



Fraternity Sells MCC Directory

Five pledges were recently initiated into McLennan Community College's first service fraternity, Sigma Delta Phi, chartered this semester with the goal of promotion of MCC and its athletic programs.

Pledges are freshmen Gary Angelo, Reece Johnson, Ken Abood, and Clint Lewis, and sophomore Danny Uptmore.

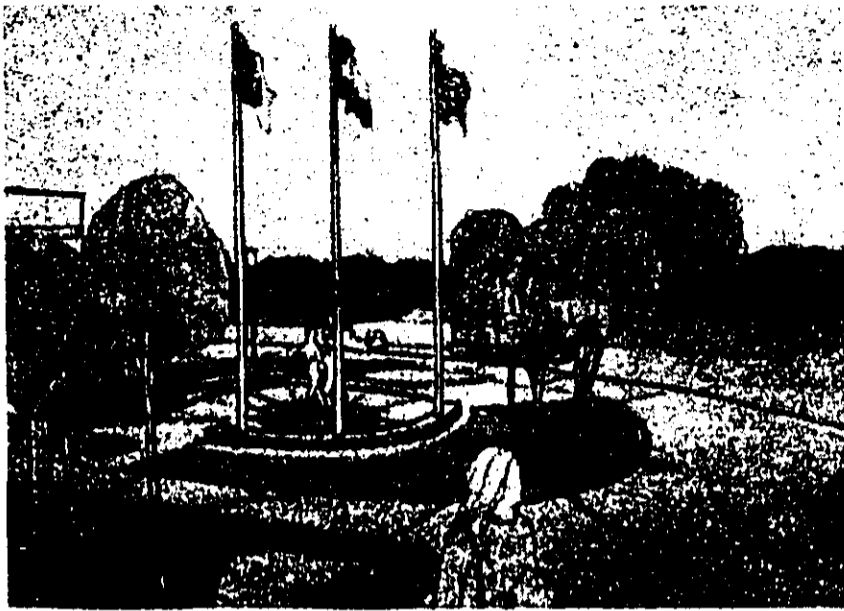
A Waco High graduate, Angelo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Angelo, 2927 Bosque Blvd. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thadd Johnson, 1909 Columbia, and is a University High graduate.

Abood, a Richfield High graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Abood, 1818 North Valley Mills Drive.

Uptmore and Lewis are both graduates of China Spring High. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Uptmore and Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Lewis, both reside in the China Spring area.

Pledges and charter members recently sponsored publication of the 1968-69 student directory and have placed the directory on sale at 50-cents per copy as a fund-raising project. Money from the directory sale will go toward several MCC promotional projects outlined for the spring semester.

Pledges were selected after a rush party given at the Cameron Park Club House. After buffet dinner was served to 60 guests, dancing to the sounds of "Five Miles of Bad Road" was held.



SKETCH OF FUTURE flagpole plaza at the new campus shows details of the architect's plan for the appearance of the campus next year. Hal Stringer, the landscape architect, proposes to build the plaza in front of the Administration Building and across from the parking lot.

Move to New Campus Climaxes Years of Plans

BY TOLLINE ENGER

Moving to the new campus climaxes almost five years of planning. Branching from a steering committee in 1964, came favorable petitions for the bond election in 1965 which gave the proposed college money to begin actual organization and construction.

In actual planning, "all began with the board's sound judgments in selecting the North Nineteenth St. site of the beautiful terrain, tree coverage and location," explained Hal E. Stringer, landscape architect for the new campus.

Stringer has practiced landscape architecture in Waco for the past 12 years. He was

selected to be the site planner for the new campus by the Board of Trustees.

In defining the job of landscape architect Stringer said, "I design the master campus layout plan. This includes working with the building architect in deciding the location for the buildings and parking area while considering the most important factor of students circulation."

Landscape a site is a very important facet in development of a new campus for it includes, "planning land for human use and enjoyment," explained Stringer.

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SACS Membership Allows National Credit Transfer

Nationwide transferability of McLennan Community College credits came December 4 when full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) was awarded to MCC during the SACS annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Chester R. Hastings, MCC academic vice-president, reported from Atlanta that the vote admitting MCC to full membership came after a favorable report from the SACS team which inspected the curriculum, facilities, and organi-

zation of the college last spring. MCC has held "candidate status" in SACS for almost two years while various inspection teams visited the college.

"We were approved for full membership as fast as the SACS rules will permit," Dr. Hastings reported. He added that the details of fulfilling the multi-inspection procedure can be completed in the absolute minimum of two years.

"It is an everlasting credit to our staff and faculty that (See CREDIT Page 4)

Student Center Ready in Feb.; Other Refreshment Areas Open

The Student Center at the new campus will be ready for use by February 1, 1969, according to builders' estimates. Only the upstairs section will be opened at this time. This section will include the cafeteria, a snack bar, faculty dining room, a small student lounge area, and the offices of the cafeteria manager and Student Center manager.

The cafeteria, which is one large room covering most of the upstairs area, may be used as a ballroom and also as a lounge area, except during lunchtime. On three sides of the second floor there will be a covered veranda.

The downstairs section will not be completed until after the school receives a \$500,000 federal grant, for which the school has applied. According to MCC President Wilbur Ball, this \$500,000 will be used in many ways, but the first project it will complete is the downstairs section of the Student Center. Included in the downstairs section will be the Student Government offices, the Student Activities and Financial

Aids offices, the bookstore, and the Student Publications office.

The sloping terrain on the north side of the Student Center will provide an excellent stage for pep rallies; the ramps leading up to the second floor will provide a picturesque view of the campus.

After discussion between faculty advisers and students, it was decided that until the new Student Center is completed, students will have to gather for refreshments around "student oasis" areas found in several locations in each building on the new campus. Also, lounges in some buildings can be used by students. Here, soft drink dispensers will be located for students' convenience.

When a move to the new campus was planned for October, it was suggested that a temporary Student Center be located somewhere on campus, possibly on the ground floor of the library. Due to the actual move in December and the planned completion of the Student Center in early February, this idea was abandoned.



MAKING PLANS for the sale of Sigma Delta Phi's first project, the MCC Student Directory, are, left to right, Gary Angelo, Lynn Janek, Don Ickow, and Danny Uptmore. Sales began December 8 after initiation of pledges. Uptmore and Angelo are pledges; Ickow is president of the fraternity and Janek, treasurer.

Porter Randall Scheduled For Africa Tensions Talk

Porter Randall, tour guide and radio personality of the Texas State Network, will bring the next program sponsored by the Student Program Committee, Billy Dowdy, committee chairman announced today.

The Randall speech, "South-east Africa Tomorrow's Political Volcano," will be delivered January 10 at 10 a.m. in the new gymnasium.

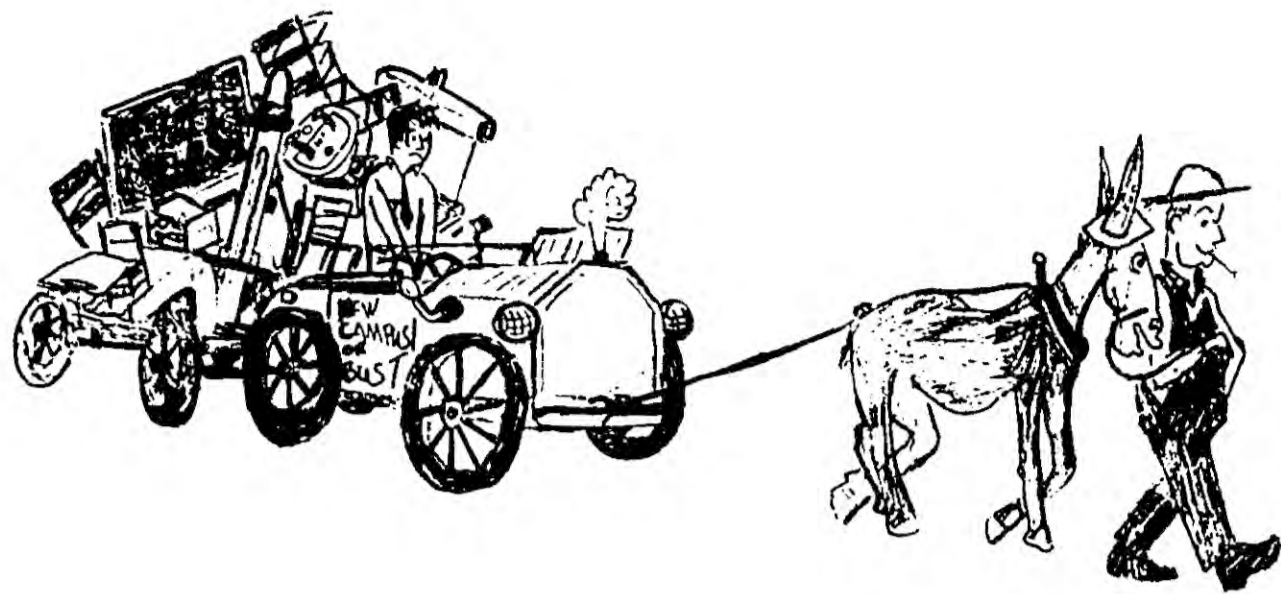
Often called 'Texas' answer to Lowell Thomas, Randall organizes several overseas tours each year and has written a book on the political tensions

between Israel and the Arab world. He also narrated a film for 20th-Century-Fox about his travels through the Soviet Union. The film has been given world-wide circulation.

Additionally, Randall has produced several of his travel films into presentations for clubs, schools, and churches. He averages about 300 personal appearances each year.

Randall is the third professional guest lecturer to provide for students and interested citizens of the community a wider scope of cultural enrichment.

CHRISTOPHERSON'S COMMENT



Onward to the Highlands!

OUT ON A LYNN-----



Tough Traffic Tangle Is Possible Without Stop Light Near New Campus

As the time to make the move to the new campus becomes shorter and shorter, a serious problem should be brought to the attention of every student who commutes to college by car. The problem is that of entering and leaving North Nineteenth St. at the campus! Each person should make it a point to drive carefully and safely on arriving and departing from the new campus.

This will help to solve the traffic dangers that will be created by existing entrances and exits of the new campus parking lot; only two entrances are provided. A school-owned access road and the entrance from Powell Drive, a residential street, are the only en-

trances to the new campus.

Both of these streets empty out onto North Nineteenth and are controlled only by stop signs. Compounding the danger and congestion (approximately 1,000 cars will use these two entrances twice daily) is the fact that the North Nineteenth entrance is bounded in one direction by a blind curve and in the other direction by the top of a hill. To make matters even worse, there are two often-exceeded speed limits of 45 mph for traffic coming up this hill and 35 mph for traffic coming around the blind curve.

A possible solution would be to put a traffic light in at least one of these dangerous intersections; however, the city says

it does not have provisions in their budget for such a signal light. The city goes on to say that if college authorities want a light, college funds must be provided. (The going price for traffic lights is about \$8,000, installed.)

These entrances, however, are only the temporary "main entrances" to the new campus. Ultimately the "main entrance", is to be built on the new highway to Steinbeck Bend, which will not be completed until next September.

The only solution, therefore, will be for each driver to drive carefully as he commutes to and from the new MCC campus.

---LYNN KENNEDY

Food, Fun Places Found Near Campus

Establishments serving food and providing recreation on North Eighteenth and North Nineteenth Streets, within a mile or so of the new campus, will furnish students with places to eat and congregate until the new Student Center opens.

Information concerning these businesses and their location

may be an aid to students unfamiliar with the North Waco area.

Park Lake Shopping Center is located at Park Lake and North Nineteenth Street. Located at this intersection is Ira's Drive-In and Williams Drug Store No. 7. Ira's has a complete snack bar menu, curb service, plus an inside restaurant.

Recreation in the Park Lake Shopping Center includes the Park Lake Billiard Center and Jerry's Archery and Billiards. Further down North Nineteenth, closer to town, is a new Dan's Dairy Queen and Jack and Jill Donut Shop. Dan's has sandwiches and ice cream and Jack and Jill serves coffee and

donuts.

Following North Nineteenth toward town, at Summer Avenue and North Eighteenth is Kim's Drive-In. In the same general vicinity on Nineteenth Street is the Big Joy Drive-In. Both of these places feature hamburgers.

Out North Nineteenth, leaving town and passing through Bosqueville, is the Bar-B-Que Barn, with barbeque, of course, topping the menu.

All of these establishments are within two miles of the new campus and are inexpensive enough for students to be able to afford to eat, congregate and recreate there.

Rodeo Club Elects Smith

The MCC Rodeo Club recently elected Jerry Smith president and Tommy Koonsman, vice-president. Secretary is Dottie Chapman; Susie Farley is treasurer. Tommy Koonsman is also head of publicity.

Costume of the club is to be plaid shirts with white letters. The name of the club was officially decided on as the MCC Rodeo Club and there will not

be any charge of dues. Meetings will be held every other Monday morning at 10 a.m.

Future plans of the club include having a hayride, horse-show, rodeo, and a barbeque. Also, the club in general will be a future feature of the College Rodeo Magazine, said Smith instructor Aubrey Owens, club sponsor.

EDITORIAL

Deficiency Reports Signal Troubles

For those students interested in grim statistics, the Counseling Office has sent out deficiency reports to the parents and guardians of 803 MCC students.

The list varies from six deficiencies to one and represents the final warning to students that only six weeks remain before finals begin. The reports are not meant to cause friction between students and teachers, but instead should encourage the student to study more and more often.

The list contains names of 355 students who received one deficiency, 236 who received two, 143 with three, 60 with 4, 8 with 5, and 1 with 6. The grand total comes to 803, which is more than one-half the total enrollment of 1577 full and part-time students.

What is the reason for the failing majority?

Many freshmen are experiencing first-semester blues and have fallen into a deep rut. They are tired of their classes. More and more students cut classes to escape boredom. The inevitable result of such backsliding is failure--failure on the part of the student to accept the responsibility a college education affords.

What about the non-freshmen? Same answers. Boredom. Procrastination. Indifference. No matter what the excuse, the result is the same.

Making an F in a course not only shows the student's failure, but also can show the failure of the teacher to give strength to his course and inspire the student to study. It is the teacher's responsibility to prepare an interesting daily presentation in order to capture and hold the students attention. He must be the instigator of study. If a student yawns his way through a class period, the teacher can be sure that student will not study the assignment. Nor will he study for a test over a subject that is obviously a waste of time to him. The teacher must impress upon the student the importance of studying his lesson, and should stress the need for passing that course.

Each course taken at MCC is an integral part of the student's college education. Failure in college is a one-way road to failure for entering a chosen profession. Logically speaking, the student wants to pass every course he writes a check for, but a failing grade is money down the drain. And in this day and age, money talks.

But what can be done about the "now" deficiencies?

The teacher must take action to offer help to any student who requires it. When the opportunity presents itself, he should have a conference with the failing student to determine the cause and cure for the situation. But the student must take the initiative; he must first desire help and ask for consultation. The student's action is limited. The teacher must take hold immediately so that the student will not fall by the wayside.

To use an overworked cliché, a college education is the most important investment a high school graduate can make in his future. This investment cannot be left to itself to grow and multiply; work is required by student and teacher alike. The reward of success is unlimited to any who desires and works for it.

---SUSAN JONES

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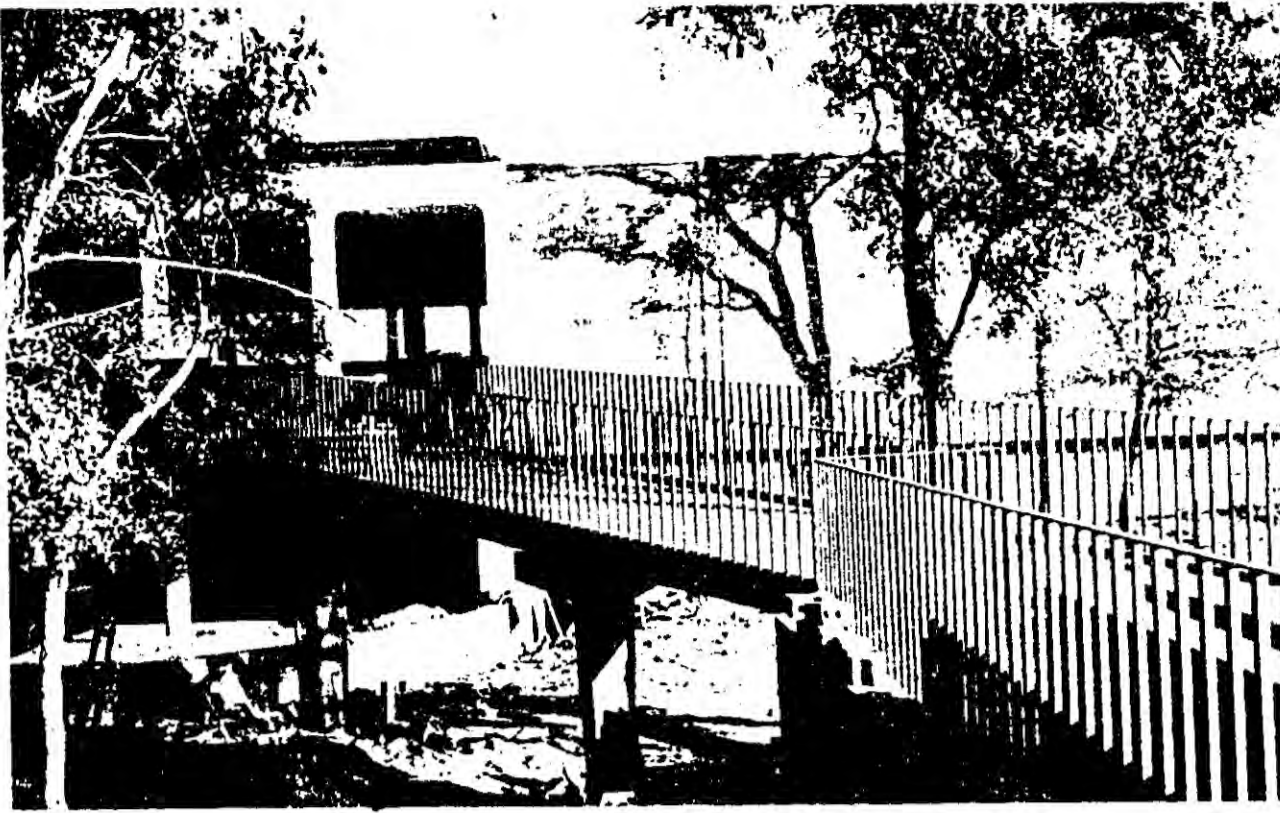
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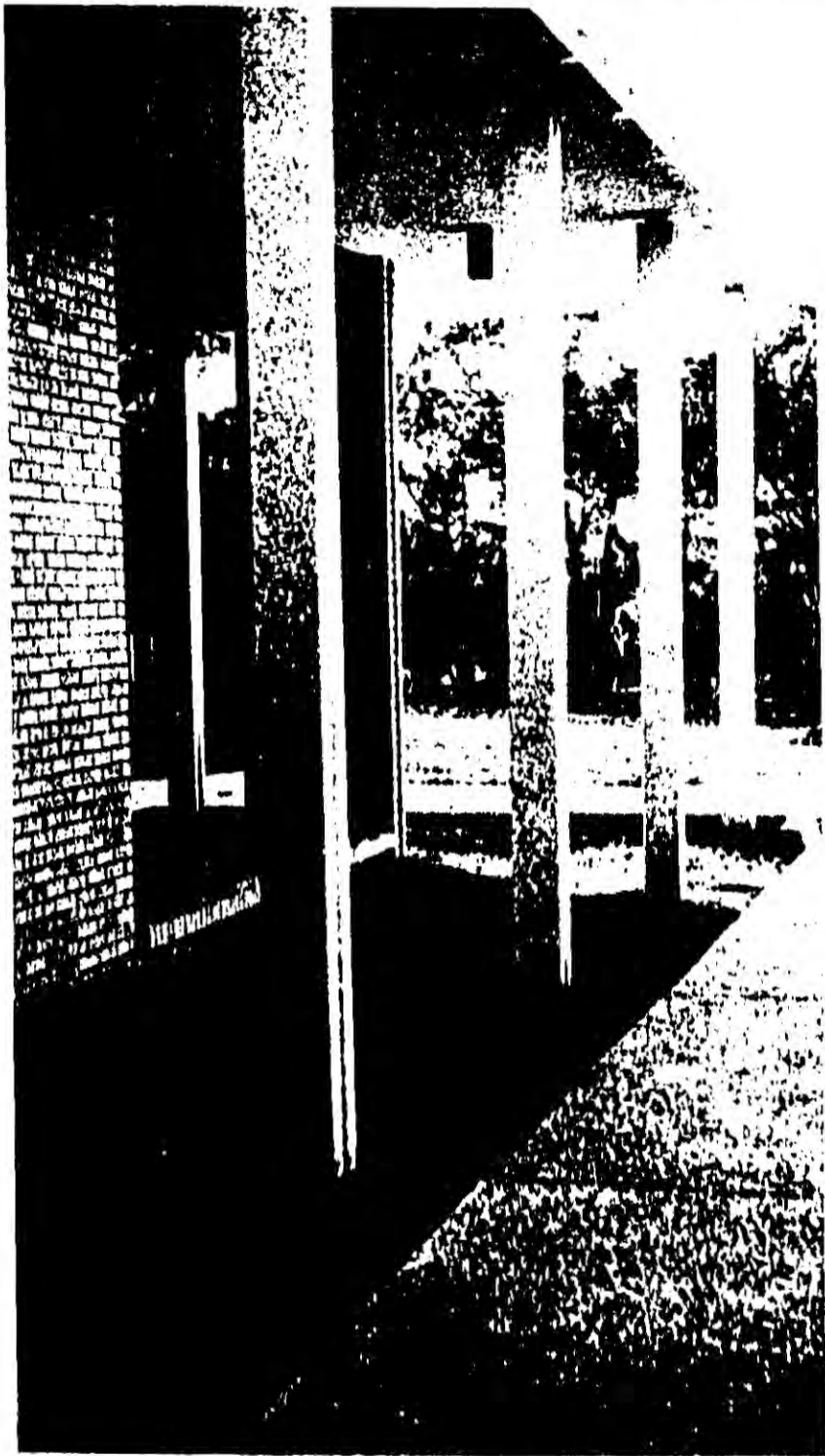
Empty Halls Soon to Echo With Noises of Knowledge

The finished, furnished but quiet buildings seen here will not be that way for long. Beginning the week of December 16, the faculty and staff will move into these and the other new buildings which comprise MCC's new permanent campus adjacent to Cameron Park in North Waco. In all, eleven new buildings will dot the \$5.4-million campus.

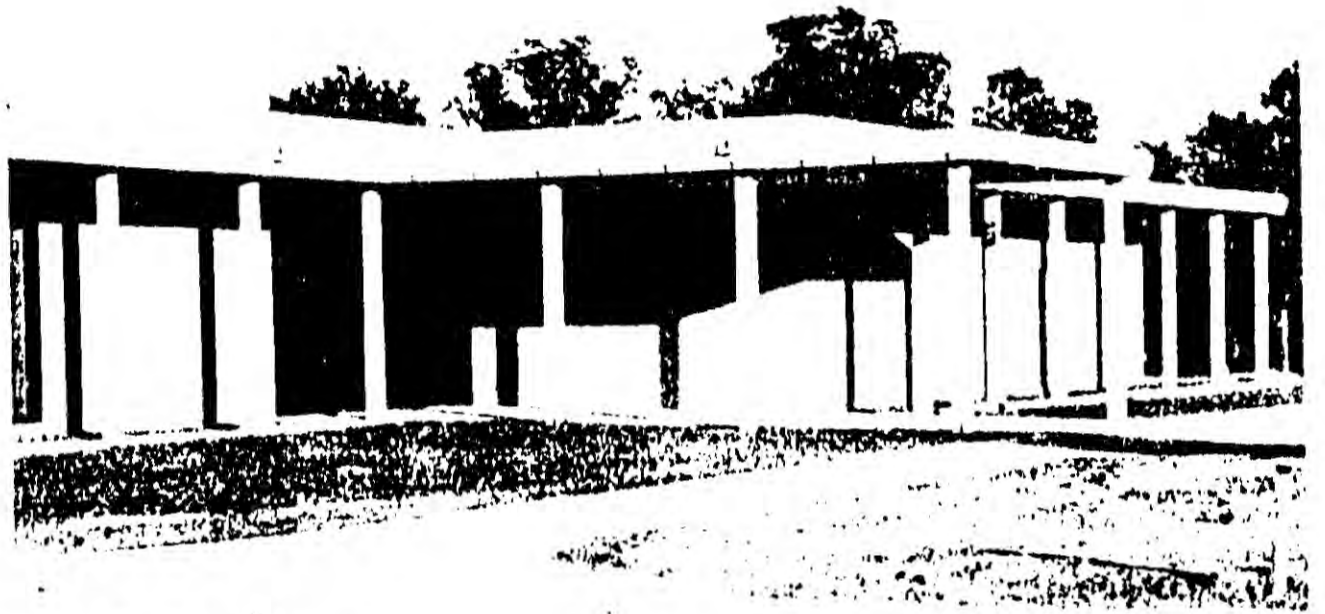
When classes resume January 6, these buildings will finally know the vibrations of physical and mental activity for which they were designed. Hallways and sidewalks will be filled with students and faculty members moving together toward the goals shared by all educational institutions -- the quest for knowledge and, hopefully, wisdom.



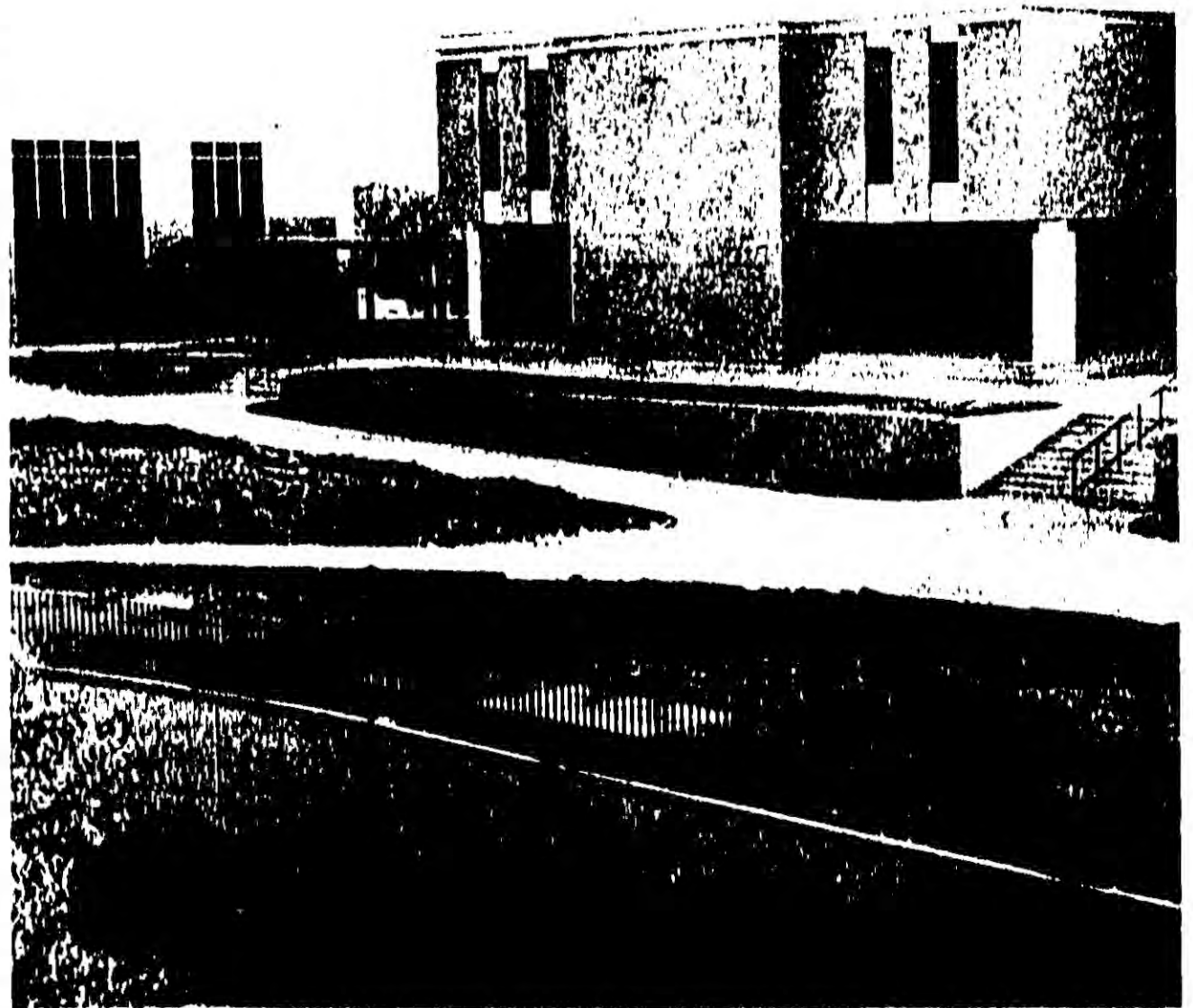
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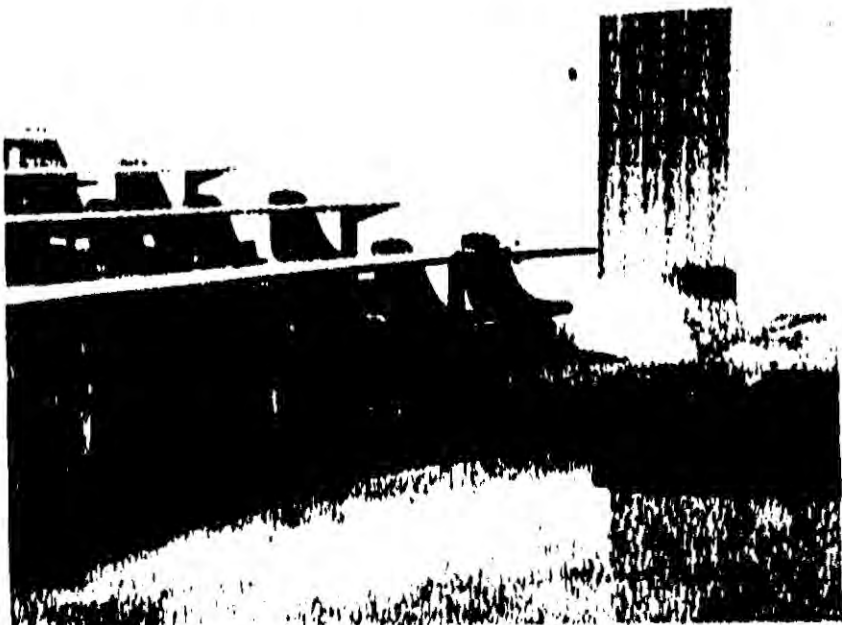
Classic Lines, Textured Surfaces Are Found in Each Building



Administration Building Will House Officials, Registrar, Counselors



Terraces Trim the Landscape in Front of Faculty Office (left) and Liberal Arts Buildings



Crescent-shaped Tables Face Front of Lecture Hall



Edwards Curlee Rhea Degrate Lavine
MCC's Starting Five

Move to New Campus (Continued From Page 1)

The new campus has two entrances from North 19th Street. Stringer added, "North 19th Street and Powell Drive entrances to the campus will be improved. Other major entrances into the campus are proposed at a future date from Steinbeck Bend Road."

In providing adequate and safe parking Stringer has developed the idea of creating a divided area to protect human beings from encroachment of the automobile. Public automobile circulation is restricted from the inner campus area which is reserved for students walking from building to building.

Sidewalks for the campus are

planned with curves and slopes to fit the natural setting of the land between buildings. The walks are eight, ten, or twelve-feet wide, constructed with a washed-pebble finish. Emergency roads will enable only small vehicles and campus emergency equipment to penetrate the inner campus. These roads will not be for public use.

At major points of student circulation, plazas are to be constructed which will provide a place to sit, study, or visit. A proposed flag pole plaza is in the planning stage to be located at the front of the administration building.

"Generally the campus is divided by a ravine. On one side of the ravine is the science lecture hall, classroom, and faculty buildings. On the other side the library, business technological, fine arts, and administration buildings are located. A foot bridge is planned to span across the ravine to connect these two sides of the campus. This is a proposed additional connection for student circulation. We want to do this as soon as money is available," he added.

Lighting for the campus includes 25-foot standards in the parking area. Attractive light fixtures and standards ten feet tall are located on the interior of the campus walk system.

"We do intend to do plantings on the campus around the individual buildings to complement them. But there are so many trees around the campus that the general beauty of the site is natural," said Stringer.

Stringer emphasized the beauty of the new campus by explaining, "Because the main campus area is approximately 100 feet higher than the Bosque River--enhanced by natural ravines--there will be beautiful views from the campus looking out over neighboring lands and the river. The views will be really interesting. On a clear night, in fact, you can see Hillsboro."

Credit Transfer

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we made the full membership status in this record time," Hastings added.

MCC President Dr. Wilbur Ball said much of the credit for MCC's new status should go to the Board of Trustees, whose interest and policies require the development of an outstanding institution. He added that he expects the new status and new physical plant to result in a full house at MCC next year.

For several months, MCC has held full membership in the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities (ATCU), assuring that MCC credits are transferable to any college or university in Texas.

BY PETE LINGAMFELTER

The Highland Cagers captured their first tournament championship November 30 by defeating Grayson County 80-77 in the final bout of the Weatherford Classic.

In the first game of the Weatherford Classic the clansmen handed a 97-79 defeat to Oklahoma City Southwestern.

By the half, the Highlanders had arranged a ten-point lead of 50-40, and continued to gallop ahead the remainder of the game.

In the final game with Grayson County the clansmen led 40-34 at the half. "A real good team effort, with only four mistakes," said Coach Burroughs, was the winning factor in the Weatherford Classic. In both games four men placed points in double figures.

Another decisive statistic was that of rebounds. In the first game the Highlanders out-rebounded Southwestern, 62-35, and against Grayson, 45-37.

In both games the Highlanders employed an effective double-post offensive and multiple defensive tactics.

Simpson Degrate and Keith Curlee received All-Tournament honors.

On Tuesday, December 3, the Highlanders met their third defeat of the season as the hometown rival, the Baylor Cubs, squeaked by in overtime play, 73-69.

The first half was characteristic of the Highlanders-leading 30-38. But the second half was

a different story, Baylor began a nagging comeback drive that played off in the final minutes and put a crimp in the Highlanders. With about four minutes left on the clock the Clansmen began to hustle for the ball. But every effort seemed fruitless for the Highlanders failed to capitalize on their effective defense. Finally regular time ran out with a tie score of 69-69.

In overtime, the Highlanders failed to score, giving the Cubs the win and Baylorites the right to rib MCC students until next year.

Statistics were close for both teams but time and crucial fouls told the true story. The fouls by each team were even at 21 each and the shooting percentage ran 43.3 for MCC and 43.7 for Baylor. The Cubs lead rebounds by two. The Highlanders' 21 mistakes hurt, but Rhea's fouling out early in the second half and Curlee following Rhea with 1:32 left in the game crippled MCC's scoring in crucial overtime play.

To tally the win loss column the Highlanders stand with seven wins and three losses.

In a grudge battle with Sam Houston Jr. Varsity the Highlanders compensated for an initial defeat of 88-74 by defeating Sam 96-80 on Thanksgiving eve.

Adding to its win column MCC defeated Angelina a second time on November 23 by a scorching 115-75.

Draft Dodgers Win In Touch Football

The finals of the nine-team round-robin playoff in men's intramural touch football, in process since mid-October, saw The Draft Dodgers beat off the scoring attempts of The Frazier Cowboys, 13-6, December 4.

Members of the winning Dodgers were Bobby Schafer, Larry Padsodnik, J. B. Barak, Tommy Beydek, Joe Huytona, Quentin

Lyles, Jamie Muhl, Doug Willis, Jerry Lee, Glen Miller, Jim Martin, Cecil Ellis, and Erwin Janek.

The runner-up Cowboys were led by Glenn Frazier. Team members were James Yozak, Albert Martinez, Ted Smith, Hal Shelby, Mike Tier, Earl Dinke, Vance Swanson, Earl Dover, and Brian Schneider.



ENJOYING GOOD COMPANY and good coffee at the MDTA (Manpower Development Training Act) class reception are Dr. Wilbur Ball and soon-to-be graduating students Mrs. Wanda Henley, closest to camera, and Miss Sandra Evans. The MDTA students have completed 16 weeks of training as stenographers and will soon hold jobs in the Waco area.



DELIVERING FOOD BASKETS to needy Wacoans are, left to right, Baptist Student Union members Sharon Wilson, JoAnn Crayton, Cindy Wallace, Venita Miller, and Patsy Anderson. Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to a family recommended by the Special Education Office of the La Vega School District. All BSU members pitched in to help in the worthwhile drive.