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News Briefs

Tarleton scholarship deadline Thursday

A Thursday deadline looms for applications for three tuition scholarships for MCC students transferring to Tarleton State University beginning in the fall semester. Students interested in applying for these scholarships can pick up an application in the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Applications will be due back in that office no later than Feb. 23. The Scholarship Committee will then review applications and submit names of recipients to Tarleton by March 1. Students must have an overall G.P.A. of 3.25 or better, and graduate from MCC with an AA degree. In addition, the students will need to have a Tarleton Degree plan on file in MCC's Office of Career Development Services. "This is the first year for the scholarships and we are working with a real tight time schedule," said Sandra Jones, coordinator of career services.

Friday deadline for Czech trip deposit

The deadline has been extended to Friday for a deposit on a two-week study tour to the Czech Republic beginning July 26. Tour participants will spend 11 days in Brno and three days in Prague, including excursions throughout the countryside. Tour leader is history instructor Mike White, and the trip is sponsored by continuing education. Cost of the trip is \$2,365 per person, including transportation, housing, excursions, lectures and most meals. A brochure with detailed trip itinerary is available by calling 750-3538.

Enrollment higher than last spring

Preliminary enrollment headcount for the spring semester is 5,906, according to Registrar Herman Tucker on Feb. 6. Contact hours are up more than 7 percent from last spring but down slightly from spring, 1993, he reported.

Looking for ideas on diversity Feb. 27

In conjunction with Black History month, the United Students of Tomorrow, the MCC Student Government, the Multicultural Committee, and the Office of Student Activities is sponsoring a day to celebrate diversity on Feb. 27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Center. Members of those groups would like for faculty, staff, and students to share their cultural interest through music, literature, art, fashion, artifacts, etc. If you would like to participate, have an idea for the program or have questions, contact the Student Activities office.

Donations needed for book sale

Donations for the Library Book Sale are being accepted now, including books, magazines, albums, tapes and videos. The sale will be held March 9-10. Donations should be delivered to the Library. For more information, contact Alan Berecka, ext. 579.

Class for writers begins next week

Writers hoping to get published can get some help from two continuing education classes this month and in March. The "Selling Your Story" seminar covers markets, names, places and how to get published. The cost is \$15 and the session will be held on Feb. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. "How to be a Playwright" describes to novice playwrights how to manage the conception, growth and first draft of a play. The course lasts six weeks and begins March 28. It will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$49. For information call 750-3412.

Don't forget spring break

Spring break will last from Monday, March 13 through Saturday, March 18.

Continuing ed. courses next week

The continuing education department is offering several classes in February.

Feb. 27 — "Range of Motion Exercise," an instructor guides students through aquatic exercises to ease arthritis; and "CPR for Health Care Providers."

Feb. 28 — "Basic Horse Science," offers training in equine nutrition, vet treatment, and breeding; and "Selling Your Story" (see related brief).

Five lucky winners at Bookstore

More than 1,200 tried, and five succeeded in winning \$200 gift certificates from the Bookstore in its latest drawing. Winners were Elaine Botello, Alexander Eaves, Fay Gutierrez, Geneva Johnson and Tracy Tidmore. The drawing was held Feb. 8 in the Student Center. More drawings will be held during the semester, said store manager Susan Burgard.

Minority financial aid seminar

A seminar on college scholarships and financial aid for minorities was held here Saturday. The workshop covered minority scholarships, loans and grants, with speakers from the MAC Grant Office, Passport to Success Foundation and MCC Student Financial Assistance Office. Tips on how to get into college were also shared. "Thousands of dollars in minority scholarships nationwide go unused each year simply because students did not know about them," said James Kuback, director of student financial assistance.

Warning issued on computer virus

Students and faculty members have been asked to scan their disk everytime they use a computer on campus. "We have had several viruses on computers in the CIS classrooms and the micro lab that students have brought in from a computer they have used elsewhere," said Jean Phillips. These viruses destroy files and the boot sectors on any disk (hard or floppy). "It took us a year and a half to get rid of the last virus we had and we want to avoid this but we can not do it alone, we need your help with this problem," she said.

Speech team rolls

By DEDRA D. WEIR

The speech team recently won the sweepstakes in individual events in the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Meet with 20 colleges and universities competing.

Freshman Tina Campbell and sophomore Merie Witt took top individual honors for their achievements in persuasive speaking. This win qualifies Campbell and Witt to represent Texas in the Interstate Oratorical Association contest in April.

According to speech team instructor Linda Dulin this contest is one of the most prestigious persuasive speaking competitions in the nation.

Each state is allowed to select two representatives to compete in the Interstate Oratorical Association speech competition, and for the last three years, MCC students have been chosen to represent Texas.

Also, Witt and sophomore Gavin Massengill were inducted into the All-State Intercollegiate Forensic Squad. To qualify, these two students had to compete for two semesters. They also had to qualify for at least one event in the American Forensic National Tournament and maintain a 3.2 grade point average.

On Jan. 27-29 the group traveled to the Super Bowl Swing competition and won the overall

sweepstakes.

The speech team's most recent meet was the Sweetheart Swing at the University of Oklahoma. As a team, the students won third overall behind Kansas State University and Wichita State University.

Among the winners were Campbell, who took second and third prize for persuasive speaking; Christine Haberman, who won fourth prize for persuasive speaking and David Damos, who took fifth and sixth place for informative speaking.

Witt won fourth place in persuasive speaking, third in after-dinner speaking and third and sixth place in communica-

tion analysis. Massengill won first and third prizes for dramatic interpretation, first for after dinner-speaking, fifth for informative speaking and fourth place for program oral interpretation.

As for now, Dulin says that the team is "trying to qualify for nationals." Nationals will be held at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire in April. At last year's national meet, 100 schools competed and only five were two-year colleges.

Despite the promise of stiff competition, Dulin says she is optimistic and believes that the team "should make a good showing at nationals."



Photo by Brooks Whittington

KING REGGIE'S COURT— Homecoming king Reggie Robertson and queen LaVonna Alexander stand at centercourt after being crowned. Robertson is the first homecoming king in school history.

Robertson elected homecoming king, Alexander queen

By HEATHER ELLIS

More than 200 ballots were cast to elect Homecoming Queen and King recently at the Highlands before the men's basketball game against Hill College.

LaVonna Alexander, representing United Students of Tomorrow, was crowned Queen. Reggie Robertson, representing Student Government, was crowned Homecoming King, the first in the school's history. Heather Hinton and Houston Oates were the runners-up.

"There was a good turn out at all the Homecoming activities," said Stacy Bradley, Student Gov-

ernment vice president. "The bonfire had a good turn out, especially from the athletic clubs and the Dance Company."

Bradley also said Spirit Day was popular around campus with many teachers wearing jeans and some employees from the Student Services Business office wearing basketball uniforms.

The Career Development office and the Business office tied for first place in the office decorating contest on Spirit Day.

Student Services placed second and Student Development took third. Each office received a cash prize and a plaque.

Help needed for injured student

By EUGENIE STEPHEN

Fund-raising efforts are underway to assist a former MCC student, Brian Brown, who was injured in an industrial accident at Brazos Masonry in Speegleville.

Two benefits will be held March 25 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. A barbecue is scheduled for 11 a.m. and a dance at 8 p.m. Also, a golf tournament is planned at Western Oaks Country Club.

Gwen Ryan, of the Education Service Center, is the person in charge of the fund-raising efforts. Tee shirts with the slogan "Pray for B.J." are on sale for \$10. Ryan and Beverly Balch can be contacted for more information at 866-0707.

Blood donations are being taken at the American Red Cross on Cobbs.

Brian Brown started the first day of his job on Dec. 20. Four hours into the shift, disaster struck. He was cutting open a barrel using a blow torch when it exploded. Brown now is listed in serious condition at the Parkland Burn Center in Dallas.

Brown already registered for the spring semester, but will not be able to attend school until next year.

More than 65 percent of his body has been burned. The past weeks have alternated between surgery and trying to understand what has happened to him. Brown has suffered from septicemia and pneumonia. He lost both upper ears and four fingers from his left hand. He is confined to an air mattress and is covered with a plastic tent whenever skin is grafted.

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New telecourses giving students greater options

By OLGA DURON

Sixty students enrolled in the Texas Government telecourse are scheduled to take their first test of the semester tonight.

The Texas Government telecourse, one of two newly administered telecourses available this semester, is a package leased by MCC from Le Croy Communications Center, a part of the Dallas Community College District.

It is aired on the College Channel, Cable 18, on Mondays 1-2 p.m. and repeated Thursdays 7-8 a.m. and 11 p.m.-midnight.

Instructor Paul Holder is available on campus Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. to answer any questions about the course students might have concerning text and broadcast material.

He also will administer course exams. Students participating in the telecourses are required to take all course exams on campus.

In addition, MCC has enrolled 47 students in its General Psychology telecourse, a package leased from Coast Line Community College in California and aired on Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. The course is repeated Fridays 7-8 a.m. and 11 p.m.-midnight. Instructor Sherri Sedghi is available during her office

hours to assist psychology telecourse students. Sedghi also makes an effort to phone all 47 students regularly to check on their progress and remind students of test dates, the first of which will be given on Feb. 23.

To further aid telecourse students, the Library has pre-recorded tapes containing four lessons on each video available for those students who may have missed a government or psychology telecourse broadcast.

Students taking advantage of the telecourses had to pay an additional fee of \$25 for the semester.

Yet the extra fee did not seem to bother most students as Holder said the 60 students enrolled in the government telecourse is "double if not triple of what we had expected."

Sedghi said "the response was so tremendous" that she had to locate additional chairs to seat all the students who enrolled in the course.

Ryan Law, who is taking the Texas Government telecourse, said he didn't mind paying the extra fee because he saved on gas driving back and forth. Law said taking a course at home on television better fits into his schedule of work and school.

News Briefs

Wellness testimonies sought

Mary Darden in Wellness reminds faculty and staff of the "All About Healthy Eating Class" on March 22, 6-8 p.m. She also says to watch for the next Wellness page in Highlights for information on how to deal with pain in your joints. She is looking for "success stories" from members to help encourage others.

Family Learning Center opens

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house was held by MCC's adult education department and the Waco Housing Authority Feb. 9 at the Family Learning Center, 1117 Delano. The Family Learning Center will provide parent education, literacy instruction and GED training to residents of the Estella Maxey and the Kate Ross Apartments. The new center is funded by a Gateway grant from the Texas Education Agency.

'Business after hours' Thursday

The Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" gathering will be held at the Community Services Center (Continuing Education area) on Feb. 23 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Transfer students to see UT, TWU

A tour on Friday of the University of Texas at Austin has been arranged by the student development office for students interested in transferring. The van will leave at 10:30 a.m. and return between 5:30-6 p.m. Call 750-3729 or 750-3715 for reservations. Seating is limited and vans will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Texas Woman's University is sponsoring a transfer day on their campus on Saturday, March 4. MCC is not providing transportation, but registration forms are in the Student Success Program office on the third floor of the Student Center. Call 750-3729.

Former teacher seeks office

Anna Holston, who is running for vice-president of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association, is a former member of the MCC English department. Faculty members and administrators will be attending the TJCTA convention in Dallas on March 3 where they will have an opportunity to vote for her.

Recitals held Friday mornings

Charles Nelson, baritone, will be in recital in the Performing Arts Center March 10 at 10:20 a.m. He is on the music faculty at the Univ. of North Texas. Last Friday, Baylor graduate student Laura Richling, had a recital on harpsichord and piano. Recitals are regularly held on Friday mornings in the PAC. Students and faculty are invited.

High school bands here for UIL

High school bands flooded the campus here Saturday for the the University Interscholastic League Solo-Ensemble Contest. The day-long event attracted almost 800 music students from more than 40 middle and high schools in Region VIII, an area that runs from Corsicana to Killeen and includes all schools in McLennan County. Students performed solos and in small groups for a chance to earn gold, silver or bronze medals. Gold medal winners will have the opportunity to attend the solo-ensemble competition at the University of Texas in June.

New semester schedules due March 22

The new semester schedules will be out on March 22. The schedule will include both the summer and fall semesters. Express registration begins on March 27. Registration on this date will be for both the summer semesters and the fall semester.

Libraries get automated

A new library automation system, which will make a variety of library services more convenient for patrons, went into action Monday at all Waco-McLennan County Libraries. The East Waco Library, which may be called at 750-5948, is open 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The South Waco Library is open 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday. The telephone number is 750-5949.

Great Britain study tour planned for summer 1996

By RENEE FERRENCE
Another study tour to Canterbury Cathedral, the Tower of London, Windsor Castle and other historic literary sites in Great Britain is being planned for the summer of 1996.

Carol Lowe, originator of the first such tour three years ago, has been working on the countless details for the trip, including itinerary, course approval, and costs.

Lowe began seeking approval for the first study tour in 1990 and said she needed a little over a year to get ready for the tour which took place in 1992.

She kept working through the seemingly endless planning because of what she describes as a passion for British literature. "After spending some time in England, I fell in love with the country as well as the literature, and I love sharing this experience with students."

After the plan is formatted, she has to get the word out to the students. MCC's public information office helps a lot in the publicity aspect, she said.

"In all of this planning and preparation, I always have an-

other instructor who helps and teaches one of the classes," Lowe states. In 1992 it was Lisette Carpenter, in 1994 Cheryl Bohde. Next year Dobra Fultz will be involved.

While costs have yet to be established, they should be in the neighborhood of last year's tour price of \$2,995.

There are no specific scholarships or loans; however, state regulation says that any financial aid that's used for an on campus class can be used for the study tour.

Some of the places already decided in the itinerary include Canterbury Cathedral, the Tower of London, Windsor Castle, the cities of Bath, Salisbury, Stanford, and York.

Also, the homes of Shakespeare, the Brontes, and other writers.

"We'll see a theatre performance in London and at the Royal Shakespearean Theatre," Lowe explained. "One of the things the 1994 participants enjoyed most that we'll do again was spending the night at Lumley Castle."

For more information, contact Cheryl Lowe at 756-6551, ext. 427.

Students controlling airwaves

Local radio personalities attend MCC

By LISETTE MEDINA
Turn on the radio. Tune it to 102.5 FM, THE BEAR and you may just hear one of your classmates' voices coming across the airwaves.

For freshman Lisa Galvez, who has worked at THE BEAR for several years, being in radio is something she has thought about since she was 16 years old.

Galvez was encouraged by others who said she had a good voice. This encouragement coupled with the fact that she loves to talk and loves people sent her begging for a job at the radio station. Now at 25, Galvez said that this is the "perfect career" for her.

Galvez started off not wanting to go to school, but she said "I didn't want to end up slinging burgers at McDonald's."

She is majoring in information processing because she wanted to learn computers and said, "It seems like everything is going that way."

Galvez hopes to stay in radio. Although she likes the production side of radio better, she does not mind being on the air.

For aspiring radio DJ's, she said, "You don't always need to get a degree in broadcast communications. Some places will take you if you are enthusiastic and a quick learner."

Spurred on by friends and relatives to get into radio be-

cause of his voice, 18-year-old freshman Stu Stewart decided to give it a shot.

Despite the fact that he had no previous experience going into radio, he was able to land a part time job at THE BEAR. He now works one shift at the station on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Stewart also has the opportunity to work when others call in sick or if they do not show up for work.

Stewart attends school full time and plans to major in something computer related while minoring in radio/television broadcasting.

He said he "loves this job," and plans to keep it on the side throughout college.

Stewart recommends that anyone interested in working in any type of broadcasting should seek out an internship which can help them get a job in their desired career field.

Several classes need to be taken before one qualifies for the MCC credit internship titled Practicum in Electronic Media. These prerequisites are News Writing and Reporting I and Introduction to Mass Communications, which introduces the student to each of the mass media including radio, television, advertising and public relations. This course gives students an idea of career opportunities within those fields.

The internship is in its sec-

\$20,000 grant awarded for school-to-work opportunities

Public Info. Office release

A \$20,000 grant to create a School-to-Work Opportunities Plan has been awarded to the Heart of Texas Region by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The planning grant will benefit youth in Falls, Limestone, Freestone, Bosque, Hill and McLennan counties through the development of a school-to-work plan that will outline employer collaborations with schools, colleges and other training providers.

The plan will increase coordination between schools and

employers, with some students earning credit for learning while working and others participating in specific education/training programs to prepare them for direct employment.

"School-to-work is the hottest thing going in business/education partnerships," said Dr. David England, vice president of institutional effectiveness for McLennan Community College, which spearheaded the grant proposal.

"Receiving this planning grant means that our area will be on the forefront of this new movement and our young people

will reap the benefits."

Other major players in the grant proposal were the Heart of Texas Council of Governments and Private Industry Council, the Heart of Texas Tech Prep Consortium, Chrysler Technologies Airborne Systems, Region 12 Education Service Center, Texas State Technical College and HOTLINK, the region's quality workforce planning committee.

Other key partners include Hill College, the Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD), Waco Independent School District and M&M/Mars. The City of Waco

and the Cooper Foundation also lent their support.

Businesses that have already expressed an interest in the project include Calavar, Clayton Homes and Fleetwood Homes.

Also, Gulf States Paper, Hobbs Bonded Fibers, Lux Packaging, Marathon Power Technologies, Time Manufacturing, Trane, TYMCO and WRS Group.

A future grants competition will provide funds to implement the school-to-work plan developed with this planning grant.

For more information, call MCC at 750-3506.

Book sale scheduled to raise proceeds for new library books

BY SUSIE JONES

Read a good book lately? The Library will be holding a special event next month that will allow the campus community to take steps to answer that question.

On March 9th and 10th, the Library will have a book sale from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Jane Gamez, director of the Library, said the sale is "a very positive thing, something fun for the students."

Prices are reasonable—hard-

back books, \$1, paperbacks, \$.50, and magazines a dime.

The book sale has been expanded for two days due to the response from last year's book sale. Gamez said she had heard people had forgotten about it or they needed more time.

Among the items for sale will be torn and outdated books from the Library, some unsold books from the Bookstore, and then many books, tapes, and records donated by the campus community and supporters of the

Library

She said that the Library will be happy to "take paperbacks, cassettes, albums, compact discs, commercial videos, and magazines like *Life* or *People*." Donations can be taken to the circulation desk any time the Library is open.

The proceeds from the book sale will the Library purchase reference books and books for circulation. However, at the last book sale, the profits earned were somewhere between \$50 and

\$100, said Gamez, and a reference book cost about a \$100. With the money "we only buy one or two books," she said.

Gamez said she would like to see more mysteries and romance novels at the sale.

Alan Berecka, a librarian, and his work-study students Roxanne Harry, Bryan Furman, Yen Tran, and Linda Slaughter, will be working at the sale.

The book sale will be in the lower level of the Library. The sale will be left of the elevator.

Series of women's leadership courses being offered in March

Public info. office

A mini-series of leadership workshops exclusively for women is being offered here in the next two months.

"Master the 1-2-3-4's of Leadership" covers the best methods for dealing with employees and team members who have diverse skills, personalities and attitudes. The two-week class meets

from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays beginning March 20. The cost is \$40.

"Women and Negotiation: Four Strategies for Success" focuses on improving negotiation skills. The seminar will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 3. The cost is \$20.

Two additional all-day workshops are planned, but the dates

for have not yet been scheduled. "Men, Women and Communication" covers the tools necessary for dealing with the different communication styles of men and women and how to improve relationships at work and home. "Minimizing Stress" focuses on specific ways busy women can balance their many priorities.

Two workshops have already

been held in the series — "Tune Up Your Leadership Style" and "Make a Positive Communication Impact."

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Country singer elected PR officer for SG

By ANIKA STERLING

Dawn Morton, a commercial music major, is the first elected public relations officer for Student Government. She learned of the new position, she said, from reading about it in the *Highland Herald*. She noticed that the election was starting that week. She proceeded to run for the post and won. Morton is in a country music band and wants to be a country singer. She has started her own business, singing at weddings.

EDITORIAL

Homecoming: a job well done

Did you know MCC had a Homecoming Queen? Judging by the attendance at the Homecoming basketball game against Hill College, you probably saw the Queen AND King being crowned.

At the Highlands, a packed crowd witnessed the annual crowning of the Homecoming Queen and the first ever Homecoming King.

The 11th annual Bonfire also had a good turn out considering it was pretty cold and the main source of heat (namely the bonfire) burned out at a rapid rate.

Spirit Day was a big hit with some of the Business Office employees dressing as basketball players and many of the departments around campus decorating its offices.

Student Activities did an outstanding job putting together all the Homecoming festivities. The athletic teams, the Dance Company, all the offices and members of the faculty and student body are commended for all their support and participation throughout the entire week of Homecoming.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why support the PBS?

Dear Editor,
I support KCTF, Channel 34 (4 on cable), PBS for Waco, with both my time and my money. When I see people continuing to attack public television with the same mixture of ignorance and misinformation, I feel obligated to reply. Although the matter is too complex to address completely in a letter, I want to answer three of the arguments most often leveled at public broadcasting.

1. *The idea that public television is watched by only a handful of the intellectual elite:* A recent poll (USA Today, Jan. 20) shows that 76 percent of the population support funding for public television. That same poll found that 71 percent of those with no college training and 72 percent of those earning less than \$20,000 per year support continued funding. Those who use this argument are almost invariably public television viewers, apparently relishing the concept of being part of an intellectual elite.

2. *The idea that cable broadcasting has taken (or can and should take) the place of public broadcasting:* In the KCTF viewing area, 40 percent of households do not receive cable. Some of these households simply choose not to subscribe. Cable is not available to others. For many, the cost of subscribing is prohibitive. People using this argument are always cable subscribers themselves, and apparently are

unaware that a large chunk of the population is not. Furthermore, cable broadcasting is commercial broadcasting. I was interested in a program I happened to tune to on cable that was praising a particular type of wine until I noticed that the program was sponsored by the winery producing the wine.

3. *The idea of privatization, or commercialization:* This is the concept that the "good" programs (read those liked by the arguer) would be picked up by the commercial networks if public broadcasting ended. This is undoubtedly true of many programs. We could then be treated to Big Bird joining Joe Camel advertising cigarettes and Barney helping Tony the Tiger sell those delicious children's cereals. Many programs, however, are produced by public television because commercial broadcasting does not think them commercially viable. This, incidentally, was the case with Sesame Street. The whole concept of public broadcasting is to do good television, not television that is of necessity shaped by commercial intent.

There is no doubt that the federal government should spend less. The way to make the country better, however, is not to eliminate what is good. Public broadcasting deserves public support.

Cal Lewis

Team shows true spirit

Dear Editor,
Those of us at the Hillcrest Professional Development School would like to express our appreciation for the MCC (men's) basketball team.

Members of the team have come to our school to work with students during a special event named Fabulous Friday. This event is a privilege for students who have shown good behavior. It gives the students an opportunity to interact with college students and encourages them to set goals and strive to emulate these role models.

We have had Fabulous Friday three times, and the MCC basketball team has sent members two of these times.

We would especially like to thank Coach DeWeese and Coach Kilgore for coordinating these events where the team has been involved. We know that a great deal of time and effort went into this, but this was memorable in the lives of many children.

We would also like to thank Jermaine Thomas, Rodrick Monroe, Kenneth Benton and Damion McKinney who became heroes to several boys and girls during the time they spent with us.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tamara L. Kilgore
Hillcrest Professional Development School

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FACE-OFF

Two views of Newt Gingrich

By AARON TUDOR

By MERIE WITT

With all the intense pressure and scrutiny that comes with being a politician, I've often wondered why anyone would want to do it. I mean, it really does take a special breed. So with prominent politicians, I always try to figure out what makes them do it.

Clinton was easy to figure out. He got into politics for two reasons—he has a need to be popular and a need to help people. Clinton's main problem is that he wants to help and be popular with everyone.

But I've really had trouble with Newt Gingrich. Ever since he became Speaker of the House, I've been wondering what motivates him. What's the driving force behind America's most lovable and cuddly public servant? Then I heard a comment of his a few weeks ago and something clicked. I knew. I finally knew what motivated Newt.

Anger.

Newt's mad. Why? Because he missed the '60s. The comment I heard was him whining about all the "pot smokers and draft dodgers" in the White House. When I heard that, I knew exactly why Newt became a politician.

Newt grew up in the '60s, but

he wasn't really a part of the generation. He missed all the free love! The protests, the music, the free love (did I mention the free love?) and Newt wasn't a part of any of it.

He was in his prime during the sexual revolution and what did he do? He married one of his teachers. What a wild man! I don't think Newt was the life of the party back then.

I can just imagine him in his office right now, laughing at how he's finally going to get back at all those hippies. He's going to make them pay for having so much fun. That's why he's always rambling on about the '60s counter-culture.

That's why he especially hates Clinton and his allies. Gingrich was making sure his tie was on straight all through college. Clinton was protesting the war, smoking pot, and most of all, enjoying all the free love. You can tell every time Newt looks at Clinton, he sees that guy in high school who went out with all the babes while he was home studying.

So Newt marches onward, attacking the '60s counter-culture and moving toward the ultimate revenge — replacing Clinton as president.

Too bad it won't make up for missing out on all that free love.

The rhetoric of Newt Gingrich can best be described as "the good, the bad, and the ugly," and since "Newty" has gotten enough pats on the back (mostly from himself), I will be writing this editorial under the pseudonym Earl E. Warning.

For organizational purposes (and because I'm Republican and I want this to end on a good note) I will begin with the ugly (or, so I don't offend any of my politically correct readers, I'll begin with the cosmetically challenged.)

So, first the ugly. About 30 years ago Winston Churchill said "the price of greatness is responsibility." Similarly, sometime last week my Uncle Rembert said to me, "Newt needs to realize public officials can't shoot off their mouths like they are Rush Limbaugh."

To some Gingrich is a hero, to some he is the enemy, but first and foremost he is a national representative to all of us.

Once Newt took power, he ceased being leader of the Republican movement and was thrust into the position of being the mainframe of the people. All the people of America.

Gingrich was wrong to say "Democrats are the enemies of normal Americans," (whether or not it's true is irrelevant) be-

cause he is passing legislation that is supposed to enhance the freedom, liberty, and equality of American citizens holistically.

Unfortunately, the bad will make you wince a bit too. Personally, I wanted to catch Newty's head on fire with one of his mothers' cigarettes and then beat it out with an anvil when he said rather uneloquently that women were more suited for secretarial jobs. Please! He made me want to get drafted.

Sometimes it seems like Newt is working his way down some kind of list of all the groups of people in America he wishes to offend. Let's just say he needs to make sure he keeps his tongue in check because the femi-nazis and other bed-wetting liberals would love to "Newt"er him. Power is a very tricky feeling that the unknown are usually ill-equipped to handle.

Newt has original ideas, he's a superior leader, and a wonderfully innovative manager — that's the good. However, the good will fail to be great if hindered by semantic noise! Get over it Newt — the poor boy has made good! You won the election.

The House Speaker's podium isn't a forum for your pet peeves and personal vendettas. You aren't the paragon of values and morality. Stick with your talents and ideas — lose the attitude! "Newt"rilize!

Tennis team keeps busy

By LORELL EISMA

The tennis team is pushing hard but gaining little in the beginning of their season.

The meet with Sam Houston State University in Huntsville was rained out. The following meet, the JuCo Indoors competition was held Feb. 10-12 at the Met in Houston. In the first match in women's singles Myriam Jimenez defeated Karoline Brunstrom (San Jacinto). Adolfin Hadamously (Broward) defeated Helene Linder 7-6, 6-3. Gisella Kaltonecker (N. Central Texas) defeated Teina Vai 6-1, 6-2. Then in the second match Ann Olsson (N. Central Texas) defeated Myriam Jimenez 6-1, 6-1.

During the consolation final Helene Linder defeated Julietta Jil (Laredo) 6-2, 6-2.

In the first in women's doubles Hadamously and McKenna (Broward) defeated Myriam Jimenez and Ann Pangan. Linder-Vai defeated Brunstrom-Anderson (San Jacinto). In the second Olsson and Kaltonecker (N. Central Texas) defeated Linder and Vai 6-4, 6-4.

Of the 16 women's singles and

eight doubles teams, all singles players were ranked in the top 20 nationally and doubles teams top 10 nationally.

The team players are still holding their ground with their places in the Nationals. In singles Myriam is no. 17, Teina is no. 18, Helene is no. 19. In doubles Jimenez-Pangan is at no. 5 and Linder-Vai is in the no. 10 spot.

This past weekend the tennis team participated in the Collin Invitational in Plano. In women's singles Teina Vai beat Helene Grobecker from East Central University 6-1, 6-2. She was then beat by Ann Olsson from North Central Texas 6-3, 6-3. Myriam Jimenez beat Yeliza Omana from Mary Hardin-Baylor 6-0, 6-0. She was then beat out by Samantha Granger from University of Arkansas 6-1, 6-1.

In flight two Ann Pangan beat Elaine Robinson from Southeastern Oklahoma 6-1, 6-1. She then went on to beat Nicole Petrie from Collin County 6-4, 6-0; but was then put out by Gisella Kaltonecker from N. Central Texas 6-2, 6-4.

In the third flight Lana Erockaon beat Jacqueline Jackson from Texas Woman's University 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. She was then defeated by Lori Beall from the University of Arkansas. Candy Oldhill put Bonnie Terrazas from

N. Central Texas out with 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. But, she was then beat by Tiffany Reese from Collin County 6-2, 6-0.

In flight four Heather Henderson beat Angela Peoples from Southeastern Oklahoma 7-6, 7-5; but was then defeated by Mary Hardin-Baylor's Satako Yanase 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In woman's singles consolation one Linder beat Piskor 6-1, 6-1 and then beat Gomez 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 and then went on to face Granger.

In woman's doubles Jimenez-Pangan beat Berridge-Tinner from Temple Junior College before being defeated by Collin County's Melgaard-Petrie 7-6, 6-2. Then Linder-Vai defeated Kiehn-Taylor from Southeastern Oklahoma before being beaten by Barker-Gomez of Oklahoma City University 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.

Help needed

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Brown attends the Gollinda Baptist Church and loves to hunt, fish and play golf.

"B.J. (Brown) is a friendly, affectionate person," said Balch. Balch is employed with Brown's mother at the ESC.

Brown's parents have taken leave of absence from their jobs to help him recover from his accident.

Multiculture event planned by groups

By SARAH CAPRE

Student Government and the United Students of Tomorrow are organizing a multi-cultural celebration.

The idea behind the event is to generate interest in different cultures.

According to Student Government President Carol Molter this celebration will give the campus the opportunity to display its many different colors. It will allow students, faculty and staff to go beyond the normal perception of black, white or Hispanic to gain a recognition of different nationalities and cultures, such as American Indian, African-American, or Puerto Rican.

"This is very open. Open to all cultures. Anyone who has anything that they feel is important and deals with their culture or a culture of their interest can participate," Molter said.

Music, poetry reciting, and fashion shows are also encouraged. The multi-cultural celebration will be held on Monday on the second floor of the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those who would like to participate should contact the Student Activities Office at 760-3420.

Home sweet home

By ANDREW BATEMAN

The Highlanders moved to 9-0 overall and 6-0 in conference, sweeping a three game conference series from the Vernon Chaparrals this past weekend and the Collin County Express on Feb. 10-11, both here.

The Highlanders swept their toughest series yet from Vernon in a series originally scheduled to be played in Vernon but was moved here because of weather.

After both teams started off

the first game with a three-run first inning, the Highlanders did something they haven't had to do all season — win a one-run ball game. With the score still tied 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, pinch-runner Roosevelt Roddy scored the winning run when he stole home on a wild pitch. Second baseman David Johnson advanced to third after designated hitter Derek Watson's double. Starting pitcher David Harper (1-0)

got the win after hitting three batters and allowing three runs in the first inning. Johnson led the hitting attack going 3-3.

The second game was just as close with the Highlanders winning 2-1. Scott Brand (3-0) got the win after holding Vernon to three hits while striking out eight. Chris Connally's second inning homer was the difference in the ball game.

Sunday's finale was never close as the Highlanders took an early 9-1 lead in the third inning. With a 10-1 lead in the sixth coach Paul Miller rested starter Brian Tickell in order to give pitchers Dudley Haas and Zach McWhirter some playing time. The Highlanders ended the game in the bottom of the eighth inning scoring five more runs to win 15-4 by the ten run rule.

The Collin series started out rough for the Highlanders but ended with their first shutout of the season.

Feb. 10's series opener started with Collin taking an early 4-0 lead in the second. The Highlanders came back to make the score 4-3 in the bottom half of the inning. After taking the lead 6-5 in the fourth, the teams exchanged a couple of runs before the Express took the lead 8-7 in the top of the seventh. The Highlanders, scoring four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, went on to win the game 11-8, surviving five lead changes and six unearned runs. Haas (1-0) got the win, pitching a perfect eighth. Starter Harper left the game after the seventh with the Highlanders behind 8-7.

Stephen Conlon got his second save of the season by striking out two batters and getting a ground out to first — all with the bases loaded.

The doubleheader was played in cold and nasty weather. Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the third in the first game, the Highlanders scored two runs on a RBI single by Johnson and an error

to take back the lead. The Highlanders scored two more runs to put the game away. Brand got the win pitching a four-hitter with 11 strikeouts over seven innings.

Tickell pitched a no-hitter in the second game to run his record to 2-0. The Highlanders took a 1-0 lead in the second before exploding for seven runs on six hits in the third. They then put the game out of reach with four more runs in the fourth. The Highlanders won 12-0 on the 10-run rule in the fifth. Tickell had a stretch where he retired 13 straight batters and was two errors away from a perfect game. He allowed only two men to reach base on five strikeouts and no walks.

Last Tuesday's game at Northlake College was cancelled due to rain. The game was rescheduled for March 14 as part of a doubleheader.

The Highlanders have been on fire offensively scoring 53 more runs than their opponents. Scoring almost 10 runs a game, they have won four games by the ten run rule.

The other side of their game hasn't been as consistent. The pitching has been strong while the fielding has yet to catch up to the same level. The Highlanders committed a season high five errors in the game against Collin on Feb. 10. Early season jitters seem to be the main reason for these mistakes.

The Highlanders will play today at 2 p.m. at home against Richland College in a regular nine inning game. Haas is scheduled to start. They will play again on Wednesday on the road at Navarro in Corsicana. McWhirter will start that game. The Highlanders will continue conference play with a three-game series at home this weekend. Friday is scheduled for a regular nine inning game while Saturday is seven inning doubleheader.



CLIMB TO THE TOP — Kenneth Benton climbs into the stands for a loose ball against Hill College as the Highlanders won the Homecoming game 89-69.

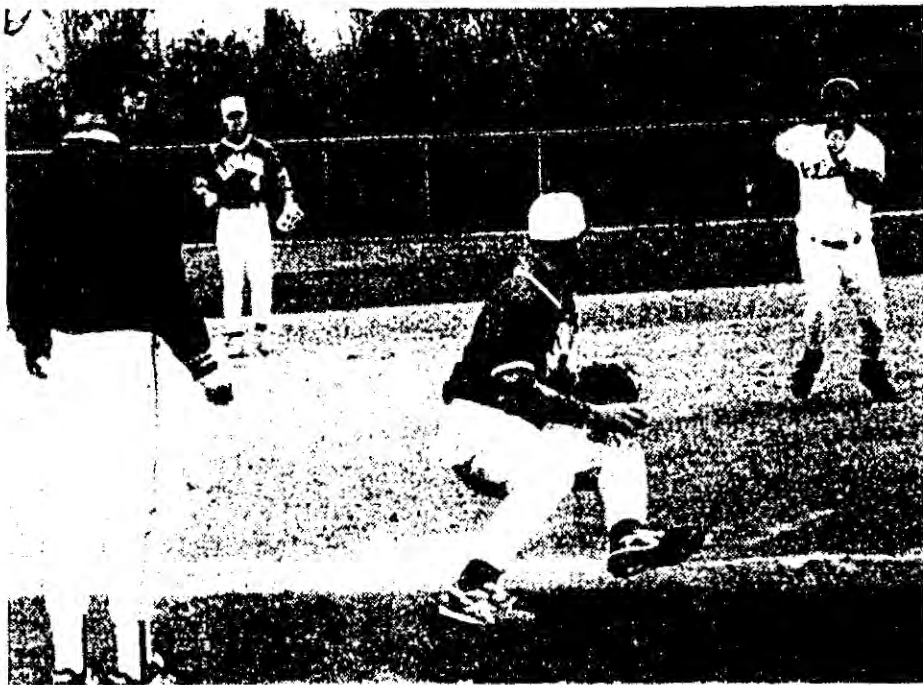


Photo by Brooks Whittington

I THINK I CAN — Derek Watson tries for third. The game is against Navarro College.



Photo by Brooks Whittington

GET DOWN — Watson slides in trying to beat the tag.

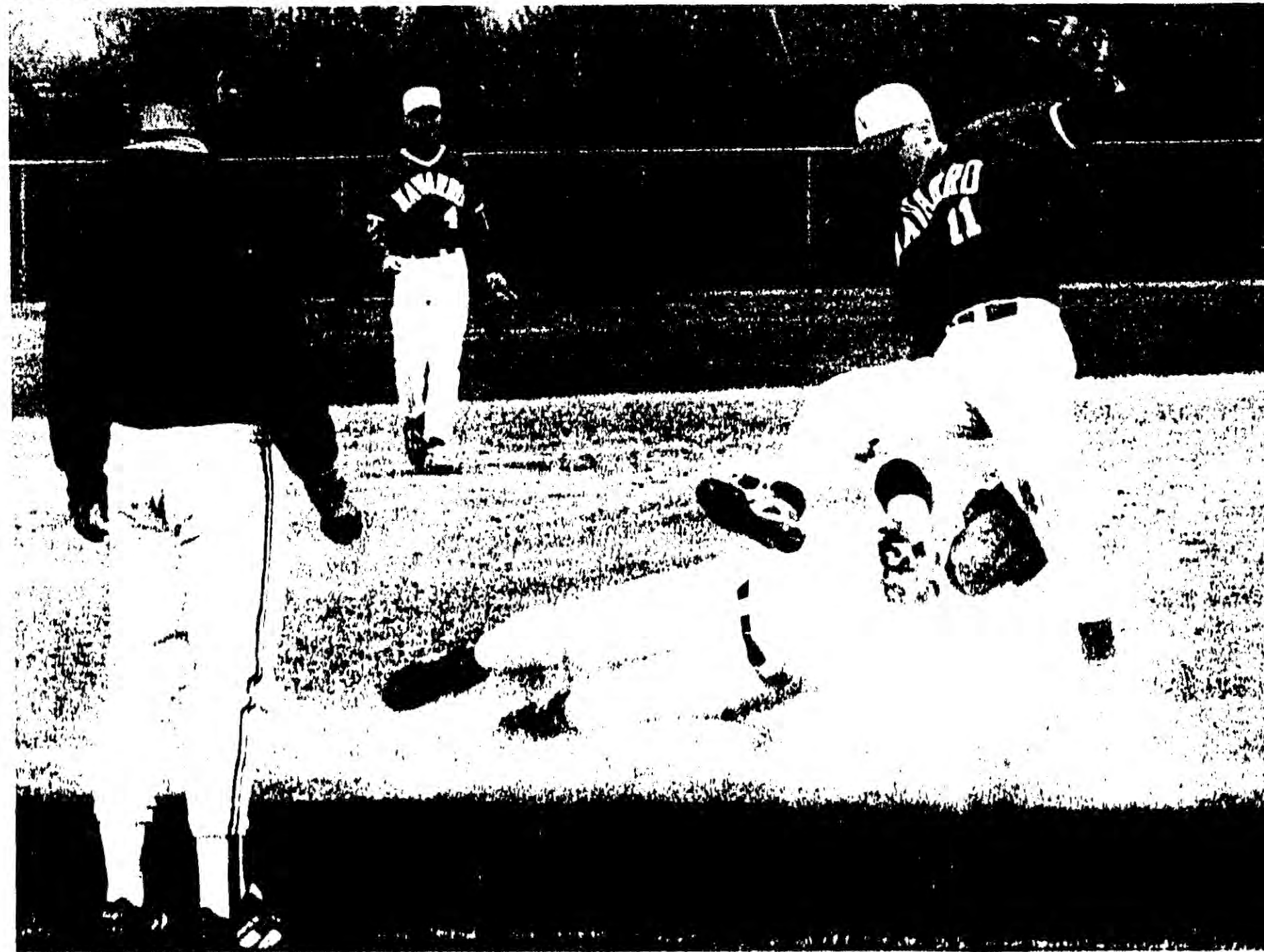


Photo by Brooks Whittington

TAKE A SEAT — Watson takes out the Navarro third basemen as he slides through the base. It was close, but the Navarro player held on and the Highlander was out.

'After the Buzzer' a hit

By RYAN LAW

What began as a simple idea to focus attention on the men's basketball team has taken off. The show "After the Buzzer with Ken DeWeese" airs on Channel 18, and has apparently gained a significant amount of popularity with the community.

"After the Buzzer With Ken DeWeese" is a show that informs the public about the Highlanders' basketball team and its success on the court this year.

Jim Chase, director at Horsehoe Alley Productions, and

men's basketball coach Ken DeWeese agree the men's basketball program is receiving some much deserved attention.

Jordan Cox, executive director of the Texas Hall of Fame, is the host of the 30 minute show with DeWeese as co-host. The show begins with highlights of the previous weeks' basketball games and then shows interviews with players and fans. DeWeese and Cox then talk about upcoming games.

Not only does the show highlight the men's basketball program, but it also features

other aspects of campus action. The show reports on registration, campus news and other sports. Coaches, the dance team and students have been interviewed as well.

The show, which is taped every Monday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 and is broadcast at 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily, relies solely on sponsor support. Norwest Bank, The Insurers of Texas, and Centex Carpet are the sponsors that keep "After the Buzzer With Ken DeWeese" on the air. "Without the support of these sponsors the program

would not be possible," said Chase.

The show may continue after the basketball season is over.

"Judging by the amount of calls, I feel that the program has gained an audience," Chase said.

This popularity with the campus and the community has caused Chase to consider moving the show to a broadcast channel next season. "The decision to move to a broadcast channel will depend on the amount of sponsor support we can obtain for the show next season."

Highlanders clinch title

The men's basketball team has clinched the conference title. They will move on to the Texas State Junior College Tournament at the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus March 3-7.

February game results:

Feb. 1	MCC -101	Temple	97
Feb. 4	MCC -110	Weatherford	81
Feb. 8	MCC - 95	Cisco	80
Feb. 11	MCC - 89	Hill	69
Feb. 18	MCC - 82	Grayson	75
Feb. 22	Ranger	here 8 p.m.	
Feb. 25	Southw'tern	Christian there	

For playoff tickets contact the Waco Chamber of commerce at 752-6551

For Pete's sake

BY PETE SCHOENFELD

Is this finally the year we crown another championship team? Or are we going to watch our teams dominate their conference foes only to come up short come crunch time?

We are enjoying one of the most prosperous years in athletic history. In the past, the focus has fallen predominantly on the men's basketball and baseball programs. This year, they are not the only teams fighting for the spotlight. The tennis and golf teams and Dance Company are all contenders for championships. The Dance Company, in its first year of live competition, placed No. 13 in the nation. The tennis team is currently ranked No. 5 and the golf team is ranked No. 11.

But still in the spotlight are the men's basketball team, riding a 13 game winning streak in conference and a 23-3 overall record. They clinched the conference title last week. And the playoffs start next weekend. Does this year's team have what it takes to win the tournaments?

What does it take to win it all? Is there a chemistry or a formula to winning the big games? Are some teams simply destined to fall short of the pinnacle?

If it was as simple as a formula, I'm sure that someone would let the national football leagues AFC in on it. There is only one national champion. If our team falls short, does that mean they're not winners?

No way. The fact is that we are able to enjoy a level of athletic success that rivals other athletic programs in the country. All I have to say to those athletes we see in our classes day in and day out is — "good job and good luck."

You never know. Maybe this is the team with the answers.

Musical opens tonight

'Carousel'

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" opens tonight in the Wilbur A. Ball Performing Arts Center.

Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 21-25. In addition, a matinee will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

The musical is set in a Maine coastal village toward the end of the last century. A carefree carnival barker named Billy, played by Jake Davis, charms and marries Julie, a young mill worker, played by Tara Dawn Schwarz.

Billy loses his job just as he learns that Julie is pregnant, and in a desperate attempt to provide for his family, he becomes an accomplice in an ill-fated crime.

"This show has lots and lots and lots of dance," said Jim Rambo, show director and MCC theatre instructor. "We have huge, HUGE dance numbers and a 16-piece orchestra. People will really enjoy this production, which is also a stylized emotional study."

The musical, now enjoying a revival on Broadway, features a

number of popular songs, including "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "If I Loved You."

Tickets to "Carousel" are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students and \$3 for MCC students. All tickets will be \$6 on Scholarship Night, Saturday, Feb. 25, when proceeds go to scholarships for theatre students.

To reserve tickets, call the MCC Box Office at 750-3500, 1-5 p.m. weekdays.



Photo By Brooks Whittington

"JUDGMENT DAY" — Dennis Pickett of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor judges the entries to MCC's annual Student Art Exhibition.

Four on All-State band

Four of the college's music students were selected to perform with the Texas Junior College All-State ensembles through a taped audition process in the fall. The ensembles performed at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention held in San Antonio Feb. 8-11.

Students from 23 community

colleges from throughout the state of Texas were selected for the 104-member ensemble. The Junior College All-State Jazz Ensemble included 21 students.

MCC students selected for the All-State Symphonic Band were Shelly Werne, flute; Maria Vickers, bassoon; and Eric Allison, euphonium; all of Waco.

Steven Scheifley of Waco, vibraphone, was selected for the All-State Jazz Ensemble. Scheifley was also selected for the percussion section of the Symphonic Band, but performed with the Jazz Ensemble.

James Popejoy, director of bands, assisted with the auditions and running of the band.

Largest recorder here

Public Info. Office release

The largest digital audio recorder in the state belongs to McLennan Community College.

The recorder will provide MCC commercial music students with "leading edge technology training on computer-based recording systems," said David Hibbard, program director. As part of the recording studio, it will complement the college's 24-track analog recording equipment and two MIDI music production suites.

The new Spectral Hard Disk

Audio Recorder has 256 recording tracks with optical and magnetic disk storage of more than 25 hours of recording time. A new computer-based MIDI workstation will interface with the recorder. Both systems were purchased with funds from MCC's Title III grant.

"Many employment opportunities in the recording industry now require experience on this type of equipment," said Brian Konzelman, audio instructor. "MCC's audio technology program includes over 400 hours of

'hands on' session work in our recording studio using the newest and best industry standard equipment."

The MCC Commercial Music Program was one of the first degree-granting commercial music programs in the United States. It offers four different Associate of Applied Science degrees in commercial music: performance, songwriting, music industry management and audio technology.

For more information, call 750-3578.

Art winners named

By OLGA DURON

Eighteen selected entries from the 1995 Annual Student Art Exhibition are on display in the Performing Arts Center through March 23.

Brooks Whittington received a merit award and \$75 for his photograph "Forgotten."

Tina M. Turner also received a merit award and \$75 for her pencil-Bristol "Hope Between Sisters."

Also receiving a merit award and \$50 was Jo Ann Pate-Means for her oil painting "Daniel's Place."

Honorable mentions went to Stacy Vassar's "Weathered Impressions," Rebecca Gotowko's "Amazing Grace" and Micheal Smith's "Deserted Farm." Accepted works also on display include entries from Clinton Hopper, Hui-Ting "Maggie" Wang, Matt Ellison, Aida Sue

Davis, David Rosas as well as other pieces from Whittington, Vassar, Turner, Pate-Means and Gotowko.

This year's art exhibition attracted 35 entries from 16 students. Although a bit surprised that the number of entries was down this year compared to previous years, John Chatmas, director of the annual art exhibit, said he was pleased overall with the entries. He said he felt the works reflected the juror's criteria for competency but also something "a little unusual and special."

Entries not selected for display may be picked up today in the Fine Arts Building in rooms 106, 111 and 114 between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Selected entries may be picked up on March 27 in the same rooms between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Deadly facts of AIDS presented at the CSC

By LISETTE MEDINA

Something in this world actually treats everyone fairly. No discrimination or bias is involved. Though it may seem hard to believe, it is true.

This rarity is AIDS, or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, as it was named in 1982. And the virus that causes AIDS is HIV. The virus attacks the white blood cells, thus leaving them unable to fight infections such as pneumonia which for those who contract it can be life threatening.

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus, which means it can affect all humans, not just homosexuals or drug users as some would like to believe. And the disease is not selective of the areas that it hits because cases of people with AIDS have been reported everywhere — even in McLennan County.

Because it does affect the

county, the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District HIV/AIDS Services works with more than 300 people covering a six-county area. In addition to McLennan, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, Falls and Bosque counties are served. The health district also holds seminars that allow prospective volunteers to learn about the disease, how to prevent getting it and to listen to a panel of people who live with it.

I attended one of these seminars recently. I found the seminar to be both informative and humorous.

AIDS, the disease however, is not humorous.

It is serious and it is real. Just how real? Every 13 seconds someone dies of AIDS. And every 53 seconds someone becomes infected with HIV. In North America alone, AIDS affects roughly 381,000 people, according to a recent study conducted by the World Health Organiza-

tion Centers for Disease Control. As of last August, 29,000 people in Texas had the disease with 121 of those people living here in McLennan County.

With AIDS being in the community, it makes sense that the health district would offer services for those living with it like providing support groups, assistance with transportation to medical facilities, home health care and volunteer buddies who are assigned to a certain individual with AIDS. The buddies talk to and visit these people regularly and have the opportunity to form friendships with these persons.

HIV/AIDS services works to help others understand how the disease is transmitted because a number of myths about AIDS continue to float around. Contrary to popular belief, mosquitoes do not spread the virus any more than swimming in the same pool with an in-

fect person can. Only nine proven methods of transmission exist for getting HIV, as HIV outreach worker for the health district Wiley Walters explained.

Health care workers can transmit it to a patient and vice versa through the violation of the "Universal Precaution" for safety. Blood transfusions play a small part, as do medications for hemophiliacs. Rounding out the first six methods of transmission are the use of dirty tattoo needles and dirty piercing needles. Though this group of methods is large, it only constitutes .8 percent of all reported cases of HIV infection.

Another 1 percent are babies born with the virus.

Perhaps not surprisingly, 98.2 percent of reported cases are caused by injectable drug use involving the sharing of needles or using dirty needles and from careless sexual conduct.

Some people can have HIV for

at least seven years and not even know it because they do not experience common symptoms like rapid weight loss or fatigue. A big reason others do not know they are infected is that they have never gotten tested for the virus.

Education is the key. Information about AIDS exists, but it needs to be sought out and understood by all because although treatments are available to help

postpone the onset of "full blown" AIDS which eventually leads to death, no cure has been found.

Anyone can get tested, either anonymously or confidentially, at the Waco-McLennan County Health District located at 225 W. Waco Drive. The next volunteer seminar will take place in June. For more information on HIV and AIDS as well as volunteer opportunities available, call 750-5499.

Tattoo or not tattoo: that is the question

By LISETTE MEDINA

Model Nikki Taylor has one on her ankle; actor Johnny Depp has one on his arm and both Cher and Drew Barrymore have several.

From musicians to athletes, business executives to college students, tattoos are everywhere.

Tattooing, as defined by the World Book Encyclopedia, is the practice of making permanent designs on the body through the piercing of small, deep holes into the skin and depositing coloring matters in those holes. The exact date and origin of tattooing is unknown, but it seems to have spread like wildfire, judging by the number of people who have gone under the needle.

People have different reasons for getting tattoos. Somewhat recently, they became a staple in the diets of many. Just as common as a necktie or pair of

earrings to accent a person's body, so too has the tattoo entered into the mainstream as an accessory.

Gone are the days of the view that people who get tattoos are gang members or Harley riders. Even the most pristine of sorority girls has been known to be branded to show pride for her house.

The relationship between the tattoo "artist" and the tattooee is a symbiotic one. The artist has the opportunity to create works of art for those who desire the tattoos, while the persons getting the tattoos can feel like they have a hand in displaying the art by allowing their skin to serve as a canvas. The tattoo becomes an exhibit and the person a museum, much like the Louvre would have an exhibit containing the works of Picasso or Rembrandt.

Getting a tattoo is not a matter to be taken lightly by any means

because, after all, they are permanent. Or were permanent. With new technology, a way to remove tattoos was discovered so removal is a reality. However, the pain, both physically and financially, can be worse than getting the tattoo. If one still wants a tattoo, the process of choosing what to get, where to get it and why to get one needs to be a long, carefully thought out one.

Do not end up like the aforementioned actor Johnny Depp whose tattoo of "Winona Forever" lasted longer than their relationship (he was dating actress Winona Ryder). Or like another actor Tom Arnold, who after he and Roseanne split up, was stuck with a tattoo of her on his chest.

Instead, a tattoo should reflect a part of the person whose body it will adorn. Either a sym-

bol that defines a belief, such as a peace symbol, or even a favorite cartoon character would seem more appropriate than a current love interest. In any case, it should have meaning for the person. Ex-MCC student Patrick Whorton has the comedy/tragedy theatre masks on his back. Whorton is an aspiring actor and playwright, so his tattoo fits him.

The future of tattoos, as its past was, is unknown. Who can predict if the practice will continue, or if it will disappear leaving not a trace of ink behind. But for now, it continues.

The tattoo becomes an exhibit and the person a museum . . .

Cue card

By BROOKS WHITTINGTON

Just recently, I saved up enough money to order cable for the first time in about two years. As I was channel surfing through all 53 channels, (plus 2 movie channels), I came upon a show that looked a little bit like "Star Trek," only not quite as realistic or cool. Intrigued, I watched for as long as I could stand it, which turned out to be a total of about 3 and a half minutes.

During this time, I found out this "Star Trek" series was a pilot episode to kick off the introduction of a new network TV station, UPN.

Excuse me?

Yeah, right, that's all we need. One more "Star Trek" series to watch, when all of the series after "The Next Generation" stunk so bad that it's a wonder they're still on the air, (and the merits of "The Next Generation" are debatable).

One more station to bring us gavel-to-gavel coverage of the O.J. Simpson case, (LIVE!!!), which has already become so annoying and pathetic some of my friends, (me included), have told me that they really don't care if he lives or dies, just so long as it ends!

But wait, true believers, there's more! Not only is UPN premiering, but Warner Brothers is also starting up a national network called, appropriately enough, WB. (It should stand for something more feasible, like "We Bite"). And can you guess what shows they are offering in their first season? How about a blatant take-off of "Married...With Children" called "Unhappily Ever After." (I guess they are trying to repeat FOX's debut with "Married...With Children," which, by the way, is TV's longest running sitcom).

Top volunteer in Texas

By SUSIE JONES

An MCC nominee is the winner of the state's "Outstanding Volunteer Award" for 1995.

The Texas Association For Literacy and Adult Education (TALAE) awarded Russell Todaro this honor recently at the annual conference in Austin at the Wymbaham Hotel.

Todaro, nominated by the Central Texas Literacy Coalition and MCC, said, "To my surprise, they called my name as the winner of the outstanding volunteer award for '95."

In 1990, Todaro was awarded an outstanding volunteer plaque for the Central Texas Literacy Coalition which includes a number of schools such as Baylor, MCC, and Waco Independent School District. This year he was nominated as outstanding volunteer for the state of Texas.

Todaro worked as the director of advertising for the Cameron Division of Certainted Corporation. After his retirement, he said he played golf for a while, got bored with that, and one day while reading the paper noticed an ad about the Retired Senior Volunteer Program needing volunteers. He called RSVP, which is located in the college's Community Services Center, and they said they would love to have his help. Eight years later, he is still volunteering. Thus far he has worked about 6,000 hours in the project.

Todaro started out teaching reading and later switched to teaching English as a second language. He says the "reward is to at least think you're helping other people live more productive and fruitful lives."

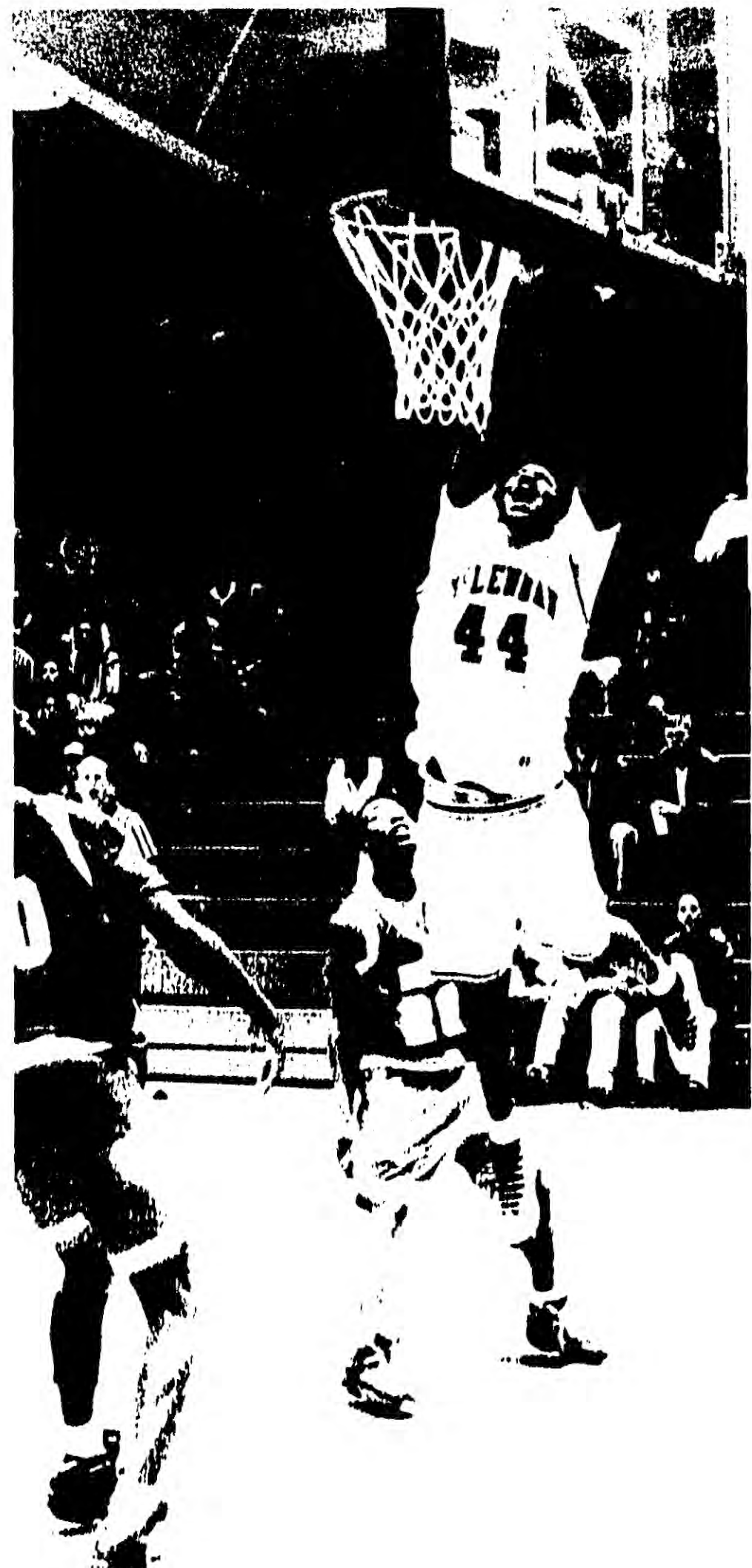
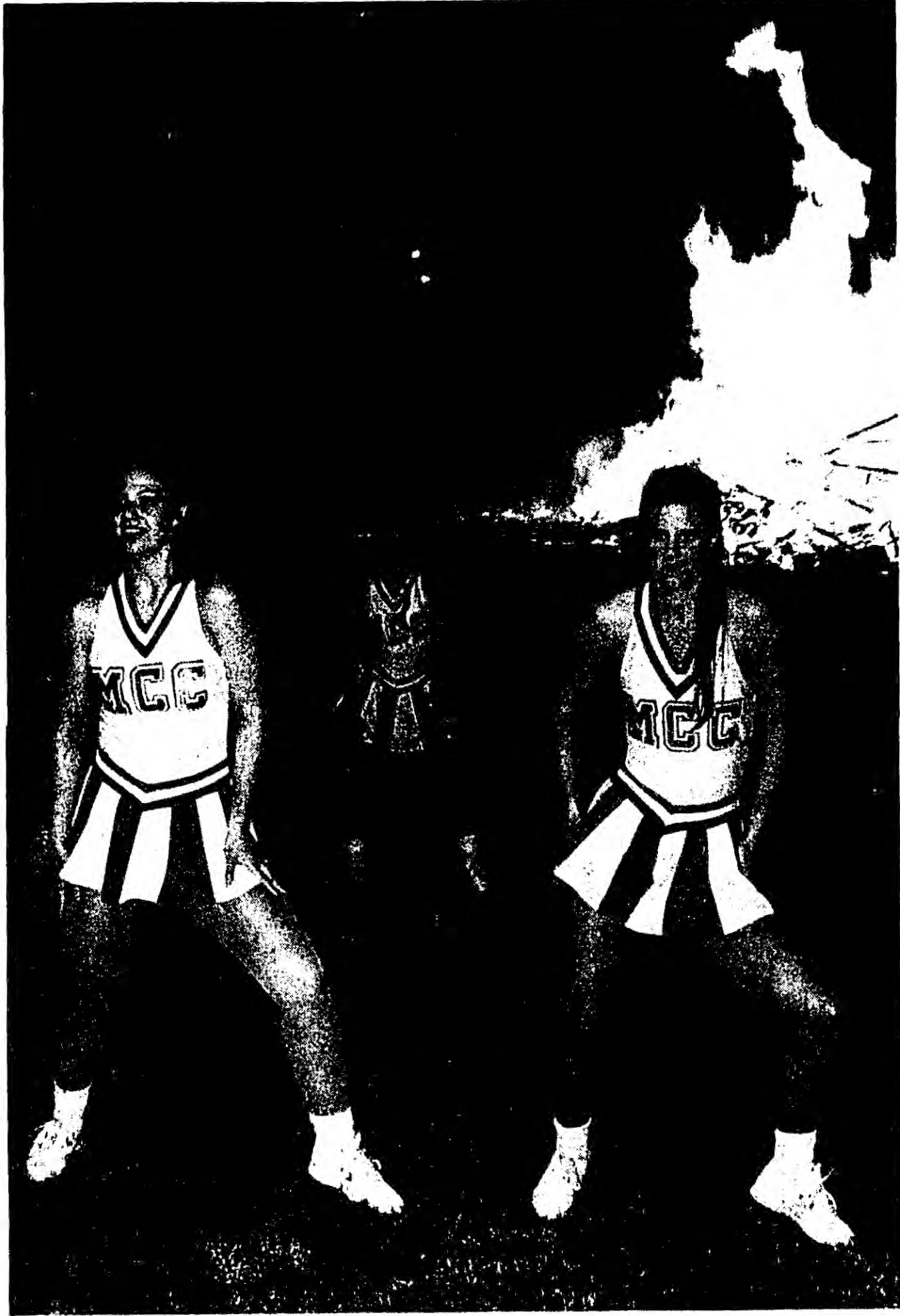
With the month of February being Literacy Month in Texas, TALAE is promoting literacy and tackling problems of illiteracy. Todaro and his students, an advanced class learning English as a second language, are simply trying to improve their reading skills.

"My objective and your objective as of right now is to learn English, not just to speak, read, and write it, but to do it well," Todaro tells his students.

He also said he concentrates on teaching them our culture and our history, and encourages them to read about their own countries.

The center where Todaro teaches also helps students earn a GED, and can prepare students for the TABP test. For more information, contact MCC's downtown office at 753-1044.

Homecoming



(Upper Right) CROWNING THE QUEEN — LaVonna Alexander, representing the United Students of Tomorrow, is crowned Queen by last year's recipient, Tseghe F. Belay, while the King, Reggie Robertson, representing the Student Government, looks on. The crowning took place in between the women's and the men's basketball games on Feb. 11.

(Upper Left) DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY — From left to right, Aimee Cage, Kelly Miller and Lt. Amy Fruge' dance in front of the bonfire while celebrating Homecoming week. The bonfire was held beside the baseball field on Feb. 9.

(Lower Right) SO CLOSE, AND YET... Rick Griffin slams a ball in the Homecoming game against Hill College. The Highlanders went on to win the game, 89-69.

(Lower Left) JUST HANGIN' ON — Jermaine Thomas hangs on for dear life as he dunks the ball in the face of a Hill College player. The Highlander's win in the Homecoming game shot the team to a 22-3 overall record, and a 13-0 record in conference.

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