be sure to register for the annual MCC 1 Mile/5K Walk Run which will be held Saturday at 8:30 and at 9 a.m. on campus. Registration forms are at the CE registration bay in Student Services. "We have our custom-designed, super cool long-sleeved shirts for '98, so be sure to join us for great fun and good health," said Wellness Coordinator Mary Darden.

Real world English seminar here

A workshop on "Real World English for Workplace Success" taught by Anna Cook will be held Tuesday and Wednesday in the Community Services Center. Cook's presentations at this year's National Tech Prep Conference drew standing-room crowds. Born and educated in England, Cook has 17 years of teaching experience including the last six teaching the contextual communications curriculum along the technical writing. The workshop will demonstrate how "real world English" can be effectively integrated into a literature-based curriculum. Cost is \$15 which includes registration and lesson plan packets. For information call the Heart of Texas Tech Prep Consortium 299-8422.

English colloquium Nov. 18

The English department and the speech department are invited to the first colloquium of the Resuscitated English Colloquium series to be held Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Paul Beran, English instructor, will present the research he did with the technical faculty of MCC and TSTC about the writing demands in the workplace and in the technical classroom. The presentation will take about 30 minutes followed by another 30 minutes of discussion. Beran invited faculty members to suggest topics for the next colloquium. For more information call 299-8909.

Volunteers sought for Cedar Ridge

The college has revitalized its adopt-a-school work with Cedar Ridge Elementary School and has been helping with 15 new clubs at the school ranging from art, dance, science, Spanish, Girl Scouts and newspaper groups. Johnette McKown is the main contact on campus for the project if you need additional information. Those who would like to help with these fourth and fifth graders should contact her or Terry Lechler at 8639.

Teachers named to 'Who's Who'

Sixteen from MCC have been included in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998." Those named are Paddy Amyett, Linda Austin, Donald Balmos, Cheryl Bohde, Hoyt Burnette, Paul Concilio, Jamelle Flowers, Dale Hughes, Janis Jackson, Carol Lowe, Gilbert Montemayor, James Popejoy, Nancy Ray-Mitchell, Kelly Sexton, Mary Taylor and Lori Kathleen Watts. All of the 120,000 listed teachers were selected by one or more former students who themselves were listed in either "Who's Who Among American High School Students" or the "National Dean's List."

Former staffer speaks to Press Club

Tracie Lynch, copy editor of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, was the guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Press Club. Lynch, a former journalism major at MCC, has been with the daily newspaper since her graduation from Baylor in May. She is the only one in the newsroom at this time who was hired straight from college without previous experience, she said. Interviewed by telephone, answered questions from Press Club members about her experience in job hunting and her daily work routine. She also gave some advice in preparing for a career in journalism, especially in using computer technology.

Telephone registration requirements

Students must meet current requirements to be eligible for telephone registration. Requirements are, students must be enrolled in fall or summer classes in 1998, completed at least nine hours at MCC, earned a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at MCC, and passed the TASP or be exempt from TASP.

News tip?
Call
299-8524

Hitting the 'web

Highland Herald, 2nd Texas community college paper to debut on the 'net

First of a two-part series on the Internet.

By HELENMARIE DELEON

The *Highland Herald* will be online at the end of this week, being only the second community school paper to be published on the Internet in Texas.

After getting to the campus home page, the paper is found under the heading, "News & Campus Events." The paper will be listed under the *Highland Herald*. The subheadings will be "Front Page," "News and Features," "Entertainment," "Sports" and "Opinion."

About the newspaper going online, newspaper advisor Tom Buckner said, "I'm excited about the fact that the *Highland Herald* can be read by people around the world. I hope that the stories will mirror our campus — the people that work and study here."

At the recent Texas Community College Journalism Association's annual convention last month, journalism students attended a class on cyberjournalism. The class was taught by Jim Townsend, the web master for the *Houston Chronicle* Interactive Web Site.

"The *Chronicle* has been on the Internet since 1988," said Townsend. "We're a laboratory for building a successful business on the Internet."

Forty thousand pages are behind the *Houston Chronicle* home page, with 200 new pages being added each night and close to 2 million hits a week.

A hit to your home page



means someone requested information from you. When asked about the campus home page, Mike Searight, MCC's coordinator of network services, said that the college was not receiving near as many hits.

The MCC home page is well organized, but still lacks information under many of the headings. A large format is built first so that all organizations have a place to fit into the home page.

When asked about information that is lacking on some of the organizations, Searight said, "It is a large job to add this information. Now, Mickey Reyes, of the public information office, is doing most of it, adding information from the catalog."

"I would like to see instructional departments on the Web with their own web servers. It is especially important for the distance learning programs."

A web server is a dedicated computer for the information that an individual or organization wants to make available on their home page.

Everything from course

schedules to information on degree programs has a place on the home page. To get information about a particular club you'll be able to click on a heading about that club and find out what its current activities are.

News tips can be sent over the voice mail now. Many papers have interactive sites where an individual can send a news tip as it is happening. This is something that could also be done for the *Highland Herald* and the MCC website.

In other colleges, classes are taught over the Internet, making education more available for people who live in the most remote areas.

If this all seems scary, get used to it. The World Wide Web is here to stay. It is making our world smaller and making communication around the world more free. When the Berlin wall fell, people knew about it around the world within minutes.

In another 10 years, the Internet will most likely be a part of most of our lives. It is already a part of many businesses, both large corporations and small businesses.

(The next issue of the *Highland Herald* will look at the skills you will need to use the Internet.)

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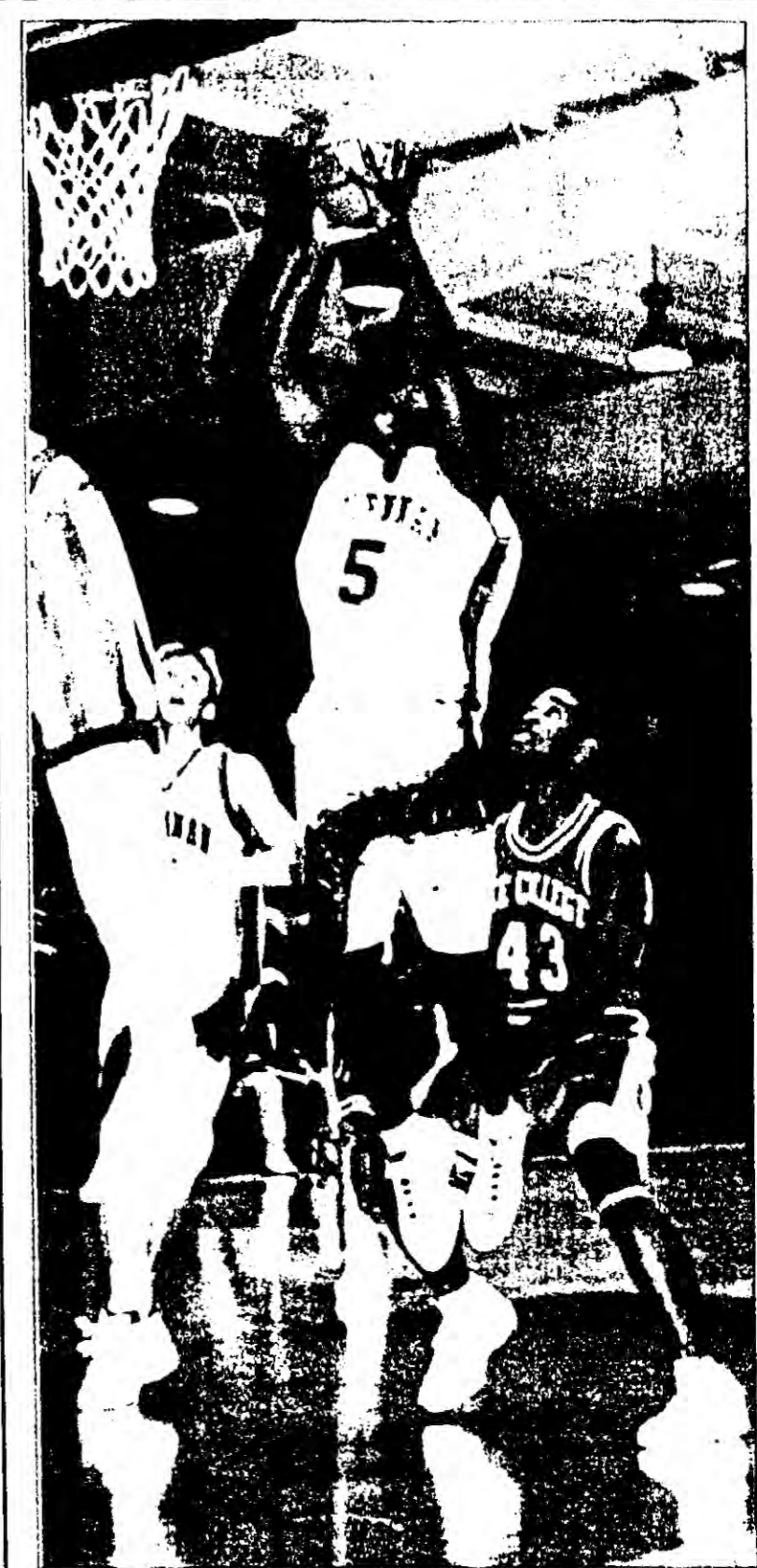


Photo by Val DeLeon
BROSHA MILES, guard for MCC, plays tough on the boards as teammate Erik Halgunseth and opponent, Lionel Brown of Lee College look on in season-opener Nov. 1 at the Highlands.



Photo by Joe Gingerich
STATE REPRESENTATIVE Chet Edwards visits with Dennis Michaels, president of MCC, at the Senior Source '98 Health Fair held in the Community Services Center Nov. 1.

'Wiley' students stalk college instructors

By MICHAEL SERGENT

Once again, the Adopt-a-school program has made it possible for a bus load of students from G.L. Wiley to come to MCC to become shadows for a few of the instructors and faculty.

Students are chosen to participate by their academic performance, academic improvement and other worthy achievements. Latoya Dovers and Louis Franchier are two of the stu-

dents that earned the chance to participate.

The two had the task of shadowing an instructor from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn about their occupations. Dovers shadowed Gail Herring and Louis Franchier followed Lorraine Stansel. Both instructors are from Developmental Education. After their eventful day, both students said they had the chance to be involved with many activities.

"I got to take roll and help teach the class. I also passed out books and Halloween candy. Afterward, I helped pick up trash," said Louis Franchier, who wants to be a computer analyst in the future.

Dovers, who aspires to be a model or doctor, said, "I brought the mail and magazines for the teacher. I also helped to put them away. I also got to pass out crepes and Halloween candy."

Some of the instructors shared their reactions about the shadowing event. One instructor was

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'The Odyssey,' opens Nov. 21

The opening performance of the modern theater production based on the epic poem by Homer is just days away.

The production will be presented Nov. 21-23, with curtains at 7:30 p.m. and a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. in the Ball Performing Arts Center by a cast of 37 theater students dressed in futuristic costumes made of vinyl and leather. Drama instructor Jerry MacLaughlin will be directing.

Tickets go on sale today in the box office. Adult and student admission is \$5. Senior citizen and child tickets are \$3.

New mediums

MCC plans on going remote

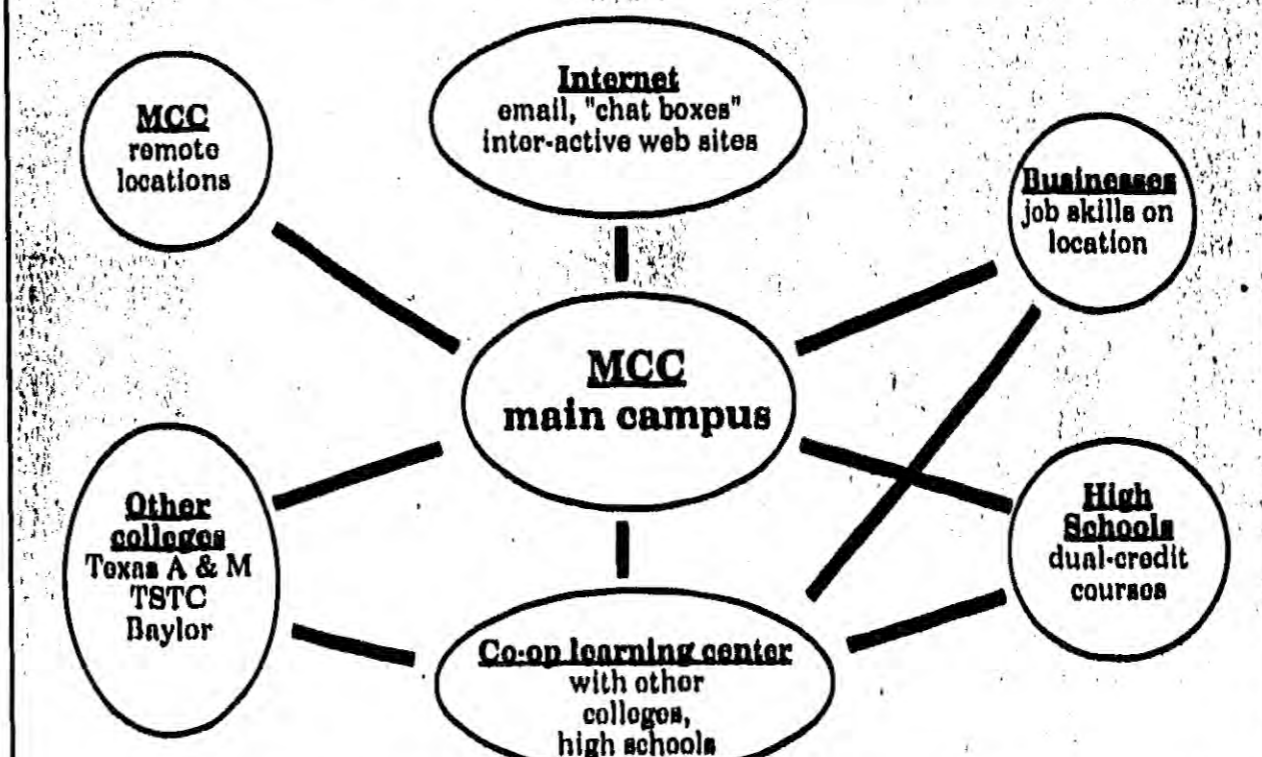
By JOE GINGERICH

Since distance learning came along, "going to school" will never be the same. The Internet and interactive video are changing the educational landscape in a fundamental way.

Distance learning is erasing the boundaries where educational institutions can educate. Traditionally, state regulations told the school where they could offer instruction. But the state regulations in Texas don't fully address the issues raised by distance learning. Some experts are predicting that the old regulations will be done away, allowing schools in Texas to educate students in a wide geographical area through the Internet and interactive video.

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Distance Learning



Sharing resources

Graphic by Joe Gingerich

Fiber-optics Schools cast wider net for resources

By JOE GINGERICH

Some members of the MCC staff and faculty visited the small agricultural town of Bynum in October to observe firsthand how interactive video worked in the classroom setting for a consortium of six schools.

Seven students sat in a narrow classroom looking at large television monitors. The teacher stood in front of a console and illustrated an algebra problem on paper. The drawing appeared on a 35-inch monitor at the front of the room, while 15 miles away, four students at Hubbard ISD saw the same algebra problem.

Three other monitors sat on a shelf close to the ceiling at the left of the students. Two video cameras were controlled from

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NEWS BRIEFS

Blood drive here Monday

The college is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be set up to take donors outside the Student Center. They are set up to take 2-3 donors every 15 minutes. MCC's goal is to have 80 donors. Patti Weir has registration forms in Room 300 for those who want to sign up early. Call Wesley at 8452 or Patti at 8431.

Tuition, fee payment information

Tuition and fees can be paid by mail or on campus now until the deadline of 6 p.m. Dec. 9. Mail payments to MCC Business Office, 1400 College Drive, Waco, TX 76708. Student social security number and check, money order, or Visa/Master Card/Discover number and card expiration date must be included. To pay on campus, the time and places are:

- Nov. 4 through Dec. 8 at the Business Office 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Dec. 8 at the Student Center at 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Registration will be voided if not received by 6 p.m. Dec. 8. Additional information can be received by calling 299-8623, 299-8626 or 299-3627.

New physical ed. courses available

Most senior colleges and degree plans require a student to complete four semesters of physical education. The PHED department offers a variety of activity courses designed to satisfy the degree requirements as well as personal interests, says Linda Beatty, HPE coordinator. The new courses include:

- PHED 1100 aerobic dance instructor certification. Prerequisite — PHED 1109, equivalent, instructor approval.
- PHED 1116 aerobic step training — High intensity, low impact mode of exercise. Reebok steps that are adjustable heights.

Writing remediation guideline set

For students who need writing remediation but have completed English 0300 or English 0301, the appropriate class is English 0111. HUMD Writing will not be offered until after the semester has begun and only to those who specifically need writing remediation after the date has passed to get into the one hour Eng 0111 class. English 0111 has the curricular goal of preparing students to pass the writing portion of the TASP.

Minimester control number reminder

When registering for one of the Christmas minimester classes, be sure to use the control number shown in the spring schedule. These classes were incorrectly listed in the fall schedule; as a result, they had to be cancelled and recreated for spring, resulting in new control numbers.

Adult education enrollment continues

Enrollment is underway for fall adult education classes at MCC. Classes in General Education Development (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL) and Competency Based High School Diploma (CBHSD) are offered at flexible times and in numerous locations in Waco and surrounding communities. All classes, except for CBHSD classes, are free. Enrollment for adult education classes continues year-round. For more information, call 753-1044.

Ideas for a better schedule sought

A lot of changes and revisions have been made to the spring schedule with hopes to improve it. Faculty, staff, and students are asked for input, critique and feedback on this semester's schedule, especially about some of the new features, like the table of contents, a separate evening/swing shift section, color coded notes and icons to point out fast-track and television courses. Any insights and suggestions are welcomed in order to try and arrange the schedule in a logical flow that takes people through the registration process. Please drop written suggestions off at the Public Information Office in the Student Services Center or e-mail to Margaret Sanders at (mrs@mcc.cc.tx.us).

College, career night next Tuesday

College and Career Night is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 7-9 p.m. Approximately 3,500 to 4,000 personal invitations to all area high schools juniors and seniors will be sent out. Program directors or instructors who want to have a display for a particular discipline or program, should contact Karen Clark at ext. 8657. For electrical outlets or equipment needed, please contact Rose at ext. 8648 or e-mail (rmd). The more creative your display or demonstration, the more attention you will attract.

Poetry, art in next Highland Herald

Selected poetry and art will be the highlight of a special section of the Nov. 26 issue of the *Highland Herald*. The insert will contain the work of poetry contest winners as well as the best photos and illustrations from the art department. "This is an excellent way to showcase the artistic and literary talents of our students," said Tom Buckner, *Highland Herald* adviser. Much of the composing and designing of the section will be done by students under the direction of instructors Jennifer Black, English, and John Chatmas, art.

'Landing a Job' workshop this week

"Landing a Great Job: The Competitive Edge" is the PASS workshop that can attended on either Nov. 13 at 10:15 a.m. or Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. in Room 101 of the Health and Physical Education building. Tips will be shared on how to gain an edge when being interviewed for a job.

Other PASS workshops in coming weeks include:

- "Castles in the Air," Nov. 20, 10:15 a.m., and Nov. 21, 4 p.m. Attendees will look at how to identify and set specific, realistic goals to make their dreams come true.
- "All You Need to Know about Transferring," Dec. 4, 10:15 a.m., and Dec. 5, 4 p.m. Answers will be offered for common questions such as, "What schools offer the program I want to major in?" and "How much will it cost?" and "Will MCC courses transfer?" Admission is free for any of these sessions.

Music events this month

Among the musical events on campus this month are:

- Nov. 25 — A guitar concert will be held Nov. 25 at the Fine Arts Building 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
- Nov. 26 — Beth Ullman and Bill Howard are holding a vocal recital for their commercial music students. They invite the public to attend and support these students. Admission is free. If you have any questions about any of these events, call (817) 299-8286.

Tritt, Stewart concert cancelled

The Travis Tritt, Marty Stewart Concert that was to be held on Nov. 16 at the Baylor Forrell Center has been cancelled. If you purchased tickets and still need to get your money back on them, simply take your tickets back to the place where you purchased them in exchange for a full refund. If you purchased your tickets by phone there will be an automatic credit to your account for any tickets purchased for this concert. For more information or if you have a problem getting your money back call (817) 752-8822.

Health Fair may help save lives

By JOE GINGERICH

The Senior Source '96 Health and Information Fair was held in the Community Services Center Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It was the second annual fair organized by the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program in the CSC building.

An estimated 1,000 people looked through the educational materials and took the health screenings provided as they browsed around in the crowded but pleasant atmosphere. Those wishing to relax even had a choice of two chair massages.

Experts offered one-hour seminars on topics such as "Geriatrics and Depression," "Senior Investments and Estate Planning," "Long Term Care 'A Family Crisis,'" "Understanding Medicare," and "Coping with Hearing Loss."

Providence Health Center offered free flu shots to adults over 65. Free screenings were offered for glaucoma, blood pressure and blood typing, memory, and total cholesterol. Wax removal and hearing tests were also performed.

"We will have a mobile hearing clinic next year. It will be set up just like an office so people will get a true hearing test," said Susan Copeland, co-chair for the fair.



FLOYD BONDIS having his finger pricked for a cholesterol check at the Senior Source Health Fair held at MCC on Nov. 1 in the Community Services Center.

One exhibitor performed EKGs on 77 different individuals. "A lady came for an EKG that didn't know she had any heart trouble. But the EKG showed she had experienced a heart attack. She was immediately referred to a doctor," Copeland said.

Other exhibitors, such as Senior Community Service Employment Program, place qualified seniors in jobs around the area. "This program has been in Waco for 23 years and is funded through the Title V grant pro-

gram. MCC has hired three to four of our clients in the last nine months," said Ellen Swift of SCSEP.

"Many of the exhibitors thought it was a good opportunity to get out the educational materials to the public. Next year we plan to offer more seminar speakers and open up to more exhibitors. We also hope to have more cholesterol screening exhibitors, instead of just one with a line going all the way around the room," Copeland said.



THIS HEARING CENTER will be replaced next year with a mobile hearing clinic that will be set up like an office. This will allow people to get an even more accurate hearing test. About 1,000 people took advantage of free screenings and seminars at the Health Fair this year.

Cornerstone Award presented to Board of Trustees

By JOE GINGERICH

The Board of Trustees was presented the Cornerstone Award by the Art Center on Oct. 29.

The award, one of four presented this year, recognizes the fundamental support MCC has given the center.

Preceding the meeting, the trustees had dinner with the Student Government in the Highlander Room of the Student Center Oct. 29.

At the meeting, Student Government President Michael Elkins gave a report in which he expressed appreciation to the trustees on behalf of the student body. Elkins also cited recent accomplishments such as increased participation in the Student Government, assistance in the formation of the school catalog, suggestions for school policies which would help the college to better serve the nontraditional student, and cooperation with different departments on campus to promote student activities.

In other business trustees approved \$28,000 for renovation of the elevator in the Liberal Arts building and \$128,900 for the replacing of the roof of the Student Services building.

The facilities are 30 years old and are in need of renovation, said Dennis Michaelis, president of the college.

Michaelis also reported that the college faces the challenge of increasing funding sources outside tuition and taxes. It presently stands at 11 percent, having risen from only 2 percent a few years ago. "That's been the necessity created by the state in not maintaining the level of funding. This session of the legislature may reverse the trend," Michaelis said.

Board member Rick Smith suggested having a formal five-year plan which would be updated each year to help guide the board in keeping future initiatives in proper priority.

Providing academic assistance for students who need help at MCC

By SONJA C. JOHNSON

The consolidation of individual study labs this semester forms the Academic Success Center, providing students with easy and accessible academic assistance when needed.

The Academic Success Center located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center, is free to all students. For students convenience, its hours are from 8 a.m.

8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday.

The main focus of the center is to aid TASP preparation for students who need to meet the minimum passing requirements on the test.

The Math lab, Reading Support Lab, and the Writing Center are the general areas that form the Academic Success Center.

Programs developed by faculty are available in the center to help students study in courses such as history, math 1332, reading, religion, and philosophy.

Other software is accessible for reviews in biology, chemistry, health careers, and typing.

For students who might need help with research papers or essays, writing instructors are there to aid students in develop-

ing a plan and organizing their thoughts more effectively.

Audio material such as "Hooked on Phonics" and videos like "Writing for Survival" offer additional study skills for students.

"The new location makes it more accessible and it's a pleasant, positive atmosphere to work in," said Writing Center instructor Wanda Sudbury.

Final Exam Schedule

CLASSES	DAY SCHEDULE		EXAM TIME
	EXAM DAY		
Mon. - Wed. - Fri. classes			
6:55 - 7:50 am	Wed., Dec 11		*6:55 - 7:50 am
	Fri., Dec 13		
	* (precludes uninterrupted exam time of 120 min.)		
8:00 - 8:55 am	Wed., Dec 11		8:00 - 10:00 am
9:10 - 10:05 am	Fri., Dec 13		9:10 - 11:10 am
10:20 - 11:15 am	Wed., Dec 11		10:20 - 12:20 pm
11:30 - 12:25 pm	Mon., Dec 16		11:30 - 1:30 pm
12:40 - 2:00 pm	Wed., Dec 11		12:40 - 2:40 pm
2:15 - 3:35 pm	Mon., Dec 16		2:15 - 4:15 pm
3:50 - 5:10 pm	Wed., Dec 11		3:50 - 5:50 pm
Tues. - Thurs. classes			
8:00 - 9:20 am	Thurs., Dec 12		8:00 - 10:00 am
9:35 - 10:55 am	Tues., Dec 17		9:35 - 11:35 am
11:10 - 12:30 pm	Thurs., Dec 12		11:10 - 1:10 pm
12:45 - 2:05 pm	Tues., Dec 17		12:45 - 2:45 pm
2:20 - 3:40 pm	Thurs., Dec 12		2:20 - 4:20 pm
3:55 - 5:15 pm	Tues., Dec 17		3:55 - 5:55 pm
	EVENING SCHEDULE		
6:00 - 7:20 pm	MW Wed., Dec 11		6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	MW Mon., Dec 16		7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 7:20 pm	TTH Thurs., Dec 12		6:00 - 8:00 pm
7:35 - 8:55 pm	TTH Tues., Dec 17		7:35 - 9:35 pm
6:00 - 9:00 pm	M Mon., Dec 16		6:00 - 8:00 pm
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6:00 - 9:00 pm	W Wed., Dec 18		6:00 - 8:00 pm
6:00 - 9:00 pm	TH Thurs., Dec 12		6:00 - 8:00 pm

SATURDAY CLASSES

EXAMS FOR SATURDAY CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON DEC. 14, 1996.

DOWNTOWN CENTER (DAY OR EVENING)

EXAMS FOLLOW THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES (DAY OR EVENING)

THE EXAM SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR. HOWEVER, EXAMS WILL NOT BE GIVEN BEFORE DEC. 11.

OR OTHER EXCEPTIONS

CLASSES WHICH MEET BEGINNING (DOWNTOWN OR ON CAMPUS) BETWEEN 5 AND 5:55 P.M. WILL HOLD FINAL EXAMS AT REGULAR CLASS TIME ON DEC. 11, 12, 16, 17, OR 18 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

ALL FINAL GRADE REPORTS MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON TO THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BY 12 NOON DEC. 19, 1996.

Editorial

And how do you feel?

What you think is important to us. When an editorial is written, the view that is expressed is the opinion of the editors of the Highland Herald. It is not the opinion of the school administration or the newspaper's faculty advisor.

When a column is written for the opinion page, it is the opinion of the writer. It is the one opportunity that a reporter has of being subjective in his writing.

And when you write your letter to the editor, it receives the same important play on that page as the editorials and columns of the staff — because what you say is important.

When letters are written to the editor, they are reviewed for spelling and punctuation errors. They are also checked for libelous statements. The letters must not be in bad taste.

Some tips for sending your letter to the editor are:

- Sign your letter and also print it for legibility. Include your telephone number (which will not be published) to help us verify that you wrote it.

- Be concise and specific. Get to the point. Your letter should be one page or less.

- Focus on issues. Personal attacks and name-calling does not solve any problems.

- Suggest solutions. No one likes to read someone else's gripe session.

- Check out your sources. Make sure your information is accurate.

- Use spell-check. We will accept handwritten letters if legible.

- Take pride in your writing. Never write anything you wouldn't want everyone to see now and forever.

- Meet deadlines. The Nov. 26 issue of the paper, the last one this semester, has a deadline of Nov. 19. We will publish our deadlines for the spring semester in the first issue of the paper in January.

- Be pertinent. Write about things that other students, faculty and/or staff will be interested in.

Letters can be written in answer to any of the editorials that have been written. You might make a suggestion for improvements at the school. A commentary about the times is welcome.

Letters about something you have just gone through, such as student burnout and how you handled it, are welcome. You might even want to suggest something you would like to see in the Highland Herald. Your imagination is your only limitation. We also welcome you to visit with us at the "Meet the Editors" session in the Student Center cafeteria.

You can bring your letter to the Highland Herald newsroom in Room C-16 of the Community Services Center, or you can mail it to the Highland Herald, MCC, 1400 College Dr., Waco TX 76708.

Letters to the Editor

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Personal column

Reminded of my 'Daddy'

By PATRICK M. WALKER

I just finished a good book about daddies and sons and the love they share.

It's called "My Daddy Was a Pistol and I'm a Son of a Gun." It's by the late Lewis Grizzard, long time reporter, editor and columnist of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The book is both humorous — in Grizzard's renowned style — and sad. It describes the deep love between Grizzard and his disturbed father. It talks about the pain a son feels when his daddy isn't around and may not be coming back.

It's a book about growing up and understanding and accepting and forgiving.

It's a book about letting go. And it reminded me a lot about my own daddy, who died in 1993 when I was 22.

In many ways, my daddy was just like Lewis Grizzard's daddy. But, mostly, thankfully, he was different.

My daddy wanted a family instead of fame or fortune. He and my mother raised four children, who will always have a chance to better themselves no matter what obstacles they may confront.

My daddy gave his children and his wife everything they needed. When I was seriously ill with spinal meningitis at age five, he was there.

When I suffered a fractured and dislocated vertebra at age 20, he was there. He was a kind, smart man who had many friends.

My daddy never, so far as I can remember, uttered one single four-letter word. And I know he never once stopped by the bar on his way home from work. Although alcohol was a small part of his social life, my mother was a bigger part. His wedding ring

never came off his finger in my parents' 26-year marriage.

My daddy's funeral was held at St. Jerome's, a church he and my mother had helped found 10 years earlier.

During Mass, when it was time for Father Brooks to talk about what kind of man my daddy had been, the first thing he said was, "You never heard Johnny say anything bad about somebody else. You never heard him whisper."

The funeral procession from church to cemetery was two miles long.

Lewis Grizzard described his daddy as a warm, loving, debonair individual, and I could relate that to my daddy. But when he talked about the bad memories his father brought home from World War II and Korea — which eventually led to behavior that got him kicked out of the Army, as well as his own family — I could not.

When he talked about the pain of never knowing where his daddy was or if he would see him again, I could only imagine what that must have been like for a 6-year-old. Or a 9-year-old. Or a 15-year-old.

I was blessed with a wonderful set of parents who had no problems in their relationship. Lewis Grizzard was not so fortunate.

But one thing we both had in common was this: We both knew our daddies loved us with everything they had. And that's how we loved them.

Lewis Grizzard indicated several times in his book that the main reason he wrote it was to find an outlet for years of pain and frustration. In other words, he felt the book would help him finally let go of his father.

Maybe this will help me start letting go of mine.



cartoon by Shelley Hampe

Stone's momentary commentary

'It's a photo shoot; snap, snap, you are dead broke for money'

By ROBERT STONE

By now, everyone should know what my column is for, to air out some of my complaints. This time, I would like to talk a little bit about a class I'm taking this semester, Photography I.

Before I start my complaining, keep in mind this is nothing personal against the photography instructor. On several occasions, he has worked with me and helped me in many ways.

My intentions are to let those interested in the class know about some problems in the class which came as a shock to me. These problems may be easier to handle if known about ahead of time.

First of all, students could find the cost of the class overwhelming if the cost is in one lump sum. For books, equipment and supplies, I have spent over \$200.

The camera, a used one that hasn't worked too well, cost \$80 at a pawn shop. Such supplies as negative sleeves, photography paper and film add up quickly. This amount doesn't include the cost of the class itself, the tuition and fees.

Fortunately, my Pell Grant helped ease some of the financial burden. That money has long since run out, however. I am one of the lucky ones because I did not have to pay the full price out

of my own pocket like a classmate of mine did. He told me he spent a full paycheck just for a camera. In the college catalog, such expenses are not discussed.

To add to the financial burden, another problem with lack of experience also exists in the class. Although it is not needed to get in the class, some other type of photography experience is helpful to survive in the class.

Those who have a general idea about what is going on for each assignment excel faster than those who have no experience. Because the teacher assigns a new assignment just about every week, staying caught up is hard for those who do not have the experience edge.

I tend to refer to this lack of experience as one's "stupidity factor." My stupidity factor is high, and my grade is just the opposite.

I like to consider myself an intelligent man, so I found it quite embarrassing to have to ask the teacher how to open the back of a camera.

To accent the other problems, lack of time can be a problem in the class, as well. To get a picture just right, a picture where a contrast between black and white tones exist, many hours in the darkroom are required. Before I dropped my math class, I

was taking 16 semester hours, something I do not recommend doing when taking any photography class. Since my math class was right after my photography class, I had about two hours a week to work on my photography assignments.

I fell behind real quick. When I got behind, I frequently missed math class just to finish one assignment a day until I got caught up with the rest of the class. Here again, I was not informed the class would be time-consuming.

I do not want to discourage anyone from taking photography, but do keep in mind the problems which exist in the class. To solve the problems which exist, I recommend these solutions to those who are interested in taking the class:

- HAVE EXCESS MONEY set aside for the cost of the materials and supplies. I would include money for extra supplies, too.

- HAVE SOME GENERAL knowledge about a manual 35 mm camera. One should know how to operate the flash, the lens, the f-stop, etc.

- DO NOT SCHEDULE any classes after the photography class. This way, another class will not interfere with darkroom time.

Editorial

Leadership requires integrity and respect

The "wiser" we become about the behavior of groups, the easier it is for us to miss the essence of leadership.

Leaders desire the respect of the public, and to lead they must have that respect. But respect is earned, not through showmanship, but through having our public and private lives in harmony with the truth. This produces public respect, and ultimately, self-respect.

When politicians, college officials, teachers, parents, and even friends try to fool their "public," they have turned the honor of leadership into a circus of meaningless dialogue. Some dogs chase their tails, and some leaders chase public opinion.

Leaders cease to lead when they become only a reflection of the values of those they serve. Facilitating has its place, but leadership requires more.

Earned trust is the foundation of all leadership. It starts with values. In the absence of crises or "elections," all the decisions that leaders make gravitate toward their core of inner values.

Self-imposed leadership — self-discipline — is important, but the absence of distinct leadership carries a crowd to the lowest common denominator.

The elections are decided. But the future is not. Not all leadership comes from those in positions of authority. Leadership also comes from the private lives of citizens who care enough and are principled enough to help others. No one can take away that kind of influence. Prison bars cannot resist it. It cannot be legislated. It leaps over boundaries of race, class and education. It can even stand the test of time.

We will have a nation of integrity as each of us sets an example. We will have a college of excellence — where each student can receive an education and go on to achieve true success — when we as students, faculty and staff show excellence in our own lives.

Let's discuss values, not just activities. Let's help in our own sphere of influence.

Let's make a difference.



Promises, promises, promises.

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Highland Herald Poll

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KEN PRINCE
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ANGELIQUE HENDERSON
"Money-making classes"



DEVONE BIBLE
"It is convenient."

Pictures and Text by KELLY CHARLTON

Corrections

The "Poetry Contest" article in the previous issue of the Highland Herald contained a few mistakes.

Jack Schneider's title is the dean of arts and science, not the director.

One of the winners was Phil

Poulter and not "Fred." Another winner, Anthony Hogeland, had his last name misspelled in the previous story.

The name of another winner, Kevin Moore, was not included in the original story.

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On the road again Highlanders focus attention on teamwork and higher level

By BROWN SMITH
The Highlanders are 1-4 as they prepare to play four games in the next seven days beginning with a trip to Kilgore tonight for a 7:30 tip-off. The team will then travel to Lee this weekend for two games in the Rebel Round-up Classic.
"We knew this part of the schedule was going to be tough," Coach Steve Shields said. "But we also know we've got to stay focused and come together as a team to get through it."

Temple Classic
This past weekend the Highlanders faced two nationally ranked teams at the Temple Classic. The team lost to No. 9 South Plains, 62-52, and fell to No. 1 Tyler, 82-74.

Jermaine Higginbotham led the team with 13 points and Gabe Rapier added 10 in the loss to South Plains. The defense stepped up and kept the Highlanders within striking distance, but the offense only managed to shoot 26 percent from the floor.

"I couldn't be any more pleased with our defense right now," Shields said. "When you

shoot 26 percent from the floor and still have a chance late in the game, it is really a credit to our guys strong defensive effort."

After being down by as many as 17 points in the second half, the Highlanders managed to cut the lead to two with 8:15 remaining against the No. 1 team in the nation. Unfortunately the team never was able to get over the hump and capture the lead as four players scored in double figures. Erik Halgunseth led the Highlanders with 16 points, Scott Gradney hit for 15, Higginbotham had 13 points and Bronsha Miles added 12.

"The team is feeling good coming off this weekend because our guys saw they can play with anyone in the country on any given night," Shields said.

At San Jacinto
Last Tuesday the Highlanders traveled to San Jacinto and started strong, but lost their lead with 4:42 remaining in the first half and ended up trailing, 43-32 at the half. Then San Jacinto applied an aggressive full court press which was more than the

Highlanders could handle as they lost, 88-67. Gradney led the team with 32 points and 10 rebounds as Higginbotham added 13 in a game plagued by turnovers.

"It's all a learning experience for us right now," Shields said. "As long as we're learning, we view this as a positive heading toward conference play."

Subway Tip-off Classic
The Highlanders opened the season at home with two games in the Subway Tip-off Classic. After losing to Lee, 74-69, the team bounced back the next night to defeat Panola, 81-56.

Despite struggling in the first half against Panola, the Highlanders utilized a 20-2 run to pull away and managed to take care of the ball late in the game to preserve the first win of the season. Gradney led all scorers as he poured in 34.

"My biggest asset is my quickness," Gradney said. "Where other guys try to use strength, I just try to out quick my opponents."

In the first game of the season with Lee the Highlanders never trailed until they began to show

signs of fatigue with four minutes remaining in the contest. Lee consistently pressured the ball which led to costly turnovers late in the game and allowed them to comeback and defeat the Highlanders. Halgunseth scored 21 points to lead the offensive attack, while Higginbotham added 10 and David Dar-Ziv and Gradney each had nine points.

"A lot of the mistakes made are correctable mistakes, and as long as we play together and get more familiar with each other those mistakes will take care of themselves," Shields said.

Despite a rough start on paper and still five more games left to play on the road, the Highlanders are staying positive and continue to improve where it counts the most — on the court.

"All we have when we're on the road is each other," Gradney said. "As we come closer together we should start winning games soon and ultimately make a run for the conference title."



Photo by Val DeLeon

BRONSHA MILES (5) has been tough on the boards as Scott Gradney (32) leads the Highlanders in scoring.

Highlassies fastbreak to fast start

By PATRICK M. WALKER
The women's basketball team won two of its three games this weekend to tie for the best record in the Highlassie Classic at 2-1.

The 4-1 Highlassies will play Frank Phillips on Thursday in the first round of the Texas Women's State Tournament in Georgetown. The Highlassies also will face No. 1 ranked Trinity Valley — the defending national champions — in the tournament.

A strong early effort
Head coach Wendell Hudson said he is pleased with the way his team has played to start the season.

"We have played real good competition," he said. "We played (and won) two of our first five games on the road. We've had nine or 10 players step up and play the way we need them to play."

Hudson said sophomore Tisha Washington has moved her game up to another level, and fresh-

men Tenay Garrett and Neva Lonix are becoming near sophomore-level players.

In the Highlassie Classic
Washington had 47 points, 16 rebounds and eight steals for the tournament, while sophomore Lisa Waschmann added 40 points, 22 rebounds and five steals. Garrett scored 49 points and Lonix contributed 17.

The Highlassies opened the weekend with an 86-84 loss to Angelina, their first defeat of the season. The team stormed back with a convincing 77-62 rout of Temple, and finished the tournament with an 86-79 victory over powerhouse Kilgore. The Highlassies shared the best record of the tournament with Angelina, Kilgore and Weatherford.

Explodes in opener
The Highlassies opened the season with not just a bang, but a nuclear explosion of 93 points on a whopping 65 percent team shooting in a 93-87 victory over

Blinn on Nov. 1. The Highlassies followed that with a 77-71 win over San Jacinto the next day to win the San Jacinto Classic.

Wachsmann and Washington had the best all around performances, but assistant coach Shawn Trochim said it was a total team effort.

"We did not have to depend on one player to take control," she said. "Everybody contributed to the wins."

Wachsmann finished the tournament with 29 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists, while Washington added 30 points.

"For being so early in the season, we played together really well," Wachsmann said. "We really put together everything we've been working toward."

The Highlassies never trailed Blinn until inside the last six minutes when Blinn tied the game and then took a brief 84-82 lead. But the Highlassies went on a convincing 11-3 run to end

the game.

Trochim said the initial win did a lot for the team's confidence. "We really opened up and shot the ball well," she said. "Coach Hudson and I were really pleased with the effort."

Out of a hole
That confidence may have turned into overconfidence the next day when the Highlassies quickly dug themselves into a 12-point hole and stayed there for most of the first half.

"We kind of stood around and thought we were going to make every shot," Trochim said. "And every shot we missed turned into a basket for them."

The Highlassies rallied to within three just before halftime and then suffered three turnovers in a row which led to a 40-32 halftime deficit.

After some minor defensive adjustments, Trochim said the team "came out ready to play in the second half."
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Men's golf team tees up trophy

By SCOTT MATTLAGE
The golf team traveled to Paris, Texas, to win the Rocky Thompson Intercollegiate tournament on Oct. 26-27, the team's last tournament for the semester.

The team shot a score of 290-286 for a two day total of 576 which was a new tournament record, said coach Stan Mitchell.

Following the Highlanders

were New Mexico at 283-296-579, Paris 291-293-584, Midland 291-296-587, Navarro 297-295-592, Tyler 303-294-597, San Jacinto 293-307-600, Western Texas 302-306-608, and Grayson County 300-313-613.

Steve Young of Midland took individual honors with a score of 69-71-140 followed closely by MCC's Mark Wilson (second) at 71-70-141, Jamie Edwards

(sixth) at 70-76-146, Matt Naylor and Louis Mexia (tied for ninth) at 73-74-147, Jeff Hughes (12th) at 77-71-148, and Rayn Slaughter (31st) with a score of 77-76-153.

The women's golf team started its last tournament of the semester yesterday at Packsaddle and will finish up the tournament today. Results will be in the next issue.

Golf tournament raises money

By SCOTT MATTLAGE
Friday Oct. 4 at Lake Waco Golf & Country Club MCC held its fund-raising golf tournament.

Two celebrities who participated in the tournament were former MCC baseball standout Pat Listash of the Milwaukee

Brewers (former American League Rookie of the Year) and Tim Spiers of the Montreal Expos, who grew up in the Waco area.

"The tournament raised a total \$8,500 which is the second highest total, to the \$9,100 raised

in last year's tournament. Every one who participated in this year's tournament received a golf t-shirt and the winners received a small trophy," athletic director Stan Mitchell said.

Last year's money was used (continued on last page)

Tennis team serving up success

By JANICE N. TURNER
Injuries have hit the Highlassie tennis team once again, this time taking one of their team leaders out of the lineup.

Earlier in the season returning player Melissa Morris sustained a severe injury to her left knee, an injury that will require surgery. As a result, Morris will be off the courts for the remainder of the year leaving her teammates shorthanded and without focus.

"At first they lost sight of the purpose. They were wondering why this had happened to Melissa and to them. They finally came to the realization that they would have to play and do their best without her," said Carmack Berryman, the team's coach.

Though the fall had a rocky start, the team pulled together and has played well in the five tournaments that made up the fall schedule.

The highlight of the fall was the Rolex Texas Junior College Tournament, which was hosted by MCC. This was an honor because only eight sites in the country are selected. The tournament was open to some of the best teams from Texas, New Mexico, and Missouri.

In the Rolex tournament, Gabriela Ramirez advanced to the quarter finals in the singles division before being defeated by Chris Werdinig from Tyler Junior College.

In doubles play Ramirez teamed up with Sylvia Lokollo and advanced to the quarter finals before falling short to the team of Connell and Plattak from Loo College.

The last tournament for the Highlassies was the Bill Day Memorial Collegiate Open, held Nov. 2 - 3 at Tyler Junior College.

In singles play, Gabriela Ramirez advanced to the finals before falling short to Claudia Aguilar of the University of North Texas. Kelle Sutton advanced to second round play before being defeated by Kate Berridge of Stephen F. Austin University.

In doubles play, Sylvia Lokollo and Gabriela Ramirez

advanced to the finals round. Though no team titles were won, Berryman says the main goal of the semester was met.

"They were up against division one teams like TCU and the University of Arkansas. The purpose was for them to develop experience so they can be stronger players next semester, when it really counts."

The team is already looking for new players for the spring. Anyone interested should call Coach Berryman at 299-8848 for more information.



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Gospel choir sings praises

By ANTRA COTTON
If you walk past Room 100 in the Fine Arts Buildings on a Friday afternoon your attention might be turned towards the sounds of the MCC Gospel Choir. The Gospel Choir is a "group of young people who are doing something positive with their lives," said Sarenson Trotter, a sophomore member of the choir. TIGRESS, the name of the choir, means Together In God Reaching Everyone Saving Souls. They are a group of approximately 25 students and membership is growing. These students devote their time to singing and praising a higher being. The choir is non-denominational and "anybody can join," Trotter said. "I joined the choir because right now I don't have a church home and I need to give praise in my life," Ulysees Barnes, a freshman member said. The choir is a relatively new

extracurricular activity on campus. It has been in existence for the past few years on and off until several students initiated a formal making of the group. Word spread through campus and now the members meet every Wednesday and Friday in the Fine Arts and Ball Performing Arts Center to practice. The singers blend their voices to send a gospel message incorporated with a taste of rhythm and blues and a hint of jazz. During practices the choir works to perfect the different alto, bass and tenor sections. After fine tuning notes and lyrics, the group puts all of the sections together and produce joyful, harmonious tunes. "Silver and Gold," an inspirational ballad, is one of the several songs performed by the choir. It includes testimonial message of choosing a spiritual approach as opposed to the material cares of the world — "no

fame or fortune, no reason untold, I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold." The song was originally performed by Kirk Franklin, a contemporary gospel musician. "Melodies From Heaven," also a Franklin tune, and "He'll Welcome Me" are two other songs the group sings. These songs have an up-tempo beat and new sound yet also contain a positive message about spirituality. "I'm doing it to glorify God," said Demitria Williams, a sophomore member in the choir. "Singing is a gift that God gave me, and if you don't use it then he'll take it away from you." TIGRESS has performed at the Greater Pentecostal Church in Waco. In the future the group plans to travel the Baptist Student Union Retreat in Dallas, a seminar where students will come together to sing and worship.



SEVERAL MCC chorale students get ready for the Civic Chorus Requiem concert that played last week at First United Methodist Church. Several students with the chorale attended the National Association of Teachers of Singing this past weekend.

PTK wins big in pumpkin-carving and costume contest

By CAROLINE BLAHOVA
Phi Theta Kappa was the big winner in the pumpkin carving and costume contest in the Student Center on Halloween Day. This competition is held every year, said Patti Weir, one of the organizers, who works in Student Activities Center. Student Activities Center bought the pumpkins and supplied them to the art department for the competition. Students decorated them in the competition, Weir said. Pumpkin carving first place

in the organization category went to Phi Theta Kappa, and individual winners were Cathy Prause and Penny Garrett. Second place went to Anixha Oticia Bryant, also of PTK. Third place pumpkin carver was Darrack Murphy of Student Government. An honorable mention was received by James Duhon a member of French Club. Ten contestants entered the costume competition. The costume contest was based on the most original and

creative costumes. Students came dressed in costumes and paraded around the room to show their costumes. First place in the costume contest was Amanda Leonard, who pretended to be a singer star Alice Cooper. Second place went to Michael Wellman, dressed as a vampire, and the third place went to Brenda Montemayor, dressed as a clown. Students in both competitions received free tickets to the movie and a \$10 certificate from MCC Bookstore.



COSMETOLOGY students have fun with Halloween at class on the 31st.

Share your holiday recipes

We want to share your favorite Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions and recipes with our readers. Do you have favorite recipes for turkey dressing? Perhaps your grandma's recipe for pumpkin pie is what makes your holiday special. If so, send them to the Entertainment editor. Deadline is Nov. 21.

Voice students participate in NATS competition at Texas Tech University

By CAROLINE BLAHOVA
MCC students participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Nov. 7-9 at Texas Tech University. NATS is an organization for voice teachers that holds seminars, lectures, and concerts across the nation. "Our college is one of many chapters in the United States," said Karen Albrecht, who is one of the two voice instructors and members of this association. "The primary focus, or goal, (of NATS) is the learning opportunity for teachers to improve teaching abilities and for students to compete and listen to the other students. One of the important things is to record what students are doing," Albrecht said.

"Students are chosen for competing very carefully, of course, it is based on students abilities," Albrecht said. To be eligible for the competition, students must be enrolled in a music class, she said. This association recommends students who are members. Every student has its private instructor and they meet one hour per week to practice in singing. "We don't play any instruments, it's just singing organization," Albrecht said. According to Dr. Albrecht, concerts are held few times a year and it is an individual thing. Albrecht expected between 300-400 students to compete at the convention in five categories — freshmen, sophomore, junior, graduate and postgraduate. Students at the undergraduate level prepared three songs,

with one foreign language, one aria from opera or oratorio, one song in English, all to be performed from memory before a panel of judges. Judges gave numerical scores and students receiving scores of 90 or higher proceeded on to the semi-final round of competition from which were selected five finalists. Students placing first through fifth received monetary awards and were presented at the prize ceremony Saturday night. Prizes included \$75 for the first place winners. MCC students have consistently done well, progressing in both semi-final and final levels of competition, Albrecht said.

MCC students competing this year were Carmel Wickham, Marlana Whitney, Yolanda Gonzales, Amy Coleman, Esther Montemayor and Jessica Dominigues. Voice instructors attending were Albrecht and Lise Uhl. "The primary focus, or goal, (of NATS) is the learning opportunity for teachers to improve teaching abilities ..."

Commercial music instructor overcomes left-handed injury by switching sides

By HELENMARIE DELEON
A commercial music instructor who plays guitar recently performed several concert programs — left-handed. Clark Nauert switched two years ago from right-handed playing to left-handed because of an injury he received while on the road several years ago. After receiving his associate's degree in 1983, Nauert traveled with a band for six months. Long hours and hard rehearsing characterized that period of time. "I did something that injured the ring finger of my left hand," said Nauert. He didn't realize he had injured himself seriously until several years later. "There were several things that I believe caused the stress. I had moved to a new area. I was on the road a lot. And I had added new and different techniques."

couldn't play to the degree I had before." He just did not have the facility and coordination that he once had. When he was working on his master's degree in Austin, he went to Alan Lockwood, a neurologist who specializes in physical problems that artists have. Lockwood told him he had a special condition called focal dystonia. In focal dystonia, the "signals get messed up" with the flexor and extensor muscles in the finger. The flexor muscles won't release which decreases the dexterity and quickness of the movement of the finger. Because nothing can cure this condition, Nauert explains the options he was given. "He told me there was a drug I could take for it. I tried it for a short time but it made me foggy. Or he said I could switch sides." The drug would only minimize the problem at best. Since Nauert was finishing his master's degree work, he had to play a recital. So switching sides, at that time, was not an option. When Nauert was ready to

make the change, he went to David Asbury, a guitar instructor at University of Texas in Austin. Asbury has been working with Nauert on his switch for the past two years. "It's an adjustment. I am learning to play the guitar all over again," said Nauert. Many of the physical aspects have to be learned over but he still understands what it takes mentally. The guitar has to be strung backwards. When playing the guitar right-handed, left hand works the frets. The picking or strumming of the strings with the right hand produces the sound. The opposite would be true for a left-handed player. Making lemonade out of lemons, Nauert said, "This is a nightmare, but it has helped me to have empathy for my students and their challenges." Nauert also makes certain his students have an organized practice schedule so they can avoid the type of injury he had. He has since become aware that other musicians, pianists and violinists can have this same problem also.

Nauert sees the change as good therapy and a way to get rid of bad habits. He had a posture problem in the past that he has worked the hardest on. A side benefit is that the new good habits he is forming left-handed, transfer when he is playing right-handed. When asked how the change is affecting his picking hand he said, "The technique is different. Most of the action comes from

the second joint rather than the third joint." Since the third joint on the hand) is the one that is affected by the malady, it does not interfere with his picking technique. He knows that it will take a lot of time to reach the level of proficiency playing left-handed that he has as a right-handed player. "But it will be worth it because I know how I am capable of playing," said Nauert.

Nauert plays with 3rd Coast, a jazz style band, that released its first CD in November last year. KAJC, 94.5 has played the cut, "Apparently So," several times over the last few months. The band is playing at Barry's Coffee Company on 4th and Franklin on Nov. 22, Dec. 6 and Dec. 20. "It has helped me to have empathy for my students and their challenges."



NAUERT STILL PLAYS right-handed with a group of students in a country music class he teaches.



Nauert practices left-handed. In left-handed playing the guitar is played with the fingering on the strings done with the right hand and the picking or strumming done with the left hand.

French club flips for crepes



FLOUR FLIES as French Club members prepare crepes to raise funds for the club.

Express registration

Express registration began Nov. 4 and continues through Dec. 6. Spring courses are offered on a variety of time frames including traditional 16-week semesters and fast-track classes that condense a full term's instruction into periods as short as six weeks. Also available are television courses and off-campus classes in Hewitt, Marlin, McGregor, Midway and West. For students who work during the day, MCC offers a wide range of evening classes and child care for children 4-11 years of age. Teachers will work with students on swing-shift schedules to adjust class time to work requirements.

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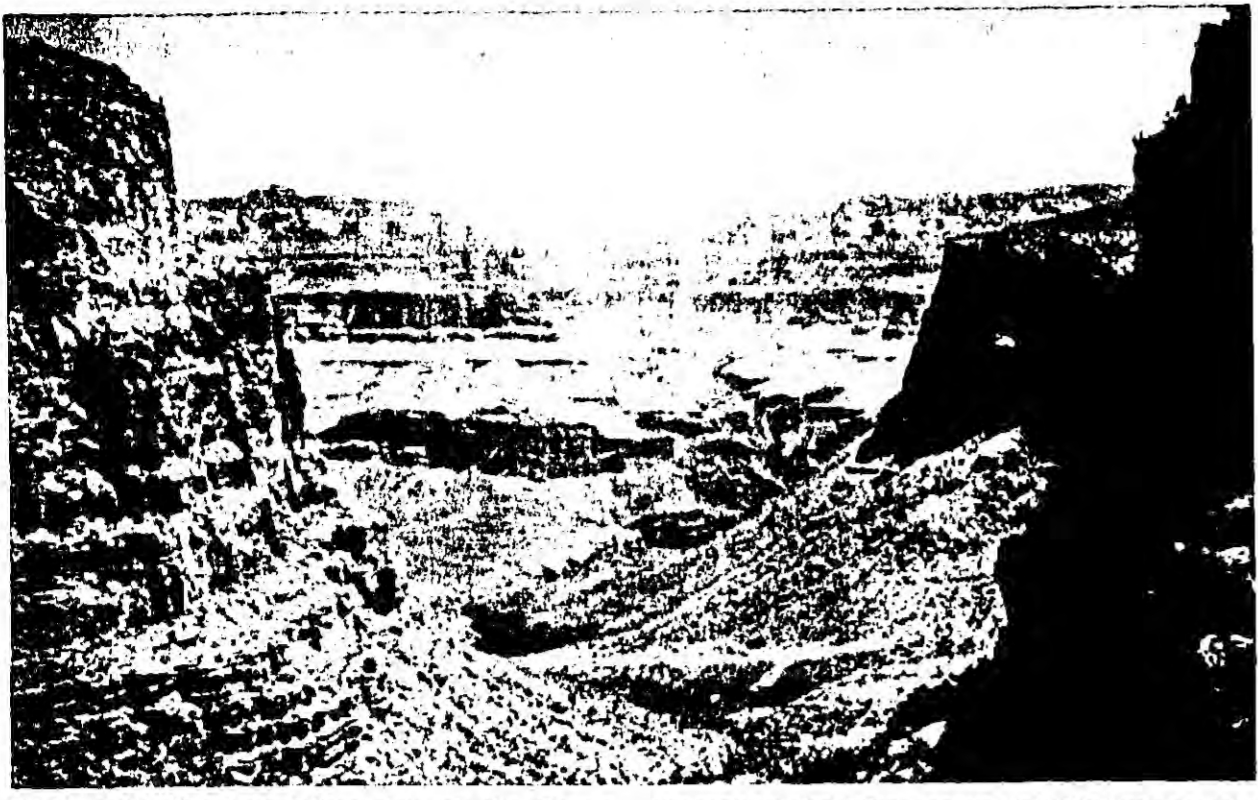
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FEATURES



PAUL HOLDER, right, hikes through the Grand Canyon in one of several summer adventures he has taken, and plans to take. Such trips have given him the idea that "the pleasure is in the journey, not in reaching the destination."



Instructor takes a hike Across Grand Canyon by foot

By ANITRA COTTON

An MCC faculty member explored the Grand Canyon and learned to get the best out of adventure.

"Memories are affirmations of life and a place of growing comfort and increasing visitation as we age," said Paul Holder, a Texas and U.S. government teacher.

Holder has been at MCC since 1969 and is about to start his 28th year on campus. Besides being a government instructor Holder likes to spend his time doing "adventure."

In the past Holder has taken on adventures like hiking the Guadalupe Mountain peaks, which is the highest point in Texas. He has also sailed a Hobie Cat, a type of boat, and paddled canoes on many Texas lakes and rivers. One of Holder's most recent escapades has been his "biggest" trip, hiking in the Grand Canyon last May.

Holder traveled to the Bright Angel Campgrounds of the Grand Canyon with two companions. Permits were necessary to obtain at least a month in advance, however some permits are given out the day before the hike. "We obtained our permit the day before," Holder said.

The fee for transportation 200 miles by car from one side of the canyon to another was \$60.

Holder went to the south side of the canyon which is the "most visited, commercialized side," Holder said, and he "stayed at Grand Canyon Lodge on the north side."

Holder would take on a 25 mile hike. It was 6,000 feet and 10 miles down to the bottom of the canyon, and another 15 miles and 5,000 feet up to the top of the south of the side.

The temperatures in the Canyon ranged widely. "When we left the north side it was 38 degrees with snow still on the

ground," according to Holder. "Later that afternoon the temperature reached 106 degrees deep in the canyon."

"One week later a scout leader and a young scout dehydrated and died in the canyon," he said.

Holder had to deal with changing temperatures as well as some other natural obstacles.

"We were warned about snakes and scorpions especially at our campsite."

"We didn't run into any bear or mountain lions." As for the scorpions, the campers "didn't have any problems," he said.

Holder traveled to the north side of the canyon to the Colorado River where he camped out. There he only slept about three hours because his air mattress had a hole in it. From the river to the south side he traveled 10 miles or a distance "approximately from MCC to McGregor."

"You should hike the canyon when you're young," Holder said, adding that whatever the age, the canyon hike "should not be attempted if you are not in decent physical shape."

During Holder's adventure he almost slipped while hiking and would have fallen 1,000 feet. "The trail in places is no more than three feet wide." Holder wasn't startled by this incident because "I didn't have enough sense," he said. "It scared the two other fellows more than me; I later thought about how close I'd come."

Looking back at the total adventure, "The pleasure is in the journey, not in reaching the destination," Holder said.

"Life should not be a spectator sport."

He plans on going on another hiking expedition in December. He will be traveling to the "highest point in Big Bend National Park." Also in his future plan is a trip across the United States on his motorcycle.



ALL THE SHADOWS from G.L. Wiley pose with some of the college administration following their campus visit on Oct. 31. At the right instructor Gall Herring gives a final hug to shadows Latoya Devers and Louis Franchier.

Wiley shadows faculty and staff

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of the journalism department, who has participated in the shadows program for about three to four years.

"When I have a student shadowing me, I like to talk about my life and my family. I also like to talk about my childhood and how it isn't that much different from their own."

Buckner makes each visit as enjoyable as possible, and firmly believes the program will give each student a realistic view of life.

"We did fun things like use the Internet, but I also give them the chance to participate in my classes. I want to give the students the chance to view the real world as opposed to misconceptions that may be seen on television. I believe that it is important to help young children learn."

What is the students overall view of the experience? Both want to return to MCC to continue their education. The Wiley students as well as MCC faculty and staff see this program as meaningful and insightful.



Benefit tourney brings in \$8,500

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to by a new washer for the baseball team and to help pay for a new van.

The cost per team was \$90 a person or \$500 for four people as a "silver sponsor," \$1,000 for four people as a "gold sponsor," and "hole sponsors" who were those who put up \$100 for a certain hole.

The winners of the tournament were Spenser Moore, Larry Payne, Bill Colman and Tommy Neil.

Bowling tourney

The Central Texas Collegiate Bowling Tournament will be held Sunday in Temple. Teams will consist of five bowlers and each bowler must pay \$6 which will account for all fees throughout the tourney. Students interested in representing MCC should contact Rick Butler at 299-8837 before Thursday.

Tracing the past with today's technology

By KELLY CHARLTON

With the holidays approaching many people are making plans to see relatives and spend time with family. Everyone gets together to visit and share memories of past visits, but how did the family start?

To find out where your family originated or just to find out if you are related to someone who is famous, why not do a family history. Finding out about the past can be very exciting and should not be too hard to do.

The first thing you need to do when trying to find your family's background is to contact a genealogical society to receive an organized form. You can now also buy programs for your computer that have a similar form. This form is a kind of family tree to help you discover who your ancestors were and where they came from.

Next, try to collect as many dates and places of births and deaths. A family Bible can be useful during this part of your search. If you do not have a family Bible or do not know where to find it, you can also receive information from the Internet and from most any public library.

After you have all of your names and dates, find out who in your family keeps up with family records. These may include birth, death, and marriage certificates. This person is also probably going to know a great deal about your family history and may be able to give more specifics about things that went on in your family throughout the years.

Next, start talking with the rest of the people in your family. Generally it is a good idea to talk with your oldest living relatives first so you can get as much information as possible from them while they still remember it. After talking with them work your way down in age until you have spoken with as many of your family members as you can find.

When interviewing family members save it somehow with a tape recorder or a video camera. If you decide to use a tape recorder make sure that it is close enough that a soft spoken person can be heard clearly when the tape is played back.

To avoid scaring someone into not talking, place the recorder to the side, maybe in a chair, instead of holding it directly in front of the person. If you plan to use a video camera set it up on a tripod and prefocus the camera for where the person will be seated. The best place to set the camera up is right beside where you will be sitting so that the person feels more at ease about looking into the camera. If the interview gets too personal you can always offer to edit the tape if the person wants to tell you about it but wants to keep it private and off the tape.

A great way to start the interview is to ask who a great-great grandparent was and where they were born. Once you have passed the base questions you may want to go deeper and try to discover hereditary traits or diseases. You might also want to know what your ancestors did for a living.

Ask about their proudest moments and what they remember the most about their childhood.

Ask where they grew up and where they raised their children.

Try to find out if anyone in your family was in any kind of war or if anyone went to college. It is important to ask open ended questions so they will open up to you rather than just answering you with a yes or no.

The more you find out the more interesting your family history will become. Who knows, you might find an uncle who was a gunfighter in the old west or a great-great Grandmother who grew up in Germany before the Holocaust.

The possibilities are endless and you could find out that you are even related to someone famous now.

For more information about how to do a family history, visit the public library, or if possible surf the Net.

Recruiting opportunities

Sixty-two faculty and staff members helped with recruiting activities at the Heart of Texas Fair and other events, noted Karen Clark this week. Those volunteers and others on campus are asked to help at the following outreach activities this month:

Nov. 13 — Hill County Career Fair, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. where many of our departments will have tables to showcase their programs. And Fairfield High School Career Day, 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 14 — Axtell High School students on campus, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Axtell will be bringing 40 students to campus for general information and a campus tour

Nov. 15 — Carver Academy students on campus, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Carver Academy is bringing 70 students on campus for a tour, additional tour guides so these middle schoolers can be in smaller groups.

Nov. 15 — Robinson Christian Academy, 12-12:30 p.m.

Nov. 18 — Goodwill Industries, 8:30 a.m. and Connally High School College Night, 7 p.m.

Nov. 19 — Bruceville Eddy High School, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and our own College and Career Night, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Student Center

Nov. 20 - University High School, 11:35 - 1:15 and Mexia High School College Night, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 - Plantation Foods, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Waco High School, 11:45 - 1:45

Nov. 22 - MHMR Clients visiting campus, 9:30 a.m. and Carver Academy students on campus, 9:30 - 11

Bynum classes

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a console at the front of the room by the teacher. One camera was trained on the students, the other on Technology Coordinator Pennie Sumrall.

One of the monitors showed Hubbard ISD teacher Fred Carey in front of his class. In another could be seen four of his students grinning and bantering around.

Looking at the students in the monitor, one of the Bynum students said, "Hi, Crystal!"

There was no reply.

"Oh, you can't hear us," Sumrall said. "I had my system muted and didn't realize it."

Bynum has joined a consortium of six high school districts which work together to share resources using a concept called distance learning. Using video teleconferencing through a new

fiber-optic network, which went into operation in January, the school is able to share teacher instruction with Blooming Grove, Penelope, Hubbard, Dawson and Frost.

Dwindling budgets and rising costs are making it more challenging for smaller schools to provide all the courses that students in their district desire to take. But through the use of distance learning, a teacher at Bynum can simultaneously teach students in five locations.

The students at Bynum ISD enjoy the class. They are used to it and don't think much about the fact they are separated by as much as 28 miles.

"For us, it's like a normal class," said Shawn Morgan of Bynum ISD. "We feel like we are all part of the same class."

In fact, the experiment with new technology has started more things than just educational ex-

periences.

"We've even had dating relationships spring up through this," Sumrall said.

"Our present studio cost \$33,000 which we lease over a three-year period with an option to purchase at the end of that time. In addition, the fiber optic costs us \$1,500 per month. But it's still more cost effective than hiring additional personnel," Sumrall said.

Highladies win

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The Highladies began using the press and quickly turned the 8-point disadvantage into a 10-point lead during the half-opening minutes. The momentum belonged to the Highladies for good when a flag-football team staying at the same hotel showed up and began cheering loudly for the team, making it almost like a home game.

Scholars Assembly here tomorrow

The Scholars Assembly will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. McLennan and Tartan Scholars, members of Phi Theta Kappa and other scholars will honor in this semi-annual awards ceremony.

Outdoor Christmas drama

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