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Dowdy Publishes Article On Teaching Composition

By Cathy Sulak

An article on English teaching techniques by instructor Billy V. Dowdy will be published by the Texas Outlook magazine, a monthly publication of the Texas State Teachers Association, in the March, 1974 issue.

"A Formula Approach for Winning the Deadly Game of Teaching Composition to High School Students," Dowdy's formula for composition teaching, keys off a new terminology for writing.

The technique introduces some formal uses of punctuation for various effects throughout all parts of one-paragraph or multi-paragraph essay, some "innovative" ways of "getting into" what Dowdy calls "the catalyst of the essay" and the usage of several special developmental devices placed in strategic locations.

Also included is advice on

finding a professional means of "clinching" the essay material.

This past summer Dowdy was also certified a participant in the General MacArthur Freedom Forum Traveling Seminar to Western Europe, a tour which departed for Europe in late May.

Dowdy describes his experience as a multi-disciplinary collegiate field trip to historical, political, social, economic and anthropological sites and institutions, natural wonders, and population and industrial centers of most of the countries of Europe that have contributed to the development of the United States.

The mission of this seminar, said Dowdy, was "to broaden and deepen cultural and liberal arts knowledge through informed travel."

Dowdy and 43 other selected Howard Payne students toured

France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain and England for six weeks.

"I was lucky I was accepted," said Dowdy. "I was frightened stiff one time though when we were flying from Rome, Italy to Barcelona, Spain in a Spantek (Spanish) plane. Oil was pouring from one of the right engines during the whole trip, leaving a trail of black oil behind the plane. I even have some pictures of clouds covered with oil."

Dowdy received six hours of college credit and an A in the course from Howard Payne for completing the seminar requirements.

During his travels Dowdy had the chance to visit William Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford, England and the tomb of Machiavelli in Florence, Italy.

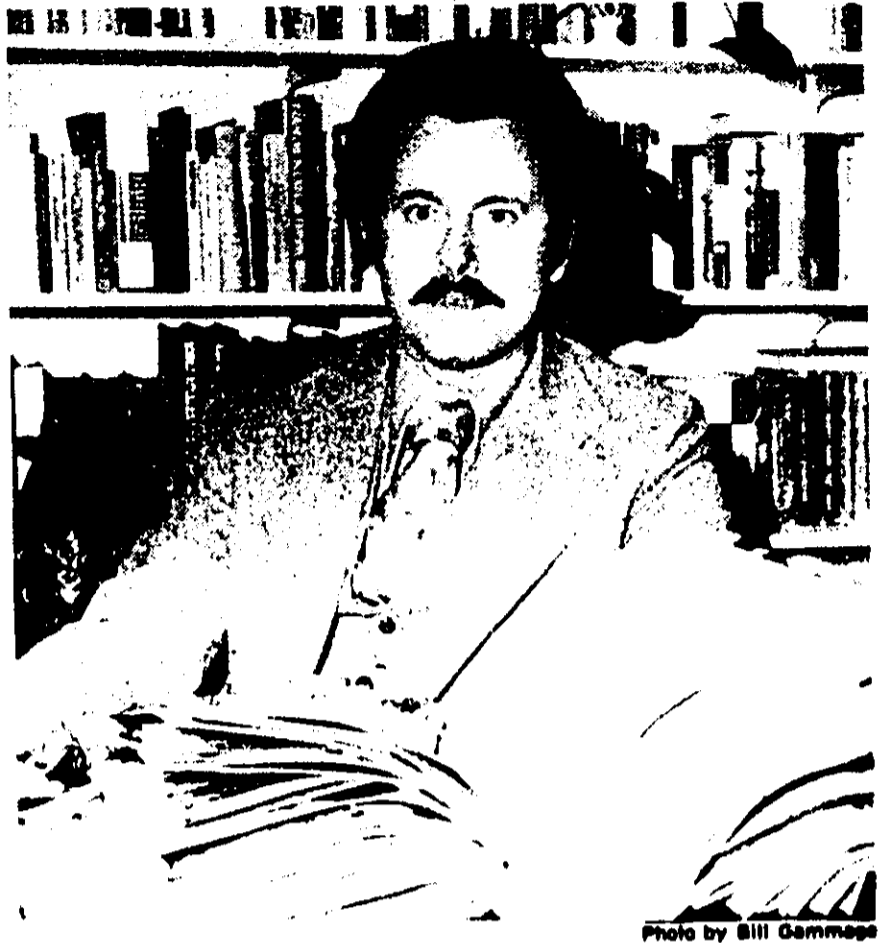


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Billy V. Dowdy

Dowdy is scheduled to teach World Literature 353 this spring semester.

"Only then," he said, "do I

think I may really comprehend the degree of enrichment of my instruction as such enrichment may be attributed to my recent trip abroad."

Lake Brazos Drive Beautification Project Begins

Student Government decided to start a fund raising campaign for the Lake Brazos Drive beautification project at their meeting Monday.

Miss Nancy Moore, representative from the Environmental Task Force, spoke at the meeting. She said strips

of land on Lake Brazos Drive are being sold to citizens, clubs and organizations in Waco. The land sells for \$2.50 a linear foot.

The money collected for each foot goes to beautify that strip of land.

Miss Moore asked Student Government to encourage

students and on-campus clubs to buy a share of land. The purchase deadline is Dec. 31.

Chicanos Unidos was granted \$225 by Student Government for their annual Christmas dance. The date has not been set. The money will be used to hire a band and for refreshments. The dance will be open to all MCC students and will be free.

Clifton Hill, president, read a note from Dr. Larry Gilliam, dean of student services.

The note explained that

although handicapped parking from the traffic circle to the front of the Administration Building had been approved, three spaces in front of the Administration Building would be left for a three minute parking zone.

Mrs. Sandy Anderson relinquished her seat on Student Government Monday. Due to her recent twelve day absence from school, Mrs. Anderson felt she could not keep up in Chemistry and will have to drop

the class. She will only be taking eight hours after dropping the class.

To hold a seat on Student Government a student must be carrying 12 hours.

In an Oct. 29th meeting, Student Government decided to allow the next two weeks for application, advertising and campaigning for the position of Student Government Parliamentarian. The election will be Nov. 15 and 16. Deadline for applications is Nov. 9.



—Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

'Chigger X-ing' Helps Grass Grow Again

By Christine Casper

Last month, toadstools were springing up all over campus. This month, anonymous "keep off the grass" signs are springing up.

One sign appears on the path to the Applied Science Building, and another sign, labeled "Chigger X-ing," is on a path to the Liberal Arts Building.

The signs are another way of saying "Keep off the Grass."

There are mixed reactions to the signs.

"When I first saw it (the sign), it made me a little mad. But then I thought it was really a good thing because the first time I ever saw a path across the grass I thought, 'Gee, it's a shame they mowed up the campus.' But then I got into the habit of crossing over myself," said Miss Terry Goodrich, freshman.

Mrs. Aurora Kinhead,

sophomore, said, "I don't think they're working."

"I like the shortcuts. (The path at) the Applied Science Building should be a sidewalk," Miss Cindy Schmallriedy, freshman, said.

"I think they're good. It's not going to hurt anybody to walk on the cement. I thought they were spraying for chiggers for a while," Miss Tana Lawson, sophomore, said about the "Chigger X-ing" sign.

"I think they're cute. Whoever did them was very imaginative. I wonder how they over thought of an idea like that. With signs like that, people will be sure not to step on the grass," said Miss Jackie Higgs, freshman.

Don Tyson, sophomore, said the signs won't do any good because "we have some people who can't comprehend what

they read and walk on the grass anyway."

People are noticing the signs, whether or not they decide to comply. But who has placed them there is a mystery.

Many theories have been formulated as to their origin. One of the most colorful ideas was expressed by John McAnolly, placements director.

"My information has it that they were planted by UFOs in the night. The creatures had crab-like appendages. I feel that the connection is with UFOs in some way," said McAnolly.

He further stated that these creatures probably thrive on grass, and this is the reason for placing the signs around campus.

"The Student Council did it. Naw, really the chiggers did it," said Bill Kocurek.

Editorial

Hitchhiking—A Bad Trip

By Cathy Sulak



Photo by Bill Gammage

She was 18 years old. She had a friend who lived in Dallas and decided to hitchhike her way there. Standing at the edge of the highway with her thumb pointed toward Dallas, she was soon offered a ride.

The guy was kind of loony. He wanted to give her money for doing something. He wanted her to go home with him and work for him.

She didn't even know what he was talking about. She said, "No, let me out." But he kept on driving eighty miles an hour.

She had tried the free life of hitchhiking — and had lost.

Seven years ago young people who thumbed their way from one place to another were seeking something different. Most of them came from middle-class homes and were seeking excitement.

Today, however, hitchhikers are usually trying to escape things rather than find them. And more often than not, they find an escape to only more trouble.

"Kids usually hitchhike on an impulse," said one MCC student who admits he has showed his thumb on the road more than he now cares to remember. "Sometimes things seem so bad that kids just want to get away from it all.

"But," he added, "kids don't hitchhike as much as they used to. It's dangerous to do it now."

So dangerous, in fact, that nearly 70 per cent of all the rape victims in Boulder, Colorado, last year were hitchhikers; in Boston, it was 33 per cent.

During the first six months of this year 101 runaways, 58 males and 43 females, have

been reported to the Waco-McLennan County Juvenile Department. Almost all of them are suspected hitchhikers.

"In the case of a girl who hitchhikes," said author Nathan Adams, "the odds against her reaching her destination unmolested are today no better than if she played Russian roulette.

"Police estimates, victim interviews and a polling of young hitchhikers reveal that one out of every six will become the victim of some category of sex crime, ranging from indecent exposure to forcible rape."

Rape is not the worst possible fate a hitchhiker can suffer, nor are girls the only ones abused.

The recent Houston tragedy involving 27 boys and young adults who were the victims of a sadist-killer indicates a constant degree of danger. Some of the boys were hitchhikers.

"So tempting a target is the single hitchhiker that some criminals regularly patrol roads frequented by hitchhikers — usually near cities where major universities or colleges are located," writes Adams.

Case studies show that some highway rapists even prepare to welcome their victims by removing inside door handles from their cars to prevent them from escaping and by scouting ahead of time for remote locations to which they can drive their young victims.

The Waco-McLennan County Juvenile Delinquent Dept. reported 19 runaway-hitchhiker cases in the month of August alone — seven males and 12 females.

"All we can stress is that hitchhiking is extremely dangerous," said a representative of the department.

"People nowadays almost never consider picking up hitchhikers because they are afraid of being jumped or robbed.

"That should be a kind of warning to hitchhikers that the only people who usually stop and offer rides are the kind of people they wouldn't want to ride with in the first place."

A random student survey showed that 10 per cent of the MCC students have actually hitchhiked, while 20 per cent had thought about it at one time or another but later decided not to.

Ninety per cent of the students agreed that hitchhiking was foolish and they would never try it.

"It seems to me that students who hitchhike are running away from problems they'll never be able to solve as long as they keep running. You have to face your problems, not avoid them. Getting raped or killed while trying to run away from something certainly doesn't solve anything."

"If a person is young and doesn't know anybody, hitchhiking is stupid," said another ex-hitchhiker. "I used to think it was really romantic to thumb a ride and run away from home, but it's not."

Hitchhiking involves a certain risk of certain moral values and principles. It also involves a risk of personal safety.

How many hitchhikers will get the message before it's too late?

Election Results

Voter turnout for the Texas constitutional amendments election yesterday was light. About 10 per cent of eligible McLennan County voters turned up at the polls.

Final results in McLennan County are:

Amendment one—Legislative salary increase and annual sessions—2,555 for and 6,175 against.

Amendment two—Homestead Protection—7,219 for and 1,485 against.

Amendment three—Homestead taxes—7,055 for and 1,787 against.

Amendment four—Conservation and Reclamation

districts—4,731 for and 3,649 against.

Amendment five—Coastal sea wall construction—5,983 for and 2,540 against.

Amendment six—District Court jurisdiction—4,359 for and 4,075 against.

Amendment seven—Veterans' Land Fund increase—5,193 for and 3,430 against.

Amendment eight—Ad valorem taxes—2,487 for and 6,112 against.

Amendment nine—Water tax exemptions—4,906 for and 3,884 against.

State results were still incomplete at press time.

Letter

To the Editor,

I am wondering how we students as a part of the Human Race can look ourselves in the face each morning and not vomit?

What I'm talking about is Sandy (Anderson) and her need

for money so she can walk as most of us do.

I for one hope she can have the operation now! And pray it's a success.

Ellis Fortune
VN Class '74

Students, Counselors Meet Tuesday

MCC counselors are hosting a meeting of counselors from area high schools and students Tuesday from 1:30 to 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

The purpose of the meeting is for the high school counselors to meet with former students and discuss items which may help those counselors in working with high school students.

Students will explain what helped or did not help them in preparing for college.

"We expect to have 55 or 65 counselors on campus," said Keith Golsler, MCC counselor. These include counselors from Texas Rehabilitation and Veteran's Administration.

Golsler said at least four students are needed to represent each high school.

Richfield, Reicher and Jefferson-Moore high schools are fully represented. However, volunteers are needed from Bruceville-Eddy, China Spring,

Connally, Crawford, Gatesville, Groesbeck, LaVega, Lorena, Marlin, Mart, McGregor, Mexia, Midway, Moody, Reisel, Rosebud, Robinson, University, Valley Mills, Waco and West high schools.

Veterans and handicapped volunteers are also needed.

Miss Joyce O'Rear, MCC counselor, is taking applications in the Counseling Office in the basement of the Student Center.

Calendar

Afro Student Kindred is sponsoring a turkey raffle through Nov. 19. Tickets may be purchased from any member for 50 cents. Three turkeys will be given.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

10 a.m.—Alpha Sigma Phi meets in HPE Lecture Hall. Dr. Walter Krohn, medical-legal pathologist, will speak on autopsies, suicides and determination of when a person is dead.

10 a.m.—Campus Lions Club meets in LA212.

10 a.m.—Chicanos Unidos

meets in LA201.

10 a.m.—Circle K meets in LA105.

10 a.m.—Delta Phi Beta meets in LA210.

10 a.m.—Sigma Delta Phi meets in LA215.

Thursday, Nov. 8

U.S. Marine recruiting in Student Center.

7 to 10 p.m.—Phi Theta Kappa meets in Lecture Hall.

Friday, Nov. 9

10 a.m.—Afro Student Kindred meets in LA211.

10 a.m.—Baylor Faculty Brass

Trio performs in Fine Arts Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

10 a.m.—Phi Theta Kappa meets in LA202.

10 a.m.—Rodeo Club meets in LA105.

10 a.m.—Student Nursing Association meets in HPE Lecture Hall. Miss Swanton from the Red Cross will speak.

Monday, Nov. 12

10 a.m.—Spanish Club meets in LA216.

10 a.m.—Student Government meets in Administration Board Room.

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Charley Pride Comes to H.O.T. Coliseum

By Bill Gammage

Charley Pride, a giant in the field of country-western music, will be appearing at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Heart O' Texas Coliseum.

Also featured on the bill are The Four Guys, recording artist Ronnie Milsap and Pride's five-piece back-up band, The Pridemen.

The show is being presented by radio station KAWA.

Pride flirted with a career as a professional baseball player. By the time he

was 17, he was playing in the Negro American League for the Detroit and Memphis teams.

After a Brief stint in the Army, he returned to baseball. But due to "a series of adverse circumstances working against me," he never quite succeeded.

Strangely enough, however, baseball played a significant part in his musical future.

Pride said, "One night somebody brought a guitar to the ballpark and I sang over

the public address system. It wasn't the National Anthem, but I got publicity for this."

His landlady heard about a place in Helena, Mont. that was looking for a singer. He rented a guitar and amplifier and went to work there. He spent the next few years playing ball and working at local clubs.

Red Sovine and Red Foley went to Helena to do a concert and there Pride began his initial attempt at the big time.

"By this time I was pretty

well-known locally, and the promoter put me on the show with them. Foley and Sovine talked to me at length after the show. They told me that I sounded pretty good and that I should try Nashville," said Pride.

He journeyed to Nashville, received an audition and was immediately signed to a management contract.

After trying for a year to have

his original material published (problems arose due to the fact that he was black), he finally got his biggest break. Chet Atkins, who happened to be vice president of RCA Records in Nashville, listened to his tape, liked it and signed him to record for RCA.

Tickets to Saturday's show are \$6, \$5 and \$4. They may be purchased at KAWA studios, Gibson's, Jack's Stereo and Lake Air Records.

Producing 'Becket' Requires Dedication, Hard Work

By Kathi Kuehl

"Becket" by Jean Anouilh is the fall production of the MCC Drama Department.

Presented in two parts, the play is a serious comedy.

The story takes place 100 years after the Norman conquest of England. Two men, Henry II of England and Thomas Becket, are bound together by a mutual identity. But they find their destinies so opposed that hatred engulfs them and they become mortal enemies.

Under the direction of James Henderson, over 20 students have been rehearsing daily for several weeks. Other students have been equally busy building a complex set, collecting and making props and sewing the more than 70 medieval costumes needed for the production.

The cast and crew members work together toward the main goal of making the play a success.

Ricky Lowe, sophomore, is stage manager and has expressed his feelings about the play.

"Putting on a play takes a lot of dedication. Some of us have been averaging over 25 hours a week, not counting the four

hours we rehearse at night. We want to make 'Becket' as good as the plays in the past."

The cast of "Becket" includes: Kenneth O'Toole, sophomore, as Henry II; J. Jones, sophomore, as Thomas Becket; Gary Powers, freshman, as Gilbert Folliot; Robert Jackson, freshman, as the Bishop of York; Ron Nelson, freshman, and Dale Buro and Michael Beckham, sophomores, as the Barons.

Cindy Allgood, freshman, as the Saxon girl; Ricky Lowe, sophomore, as the old Saxon; Mark Davis, sophomore, as Arondel; Trudy Jander, freshman, as the Queen; Monica Sutton, freshman, as the French girl; the sentries, monks and priests are played by Mark Davis, Jim McVey and Mark Hoshizake, freshmen.

Gay Burch, a student from Valley Mills High School, will play Gwendolyn. Ricky Morris and Perry Glenn, students from Lake Air Junior High School, will play the sons of Henry II.

Performance dates for the production are Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Reservations may be made beginning Nov. 26 by calling 756-6551, extension 283.



Photo by Bill Gammage

"Becket" cast rehearses for fall production.

David Westerfield Plans to Become Professional Entertainer

By Christine Casper

Music shapes almost every aspect of David Westerfield's life. From past honors to a

future career, Westerfield is involved in making music. Westerfield's past credits in



—Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

David Westerfield displays talents.

music are numerous. Yet he never had a voice lesson until he came to MCC. His instructor is Miss Caterina Miceli.

A 1973 graduate of University High School, Westerfield starred in many school-sponsored productions.

"I've been in a bunch of programs. I had the lead my junior year in high school in 'Bells are Ringing.' My senior year I had the lead in 'Carnival.' I had the lead (role) of Paul, the crippled puppeteer," Westerfield said.

In his senior year, he made All-regional, All-area and All-state choir. He ranked second baritone in the state. First baritone was rated 1000; Westerfield was rated 1007 points.

"I can get more flustered singing before one (person) as before a whole bunch. I feel that it's just as important to sing well before one as before 10,000," said Westerfield.

He sang for the World Ideal Miss Pageant. He has also sung for the Kiwanis State Convention and the Rotary International State Convention.

"The week of the Mardi Gras I'll be singing for the Miss Louisiana Pageant. I'll be down there on an expense-paid trip. It's in February—the week of the Mardi Gras.

"I had some friends who were in New Orleans last week and they have it all mapped out for me," said Westerfield.

He is a featured baritone soloist in "Brahms Requiem," a program to be presented by the McLennan Singers on Nov. 23. Admission is \$1.50.

"This summer I plan to be at Six-Flags. Really, this is just planning. For my career, I plan on going into professional entertaining," said Westerfield.

He is a member of TP&L, a religious rock group at First Baptist.

"That's really a big deal. I'm the only freshman out of the bunch of Baylor juniors and seniors. I'm the only freshman that's ever made it past audition.

"If I'm asked to sing anywhere, I'll sing. The Lord gave me the voice, I might as well use it.

"I don't consider myself a Jesus Freak or anything like that. I'm a Christian, I believe there's only one God," Westerfield said.

Even the job he had in high school was directed towards his interest in music.

"I used to be a DJ on KRFC. On the radio I went by David West," he said.

Westerfield had an unfortunate experience with locked doors on one of his early-morning shows. He went outside the studio in search of the sports page. When he came back, he discovered he'd locked himself out of the studio. Even worse, he had no key, and a record was still playing on the turntable.

He called the police from a nearby service station but they were unable to get him in; a fellow DJ came to his rescue with a key.

Westerfield has a particular philosophy which he has successfully applied in his life.

"Never expect less than your best. You have to strive for your best to get anywhere in life, and you should never be satisfied with less."

MCC Basketball

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Nov. 16-17	Navarro Classic	There	
20	Abilene Christian J.V.	Here	7:30
23-24	MCC Basketball Classic	Here	7:00
27	Henderson County	There	7:30
29,30,Dec. 1	Temple Tournament	There	
Dec. 3	Kilgore	Here	7:30
6	Baylor J.V.	Here	7:30
10	Temple	There	7:30
15	Baylor J.V.	There	
22	TCU J.V.	There	5:15
Jan. 8	Kilgore	There	7:30
11	Henderson	Here	7:30
14	Weatherford	There	7:30
17	Southwest Christian	Here	7:30
19	Temple	Here	7:30
21	Cooke County	There	7:30
24	Hill County	Here	7:30
26	Ranger	There	7:30
28	Cisco	Here	7:30
29	Texas J.V.	There	5:15
31	Grayson	Here	7:30
Feb. 1	TCU J.V.	Here	7:30
4	Weatherford	Here	7:30
7	Southwest Christian	There	7:30
9	Cooke County	Here	7:30
11	Hill County	There	7:30
14	Ranger	Here	7:30
18	Cisco	There	7:30
21	Grayson	There	7:30

Highlanders Snare Initial Scrimmages

By Bill Gammage

The basketball team defeated Huston-Tillison of the Big State Conference twice during the past week in the squad's first intercollegiate scrimmages of the season.

MCC was victorious in the first contest, which was held here last Thursday, 97-71. They won the second game in Austin Monday, 94-66.

Coach Johnny Carter was reasonably pleased with the team's performance saying the squad looked good in spots.

The Highlanders welcomed back All-region guard Don Gay in the second scrimmage Monday. Gay had been out of action with a broken thumb.

Coach Carter was impressed with the play of All-region postman Ralph Booker. Carter said, "Booker has looked real well, he has emerged as a team leader."

Carter also had comments on the performances of other members of the squad.

"Postman Mark Lappa showed consistency in his play. He knows what to do; he has a lot of basketball savvy.

"Postman Don Tyson has shown a lot of natural ability, while guards Craig Colwick and Chuck Miller are both coming around real well.

"Paul Lamb does a pretty good job on the backboards. When he gets experience, he'll be a good ball player."

Coach Carter has been very impressed with the sophomore's experience. He said, "They grasp things a lot quicker. It's surprising what a difference a year makes."

The squad's next scrimmage will be tomorrow here with Tyler Junior College.

Sports Capsules

The golf team recorded an 18½ - 9½ victory against Baylor in a low-ball match Friday at Woodland West Country Club.

Walter Tandy scored 79. The squad will challenge the Southwest Texas State linksters tomorrow in San Marcos.

John Foster had the low score of the tourney, a 68. Barron Sutton and Mike Hager tied at 70. Tom McConnell shot a 72. Dwayne Peterson shot 77. Neal Boone chipped in a 78, while

Baylor's next game will be Saturday afternoon in Austin against Texas University. Texas presently leads the Southwest Conference with a record of 3-0.

North Texas Junior Athletic Conference

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